



# Circuit Rider

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## November Events

**Sunday, November 6:** Stewardship Celebration Sunday (p.4)

**Sunday, November 13, 12:15 p.m.:** New Member Orientation (p.2)

**Friday, November 18, 7 p.m.:** 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Mill Plain UMC Variety Show (p.7)

***Third Grade Bible Sunday***  
All Third Graders are invited to our Bible Sunday Presentation on **November 20, at the 9:30 a.m.** service. Questions? Please contact [sundayschool@millplainUMC.org](mailto:sundayschool@millplainUMC.org)

***Church Family Night***  
**Wednesday, November 30 (fifth Wednesday)** will be the next All Church Family Night gathering. Finger foods will be provided and begin to be served at **6 p.m.**, followed by the *Hanging of the Greens*. The decorations will be

prepared in advance so everyone of all ages can enjoy and be a part of getting the church ready for Advent. Do join us for this wonderful opportunity to have fellowship, worship and fun.



### ***Save These Dates Too!***

**Sunday, December 4, 2 p.m.:** Christmas Crafts (p.9)

**Sunday, December 4, 4 p.m.:** Charge Conference (p.4)

**Friday, December 16, 7 p.m.:** First Annual "Couv' Groove" Benefit Concert organized by Alisa Williams to help the Vancouver homeless population.

### ***Postponed!***

Second Annual Mill Plain UMC Auction...to February 11, 2012 (p.7)

## Transitions

Here we are beginning November, no longer able to deny that the autumn season is well upon us and, in fact, winter is on the way. It is a month of transitions and with our ministry at Mill Plain United Methodist Church we will experience a number of shifts this month. We need this time to get ready for the fullness of winter. (According to some reports we can expect snow again this winter.)

We begin the month finishing our stewardship campaign and looking forward to how we will make the best use of the resources God has given us for ministry. With your pledges and offerings we will be provided with great gifts. With those gifts we will better live into

the mission of the church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our sermons will ask each of us to consider our own walk of faith as we will be looking at the work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*. His work will challenge us to consider what it is that disciples do as evidence of their faith.

With the Thanksgiving holiday we will take time to thank God for blessings we have received. I am especially thankful this year for the thousands of hours the people of Mill Plain United Methodist Church have given for ministry. Some of you give time in ministry in the way you listen to your friends and neighbors. Some of you give time

in ministry with volunteer activities in your community, at work and through the ministry of the church. It is too difficult here to list all of the ways that you have been about the transformation of the world but I want to give you thanks for the way you have spent time to make a difference! THANK YOU!

We will finish the month beginning the Advent season. The Hanging of the Greens will be a fellowship event on **Wednesday, November 30**, when we will have an opportunity as a church family to decorate the church for this wonderful season.



*"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."*

*Psalm 100*

### New Member Orientation

Have you been thinking about church membership at Mill Plain? Would you like to know more about the United Methodist Church as well as the ministries at Mill Plain UMC? Join Pastor Bruce and other staff members for lunch, **Sunday, November 13, at 12:15 p.m.** in Room G/H for answers to these and other questions. There is no obligation to join Mill Plain UMC after attending this orientation but new members will be received on **Sunday, November 27**. In order to make sure there are sufficient supplies for the luncheon, please call the church office, 892-2421, to RSVP. Child care will be provided.

***In the weeks before Thanksgiving, your Editors will be preparing the combined December/January issue of the Circuit Rider.***

***Please help us by writing your articles (including January plans) as early as possible. If you need to wait for details, submit the article anyway. We can edit later, but we need to know how much space you need.***

***If you have any concerns, E-mail [newsletter@millplainumc.org](mailto:newsletter@millplainumc.org)***

## Sunday School

Sunday School has a lot to be thankful for! The children, youth and teachers are having so much fun learning about God's love!

### PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade November Lessons

All of our lessons this month revolve around the theme of **Hope for God's People**.

November 6:	Joseph
November 13:	Joseph and his brothers
November 20:	Joseph in Egypt
November 27:	Light in the darkness

### Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Middle School's lesson theme for November is **Hope Grows**.

