

JANUARY NEWSLETTER PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## **WORDS OF WISDOM**

Over the last several years my dog Shadow and I have traveled to and from Fort Worth Texas by car a good number of times. For a dog that clearly had never been in a car when I got her, well, she has turned into a master traveler. She and I drove to Fort Worth and back last week for Thanksgiving where we celebrated with my wife Cheryl, two of our boys, daughter in-laws, and three of our grandkids.

We all had a great time and are very thankful. Shadow and I have made the trip to Texas so many times we know the route by heart. This last trip we had a new personal best, we made the trip in a little over 14 hours with three stops along the way. We most often travel through the night as it is cooler with much less traffic, so we don't hit any rush hours in St. Louis, Tulsa, or Oklahoma City on our way.



As I reflect on our most recent trip, in the midst of the holiday season, I can't help but think about the people who work at night to provide for their families or simply to make life work. During our trips, Shadow and I usually stop somewhere in Missouri, Oklahoma, and northern Texas, for gas and to stretch and walk around a bit. I'm always impressed by the employees at the mini marts or gas



stations we stop at. They are kind, helpful, and fully engaged in doing their job. I find myself wondering what their story is. Is this a second job they have? Is this their full-time job? Is working the night shift tough on their friends or family? I'm always hustling, trying to push through the night to get to my destination. It always takes me a day or two to fully recover from driving through the night. How do they fare working all night especially when most of the world is on the day shift? Maybe I should ask one of them one of these trips.

So, I would just like to lift up those who can be invisible to many or most of us as they hold down their jobs during the

nights or are our servers in restaurants or bars while we are on our off hours. My next trip or engagement with any of these folks I'm going to thank them for the job they do and for the care they take.

As for all of you folks reading this, thanks for being a partner in ministry with PUMC!

Blessings,

Pastor Dick





## Hope when it hurts

Every one of us faces challenges that threaten our well-being.

Real life sometimes brings fear, anger, and shame.

We struggle.

We fail.

But can we find hope together?

Join us for our sermon series Hope When it Hurts, beginning January 13th.

January 13th - Fear

January 20th - Anxiety and Depression

January 27th - Failure

February 3rd - Anger

February 10th - Shame

Hope to see you there!



#### Paths: Landscape of our lives

A One-day Retreat for the Women of Plainfield UMC and Grace UMC Saturday, January 12th, 9:00 -3:30pm at Grace UMC 1718 Avalon Ave, Joliet (corner of Larkin and Avalon) Coordinated by Judy Bartels and Becky Potter.

Come. Join the circle of women as we pause

at the beginning of a new year to notice God's footprints and fingerprints on the paths we have traveled to this point in our lives and to gaze forward seeking God's vision for our path in the coming year. During this day we will sing, eat, laugh, pray, listen, create, share our stories and rest in God's loving presence. Invite a friend to come with you.

Suggested donation is \$20. We want you to come, so pay whatever works in your budget. All materials, lunch, and a morning snack are included. Childcare will be available upon request by Jan. 9th. Register by contacting Becky Potter 815-351-1759 or at church on Sunday, Jan 6th. Registration deadline is Jan. 9th. Registration is limited to 40 participants.

Make checks payable to Grace United Methodist Church.



### Youth Mission trip

June 23 - June 29

We are proud to announce this years mission trip is going to be held at Red Bird Mission. Youth mission trips offer so many benefits. They encourage independence and decision making skills. They teach us how to get along with others. Our youth will learn life skills, such as how to use power tools and make basic home repairs. Please contact Roger Beitzel at roger.beitzel@plainfieldumc.com or MickeySue Traver at mickeysue.t@hotmail.com

#### **Youth Celebrate Christmas**

PUMC Youth gathered for our annual Christmas Party on Dec. 16. The party included lots of Christmas goodies, hot cocoa, and fun with the White Elephant Gift Exchange. This year, we added an opportunity for the Youth to give back and help support the Education of Girls around the globe by asking them to bring their spare change, or a few dollars, to donate to WorldVision. PUMC Youth donated \$43, which was matched by three Youth Group Leaders, for a total donation of \$172! Here's a link with more information, or if you would like to contribute as well. https://donate.worldvision.org/give/education-for-girls

