

## Adult Education Opportunity **BEGINS TODAY!**

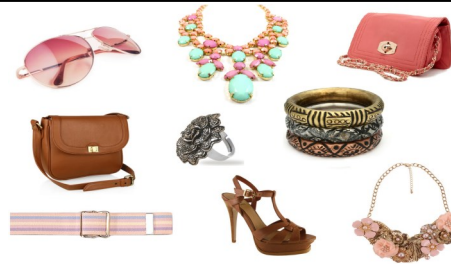
Bring the Bible to life! Join us as we retrace the life of Moses from his modest birth and rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh; from herding flocks in Midian to leading his people out of Egypt. We'll be guided by Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Hamilton guides us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and, by the end of his life, had successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Turn your own reluctance into boldness as you examine the significant challenges facing Moses and how God shaped his character and life in powerful ways. Beginning today, there are three opportunities to join in: Sunday mornings at 9:50am in room 206; Sunday evenings at 6:30pm in the conference room; or Mondays for lunch at 11:30am in the conference room. Books are available at the first class or in the church office. Contact Pastor Sherry with questions at: [sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com).



**HOLD THE DATE!**  
**Monday, April 23rd**  
when PUMC will sponsor a  
**Reconciling Church Panel Discussion**, beginning at 6:30pm.

When the recent survey asked, *“What types of learning opportunities would you be most likely to attend?”* one of the top responses was, “A Q&A with a panel of members from a local Reconciling Congregation.”

This will be a good opportunity to come and hear from members of other congregations that have become reconciling churches, and ask the questions that are on your hearts and minds. More details will be coming soon.



Beginning today, we are collecting accessories (jewelry, scarves, belts, purses, etc) for our **"FREEMARKET TASTE"** table for the BlueStem Earth Festival. Drop items in the box in the cloak room, which will be available today (April 8th) through Sunday, May 13th. **Thank you!!!**

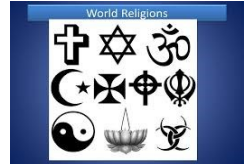
Carol May,  
for the Really Really Free Market

## "Seaside Escape"



Today is the last day to sign up for our 4th annual women's retreat, to be held on Saturday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. Please join us to chat, make new friends, and be spiritually fed, as well as physically fed! A \$10.00 fee to cover costs is requested. Childcare will be available. Please contact Jeri Scurlock ([jeriscurlock@gmail.com](mailto:jeriscurlock@gmail.com)) or Diannah Thompson ([diannah82@yahoo.com](mailto:diannah82@yahoo.com)), by TODAY to register, if you plan to attend.

## Post-Easter Sermon Series: "Jesus and World Religions"



....begins on April 15.

After the Easter celebration we may wonder what other world religions have in common with Christianity, and what is their understanding of Jesus. We work alongside, go to school with, and live next door to, people of other religions, yet most of us know little about their faith. In this sermon series, we explore where there is common ground between Christianity and three other world religions, as well as how they differ from one another.



...especially for the remainder of April and May!  
**NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.** Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Holly Strange at: [oriole45@hotmail.com](mailto:oriole45@hotmail.com) or by calling 815-351-4511.

## Youth selling Butter Braids to help fund their Summer Mission Trip!



PUMC Youth will be selling these tasty pastries again during April! Youth will begin taking orders today, and you can still order on the 15th and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Delivery will begin Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Buy several of these yummy pastries as a special Mothers' Day treat for your mom, the favorite person in your life, or even yourself!



Anyone fairly new to the church or thinking of joining is welcome to attend an informal Meet & Greet next Sunday, April 15th during coffee hour at 9:50am in Fellowship Hall. Grab a coffee/snack and look for the special table set for this purpose. You are welcome to bring your children or take them to Sunday School during that time.



The deadline for May Newsletter submissions has been moved up - to **Monday, April 16th.**

If you have items for publication in May, please send them to the church office ([pumc@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:pumc@plainfieldumc.com)) no later than 4/16.



### PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- \*Russ & Louise Corey
  - \*Jeff (Carolyn) Dement's sister, Kay Schmidt
  - \*Elmer & Judy Eddy's friend, Judy Bulat
  - \*Jane Feguson
  - \*Phil & Jody Glotfelty friends, the family of Jim Simmons
  - \*Helen Hill
  - \*Carole Holloway's husband, Bob
  - \*Sadie Larsen's dad, John Larsen
  - \*Ron & Margie Lee
  - \*Belinda (Joe) Maranowicz's father, Bill Courter
  - \*Misty Martin
  - \*Carol May's daughter, Melissa Ronczkowski
  - \*Donna Morrow's son-in-law, John Vanderhoek
  - \*Harriett & Rick Nelson's son, Matthew
  - \*Maggie Proulx's cousin, Audrey, and grandfather, Grampy Larry
  - \*Diane Roberts' friend, Steve Mancuso
  - \*Barbara Smith
  - \*Jessie & Martin Topalov's friend, Macey Kline
- \*\* Victims of war, famine & oppression  
 \*\* Our military, police, fire fighters & first responders  
 \*\* Homeless people throughout the world

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

### PUMC CALENDAR April 8th through April 14th

Sun., 4/8	12:15p	Baptism Orientation (C/L)
	12:30p	Fun Men's Group (offsite)
	6:30p	Adult Study: MOSES, Reluctant Prophet
	6:30p	Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (206/207)
Mon., 4/9	9:30a	Prayer Shawl Group (PFH)
	11:30a	Lunch Bunch (C/L)
	7:00p	KINECT: Parents of Teens (206/207)
Tues., 4/10	7:00p	Centering Prayer (203)
	7:00p	Membership & Outreach (C/L)
	7:00p	Prayer Shawl Group (PFH)
Weds., 4/11	4:30p	Faith in Practice Group (C/L)
	6:00p	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
	6:00p	Worship Band (Sanc.)
	6:30p	Immersion Bible Study (Offsite)
	7:00p	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Thurs., 4/12	7:00p	Trustee Meeting (C/L)
Sat., 4/14	8:30a	Bellissimo (Sanctuary)
	10:00a	Women's Retreat (JBFH)