



*And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love. But the
greatest of these is love.*



1 Corinthians 13:13

Words of Wisdom



We made it to February 2021. That is no small feat! Somehow it feels a little better being in 2021 than 2020. Normalcy, however, has not returned. It even seems that what was normal in the past is somehow changing. But there is tangible hope. Vaccines have literally, miraculously been developed in 10 months and are finally being distributed. The rollout seems slow but when over 350 million people need it, I'm not sure how fast the bureaucracy can move especially when politics are involved.

Nonetheless we are moving forward albeit slowly. Pastor Sherry and I on behalf of Plainfield UMC, are carefully watching, assessing, seeking new information and engaging with colleagues and the health community to determine when we might safely reopen in some fashion. It appears we won't have that option until mid to late summer at the earliest. In the meantime, Pastor Sherry, I, and the staff are going to continue to lead worship, small groups, classes, and music online and digitally in as many ways as possible. We are also planning in 60-90 days, on putting together a small team to plan what our reentry into the church building might look like using the latest information at the time.

As for now let's recommit to travelling together through this different time. By relying on each other it helps us and is an example to others as to how to do this. And let us recommit to growing in our faith, connecting with online worship, participating in a small online group or book study. You can even drop us an email, text or note if you want to start or join a group.

You folks have been amazing through all of this! I am blessed to be among you!

Pastor Dick

FEBRUARY 7th

Join us for Communion from 11-12:30pm.



This Sunday, we'll be celebrating "mobile" Holy Communion at the church property.

Join us online as we bless the elements in the service. Then, come to the church (corner of Illinois and Chicago Streets) anytime between 11am-12:30pm to receive the elements. Please stay in your car and line up facing Lockport St. (see map).

Much care will be taken to prepare and handle the bread and juice safely and to minimize contact as you are served. As always, the bread is gluten free and ALL people of all ages are welcome to join us. We can't wait to see you face to face!



Please join us on Wednesday, February 17th, for our observance of Ash Wednesday.

We will be making small packets of ashes available to households beginning on Sunday, Feb 7th during our mobile Holy Communion. You can also pick up packets in the church atrium beginning February 8th during business hours (9:30-3:30). We will be premiering an Ash Wednesday imposition of ashes on the 17th which you can observe at home with your family via Facebook and YouTube.

Questions? Contact the church office at 436-9651.



Women's Book Group

Love to read and want a way to connect with others, even while we're apart? Try out the Women's Book Group! Pop in any month you can for a great discussion via Zoom. Links are sent via email, so contact Pastor Sherry to be added to the email list (sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com). Below are our books for the next three months. Hope you can join us!

February 18 — The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

March 18 — American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

April 15 — The Book of Longing by Sue Monk Kidd



Want to Help?

PUMC is scheduled to serve at the Ridgewood Pantry in Joliet on Wednesday, February 24th. We need helpers in the afternoon who can lift boxes and load them into client's cars. Strong arms and backs required; social distancing measures must be followed. Can you help? Contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com.



February Youth Activities

Join us for Youth Chats. We'll talk about coping with anxiety and play some new, fun games!

7:00 p.m. - Wed. Feb. 10th and 24th.



Youth Ministry Summer Plan's

PUMC's Youth Ministry Advisory Panel met on Jan. 12 to discuss Youth Mission options for this summer. After weighing all the factors and talking through different ways to protect participants from COVID, it was decided that we will not have a traditional Mission Trip again this summer. Instead, we are exploring multiple options for local mission activities that will allow everyone to be COVID safe. Possibilities include volunteering at an animal shelter, working on the landscaping at Joliet Area Community Hospice, and making knotted blankets. There will also be virtual options so everyone will be able to participate safely. Watch for more information and announcements as we get closer to summer! Just so you know, YMAP also decided that when we are able to plan another traditional Mission Trip, we will be heading to JOSHUA in Ohio, the same place we were planning to go last summer.

Self love

Self-love is not selfish

It is an experience

A lifelong journey

That teaches you the most valuable things about yourself

It is a way

To strengthen your heart

From all the dangers and traps

In this world

And it is actually rewarding to your soul

Because you are taking care of it

In the most powerful way.

