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May 2013

Sunday, May 5th

Join us as we partner with Sharon UMC and Hope UMC for a Sunday morning of serving beyond the walls of our churches.

- ◆ **9:00am** Commissioning of Volunteers @ PUMC
- ◆ **9:30am-12pm** Project Sites all over Plainfield
- ◆ **12:00pm** Lunch @ PUMC
- ◆ **12:45pm** Celebration Service with Pictures

Join us for Repeat Anthem Sunday May 12 and 19

Enhancing our worship experience with two "Repeat Anthem" Sundays are the Worship Band on **May 12** at **11:00** and the Chancel Choir on **May 19** at **8:30**. The musical selections to be presented have been determined by the voting of the congregation. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us as we celebrate another year of beautiful music!



Celebrating Our Youth at CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

After nearly nine months of weekly classes filled with excellent questions and several amazing excursions to various places of worship beyond Christianity, Plainfield UMC will celebrate the confirmation class of 2012-13 on **Sunday, May 19, at the 11:00** worship service.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: MAY 26 - SEPTEMBER 1

**It is hard to believe we are ready to prepare for summer worship!
Remember to mark you calendars for the schedule change:**

8:30a ~ Eucharist Service

9:30a ~ Worship



Children join us during worship and head to Summer Sunday School after the Children's sermon.

Small Group Ministry

PUMC Green Team

Mission statement: *Educate and encourage ideas about how to live greener and together act in ways that will lead all to become better stewards of God's creation.*

Imagine this – you are perusing items at a garage sale and check out the price tags...but there aren't any. Everything is absolutely free! That is a concept the Green Team is considering for an upcoming event, aptly called "Really Free Market." We have many other ideas up our green-sleeves (pun intended)! If you have any questions or ideas about recycling, reusing, reducing, call Carol May at 815-351-9004 or email carol22merrill@yahoo.com.

"Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors; we borrow it from our Children." (Ancient Indian Proverb.)

The Widows Small Group will be going to the Jacob Henry Mansion in Joliet. We will have lunch, tour the home, and see Laura Mestas performance "Make Your Life Count." We will go Wednesday, May 15, 2013, for lunch at 11:30 am. To car pool, be at Martha Wassenaar's home by 10:45 am. For more information, contact Janet Gullicksen at 815-463-0846.

PUMC'S "SEW YOU KNOW YOU ARE LOVED" blanket

group is asking for fleece donations for this year's Change the World date (May 5). We will be focusing on making blankets for children (ages 7-12) that attend the Royal Family Kids' Camp in Joliet, IL. The camp offers one week of Christian love to kids who have been physically attacked, emotionally damaged, sexually molested, and/or severely neglected. This camp creates positive memories for these abused and neglected children.

What a great welcome and comfort our blankets will be to each child on their first day!

Please be a part of making this week a positive, loving experience for these children by donating fleece to our group. A donation bin will be placed outside the PUMC front office.

Needed:

- Enough fleece to make 50 blankets (25 girls and 25 boys)
- 4 yards per blanket
- Youthful colors for boys or girls (ages 7-12)
- Prayers for the volunteers and the children that attend this camp each year.

If you are interested in joining us to make tie-knot fleece blankets, please sign up for May 5th Change the World! - Heidi Mulford and Cyndi Schaubert

The Men's Breakfast Group

collected about \$200 for the Ministerial Association during the Lenten breakfasts. The average attendance at the breakfasts was 15 with the last three having 21 people attending.

The Stress Support Group

will meet on May 6 and May 20. Meetings are held at PUMC. For more information, contact Georgia Whitley at 815- 347-5796.

GREETERS NEEDED

~ How about giving 15 minutes of your time to greet everyone on a Sunday morning? We need some friendly faces at the door before both services (8:30 and 11:00). If you attend adult class, it gets out just in time to be a greeter for the



11:00 service. Once on the list you would only greet about four times a year. Please call/email Sandy Krzywanos 815-254-0724/srk326@comcast.net if you are interested or have any questions. THANKS!

Women's Book Group

— We will be reading *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan this month! All women are invited to join us for discussion on **Thursday, May 16th at 7pm in room 205**. That night we will also unveil the selections for our summer 'Book and a Movie' series! Come join us! Contact Pastor Sherry with sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com with questions.

May Worship Schedule

*May 5: Change the World Sunday

9:00 Commissioning of Volunteers
 9:30 to 12:00 Project sites all over Plainfield
 12:00 Lunch at PUMC
 12:45 Celebration Service with pictures
 Preacher: Rev. Sherry Scates
 Greeter: 9 a.m. Jeanne & Darryl Dupre

*Commissioning worship is 9:00 am.



