

PLAIN TALK

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

I seem to remember an old saying about March winds blowing. Here in Western PA, the winds started early! February is going out like a lion, I think. The Weather Channel is one of the constants around my house. Having grown up in the bull's eye of hurricanes on the Gulf Coast, my husband and I are both weather nerds. This has proved to be beneficial for us as we have moved to Texas, Oklahoma, and here in Pennsylvania. Each state has had its own beauty and its own weather issues. In Austin, TX, rain was measured in 1/100s of an inch if you can imagine that. In Bartlesville, OK, we became accustomed to seeing green skies and hearing tornado sirens. We also got to experience our first thunder snow there, as well as experiencing our first real taste of 4 seasons. Growing up in Mobile, AL, our seasons were spring and summer. At least spring as it is seen here in PA.

The incredible thing is that seasons do change no matter where you live. Seasons change in our lives as well. There is this wonderful song by Crystal Lewis called, "Seasons Change," that I can't help but think of as I think of the places that I have lived. In this song, each verse starts with the same question, "Are you going through a dry spell?" The verses then change by the response of the singer, "Yes, I've been there before," "Yes, I've been there a time or two," and "I was there a while ago." The most beautiful part of the song is the chorus:

**"But seasons change and then they pass
no way to know how long they'll last
I'd love to know the reasons why
But God knows
Seasons change"**

In the month of March, our season will change. We will walk through the season of Lent and repentance into the season of Resurrection and celebrations. The beautiful thing of the season of Lent is that it is just that...a season. We remember all that our Savior Jesus Christ went through to claim us as His own...what God, the Father, went through to call us children of the Most High, and then we get to celebrate with all of heaven as we enter the season of Easter!!! Oh, what joy there is in knowing that following Maundy Thursday, Good Friday...there is Easter morning!!! Resurrection Day!!! A day to acknowledge that the stone has been rolled away and HE IS ALIVE!!! Every Sunday is Resurrection Day! A day to celebrate the LORD's Day! A day to celebrate the triumph of Jesus Christ over the grave! Death has lost its sting! Praise be to God, the Father, Jesus Christ, the Son and the Holy Spirit forever more!!!

In His service,

Kimberly



Worship Schedule

March 3	
9:30 am Sunday School	
11:00 am Worship Service	
March 10	
9:30 am Sunday School	
11:00 am Worship Service	
March 17 ~ Heifer Sunday	
9:30am Sunday School	
11:00 am Worship Service	
March 24 ~ Psalm Sunday	
9:30 am Sunday School	
11:00 am Worship Service	
March 31 ~ Easter Sunday Communion	
9:30 am Sunday School	
11:00 am Worship Service	

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders	Greeters	Nursery Workers
03 Ron Carter	03 Eunice Guenther & Denise Kremmel	03 Erika Stafford
10 Steve Solman	10 Frank & Tiffany Aloi	10 Amy Roscoe
17 Tim Rausch	17 Frank Leisie & Tony Poleti	17 Denise Kremmel
24 Tiffany Aloi	24 Joann Bark & Cathy Stafford	24 Norah Collins
31 Tim Roscoe	31 Jay & Bonnie Carmichael	31 Mary & Steve Walter



Elder of the Month
Ron Carter
Deacon of the Month
Tiffany Aloi



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

- Jack Bark •Nancy •Liz Dadey
- Frank Leonberg • LeeAnn •Ellen Elliott
- Kathy Merriman •Kay's niece, Karen
- Susan Reed •Annabelle Aloi •Bill Stafford
- Janet McKnight •Angie •Dean Solman
- Meredith Davis •Abby, a CNS student
- Kimberlee, the Lehman's daughter
- Melanie Sturrock's father-in-law, Eldon
- For our friends who are in assisted living: Howard Reed, Marilyn Stamp, Bob Ronksley & Gibbie Sponsler

March 2	Nancy Duerring
March 4	Tonya North
March 6	Jocilynn Walter
March 9	Bruce Kremmel
March 10	Evelyn Koebler
March 12	Margaret Sponsler
March 13	Anthony Poleti
March 14	Ronald Rice
March 16	Micah Sproat
March 19	Bonnie Carmichael & Allen Frederick
March 20	Emily Cox & Lily Young
March 22	Paulette Ivancik
March 26	Jean Treese
March 27	Janelle Stafford
March 29	Aaron Magill
March 31	Jason Holcomb



March 19 Ron & Cathy Carter

History**Corner**

Beginning with this issue of Plain Talk and continuing for ??? awhile, look for some interesting tidbits taken from the first available minutes of church session books 1863 – 1899.

We know from our updated 2006 history book that Plains Church was organized in 1806. The first services were held in a tent (which could have been a canopy of trees). A log church was built in 1820 replaced by a brick church in 1839. The present frame structure was built in 1878.

Any guesses as to what this frame structure cost? Remember, there was no basement. See next month's newsletter for the cost, how long it took to tear down the remaining brick structure (destroyed by fire) and the time involved in building the new church – the one you worship in today. (*You can relay your cost estimates to Bev Magill if you like and we will let you know who guessed the closest.*)

Thank you all for your cards, kind thought and prayers before, during and after our surgeries. I told Tom I'd be able to run a race before him, but we are both on schedule and healing well.

Bev Magill

**Please note:**

As a commercial property, Plains Church and CNS now have to recycle. There are recycle bins in the basement kitchen, church office and in the aide's room in the education building. All paper, cardboard, cans and plastic are recyclable. When in the building, please use the bins when possible.

Thank you.

**Volunteer Mission Opportunity**

Weekends, March 1-3

and/or

March 15-17

Leaving Friday at 5am or 4pm. Return Sunday.

