

**JUNE 2021**



## THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

### WORDS OF WISDOM

The last several months have been a wild ride for me along with most of America or even the world. All the situations that have occurred from the continued engagement with the pandemic as well as the “normal” experiences of life from birth to death. As most all of you know my mother died last month after a whirlwind of four weeks of congestive heart failure with Afib. It just happened “so Fast” as one of my siblings describes it.

Mom died peacefully in hospice at the home she lived in for the last 50 some odd years surrounded by 7 of her children. She had time for goodbyes and joined my dad 3 days before their 68th-anniversary date. I had my parents many more years than my wife Cheryl who lost both hers at much younger ages. I’ve seen the loss she experiences on anniversaries and birthdays and sometimes for no reason. I empathized and comforted as best I could along our 35 years together. But now I relate. It’s hard to describe the sense of loss of your parents. Many of you know what I am talking about. There is a void left behind that stands just beyond the reach of articulation.

The thing that empowers me and allows me to cope with the loss is my faith, our faith. Because of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection we know that we will one day be reunited with those that we have loved and who have gone before us to be in the presence of the loving God who created us in the first place. It’s the grace of God that comforts you in so many ways, not the least of which has been you loving folks that call PUMC home. Thank you for your extravagant love and care for me and my family during this painful time. It has been an antidote to difficulty.

Another antidote for me, or a means of experiencing God’s grace is the precious gift of being ordained and able to do baptisms. It seems no coincidence to me that the Sunday after my mother’s death I was blessed to officiate at a beautiful little girls’ baptism by the name of Charlotte Jae. The cycle of life was dancing with me that day as the seeming dichotomy of death and life enveloped me in God’s love. Charlotte just seemed to innately know that her presence was important beyond normal human logic as I experienced sheer joy at the sacred moment we had together joined by the presence of her large and loving family!

It has been said that God moves in mysterious ways. I experienced one of those ways that day. My prayer for you is that you may recognize and embrace and experience one of those ways in your life soon. I am incredibly blessed to be with you on this journey!

*Pastor Dick*

## **JUNE 6th, 10:00 A.M. IN-PERSON OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

All are encouraged to join us on the church's side lawn as we gather in-person for worship. We will be led musically by our Worship Band and will be sharing in Holy Communion. Participants are encouraged to bring their own chair, if able (we will provide chairs as needed). At this time, in order to protect the most vulnerable among us, we ask that in-person worship participants wear a mask and keep appropriate social distance. We will be sharing the service on Facebook Live if you would prefer to join us remotely. We can't wait to SEE each other! Questions or concerns? Contact the church office at [pumc@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:pumc@plainfieldumc.com).



## **Attention Ladies**

Do you like singing? In the shower? In the car? Around the house? Do you have musical experience? Do you have NO musical experience at all? In Fall '21, will you be high school-aged or older? If you answered "Yes" to any of these, you need to check out the PUMC Women's Choir! This summer, we will begin rehearsing (outdoors and socially distanced) and coming together as a group! If you are interested, please contact Megan Marconi: (815) 302-5781 (cell) or [mamarconi1029@gmail.com](mailto:mamarconi1029@gmail.com)



# Discovery on Adventure Island

## JULY 11-15 2021 VBS



***All kids ages 5 (by Sept.1, 2021) to 8th grade (2021-2022 school year) are invited!***

Kids will engage in unforgettable scripture stories via online videos and blend them with cool crafts you can do at home, science and games that get us outside in a “field trip” format, exciting music everyone can dance to, and cooking demos that will take your snacks to a new level! Best of all, your kids will discover how God’s light shines in them and in the world around us. Included in your FREE registration is a VBS kit for your kids that includes crafts, games, science experiments, and special access to the week’s activities.

Registration is limited – sign up today at [Plainfieldumc.com](http://Plainfieldumc.com).

## VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



PUMC is looking for some volunteers to pull off our awesome, ambitious VBS this year! Because of the hybrid format, the volunteer needs are different. We need people who will:

- Video themselves explaining/leading a craft or science experiment (pre-VBS week)
- Lead or help with our Zoom gatherings or on-site (outside) activities for each grade level (July 11-15 evenings)
- Help as needed in various ways (pre-VBS, during, and post-VBS)

Technology assistance is available, so don’t let that hold you back!

We also need the congregation’s help in funding our VBS kits and activities. If you would like to make a donation to ensure that our VBS is as AWESOME as ever, send a check or text “Plainfield UMC” to 77977 to give online. Mark your donation for VBS. Contact [sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com) or contact the church office to volunteer today!

## Youth Save the Dates

**July 24 & 25**

**July 31 & August**

**August 7 & 8**

We will schedule projects each day, so you can do one or several, depending on what your schedule allows. You do not have to be available on all six dates to participate.

## Women's Book Group

Summer is a great time to pick up a new book! Try out one of our picks and join us for the Women's Book Group! Pop in any month you can for a great discussion. Contact Pastor Sherry to be added to the email list ([sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com)). Below are books for the summer months. Hope you can join us!

