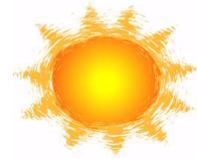




a growing faith community

July 2013



**COMING! ONE DAY EVENT!
THE REALLY, REALLY, FREE MARKET**



The Green Team Small Group is organizing an event that we have never done before. Just imagine, bringing in everything you don't want and taking things that you can use! Things that are unused can be redistributed, and potentially saved from becoming the "property" of a landfill. We all have "things" that don't make sense in our lives anymore and we are consumers with a capital C. It is a fact that America consumes more than any other country in the world. Here is a great way to change that. Consume less, reuse more. And, as a bonus, you will make new friends and help others who are not in a position to purchase such items. The Green Team is also looking for volunteers to help sort and display items before and during the event. As a thank you for volunteering we will be open to all volunteers one hour before the doors open to the public!

Other churches in Plainfield will be participating and we hope to spread the word throughout the Plainfield, Joliet, and Aurora areas. For more information contact Carol May carolsuemay@gmail.com or Char Baker cbaker151@ameritech.net.

Date of Market—Saturday, August 3 Time: 10am to 4pm

Where: PUMC Fellowship Hall

Accepting: clothing, pieces of art, jewelry, small furniture, household appliances, linens, toys, games, luggage, totes, electronics in working condition, tools, decorations, holiday "stuff". Everything must be clean and in good condition.

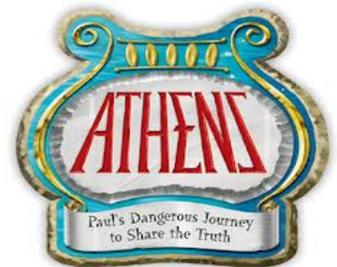
For large things, (too big to carry in and out) like big pieces of furniture, appliances, firewood, etc. bring a picture of it so we can advertise it on our bulletin board with your name/phone number. People can arrange for a pick up.

Start bringing in items after July 22 or on the day of the event. Look for the room # posted on the front door.

**SUMMER WORSHIP
SCHEDULE
CONTINUES
THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 1**

8:30a Eucharist Service
9:30a Worship Service
9:30a Sunday School

**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
IS JUST DAYS AWAY!
July 7-11
6:30-8:30pm**



July 7: VBS Set-up
following the 9:30a.m. service. Please consider staying after the worship service. Thank you!!

It's not too late to register! Forms can be found on the church website.
Sign-up today...**SPACE IS FILLING UP FAST!**
Help us out by donating money or supplies. Please see the sign up on the board in the entryway to the church.

Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls! Don't forget! Prayer shawls are available in the church office for anyone who is in need of comfort or who is celebrating a happy occasion. If you know of someone who would appreciate a lovely homemade prayer shawl, please stop by and pick one out!



PUMC Welcomes ALL Children!

This year we are very excited to offer Vacation Bible School for ALL children of ALL abilities! Here are some tips for welcoming people with disabilities. Please share with your children. These are great for us all to remember!

When meeting and talking with a person who has a disability...

1. A smile along with a spoken greeting is always appropriate. A handshake is not a standard greeting for everyone. When in doubt, ask the person whether he or she would like to shake hands with you. Speak directly to the person with a disability, not just to the ones accompanying him or her.
2. Don't mention the person's disability, unless he or she talks about it or it is relevant to the conversation.
3. Ask the person what their interests are.
4. Be patient and give your undivided attention, especially with someone who speaks slowly or with great effort.
5. Never pretend to understand what a person is saying. Ask the person to repeat or rephrase, or offer him or her pen and paper.
6. It is okay to use common expressions like "see you soon" or "I'd better be running along."
7. Sometimes there will be misbehavior or loud talking at inappropriate times. Try not to look, stare, or laugh.
8. Relax. Anyone can make mistakes. Offer an apology if you forget some courtesy. Keep a sense of humor and a willingness to communicate.



