

CIRCUIT RIDER
NEWSLETTER

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March 2019

WORDS OF WISDOM

March, 2019

The last few years it seems that, either there are more mass shootings, or that we are more aware of them as our technological capabilities have incredibly increased. It is always upsetting, frightening, and often terrifying when these events occur, but there is a whole new reality for us when a traumatic event happens within reach of where we live.

On Friday, February 15, a mass shooting occurred at the Pratt Company in Aurora, IL. During the course of this mass shooting Law Enforcement Departments and Fire Departments from all over Northern Illinois responded including Plainfield PD and the Plainfield Fire District, both of whom sent personnel and equipment to the scene.



Life is happening so quickly these days, or the fact that we have such incredible access to information and events as they are occurring makes life feel like it is racing by. News cycles are relatively short before a new event takes over. For example, it was less than a month ago there was a shooting right down the road in another direction, Orland Park Mall. To many the Orland Park shooting seems much more distant than that.

Even Friday, February 15th seems to be slipping behind us too quickly. Before it fully recedes from most of our everyday realities, I want to ask you to jot that date down and keep it in your prayers because for many, many people this nightmare is not going away anytime soon.

Injured officers, their families, injured employees and their families as well as all those who work for Pratt in addition to the neighbors in the area of the plant will not soon return to what they would describe as normalcy. Neither will first responders from Aurora and far beyond. The strength of our Christian faith is in caring for one another. There is no better way to do that than through intentional prayer.

At Plainfield UMC, we have a group called the Safety & Security Committee which has been diligently working at identifying means and mechanisms to provide the utmost safety for all who enter or exit this building, as well as spend time here in worship, education, or meetings. The Committee continues to identify best practices as well as effective means of training people, in addition to recommended equipment or systems that would be desirable to implement. The Committee has sought information and direction both from the Plainfield Police department as well as the Fire department. Soon, they will have recommendations for us to act upon. Unfortunately, current times require all of us to be vigilant while also caring and loving those around us. As you go about your daily life, please know that you are loved and cared for, and please do those same things for another.

Blessings,

Pastor Dick



Vacation Bible School

Coming soon!

July 7-11, 6:30-8:30pm

Stay tuned for the big theme reveal. We guarantee you will NOT want to miss this event. In fact, invite your neighbors and friends because it is going to be OUT OF THIS WORLD!

Spring Cantata

(April 7 at 8:30 and 11 services)

We will begin rehearsing *We Remember Calvary* by Joel Raney on Wednesday, February 13 at 7pm. If you enjoy singing with a great, fun group of people, come join us! Even if your schedule doesn't permit you to sing regularly on Sundays, we'd love to have you for this special event. Questions? E-mail Beth Best at 525beth@gmail.com.



PUMC Youth Baked Potato Bar & Concert Fundraiser

Sunday, March 31

PUMC Youth host a fundraiser for our 2019 Mission Trip to Red Bird, Kentucky. We'll start with a delicious Baked Potato Bar for lunch at 12:30, immediately following the 11:00 service. Toppings will include: bacon bits, broccoli, cheddar cheese, chili, onions, salsa, and sour cream. Following lunch, people can head up to the sanctuary to enjoy a concert featuring our amazing young musicians. Selections will vary from classical to jazz, from covers of popular and Christian music to one or two original songs! Enjoy the delicious food and fantastic music – all for a free-will donation to help send our youth to Red Bird. Come for the baked potatoes, stay for the music! We hope to see you there!

Faith in Place Winter Farmers Market



Saturday March 16th
from 10am-2pm.

Faith in Place's Farmers Markets include more than 20 vendors, each specializing in their own distinct trade. Faith in Place works to make each

event well rounded with plenty of seasonal produce, eggs, meat, fish, honey, baked goods, prepared food, health and beauty products, salsas, preserves, and more. For more information on each of the vendors visit

https://www.faithinplace.org/sites/www.faithinplace.org/files/assets/WFM_Vendor_Bios.pdf

What can you do to help make this a successful outreach? Sign up to volunteer and assist the vendors, and be on hand as hospitality "shepherds" to support the market! You can contact the church office or call Carol May, 815-351-9004. For a full schedule of all the 2018-19 WFM season visit :

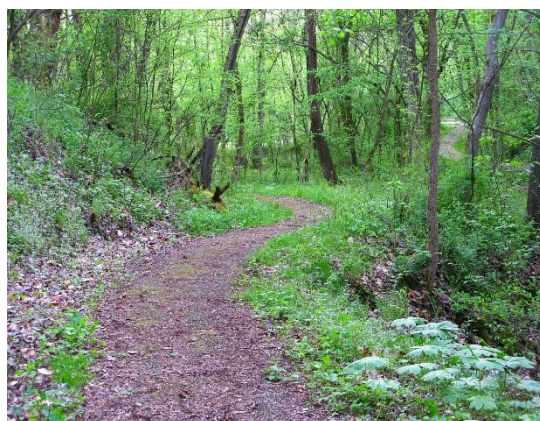
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Paths: Landscapes of Our Lives

RESCHEDULED!