May 12 (Mother's Day)

8:30 Worship and Communion with Chancel Choir
 10:00 Eucharist Service
 11:00 Worship Band's Repeat Anthems
 Preacher: Rev. Eun-Hye Choi on "Love is..."
 Greeters: 8:30 Chrissy Santerelli
 11:00 Shannon & Jeff Jarot

May 19 (Confirmation Sunday)

8:30 Worship with Chancel Choir's Repeat Anthems
 10:00 Eucharist Service
 11:00 Celebration of Confirmation
 Preacher: Rev. Chris Walters
 Greeters: 8:30 Kay & Jim Schimpf
 11:00 Marcy & Tony Carrozza

**May 26

8:30 Eucharist Service
 9:30 Worship with Chancel Choir
 Preachers: Eun-Hye Choi and Chris Walters on "Peace on Korean Peninsula"
 Greeters: 8:30 Emmanuel & Geetha Rajarathnam
 9:30 Larry & John Newton

** Summer Worship hours start.



Immersion Bible Study group starts a new book,
 "1 & 2 Corinthians" on May 22nd

Rev. Adam Hamilton says, "Immersion Bible Studies is a powerful tool in helping readers to hear God speak through Scripture and to experience a deeper faith as a result." Come and experience a deeper faith through the books of 1 & 2 Corinthians in the New Testament with fellow Christians. The group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Indian Boundary parsonage from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm during summer. Children are welcome to play in the family room when parents meet for study in the living room. With questions, contact pastor Eun-Hye Choi at 815-733-6256 or eunhye.choi@plainfieldumc.com.

1. YOUTH GATHERINGS - As the school year heads into the last month:

- **Senior highs** will gather **Sunday night 5/5** for **open discussion** from **6:30-8:00**, including designing the **mission trip t-shirt** for the trip to Kentucky.
- **Junior highs** will gather for **games** and discussion Wednesday nights (**5/1 & 5/8**).
- **Common Meal Night** for both junior and senior highs on **Wed., May 15, 6:15-7:45 pm**. Have suggestions for the restaurant? Jump on to the [PUMC Youth Facebook group](#) and suggest away!
- **Brain Break! Wed., May 22, 5:30-7:30 pm**. See below.
- **No Sunday night** youth gatherings **May 12** (Mother's Day) and **May 19**, but come Wed. night (5/22) for the Brain Break!

2. SENIOR HIGH YEAR-END PARTY - Saturday, May 11, from 5:00-8:00, all senior highs are invited to the [Martin's house](#) for a party to celebrate the end of the school year. Come eat, play outdoor games, and share your stories from the past year around a campfire. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and salad will be served. [RSVP on Facebook](#) or email Pastor Chris.

What should you bring? Count the number of letters in your last name.

- Odd number = bring an appetizer/snack.
- Even number = bring a dessert.
- Adults = bring a beverage.

Please bring enough for about three people.

A summer senior high party is in the works for the end of July. Stay tuned.



3. 2nd ANNUAL BRAIN BREAK! - Senior highs and returning college students, we are going to have a "Brain Break" during the final week of school on **Wednesday, May 22**. This will be an open house from **5:30–7:30 pm** to give you time to unwind from your studies and return to see old friends. Youth leaders will provide snacks, laughs, and pick brains on classes you struggle with.

4. JUNIOR HIGH YEAR-END PARTY - Saturday, June 1, from 5:00-8:00 at the [Indian Boundary parsonage](#). Ditto on the details from the senior high party above.

5. CAR WASH - Sunday, June 2 from 10:00 to 2:00. Free-will donations will fund youth mission trip. We thank the gracious owners of [Plainfield Automotive](#), Thomas & Dolores Raddatz, for the use of their facility. Pizza and drinks will be provided for lunch. Stay tuned for details.

6. CRUISE NIGHTS - Coming in one month, Tuesday nights, starting **June 4** to **September 3**.

Prayer Requests

- Fern Angelos' friend, Sylvia Newberry
- Justin & Erin Boberg's cousin, Eric Shafer & family
- Tom & LaVerne Corzan's niece, Marcia Bohrer
- James Culver
- Elmer & Judy Eddy's friend, Jean Turnbough
- Patty Habersberger's friend, Sara Tenpenny
- Beryl Hagerman's granddaughter, Angela Bartholomew
- Carole Holloway's father, Tom Morris
- Tammy Jimenez's friend, Jackie & family
- JoAnna Krien's brother, Mark Green
- Ruth Marcks
- Carol May's friends, Scott Price and Julie Shawver
- Ron Mizwicki
- Betty Quast
- Nancy Richie
- Diane Roberts' Aunt Mary and son Davyn
- Jim Schimpf's mother, Eunice Schimpf
- Judie Sharar
- John Tschopp's friend, Dennis Lahey
- Those Serving in the Military

New Life for Old Bags

We are collecting clean plastic grocery bags to benefit New Life for Old Bags - an organization that makes sleeping mats for the homeless out of them. New Life of Old Bags Plainfield Illinois chapter meets at the Plainfield Library on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10-12 to work on mats. Anyone wants to help make sleeping mats for the homeless please contact the Parish Nurse, Danielle at 312-485-3264 or nurse@plainfiledumc.com.

