



## PLAIN TALK



2013

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Today I am keenly aware of my “temporariness.” As we prepare for VBS, I will be attending as Plains’ Interim Pastor and not as a visitor who was becoming Plains’ Interim Pastor. Yes, I have been here for about a year. I have said from the beginning that I am temporary, not the pastor that God has called to stay and grow with y’all, but one who has been called to come along side of you to help you dream about the future and all that God can do in your midst. So, my position has been since I started one that has one foot in the building and one foot leaving. I am temporary. The funny thing is that God has impressed upon me that I am not just as the interim pastor of Plains Church, but as a human being created in the image of God. We are temporary. That is the circle of life, the way that God created us.

The writer of Isaiah tells us in Isaiah 40:6-9,

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, “Cry out.” And I said, “What shall I cry?”

“All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them.

Surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”

We are temporary. The Lord God Almighty is not temporary. He is the One constant above all, through all and in all.

As the world and our country begin to tell us that we are “outdated” and “ancient” and that we “need to get with the times,” let us remember that the Apostles were also told to get in line with the everyday accepted truth. The only problem for the Apostles was that they knew Truth, the One who came and told them, “I am the way, the *truth*, and the life.” Jesus Christ is constant, not temporary, not a passing fad. He is the Truth with a capital “T,” and His word will stand forever, no matter what!

We are indeed temporary, but we are also the church, the body of Christ! As long as we look to the Head of the church, Jesus Christ, for our strength, our peace, our love, our joy, we will find that Psalm 46 is right. *“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.”*

After more than 2,000 years, the Gospel still stands, and Jesus Christ still saves and gives love, peace, joy and mercy. May we be found to be Christ like in these times.

In Christ’s service,

Rev. Kimberly

# Worship Schedule

## July 7 ~ Communion

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship Service

## July 14

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship Service

## July 21 ~ Heifer Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship Service

Coffee Connections

## July 28

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship Service

## Helping with Worship This Month

### Worship Leaders

07 Steve Solman  
14 Tiffany Aloï  
21 Tim Rausch  
28 Tony Poletì

### Greeters

07 Arch & Maggie Simpson  
14 Tony Poletì & Cathy Stafford  
21 Eunice G. & Barb Ronksley  
28 Tim & Amy Roscoe

### Nursery Workers

07 Erika Stafford  
14 Amy Roscoe  
21 Denise Kremmel  
28 Norah Collins

### Elder of the Month

Rich Magill

### Deacon of the Month

Eunice Guenther



July 1 Eunice Guenther  
July 5 Sandi Taylor  
July 8 Hanna Leisie  
July 14 John Ivancik & Tim Rausch  
July 16 Jim Dambaugh  
July 22 Amy Roscoe  
July 24 Edward Kremmel  
July 25 Traci Kuntz  
July 26 Kelli Rausch & Reed Kuntz  
July 27 Jeanine Poletì  
July 31 Helen Sproat



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

- Jack Bark • Liz Dadey • Leeann • Ellen Elliott
- Susan Budney • Armel and Jean Treese • Wesley
- Melissa Holcomb's mom, Margie • Virginia & Scott • Carrie
- Amy's Uncle Clyde who is in the hospital
- Randy Goehring • Betty Lehman • Elizabeth Rausch
- Bob Rectenwald's brother-in-law, Bob
- For Burt Duerring's dad who is suffering from Alzheimer's
- For all those suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia and prayers for their families as well.

•For our friends who are in assisted living: Howard Reed, Marilyn Stamp, Bob Ronksley & Gibbie Sponsler



July 02 Jack & Joann Bark  
July 02 Gene & Corina Taylor  
July 10 Jason & Melissa Holcomb  
July 15 Frank & Tiffany Aloï  
July 21 Jack & Cathy Dixon

## History Corner



### Session Minutes

Dec. 13, 1878

It was decided to hold four weekly prayer meetings and Bible classes on Friday nights. One at the church, one at Hendersonville, one in John Rowan's district, and one in Evansburgh. It was decided to hold three communions hereafter each year. In January, June and October. It was decided that after the holidays, the Pastor (accompanied by one elder) should visit the congregation pastorally.

### Save the date:



**August 25th**



### Coffee Connections

**July 21st**

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**Please note that  
the office will be  
closed from  
July 22-26th.**



Adults, Try something HOT this summer...

Our Sizzling Seminars. It will be informal with a discussion about current topics chosen by the participants. These discussions will focus on the Christian point of view of the group on current events (political, world, local, PC(USA) and Presbytery etc). Steve's Youth can join us in the discussions. Children are welcome to have fellowship time while we talk. Discussion starts at 9:00AM and will end at 9:45AM before the worship service.