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

Join the circle of women as we pause at the beginning of Spring 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 seasons. 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, due by March 10th. 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 March 10th.

Register and pay by contacting Becky Potter 815-351-1759 or at church on Sundays, March 3rd and March 10th. **Retreat is limited to 40 participants.** Make checks payable to Grace United Methodist Church.



Spring Break Fun!

Looking for something fun to do this Spring Break? Want to give your kids a break from screens and help them serve others? PUMC will serve at the Ridgewood United Community Food Pantry on Wednesday, March 27th. We love extra helpers! We meet at the pantry (310 Fairbanks St., Joliet) at 11:30am and serve until 3pm. If you'd like to join us, contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com.



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!). We have a special learning opportunity for Ash

Wednesday on March 6th. We will gather at 6:30 to learn about why we receive ashes and will then head to the worship service at 7. Parents are encouraged to join us for worship. Then, we will hear about our next mission on **Wednesday, March 20th** from 6:30-7:30pm in room 202 Contact Pastor Sherry with questions at sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com.

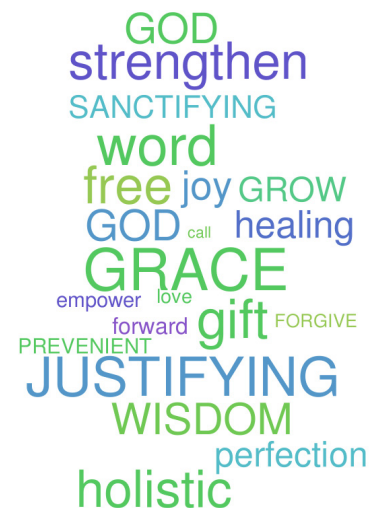


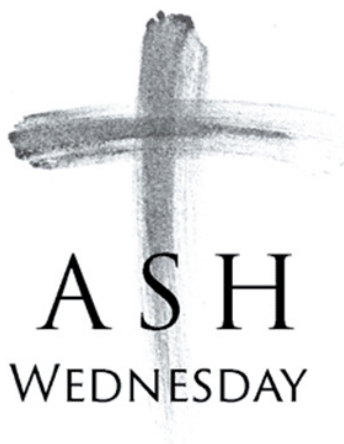
Women's Book Group

Women's Book Group – Join us as we pick up a selection from a local author! For March we will be reading *The Good Girl* by Mary Kubica. We will discuss it on Thursday March 21 at 7pm in the conference room. Come join us! Contact Pastor Sherry with questions.

Grace Sermon Series

As we finish up our Grace sermon series, we would love for you to join us for our new sermon series on Forgiveness. Our Forgiveness series will be from March 17 through March 31. Hope to see you there!





Join Us!

Join us as we enter Lenten season.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

- 8:15am - Men's Lenten Breakfast
- NOON - Ashes in the Sanctuary
- 6:30pm - WHAM! will learn about ash Wednesday and will attend the 7pm worship
- 7pm - Worship

UM Night with the Chicago Bulls

Benefits the Bishop's Appeal for NIC Youth Camps

Wed., March 27 at 7 pm

Chicago Bulls vs. Portland Trail Blazers
United Center

We are all invited to experience great NBA action of the Chicago Bulls as they play the Portland Trail Blazers at the United Center on March 27 at 7 pm while ALSO supporting the Bishop's Appeal for NIC Youth Camps and bearing witness to God's loving presence everywhere and in every thing!

On this special night, all Northern Illinois Conference United Methodists can purchase Chicago Bulls tickets at a discount to see the Chicago Bulls vs Portland Trail Blazers. Built into this discount is a \$5 donation to the 2019 Bishop's Appeal for NIC Youth Camps, as well as the 12% city/county tax amusement tax and fees.



Please purchase your tickets before March 1!

