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“Money talks.” At least, that is what I have heard all of my life. The thought of “money” actually speaking kind of makes me smile, and it makes me sad at the same time. In Matthew 6, Jesus tells us Himself how we are to view money...

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also....

²⁴“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

I don't know about you, but I have spent too much of my life listening to money and wanting the *finer* things in life...because after all I am worth it. At least, that is what the advertisers want me to believe. The thing is I am worth the *finer* things in life...just not the things that the world sees as the *finer* things. And, YOU are too! In my life I have found that my relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important thing, but sometimes I am not sure if my life reflects that love. I check my bank statement to get a pulse check on my relationship with Christ, and at this time in my life I can tell you that I am starting to get there. That has not always been the case for me and my husband, but praise be to God we are getting there now.

You see, we have not always tithed. Frankly, years ago we didn't see the benefit, and after all if we didn't like the way things were being done in the church...Well, we let our money talk. At least that is what we thought back then. In fear and with clenched fists, that is how we went to church. There was no joy in our giving. Then, someone challenged us to look at where our money was going. Ouch! It hurt to see how little we were giving in our time and in money. Then, God stepped in and let us fall into our “money” trap.

We looked up from our pit and God reached in and saved us from ourselves, and we have not looked back since. Today we are reaping the harvest of time spent working with God and money placed in His hands to direct and use. We are a tithing family, 10 %, off the top. We experience joy and peace as we offer back to God a portion of all He has given us to use because we know without a shadow of doubt that it is not ours. The absolutely beautiful thing about all of it is that we don't miss the money. God blesses us in ways that we never even imagined! It is His...all of it! And, we have found God to be faithful in all things!

So, here's my question for you...Where does your treasure lie? As we look to the future of Plains Presbyterian Church and where God is calling her to go as His hands and feet in the world, there are opportunities that abound for us to use God's resources that He has given for His work. It is an exciting time! (Unless, your treasures are earthly and are apt to be eaten up by vermin and rust.) We have been given free will to choose who we serve. “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

May the same be said for each of us. In His service, Kimberly

Worship Schedule



October 6~ Communion

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

October 13

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

October 20 ~Heifer Sunday

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

October 27

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

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders		Greeters		Nursery Workers	
06	Ron Carter	06	Denise Kremmel & Tony P.	06	Melissa Holcomb
13	Tim Roscoe	13	Jay & Bonnie Carmichael	13	Cathy Stafford
20	Ethan Leisie	20	Joann Bark & Tony Poleti	20	Dena & Steve Solman
27	Tony Poleti	27	Arch & Maggie Simpson	27	Kathy & Ron Carter

Elder of the Month

Sue Reed

Deacon of the Month

Tiffany Aloï



Oct. 02	Terrie Budney
Oct. 03	Maggie Simpson
Oct. 08	Marlene Cranden
Oct. 09	Marjory Leisie
Oct. 12	Vicki Gundel
Oct. 16	Jasmine Showers
Oct. 22	Madison Holcomb
Oct. 24	Gary Rader
Oct. 28	Elliott Dambaugh



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

- Jack Bark •Leeann & her husband
- Bob Glaspey •Susan Reed •Matt
- Angela Kushner's husband, Bob
- Nancy Duerring's sister-in-law, Linda
- Jean Treese •Candy Gibson
- Todd Segnar, Tiffany's cousin
- Elizabeth Rausch •Joan & Betty
- Simon and his wife who are on a mission trip
- Our friends who are in assisted living: Howard Reed, Marilyn Stamp, Bob Ronksley and Gibbie Sponsler



Oct. 04	Doug & Daphne Turner
Oct. 14	Steve & Mary Walter
Oct. 17	Rich & Bev Magill
Oct. 23	Karl & Evelyn Koebler

History Corner



Session Minutes: Oct. 2, 1897

Annie xxxx asked for a letter of transfer to Crestview Church which was denied because she failed to pay what she had subscribed to the church.



