

January 2014
Reading the Book of Genesis and
Reflection on Sermons

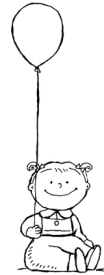
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When you finish the readings, please return this card to the church office .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you miss the last Parent's Time Out? Don't worry, Moms Encouraging Moms has another opportunity on January 11th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. 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 January 8th. It is also required that you pack a dinner 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 or 630-405-3450.



***NEW* Adult Education Opportunity** -- Each month we participate in the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism. Have you ever wondered what it is all about? What is happening beneath the surface of things? Are you curious how to introduce your children to these holy acts? Join Pastor Sherry for a deeper look at the sacraments over four Sunday mornings at 9:50am in room 206, starting January 5th, or Monday lunches at 12 noon, starting January 6th. All are welcome to come touch the water and taste the bread! Contact Pastor Sherry with questions.

Women's Book Group -- This awesome group of dynamic ladies will be reading *Divergent* by Veronica Roth in January! You will want to read it before the movie comes out this spring. Join us for discussion on Thursday, Jan 16th at 7pm in room 205. All women are welcome! Questions? Contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com.

WHAM! Gatherings in January! -- Join us on Wednesdays, Jan. 8th and 22nd from 6:30-7:30pm for WHAM! All kindergarten through fifth graders are welcome as we discover a new mission each month! Kids will learn about problems and needs in the world and be empowered to make a difference! All are welcome! Contact Pastor Sherry for more information at sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 82 (Den 5) WILL BE HOSTING THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER ON JANUARY 8TH.

Plan to join us in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a meal.

No need to bring anything but yourself.

Three great things about this dinner:

1-You don't have to cook

2-No clean up

3-You get to visit with friends!

BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES FOR 2014 IN PFH

If you don't find yours, contact Cheryl Henbest (815-436-9651)

Calendar for January 5 –11			
Sun. 1/5	12:30p	Young Men's Group	Offsite
	6:30p	Youth Gathering	JBFH, 206-07
Mon. 1/6	Noon	Lunch Bunch	C/L
	7p	Stress Support	C/L
	7p	Cub Scouts Den 3	106
Tue. 1/7	9a	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group	PFH
	6p	Cub Scouts Den 8	JBFH
	6:30p	Cub Scouts Den 1,2,7	106, 105, 205
	6:30p	God & Family Class	204
Wed. 1/8	9a	MEM's	Offsite
	5:30p	Wednesday Night Dinner	JBFH
	6:00p	Jr. Youth Choir	Sanctuary
	6:30p	Girl Scout Troop #362	205
	6:30p	Jr. Chimes	Balcony
	6:30p	Immersion Bible Study	C/L
	6:30p	WHAM!	202 & 204
	7p	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7p	Boy Scouts	106
	Thur. 1/9	6p	Cub Scouts Den 3
6p		Girl Scout Troop #998	106
7p		Boy Scouts Pack #82 Den 6	206
7p		Cub Scout Den 5	105
7p		Cub Scout Den 6	104
7p		Cub Scouts Rockpile	JBFH
7p		Spectrum Singers	Choir Room
7p		Alcoholics Anonymous	206/207
Sat. 1/11	9a	Bellissimo Rehearsal	Balcony
	9a	Plainfield Area Infertility Group	205
	10:15a	Mosque, Bridgeview	Offsite
	4p	Mom's Day Out	105, 106, JBFH

Holy Reading: Genesis



In January we will read, study and mediate on the book of Genesis in the Bible. Each month we will choose a book from the Bible and practice Holy Reading. Holy Reading, *Lectio Divina*, has a long and venerable history in the Christian Church. Before beginning this practice, prepare the reading space. It should be comfortable, clean, and free from all distractions. Next, choose a scripture from which to read. There is a Genesis reading schedule for you in this month's newsletter. And decide upon a small section or passage from each day's reading to meditate. Now prepare yourself by closing your eyes and getting centered and still.

Holy reading of the scriptural passage is traditionally done in four steps, which have Latin names.

- 1. *Lectio* (reading)** - Read the short passage slowly and carefully several times. You may do this aloud or silently. You may wish to make notes of anything that particularly captures your attention or seems significant.
- 2. *Meditatio* (thinking about)** - Think about the text in a deep way, opening your mind to any nuances. You may wish to actually visualize any scenes in the text, or to write notes about your understanding of it. Traditionally, during this step the Holy Spirit is thought to help aid in scriptural understanding.
- 3. *Oratio* (praying)** - Open your heart to God. Imagine that you and God are conversing about the passage, its meaning, and what it means for you. Allow intuition and "the small voice within" to participate. Your intellectual mind is of no use here.
- 4. *Contemplatio* (meditating)** - Now let go of all words, and sit in silent communion with God.

Pastors will preach on the book of Genesis each Sunday of January. After the Holy Reading you can share your thoughts and questions with the pastor who preaches that week. Happy reading and holy reading!