November 6:	David unites the kingdom
November 13:	Solomon
November 20:	The kingdom divides
November 27:	Prophets give hope

### High School (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

High School will continue using the LinC (Living in Christ) curriculum throughout the year. LinC examines the latest music, movies, news, and current events through a biblical lens.

### Sunday School Mission Information

Don't forget to bring your offering and pop tabs every Sunday to class. All Sunday School offerings will be used for Camp Scholarships for children and youth at Mill Plain. Pop tabs are donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

### Christmas Program Information for Children/Youth

The Christmas program is scheduled for **December 11** at the **9:30 a.m.** service. Detailed information will be coming home soon by email or notes from Sunday School. Tone Chime Choir practice will begin to prepare for the Christmas program. Please contact [sundayschool@millplainumc.org](mailto:sundayschool@millplainumc.org) if interested in playing in the Tone Chime Choir this year.

### Third Grade Bible Sunday

All third graders are invited to our Bible Sunday Presentation on **November 20 at the 9:30 a.m.** service. Contact [sundayschool@millplainumc.org](mailto:sundayschool@millplainumc.org).

## Advent Study

*The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*, by Adam Hamilton, is the book we will use for our Advent study as we follow the birth of Jesus Christ from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The study guide and DVD will use historical information and archeological data as well as scripture as we look at the stories surrounding Christ's birth.

The book will be available in the church office or you may order it online. Whether you take the class or not, you may want to use the daily devotional that is available online. Please let the office know if you are interested so sufficient copies of the study guide can be ordered. This four-week class will be held on **Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.** beginning **November 29**. Please read Chapter One before our first class.

## Preschool

Hear the falling leaves rustling in the wind? Probably not around the church as it is more likely to be the bustling of our energetic preschool enjoying the Harvest Festival in October. A carnival atmosphere prevailed with activities such as the bean bag toss and the fishing pole with candy treats as prizes. Best of all, each child was able to claim his/her own pumpkin from the pumpkin patch. While the children were busy with their activities, the parents were invited to join the pastor, staff, board and congregation for the Preschool Parent Coffee Break at both the morning and afternoon sessions, which was well attended and enjoyable for all.



As a reminder the Avon Fundraiser will be from **October 24 to November 4**, so keep that in mind when you are doing your holiday shopping. There will be no school on Veterans Day, **November 11**, or during the Thanksgiving break, **November 23, 24 and 25**. The preschool classes are already practicing for the famous Preschool Christmas Program on **Tuesday, December 13**, when the children entertain their parents and family before Christmas break. They are working so hard even before Halloween!

## *Financial Report*

There is both good news and bad news concerning the church's finances. Let's start with the bad news. September was not a very good month as giving was quite a bit below projections and we learned that the preschool did not enroll as many students as anticipated; consequently, their contribution to the church was down in September and is anticipated to be below our projections for the remainder of the year.

The good news is that we had a better summer than predicted, therefore, we are actually still somewhat ahead of our projections for the first nine months. Even if we correct for the projected decrease in income from the preschool, we are still on target to finish the year with a balanced budget. Of course, this is predicated on all of us keeping our pledges and other giving patterns up to date. We have a calling for service here in the community where we find ourselves. Through our giving the church is able to continue to

answer the call by responding, "Here I am Lord. Send me."

Last month we told you that the Finance Committee has been working on the stewardship campaign and the budget in order to illustrate how the funds you contribute go toward changing lives for Christ in three areas:

**Providing meaningful, life-changing worship**, which includes our weekly worship services as well as other services such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**Nurturing persons in their faith**, which includes Sunday School, Youth Group, Bible Study classes and a number of fellowship groups.

**Witnessing to our faith in service beyond ourselves**, which includes supporting missions world wide as well as those close



to home such as the WHO shelters, Sharehouse and various disaster relief efforts.

As the first step in this process, we have developed a version which shows how spending in 2011 was distributed among these three areas and what each area includes. A later version will illustrate how next year's budget will continue to answer our calling.

We hope you will take a few minutes to read the Missional Budget document on page 9 in this Circuit Rider. It presents a more detailed description of the three areas and provides context for your decisions regarding your 2012 pledges.

