

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON

"Get Ready!"

-Rev. Dick Wisdom

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory *Plainfield Central Madrigal Singers*
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN *"God Almighty, We Are Waiting"* W&S #3047

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Hosanna to the Living Lord"

-Zachow

WE WELCOME YOU and thank you for worshiping with us today. We're glad you're here! Please be sure to sign our Ritual of Friendship book, located at the end of the pew.

PRAYER CONCERNS - If you have a prayer concern, or you would like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the prayer card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

STAY INFORMED - Church announcements and activities are shared through weekly e-mails. If you would like to be added to our e-mail list, please send your contact information to pumc@plainfieldumc.com.

PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 4—December 10

Sun. 12/4	5:30p	Youth Group Christmas Party
Wed. 12/7	6p	Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:30p	WHAM! Group Meeting
	7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thurs. 12/8	7p	Trustee Mtg

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:30a **Worship/Chancel Choir**
9:45a **Sunday School (all ages)**
9:45a **Confirmation**
11:00a **Worship/Worship Band**
8:15-12:15 **Nursery Care will be available**

Rev. Dick Wisdom, Senior Pastor
Rev. Sherry Steele, Minister of Faith Formation
Rev. Fritz Bartels, Retired Pastor in Residence

Join us for Coffee Hour

today following the 8:30am service in Fellowship Hall. Nelson Jimenez and Cheryl Wisdom are hosting today. Come, join us for a time of "connecting" with one another!



If you plan to meet in the church for a committee meeting or a small group meeting, please contact the church office to get on the church calendar. Contact pumc@plainfieldumc.com.



Please Pray For the Following People

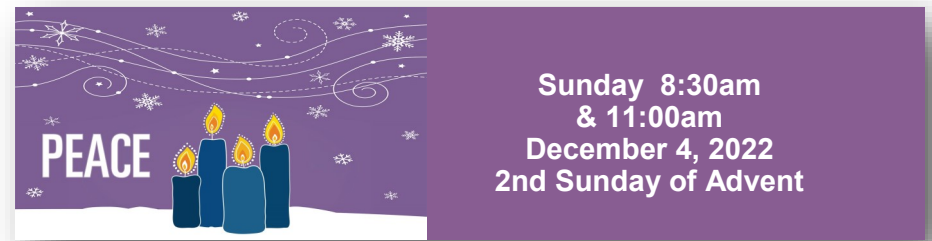
If you have a prayer concern, e-mail us at pumc@plainfieldumc.com. We will pray for you either privately or we will share your request with the congregation in our weekly E-News.

REMINDER:

Because we worship both in person and online, and don't always see each other, it is hard to know when to take someone off of the prayer list. Please notify the church office when requests should be removed or updated. Thank You!!



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WE WELCOME YOU!

PRELUDE "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" -Johnson/Near

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

- 8:30 The Fill Family
- 11:00 Claire Wellman & Maggie Proulx

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

Light the Advent candle, two:
Think of humble shepherds, who
filled with wonder at the sight
of the child of Christmas night.
Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the cold winter night;
candle, candle, burning bright,
fill our hearts with Christmas light.

***HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH #211
(vs. 1,2,4,7)

SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND LOVE

CHILDREN'S TIME "Where Children Belong" TFWS #2233
-Patty Habersberger

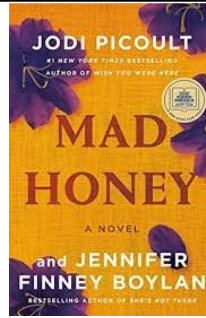
"This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the
worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer,
and song: This is where children belong."

CHORAL ANTHEM Plainfield Central Madrigal Singers

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP DECEMBER

Our book will be *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Bowlan. This is brand new and should be easy to find -- and it's getting rave reviews! We'll gather to discuss on Thursday, Dec 15th at 7pm. We are going to try our hand at a "hybrid" holiday party. We'll gather at the church so we can use the zoom set-up. Everyone who is coming in person is encouraged to bring a snack if you can -- something easy!

If you are joining us online, have a favorite snack or drink available just for you! We'll also be having a fun book exchange. If you'd like to participate, wrap up a book (less than \$20 -- or one you loved and read already and want to pass on your copy!) and we'll have a swap. ***Please let me know if you are going to join online and want to do the book exchange so we can make plans for how to receive/send you the book!*** Questions? Contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com. Hope you can join us for the fun!



Chancel Choir Cantata

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 8:30AM & 11AM SERVICES



The PUMC Chancel Choir will share *Were You There on That Christmas Night?*, a Christmas Musical by Lloyd Larson, on **Sunday, December 11 at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services**. The cantata features narration by Veray Mackley and Nelson Jimenez

and eight Christmas carols in fresh arrangements. The choir is accompanied by Kathleen Hermansen and directed by Beth Best. Please join us for this celebration in song!

