



# EVERYONE HAS A SPARK

# Words of Wisdom



2020 will be a year we will never forget. And, if this is the “new normal,” I can tell you that I don’t like it. I’ll follow it, wrestle with it, challenge it but ultimately, I’ll do whatever it takes to provide safety for this community of faith.

The hardest part for me is the lack of face to face contact with each of you. I guess some part of me always knew that, but it’s never been tested like this. To be sure, I have more outside contact than most. Especially recently with the unrest, protests and rioting nearby. I’ve spent many hours with the Plainfield PD, being present and supportive of them as they engage in keeping this community safe as well as providing safety for folks who want to engage in their first amendment right to protest. But I really miss seeing you guys!

In today’s world, tech is advancing faster than we are. In fact, I’ve read that the everyday technology we will use in two years, has not yet been developed. The good news is we have the access and ability to electronically connect like never before. Whether through zoom meetings, Facebook live, live streaming or the plain old cell phone, we can still connect.



Pastor Sherry and I have grieved trying to connect with you through a camera. It turns out that it is way more difficult on our side to engage with the camera instead of your faces. Nonetheless we’ve worked hard at developing new skills and conveying the Gospel as substantively as possible through tech. The picture below is not an indicator that I lack skills in house cleaning. Rather, all that gear, widgets and equipment on the dining table is my inventory used to record and produce my parts of worship and Facebook live events. And Pastor Sherry has even more than that (it could be because she is married to Pastor Tedd who is really GOOD at this stuff).

How are you doing? What are you thinking? What makes you nervous or afraid today? What are you celebrating? Where do you see Christ in your life?

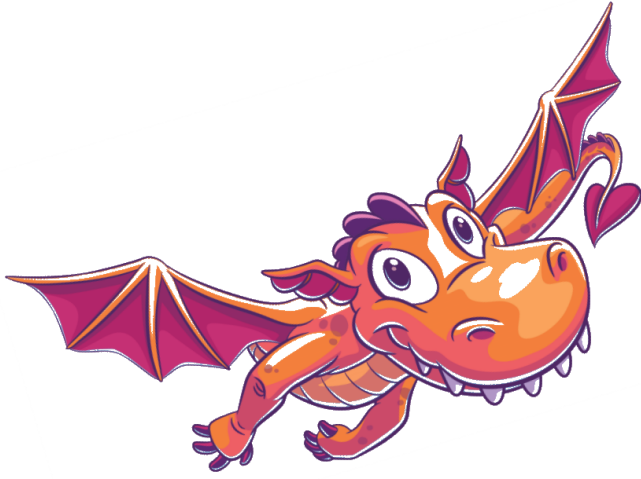
Tell us, let us know by email, snail mail, notes or you can use the link to the recent survey we sent out. It would really help us. The link is:

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Anything you write is held confidential with Pastor Sherry and me.

So, my Friends, I pray to see you soon. By the end of the summer we hope that everything has progressed to a point where we can plan our return to worship in our basecamp! In the meantime know that you are loved, prayed for and missed by myself and Pastor Sherry!

