

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

-Walther

WE WELCOME YOU and thank you for worshipping 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.

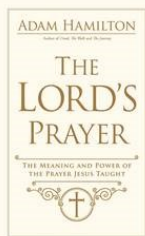
PRAYER CONCERNS - If you have a prayer concern, or you would like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the prayer card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

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



SPECIAL NOTICE: Due to the pandemic, we will not be resuming Nursery Care or Playful Praise at this time. Children are welcome and encouraged to be in worship. Worship bags and clipboards are available at the back of the sanctuary. Stop and pick one up for your little one(s)!

New Adult Study – All are encouraged to join in our Lenten Book Study. We are reading **Rev. Adam Hamilton's** book **“The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught.”**



Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We pray it often, at different times and in different settings. We remember it as the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it? In this class, we'll be guided to really know -and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. We'll explore each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we

ask of ourselves through its words. And we'll see how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life. Study the book on your own or join one of two classes: **Adult Sunday Class today through April 10 at 9:50am-10:45am in room 206 or Monday's Lunch Bunch, tomorrow through April 11 from 11:30am-1pm in the Fellowship Hall AND on Zoom.** For more information, contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com

**PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
March 13 through March 19, 2022**

Sun. 03/13	6:30p	Youth Group (JBFH)
Mon. 03/14	9:30a	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (PFH)
	11:30a	Lunch Bunch/Lenten Study In Person/Zoom (JBFH)
Wed. 03/16	8:15a	Men's Lenten Breakfast (Southern Belles)
	6:00p	Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00p	Lenten Program (Zoom)
Thu 03/17	7:00p	Women's Book Group (Zoom)
Fri 03/18	12:00p	Widows Group (Offsite)
Sat 03/19	9:00a	Bellissimo Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

The Men's Breakfast Group is open to men of all ages. The men enjoy fellowship over coffee and breakfast. This is a time when friendships have been developed, particularly for those new to the community or church.



During the season of Lent, join us each **Wednesday morning, through April 13 at 8:15am** for our Lenten Breakfasts. We will meet at Southern Belles, 15051 S. Van Dyke Rd. in Plainfield.

Coffee Hour Returns This Sunday!



Coffee hour will resume this Sunday following the 8:30AM service and during Sunday School in our Fellowship Hall downstairs. It will be hosted by the Maranowicz Family. Come and enjoy!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION. It will be here before we know it!!

This Sunday, March 13 at 6:30p to 8:00p all youth are invited to Youth Group. We will be focusing on prayer throughout Lent.

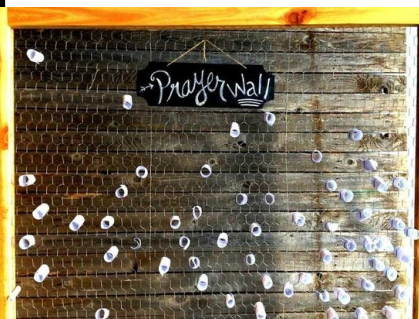


Youth Mission Trip 2022 – July 17 to July 23

We've had a fantastic response to our initial plans for this Summer's Mission Trip! So far we have more than 30 youth who have expressed interest. **The deadline to sign up will be at our next meeting on Sunday, March 20.**

Senior High Coffee House

All Senior High Youth are invited on the first Sunday of the month at **6:00p to 8:00p** for Coffee House in Friendship Hall. Our next Coffee House is **Sunday, April 3**. Stop in for coffee, hot cocoa, tea, snacks, games, music, and more!



The youth have built a Prayer Wall outside the sanctuary. We invite you to write down your prayer(s) on a piece of paper, roll it up, and place it in the wall. We hope this will serve as a meaningful way for you to have a visible reminder of the prayers you are offering to God. At the end of Lent, we will have a special Youth Group meeting

where we will take the prayers out of the wall, pray over them, and burn them, as we send them up to the Heavens.

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

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MARCH 13, 2022
8:30am

WE WELCOME YOU!

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The Faith We Sing
(soft-cover, black)
Worship & Song
(soft-cover, green)

PRELUDE -Bach, arranged by Thompson
"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather to worship!
Let nothing stand in our way.
There is no obstacle between God and God's people.
The Lord is our light and our salvation.
Our Lord gathers us under wings like a mother hen.
Be strong! Take courage. Hope in the Lord! (Psalm 27)

*HYMN *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* UMH #189

SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND LOVE

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer UMH #895

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:31-35
Marilyn Martin, Reader

SERMON

Rev. Sherry Steele
"God Moves Beyond Obstacles"

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory -J. M. Bach
"When in the Hour of Utmost Need"
*Doxology UMH #94
*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH #130 (vs. 1,2,4)
"God Will Take Care of You"



Lenten Contemplative Zoom Events

March 16 and March 29

All are welcome to join us for two special opportunities to encounter some new spiritual practices and observe a holy Lent! On **Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00PM**, PUMC is honored to welcome Deaconess Whitney R. Simpson as she leads us in an evening of a seated stretching, breathwork, and a meditation session, allowing us to become more embodied listeners. Whitney will share some of her own powerful story of surviving a stroke at age 31 and her journey of exploring ancient practices to re-connect her body and spirit. Whitney is an author of two books, co-owns the Bloom Yoga Studio in Lebanon, TN, and is the founder and director of Exploring Peace Ministries. She also is the creator of the *Exploring Peace* podcast. She will be joining us from Nashville, TN via Zoom.

