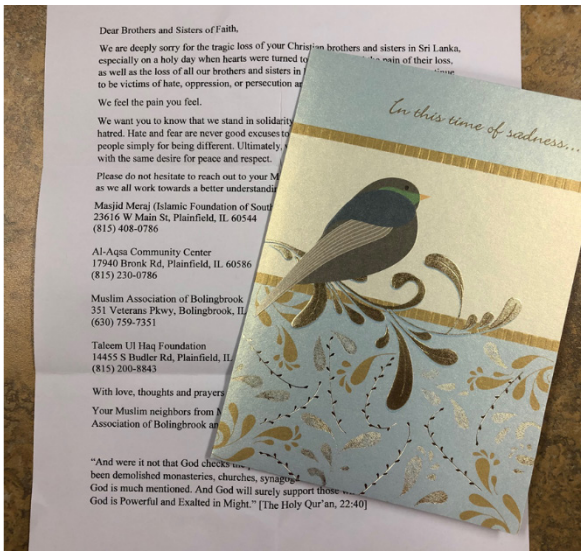
CIRCUIT RIDER NEWSLETTER

PlainfieldUMC

a growing faith community

June 2019

The week after Easter, I received a call from a woman in our community who asked for permission to bring flowers to our church on Sunday morning. She was a member of the local Muslim community and she felt a call, following the Easter Sunday massacre of Christians in Sri Lanka, to reach out to her Christian neighbors. She wanted to be sure it would be ok with us if they came by after worship.



On Sunday, April 28th, Sarvat and Dawn stopped by, carrying flowers in their arms. We stood talking in the entryway, sharing our concerns about the multiple attacks on people of faith in several traditions and vowing to work together to eliminate hate. They left a note for our congregation. It read:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters of Faith, we are deeply sorry for the tragic loss of your Christian brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka, especially on a holy day when hearts were turned to God. We feel the pain of their loss, as well as the loss of all our brothers and sisters in humanity who have been or continue to be victims of hate, oppression, or persecution around the world.

We feel the pain you feel.

We want you to know that we stand in solidarity with all people against all forms of hatred. Hate and fear are never good excuses to viciously and violently target innocent people simply for being different. Ultimately, we are all the same – one human race, with the same desire for peace and respect. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your Muslim neighbors for any help you may need as we all work towards a better understanding of each other's communities."

The letter was signed by Masjid Meraj (Islamic Foundation of Southwest Suburbs), Al-Aqsa Community Center, Muslim Association of Bolingbrook, and Taleem Ul Haq Foundation. Loving our neighbors is central to our Christian Faith. Here at PUMC we seek to live that out through our community-wide friendships with all people. We are so blessed by our relationships with our Muslim neighbors. On May 17th, several of us were able to attend Al-Aqsa's Community Iftar dinner. I wish every one of you could have attended to experience the warm hospitality, interesting information, and delicious food that was shared! In a world where there is so much suspicion, fear, and hatred, let us be people of love and light, individually and as a church community. May we be as brave and loving as our Muslim neighbors -- to enter new spaces, make new friends, and stand for peace and justice.

As-salāmu 'alaykum,

Pastor Sherry

V.B.S Needs Volunteers!

This summer we're heading "*To MARS and BEYOND*" JULY 7 –11, 6:30-8:30pm at PUMC **Registration is open-sign up today!**
We Need Volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering please fill out the following and place in the offering or drop off in the church office.

Name _____

E-mail _____

Please check those things which interest you:

__ Teacher/Site Leader (age/grade? ____)
__ Helper (age/grade? ____)
__ Acting/Drama Team
__ Publicity
__ Decorations/Theme
__ Set-up/Take-Down
__ Photographer
__ Greeter/Register
__ Musician
__ Other_____

Questions, contact Pastor Sherry at *sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com*

Really Really Free Market Needs Volunteers

The 7th Annual Really Really Free Market Volunteer Signups are Open- Online or through email. Green Team leader Carol May needs you to volunteer for this awesome community outreach. If you would like to participate in this years Really Really Free Market follow the link below or call/ email Carol May at 815-351-9004 or *carolsuemay@gmail.com*. There are lots of tasks that need to be filled this summer!
*https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aada92ba4f94-7*thannual

V.B.S Supplies

It's not an overstatement to say that PUMC has the best VBS in Plainfield! We work hard to make this an incredible experience for our kids and for all of the neighbors and guests who will come to spend the week with us. We depend on YOUR generous donations to make this event happen. We really appreciate any monetary donations, or you can help us by picking up supplies. Do you have any of the following you could donate or let us borrow? Anything space themed!

Alien dress-up items (not too scary)
Blinking LED tape lights
Neon star shapes
Rope lights
Black tarps
Rolls of black plastic (10'X100' rolls)
Masking tape
Baby wipes

Snack requests will be posted in the foyer in June!