*Pastor Dick*



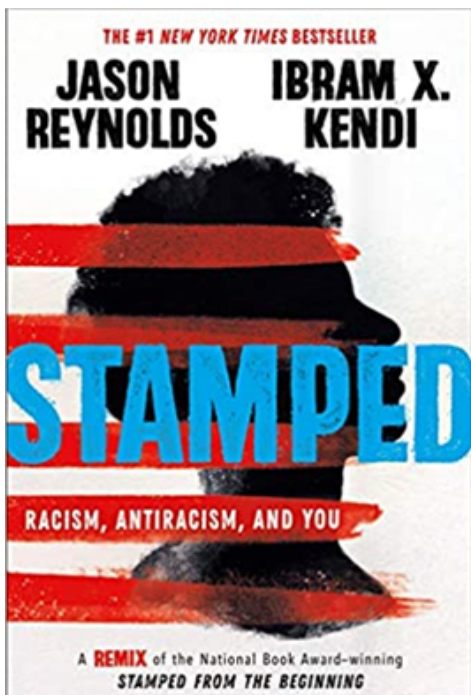
## Extraordinary VBS

### Last Chance to Register

All kids ages 3 (by Sept 1, 2020) to 8th grade (2020-2021 school year) are invited. We are busting out of the walls of the church to bring your family a VBS adventure—from our castle to yours! Join us for Knights of North Castle. Kids will engage in unforgettable scripture stories via online videos and blend them with cool crafts you can do at home, plus science and games that get us outside in a “field trip” format.

We will have exciting music everyone can dance to, and cooking demos that will take your snacks to a new level! Best of all, your kids will receive the encouragement they need to take up the gauntlet, accept the challenge to “armor up,” and be strong by remaining with God and sharing God’s love in a world that needs it more than ever.

Included in your FREE registration is a VBS kit for your kids that includes crafts, games, science experiments, and access to the week’s activities. Registration is limited—sign up today at [Plainfieldumc.com](http://Plainfieldumc.com).



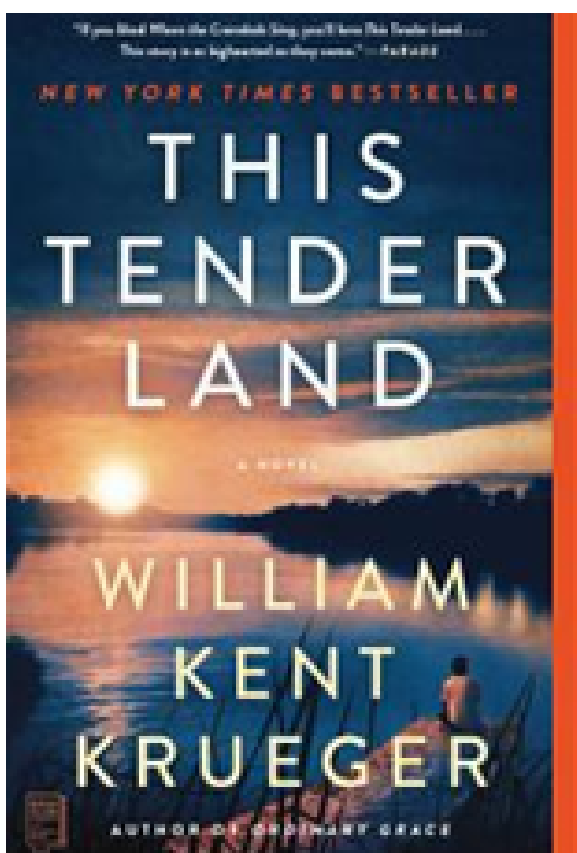
## Calling All Youth

You’ve likely been hearing about racism a lot lately. You are invited to join in a reading of the Award-Winning Best Seller “Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You” This is a “remix” of the National Book Award-Winning Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds. Discussion of the book will be led by Patty Habersberger via Zoom. No date has been set yet — but you can order your book now (they can be hard to come by!) and let Patty know you are interested in the discussion at [dsh01@comcast.net](mailto:dsh01@comcast.net).



## Fun and Different

Looking for something fun and different to try this summer? Take a class at [beadisciple.com](http://beadisciple.com)! One recommended by our own Becky Potter is "Journaling With Your Camera." Do you enjoy recording images with your camera? Have you ever thought of combining the visual aspect of photography with journaling? This class taught by Val Isenhower, photographer and ordained minister, is an experiential class combining the spiritual practice of journaling with the spiritual practice of photography. You may want to check out the class offerings!



## Women's Book Group

It's a great time to join the Women's Book Group as we pick up some great books this summer! Contact Pastor Sherry at [sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com) to be added to our email list for Zoom Link information. We hope you'll read along with us!

