



TREES, TREES EVERYWHERE!
The **Missions Committee** has put up the “**Mitten Tree**” in the foyer. Let’s decorate the tree with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to help others in this “winter weather”. Warm socks are always welcome and they need gently used or new boots (all sizes).



The “**Tag Tree**” is up in the foyer too. The tags provide gifts for our Del Valle friends. Grab a tag (or two), go shopping, wrap your gift(s), and return them to the church no later than December 15th. If you don’t want to shop, but want to help out, you can take an envelope off of the tree, fill it with money and put it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office. You can also write a check, mark it for the “tag tree” in the memo space and drop it in the office or in the offering plate. Thank you for helping to make their Christmas happy!



Important Advent/Christmas Dates ...

Today, December 8 - 6:00pm Youth Christmas Party
Sunday, December 15 - 11:00am Children’s Christmas Program
Sunday, December 15 - 3:00pm Advent Fest
Tuesday, December 24 - Worship 5:00pm
Worship 7:00pm
Worship 10:30pm
Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas
Sunday, December 29 - 10:00pm - Only one worship service. No Sunday School/Confirmation



PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- *Lonny Bodie
- *Mary Boedeker
- *Helen Carucci
- *Louise Corey
- *Jeff & Carolyn Dement’s sister/sister-in-law, Kay Schmidt
- *Patty Habersberger’s friends, Janis Farrall & the McCaleb Family for baby “Jack”
- *Carole Holloway’s husband, Bob
- *Ron & Margie Lee
- *Maria Lyons
- *Misty Martin
- *Sheri Martin’s sister’s family, the Collins
- *Sue McGowan
- *Heather Stanich’s family member, Reed Ibrahim
- *MickeySue Traver’s parents, Jack & Harriett Moore
- *Bob & Georgia Whitley

If you would like to include someone on the prayer list, please complete a Prayer Request Card.

The Widows Small Group

meets on Thursday,
December 20 at 11:30am.
If you would like to join them or if you have questions about the group, contact Helen Hill at 815-919-7986 or HMH30-IL@yahoo.com



Generosity COUNT ME IN!

Please Print Information

Full Name _____

E-mail Address _____

State/Phone Number _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Please indicate your giving option

☐ Pledge to give _____

☐ \$ Monthly for 12 weeks _____

☐ \$ Semi-monthly for 24 periods _____

☐ \$ Monthly for 12 months _____

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If you haven’t already done so, please return your pledge card so that we can do our budget planning for 2020. Thank You!

PUMC CALENDAR December 8 through December 14

Sun 12/8	12:30p	Fun Men’s Group (Offsite)
	6:30p	Youth Gathering (206/207)
Mon 12/9	11:30a	Lunch Bunch (C/L)
	6:00p	Safety & Security (C/L)
	6:30p	Ad Council (205)
Tue 12/10	6:30p	Education (106)
	7:00p	Membership & Outreach (C/L)
Wed 12/11	11:30a	Covenant Bible Study (C/L)
	6:00p	Small Group Ministry Team (C/L)
	6:30p	Worship Band (Sanctuary)
	7:00p	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Thu 12/12	7:00p	Trustees (C/L)

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL MUSIC

Pastor Sherry is looking for children and/or youth who are willing to share their musical talents during the Christmas season at one of our worship services. If you or your child is interested in participating, please email her at sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com as soon as you can! Thank you for sharing your gifts with us!



DID YOU KNOW - you can get the bulletin and announcement sheet on the church app?! Download the app today (click on the "My Church" by Pushpay) and you can access the bulletin and help us save trees! Thanks!



NOW YOU CAN TAKE PUMC WITH YOU

1. Click your local app store
2. Search for My Church
3. Click Download
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or click search by church name



NEW "Light of the World" Adult Advent Study -- Dive deep into the history of the birth of Christ! Advent is not only the perfect time to read the story of the birth of Jesus; it's also a great time to dive deeper into the biblical texts that surround the event.



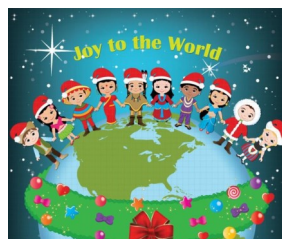
LIGHT of the WORLD
A RESOURCE'S GUIDE TO ADVENT



Author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine shows how the Gospel narratives connect to the Old Testament; highlights the role of women in first-century Jewish culture; and emphasizes the importance of

Mary's visitation, the census, the stable, the star of Bethlehem, and the flight to Egypt. A rich and challenging learning experience to enhance your journey toward Christmas. Class meets on Sunday mornings, 9:50am to 10:45am, through Dec. 22, and on Mondays (mid-day with Lunch Bunch group), 11:30am-1:00pm, through Dec. 23.

Questions? Contact Rev. Sherry Steele - sherrysteele@plainfieldumc.com



"CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"

Advent Event

The whole church is invited to join us for this special event on Sunday, December 15th from 3-5pm. We will celebrate Christmas traditions from around the world! Your family will be able to sample the tastes, sights, and sounds of this blessed season from several featured countries. We will play fun games, decorate cookies, learn Christmas carols in other languages, and create a keepsake craft. All ages are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors for this unforgettable night!

Help with cookies – Do you like to bake?

We are in need of plain sugar cookies that kids can decorate themselves at our "Christmas Around the World" Family Event, December 15th. If you are able to provide some undecorated sugar cookies (either circles or Christmas shapes) we would appreciate it! Please let Pastor Sherry know at sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com. Cookies need to be dropped off by noon on Dec. 15th.



Save the Date:
Sunday, December 15,
during the 11:00am
worship service.

The Sunday School Classes will be presenting their annual Christmas Program - "A Time Traveler's Christmas".

Family and Friends are welcome!
You won't want to miss it.

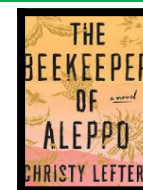


The **Junior High Sunday School Class** is collecting **sweatshirts & hand sanitizer** for Hesus House for the month of December.

There is a collection basket in Room 205 for donations. Please help us to help Hesus House. Thank You for your support!!



The **Women's Book Group** will be meeting on December 19th, at 7:00pm to discuss our December read - The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri. Get a copy of the book and get to reading. Join us at Diane Roberts' home for our Christmas party (24235 Cropland Dr, Plainfield). Bring a snack and a wrapped book for our book exchange. All women are welcome to attend!



The **Youth Christmas Party is today** from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Please note we are starting ½ hour earlier than usual, so we have enough time for all the fun! We'll have our usual "Grab Bag" gift exchange, so please bring a wrapped gift in the \$5-\$10 range. See you there!



WHAM! (We Have A Mission) will be meeting at 6:30pm on December 18, to go Christmas Caroling. Kindergarten through



5th graders are invited to come and share the joy of the season!

Dress for cold weather (hats, mittens, scarves). Questions - contact Pastor Sherry.

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