If we sell 500 tickets by March 1, our own NIC artist/choir will sing The National Anthem! (Tickets may also be purchased after March 1)

Greeters List



March 3, 2019

8:30: Nelson Jimenez
11:00: Carrie, Paul
 Wrubel

March 10, 2019

8:30: Kerry Sharar
11:00: Kelly, Larry Newton

March 17, 2019

8:30: Harriett Nelson
11:00: Pondelicek Family

March 24, 2019

8:30: Geetha, Emmanuel
 Rajarathnam
11:00: Melissa Wilson & Girls

March 31, 2019

8:30: Heather, Eric Young
11:00: Shannon, Jeff Jarot

Prayer List

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

- Lolly Adolfson
- Fern Angelos & Cheryl Reichert's nephew & brother, Ken Vallrugo
- Battersby Family friend, Chris Ferenzi & family
- Roger & Kathy Beitzel's uncle, Ernie LeDuke; son, Alex; Kathy's cousin, Kelly Hollins' family; Roger's cousin's son, Anthony & Holly Smith family
- Louise Corey
- Barbara Flack & Emily Napoleon's sister-in-law & aunt, Debbie Flack
- Debby DeGroot
- Ali Glodoski's friend, Jelena
- Valerie Gremillion's father, Vincent Guillera
- Patty Habersberger's friend, Jan York
- Ron Henbest's friend, Larry Chance
- Ron Lee
- Misty Martin
- Donna Morrow's friends, Jerry Dean & Philip Myer
- Rick & Harriett Nelson's mother, Harriett Crismon, friend Sandi & granddaughter, Shelby Nelson
- Diane Roberts' friend, Ken Pritas
- MickeySue Traver's dad, Jack Moore
- Steve Wyland's brother, Alan Wyland
- **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**

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Sunday Worship Services

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

Monthly Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT
03-02-2019	8:30am	Bellissimo Practice (Sanctuary Balcony)
03-03-2019	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Meet and Greet (JBFH)
	9:45am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	11am	Worship
	12:30pm	Fun Men's Group (offi-site)
	6:30pm	Cussers & Discussers/Animate Faith Adult Study (C/L)
	6:30pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Gathering (206/207)
03-04-2019	11:30am	Lunch Bunch (C/L)
	6:30pm	SPRC (C/L)
03-05-2019	6:30pm	Traveling Team (C/L)
	7pm	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
03-06-2019	8:15am	Men's Lenten Breakfast
	6pm	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
	6:30pm	Gentle Yoga (203)
	6:30pm	WHAM! (202/203)
	7pm	Worship
03-07-2019	6:30pm	Elementary Kid's Book Club (105)
	6:30pm	Middle School Kid's Book Club
03-09-2019	8:30am	Bellissimo Practice (Sanctuary Balcony)
		Confirmation Field Trip
03-10-2019	8:30am	Worship
	8:30am	Sunday School Staff Training
	9:45am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	11am	Worship
	11am	God & Me Recognition
	6:30pm	Cussers & Discussers/Animate Faith Adult Study (C/L)
	6:30pm	Mission Trip Meeting (206/207)
03-11-2019	9:30am	Prayer Shawl Knitting (PFH)
	11:30am	Lunch Bunch (C/L)
	6:30pm	Safety & Security (C/L)
	7pm	KINECT/Parents of Teens (206/207)
03-12-2019	6:30pm	YMAP (206/207)
	7pm	Membership and Outreach (C/L)
03-13-2019	8:15am	Men's Lenten Breakfast
	6pm	Worship Band (Sanctuary)
	7pm	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

DATE	TIME	EVENT
03-14-2019	7pm	Trustees Meeting (C/L)
03-15-2019	11:30am	Widows Small Group (off-site)
03-16-2019	8am	Winter Farmer's Market (JBFH)
	8:30am	Bellissimo Practice (Sanctuary Balcony)
03-17-2019	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	11am	Worship
	11am	Sunday School Staff Training
	6:30pm	Cussers & Discussers / Adult Study (C/L)
	6:30pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Gathering (206/207)
03-18-2019	11:30am	Lunch Bunch (C/L)
	6:30pm	Education Meeting (C/L)
03-19-2019	7pm	Stewardship Meeting (C/L)
02-20-2019	8:15am	Men's Lenten Breakfast (off-site)
	6pm	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
	6pm	Worship Band (Sanctuary)
	6:30pm	Gentle Yoga (203)
	6:30pm	WHAM! (202)
	7pm	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
	7pm	Youth Leader Meeting (206/207)
03-21-2019	7pm	Women's Book Group (C/L)
03-23-2019	8:30am	Bellissimo Practice (Sanctuary Balcony)
03-24-2019	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	11am	Worship
	6:30pm	Cussers & Discussers / Adult Study (C/L)
03-25-2019	11:30am	Lunch Bunch (C/L)
	6:30pm	Ad Council (JBFH)
03-27-2019	8:15am	Men's Lenten Breakfast (off-site)
	11:30am	Trinity Food Pantry
	7pm	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
03-28-2019	5pm	Resturant Samplers Group (off-site)
03-30-2019	8:30am	Bellissimo Practice (Sanctuary Balcony)
	9am	Women's Retreat Grace UMC (off-site)
03-31-2019	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11am	Worship
	12:30pm	Youth Luncheon
	1:30pm	Youth Concert (Sanctuary)
	6:30pm	Cussers & Discussers / Adult Study (C/L)