



WORK
Hard

DREAM
Big

NEVER
Give Up

Words of Wisdom



I find myself starting August realizing that 2020 is the strangest year I have ever experienced, which is saying something. As I reflect on all the social changes, anxieties, pandemic and overall angst people are experiencing I find myself asking the age- old question, "where is the hope?"

Recently, one of my sisters sent me a picture of my dad's headstone. My dad died last summer after a prolonged illness. As many of you have experienced, the death of a parent impacts you in ways that continue to unfold over time. It's no different for me.

This picture is the first time I've seen his headstone which provokes a new level of reality to my journey of grief. But, as I think about my dad, my question of "where is the hope" is answered. Everything in his life was rooted in his faith. This was a guy who lived his faith, every single day, in the good and the bad. And there were certainly many bad days he experienced.

Dad was rooted in the love of God, the relationship of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit seen in incarnational moments of life. He never knew how good a man he was. He taught us to have the courage of our convictions, that our word is our bond and that relationships in life are the only things eternal from human life.

There are 5 more months in 2020 and God knows what surprises are yet in store for us. I am bolstered by the legacy of my dad's life, his faith. Regardless of what is to come I choose to remember that my hope is in Jesus Christ. I also realize that we are people of community and that whatever event's, challenges or difficulties that are ahead, they are better faced by all of us together. For that is the way of Christ.

As we move forward together, may you know the blessing you are in my life!

Pastor Dick



THANK YOU!

A Huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's VBS, our first VIRTUAL VBS, a success! It took a team several months to prepare and we are grateful for everyone's time, energy, and support. We couldn't do it without you!

We hope we are back to gathering in person next summer, but we know in any situation, we'll be able to create joy, energy, excitement, and transform lives! Thank you!

Co-directors Pastor Sherry Steele and Cheryl Henbest



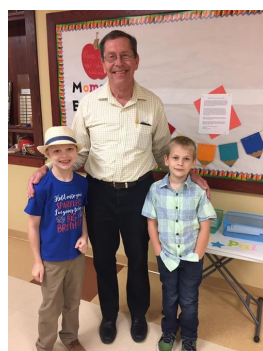
2nd Annual Grandpals Program!

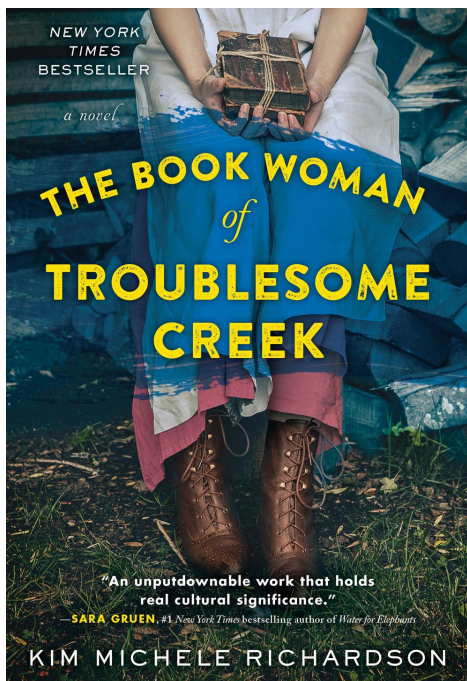
The Grandpals program is an opportunity to build relationships between the youth and grandparent-aged communities of our church. Grands and Pals leave each other letters/cards/notes/drawings/etc at the "post office", sharing tales from the week before or anything else you want to share with your match! Gifts may even be exchanged on holidays and special occasions! (You can make "deliveries" on a weekly/bi-weekly/monthly basis-whatever works for you and your "pal"!)

Based on COVID-19 restrictions: our "post office" system will run differently this fall. We will keep you informed of changes/restrictions as they are determined. Beginning August 1, our "Youth Pen Pal" and "Grand Pen Pal" applications will be available. Once these are filled out and submitted (due Sunday, August 30), matches will be made and announced on Sunday, September 13. If you are a youth or parent of a youth between ages infant-high school OR a grandparent-aged member, we would love you to join in on the fun! To sign up for an application, please email momsencouragingmomspumc@gmail.com. Our first year was a huge success-the relationships built within this program will last a lifetime.