In the meantime, we are looking forward to Celebration **Sunday, November 6**, when we will submit our pledges to continue God's work in our community in 2012.

## *2011 Cluster Charge Conference*

The 2011 Charge Conferences for the Vancouver District are being organized in geographic clusters in order to build stronger connections and empower each church through our shared witness for Jesus Christ in the world. Each Cluster Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. with worship, individual business meetings and a potluck.

Our Cluster Charge Conference is scheduled for **Sunday, December 4, at 4 p.m.**, at Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church, 5701 MacArthur Blvd, and includes Vancouver Heights, Orchards, Vancouver First, Mill Plain and Battle Ground United Methodist Churches.

Worship is scheduled for **4 p.m.**; individual business meetings at **5 p.m.**; and the potluck at **6 p.m.**

## Thanksgiving Baskets

It is time to start planning for the Thanksgiving Baskets for Hearthwood Elementary School and our local community. This year we plan to serve twenty families.

Our economy shows that many people are in need of food and staples everyday, not just holidays. The baskets include pre-cooked hams along with toilet paper, napkins, soap, canned and packaged foods. Watch for the display in the narthex in late October and choose a food or staple tag to provide for the baskets. Feel free to donate any canned goods.

Families who receive our baskets say they enjoy the variety of food. The pre-packaged boxed meals are enjoyed by those who have limited time or cooking skills to prepare meals. Many families are working but barely able to make ends meet.



Cash and checks should be marked *Thanksgiving Food Baskets*. Food may be brought to the church on **Sunday, November 20**. We will pack boxes after church and deliver them **Monday, November 21**. If you can help deliver, please e-mail [missions@millplainumc.org](mailto:missions@millplainumc.org) or call the church office. We will call all of the families and set up a delivery time and you will be provided with a map to the homes.

With gratitude for your help from your Missions Team.

## The Angel Tree



The Angel Tree Mission provides clothing and a toy or game for children and their siblings at Hearthwood Elementary School at Christmas.

On **Sunday, November 27**, there will be a small table top tree decorated with angels and gift tags in the narthex. Each tag has the age, the grade, and whether the gift is for a boy or girl. The items requested are clothing, games, or toys. Each child will have two tags on the tree—one for clothing and one for a toy or game. Carefully check the tags, select one or more, put your name and phone number on the *red* tag and place it in the basket on the table (so we can track the gifts) and take the *green* tag home.

On **Sunday, December 11**, bring the wrapped gift back to church with the original *green* gift tag gently attached to the package. This is our way of matching the gift to the right child. If possible, attach the gift receipt for size adjustments and place the gift by the tree or under the table.

All of the families will be Hearthwood students and their siblings selected by the school counselor as needing assistance with the holidays. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make it to *The Angel Tree*, and the money will be used to purchase gifts for tags that do not get chosen. Since the gifts are for children, you may want to let your own children help choose and wrap the gift—what a wonderful way to introduce them to sharing with others. Please contact the church at 892-2421 if you have questions or need suggestions.

On **Tuesday and Wednesday, December 13 and 14**, we will deliver the gifts to the families. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table by the tree for volunteers to help deliver gifts. Volunteers who have signed up will be called to confirm their delivery times.

Thank you so much for your support and have a blessed holiday season filled with love and peace.

The Missions Team

### PLAN AHEAD FOR A COMBINED ISSUE

*Please remember that the December and January issue is combined. We re-*

*alize it is not always possible to plan into January's events, so please let us know if your article will be late and how much space you will need. We'll save room.*

### Fellowship Groups

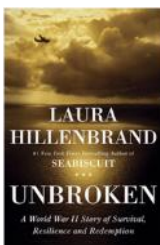
GROUP	DATE/TIME/ ROOM	PROGRAM	CONTACT
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Thurs., Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m., Rm. G/H	Knitting, Crocheting.	prayershawl@millplainumc.org
Good Timers (50+)	Wed. Nov. 9, 11 a.m.	Meet at church for carpool to Cascade Inn for complimentary lunch and program.*	goodtimers@millplainumc.org
Pinochle ( <i>Potluck</i> ), Rm. G/H	Fri., Nov. 11, 6:15, Host: Kroekers	We teach beginners! Bring donation for Friends of Carpenter. Call by Wed., Nov. 9. for potluck.	pinochle@millplainumc.org
Books, Faith and Fellowship **	Thu., Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m.	<i>Unbroken</i> by Laura Hillenbrand	bookclub@millplainumc.org
Bunco	Thurs., Nov. 17, 1 p.m.	Host: Helen Gordon and Ruth Kelley	bunco@millplainumc.org