**June 17** — Deacon King Kong by James McBride

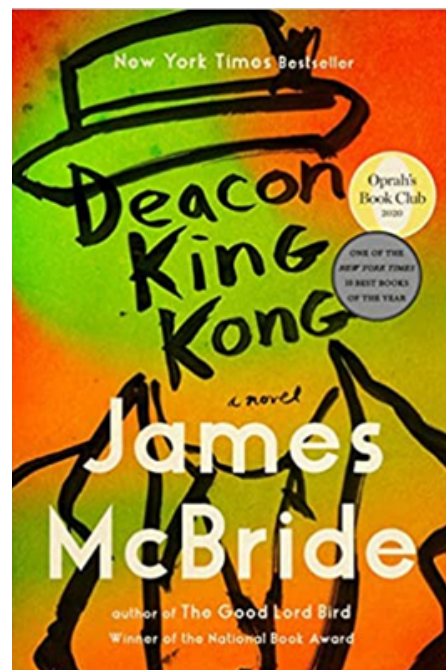
**July 22 (\*note new date)** — The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

**August 19** — Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

## Youth Group Live on the Lawn

4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Sunday June 20, 2021



## Want to Help?

PUMC is scheduled to serve at the Ridgewood Pantry in Joliet on Wednesday, June 23rd, AND June 30th. This is a great opportunity for families and our youth to serve this summer! We particularly need helpers in the afternoon who can lift boxes and load them into the client's care. Strong arms and backs required; social distancing measures must be followed. Can you help? Contact Pastor Sherry at [sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com).







## THANK YOU!

TO ALL OF THE ALTAR GUILD LADIES!

I just want to say a sincere “thank you” to each and every one of you for all of the time you have been a part of preparing for communion, baptisms, etc.—always giving with a sharing heart. Thank you, thank you, Shirley



## THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone who donated and volunteered to help me with my Eagle project. Thanks to everyone’s time and generosity, we were able to exceed my goal and completed 125 blankets!

I would also like to say a special thank you to Lolly Adolfson who donated her time, talent, tools, and fleece. The project was completed much faster with her assistance and expertise!

Everyone’s kindness and support are greatly appreciated. This project would not have been possible without you. Thank you, Robert Wachal



# May Prayer List

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- Fern Angelos' nephew, Ken Vallrugo
- Fritz (Judy) Bartels cousin, Eddie Woods - aggressive Leukemia
- Mary Boedeker, prayers for her eyesight to return
- Melanie Dale's brother
- Ali Glodoski's friend, Chris
- Helen Hill
- Carole Holloway's neighbor, Patrick
- Sandy Krzywanos' cousin, Gerry, and his family - Gerry has stage 4 pancreatic cancer and is in hospice
- Ron Krzywanos' friend, Janel
- Ron & Margie Lee
- Holli Long's friend's daughter is currently waiting for a heart transplant
- Misty Martin
- Becky Potter's nephew, Jared
- Christina Miller's dad, Wayne (in hospital with COVID-19)
- Delores Smith's son, Paul J. (in a nursing home)
- Angie Sullivan's Aunt Karen (prayers for recovery from open-heart surgery today to replace all of her heart valves)
- MickeySue Traver's sister, Chris' back pain is better; grandnieces' seizures back 1-2 per day
- Jessica Wachal's stepmom, Sara Wanek
- Georgia Whitley
- Nancy Ziech - pray for all police officers; prayers for good friends, Sandy & Bob, for the loss of their mother and mother-in-law, and for Bob's cancer treatment; cousin, Jill

# JUNE

**6-03-2021**

**6:30 pm** Education Committee

**6-06-2021**

**10:00 am** Outdoor Worship (*In-Person*)

**6-07-2021**

**6:30 pm** Staff Parish

**6-08-2021**

**6:30 pm** YMAP

**6-13-2021**

**10:00 am** Online Worship

**6-14-2021**

**11:30 am** Lunch Bunch

**6-17-2021**

**7:00 pm** Women's Book Group (via ZOOM)

**6-20-2021**

**10:00 am** Online Worship

**4:00 pm** Youth Live on the Lawn

**6-21-2021**

**11:30 am** Lunch Bunch

**6-22-2021**

**7:00 pm** M&O (*In-Person*)

**6-23-2021**

**11:30 am** Trinity Food Pantry

**12:00 pm** Widows Group

**6-27-2021**

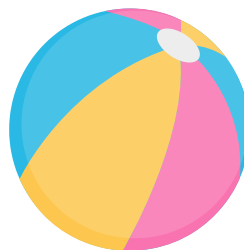
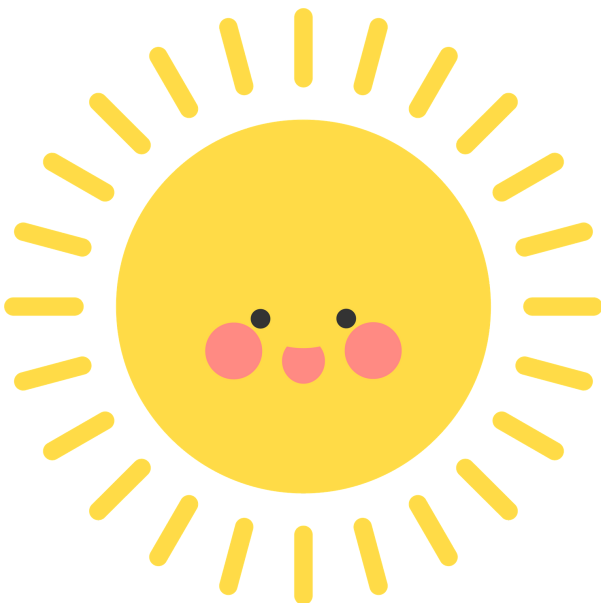
**10:00 am** Online Worship

**6-28-2021**

**11:30 am** Lunch Bunch

**6-30-2021**

**11:30 am** Trinity Food Pantry





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## Worship Services

**10am** Sunday Online Worship

**3pm** Wednesday Online Chat, Pastor Dick or Pastor Sherry