*After August 30, no more applications can be accepted for this year's program.

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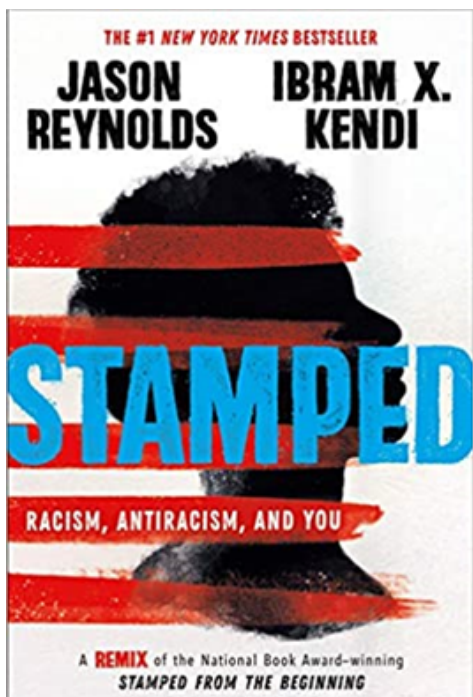


Women's Book Group

It's a great time to join the Women's Book Group as we pick up some great books this summer! We hope you'll read along with us! In August we'll be reading The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson.

Our Zoom Discussion will take place on Thursday, 8/20, at 7pm. We'd love to have you in the discussion! Questions or to be added to our email list for Zoom Link information, contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com.

August: The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek
by Kim Michele Richardson;
Zoom Discussion 8/20 at 7pm



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.

Online Confirmation - 8th Graders

Plainfield UMC will once again offer Confirmation Classes for students who will be in the 8th grade this coming school year. Confirmation will look different this year, due to the pandemic. We will be meeting via Zoom on Sunday mornings. We don't know the exact time yet, because we are still fine tuning our Fall schedule for worship and regular Sunday school. However, we will have that all sorted out in the next couple weeks and have the information ready to share by mid-August. Links and other materials will be shared with the families once we have everyone signed up.

Confirmation is a process through which we examine and re-examine our faith and our life together as Christians and future leaders of the church.

Confirmation
at PUMC has four goals:

Goal #1 Salvation:

Assure students of God's unconditional love offered through Jesus Christ and help them believe in their hearts that they are a beloved child of God.

Goal #2 Commitment:

Guide youth toward making their commitment to become a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Goal #3 Proclaim the Christian faith as their own:

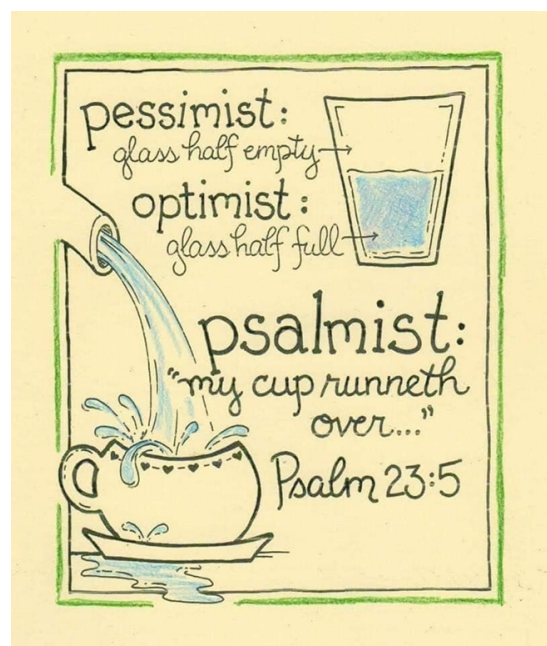
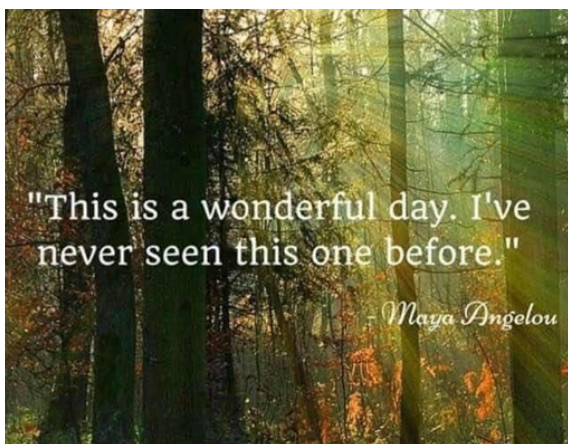
Bring youth to the point in their faith journey that they feel ready to make a public proclamation of their Christian faith and become full members of the church.

