

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 this Sunday, December 8** for continued discussion about service opportunities with young people of other religious traditions.

These are great opportunities for youth to invite your inquiring friends!

Questions? Contact Pastor Chris or Holli Long (hollilong@yahoo.com).



Feed My Starving Children ~ We will have the amazing opportunity to work with Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, December 21, 7-9pm.

Reserve your space with Pastor Chris today! This is an energizing, heart-warming experience you won't want to miss.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Children's Christmas Program
December 15th at 11:00am

"And We Beheld His Glory"
Christmas Choir Cantata
December 22nd at **8:30 am** and **11:00 am**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
December 24th

5:00pm
Family Oriented Christmas Celebration *

7:00pm
Youth led Christmas Celebration *

10:30pm
Lessons/Carols and Communion
**Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers*

December 29th
1st Sunday after Christmas
10:00am Worship, Baptism,
Special Music
No Sunday School

Delores Smith's mother, Laura Louise Alexander, age 95, passed away on November 5, 2013. Laura had been a resident of the Lakewood Nursing Home for the past few years. Prior to her going to Lakewood, Delores was her caregiver.

Please keep Delores and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Expressions of sympathy can be sent to:
Delores & Paul Smith, 15322 S. Joliet
Road, Plainfield, IL 60544**

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 visit Congregation Beth Shalom in Naperville on Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:00PM. Carpoolers, meet at PUMC at 6:15PM.** We will be offering a special "Introduction to Judaism" session on **Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6:30PM.** Contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com with questions or to sign up.



Annual Church Conference Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00pm



Come join the conversation and be sure to bring a picture of one of your neighbors, a part of your neighborhood, the downtown, an "unseen" side of town, etc. with you. We will use these as we discuss the mission of Jesus through our congregation.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
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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
 - *Jan Johnston
 - *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



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!



UMW ANNUAL COOKIE SALE

This year the sale will be next 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.

***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 at 9:50am in room 206 or Mondays 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 -- 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 with questions or directions.

CALENDAR December 8 - December 14

Sun. 12/8	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
Mon. 12/9	12:30 P	Baptism Orientation
	12:30 P	Financial Peace University - PFH
	6:30 P	Jr. & Sr. High Youth - 206, 207, Youth Room
	12:00 P	Adult Advent Study - C/L
	7:00 P	Ad Council - JBFH
Tue. 12/10	7:00 P	Boy Scouts Den 3 - 106
	7:00 P	Stress Support Group - 205
	8:45 A	Plainfield Park District - JBFH
	4:30 P	Tutoring Center - 203
	6:00 P	Cub Scouts Den 8 - JBFH
Wed. 12/11	7:00 P	Membership & Outreach - C/L
	7:00 P	Prayer Shawl Meeting
	9:00 A	MEM's - Offsite
	4:30 P	Tutoring Center - 203
	6:00 P	Jr. Youth Choir - Sanctuary
Thur. 12/12	6:30 P	Girl Scout Troop #362 - 204
	6:30 P	Immersion Bible Study - C/L
	6:30 P	Introduction to Judaism - 206
	6:30 P	Jr. Chimes - Balcony
	7:00 P	Boy Scouts - JBFH
Fri. 12/13	7:00 P	Chancel Choir - Choir Room
	8:45 A	Plainfield Park District - JBFH
	4:30 P	Tutoring Center - 203
	6:00 P	Cub Scouts Den 3 - JBFH
	6:00 P	Girl Scouts Troup #998 - 104
Sat. 12/14	7:00 P	Alcoholics Anonymous—206, 207
	7:00 P	Cub Scout Den 5, 6, Rockpile - 105, 106, JBFH
	7:00 P	Trustee Meeting - C/L
	7:00 P	Worship Band
	Office Closed	
Sun. 12/15	6:15 P	Congregation Beth Shalom in Naperville
	9:00 A	Bellissimo
	9:00 A	Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Mon. 12/16	9:00 A	Plainfield Infertility Group - 205, C/L
	9:00 A	Prepare plates for cookie sale - JBFH