Congratulations to Michael & Janea Kiesewetter on the arrival of their daughter, Elsie. Elsie Sue Kiesewetter was born on May 26, 2013. Elsie weighed 8 pounds 1oz., and was 20 inches long.

Congratulations to Jackie Traver & Joseph Voitik on the arrival of Colin Joseph. His big brother is Cameron Paulson. Grandparents, are Mickey Sue & Tim Traver, Nancy Voitik, Chester Patterson, and Leo & Pam Voitik.



Prayer Request

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Anne Anderson's sister-in-law, Marietta Wiegerink
Jennifer Armstrong's friend, Sara Slaybough
Bev Daniels
Ali Glodoski's friend's daughter, Reagan Debellis
Paul Graver's family
Danielle Ivins' friend Patrick O'Connell and family and the Daniel's family
Sarah Joanis' nephew, Corbin Leach
Laura Malnati's Mom, Karen Hewitson
Ruth Marcks
Nancy Mattison-Trevino's brother-in-law, Antonio Rodriquez and son, Dwight
Karen Mizwicki's cousin, Keith Meeks and grandfather, Charles Camron
Larry Newton's mother, Barbara Newton
Michelle Obrecht's friend, John Sedlacek & Family
Mike Obrecht's Family
Nancy Richie
Diane Roberts' friend, Paul Schlueter
Kevin Snydersmith
Bonnie Stockton
Barbara Tschopp
Everett Van De Voort
Marcia Vaughan
Those Serving in the Military

Baptisms

WE CELEBRATED WITH TWO FAMILIES AS THEIR CHILDREN WERE BAPTIZED:

Finnegan Lee Roy O'Shea, son of Kerri & Micheal O'Shea. Finnegan has a big brother Grady. His grandparents are Michael & Martha Watt, and Michael & Joni O'Shea, He is blessed with great-grandparents Michael & Pamela O'Shea. Kurt Michael Watt and Charlotte Kathleen O'Shea are Finnegan's sponsors.

We also celebrated the baptism of Kerri O'Shea, Finnegan's mother.

Alexander Jacob Henriksen, son of Jamie & Wayne Henriksen. Alexander has a big brother Charlie, and a big sister Leah. His grandparents are Wes & Pat Koehler, Carol & Bob Olson, Joe & Sheri Abel, and Bruce Henriksen. Jennifer & Kevin Orde and Deanna & Jeremy Bero are Alexander's sponsors.

We welcome Finnegan, Kerri, and Alexander as member's of Christ's church.



Thank you dear PUMC friends, for of all your prayers, concerns, and support during our Dad's recent illness and passing. Your prayers, hugs, kind words, cards, visits....each act of kindness is great appreciated.

Kathy Stob and Family

THANKS to everyone who made a donation to Harvest 2020. Your donations will help in offering new and exciting worship opportunities throughout the conference.

THANKS for the many bars of soap for the health/hygiene kits. We exceeded our goal of 300 bars!



OUR SINCERE THANKS to Melissa Vidito who put together our Circuit Rider for the past five years. She did an awesome job and we truly appreciate her many gifts!



The following young people were confirmed on May 19th at the 11:00 service.

Audrey Rose Mathilda Bollinger
Jayden Michael Dale
Kira Eileen Drake
Alexander Gregory Konczak
Jacob Ornelas
Frank William Vido

Haley Grace Brown
Makenzie Riley Doubek
Molly Michelle Jarot
Shelby Nelson
Adam Richard Stephens



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
REV. CHRIS WALTERS
ON HIS ORDINATION
AS ELDER IN FULL
CONNECTION.**



NEW ADDRESS for
Laura, Jason, Hannah and
Olivia Hawkins...2515 Clayton
Blvd, Champaign, IL 68122.
E-mail addresses and phone
numbers will stay the same.



We extend sympathy to two of our PUMC families...

