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Tonight I sit and ponder how to decorate my car for Trunk or Treating at Park United Presbyterian in Zelienople, and I am suddenly in awe of the fact that we can do this with no fear, no worries, just anticipation of good fellowship and candy (of course! Lots and lots of candy!). This all has me thinking and wondering of just how blessed we truly are.

We live in a land that allows us to worship God with no threat of police brutality or government imprisonment. We live in a land where we can visit a variety of churches. We are not told what to believe and why to believe it. There is no “state” religion to adhere to or to follow. We live in a land of freedom... religious freedom.

We are living the dream of the pilgrims! Can you believe it?!? It is really outrageous when you think about it. The pilgrims left their homeland to find a place where they could worship the Lord as they saw fit. They sought to “purify” the church and return it to a Scripture based service. Earlier in history, Puritans were executed for their beliefs. Although this was no longer the case at the time of the Mayflower voyage from England, Puritans were still not accepted for their beliefs.

After a treacherous voyage with many losing their lives on the journey, the pilgrims reached the land we now know as the United States. The journey was difficult as the travelers divided into two different factions on board the Mayflower, the Saints and the Strangers. That is the way they were before they landed...divided. Upon seeing the New World a decision was made for them to remain together, the Mayflower Compact.

We are blessed to live in a land of religious freedom, to be in a church that worships Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior unashamedly, at least while we are in the church. What do we show the outside world? The people who are wondering what goes on in that little white church on Plains Church Road? As we read Scripture, both Old and New Testament, we are given glimpses of what it means to suffer for faith. Chapter 11 of Hebrews is called the “faith” chapter as it lists almost a roll call of martyred saints. Do we know how blessed we are? Jesus tells us in **Matthew 13:44-46** (NIV)

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

In this month of gratitude for all that we have, let us not forget the gift that we have been given throughout time. A gift that has been bought and paid for by blood...not just the blood of the pilgrims, but the blood of an innocent man on a cross who died to take away the sins of the world and to claim us as His own. “For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son...” I think you know the rest...

In Joyful Thanksgiving for all that our Savior has done, is doing and will do!

Kimberly



Worship Schedule

November 3

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

November 10

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

November 17 ~Heifer Sunday

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

November 24

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

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

03 Frank Aloï
10 Tim Roscoe
17 Tim Rausch
24 Tiffany Aloï

Greeters

03 Cathy Stafford & Jean T.
10 Frank & Tiffany Aloï
17 Arch & Maggie Simpson
24 Tim & Amy Roscoe

Nursery Workers

03 Julie Young
10 Erika Stafford
17 Amy Roscoe
24 Denise Kremmel

Elder of the Month

Ron Carter

Deacon of the Month

Maggie Simpson



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

- Jack Bark • Leeann & her husband
- Angela Kushner's husband, Bob • Ron Cox
- Armel & Jean Treese • Betty Lehman
- Elizabeth Rausch • Ruth Rausch
- Cindy, a co-worker of Frank Aloï
- Eunice's sister, Nancy • Bob Glaspey
- Brian Lockhart, a friend of Ethan's
- For all those who do emergency services for us: police, firefighters, paramedics & EMT's
- For our military and their families
- Our friends who are in assisted living: Howard Reed, Marilyn Stamp, Bob Ronksley and Gibbie Sponsler



Nov. 1	Carl Duerring John Finlay Ethan Leisie
Nov. 4	Jennifer Mignanelli
Nov. 5	Larry Duncan
Nov. 7	Nina Finlay
Nov. 8	Bev Magill
Nov. 8	Leah Young
Nov. 10	Kathy Snyder
Nov. 11	Michelle Rodgers
Nov. 12	Erika Stafford
Nov. 18	Calvin Croft
Nov. 20	Kathy Merriman
Nov. 24	Ron Cox
Nov. 27	Steve Walter
Nov. 28	Meredith Cox Cathy Dixon Denise Kremmel Amy Solman
Nov. 30	Frank Aloï

