

**SENIOR HIGH RETREAT** ~ All high school youth (and friends!) are invited to a two-night retreat Feb. 1-3 at Dickson Valley Camp in Newark, IL. We will leave promptly at 4:30pm on Friday and will return by noon Sunday. Dickson Valley offers tons of stuff to do. See [PUMYF.org/retreats](http://PUMYF.org/retreats) for more info. **Cost is \$100.** Rally your friends together. Get the snowball rolling! **RSVP to Pastor Chris** that you (and # of your friends!) are going. Thank you.

**PIZZA ORDERS & PARTY** ~Order pizzas for Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 3) using the insert order form and return with your payment to the Scrip table in Friendship Hall or in the church office. At **6:30 pm on Wed., January 30** youth will make the pizzas & you may pick-up your pizza that night, during office hours on Thursday Jan. 31st, or Sunday morning, Feb. 3. All proceeds support the mission trip to Russellville, KY in June. You may also see the ordering options at [PUMYF.org/pizza](http://PUMYF.org/pizza) & email your order to Pastor Chris at [chris.walters@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:chris.walters@plainfieldumc.com).

**SCRIP CARDS** ~ Pick up your Scrip cards today. A great way to support our youth mission trip! See the church web site for more info: [plainfieldumc.com/scrip](http://plainfieldumc.com/scrip).



**PUMC'S B.A.S.E. (Believing In, And Supporting Each Other)**, is a PUMC small group that supports children who have a terminal illness, or a loved one who is ill. This group is partnering with Girl Scout Troop #987 and hosting a bake sale during coffee hour on both Feb. 3rd and Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. The profits, and any donations, will go to help a child in B.A.S.E. who has come to the end of her treatment options after fighting cancer for the past year. Please join us by supporting this bake sale which will help this child and her family.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 3RD** ~ following the 11am worship service; a light lunch will be served. This is an informal time and children are welcome. Join us to learn all about the PUMC ministries. Two more sessions will be held - one February 6th at 6:30pm (following Wednesday night dinner) and again on Sunday, February 10th at 9:45am. Child care will be provided on the 6th and 10th. If you have not already done so, please indicate on the registration pad that you would like to join the church and we will send you a reminder of the classes.

**"SEARCHING SOULS" - MEN'S SMALL GROUP** ~ Do you wonder *if* and *how* it is possible to reconcile faith with technological progress? What can the Bible—a 2000-year-old collection of writings—teach us about life in the wake of scientific enlightenment? Doesn't scientific and technological advancement render faith and sacred texts obsolete? Why do we need "faith" in the brave new future? If you have ever wondered about any of these issues and are interested in gathering with other men to ask the tough questions of life and faith (or simply to get out of the house for a night!), contact Pastor Chris to join our small group that will meet **six Thursday nights, starting Jan. 31 from 7:00-8:30.**

**SPECIAL ATTENTION REGARDING PARKING AT CHASE BANK** ~ Please do not park in the ATM lane(s) or in the area directly in front of the ATM's where the trash containers are located. Parking there makes it difficult for the Chase patrons to exist after using the ATM. We are grateful to the bank for allowing us to use their parking lot. Please be mindful of the bank customers when parking in the lot.

**PlainfieldUMC**   
*a growing faith community*

**MISSION STATEMENT:**  
**Equipping people for a growing relationship with Jesus Christ to serve all.**

**PUMC SEWING GROUP NEWS** ~ Do you know a child struggling through a difficult experience; loss of a loved one, serious illness, divorce, etc.? The PUMC Sewing Group would love to provide a beautiful blanket to any child who may need a little comfort and reminder that they are not alone. Please contact Heidi Mulford or the church office to be matched with one of these beautiful, handmade-with-love blankets to pass along. Want to help? Fabric donations (in 2-yard increments) & people who like to sew are always welcome!

**SAVE THIS DATE--SATURDAY, FEB. 9th!**  
**Indoor Winter Farmer's Market - (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)** - Come experience the bounty of winter! Plainfield UMC is excited to be partnering with Faith in Place to bring you this exciting one-time event. Shop locally-produced breads, spices, canned vegetables, jams, meats, cheeses, and more. Then, kick up our feet, relax by the fire, and indulge in some complimentary refreshments to warm your soul. Not sure your kids will love an afternoon at the market? No worries! Enjoy a leisurely shopping experience while your children participate in a supervised "green" activity just down the hall, compliments of the Plainfield UMC education committee. Bring your friends and neighbors to this exciting community event. We hope to see you here!