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January Prayer List

- Alise Anderson's parents, Jim & Missy Whitlock - COVID related
- Fern Angelos' friend, Barb Hunckler
- George (Fern) Angelos' goddaughters, Jeri Graham - COVID; Beth White - COVID
- Armstrong Family for Jennifer's mom; for family to stay healthy as they travel out of state
- Kathy (Roger) Bietzel's niece's daughter, Devon
- Linda Bodie upon the passing of her loving husband, Lonny
- Melanie Dale's brother
- Carolyn (Jeff) Dement's niece, Kelsey; cousin, Rocky James family upon his passing from COVID
- Sharon Frink
- Jennifer Garcia's friend's daughter, Gabby
- Ali Glodoski's dad, Curt Heise
- Patty Habersberger's friend, Janis Farrall, who has MS and is recovering - COVID
- Jamie Henriksen's neighbor and family
- Helen Hill and her son, Greg Hill
- Carole & Bob Holloway - COVID
- Karyn Holstead's friend, Mary Ellen
- Margie & Ron Lee
- Holli Long's friend's daughter currently in the ICU with pediatric heart failure
- Laura (Mackley) Marrero
- Misty Martin
- Harriett Nelson 's mother's care partner at Senior Star, Tanya Sellers - COVID. Tanya's husband - COVID as well
- Sandi Reader's mom, Deloris Mesik
- Diane Roberts' sister's friend, Cindy; her friend, Stacy - who lost her son, father and daughter
- Betty (Tom) Sacco's brother, James R. Tillman's family upon his passing - Alzheimer's Disease and COVID; and a second brother who passed away this past week
- Bob & Rena Snyder's godson, Joel Swartz's family upon his passing
- Debbie & Ed Thompson
- Albert (Marnie) Vidad, Uncle Mario's family upon his passing - COVID
- Georgia Whitley
- Miranda Wolf - grandma, upon the passing of her grandpa, Ed Solomon in December
- Nancy Ziech's mother Violetta ; Aunt Amy; daughter Danielle (Police Officer)

FEBRUARY

2-01-2021

11:30am Lunch Bunch

6:30pm Staff Parish

2-03-2021

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

5:00pm Sr High Youth

2-07-2021

9:00am Confirmation

9:15am Sunday School

10:00am Online Worship

10:45am Adult Sunday School

2-08-2021

11:30am Lunch Bunch

2-09-2021

7:00pm M&O

2-10-2021

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

2-14-2021

9:00am Confirmation

9:15am Sunday School

10:00am Online Worship

10:45am Adult Sunday School

2-15-2021

11:30am Lunch Bunch

2-17-2021

ASH WEDNESDAY

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

5:00pm Sr High Youth

2-18-2021

7:00pm Women's Book Group

2-19-2021

11:30am Widows Group

2-21-2021

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00am Confirmation

9:15am Sunday School

10:00am Online Worship

10:45am Adult Sunday School

2-22-2021

11:30am Lunch Bunch

2-24-2021

11:30am Trinity Food Pantry

12:00pm Widows Group

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

2-28-2021

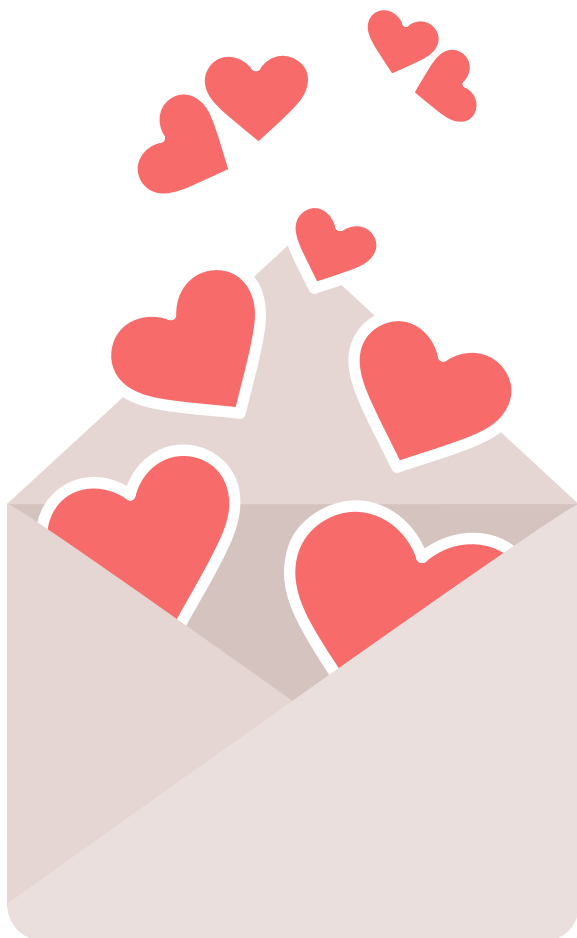
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Worship Services

10am Sunday Online Worship

3pm Wednesday Online Chat, Pastor Dick or Pastor Sherry