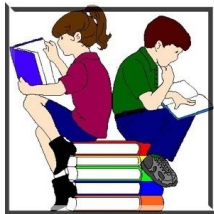


## KIDS' BOOK CLUBS

will meet one week later this month due to the winter break.



You still have time to pick up your book and start reading. We will meet on **Thursday, January 11th**, at 6:30pm, as we discuss our latest reads:

**Elementary:** "Crossing Niagra: Death-Defying Tighrope Adventures by the Great Blondin" by Matt Tavares

**Middle School:** "The Red Umbrella" by Christina Diaz Gonzales

**Snacks & FUN provided!**  
**Come - join in the fun!!**

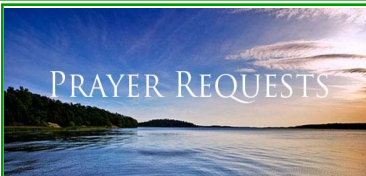
## 2018 Offering Envelopes

are available in Parks Friendship Hall (at the top of the stairs on the right). If you don't find a packet of envelopes with your name on them and would like to use them throughout the year, please contact Cheryl Henbest, Financial Secretary, (815-436-9651) and she will provide them. If you give through EFT, you will not receive envelopes.



The numbered envelopes make record-keeping easier, and they are also less expensive than the pew envelopes, so we encourage you to use them.

If you are interested in giving via EFT, please contact Cheryl. Thank you for your continued support for PUMC, it's missions & ministries!!



**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- \*Fern Angelos' nephew, Ken Vallrugo & friend, Phillip Smith
- \*Lolly Adolfson
- \*Becky Casey's mom, Phyllis Ackerman
- \*Russ & Louise Corey
- \*Jeanne & Darryl Dupre's friend, Donna Hendrickson
- \*Judy & Gary Geistler's godson, Brody Roberts
- \*Ron Henbest
- \*Carole Holloway's friend, Sam Madia
- \*Tammy Jiménez's sister & family
- \*Ron Lee
- \*The Madden Family, at the passing of their dog, Vidalia
- \*Ruth Marcks
- \*Belinda (Joe) Maranowicz's father, Bill Courter
- \*Misty Martin
- \*Harriett & Rick Nelson's friend, Mr. Janke
- \*Bonnie Rogers' brother-in-law, Terry Rogers
- \*Donna Morrow's son-in-law, John Vanderhoek
- \*\* Victims of war, famine & oppression
- \*\* Our military, police, fire fighters & first responders
- \*\* Homeless people throughout the world
- \*\* Persons who must work outside in this bitter weather

**If you would like to include someone on the prayer list, please complete a Prayer Request Card.**

**2018 Sign-up Sheets for Coffee Hour Hosts and Altar Flowers are posted in JBFH.**

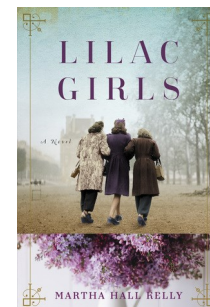


Please sign up for your date(s) of choice for the coming year!

Thank you for helping to keep PUMC a welcoming place of warm hospitality!

**This week I'm reading:**

**LILAC GIRLS** - by Martha Hall Kelly. This book, based on a true story, is the tale of a New York socialite who championed a group of concentration camp survivors known as the "Rabbits," this acclaimed debut novel reveals a story of love, redemption, and terrible secrets that were hidden for decades.



Join Women's Book Group on Thursday, January 18th at 7:00pm, as we meet at church to discuss this thought-provoking story.

**Women's**

**BOOK CLUB**



## Five Big Questions We Are Asked

(New Sermon Series  
Beginning January 14th)

When we try to invite friends or neighbors to experience Jesus, we are often asked big questions concerning Christian practices, faith, or the Bible. What questions have you been asked? Are you ready to provide answers to them and explain your faith?

Join us at Plainfield UMC as we examine big questions we are asked, during our five-week sermon series:

- January 14** - What is in the Book of Revelation?
- January 21** - Why Evil?
- January 28** - Religious or Spiritual?
- February 4** - Why Jesus?
- February 11** - Is Hell Real?

*Volunteers ....*



*They don't necessarily have the time;  
they just have the heart.  
Thank You!*

Thank you to the following volunteers who work "behind the scenes" week-after-week, to help enhance our worship experience:

**Altar Guild** - these volunteers dress the altar with paraments suited to the liturgical calendar, procure & prepare communion elements, seasonally decorate the church, hang banners, order special flowers, fill the candles, and keep our altar supplies well-stocked.

**Various Office Volunteers** who answer the phones during our Staff Meetings and at other needed times, keep our flyers & brochures neat and well-stocked, prepare visitor gift bags, help stuff bulletins and straighten the sanctuary each week, prepare mailings to the homebound, count & deposit check/cash from offering envelopes, help keep the office neat & clean and help in a variety of other ways.

And, **thanks also to these people**, who work "out front" to help enhance our worship experience:

**Bible Readers** who share with us the Word of God.

**Storytellers** who bring the gospel to life.

*We appreciate YOU!*

### PUMC CALENDAR January 7th through January 13th

Sun., 1/7	12:30p	Fun Men's Group (Offsite)
Mon., 1/8	9:30a	Prayer Shawl Group (PFH)
	11:30a	Lunch Bunch (C/L)
	6:30p	Y.M.A.P. (C/L)
	7:00p	KINECT: Parents of Teens (206/207)
Tues., 1/9	6:15p	God & Family Class (105)
	7:00p	Membership & Outreach (C/L)
	7:00p	Prayer Shawl Group (PFH)
Weds., 1/10	4:30p	Faith in Practice Covenant Group (C/L)
	6:00p	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
	6:00p	Small Group Ministry (C/L)
	6:00p	Worship Band (Sanc.)
	6:30p	Immersion Bible Study (Offsite)
	7:00p	Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)
Thurs., 1/11	6:30p	Kids' Book Clubs (Elem: 105 / M.S.: 106)
	7:00p	Trustees (C/L)
Sat., 1/13	8:30a	Bellissimo (Sanctuary Balcony)