#### It's a Youth Lock-In!

Join us for an overnight of fun, discussion, fun, food, fun, movies, fun, games, and Fun! We'll start at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4 with pizza for dinner and end at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 with tired youth and adults. We'll be talking about "Christmas Characters," so feel free to wear a Christmas costume, Onesie, or PJs! Guys bring a sweet snack to share, girls bring a salty snack. Youth Ministries will provide Pizza & Pop!

## Youth Group Tackles a Big Question God, Who R U?

Asking questions is a normal part of the adolescent process and sorting out our faith can be a challenge at any age. Youth Group will be pulling these two things together by taking a look at "God, Who R U?" We'll explore the major religions of the world, and compare and contrast their beliefs with what Christians believe. Join us for Youth Group on scheduled Sundays from 6:30-8:00 as we play games, enjoy food and fun, and tackle these powerful discussions.

## Scrip Gift Cards Benefit Everyone

Thanks to everyone for generously supporting the Scrip program during the Christmas season! Your purchases helped Youth Ministries earn nearly \$300 during the month of December! Did you know, you can help the Youth earn money year-round? A few simple changes in your shopping habits can help earn money for the Youth Program from January to December!

Where's your favorite place to buy groceries? Jewel? Mariano's? Meijer? Target? Wal-Mart? Scrip has the cards you need! Just stop by the Scrip table on Sunday morning, and order \$50, \$100, \$200, or more in gift cards for your favorite grocery store. Then, when you buy your groceries, you can help support our Youth!

Scrip also has gift cards for gas stations, auto parts stores such as AutoZone and Pep Boys, and even Jiffy Lube. When you drive or service your car, you can support our Youth!

Do you buy medications or other items at CVS or Walgreens? Guess what?! Scrip has cards for those stores as well! Start off with a \$10 or \$25 card for vitamins and shampoo, then order a \$50 or \$100 card to pay for your prescriptions. Who knew your every-day shopping could help put money into the Youth Program? Now you can purchase all your daily necessities and fund the Youth Program at the same time! It's a Win-Win!



#### Youth Calendar

Including a Save the Date!

Jan. 13 6:30- 8:00 "God, Who R U? – Christianity"

Jan. 27 6:30- 8:00 "God, Who R U? – Judaism"

