

BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES FOR 2013 IN PFH

IMMERSION BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 9TH AT 6:30PM on the Gospel of Luke. *Who is Jesus of Nazareth for you? What do you believe about him? Why do you think people need Jesus?* Do you have these or similar questions? Come and join in the study of the Gospel of Luke. The Immersion Bible study series is inspired by a fresh translation, the Common English Bible (CEB), and it stands on Scripture and helps people explore the emotional, spiritual, and intellectual needs of their personal faith. The group will meet in the Conference Room and will finish around 8:00 p.m. Child care is provided. Questions? contact Pastor Eun-Hye Choi.

NURTURING YOUR CHILD'S SPIRITUALITY ~ Parents of children (infant through 12 yrs old) 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 schools, the best extracurricular activities, the best social environment. 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? We will begin meeting on **Sunday, Jan 13th-February 10th at 9:50 in room 203**. Questions? contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com.

LIFE CHANGING GRATITUDE ~ This class will be following the sermon series, beginning **January 20th** and running through February 10th. Join Larry Newton in **room 206 on Sunday mornings at 9:50** or Pastor Sherry for Lunch Bunch on **Mondays starting on January 21st 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 \$9.00.



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THANK YOU

*Life Changing
Gratitude*

A new sermon series
based on the book,
***A Simple Act
of Gratitude***
by John Kralik.

**Beginning
January 20**

*Epiphany Sunday
January 6, 2013*

Sunday, January 6, 2013
 8:30am Worship
**Indicates congregation stands and
 Bold type indicates to read in unison*

PRELUDE "Toccata" ~ Pachelbel

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Arise; shine, for your light has come!
We are called out of our darkness into light.
 Lift up your eyes and look around.
We rejoice in the gift of light.
 Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.
**We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe,
 the light incarnate.**

***HYMN** UMH #249 "There's a Song in the Air"

***OPENING PRAYER**

**God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we
 may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we
 may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness
 fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May we, like Magi, have a star
 to guide us on our journey quest to find the one who truly set us
 free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the
 good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives.
 Amen.** (David Mosser)

***SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you
And also with you

CHILDREN'S TIME Kathy Wellman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
 Pastoral Prayer

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60: 1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC "We Three Kings of Orient"
 arranged by Lemon D. Renfrow ~ Melanie Dale

**JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GAME NIGHT ~ Wednesday,
 January 9 from 6:00-8:00 pm** - pizza, laser tag, roller skating, and
 arcade games—all for **only \$15**. We will meet at **Family Fun Zone** at
2333 Theodore St. in Crest Hill. When you arrive, tell them you are
 with Plainfield UMC. We look forward to seeing you there & you may
 invite your friends!

PUMC SEWING GROUP NEWS ~ Do you know a child struggling
 through a difficult experience...loss of a loved one, serious illness, di-
 vorce, etc.? The PUMC Sewing Group would love to provide a beauti-
 ful 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 in-
 crements) & people who like to sew are always wanted!

Calendar for January 6-12			
Sun. 1/6	12p	Sunday Brunch Bunch	Offsite
	12:30p	Young Men's Group	Offsite
Mon. 1/7	Noon	Lunch Bunch	C/L
	7p	Stress Support	C/L
	8p	Young Adult Gathering	Culvers
Tue. 1/8	7p	Membership & Outreach	C/L
	7p	Prayer Shawl Knitting	PFH
Wed. 1/9	9a	MEM's	Offsite
	10:30p	Vital Core Group	C/L
	5:00p	Jr. Chimes	Balcony
	5:45p	Wednesday dinner	JBFH
	6:00p	Jr. Choir	Sanctuary
	6:30p	Immersion Bible Study	C/L
	6:30p	WHAM!	202 & 204
	6:30p	Youth Gathering	Offsite
	7p	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thur. 1/10	7p	Trustee Meeting	C/L
	7p	Worship Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 1/12	9a	Bellissimo Rehearsal	Balcony
	9a	Plainfield Area Infertility Group	205
	6p	Restaurant Samplers	Offsite

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE ~ in the fellowship hall. Great time to greet visitors and new members.