Goal #4 Prepare youth to live a life of discipleship:

Groom youth for a lifetime of praying, worshiping, giving, serving, leading, and witnessing.

Confirmation Classes will meet Sunday mornings and begin with an Orientation on Sept. 13.

You can sign up by contacting Youth Director Roger Beitzel at roger.beitzel@plainfieldumc.com or emailing the church office at PUMC@plainfieldumc.com. You may also call the church at 815.436.9651 to register or with any questions.



July Prayer List

Alise Anderson's brother, Sean Gately (Covid-19)
George (Fern) Angelos' godson, Bob Johnson
Lonny Bodie
Deanna Brown's daughter's boyfriend, John
Melanie Dale
Carolyn & Jeff Dement's nephew, Shawn; friend, Lynette Wilson and family
Diana Facemyer
Shirley Fassiotto
Harriet Glasgow
Skip Glasgow
Kathy Hermansen's sister-in-law, Kandace Hermansen
Diane Hess - prayers for our country
Greg Hill
Carole Holloway's friend, Thommy Evans
Kate(Witkiewicz) Iverson's sister-in-law, April Courtright
Karen Koziol's dad, Mitchell Koziol
Sandy Krzywanos
Sandy Krzywanos' sister, Wendy
Margie & Ron Lee
Chip Mackley's friend, Paul
Ken (Lana) Magsam's sister, Joleen Perkins
Misty Martin
Kathy Martinez' grandmother
Carol May's sister, Mary Blackburn; and Joe May
Karen Mizwicki's friend, Marie Mokrzycki
Harriett Nelson's mom, Harriett Crismon
Rich Ponulak's father, Boleslaw Ponulak
Sarah Olson's brother & sister-in-law
Diane Robert's sister's friend, Cindy
Rodriguez Family's uncle Al Thomason
Bob Snyder's friend, Joel Swartz
Adam Stephens
Angie Sullivan's Aunt Joyce
MickeySue Traver's parents, Jack & Harriett Moore and her sister-in-law, Angel
Don Wachal
Martha Wassenaar
Georgia Whitley
Debbie Wyland and Family, for the passing of Debbie's father

Sympathy Notice

July 1 - Howard R. Hyslop, 86 years old, father of Debbie (Steve) Wyland

AUGUST

08-02-2020

10:00am Online Worship

6:30pm Sr High Youth

7:30am Jr High Youth

08-03-2020

6:30pm Staff Parish

08-05-2020

12:00pm Widows Group

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

5:00pm Sr High Youth

08-09-2020

10:00am Online Worship

6:30pm Sr High Youth

7:30pm Jr High Youth

08-10-2020

9:30am Prayer Shawl Knitting

11:30am Lunch Bunch

08-11-2020

6:30pm YMAP Zoom

7:00pm Mission and Outreach

08-12-2020

12:00pm Widows Group

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

5:00pm Sr High Youth

08-16-2020

10:00am Online Worship

6:30pm Sr High Youth

7:30pm Jr High Youth

08-19-2020

12:00pm Widows Group

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

5:00pm Sr High Youth

08-20-2020

7:00pm Women's Book Group

08-23-2020

10:00am Online Worship

6:30pm Sr High Youth

7:30pm Jr High Youth

08-24-2020

11:30am Lunch Bunch

08-26-2020

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

12:00pm Widows Group

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

5:00pm Sr High Youth

08-30-2020

Grandpa! Application Due

10:00am Online Worship

6:30pm Sr High Youth

7:30pm Jr High Youth

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Worship Services

10am Sunday Online Worship

3pm Wednesday Online Chat, Pastor Dick or Pastor Sherry