Saddle up your horses – we’ve got a trail to blaze...

to the 2013 Vacation Bible School! Git along to Plains Church’s VBS program, planned for the week of July 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Our theme is “SonWest Roundup, A Rip Roaring Good Time with Jesus!” – we’ll ride the trail through the Old Testament stories of Moses. From

heart-racin’ Bible stories to the gitty up games (the games dude, Mr. Tim, has been talking about hog-tying kids ☺ heeheeheehee), we promise it’ll be a hootin’ and hollerin’ great time! We’re leadin’ our buckaroos to a life with Jesus – please join us! If ya’ll have questions, drop a line to Dena Solman (412-364-4144).

Happy trails to you!

### *We are really complaining to God!*

As I sat and read the VBS lesson for Thursday July 18, entitled “Perfect Provision”, I read how the Israelites did nothing but complain to Moses. They were tired of walking and they missed the good food and soft beds. They were “starving”, “sun-burned” and their “feet hurt”! They were saying to Moses “Are we there yet”?

What I realized, was that beside Moses....GOD was also listening! I saw that when we complain to others....WE are really complaining to GOD! So let us receive our” Manna and quail” with thanksgiving....and wash them down with His Living Water. Our lives should show that we trust in God!

Submitted by Jim Lehman

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No Bible Study class	2	3	 Happy 4th of July Office is closed	5	6
7 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Communion	8 7:00pm Bible Study class	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	15 VBS 6:30p - 8:30p	16 VBS 6:30p - 8:30p	17 VBS 6:30p - 8:30p	18 VBS 6:30p - 8:30p	19 VBS 6:30p - 8:30p	20
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### Session Highlights

May 2013

Session met on Monday, May 13, 2013. Below are some of the Highlights of that meeting...

Church Minute and Roll book updated for annual review.

Expenses are under control. Carpet fund is growing.

Deacons distributed candy to women of the church for Mother's Day.

Rev. Kimberly presented a list of this past month's activities and other items of interest:

- June 10<sup>th</sup> starts "The Life You've Always Wanted" Bible Study.
- Will be attending Christian Life Conference in Montreat NC June 29<sup>th</sup> thru July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Informal Sunday School will continue in the Adult Sunday School room at 9:00 a.m. throughout summer.

Vacation Bible School will be July 15 thru July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Normal routine maintenance was completed around the church this past month.

Worship committee met on Sunday, April 21, 2013 to discuss plans for upcoming Spring and Summer Worship, along with any special events.

June 2, 2013 will be the time charge for service to 10:00 a.m. and also be "Youth Sunday".

Rev. Kimberly will be on vacation June 30, 2013. We will have a Hymn Sing Sunday.

Worship committee proposes the following dates for communion for the remainder of 2013 - May 19 (Pentacost), July 7, September 1, Oct 6 (World Communion Sunday), December 1 (Advent), and December 24 (Christmas eve). Communion dates approved for the remainder of the year by consensus of Session.

Tim Rausch would like to have "Wing Night" at some point with chicken wings, games, and music.

Family renting the manse will be leaving in June.

Craft Fair – Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

PNC Update – Good progress – Looking to have draft of the Church Information Form in early June.

Rev. Kimberly closed with prayer at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy G. Roscoe  
Clerk of Session



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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

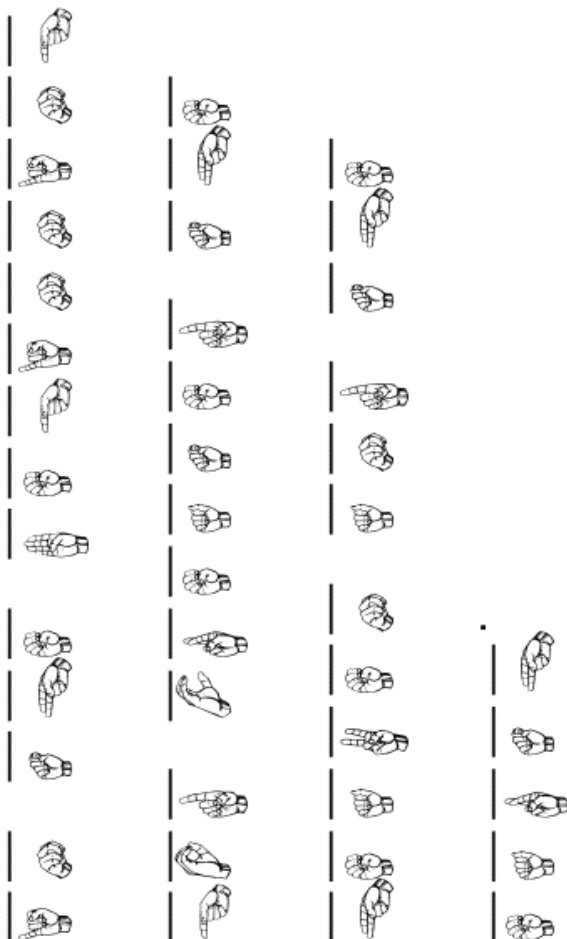
“As disciples of Christ, we share the gospel with one another and the community.

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



### GENESIS 1:1 - Sign Language

Write the letter for each sign to spell out the Bible verse, Genesis 1:1



### The Letters