Coffee Connections

October 17

Sponsored by the
Property Committee

Dates to remember:

Women of Faith: Oct. 4 & 5

Deacon's meeting: Oct. 16 at 7pm

**Women's Retreat: Oct. 18 7pm-10pm
Oct. 19 9am-5pm**

Session meeting: Oct. 21 at 7pm

Session Retreat: Nov. 2 10am-3pm

**Operation Christmas Child Wrapping
Party: Nov. 2**

women of faith
Believe God Can Do Anything
— 2013 TOUR —

MUSIC THAT MOVES
STORIES THAT STRENGTHEN
TEACHING THAT TRANSFORMS





THIRD DAY
Special Guest PASTOR TULLIAN TCHIVIDJIAN

Also appearing CECE WINANS | SHEILA WALSH | HOLLY WAGNER | MARK LOWRY and more

Maggie Simpson
CONTACT INFO

PITTSBURGH, PA
OCTOBER 4-5 | PETERSEN EVENTS CENTER
Friday 7pm - 10pm and Saturday 9am - 5pm

\$69.00

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Women's Retreat for 2013
"When Wallflowers Dance,"
looking at discipleship
with
Rev. Kimberly Merrill
October 18th and 19th, 2013
Camp Crestfield, Slippery Rock

More information is available in the narthex

Plains Presbyterian Church
Session Highlights
August 2013

Session met on Monday, August 19, 2013. Here are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Session renewed Rev. Kimberly's contract for another year, understanding that we may call a Pastor before that contract expires.

CNS has decided they are no longer interested in the fence around the playground. There is a donation of \$1,000 available. It seems that a better use for the funds would be to upgrade the bathrooms in the educational building. A short discussion ensued of making the bathrooms handicap accessible. It appears that we are exempt from the ADA rules since we are a church.

Session by consensus recommends the property committee in cooperation with CNS decide plans for restroom upgrades.

General offering is less than what has been budgeted. About \$7,500 less so far this year.

Loose plate offering this Sunday (Picnic in the Park) will go to the Evans City Food Bank.

Manse air conditioner was serviced.

Removed overgrown trees and shrubs

Hired plumber to make repairs to leaks and valves in manse.

Special thanks to Jim Lehman for helping with mowing of the manse lawn throughout the summer.

Approved the use of the church by the Brownies, Daisy Scouts, and the Boy Scouts

Rev. Kimberly closed with prayer at 9:14 p.m.

Next Regular Session Meeting – September 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy G. Roscoe
Clerk of Session



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.

Would you want to have pizza and snacks with fellow church members? A wrapping party has been scheduled for November 2 in the Fellowship Hall. So, SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

(more information to follow soon)



CNS News & Highlights

The 2013-2014 CNS school year is off to a great start. The children are settling in to a new routine with new friends and teachers. We are grateful for the lovely welcome that was provided by the M&M Café the first days of school. A huge thank you to Maggie Simpson, Melanie Sturrock and Bonnie Carmichael for all of their time and energy. They helped to make all of our school parents feel comfortable and welcomed.

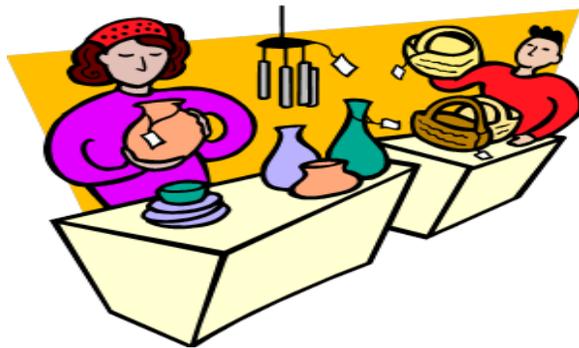
Harvest Home Craft Fair...a success story.

Last year's Harvest Home Craft Fair was a success. We had 25 vendors sharing their God-given talents with us. Some of those vendors were members of our church. Burt is a wood carver, Maggie Simpson is a knitter (mittens is her specialty now), Joann Bark quilts and bakes delicious cookies, Larry Duncan makes grape vine wreaths, ..to name only a few.

The mission of the Harvest Home Craft Fair will be

- to use our talents (instead of hiding them under a barrel)*
- to share our love with the community by becoming more visible in Cranberry area*
- to raise money for the church*
- to help our members and the community supplement their income*

The date for the craft fair is Dec 7th. Mark your calendar.



We are looking for vendors for our 2013 Craft Fair. Applications are now available in the narthex, the church office or on our website. Please use it for yourself or pass it to a friend who has a talent to share.

I am looking forward to seeing your talents flow into the craft fair.

Yours in service,

Melanie



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 2013						
6 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service ~Communion~	7	8	9	10 7:00 pm PNC meeting	11 Women of Faith 7pm-10pm Peterson Event Center	12
13 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	14 	15	16 	17	18 Women's Retreat at Camp Crestfield	19 Women's Retreat at Camp Crestfield
20 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service <i>Coffee Connections</i> <i>Heifer Sunday</i> 3:00 pm Scouts mtg.	21 7:00 pm Session mtg.	22	23 7:00 pm Deacons mtg.	24 CNS T/Th  party	25 CNS MWF  party	26
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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



My prayers for today are: