



2013

Plains Presbyterian Church

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February is considered the month of love. Red hearts and little cupids with bow and arrow in hand become the décor of the day in every store that you enter. This year I think it is appropriate that we look closely at the red hearts and think about the heart of Jesus Christ...especially as we approach the season of Lent. Lent is that time of prayer and preparation for a believer before Holy Week. It lasts 40 days with Sundays being the Lord's Day.

This year, as in years past, Plains Church will be participating with Crestview Church to provide Wednesday evening Lenten services. There will be a total of 6 service beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 13th with the service being held here at Plains at 7 pm. Beginning on February 20th, there will be a light dinner at 6 pm with the service following at 6:45 pm at Crestview. On February 27th, dinner and service will be at Plains. The list of where and when are:

- Ash Wednesday at 7pm at Plains
February 20th dinner at 6 pm with worship at 6:45 pm at Crestview
February 27th dinner at 6 pm with worship at 6:45 pm at Plains
March 6th dinner at 6 pm with worship at 6:45 pm at Crestview
March 13th dinner at 6 pm with worship at 6:45 pm at Plains
March 20th dinner at 6 pm with worship at 6:45 pm at Crestview

The theme this year will be Gospel Portraits of Jesus with Rev. Bob Goosen and I providing meditations to ponder during this introspective time of year. For me, this is a time of walking with Jesus as He approaches Jerusalem and eventually Gethsemane and Golgatha. It is a time of incredible love and sacrifice...all for our sakes. It is a time to remember all that Jesus Christ did for us on that cross and all that He still does for us today. It is a time that embodies the passage that we all know so well, from John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

May God's Love found in Jesus Christ be with you always!

Kimberly



# Worship Schedule

## February 3

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service

## February 10

### Breakfast

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service

## February 17 ~ Communion

### Heifer Sunday

9:30am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service

## February 24

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service

Spiritual Gifts Celebration Luncheon  
after service

## Helping with Worship This Month

### Worship Leaders

03 Tim Rausch  
10 Tony Poleti  
17 Ethan leisie  
24 Frank Aloï

### Greeters

03 Frank & Tiffany Aloï  
10 Tim & Amy Roscoe  
17 Steve & Dena Solman  
24 Arch & Maggie Simpson

### Nursery Workers

03 Melissa Holcomb  
10 Cathy Stafford  
17 Kathy & Ron Carter  
24 Dena & Steve Solman

### Elder of the Month

Tim Roscoe

### Deacon of the Month

Matt Leisie



Feb. 2	Leslie Dambaugh & Karl Koebler
Feb. 3	Joe Anthony
Feb. 4	Kay Uthman & Benji Showers
Feb. 10	Sydney Rausch
Feb. 12	Lucas Carter
Feb. 13	Marilyn Stamp
Feb. 15	Tiffany Aloï
Feb. 22	Tony D. Poleti
Feb. 23	Melanie Sturrock
Feb. 24	Chloe Kuntz
Feb. 26	Jack Dixon & Jim Lehman
Feb. 28	Chris Leisie



Please keep our Elders and Deacons in your prayers as they lead Plains into the future.

- Meredith Cox •Jack Bark •Liz •Bert Duerring •Bill
- Corina Taylor •Nancy •Wesley •Luke •Brian
- Mary W's mom, sherry •Ellen Elliott •Susie Budney
- Daphne Turner's mom, Ann •Missy Glass •Susan Reed
- Steve & Mary Walter's moms •Kathy Merriman
- Norah Collins sister, Charlotte •Denise Kremmel
- Matt Welch Sr. •Melanie Sturrock's father -in-law
- Kay's niece, Karen •Frank Leisie •Amy
- Our friends who are in assisted living: Howard Reed, Marilyn Stamp, Bob Ronksley and Gibbie Sponsler



Feb. 19 Ernie & Nancy Jones



## **Get excited about your Spiritual Gifts**

Rev Kimberly's sermons have been focusing on spiritual gifts - God's Instruments Focused Together in Service. God has given every Christian at least one spiritual gift. Discovering and exercising your God-given spiritual gifts allows you to experience maximum fulfillment with minimum frustration in your Christian life and ministry.

What are my spiritual gifts? The Mission Study Task Force is excited to offer to you this opportunity to identify those gifts.

**Gifted2Serve** is the spiritual gift survey chosen to identify your gifts. You can take the survey online or by a paper copy. Follow the instructions on the survey.