03	Archie & Maggie Simpson
15	Bob & Julie Young
23	Tim & Ruth Rausch



**History
Corner**



Session Minutes: Nov. 30, 1896

The joint sessions of Plains and Crestview met at the Plains Church to connect the two churches with one pastor. It was resolved that Plains Church would leave the Allegheny Presbytery and be part of the Butler Presbytery (temporarily) as that is the Presbytery where Crestview wishes to remain. *(It appears throughout session minutes that churches went in and out of Presbytery's with only a request.)*



The Plains Church ladies at the Women of Faith Conference



Coffee Connections

November 17

Sponsored by the

Stewardship Committee

Session Retreat	November 2 10am-3pm
Session meeting:	November 18 at 7pm
Deacons meeting:	November 20 at 7pm

**The Church office will be closed on
Thursday, November 28th for
Thanksgiving**



*Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family*

Plains Presbyterian Church Financial Update

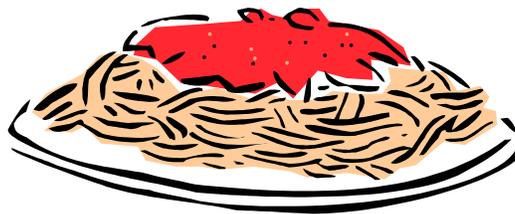
Our actual giving continues to be under our budget giving in 2013. Our total receipts are **\$8,163 less** than our budget through September 30.

Our expenses are higher our budget at this time and we will be controlling costs through year end. As you can see below, our net income is over **\$10,600 in the red** for the year to date period ending July 31.

One issue is that our per capita receipts are much lower than budget. We have received less than 40% of our budgeted per capita this year. But the larger issue is general giving is less than expected.

As we plan to call a new full time pastor in 2014, we will need to see receipts increase or we will be forced to make tough decisions. If you have any questions please contact Frank Aloï at FrankA-loi@MSN.com.

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$78,328.05	\$86,490.80	(\$8,162.75)
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES:</u>	<u>\$89,001.12</u>	<u>\$85,712.25</u>	<u>(\$3,288.87)</u>
NET INCOME:			(\$10,673.07)



Attention spaghetti lovers – it's time for the annual Youth Group fundraiser luncheon!

Immediately after the worship service on Sunday, November 10th, our youth group will be serving scrumptious spaghetti with homemade sauces, yummy salad with all of the fixings, and gooey garlic bread. Your generous donations will help our active youth group fund the year's many fun activities, including concerts, retreats, and fellowship. We'll see you (and your appetite!) on Sunday, November 10th!



Operation Christmas Child:



The Deacons are collecting donations for needy children around the world. Samaritan's Purse will deliver the special packages to children everywhere. Donations will be gladly be accepted in the form of toys, school supplies or monetary contributions. Contributions will be accepted through November 17.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The Deacons are having a "wrapping party" to get all of the shoeboxes ready. They are providing pizza and snacks so please join us on November 2nd at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Christmas Poinsettias will fill our sanctuary on December 8, 15, 22 and 24. If you would like to order one and then be able to take it home, please complete an order form and place in the offering plate or send to the church office. Orders will need to be received by Sunday, November 24. The flowers will be three stem red poinsettias at a cost of \$20.00 -- payable to Plains Church and marked for Poinsettia Fund. Thank you.

I/We would like to order a poinsettia:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

As a Gift to the Church: _____

From: _____

PNC Update - Are we ready?