\* For those who wish to go directly, Cascade Inn is at 11613 SE 7th, off Chkalov.

\*\* Details below

#### Books, Faith and Fellowship

We will meet on **Thursday, November 17, at 9:30 a.m.** to discuss *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand, a biography of Louis Zamperini, an incorrigible boy who channeled his defiance into running and competed in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. As a bombardier in WWII, his plane crashed in the Pacific Ocean. He survived thirst, starvation and enemy aircraft only to face his greatest challenge of all. This is an amazing story of endurance, ingenuity, and hope. For more information, contact [bookclub@millplainumc.org](mailto:bookclub@millplainumc.org)



**Good Timers enjoyed a picnic in September.**

#### Hangings of the Greens

**Wednesday, November 30, 6 p.m.,**

which is Church Family Night, everyone is invited to help prepare the church and sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Finger foods and drinks will be served rather than a regular dinner. The decorations will be prepared in advance so everyone from toddler to golden senior can be a part of creating a festive and welcoming atmosphere as we wait for the birth of our Savior. What a wonderful way to begin the holiday season!



The Advent candle and the beginning pieces for the north wall nativity will be in the sanctuary on **Sunday, November 27**, as that is the first Sunday of Advent. But the remainder of the decorations will be added November 30.



**Everyone, including our youngest ones, enjoyed the All Church Gathering in September.**

### *Please Think Ahead*

*Next month we will be preparing the Circuit Rider around Thanksgiving. This issue will be for December AND January, which is a big job. Please help us by preparing any articles you may want to have included early in the month. If you are waiting for confirmation of information, submit it anyway—we can make corrections, but really must know how much space you need as early as possible.*



### *The Variety Show Is Coming – Really Soon!*

The MPUMC Variety Show is set for **Friday, November 18, 2011, 7 p.m.** Get your jaw in shape--there's going to be lots of laughing, lots of wonderfully talented (and some not quite so talented) folks on stage, lots of friends, lots of cookies, and YOU!

Dust off your dreams of treading the boards—taking center stage—being in the spotlight and join the wonderfully talented (and some not quite so talented) folks on stage! Now is your chance! Solo or group—skits, singing, dancing, instrumentals, poetry, magic, or....

Being center stage not your thing? Join the fun in the audience! (You still get cookies and no humiliation!)

This promises to be a great evening that will be talked about for years to come! Don't miss out—participate on stage or in the audience!

Donations go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Want to perform? Want to help out behind the scenes? Call the church office.

### *Auction Rescheduled*

Guess what! The MPUMC Auction has been re-scheduled for **Saturday, February 11, 2012**, and being expanded to be an auction **and** a dinner! That is definitely worth waiting for!

Great benefits of the later date:

- **More time to dream up great items to donate!**
- **Take your Valentine to dinner and buy him/her a gift at the same time!**
- **Now you have a real chance to get your arm in shape for holding up bid numbers!**

More to come later, but for now—free up November 5, 2011, and book yourself at the MPUMC Auction and Dinner on **February 11, 2012!**

### *Thank You!*

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank everyone for their enthusiastic and generous support at the Big Band concert. We appreciate the many gifts people gave which included your time, your labor, your presence, your prayers and your donations. With your help over \$1250 is going into the scholarship fund from this event. It was an extremely fun, exciting evening!

Thank You!

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live,  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

**Psalm 103:2-5 NSRV**

## Spotlight on Diane Cammer

This month we are shining our spotlight on the first of two ladies who help provide a much needed service but aren't always seen, Diane Cammer. Being a mother of three, Jillian, Genevieve and Cassandra, she is well suited to share her talents and abilities. The environment which she and Ruth Ann Lucke, next month's spotlight, create is a clean, safe and loving one for the children in the nursery. Diane has been sharing her warm, loving personality with the children of Mill Plain for over five years.