Save the Date! Youth Group Lock In 6:30 p.m. Jan. 4 through 7:00 a.m. Jan. 5

DATE	TIME	EVENT
01-02-2019	6pm	Worship Band (Sanctuary)
	6:30pm	Gentle Yoga (203)
	6:30pm	WHAM! (202)
	7pm	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
01-03-2019	6:30pm	Elementary Kid's Book Club (105)
	6:30pm	Middle School Kid's Book Club (106)
01-04-2019		Youth Lock - In
01-05-2019	8:30am	Belllissimo Practice (Sanctuary Balcony)
01-06-2019	8:30am	Worship with Chancel Choir
	9:45am	Sunday School and NO Confirmation
	11am	Worship with Worship Band
	12:30pm	Fun Men's Group
	6:30pm	Cussers & Discusser / Animate Faith Adult Study
01-07-2019	11:30am	Lunch Bunch (C/L)
	6:30pm	Safety & Security Committee Meeting (C/L)
01-08-2019	6:30pm	Travelling Team (206 & 207)
	7pm	Membership & Outreach (C/L)
	7pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting (PFH)
01-09-2019	6pm	Worship Band (Sanctuary)
	7pm	Chancel Choir ( Choir Room)
01-10-2019	7pm	Trustee Meeting (C/L)
01-12-2019	8:30am	Bellissimo Practice (Balcony)
	9am	Women's Retreat (Off-Site)
01-13-2019	8:30am	Worship with Chancel Choir
	9:45am	Sunday School and Confirmation
	11am	Worship with Worship Band
	6:30pm	Cussers & Discusser / Animate Faith Adult Study
	6:30pm	Jr./Sr. High Youth Gathering
01-14-2019	9:30am	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (PFH)
	11:30am	Lunch Bunch (C/L)
	7pm	KINECT: Parents of teens (206/207)
01-15-2019	6:30pm	Y.M.A.P. (206/207)
	9:30am	Cantata Practice (sanctuary)
01-16-2019	8:15am	Men's Group Breakfast (Off-site)
	6pm	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
	6pm	Worship Band (Sanctuary)
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01-16-2019	6:30pm	Gentle Yoga (203)
	6:30pm	WHAM! Christmas Party & Caroling (202/204)
	7pm	Chancel Choir ( Choir Room)
01-17-2019	7pm	Women's Book Group (C/L)
01-18-2019	11:30am	Widows Group (off-site)
01-19-2019	8:30am	Bellissimo Practice (Sanctuary Balcony)
01-20-2019		Circuit Rider Submission Due Date
	8:30am	Worship with Chancel Choir
	9:45am	Sunday School and Confirmation
	11am	Worship with Worship Band
	12pm	Missions Committee Meeting (206/207)
	12:15pm	Doris Stabler Scholarship Committee (C/L)
	6:30pm	Cussers & Discusser / Animate Faith Adult Study
01-21-2019	11:30am	Lunch Bunch (C/L)
	6:30pm	Education Committee Meeting (C/L)
01-23-2019	9:30am	Music Together (203)
	10:45am	Music Together (203)
	11am	Trinity Food Pantry (Off-Site)
	5:15pm	Music Together (203)
	6pm	Worship Band (Sanctuary)
	7pm	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
01-24-2019	9:30am	Music Together (203)
	12:30pm	Music Together (203)
	6:30pm	Staff Parish Relation Meeting
	7pm	Planned Giving Meeting
01-26-2019	8:30am	Bellissimo Practice (Sanctuary Balcony)
	10am	Music Together (203)
01-27-2019	8:30am	Worship with Chancel Choir
	9:45am	Sunday School and Confirmation
	11am	Worship with Worship Band
	6:30pm	Cussers & Discusser / Animate Faith Adult Study
	6:30pm	Jr./Sr High Youth Gathering
01-28-2019	11:30am	Lunch Bunch (C/L)
	6:30pm	Administrative Council Meeting
01-30-2019	9:30am	Music Together
	10:45am	Music Together
	5:15pm	Music Together 7
	6pm	Worship Choir
	7pm	Chancel Choir

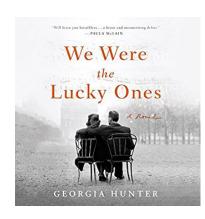


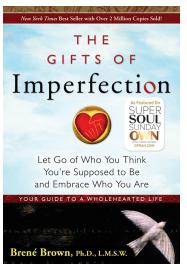
#### Your Child has a mission

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 January 9th and 23rd from 6:30-7:30pm in room 202 to receive our mission objective and put what we learn into action! Contact Pastor Sherry with questions at sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com.

#### Women's Book Club

Women's Book Group — You are invited to jump into a good book! For January we will be reading We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter. We will discuss it on Thursday Jan. 17th at 7pm in the conference room. You will love this historical novel based on the author's real-life family experience. Come join us! Contact Pastor Sherry with questions.





#### **NEW**

Adult class begins in January! You are invited to join us for discussion of Brené Brown's book The Gifts of Imperfection in the new year! Brown is a social scientist who has ignited a global conversation on courage, vulnerability, shame, and worthiness. In a world where insults, criticisms, and fears are spread too generously alongside messages of unrealistic beauty, attainment, and expectation, we look for ways to "dig deep" and find truth and gratitude in our lives. A new way forward means we can't hold on too tightly to our own self-defeating thoughts or the displaced pain in our world. Instead, we can embrace the imperfection. In class we will learn about the ten guideposts for wholehearted living.