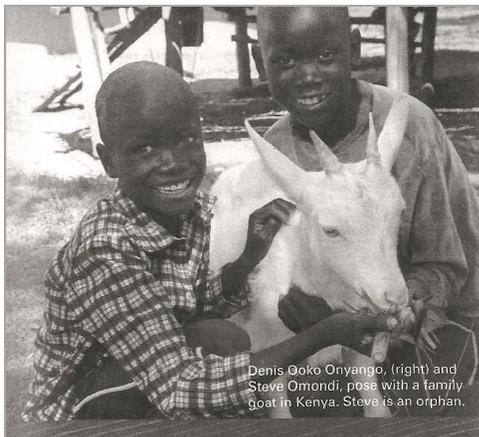
Are we ready to call our new pastor to Plains Church? Our new pastor will be arriving in the near future. While we can't give you an exact time frame, your Pastor Nominating Committee has been spending the past seven months reviewing over one hundred pastor information forms in great detail. We contacted some of these candidates for interviews, and since that time have narrowed our pastor search to a very select few candidates. Through this process we have felt the Spirit moving amongst us. As we conduct neutral pulpits in November, please continue to pray for the PNC as we ask God to give us wisdom to choose the pastor He is calling to Plains Church.

Are we ready to have our high expectations fulfilled? We conducted a mission study last year and asked all of you what we should expect from our new pastor. These expectations include pastoral care, youth ministry, Christian education, disciple building, biblically based sermons and growth of our Church.

The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25: 14-30) tells the story of three servants who are put in charge of their master's possessions. Two of these servants pursue fruitful efforts and multiply their master's estate, while the third servant digs a hole and does nothing with the little that was entrusted to him. We are about to be blessed with a new pastor. Will we take this opportunity given to us by the Master and multiply our fruit? Or like the third servant, will we take the opportunity, dig a hole and bury it in the ground? The time has come for each of us to ask ourselves, are we ready?

Our pastor will also have high expectations of us. Will we be energized and ready to do God's work? Will we give more of our time, talent and treasure to fulfill God's purpose when our new pastor arrives? Will we commit to participating in the life of our Church through weekly bible studies, fervent pursuit of mission and doing the work needed within our Church? Will we show a commitment to our Church committees? When our new pastor looks at the membership of our committees, what will the pastor think of our commitment? We cannot assume that when our new pastor is called to Plains Church that our work is done. It is only beginning! We need to show our support for the new pastor as much as possible!

Each of us needs to ask ourselves if we are prepared to fully support our new pastor. By God's Wonderful Grace, we will rise to aggressively respond to this opportunity!



Denis Ooko Onyango, (right) and Steve Omondi, pose with a family goat in Kenya. Steve is an orphan.

Precious baby goats — or kids — are the answer for children suffering from hunger and the devastating effects of poverty.

Kids to Kids: November

REASON #4:

A farmer who mixes goat manure with his soil can dramatically improve the yield of many common farm crops. That means more healthy vegetables or grains to eat, and more to take to market as well.

REASON #5:

Goats reproduce quickly and easily. Each nanny goat can produce two to three kids each year. That means more opportunities to share their blessings through Passing on the Gift.

REASON #6:

Goat milk is not only delicious — it has more protein, more calcium and more calories than cow's milk, and many children who are intolerant of cow's milk can still drink goat's milk.

Kids 2 Kids is a program that works, thanks to you. And it's working all over the world! Read on to see even more places where your gifts are helping families and children overcome hunger and poverty ...



Elsa Maribel Jukumari, Bolivia.

Kids 2 Kids in Bolivia

Elsa Maribel Jukumari and her younger brother and sister live high in the arid Andes mountains in Bolivia. With so little rain, Elsa's parents, Alejandro and Santusa, struggled to raise livestock, grow crops and feed their children.

Thankfully, Heifer International and generous supporters like you stepped in with a solution.

Heifer worked with their community to construct six large reservoirs. Now that they had access to clean water to support their farm, Elsa's family was ready to receive their gift of livestock and training.

Heifer provided the Jukumaris with a purebred goat, which they bred with their local goats. Within a year, they had 280 goats and a thriving farm. The goats provide income for necessities and for school supplies for Elsa Maribel and her siblings.

