

HANGING OF THE GREENS



Participate in this festive event of decorating the church for Christmas. We are looking for volunteers to decorate on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 12:15p. Come and join in the fun. Lunch will be provided.

Our Children's Christmas Program will be on December 15th during the 11am worship service. Rehearsal will be at 9am on Dec. 14. Please plan to be present!

UMW ANNUAL COOKIE SALE ~ This year the sale will be on Sunday, Dec. 15. Start thinking about what delicious treats you can donate. We appreciate all those wonderful goodies that you so graciously make each year.

Christianity, Judaism & Islam



Are We More Alike than Different? Do Our Differences Matter?

Are you curious about other religions? Do you have friends who worship in a synagogue or mosque? Do you wonder what Muslims or Jews believe?

Join us for junior and senior high youth gatherings at **6:30 pm on Sunday, December 1 and Sunday, December 8** for an "Introduction to Monotheism" ("Mono-what-ism?") as we learn some basics about Judaism and Islam.

These are great opportunities for youth and adults to invite your inquiring friends!
Questions? Contact Pastor Chris or Holli Long (hollilong@yahoo.com).

Come serve with us this Thanksgiving! On Wed., Nov. 27th (the day before Thanksgiving) PUMC will be serving a light lunch at the food pantry at Trinity UMC and eating there with the clients. Following lunch, we will work the pantry. We need volunteers to cook soups or desserts, to come and serve lunch, and/or to staff the tables during food distribution. Lunch volunteers will set up starting at 10:30am at the church (301 Fairbanks, Joliet). Lunch will be served from 11:30-1; the Pantry is open from 1-3pm. All ages are welcome! To volunteer to cook or serve, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR SHERRY ASAP at sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com or 815-436-9651. Carpooling may be available. This is a great way to share love and gratitude this Thanksgiving season!



Who Are Our Neighbors?



Please take time to take pictures of your neighbors. Please bring your pictures to the church conference on December 17th. We will have a discussion about our neighbors.

TODAY IS CONSECRATION SUNDAY If you haven't already done so, please place your pledge card in the offering plate today or you can email your pledge to Cheryl Henbest at cheryl.henbest@plainfieldumc.com. Did you know that YOU make possible all of the ministries at PUMC? Your financial gifts, your time and your talents make ministries happen!



ADVENT WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th



Best dinner of the year!
No cooking allowed!

We will be having a work-free potluck. Just pick up a sack of your favorite food at a fast food restaurant and bring it to share. Beverages will be provided.

We will eat together at 5:30p. At 6:15p, families will journey to several interactive stations where they can create, play, and celebrate the season! It's fun for all people!

Interfaith Opportunity for Adults –Are you



curious about other religions? Do you have friends who worship in a synagogue or mosque? Do you wonder what Muslims or Jews be-

lieve? What is a Shabbat service? Is the Hebrew Bible the same as the Old Testament? What is a hijab? Do Muslims believe in Jesus? In the coming months, you will have an opportunity to learn about these faiths, speak to believers, and experience their prayer and worship. First up: Judaism! All adults are invited to join us as we visit Congregation Beth Shalom in Naperville On Friday, December 13 at 6:15 PM. To prepare, we will be presenting a special "Introduction to Judaism" session for adults on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm. Then, come join us Friday night as we learn from CBS Lay Leader and Interfaith host, Bernie Newman. Stay for the Shabbat Worship service followed by a time of discussion about our experience (offsite). We hope you'll join us for this great opportunity for interfaith education and engagement! (Stay tuned for opportunities later in the year to visit a Mosque, Hindu Temple, and a Coptic Orthodox Church.) Contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com with questions or to sign up.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



- *Tracy Abram's sister-in-law, Donna Somers
 - *Fern Angelos' brother, Bob Fox
 - *Tom Baker
 - *Russ Corey
 - *Russ & Louise Corey's daughter, Kathleen Kennedy-Corey
 - *Bev Daniels
 - *Jeanne Dupre's niece, Mara
 - *Jeanne Dupre's sister, Connie Luther
 - *Patty Habersberger's friends, Jill Chandler and Carol Cumbs
 - *Helen Hill
 - *JoAnna Krein's brother, Mark Green
 - *Rob & Kelly Long's father, Tom Hall
 - *Mary Palcisko
 - *Bev Parks
 - *Matt Runty's uncle, Bob Runty and family
 - *Tom & Betty Sacco's friend, Jerry Bhooli
 - ***Those serving in the military.
- If you want to include someone on the prayer list, please complete a Prayer Request Card (found in the pew rack).

Thanksgiving message from the Green Team

- Whether you're the one cleaning prior to the big day or you have help, stock up on green cleaning products. There are plenty of options available in just about every grocery store.
- Avoid paper, single-use napkins and opt for cloth ones instead. There is already so much waste headed to the landfill during the holidays, why add to it when you can simply wash your napkins.
- And, as part of your green Thanksgiving, make time for prayer, meditation, reflection, or perhaps just a walk in the woods to contemplate and give thanks for the wonders of nature.



LOUD OFFERING TODAY ~ Today, members of the Missions Committee will be just outside the sanctuary doors after the worship services to receive your Loud Offering for our Church Scholarship. (Silent donations of folding money and checks made out to PUMC with "Scholarship" on the memo line are also very much appreciated!)

Our church Scholarship goes to Kathy Wellman, who is studying at Garrett Seminary to be a minister in our denomination.

CALENDAR November 24 - November 30

Sun. 11/24	8:30 A	Worship with Chancel Choir
	9:45 A	Sunday School & Confirmation
	10:00 A	Communion Worship
	11:00 A	Worship with Worship Band
	12:30 P	Financial Peace University - PFH
	5:00 P	PIE AUCTION
	12:00 P	Lunch Bunch - C/L
Mon. 11/25	7:00 P	Cub Scouts Den 3—106
	7:00 P	Stress Support Group - 205
	8:45 A	Plainfield Park District - JBFH
Tue. 11/26	4:30 P	Tutoring Center - 203
	6:30 P	Plainfield Aktion Club - 105, 106
	7:00 P	Green Team - 206, 207
	7:00 P	Walkers Grove Homeowners Assoc.
	9:00 A	MEM's - Offsite
Wed. 11/27	11:00 A	Trinity Food Pantry
	4:30 P	Tutoring Center - 203
	6:00 P	Jr. Youth Choir - Sanctuary
	6:30 P	Jr. Chimes - Balcony
	7:00 P	Boy Scouts - JBFH
	7:00 P	Chancel Choir - Choir Room
Thur. 11/28		Office Closed
Fri. 11/29		Office Closed
	7:00 P	Green Team Planning Party - offsite
Sat. 11/30	9:00 A	Bellissimo
	6:45 P	Creche Lighting ~ Plymouth Cong.

***NEW* Adult Advent Study!** Advent is the season leading up to Christmas. During these four weeks, we prepare our hearts to receive God's gift of Jesus. You are invited to join Pastor Sherry as she leads a special Advent Bible Study beginning Sunday, December 1st at 9:50am in room 206 or Monday, December 2nd at 12 noon in the conference room (Lunch Bunch). No additional reading is required for this study. We will be incorporating great works of art and music as we wait with hope and expectation for the coming of the Christ Child into our overly-full lives. Pop in any week you are available! Questions? Contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com.



Women's Book Club -- All women are invited to join us in discussing our December book, The Wednesday Sisters by Meg Waite Clayton. We will be gathering on December 19th at 7pm in Parks Friendship Hall for a discussion and holiday party! Bring a snack or drink to share! Contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com with questions.