MEM Children's Clothing/Toy Resale News

Plan to attend the 4th Annual Children's Clothing/Toy Resale **Friday, May 17** or **Saturday, May 18**, in Fellowship Hall. There are new sale times this year: **Friday -- 6:30-8:00pm and Saturday -- 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm** (selected items half-price after 1pm)

Find great bargains on gently used children's clothing (sizes 0-14), toys, books, gear, furniture, maternity items, and everything else related to kids! *Admission is free and payment is cash only.* Proceeds from this consignment event will benefit the Moms Encouraging Moms small group and PUMC.

There is still time to register as a seller! Just complete the registration form found on the church website. Sellers price their own items and receive 65-75% of their sales. Sellers also have the opportunity to shop before the public.

MEM is also accepting donated items. Donations can be dropped off in room 102 during church office hours starting Monday, May 6 through Wednesday, May 15.

MEM needs the following items to help make our resale successful:

For loan: Garment racks and shelving units/bookcases to display items for sale

For donation: Shopping bags and hangers

Please contact Laura Hawkins (815-985-7061 or laurarosehawkins@aol.com) if you can help with any of these needs!



Summer Sunday School Recruitment has begun! — Our summer schedule is about to begin and we need YOU to help out with our Summer Sunday School classes. We need teachers and helpers for all ages between 3 yr old through 5th graders. The schedule is flexible. Sign up for a three-week block or for a week at a time. Curriculum will be provided. See Pastor Sherry for details and to volunteer! She can be contacted at sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com or 436-9651.



**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON MAY 26th
(MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND).**

Our annual Sunday School party will be on May 19th during class time.



Special Mother's Day Insert May 12

Honor the special women and girls in your life by giving us the names of those you wish to honor, along with \$1.00 donation per name. Please have your information to us for the insert no later than 9 a.m. on May 6 by enclosing the women's names and donation in an envelope and dropping it in the collection plate or at the church office. Please specify if the donation is made in honor of or in memory to the wonderful women in your life!

Loud Offering for Sarah Casey Meacham raised \$417! Sarah will be commissioned in June. Kathy Wellman is studying at Garrett Theological Seminary and we will continue to raise funds to aid her studies. If anyone else is interested in pursuing the ministry we'd love to hear about it!

Del Valle Donations Needed Please consider donating work clothes and diapers to the families arriving daily. Place the items in a bag or box, label it Del Valle, and put it in the storage area at the base of the balcony stairs.

DRIVERS & PASSENGERS NEEDED FOR VIM RIDES Want a way to contribute to the Volunteer In Mission (VIM) ministry at PUMC? Contact the church office to let us know you would be willing to (1) transport people to and from the airport OR (2) become a passenger. Drivers donate their time and vehicle and passengers use this transport, instead of hiring a taxi or limo, and then make a donation to the church based on what you would normally pay for this service. This year, the donations from this ministry will support the young adult mission trip in August. **We are badly in need of additional drivers;** you can help others be in ministry around the globe when you assist with this program either as a driver or a passenger. Please contact Jim Ferguson, Estalee DeCou, or the office for more information.

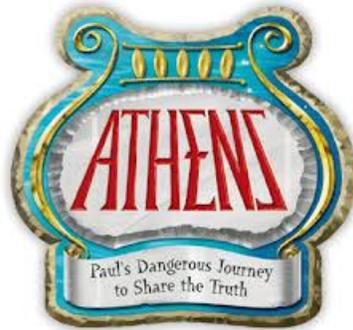
Upcoming Fundraisers

JUNE: BOOK DRIVE— Spring cleaning turn up some books you aren't sure what to do with? Donate them to the Mission committee for our book drive.

OCTOBER: BREAD UPON THE WATERS—We will run a craft, baked goods, and candy sale. Please consider what you may like to make and consider participating! If you need start up expenses we will give you \$20.



Vacation Bible School 2013!



July 7-11, 6:30-8:30 pm at PUMC

Imagine leaving a life of privilege and power to face angry mobs, painful imprisonment, and chain-breaking earthquakes — all to spread the life-changing truth of God’s love. Learn the jaw-dropping story of the Apostle Paul straight from Paul himself! Paul will inspire kids to share the truth of God’s immeasurable love today! Register at plainfieldumc.com.

We are now recruiting marketplace vendors, family leaders, and helpers. Want to be a part of the fun? Tear off and fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or in the church office. Questions? Contact Pastor Sherry Scates at sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com or 815-436-9651.

We Need Athens Marketplace Volunteers!

Name _____ Phone _____

Please check those things which interest you and place in the offering plate or church office:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Site Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Set-up/Take-Down |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Musician |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations/Theme | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paint Props/Backdrops | |