"My dream is that my children will be able to go to university," Santusa says hopefully.

This family has an opportunity to realize their dreams — thanks to the gift of goats from generous Heifer supporters like you.

Heifer Kids to Kids:

Donations for the Heifer Kids to Kids Campaign are being collected in

Oct, Nov and Dec. If every member of the congregation gives \$2.00 each month, we can give 3 goats..kids... to "kids" in Kenya, the Philippines and Bolivia. Please mark your check or envelope, Heifer goats. Thank you for giving the children health, hope and happiness.

"Hanging of the Greens"
 decorating party
 Saturday, November 30th
 9:30am ~ 12 noon
 Donuts & juice will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex soon.

There will be a Congregational Meeting Part I scheduled for the end of November or early December. Please look for the announcement in future

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.
 NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
 COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS
 SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

Are you Crafty? Would you like to sell your crafts?

Vendors are wanted for the Harvest Home Craft Fair

at Plains Church in Cranberry Township.

- We are looking for crafters that specialize in handmade gift items and specialty foods like fudge, homemade candies and jams.
- It will be held Dec 7th from 9:00 -4:00.
- A 8'x'6 space is \$10.00. 8' x 8' space is \$12.00
- For a registration form call [724-538-8785](tel:724-538-8785) or www.plainschurch.com
- Please pass this information on to a crafty friend, too, please.

Melanie Sturrock

Harvest Home Craft Fair Coordinator





CNS News

Registration for the 2014-2015 school year will begin in December for current students and will open up to the general public beginning January 6th. If you know anyone who is looking for a pre-school, please let them know about Cranberry Nursery School. We will be offering a 2 1/2 year old AM program; 3 year-old AM program; and a Pre-K program in both the AM and PM. The staff would be happy to answer any questions the families might have.



2012-2013 Participating Products



BEVERAGES

- Campbell's® Tomato Juices*
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BREAD

- Pepperidge Farm® Breads, Croutons, Rolls & Stuffing

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- Alpha-Bits®
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- Great Grains®
- Honey Bunches of Oats®
- Honey-Comb®
- Post® Raisin Bran
- Post Selects®
- Post® Shredded Wheat®
- Waffle Crisp®

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- Campbell's® Condensed "Great for Cooking" Soups
- Swanson® Broth, Canned Chicken & Cooking Stock
- Wolfgang Puck™ Stocks and Broths
- Campbell's® Beans

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- Dannon® Danimals® Smoothies
- Dannon® Danimals® Double Crush Cup™
- Dannon® Danimals® Coolision™
- Dannon® Dan-o-nino™ Drinks
- Dannon® Dan-o-nino™ Cups

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- Glad® Food Storage Bags
- Glad® Sandwich Bags
- Glad® Plastic Wraps

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- Real Simple
- TIME
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- Emerald® 100 Calorie Packs
- Emerald® Breakfast on the go™
- Emerald® Trail Mix
- Emerald® Glazed Nuts
- Pepperidge Farm® Baked Naturals®

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- Pop Secret® 3 Count
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- Campbell's® Chunky™ Chili
- Campbell's® Condensed Soups
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- Campbell's® Healthy Request® Soups
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CNS Fundraiser

CNS is once again collecting the UPC codes from the products below. The points redeemed are used to get items needed for the classrooms and school. Please help our kids by clipping out the UPC codes from the labels and depositing them in the large soup can in the CNS building.



A Circle of Friends Choirs Schedule

All performances are free and open to the public; some organizations encourage free will donations to support the charitable cause for which the concert is performed.

