



### 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, using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text. Sunday mornings at 9:50am in room 206; Sunday evenings at 6:30pm; or Mondays for lunch at 11:30am. A limited number of books are available from the church office. Contact Pastor Sherry with questions at: [sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com).



### Now Collecting Donations of Yarn for Prayer Shawls



Our knitting group is looking for **donations** of yarn (or monetary donations in order to buy yarn) for new shawls. The Prayer Shawl Ministry makes a deep impact on so many lives! Each shawl uses about 4 skeins of yarn from the same dye lot, and costs \$20-25 in materials to create. Homespun yarn is appreciated, though not required. Not sure what to get? We can do the shopping for you! Simply mark your donation for "Prayer Shawl Ministry." We are also always **looking for new knitters or crocheters!** Don't know how? We'll teach you! Join us for our Big Serve project or come to one of our regular meetings, either on the 2nd Monday of the month at 9:30am or the second Tuesday at 7:00pm. Contact Jan Johnston at [billandjan67@comcast.net](mailto:billandjan67@comcast.net).

### HOLD THE DATE! Monday, April 23rd



when PUMC will sponsor a **Reconciling Church Panel Discussion** beginning at 6:30pm

The panel will consist of representatives from at least three different churches. These three churches represent congregations of different sizes, and also ones that (although they have already made a commitment to becoming a Reconciling Church congregation) are at differing phases in the journey.

This will be a good opportunity to come and ask the questions that are on your hearts and minds. Please plan to join us.



We are collecting accessories (jewelry, scarves, belts, purses, etc.) for our "**FREEMARKET TASTE**" table for the BlueStem Earth Festival. Drop items into the box marked "Really Really Free Market" in the cloak room, which will be available through Sunday, May 13th. **Thank you!!!**

Carol May,  
for the Really Really Free Market

### WHAM! Collection for Blessing Bags



This month, our WHAM! kids are creating Blessing Bags for people experiencing homelessness. We will fill bags with items like combs, toilet paper, personal cleaning products, canned goods (flip tops), granola bars, flashlights, socks, sunscreen, lotions, etc. We will hand these bags out to those who need them. We welcome donations from the congregation! Please drop off any items at the church office for Pastor Sherry. Thank you!



### Volunteers Needed for Misericordia Candy Days

We are looking for additional volunteers who will give an hour or so of their time to collect money to support Misericordia, an organization that houses, equips, employs, and supports adults with disabilities. It is very simple! Just sign up for a time slot to collect money outside of Wal-Mart at 127th St. and Rt. 59 in Plainfield on Saturday, April 28th anytime between 8:00am and 4:00pm. This qualifies for volunteer hours for school! To volunteer or ask questions, contact Pastor Sherry at [sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com).



### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

...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 are selling these tasty pastries again during April! Stop down at coffee hour today, to sample these yummy pastries. You can place your order there, or through a member of the Youth Group - until April 22nd. 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 **TODAY**, 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 **this 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 Monday.



### 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
- \*Susan Koch's friend, Mike Wooliver
- \*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 15th through April 21st

Sun., 4/15	9:50a	Meet & Greet (JBFH) (folks new to PUMC)
	11:00a	Baptism - Maggie Grace Molenstra
	12:00n	Mission Committee (C/L)
	6:30p	Youth MISSION TRIP Meeting (206/207)
	6:30p	Adult Study: Moses: Reluctant Prophet (C/L)
Mon., 4/16		** DUE DATE for May Newsletter **
	11:30a	Lunch Bunch (C/L)
	6:30p	Education Comm. (C/L)
Tues., 4/17	6:30p	Stewardship Committee (206/207)
Weds., 4/18	8:15a	Men's Group B'fast (Offsite)
	6:00p	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
	6:00p	Worship Band (Sanc.)
	6:30p	Gentle Yoga (203)
	6:30p	WHAM! (202, 204)
	7:00p	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Thurs., 4/19	7:00p	Women's Book Group (C/L)
	7:00p	Planned Giving (106)
Sat., 4/21	8:30a	Bellissimo (Sanctuary Balcony)