East Coast/Hurricane Sandy Team, an outreach of Samaritan's Purse for the PA/NJ/NY border areas. Potential activities include insulating/drywall/painting. No experience? No problem. They will train you. Must be 18 years old.

The cost is \$20/person to cover the van transportation and one meal each way. Sleep on cots at a local church. Local volunteers are being organized by Wendy Kovach, an elder in New Life Christian Ministries. Call her at (724)898-1062 to reserve a spot.

Submitted by Nancy Duerring



Cranberry Nursery School

Introducing the Half-Pints, a 2 1/2 year old program for the 2013-2014 school year

Classes meet on Tuesday/Thursday

9:15 - 11:00 AM

Limited space available

Goals to include the development of

Social Skills

Self-Help Skills

Emotional Skills

Communication Skills

Cognitive Skills

Physical Skills

For a tour, to answer any questions, or to receive a registration form, contact us at 724-538-8785 or cnsopfplains@zoominternet.net.

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More than 25 years of enriching and nurturing the children of Cranberry Township!

Congregational Meeting II Minutes

Sunday, January 27, 2013

Rev. Kimberly opened the meeting with Prayer after a delicious luncheon at 12:50 p.m. Special Thanks to Tim Rauch and family for preparing a special luncheon, along with everyone who helped to set everything up.

All materials (annual report and budget) were distributed to the congregation via email, with copies available at the luncheon. Tim Roscoe, Clerk of Session, certified that a quorum of members are present. At least 25 members are present.

Melanie Sturrock introduced the Mission Study. Frank Aloi reviewed the results (They are included in the annual report file).

One of the goals for the Mission Study team is to solicit input from the congregation on where we are now and where we should be going. To assist with that, the congregation broke up into groups, where each group had a member of the Mission Study team review several questions. The answers to those questions will be collected reviewed by the Mission Study team.

Tim Roscoe reviewed the annual report, thanking various groups and committees for their hard work during this past year.

Frank Aloi covered last years financial performance, and discussed the Per Capita. Rev. Kimberly clarified that the Presbytery would not make up the General Assembly Per Capita.

Frank reviewed the budget for 2013. Session will discuss and approve it at the meting on January 28, 2013.

Old Business

None

New Business

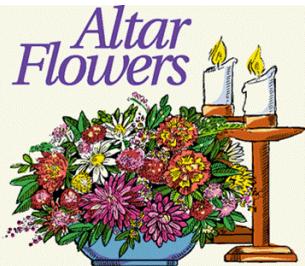
None

Motion to adjourn by Ron Carter, seconded by Kathy Carter. Motion Passed.

Rev. Kimberly closed with prayer at 2:45 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session



A new flower calendar has been posted in the back of the church. If you would like to give altar flowers at any time during the year, please sign the calendar and let Bev Magill know.



Easter Lily Order forms are due March 10th.



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**Ordained Presbyterian Clergy, Commissioned Ruling Elders (CRE's),
Presbyterian Children & Youth Leader Staff
Discount Policy**

CAPNWP offers all active or retired ordained Presbyterian pastors, CRE's, children & youth leaders who are currently paid church staff at a Presbyterian Church discounts for Sabbath and retreat opportunities at Camp Lambech and Westminster Highlands. As a mission and ministry we want to purposefully nurture all Presbyterian pastors, CRE's, paid children & youth leaders and their families by offering renewal for mind, body and spirit.

Year Round Sabbath & Personal Retreats

CAPNWP offers ordained Presbyterian clergy, CRE's and current, paid Presbyterian Church children & youth staff:

- Total of 4 days and nights accommodations per calendar year for personal or family (spouse and children) use.
 - Complimentary meals provided if the dining hall is serving meals for scheduled groups.
 - If no group meal service is scheduled, cabins with kitchen facilities will be assigned so you can prepare your own meals
 - Accommodations available based on guest group reservations
 - Complimentary retreat days are not applicable to summer camp programs or group retreats.
- Additional personal Sabbath or retreat days and nights accommodations are offered at reduced fees:
 - Day use of facilities – the camp's day use fee
 - Overnight facility use – $\frac{1}{2}$ price for facility used
 - Reduced fees not applicable to group retreats

Please schedule complimentary retreats in advance.

Summer camp discounts

As mission partners we want you and your families to be able to participate in, and be a vital part of, our summer camp programs. We offer ordained Presbyterian clergy, CRE's and current, paid Presbyterian Church children & youth staff and their families' significant summer camp fee discounts:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ discount off regular camp fee for any selected camps for your children, youth, teens and family
- Ordained Presbyterian clergy, CRE's and current, paid Presbyterian Church children & youth staff who serve as camp pastor, volunteer director or cabin leader for one week of residential camp at either Camp Lambech or Westminster Highlands receive:
 - You, your spouse, children, youth or teens attend that camp session for free.

Please list "Presbyterian Clergy" "CRE" or "Paid Children & Youth Leader Staff" and the name of the Church where you are on staff on your summer camp registration.

To make retreat reservations or ask questions contact the CAPNWP office

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The Deacons are sponsoring an Easter Offering.

The offering will begin March 3rd and continue through Palm Sunday, March 24th. This collection addresses the needs of our community with gifts to the Salvation Army and the Evans City Community Food Cupboard. Another charity that this collection will help is Grace Memorial Hospital in Brazil. Checks may be made payable to Plains Church with Deacons Easter Offering on the memo line. Thank you so much for your generous support of this offering.



The Deacons are collecting food and paper items for the Evans City Food Bank. Donations can be left in the Narthex. We will be taking donations through the last Sunday of March.

Please consider making a donation to help those in need.

The Cranberry Civic Chorale are always accepting new members. They meet Monday evenings from 7pm-8:30pm at Plains Church



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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.”



Kids Zone