Friday, December 6th 7 p.m.
Hope Lutheran Church
8070 Rowan Road, Cranberry Twp. PA 16066

Saturday, December 7th 7 p.m.
Dutilh Methodist Church,
1270 Dutilh Road, Cranberry Twp. PA 16066

Sunday, December 8th 7 p.m.
Evans City Rotary
Ritzert Hall (St. Mathias Church)
417 East Main Street, Evans City PA 16033

Friday, December 13th 7 p.m.
English Lutheran Church
200 E Grandview Ave, Zelienople PA 16063

Saturday, December 14th 7 p.m.
Pine Valley Camp
Concord Methodist Church
285 Concord Church Road, Beaver Falls PA 15010

Sunday, December 15th 7 p.m.
St. Peter's Reformed Church
320 E Grandview Avenue, Zelienople PA 16063



I do want to thank everyone for your beautiful cards and letters, and the wonderful reception. I have always said that Plains church is a warm and friendly place and once again you have proven that to be true. I especially liked the home-made cards and decorations, they really touched me on a very personal level. I was moved to think that you all would take the time to add your personal touches to my going away party but then again that is what makes Plains church so special. The comments contained in each card brought both a smile to my face and tears to my eyes. The sentiments expressed in each specifically chosen card moved me deeply. Words can not express the flood of emotions I felt as I read through each card and letter. Thank you seems so inadequate to really express my deepest gratitude, but it will have to suffice.

Thank you all so much for embracing me and sharing your lives with me. I will hold you all in my thoughts and prayers for many years.

Your Brother in Christ
Allen Frederick

**Your 2014 Pledge Cards
will be arriving in early
November. Please
prayerfully consider
that you are giving to
God and not simply
Plains Church.**

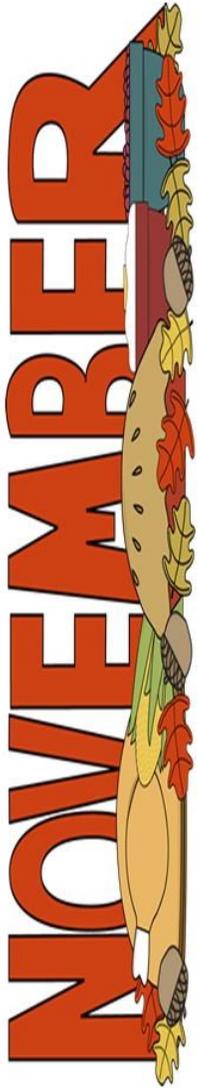


Thank you
for serving
our country
& protecting
our freedoms!

Honoring Veterans Day

Monday, November 11th

NOVEMBER 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Session Retreat 10am-3pm 5pm Deacons party
3 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 3:00 pm Cub Scout mtg.	4	5	6	7 CNS Open House 6:30pm-8:00pm	8 CNS closed	9
10 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	11 CNS closed	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service Heifer Sunday Coffee Connections	18 7:00 pm Session mtg.	19	20 7:00 pm Deacons mtg.	21	22	23
24 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	25	26	27 CNS closed	28 Office is closed	29 CNS closed	30 "Hanging of the Greens" decorating party 9:30 am ~ 12 noon



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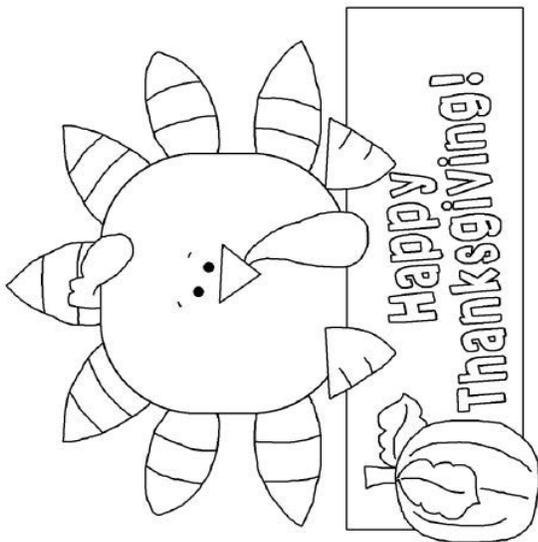
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“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



I am thankful for _____
