

# St. Thomas Announcements...for Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

## *This Week's Highlights ....*

**Apologies:** My apologies for the late arrival of this week's announcements. I was not in the office on Wednesday this week so these Wednesday announcements are coming to you on Thursday. Enjoy them nonetheless to stay informed about and involved with St. Thomas UMC.

**Bible Study:** We are doing a study of the small book of 1,2,3 John. This Bible study is held on Thursday afternoons, 1:30-3:00 PM, at the home of Sally Grenzow, 2283 Hiram Drive, Wheaton. Anyone, women & men, are welcome to come and study as we will look for ways to strengthen our Christian faith and be more effective in making disciples for Jesus Christ.

**Community News:** Gary United Methodist Church is hosting a "Concert to Benefit the Refugees of Syria", sponsored by UMCOR, World Relief DuPage/Aurora, on Sunday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.; Admission is \$10.

**Prayer Requests:** If you would like to add someone or be added yourself to our weekly prayer list, just call the St. Thomas office 630-469-1214. This week we pray ...

- For healing and successful treatments for those dealing with health concerns Betty Pearson; Lois Baker; Dolores Koopman; Charlie Brown; Wil Schenk; Nancy and Tricia Valenta's mother/grandmother, Edith; Lucille Bevis; Rick Pearson's brother-in-law, Tom; Mary Kay Sheldon's brother, Hal; Joanne Cody; Edith Rickert; Luke Calhoon; and for those dealing with cancer: Mary Kay Sheldon's daughter, Laury; Teresa Kroculick's co-worker's husband, Steve; Pam Manzke's neighbor, Kate.
- For safe travels and a meaningful weekend as our youth go on retreat.
- For the caregivers, who help and support those needing their assistance.
- For families who recently lost loved ones, that they may find comfort during this time of grieving.
- For the St. Thomas congregation, praying that it will grow and thrive so that we may carry on our mission.
- For racial healing and political reconciliation throughout our country.
- For those dealing with the heartache of addictions, dementia and Alzheimer's.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS UMC

### Wednesday, January 25

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Service to PADS, continues unless Thursday a.m.

### Thursday, January 26

1:30 p.m. Bible Study @ Sally Grenzow's home

### Friday, January 27

Youth leave for a Ski Retreat Weekend at Wesley Woods, until Sunday.

### Sunday, January 29

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (w/ children's Sunday School)  
Youth group returns from their retreat

### Wednesday, February 1

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 2

1:30 p.m. Bible Study @ Sally Grenzow's home

### Friday, February 3

9:00 a.m. Dust Busters

### Sunday, February 5

10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion Service (no children's Sunday School)  
11:30 a.m. 3F Sunday – Food, Fellowship & Fun -- see note below

**SAVE THE DATE:** Plan now to join us on Sunday, Feb. 5, immediately following worship for a 3F Sunday (Food, Fellowship & Fun) as we ring-in the Chinese New Year by learning to make (and eat, no teaching required for THIS portion of the event) Chinese dumplings, under the guidance of "Chef Jeremiah".