



In the Footsteps of the  
**RELUCTANT PROPHET**

### 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).

### TOMORROW, Monday, April 23rd



PUMC is sponsoring 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.



Thank you to all who have made a donation of accessories (jewelry, scarves, belts, purses, etc.) for our "FREEMARKET TASTE" table coming up at the BlueStem Earth Festival on May 19th. We are still in need of items. There is a box in the coat room for your donated items. Please drop them off at the church through 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).



### Spring Is Here

(at least that's what the calendar tells us)

Do you have a "green thumb"? Even if you answered "no" - come join the Gardening Small Group tomorrow, Monday, at 10:30am in the Conference Room for a short meeting. All are welcome!

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



PUMC Youth are selling these tasty Pastries—and today is the last day you can order. Find one of our youth and place your order. 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!



...especially for the remainder of April and **May** and beyond!

### NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Contact Holly Strange at: [oriole45@hotmail.com](mailto:oriole45@hotmail.com) or by calling 815-351-4511, if you have any questions.



### It's Time to Play - Her Work is Done!

Wishing Victoria (and Paul) Eggerstedt the best as they embark on a new chapter in their lives. **Retirement!! Thanks** Victoria for your dedication and hard work to the church these past couple of years as Administrative Assistant. We know you will stay connected in worship, small groups, and committee work, and we will be eager to hear all about all of your adventures! Best Wishes!!



### 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
- \*Maggie Proulx's cousin, Audrey, and grandfather, Grampy Larry
- \*Sandi Reader's mom, Deloris Mesik
- \*Barbara Smith
- \*Jessie & Martin Topalov's friend, Macey Kline
- \*The John Vanderhoek Family

- \*\* 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 22nd through April 29th

Sun., 4/22		Last Day to Order Butter Braids
	4:00p	Senior Dinner (PUMC Diner/JBFH)
	6:30p	Adult Study: Moses: Reluctant Prophet (C/L)
Mon., 4/23	10:30a	Gardening Group (C/L)
	11:30a	Lunch Bunch (C/L)
	6:30p	Reconciling Church Panel Discussion (JBFH)
	8:00p	Admin Council (JBFH)
Tues., 4/24	7:00p	Centering Prayer (203)
Weds., 4/25	11:30a	Trinity Food Pantry (Offsite)
	6:00p	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
	6:00p	Worship Band (Sanc.)
	6:30p	Immersion Bible Study (Offsite)
	7:00p	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Fri., 4/27		Sr. High Retreat (Dickson Vally Camp & Retreat Center, Newark)
Sat., 4/28		Sr. High Retreat
		Trustee Church Clean-Up
	8:30a	Bellissimo (Sanctuary Balcony)