Discussion groups will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:50am beginning on January 6 in room 206 or on Mondays at 11:30 beginning January 7 in the

conference room. No pre-reading is required, just come on by! Questions? Contact Pastor Sherry at sherry. steele@plainfieldumc.com.



## **Greeters List**

**January 6, 2019** 

8:30: Jennifer and Dave Armstrong 11:00: Marcy and Tony Carrozza **January 19, 2019** 

8:30: Erika and Jeff Harrison 11:00: Melissa and Nick Wilson

**January 13, 2019** 

8:30: Kerry Sharar

11:00: Marnie and Albert Vidad

**January 27, 2019** 

8:30: Annette Szobar

11:00: Carrie and Paul Wrubel

# Prayer List

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE SOMEONE TO THE LIST PLEASE COMPLETE A PRAYER REQUEST CARD.

- Alise Anderson's brother, Jimmy Whitlock
- Joan Bennett and Family
- Bud & Jill Beechler's daughter, Sarah
- Joan Bennett's sister, Jeanette
- Linda Bodie's friend, Kathy Bahr
- Beth & Jim Best's friends, Jennifer Elliott's Family
- Deanna Brown's friend, Mary Schmieder
- Louise Corey
- Jeff & Carolyn Dement's sister, Kay Schmidt
- Jeff & Carolyn Dement's friend, Linda Roberson
- Ron Henbest's friend, Larry Chance
- Helen Hill's son, Greg
- Carole Holloway
- Carole Holloway's father's pastor, Dave Jaspers
- Makayla Jelley's grandma, Barbara Cain
- Sandy Krzywanos
- Ron Lee

- Scott Long Family
- Chip Mackley's nephew, John Ryan
- Veray Mackley's friends, Paul & Denna Wallas
- Misty Martin
- Karen Mizwicki's cousin, Roger Williams and her sister, Carla Harper and Family
- Lee Mowrer & Kathy Lutz's brother in law & uncle, Chandler May
- Rick & Harriett Nelson's daughter in law, Tara and friend, Karole Gaines' Family
- Nelson; Harriett's mother, Harriett Crismon
- Rena Snyder's friend, Helen Wheeler
- Maggie Proulx's friend, Addison
- Diane Roberts' friend, Steve Malcuso
- MickeySue Traver's dad, Jack Moore
- Hope Wooldridge

- Wulk Family's niece, Leah Weinreb
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- Those who lost loved ones and those who have lost their homes in the California fires
- Victims of mass shooting at Pittsburgh synagogue
- Victims of the recent Hurricanes
- 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

# With Deepest Sympathy

Richard "Dick" M. Long, father of Scott (Holli) Long, passed away Monday, December 10 in Spencer, Indiana.

Dick and his loving wife, Cathy, of 40 years raised their two sons (Scott & Greg) on the family farm, where he worked alongside his dad and brother.

He was passionate about cultivating the land and maintaining the equipment.

Dick was a member of the First United Church of Christ, the White River Valley Antique Association and the Clay City - Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department. Cathy and Dick loved ball room dancing together and spending time with their family and friends.

Dick is survived by his wife, Cathy; sons, Scott (Holli) and Greg (Summer); grandsons, Jake & Charlie; granddaughter, Emily; a brother, Jack (Belinda); sister-in-law, Carol Foster; brotherin-law, Steve Foster; niece and nephews.

The family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to:

Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st Street, #100, Indianapolis, IN 46240;

First Church of Christ, 6414 S. County Road 300 East, Clay City, IN 47841;

Clay City - Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department,

403 W. 7th Street, Clay City, IN 47841; or the Clay City Fair Association,

P.O. 1, Clay City, IN 47841.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Scott, Holli, Jake and Charlie,

15522 S. Creekside Drive, Plainfield, Illinois 60544. Please keep them, along with extended family, in your

thoughts and prayers.



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# Sunday Worship Services

8:30a Worship with Chancel Choir 9:45a Sunday School and Confirmation Class 11:00a Worship w/Worship Band