

## HANGING OF THE GREENS



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

**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.

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### 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).

★ Thank You! ★  
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We sincerely thank our wonderful congregation and everyone who worked at the Pie Auction and helped make it a great success! We had a truly wonderful night and raised about \$4,000. **THANK YOU!**

**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS** - There were several very nice Silent Auction items that were not sold. We will have them displayed in Fellowship Hall after the worship services today. We invite you to come have a look! There are some great potential Christmas gifts here.

**LOUD OFFERING** - The Loud Offering we collected last Sunday resulted in \$230. Thank you! This will help our church scholarship recipient, Kathy Wellman, with her expenses at Garrett Seminary.

**LOVE TREE** - Our tree is now in its "Love Tree" mode. If you wish to provide a gift to someone who needs a little help with Christmas, choose a tag from the tree, purchase a gift, wrap it in Christmas wrap, and affix the card securely to the gift. Please return the gift to the tree by Dec. 15th. Early on the 16th, we will sort the gifts as to family and deliver them.

And, if you wish to help us give each family a gift certificate to Aldi for grocery shopping, please write a check payable to PUMC with "Love Tree" in the memo blank. Drop it in the church collection or bring it to the church office. Thank you!

**IN CASE YOU FORGOT** - it is never too late to turn in your pledge card for 2014. For your convenience pledge cards may be found in the pews or in the church office. Remember, YOU make possible all of the ministries at PUMC? Your financial gifts, your time and your talents make ministries happen!

## Interfaith Opportunity for Adults – Are



you curious about other religions? Do you wonder what Muslims or Jews believe? 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 offering 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](mailto:sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com) with questions or to sign up.



**ADVENT COIN FOLDERS** are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Folders will not be mailed out this year, but we encourage you to pick one up. Begin the anticipation of

Christmas with the daily celebration of Advent. Each day reflect on the "coming of Christ", add a coin to your coin folder, and contribute to the mission and ministry of our church.

**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  
 \*Karen Cowan's brother, Tom Ferry  
 \*Karen Cowan's friend, Rob & Susie Coad Brown  
 \*Bev Daniels  
 \*Jeanne Dupre's niece, Mara  
 \*Jeanne Dupre's sister, Connie Luther  
 \*Patty Habersberger's friends, Jill Chandler and Carol Cumbs  
 \*JoAnna Krein's brother, Mark Green  
 \*Rob & Kelly Long's father, Tom Hall  
 \*Carol Markwell  
 \*Mary Palcisko  
 \*Bev Parks  
 \*Frank 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).

**Green Team Minute Message~**

Do you have a recycle bin in your kitchen next to the trash can? Rather than have a place in the garage, set it in the kitchen. In my home, pink is for trash and blue is for recycle. Now, if my grandson is not sure where to put something he will ask pink or blue Grammy? Its a great way to get kids to realize the importance of recycling more.

**Moms Encouraging Moms** small group is hosting a Parents Time Out on December 7 from 9:30-1:00 as a way to give church families an opportunity to run holiday errands without kids. In order to participate in this opportunity, you need to register your child/ren online at <http://plainfieldumc.com/PTO> or with the paper forms in the church office by December 4th. It is also required that you pack a lunch and any other child necessities such as pacifiers, diapers, etc. A good will donation will be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Runty at [clancyc@gmail.com](mailto:clancyc@gmail.com) or 630-405-3450.

CALENDAR December 1 - December 7			
Sun. 12/1	8:30 A	Worship with Chancel Choir	
	9:45 A	Sunday School & Confirmation	
	9:50 A	Adult Advent Study - 206	
	10:00 A	Communion Worship	
	11:00 A	Worship with Worship Band	
	12:15 P	Hanging of the Greens	
	12:30 P	Financial Peace University - PFH	
	12:30 P	Young Men's Group - offsite	
	6:30 P	Jr. & Sr. High Youth - 206, 207, YR	
Mon. 12/2	12:00 P	Adult Advent Study - C/L	
	7:00 P	Boy Scouts Leaders Meeting	
Tue. 12/3	8:45 A	Plainfield Park District - JBFH	
	9:00 A	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group - PFH	
	4:30 P	Tutoring Center - 203	
	6:00 P	Cub Scouts Den 8 - JBFH	
	6:30 P	Cub Scouts Den 1,2, 7 - 105, 106, 205	
	9:00 A	MEM's - Offsite	
	4:30 P	Tutoring Center - 203	
	5:30 P	Pot Luck	
	6:00 P	Advent Festival	
Wed. 12/4	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. 12/5	8:45 A	Plainfield Park District - JBFH
		4:30 P	Tutoring Center - 203
		6:30 P	For God's Sake, Let's Get Healthy
6:45 P		Spectrum Singers - Choir Room	
7:00 P		Alcoholics Anonymous—206, 207	
7:00 P		Cub Scout Den 6/Rockpile - JBFH	
7:00 P		Worship Band	
Fri. 12/6		Office Closed	
Sat. 12/7	9:00 A	Bellissimo	
	1:30 P	Spectrum Singers Concert	

**\*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 TODAY 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](mailto:sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com).



**Women's Book Club** -- 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 at Diane Roberts home for a discussion and holiday party! Bring a snack or drink to share! Please bring a favorite new or used book for a "book grab". Contact Pastor Sherry at [sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com) with questions or directions.

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