

## The *Third Annual* PUMC Church Picnic

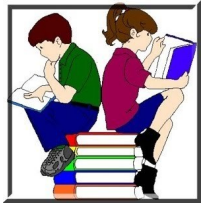


The church picnic will be held this year on **Sunday, September 30th** at (Grande Park Pavillion), with worship **beginning at 10:00am**. A potluck picnic will follow, with the church supplying chicken and beverages.

If you didn't come last year, you'll want to know that Grande Park's picnic pavillion is located adjacent to the parking lot, and offers a paved and fully-accessible place to picnic (with tables) under a canopy. The Park also has a playground for the kids, and full childcare and activities for children will be available.

In addition to the worship service, there will be games, fellowship and fun for everyone - not to mention some excellent food! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us! Complete details can be found in the September newsletter.

### KIDS' BOOK CLUB



It's Kids' Book Club time again!! Dust off those library cards or fire up your Amazon account and get ready for another great year of reading. Our first meetings will be on **Thursday, September 6th at 6:30 pm**. If you're in elementary school this year dig in to "The Most Magnificent Thing" by Ashley Spires. If you're in middle school this year pick up a copy of "The First Rule of Punk" by Celia C. Perez. Join us for some fun and of course snacks! Questions? Contact Melanie Dale or Wendy Proulx.



### PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- \*Ginny Alberini
- \*Fern Angelos' nephew, Ken Vallrugo
- \*Beth Best's dad, Miley Palmer
- \*Franklin & Pat Brown's sister-in-law, Helen Brown and friend, Dean Bitner
- \*Louise Corey
- \*Elmer & Judy Eddy
- \*Patty Habersberger's friend, Joanne Matzke
- \*Carole Holloway, for self, for dad, Tom Morris, friends, Sam & Kathy Madia and Harold, sister, Patti Quillman
- \*Nelson Jiménez
- \*Scott (Holli) Long's mon & dad, Richard and Cathy Long and families
- \*Veray Mackley's nephew, John Ryan and sister, Marilyn Braun
- \*Misty Martin
- \*Kim Pack's hometown pastor, Rev. Mark Harris and life long friend, Jenifer Franks
- \*Bonnie Rogers' friend, Linda
- \*MickeySue Traver's dad, Jack Moore
- \*Carrie Wrubel's son, Connor Jenkins

- \*\*Safety for all people in the Hawaiian Islands
- \*\*Those serving in the military, our fire fighters and police officers.
- \*\*Victims of war, violence and oppression around the world.

\*\*Missionaries & aid workers around the world

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

### PUMC CALENDAR

September 2 through September 8

Tues., 9/4	6:30p	Sunday School Orientation (JBFH)
	6:30p	YMAP (206,207)
Weds., 9/5	6:00p	Worship Band (Sanctuary)
	7:00p	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Thurs., 9/6	6:30p	Elementary/Middle School Book Clubs (105,106)
Fri. 9/7	6:30p	The "Believers" Potluck Fellowship (Offsite)
Sat. 9/8	8:30a	Bellissimo Practice (Sanctuary Balcony)
	6:00p	Choir Party (Offsite)



### NEW OFFICE HOURS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10th.

**Mon. through Thurs.: 9:00 am ~ 5:00 pm.**  
Office is closed on Friday.

**NOW HIRING \*\*Nursery Staff\*\*** PUMC is currently hiring for 1-2 new nursery staff positions. Hours are variable on Sunday mornings during worship services and Sunday School. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, agree to a background check, and have a heart for babies and toddlers. This is a paid position. Interested? Please contact Pastor Sherry at [sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com) or 815-436-9651.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

We still have a few spots to fill for teachers and helpers in our Sunday School programs! Would you like to serve God by teaching and loving our children and youth? Volunteers are given curriculum and are equipped for the job! Some people sign up to volunteer each week; most work in teams so that it is a two week/month commitment. Fall Sunday School begins Sept. 9th. Sunday School staff orientation will be Tuesday, Sept. 4th, at 6:30pm. Contact Pastor Sherry at [sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com) or 815-436-9651 for more information.

**Toddlers and Preschoolers Sunday School Orientation** -- Did you know that PUMC offers quality, engaging Sunday School classes for all children beginning at age 2 (by Sept. 1, 2018)? Toddlers and preschoolers can begin to learn the stories of faith and form positive relationships with others, all in a safe and loving environment.

Join Pastor Sherry Steele on **Sunday morning, Sept 9th at 9:45 am** for a special **orientation session** to your child's Sunday School class. First, come with your child to meet the teachers and helpers in their room and hear about what your kids will be learning over the next year. Then, the grown-ups will have a chance to talk with Pastor Sherry about strategies for encouraging your little one in their faith. Together we will nurture your child in God's love! **We hope you will join us!** Contact Pastor Sherry with questions at [sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com).

**Your child has a mission!** -- Help your child learn that they can make a difference in the world.



All kids in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to join us for WHAM! (We Have A Mission!) on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings each month from 6:30-7:30pm.**

This isn't just "one more thing" on the calendar, but helps engage your child in hands-on mission activities that put their faith into action! Each month a new project is unveiled and kids are prepared and deployed on their mission. Our first gathering will be Sept. 19th at 6:30 in room 202. Don't miss it! Contact Pastor Sherry with questions at [sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com).

**\*NEW\* Adult Class — Time for a Renovation?** Renovating a house can be an exciting and rewarding experience. You are a spiritual house, and God is ready to renovate. Together we will learn the story of Nehemiah from the Bible and discover how, broken and disconnected as all of us are sometimes, we can be rebuilt in a way that our lives might be lived for God. The group will be led by Pastor Sherry and will meet for six weeks on Sunday mornings, 9:50am to 10:45am, beginning Sept. 16. Questions? Contact Pastor Sherry at [sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com). Join us!



**Reminder...  
Worship Hours are  
Changing NEXT WEEK!**

**Next Sunday, September 9th**  
we begin our Fall Worship Schedule:  
**8:30am** Traditional Worship w/Chancel Choir  
**9:45am** Sunday School for all ages and Confirmation  
**11:00am** Contemporary Worship w/Worship Band

**Join Us for Lunch! \*NEW\* Adult study on Mondays during lunch.** The Lunch Bunch Group will be diving into the Gospel of John! John's Gospel is a unique portrait of Jesus and his teaching. We are beginning an eleven-week, video based study. We will have in depth discussions based on weekly readings and the videos. You are invited to come and see Jesus — to hear him speak, to see his signs— and to consider what it means to be his follower. The study begins on Monday, September 10th, from 11:30am-1pm. Contact Pastor Sherry at [sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com) with questions or to pick up a copy of the book.

## Confirmation Class Coming Up!

Have you ever asked some of the difficult questions of faith and belief? For example, "Can you believe the theory of evolution and still be a Christian?" Or "Does God *really* make bad things happen?" At Plainfield UMC, we believe deeply in equipping young people with the tools they need for a lifetime of growing in faith — instilling in them the ability to thoughtfully examine issues and seek God's wisdom. The most crucial step in this process is Confirmation Class, a year-long study of Christianity and the United Methodist faith that prepares young people to decide for themselves to proclaim their Christian faith and become members of the United Methodist Church.

We are inviting 8th graders and their parents or guardians to come to Room 106 on Sunday, September 9, at 9:45 AM for our Confirmation orientation. Confirmation Sunday will be May 19, 2018.

Please let us know whether you plan to be part of Confirmation by calling the church office at 815.436.9651 or emailing Youth Director Roger Beitzel at [roger.beitzel@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:roger.beitzel@plainfieldumc.com).