Diane was born in upstate New York and, to pay for college, she joined the Army. She was part of Military Intelligence, stationed in Germany. After her time in the Army she came back home and attended the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan. Diane

attained a degree in Photography and Advertising Design. Still living in New York, Diane's parents went on vacation to Fiji. While there they met Peter and thought there might be a connection for Diane so they forwarded his contact information back to her. After two years of exchanging letters and phone calls they married and she decided to move with Peter to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

Needing to move for employment, they moved from Canada to Vancouver, Washington. They have been in the area for over twelve years. Diane loves the Northwest and embodies the outdoor active lifestyle. Some of the activities she enjoys are kayaking, hiking, kung fu and fencing. One of her most memorable hikes was to summit Mt. Saint Helens. With all the vari-



ous experiences she has had, Diane has always had an itch to write. She is an aspiring author, currently looking for an agent for her first book.

Thank you Diane for all of your work with the nursery children!

Look for next month's spotlight on Ruth Ann Lucke, the other member of the nursery staff.

## Christian Symbols



### Cornucopia

A Greek word meaning "horn of plenty," has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common on Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessing.

*"O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker."*

**Psalm 95:1-6**

## MISSIONAL BUDGET

Your Finance Committee has developed a new format for the church's annual budget that we feel better shows how the money you contribute goes toward changing lives for Christ through Worship, Nurture, and Witness. This version of that format shows how spending in 2011 was distributed among these three categories. The totals for each category include expenditures that pertain directly to that item, for example choir director to worship as well as prorated portions of items such utilities and the Pastor's salary to the different categories.

**Provide meaningful, life-changing worship.** On an average week, a total of 150 people gathered to praise God in our worship services. Eight of our youth completed confirmation classes; five adults gave their lives to Christ and were baptized while seven transferred their membership to our congregation. We have a very inspiring praise band, an excellent chancel choir and renowned accompanist that lift our worship through music. We believe offering a vibrant worship service is critical to our faith community and that we become deeply committed disciples of Jesus Christ through our worship.

Total spent during the last 12 months - \$116,000

**Nurture persons in their faith.** We are an intergenerational congregation and seek to provide means for everyone to become deeply committed disciples. During the year, we have an ongoing Sunday school for our children and youth with an average attendance of 21. We have a thriving youth program that weekly brings together an average of 12 youth as they grow and learn about the Christian life. We have adult Bible studies that meet throughout the week offering opportunities for study and fellowship. We have an active program for our senior citizens with a variety of programs and field trips. We also participate in nurturing and care giving ministries. Through our staff and lay volunteers, we express God's grace to people in times of transition and distress. This care giving ministry happens in visits, phone calls, sharing of cards, prayer shawls and many other expressions of Christian love.

Total spent during the last 12 months - \$96,000

**Witness to our faith through our community outreach.** Through the United Methodist connection, we are able to work with other churches and organizations to join the work of making a difference for people in our community and throughout the world. These missions feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bring safe water to those who have never had it. Locally, we have helped staff the Winter Hospitality Overflow shelters for the homeless, prepared meals at Share House for the hungry and have a very active volunteer program with Hearthwood Elementary school. We operate a well-respected Christian preschool with some 160 children from age three to pre-K.

Total budgeted money spent during the last 12 months - \$82,000

**Total Budget spent in 2011 - \$294,000**

The total budget amount does not include many other efforts that the people of Mill Plain United Methodist Church have given toward various mission and ministry opportunities. We have supported disaster relief in Haiti and Joplin, MO. We have distributed money raised from the Mission's Team rummage sale to a variety of causes near and far. We have supported the Ruth Mathis Scholarship fund that awards scholarships to students. We have given to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund that helps people in the community with emergency needs. We have contributed toward our partnership with Hearthwood Elementary School. While the above agencies and ministries are not all inclusive, they represent how beyond the general budget, the people of Mill Plain UMC have contributed over \$24,000 beyond the general budget.