- July:** This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger; Zoom Discussion 7/23 at 7pm
- August:** The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson; Zoom Discussion 8/20 at 7pm





# Youth Ministry Starts With Ice Cream

Some say Youth Ministry begins with the stories of Jesus and his love. Others maintain it all begins with relationships.. However, PUMC will begin in-person Youth Group meetings again with ice cream! Beginning Wed. July 8 at 7:00 p.m., we will meet in groups of not more than 10 people to enjoy ice cream, talk face to face, and begin rebuilding friendships with one another.

We will start with 8 Senior High youth, then meet with 8 different Senior High youth the following week, and so on until we have worked our way through the Senior High. Then, we will begin meeting with the Junior High youth, 8 at a time, to remain in compliance with CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID.

The ice cream will come from Hazel Marie's! Youth will need to look at the flavors offered by Hazel Marie's, <https://www.hazelmariesicecream.com/menu>. They can choose the flavor or flavors they want for a two-scoop bowl, then text or email those choices to Roger Beitzel. One adult will collect the choices and place an order for curbside pick-up and bring the ice cream to church. Youth Ministries will pay for the ice cream each week.

We will be meeting outside – either in the parking lot or the side yard – so we can stay 6 feet apart. Everyone should bring their own lawn chair and plan to wear a mask when not eating ice cream.

Sign ups for each week will be on a first come, first served basis. Youth can sign up by sending a text to Roger Beitzel. He will let everyone know whether they are one of the first 8 or not. The youth who is the 9th one to sign up for July 8 will automatically be the first one on the list for July 22, and so on. We will not meet on Wed. July 15 because that week is VBS.

## Thank You Dollars for Scholars

"Thank you for the involvement you had in helping me get the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation Scholarship. I am more than grateful to have people like you in my life that help me further me education. I hope all are staying happy and healthy during these times." - **Bree Mizwicki**

"Thank you very much for your generous contribution to my college fund. I am happy to say that because of your gift, I am able to receive the full \$4,000 through UMHEF! Thank you also for all the love and support you've given me over the years. PUMC has definitely shaped who I am today. I'll make sure to come visit a ton!" - **Sophia Hiatt**

"Thank you for informing me about the United Methodist Dollar for Scholars Scholarship opportunity. I would not have been awarded, without you informing me. I truly appreciate your assistance in forwarding my academic career." - **Sam Glodoski**

## Mr Don's Rock Group

We now have a "Mr Don's Rock Group" Facebook page where we share information related to geology and rocks. If you are not already in this Facebook group and would like to be, please email Mr Don at [habersbergerd@gmail.com](mailto:habersbergerd@gmail.com) with your Facebook account name so you can be invited. Thanks and have a safe summer.

## Congratulations Confirmands

Elizabeth Claire Bigus  
Kendyl Kay Ann Hanson  
Charlie Henriksen  
Abigail Marie Kearney  
Cameron James Paulson  
Jakob Thomas Terrence Paulson  
Tyler James Schick  
Kayla Lorine Swolley  
Jackson Brady Wagner  
Xander Wettergren

# June Prayer List

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Adam Stephens (the family thanks you for all of your prayers)  
Alise Anderson's brother, Sean Gately (Covid-19)  
Lonny Bodie  
Melanie Dale  
Carolyn & Jeff Dement's nephew, Shawn; friend, Lynette Wilson and family  
Harriet Glasgow  
Skip Glasgow  
Kathy Hermansen's sister-in-law, Kandace Hermansen  
Greg Hill  
Carole Holloway's friend, Judy and friend, Ken White, Jr. (Covid-19)  
Kate (Witkiewicz) Iverson's sister-in-law, April Courtright  
Sandy Krzywanos  
Sandy Krzywanos' sister, Wendy  
Margie & Ron Lee  
Chip & Veray Mackley's daughter, Laura Marrero  
Chip Mackley's friend, Paul  
Veray Mackley's family for the loss of her sister, Marilyn  
Ken (Lana) Magsam's sister, Joleen Perkins  
Misty Martin  
Karen Mizwicki's friend, Marie Mokrzycki  
Bill Niedoborski  
Pfister Family on the loss of Laurel's father, Robert Cameron Mackenzie III  
Rich Ponulak's father, Boleslaw Ponulak  
Rodriguez Family's uncle Al Thomason  
Rylee Soldat's (one of our "new youth") grandmother, Elizabeth Flickinger (Covid-19)  
Sam Stockton  
Angie Sullivan's grandmother, Adrienne King  
Angie Sullivan's Aunt Joyce  
MickeySue Traver's parents, Jack & Harriett Moore and her sister-in-law, Angel  
Don Wachal  
Georgia Whitley