Mike Obrecht, husband of Debbie and father of Jennie & Michelle, passed away on Thursday, June 13, 2013, at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home. Mike was an active member of PUMC serving on the Video Ministry Team.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Debbie, Jennie and Michelle.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Mike's name to Plainfield United Methodist Church Video Ministry Team or the charity of donor's choice would be appreciated.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Debbie and Michelle Obrecht, 16328 S. Peerless Court, Plainfield, Illinois 60586 and Jennie Obrecht, 2357 Caton Farm Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403.

Please keep Debbie, Jennie and Michelle in your thoughts and prayers.

Paul Graver, a lifelong resident of Plainfield and a long-time member of Plainfield United Methodist Church, passed away on Monday, June 17, 2013 at Lakewood Living Center, Plainfield. Paul grew up on the family farm in Plainfield and he operated many of his own businesses. He was the founder and developer of Graver Country Estates.

For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Paul's life, memorials to the Plainfield United Methodist Church or Joliet Area Community Hospice, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431 would be greatly appreciated.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to ...

- Cathy (Charlie) Crews, 23657 Douglas Drive, Plainfield, IL 60585
- Vicky (Kevin) D'Arcy, 13050 S. Cathy Lane, Plainfield, IL 60585
- Paula (Chuck) Thayer, 12901 S. Shelly Lane, Plainfield, IL 60585
- Doug Graver, 460 NW 37th Street, Oakland Park, FL 33309
- Denise (Tim Lakota) Duncan, 4225 Doe Court, Joliet, IL 60431

Please keep all of the Graver family in your thoughts and prayers.



WE WERE RECOGNIZED AS A RAINBOW COVENANT

MISSIONS CORNER

CHURCH! Martha Wassenaar, one of our Lay Members to our Annual Conference, brought back our Rainbow Covenant Award for 2012. This means we paid our apportionments in full and met all the goals on our Rainbow Covenant list (Project 12).

It is so good to be able to report this! We hope we can meet our obligations to our denomination again this year.

LOLLY ADOLFSON PLANS TRIP TO GUATEMALA - Lolly will be visiting the Martha and Maria girls' orphanage in Jalapa, Guatemala August 2 –12. Besides assisting the girls with sewing projects and crafts, she will help them develop their business skills.

Lolly has made numerous trip to this orphanage in past years. We often help her gather items to take along.

This time, Lolly is taking fabrics of all types to be fashioned into purses, book covers, cosmetic bags, and coin purses. The fabrics have already been purchased. However, we can help by providing new socks and underwear for the girls (all sizes). We will set up a box in the front hall of the church to receive these items of clothing.

We can also help by sending along some funds for her to purchase things after she arrives. If you wish to help, please write a check payable to PUMC with the notation "Lolly's trip" in the memo blank. Please drop it in the offering plate or get it to the church office.

The girls have been working with the owner of the local hotel, who is allowing them to hold sale events there when American teams visit the hotel. This experience in "business" will help the girls both now and when they leave the orphanage.

THE 12 WEEKS OF SUMMER = PROJECT 12 - Each Sunday during this

time, we lift up one of our projects, tell you a bit about it, and hope that you will donate a dollar (or more) to that project or to any of the projects on our Rainbow Covenant list. We have little blue envelopes located in the church pew racks for your donations (or just write a check payable to PUMC with "Project 12" in the memo blank and drop it in the offering plate.) We appreciate your help!



DEL VALLE SCHOOL IN FULL SWING - Yes, the migrant workers are here, and their young children are attending the Head Start School on Ridge Road. They are picked up and returned home by a Del Valle bus each weekday. "Everything is running smoothly," said the Director, Maria Acosta.

She said the school greatly appreciates all the clothing and supplies the church has donated to the families. Especially needed right now: disposable diapers in all sizes, mirrors (any size), vases, dinnerware, planters, and fountains. Please take them to the storage area across from the church office at the base of the balcony stairs.



VIM DRIVERS BADLY NEEDED - Can you volunteer to make an airport run occasionally, when Jim Ferguson needs to be two places at once? If so, please call Jim or the church office. (Jim and Jane Ferguson are the coordinators.)