Then, on **Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00PM**, PUMC's own Becky Potter will lead participants in exploring several simple spiritual practices. Each of these little things, when lived into, has the potential to become a part of you, molding and changing your life. After we engage in a few spiritual practices, we will discuss how to choose a practice that will deepen our relationship with Christ and grow fruits of the spirit in us and commit to making it a part of your daily life. Becky Potter is a retreat leader, storyteller, former spiritual director, educator, and labyrinth facilitator. She helps people grow spiritually by facilitating safe, sacred space where they are invited to explore God's presence and action in their lives. Becky received a Certificate in Advanced Spirituality and Spiritual Direction from the Institute for Spiritual Leadership in Chicago, is a graduate of the Two Year Academy for Spiritual Formation, and a certified Biblical Storyteller through the Academy for Biblical Storytelling.

These free Lenten events are open to all! To register and receive the Zoom link, contact Pastor Sherry at

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or sign up in the church office. If you cannot attend on the night of the event, registrants will have access to recordings of the sessions.

New Member Sunday



If you are not currently a member of Plainfield UMC and wish to join our church, you are invited to do so on our next **New Member Sunday, March 20** at 8:30am or 11:00am. You will be asked to remember your baptism and to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ. You must be baptized before joining the church.

Please contact Cheryl Henbest in the church office at 815-436-9651 or pumc@plainfieldumc.com if you plan to join the church on March 20, and we can answer any of your questions and/or concerns. If March 20 doesn't work for you, please let the church office know. We will be having other New Member Sundays in the near future.

Serve Your Hungry Neighbors in March!



The Ridgewood United Community Pantry is a joint ministry of the Joliet Cluster of United Methodist Churches, along with community support. Open every week on Wednesdays from 1PM to 3PM, it serves needy people in the 60432 and 60433 zip codes. Normally, PUMC takes a team of volunteers on the 4th Wednesday of each month to set up and serve clients. We also collect monetary, food, and supply donations throughout the year. During March, PUMC is scheduled to serve at the Ridgewood United Community Pantry on **TWO Wednesdays - March 23 and March 30!** During Spring Break, kids and youth are welcome to help! You can put your faith into action. If you can help or would like to learn more, contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com.



Women's Book Group - All women are welcome to join the Women's Book Group for good reads and great discussion! This group is open to women of all ages. We will meet **March 17, 7PM** via Zoom. Grab a copy of *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave, read it and then join us on March 17 to be a part of the discussion. To get the link, contact Pastor Sherry at

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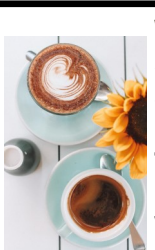


COVID-19 Safety Guidelines Update

As an act of Christian stewardship, PUMC considers the good health and well-being of not only our members, but also our community. We continue to seek to avoid harm and do good as we attend to the practices that help us grow in the love of God, as the COVID-19 Pandemic continues toward an endemic status. As a result of guideline changes from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, we have updated our COVID Safety Guidelines:

- For Sunday morning worship, masks are optional.
- For Sunday morning Children and Youth Sunday School, masks are required for all in the Education hallways and classrooms.
- Masks are encouraged, but not required for all other meetings, gatherings, or groups. We recommend each group consult with each other on how to do good and avoid harm as a group in consideration of each other's needs and desires.
- We will continue to practice COVID-19 safety best practices throughout our building, including cleaning protocols and air circulation.

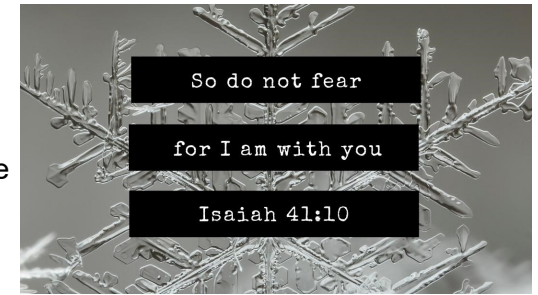
In accordance with the Wesleyan principle of do no harm, we strongly encourage our church community to continue practices that promote good health among our beloved community such as vaccinations, wearing of masks, frequent washing of hands, good air circulation, and social distancing. If community transmission spikes in our area, we may return to mask requirements for all activities.



Widows Group - The Widows Small Group is a social and support group. They meet monthly for an activity away from the church. They always eat and have a lot of fun. Join them on the **third Friday of the month at 12:00PM to 1:00PM**. The next meeting is **Friday, March 18**. New members are always welcome. Contact the church office at pumc@plainfieldumc.com for more information.

PLEASE REFERENCE YOUR WEEKLY eNEWS TO SEE THE CURRENT PRAYER LIST. THEN TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO PRAY FOR THOSE LISTED.

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



Because we are not all together, it is hard to know when to take someone off of the prayer list. Please notify the church office when something changes. Thank You!!



Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

meets on the second Monday of the month at 9:30am in Parks Friendship Hall (at the top of the stairs). Bring your yarn, knitting needles or crochet hook and join us on **March 14, 9:30am** for a couple of hours of fun and fellowship while putting your hands to work for the benefit of others. You can create a prayer shawl or a prayer square.

The group can then pray over it, and it will be ready for someone in need of comfort and love! If anyone has any questions, please contact Debbie Obrecht at 815-436-5369.

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 10 at 8:30AM and 11AM

Easter Family Celebration

Sunday, April 10 at 9:45AM to 11AM

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 15 at 7PM

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 17 at 8:30AM and 11AM