## Sympathy Notice

June 11 - Pfister Family  
May 14 - Henbest Family

## Thank You

We wish to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who expressed their sympathy for the passing of Suzy's dad and my brother, Ron Henbest, with cards, e-mails, phone calls, memorial donations, thoughts and prayers and other expressions of sympathy. You are all so very special to us and were to Ron as well, and we are so thankful for your love and support during our time of loss and grief. We love you and feel blessed to be a part of such a caring church family.

Sincerely,  
Suzy and Cheryl

# JULY

## 07-01-2020

**12:00pm** Widows Group

**5:00pm** Sr High Youth

## 07-02-2020

**3:00pm** Chat with the Pastor (*Facebook*)

**6:30pm** Band Recording

## 07-05-2020

**10:00am** Online Worship

**6:30pm** Sr High Youth

**7:30am** Jr High Youth

## 07-06-2020

**9:00am** Prayer Shawl Knitting

**6:30pm** Staff Parish

**11:30am** Lunch Bunch

## 07-07-2020

**3:00pm** Chat with the Pastor (*Facebook*)

**6:30pm** YMAP

## 07-08-2020

**12:00pm** Widows Group

**5:00pm** Sr High Youth

## 07-09-2020

**3:00pm** Chat with the Pastor (*Facebook*)

## 07-11-2020

MEMs Catch-up (*Zoom*)

## 07-12-2020

**10:00am** Online Worship

**6:30pm** VBS

**6:30pm** Sr High Youth

**7:30pm** Jr High Youth

## 07-13-2020

**6:30pm** VBS

## 06-17-2020

**3:00pm** Chat with the Pastor (*Facebook*)

**6:30pm** VBS

## 07-15-2020

**12:00pm** Widows Group

**5:00pm** Sr High Youth

**6:30pm** VBS

## 07-16-2020

**3:00pm** Chat with the Pastor (*Facebook*)

**6:30pm** VBS

## 07-19-2020

MEMs Zoom Craft

**10:00am** Online Worship

**6:30pm** Sr High Youth

**7:30pm** Jr High Youth

## 07-20-2020

**11:30am** Lunch Bunch

## 07-21-2020

**3:00pm** Chat with the Pastor (*Facebook*)

## 07-22-2020

**11:30am** Trinity Food Pantry (*Off-Site*)

**12:00pm** Widows Group

**5:00pm** Sr High Youth

## 07-23-2020

**3:00pm** Chat with the Pastor (*Facebook*)

**7:00pm** Women's Book Group

## 07-26-2020

Youth Virtual Concert

**10:00am** Online Worship

**6:30pm** Sr High Youth

**7:30pm** Jr High Youth

## 07-27-2020

**11:30am** Lunch Bunch

## 07-28-2020

**3:00pm** Chat with the Pastor (*Facebook*)

## 07-29-2020

**12:00pm** Widows Group

**5:00pm** Sr High Youth

## 07-17-2020

**11:30am** Chat with the Pastor (*Facebook*)

## 07-31-2020

**4:30pm** Sr. High Retreat

## 07-28-2020

**3:00pm** Chat with the Pastor (*Facebook*)

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## Worship Services

**10am** Sunday Online Worship

**3pm** Tuesday Chat with Pastor Dick or Pastor Sherry

**3pm** Thursday Chat with Pastor Dick or Pastor Sherry