Women's Book Group

It's time for our summer Book and a Movie Series! We have a spot for YOU on the couch! Just pick up a copy of the book, read it, then join us to watch the movie. We'll meet for our first book on Thursday, June 20th in Friendship Hall. Here's this summer's picks:

June: The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
July: The Children Act by Ian McEwan
August: Where'd You Go Bernadette by Maria Semple (special meeting night at theater TBA)

Summer Sunday School

Beginning June 2 during 9:00am worship, children begin worship in the sanctuary, then move to Rm 203 following the children's sermon. For preschoolers through 5th graders (2018-2019 school year). Would you like to help out with Sunday School? Please contact Pastor Sherry and sign up today!
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Successful BlueStem Earth Festival

PUMC members Sue Hasenyager and Carol May teamed up with Sherry Syed and Tina Van Deventer at the 5th annual BlueStem Earth Festival on Saturday May 18th. Sue and Carol, along with our friends at Al Aqsa Masjid and St Jude Catholic Church were on hand as a testimony to our interfaith collaboration and outreach to our community, in support of our upcoming 7th Annual Plainfield Really Really Free Market. We presented a "Freeview" or "Taste of the Free Market", by displaying and giving away accessory items that were donated by our awesome generous congregation- thank you so much! We had over a thousand items donated, and less than one hundred left over! Wow! We had over a half dozen folks signing up using our new online sign up system (generously donated by our friends at Sharefest New Lenox- shout out to Gary Cheney!)

Youth Sells Snack at Cruise Night

Tuesday nights from June 4th, through Aug. 6th. PUMC Youth will sell hot dogs, brats, walking tacos, popcorn, sno-cones, and drinks during Plainfield's Cruise Nights. You can be a part of PUMC's visible presence in the community and have a great time with other youth from church! Plus, you get a free hot dog, drink, and all the sno-cones you want!

Please sign up with Youth Coordinator MickeySue Traver (mickeysu.t@hotmail.com, 815.585.0889) or Youth Director Roger Beitzel (roger.beitzel@plainfieldumc.com, 630.338.2692) to help provide food donations and to staff our Concession Stand. Proceeds support Youth Ministries at PUMC. Please note, we will not sell food at Cruise Night on June 25 (Mission Trip) or July 9 (VBS).

Youth Group Summer Meetings

Yes, you read that right, Youth Group will meet through the Summer!

We will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the Second Sunday of June, July, and August.

June 9 we will have a cook out over an open fire at church. We'll roast hot dogs (regular and vegetarian) and make s'mores.

July 14 we'll make a giant ice cream sundae. Youth Ministries will provide the ice cream and each youth will bring their favorite ice cream.

Aug. 11 will be a Pool Party with Pizza. Save the dates and bring a friend for fun in the Summer Sun!

Greeters List

- **June 2nd**
  9am- Jim & Kay Schimpf
- **June 9th**
  9am - Ron & Sandy Krzywanos
- **June 16th**
  9am -
- **June 23th**
  9am- Sue Hasenyager & Kim Pack
- **June 30th**
  9am - Carolyn Martens

Prayer List

WE PRAYED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY.

- Mary Boedeker
- Lindsey Carrozza's friend, Renee
- Cherie Chan's son, Alex; & her parents
- Louise Corey
- Jeff & Carolyn Dement's sister/sister-in-law, Kay Schmidt
- Ron Lee
- Maria Lyons
- Chip Mackley
- Misty Martin
- Carol May's father-in-law, Joe May; good friend's mom, Elizabeth VanDeventer
- Annette Szobar's sister, Sue Hoffman
- Don Wachal's friend, Grace Heesen
- Kathy Lutz' friend's granddaughter, Avery Gladkowski
- Marilyn Martin's granddaughter-in-law, Shannon Rusch
- Alise Anderson's sister, Jamie Ford
- Kim Cornell's friend, Jovita
- Caryn Feris' friend/ neighbor, Vicki Johnson
- Diane Roberts' friend, Steve Malcuso
- Rena Snyder's friend, Sharon O'Donnell
- **Those who are homeless, hungry, and cold.**
- **Those who have suffered from natural disasters.**
- **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

Francis "Frank" Habersberger,104 years young, father to Don (Patty) Habersberger, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2019, in Colorado. Francis was married to his wife Nan for 64 years. They had two children: Marilyn and Don. Frank served in the US Army Medical Corp. He was also a Mason for 70 years. He and his wife loved to square dance and participate in Scottish Country dancing. They served as presidents of three square dance clubs and two square dance associations.

Frank invented several things during his lifetime - color fasteners that enabled dyes to adhere to various fabrics (nylon, dacron, polypropylene, etc.), air fresheners, hand lotion (Corn Huskers), and flavored gelatin that was not bone based. He also invented colored pellets for a decorative paperweight and later a night light. Thanks to his many inventions, he and Nan had a comfortable life and were able to send both of their children to college. Needless to say - he had an interesting and full life. A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, in Denver, Colorado.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to: Don & Patty Habersberger, 205 Sparrow Lane, Bolingbrook, IL 60490

Please keep Don & Patty in your thoughts and prayers.

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Sunday Worship Services

9am Worship
9amSunday School Pre-Schoolers through 5th Graders