CHRISTMAS BREAK ~ The Youth gatherings take a break during the holidays. No youth gatherings through January 6. Youth Gathering begins again on January 9th and Youth Core on January 13th.

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT ~ All high school youth (and friends!) are invited to a two-night retreat **February 1-3** at Dickson Valley Camp in Newark, IL. We will leave promptly at 4:30 pm on Friday and will return by noon Sunday. Dickson Valley offers tons of stuff to do. See 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.

“LET THE WHOLE WORLD SING” CHRISTMAS CANTATA DVD’S AVAILABLE ~ Are you interested in having a copy of the Chancel Choir’s Christmas Cantata? You may order a DVD, for a suggested donation of \$10, by contacting the church office at 815.436.9651.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYRS: Russ Corey; Casey Crews’ friends, the Sullivan & Davis Families; Caryn Feris’ friend, Arlene Branz; Helen Hill; Maya Elizabeth Fernandez Klintworth; Heidi Mulford’s friend, Addie Locke; Matt Nelson; Mike Obrecht; Betty & George Quast; Bill Schaubert’s mother, Lorna Schaubert; Delores Smith’s mother, Laura Alexander; Debbie Thompson’s friend, Roger Danner; MickeySue Traver’s Mother-in-law, Faith Green; Tim Traver; Guy & Danae Welch’s granddaughter, Chloe Troxel; Those serving in the military.

WINTER IS A GREAT MONTH TO READ A WONDERFUL BOOK! ~ Join us, beginning January 28th from 6-8pm, when you will have the opportunity to start your journey through the New Testament and finish before Palm Sunday! Larry Newton will lead this class, ***Invitation to the New Testament***, 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

FIRST WEDNESDAY DINNER IS THIS WEEK ~ be sure to join with your church family on Wednesday night for dinner in the fellowship hall.

Three great things about this dinner:

- 1-You don’t have to cook
- 2-No clean up
- 3-You get to visit with friends!

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-12

SERMON “Crossing the Boundaries”

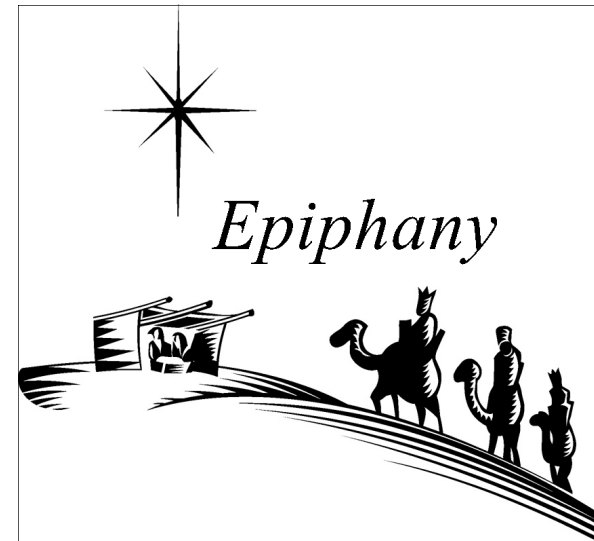
Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

HOLY COMMUNION

Introduction

Confession prayer (unison)

O God, by the leading of a star your only Son was made known to us. And yet we confess that we have preferred darkness to light, our own plans and purposes to your guidance and direction, our own pride and will to your power and glory. Forgive us, Lord, and grant us wisdom to behold the radiance that shines upon us and grace to walk in the light of your love.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EPIPHANY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born; and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, you have led your people from far places to his light.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (using trespasses)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here" ~ Pachelbel

*Doxology UMH #94

Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN** UMH #254

"We Three Kings"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart" ~ Buxtehude

WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We're glad you're here!
Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship book located in the pew.
If you have a prayer concern, or would like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the Prayer Card found in the pews.

CHILD CARE ~

At this worship service child care is provided in the Nursery (Room 208) for Infants thru Preschoolers.

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