All kindergarteners through fifth graders are encouraged to join us on **December 7 from 6:30PM to 7:30PM** as we join in a CREATIVE way to serve others! Hmmm...I wonder what we could be creating? Come see! Questions? Contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com.



Everyone is invited to join in the fun at our PUMC Advent Festival on **Sunday, December 18 at 9:45AM to 10:45AM** in Fellowship Hall! There will be no Sunday School that day. We will be holding a "Christmas Treat

Potluck Coffee Hour!" All families are encouraged to bring a plate or bowl of your family favorite Christmas treat (cookies, candies, etc.) to share. Recipe cards welcome for swapping! There will also be fun Christmas games and a couple of keepsake ornaments for you to create. All ages are encouraged to attend the fun and take home some Christmas treasures. Join us as we celebrate together! Questions? Contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com.

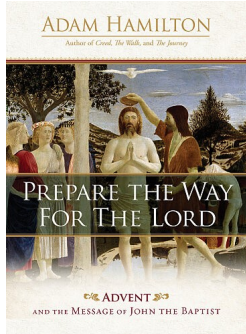


It's that time of year when we are all purchasing gift cards to give as gifts for teachers, service providers, family, and friends! On Sunday mornings and throughout the week in the church office, we will be selling gift cards for a variety of stores

and restaurants. When you purchase these for the face value of the card, our Youth Ministries receives a percentage of the sale. If we don't have the cards you are looking for, you can place an order. You can also order cards directly online. Directions are on the brochure at the table. Thank you for supporting our youth! If you are available to help between worship services to staff the table and take orders, please contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com or talk with MickeySue Traver, youth coordinator. Thank you!

Our WHAM! kids have completed collecting items for hygiene kits. Thank you to all who have donated to support asylum seekers in the Chicagoland area!





NEW Advent Adult Study You are invited to join in a small group Advent study! For centuries, Christians have turned to the story and message of John the Baptist in the weeks leading up to Christmas. In *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist*, best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton explores the Advent themes of John's life and ministry, and how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for his coming. You can read along with us or just come and watch the short videos in class. The study will take place over four weeks during Sunday School (9:50am-10:45am Sunday Mornings in room 206) or during Lunch Bunch (on Mondays from 11:30am-1:00pm in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom). Books can be purchased in the church office, in class, or online. Contact Pastor Sherry with questions or to receive the zoom link at sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com.



All youth are invited to our annual Christmas party **TONIGHT, December 4th from 5:30PM to 8:00PM** (note the different time). We'll have pizza for all! We'll also be doing a gift exchange – bring something around \$10

and wrap it up to give away. You never know what you'll get! Plan to join in the fun – friends welcome! Questions? Text MickeySue at 815-585-0889 (please identify who you are in the text).



Introducing Needle Arts Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group has changed its title to *Needle Arts Ministry*. Our mission is to create items of support and comfort to all who are in need. We make prayer squares and hats in addition to traditional prayer shawls. Some of us knit, but others crochet, embroider, do lace work and sew. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 9:30AM to 11:00AM for fellowship while we work, and to prayer our creations to bless their recipients. Come join us

on **Monday, December 12th at 9:30AM** in Friendship Hall by the fireplace. If you have questions, please contact Beth Best at beth.best@plainfieldumc.com. If you wish to deliver a prayer shawl to someone in need, please call the church office at 815-436-9651.

PUMC Welcomes PCHS!

The Plainfield Central High School Madrigal Singers are leading us in worship through song **today at 8:30AM and 11:00AM**. They are offering songs of the season, under the direction of Mr. Nathan Rancatore. The Madrigal Singers are preparing for their annual concert the weekend of December 16-17; you may contact the school for more information.



If you've come into the church, you may have noticed the tag tree is back! This year we have three different areas where you can give.

First, we are **collecting monetary donations** for families at Del Valle, the head start school for migrant workers. There are envelopes with different suggested amounts on them. You can turn those into the church office or leave in the offering plate. With those donations we will purchase gift cards for the families.

We also have included some **envelopes that will benefit the Ridgewood United Community Pantry** where we serve each month. The price of food has skyrocketed at the Food Bank and your donations will help us continue to provide for the hungry families.

And finally, if you prefer to shop, we also have **some tags supporting a local family** in the Plainfield Schools. These items can be purchased and returned to the church UNWRAPPED. **Please return these items by December 19** if possible. Thank you for your generosity during this season of giving!