This is a service for our traveling church members. They are picked up and taken to or from the airports, and they give a donation based on what they would likely pay a taxi driver. (Most people donate about \$50 a ride.) Checks may be written to PUMC with "VIM RIDES" in the memo blank. The donations are put into a special VIM fund, which helps with the expenses of our adult members who go on VIM mission trips.

It is so good to be taken and picked up by someone you know! I call on Jim for both my travels and the travels of my children when they visit me.

Please consider volunteering to be a driver, or to be put on the "Emergency Driver" list. Your miles and expenses are all tax deductible.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BOOK DRIVE - Many of us went through our book cases and movie shelves to donate books and entertainment items to our drive. Soon, these items will be taken to a used book place in Naperville, where they will be purchased. All funds received will be earmarked for our church apportionments.

We will be having other fundraisers to help with our apportionments, including the "Bread Upon the Waters" campaign planned for October. This was held several years ago, and was very popular with the congregation.

MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER RESULTS - Our special Mother's Day

Insert, along with the sale of our remaining Mother's Day Pins resulted in \$374, which was earmarked for Red Bird Mission, our U.S. General project on our Rainbow Covenant list. We thank all who participated!

PLEASE WATCH THE CHURCH BULLETINS FOR MISSION UPDATES -

Estalee DeCou, for the Missions Committee



CREEKSIDE CARES SUMMER STOCK UP: Please bring food donations in to stock up Creekside Cares supplies for the summer. Place donations in the bin in the lobby: June 23 - July 7.

Needed items include: peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, canned soup, ramen noodles, canned tuna/chicken, macaroni & cheese & individual snacks such as granola bars, applesauce, crackers, raisins, etc.

Thank you for your support of Creekside Cares-Please call or email parishnurse@plainfieldumc.com/or Danielle @ 312-485-3264 with any questions or to volunteer to assist with Creekside Care.

July 2013 Greeters ~ Widows' Group

- July 7 Suzanne Tunnell and Barbara Smith
- July 14 Janet Gullicksen and Helen Hill
- July 21 Carolyn Martens and Marilyn Williams
- July 28 Martha Wassenaar and Estalee DeCou

Youth News

Mission Trip Celebration

PUMC will celebrate the mission trip team's experience in Russellville, KY, during **Sunday worship July 21 at 9:30 am**. Come, hear the awesome testimony of young people who served others for a week with nearly 300 other workcampers from around the country.

Summer Celebration for Young People

Following the mission trip celebration Sunday morning **July 21** the Anderson family is hosting a backyard gathering for high school and college age young people, including mission trip participants. The gathering time will be **2:00-5:00**. Come eat, play outdoor games, and share your stories from the mission trip and from the past year around a campfire. Bring your own towel to swim in the pool. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and salad will be served. Please RSVP to Pastor Chris at chris.walters@plainfieldumc.com.

What should you bring? Adults = bring a beverage.
Count the number of letters in your last name. See below.
Please bring enough for about three people.

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

Cruise Nights

Tuesday nights, through September 3, are a great time to hang with PUMC friends, spread the good word about PUMC to our community, and to help raise funds for next year's youth mission trip. Contact MickeySue to sign up.

COMING IN JULY:

- July 7:** Hymn Festival: Singing favorite hymns and praise songs as we worship God.
- July 14:** VBS Celebration: Athens
- July 21:** Youth Mission Trip Celebration
- July 28:** Video Mash up: Glimpses of Heaven through Segments of Video
*Commissioning of young adult mission trip to the Bahamas, August 4-10
- July 30:** (Tuesday): Pet blessing on PUMC church lawn 6-8 pm. Come to Cruise Night, eat hot dogs and popcorn on Lockport Street, and then walk one block to the PUMC church lawn for the blessing of your pets. Invite neighbors' pets!



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
Office Hours 8:30am - 4:30pm

Summer Worship Schedule

8:30am ~ Eucharist Service
9:30am ~ Worship & Sunday School

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