## NURTURING YOUR CHILD'S SPIRITUALITY

Parents of children are encouraged to join Pastor Sherry for a class on how you can nurture your child's spirituality. We all want what is "best" for our kids so they can grow up healthy and happy and successful -- the best of everything. How can we offer the "best" spiritual environment? What role should religion and the church play in your family's life? How can you help to connect your child with God? Join us **TODAY, Jan 27th through February 10th at 9:50 in room 203.** Questions? contact Pastor Sherry at [sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com).



**LIFE CHANGING GRATITUDE** ~ This class will be following the sermon series, running through February 10th. Join Larry Newton in **room 206 on Sunday mornings at 9:50** or Pastor Sherry for Lunch Bunch on **Mondays at 12:00pm** in the Conference room. Start the new year off with an attitude of gratitude and watch how your life can change! Books are available in the church office for \$9.

## **AURORA DISTRICT LAY ACADEMY ~ BE A LIVING EXAMPLE OF THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST**

~ This academy will take place on the five Sundays of Lent beginning **Feb. 17th** at Wheatland Salem UMC in Naperville. Courses prepare you to be a Lay Servant within the UMC and include Leading Christian Small Groups, Faith Sharing & Worship. Registration forms are in the church office.

## **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYRS:**

- \*Char Baker's friend, Ann Drebing
- \*Vicky D'Arcy's father-in-law, John D'Arcy
- \*Jeanne Dupre's brother-in-law, Fred
- \*Caryn Feris' friend, Arlene Branz
- \*Janet Gullicksen
- \*Jessica Konczak's sister, Tammi and her children Katie & Tom
- \*Jake Long
- \*Heidi Mulford's friend, Addie Locke
- \*Mike Obrecht
- \*Betty & George Quast
- \*Nancy Richie
- \*Bill & Cindi Schauberts parents, Bill & Lorna Schaubert
- \*John & Bonnie Stockton's grandson, Travis
- \*Debbie Thompson's mother, Peggy McCoy
- \*Tim Traver
- \*Nancy Trevino's daughter Dari & baby
- \*Chris Walters' mother, Frankie Walters
- \*Guy & Danae Welch's granddaughter, Chloe Troxel
- \*Savannah & Marley Zarbock's great grandfather, Mike Collopy
- \*Those serving in the military.

## **WE EXTEND SYMPATHY TO RUTH**

**SNYDER & JILL CLEM** on the death of Ruth's son and Jill's brother, Walter Bonnet. Cards may be sent to Ruth at 14800 S. Van Dyke Road #1201, Plainfield, IL 60544 and to Jill at 23502 W. Fern Street, Plainfield, IL 60586.

## **INVITATION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT**

~ class will begin tonight, Jan. 27th from 6-8pm. You will have the opportunity to start your journey through the New Testament and finish before Palm Sunday! Larry Newton will lead this class that will allow you to "test the waters" in a bible study format. Do you think "this isn't for me, I have never studied the Bible" – **WRONG! This class is for those with absolutely no familiarity with the Bible, but wish to learn more.** Please RSVP to Larry at 815-274-3121 or [tubbfan@gmail.com](mailto:tubbfan@gmail.com)

CALENDAR JANUARY 27-FEBRUARY 2		
Sun 1/27	8:30a	Worship
	9:45a	Sunday School for all ages & Confirmation
	9:50a	Nurturing Your Child's Spirituality Class - 203
	10a	Communion Worship
	11a	Sunday School Staff Training - C/L
	11a	Worship
	12:15p	Mission Committee Meeting - C/L
	6p	Introduction to the New Testament - C/I
	6:30p	Youth Core - 206/207
Mon 1/28	9a	Music Together - 105
	12p	Lunch Bunch - C/L
	6p	Girl Scout Troop #998 - 106
	7p	Administrative Council Meeting
Tue 1/29	8:45a	Plainfield Senior Program - JBFH
	4:30p	Tutoring Center - Room 203
Wed 1/30	9a	MEM's - Offsite
	4:30p	Tutoring Center - Room 203
	5:30p	Jr. Chimes - Balcony
	6p	Jr. Choir - Sanctuary
	6:30p	Youth Pizza-making party
	7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7p	Boy Scouts - JBFH
Thu 1/31	8:45a	Plainfield Senior Program - JBFH
	4:30p	Tutoring Center - 203
	7p	Worship Band Rehearsal
	7p	Men's Small Group "Searching Souls" - Indian Boundary Parsonage
	7p	PACC Rehearsal - Choir Room
	7p	Alcoholics Anonymous - 206/207
Fri 2/1	4:30p	Sr. High leave for retreat at Dixon Valley Camp return Sunday 12p
Sat 2/2	9a	Bellissimo Rehearsal - Balcony

**IT'S CHICKEN NOODLE TIME AT SHARON UMC** ~ Please join our neighbors as they serve their famous chicken noodle dinner on February 8th from 4:30p-7p. Carry-out and delivery available. **This is their 99th dinner!**