# NOVEMBER 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Please join us on Friday, December 4, from 2:00—3:30 p.m. for Christmas Crafts. Bring \$5 for supplies.</i></p>						
<p><b>6</b> Worship ..... 9:30 &amp; 11:00 Youth Group ..... 4:00 Financial Peace ..... 6:30</p>	<p><b>7</b> PLANT ..... 9:30 Romans Bible Study .. 10:00 Worship Team ..... 6:30</p>	<p><b>1</b> Girl Scouts ..... 6:30 Jonah Study ..... 9:30 Lay Leadership ..... 6:30 Girl Scouts ..... 6:30</p>	<p><b>2</b> Communications Team 6:30 Choir ..... 7:30</p>	<p><b>3</b> Band Practice ..... 6:30</p>	<p><b>4</b> VETERANS DAY Pinoche ..... 6:15</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>13</b> Worship ..... 9:30 &amp; 11:00 New Member Orientation 12:15 Youth Group ..... 4:00 Financial Peace ..... 6:30</p>	<p><b>14</b> PLANT ..... 9:30 Romans Bible Study .. 10:00 Missions Team ..... 6:30 Finance Committee .. 6:30</p>	<p><b>15</b> Girl Scouts ..... 6:30 Circuit Rider Deadline Variety Show Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>16</b> Choir ..... 7:30</p>	<p><b>17</b> Book Club ..... 9:30 Bunco ..... 1:00 Band Practice ..... 6:30</p>	<p><b>18</b> VARIETY SHOW ..... 7:00</p>	<p><b>19</b> Girl Scout Training ..... 8:00—5:00</p>
<p><b>20</b> Worship ..... 9:30 &amp; 11:00 Youth Group ..... 4:00 Financial Peace ..... 6:30</p>	<p><b>21</b> PLANT ..... 9:30 Romans Bible Study .. 10:00 Education Team ..... 6:30 Staff Parish Relation . 6:30</p>	<p><b>22</b> Journey Advent Study 9:30 Girl Scouts ..... 6:30</p>	<p><b>23</b> Share House ..... 8:30 NO PRESCHOOL Choir ..... 7:30</p>	<p><b>24</b> HAPPY THANKSGIVING! NO PRESCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>25</b> NO PRESCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>26</b> Men's Breakfast at IHOP ..... 7:30</p>
<p><b>27</b> Worship ..... 9:30 &amp; 11:00 First Sunday of Advent Youth Group ..... 4:00 Financial Peace ..... 6:30</p>	<p><b>28</b> PLANT ..... 9:30 Romans Bible Study .. 10:00</p>	<p><b>29</b> Journey Advent Study 9:30 Girl Scouts ..... 6:30</p>	<p><b>30</b> Church Family Gathering and Hanging of the Greens ..... 6:00 Choir ..... 7:30</p>	<p><b>NEXT ISSUE: DECEMBER/JANUARY!</b> Please help your editors by getting your copy to us early this month. The December and January issues will be combined.</p>		



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Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.

Childcare available during both worship times

Office Hours: 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

***Our church staff....***



**Pastor ..... Rev. Bruce Smith**  
**Lay Minister ..... Ev Fisher**  
**Youth Director ..... Jeff Prescott**  
**Choir Director ..... Sarah Brown**  
**9:30 a.m. Music Director ..... Alisa Williams**  
**11 a.m. Accompanist..... Thomas Rheingans**  
**Preschool Director ..... Linda DeMorgan**  
**Child Care Coordinator..... Diane Cammer**  
**Child Care Assistant ..... Ruth Ann Lucke**  
**Custodian..... Bob Connery**

***mission statement***

**We are a community of faith seeking  
to become deeply committed disciples  
of Jesus Christ.**

**We strengthen our faith through  
sharing Christ, worship, Bible study, prayer,  
service and Christian fellowship.**

The deadline for submissions to the December/  
January edition of the Circuit Rider is **Tuesday,  
November 15.**

E-mail to [newsletter@millplainumc.org](mailto:newsletter@millplainumc.org) or submit  
articles and photos to the church office.



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