Online survey: <http://buildingchurch.net/g2s-i.htm>

Everyone who has an email address filed with the church will receive the link to Gifted2Serve. The survey will be electronically scored. We ask that you email the score page to Melanie (Melanie.sturrock@zoominternet.net). After you have taken the survey, be sure look at the spiritual gifts definitions to clarify your gifts and how to use them.

### Paper copy:

Limited copies will be available in the narthex. There will be a box in the narthex for your completed survey (be sure to put your name on the survey). The Task Force will score these surveys and let you know your gifts. Contact the office if you would like a survey sent to your home.

Please have all surveys submitted by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

A Spiritual Gifts Celebration hosted by the Mission Task Force Group will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate our gifts with a luncheon in order to thank God for those gifts and to share of our spiritual gifts with each other.

Yours in service,

Melanie





There are still openings for the Fall 2013 school year.

Please call the office for a registration packet.

2013 Members Directory

I will be putting the new directory together soon so please let me know if you have any information that needs to be changed or included: home address, phone numbers or e-mail address.

I would also like to update the birthday and anniversary list that is used for the newsletter, so please let me know of any changes.

Thanks, Jodell



Join us on  
Feb. 10th

The monthly breakfast gatherings are back at Plains Presbyterian Church. Master Chef Tim Rausch and his crack team of assistants will delight your taste buds with home made omelets, pancakes and assorted other daybreak delights!

Join us for breakfast, then stay for fellowship, Sunday School and Worship at 11:00am. A more warm-hearted and blessed event for your soul and your palate can't be had!

There is no charge for the breakfast, but donations to help defray the costs are gratefully accepted!

Prayers for Church Musicians

Lord, help us never to swerve  
From our best which you deserve;  
Though often we joke  
We musicians are folk  
With sincere dedication to serve.

We beseech thy regard in the matter  
Of extraneous pre-service clatter;  
Vouchsafe, Lord, quiet  
In place of our diet  
Of preludes accompanied by chatter.

Strengthen choristers pondering whether  
To malingering in inclement weather,  
And suspend all notion  
Of adequate devotion  
When just "two or three" gather together.

Help our director with unsteady rhythm;  
For today, a strong beat give 'im.  
Or this failing accord  
With thy providence, Lord,  
Let him keep his metronome with 'im.

Thy divine intervention we pray  
In the life of our preacher today;  
Grant, Lord, in thy charity  
Conciseness and clarity ...Or  
Are two miracles too much for one day?

From Limericks for Organists by Douglas Johnson published by MorningsStar

Plains Presbyterian Church  
Session Highlights  
December 2012

Session met on Monday, December 17, 2012. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Rev. Kimberly discussed "Word Share Prayer" instructions at 7:05 p.m. Session broke into small groups to discuss this month's reading.

Minutes from the November 19, 2012 Session meeting were reviewed and approved. Minutes from the November 25, 2012 Congregational Meeting Part I were reviewed and approved.

Communion was served to 63 people on December 2, 2012 (52 juice, 11 wine). Later that day, Reverend Kimberly and Tim Roscoe served communion to 4 people at home.

Frank Alo presented current financial information. Giving for November was excellent and ahead of what was done last year. We are approximately \$8,000 in the black YTD.

The audit committee met at the church on 12/4/2012 and completed the audit for the first 10 months of 2012. The audit is scheduled to be completed the evening of January 8, 2013 for the months of November and December.

It was reported that Cranberry Nursery School (CNS) gave a gift back to the church of \$500.00

Session approved withholding the \$6.87 General Assembly per Capita for the year 2013, with the intention to review the General Assembly per Capita request annually. Letter sent from Session to the Stated Clerk of Beaver-Butler Presbytery informing them of our decision.

Frank discussed the budget for 2013. We will vote on the budget at the January 2013 Session meeting.

Deacons are working on visiting shut-ins and delivering poinsettias.

On Sunday, March 17, 2013 there will be a training opportunity for church officers at Meridian UPC, 410 Highland Avenue, Butler, PA 16001. Registration deadline is March 11, 2013. Cost is \$15 per church.

Financial Peace University will be held at Plain Church for the 9 week class. Starting in February, with a preview in January. Park United Presbyterian Church is also offering FPU on Thursday evenings in the same time frame.

Bible Study continues on Monday evenings. "The Life you Always Wanted" is the current topic.

Rich Magill reported that work will begin shortly (after Christmas) on the roof repair / replacement.

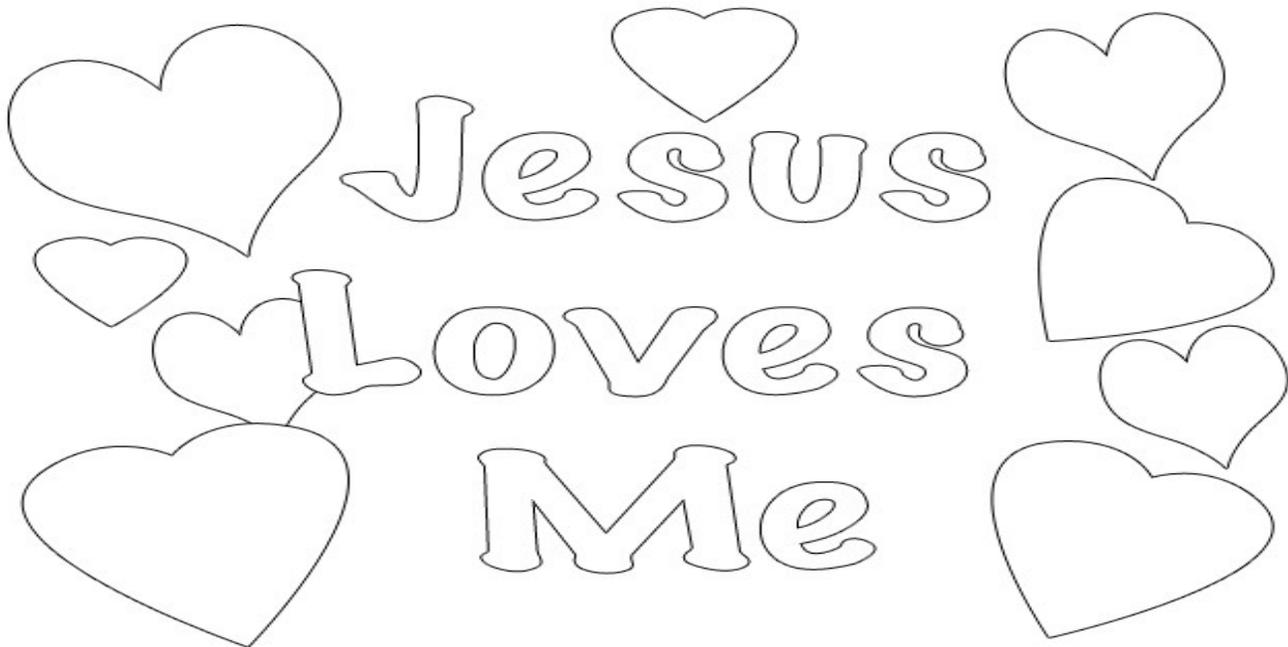
Approved the use of the church by Jen Poleti for her rehearsal and wedding on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

Lenten services will continue in 2013 with Crestview. Rev. Kimberly will talk with Rev. Bob Goossen about the specific details.

Rev. Kimberly closed with prayer at 8:46 p.m. Next Regular Session Meeting – January 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy G. Roscoe  
Clerk of Session



EASTER LILY ORDERS

If you would like to order a lily to be placed in our church sanctuary for Easter Sunday morning, the deadline for doing so is March 10. Double stem lilies are \$15. The lilies should be taken home after the service on Easter Sunday due to the number of people who are allergic to the flowers.

I/We would like to order a double stem lily @ \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

As a Gift to the Church: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Plains Church and place in the offering plate with the above order form. Thank you.

# New Web Site Coming Soon!

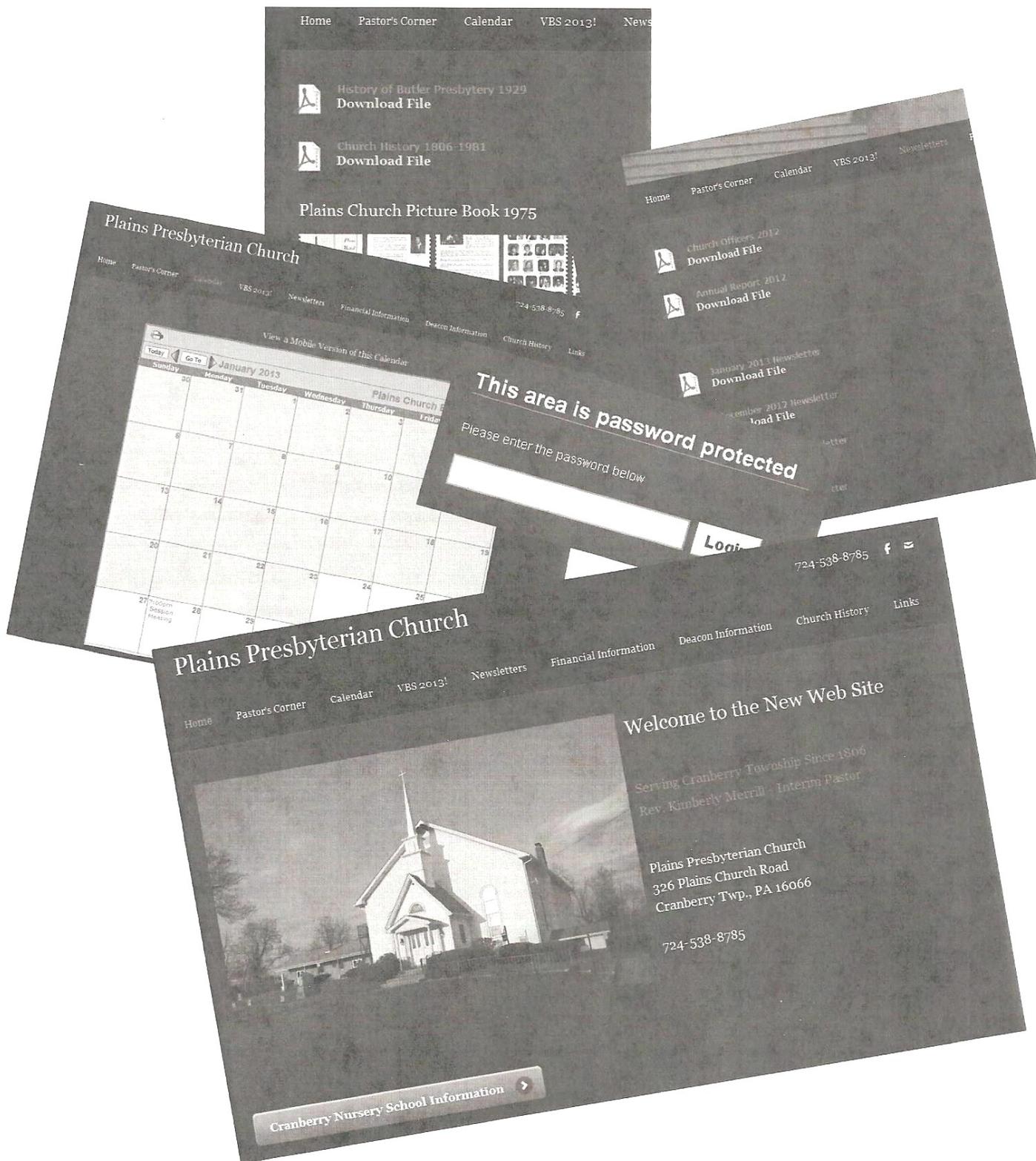
Same address as always [www.PlainsChurch.com](http://www.PlainsChurch.com)

Public information, plus Password Protected areas for church member information.

Church Newsletters kept online for easy reference.

Expanded Church History.

Space for you or your group to keep information! You can be the editor of your own page - just ask!





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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

“As disciples of Christ, we share the gospel with one another and the community.

We are committed to growth in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through worship, study, teaching, and fellowship.”



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>February 2012</b>				1	2
3 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	4 7:00pm CCC 7:00pm Mission Study Task Force Meeting	5 7:00pm Financial Peace Univ. Class	6 7:00 pm Choir practice	7	8	9
10 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	11 7:00pm CCC	12 7:00pm Financial Peace Univ. Class	13  6:00 pm Daisy's 7:00pm Service @ Plains ~8:00 pm Choir practice	14 	15 CNS-no school	16
17 <b>Communion Heifer Sunday</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service Spiritual Gifts luncheon after service	18 CNS-no school 7:00pm CCC	19 7:00pm Financial Peace Univ. Class	20 7:00pm Deacon's mtg. 6:00pm dinner and 6:45pm Service at Crestview ~8:00pm Choir practice	21	22	23
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