

The Plain Talk

This month I wanted to share with you the letter I sent to our neighboring community regarding the cell phone tower project. This letter contains our rationale and the discernment process we undertook. You may share it as you feel appropriate.

As many of you know, we at Plains Presbyterian Church were approached by an outside vendor to lease a portion of our property for the construction of a 150-foot-tall mono-poll (a cell phone tower which would be a long, slender, galvanized tower with the communication equipment on top). The site selected was going to be in the woods adjacent to our church. This letter is to update you, our neighbor, on the process and provide an update on our discernment process, and finally to thank you for your input.

At our initial leadership meeting in January 2017, we felt it was God's will, as we understood it, to proceed with the tower project. So, we commissioned drawings of what the tower would look like on our property and continued to pray and seek the Lord. However, in that decision, we at this church also acknowledged the necessity of "listening deeply" to our community and how *they* felt about the project. On that January evening, we affirmed our need, and desire, to hear from you. While we understood that the choice was ours as the property holders, we all also understood that we were not the only individuals with feelings about this, and so it is right to seek outside input before proceeding.

Since that time, we have heard from several outlets from this community including: Cranberry Nursey School staff and parents, Bristol Creek HOA, Franklin Ridge HOA, and Shadow Creek residents.

We also continued to pray and speak to each other in the church as we tried to answer the simple question: "Is this God's will?" While we knew that each of you had or have an opinion, which we value, we also knew that because of the zoning of Cranberry Township the decision was still ours and so we did not, at any point, take it lightly. We knew it would affect many people.

With that as a background, Sunday after our morning worship, the Session (our leadership team) and I met to consider what we heard from you and to continue asking "Is this God's will?" It was not a long meeting. We valued what you said to such a degree that we pulled out of the tower project without any hesitation. We wanted to listen to you when we could have turned a deaf-ear to your concerns and behaved as many secular businesses would. But we are the church, we come from a community, and you matter. It is not the will of God to lease this property for this project.

We thank you for taking this matter seriously and speaking to us about it. We see God at work in the honesty from which you approached us and shared your feelings and thoughts. In the future, which we have together, we welcome your opinion, and your involvement, in the on-going ministry God is calling us to fulfill in Cranberry Township. I cannot say it clearly enough- you matter to us at this church.

Plans are in the works for new programs and new ventures that can be of a benefit to the community in which you live and we hope that you will choose to be part of the plans and visions God is calling us to create. If you have any questions or comments, I welcome them. Below I have included my contact information at the church if there is anything I can do.

Blessings, Rev. Derek

April

2017

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Elder of the Month

Tiffany Aloï

Deacon of the Month

Sue McKinley

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

02 Ron Carter
09 Tim Roscoe
16 Tim Rausch
23 Frank Aloï
30 Susan Reed

Greeters

02 Jay & Bonnie Carmichael
09 Norah C. & Cathy S.
16 Arch & Maggie Simpson
23 Eunice G. & Denise K.
30 Frank & Tiffany Aloï

Nursery Workers

02 Ron & Kathy Carter
09 Norah Collins
16 Melissa Holcomb
23 Denise Kremmel
30 Cathy Stafford



Worship Schedule

April 2

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

April 9 ~ Psalm Sunday

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

April 16 ~ Easter Sunday

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

April 23

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

April 30 ~ Mission Sunday

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



April 3 Ernie Jones
April 4 Norah Collins
April 6 Jackie Leisie
April 11 Ron Carter & Susan Reed
April 15 Samantha Carter
April 16 Lauren Young
April 20 Betty Brodmerkel
April 25 Connie Cranden
April 28 Gene Taylor & Matt Leisie



April 8 Matt & Jackie Leisie
April 25 Steve & Dena Solman
April 27 Jim & Betty Lehman

**Wednesday Lenten Services with
Crestview Schedule:**

4/05: 7pm Service @ Plains
(6:15pm dinner/Worship com.)

4/13: Maundy Thursday~Communion
(5:30 pm dinner/7pm Service)

4/16: 11:00 am Easter Service with
Communion



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

- Frank & Marjory L. •Libby
- Shirley Kushner •Jim Dambaugh
- Evalyn's sister •Tara
- Corina Taylor •Jennifer Marotta
- Jean Treese •Ron's dad, John
- Connor Anderson •Camp Lambec
- Andy Aloï •Emma Protzman
- Linda's friends, Geraldine & Karen
- Carl & Evelyn Koebler •Dean
- Jeanine's mom, Ann •Linda Treese
- Norah's grandson, Logan
- Suman & his church in Nepal
- Rev. Gary Angleberger •Jessica
- Bev Magill •Ken Cook
- Our friends who are in assisted living:
Martha Malone, Betty Budney and
Gibbie Sponsler

Maundy Thursday sign-up sheets:

There is a sign-up sheet in the
narthex for the Seder Meal on
Maundy Thursday. If you and your
family plan on attending the meal,
please sign-up so we know how many
people to account for.

Thank you.

*Have a blessed
Easter!*

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who
believes in Me, though he may die, he shall
live. And whoever lives and believes in Me
shall never die."
--John 11:25-26



**Coffee
Connections**

April 30th

Hosted by Christian Education

CNS News



CNS will be hosting it's annual Mother's Day Teas. If you have a card table to lend, would you please let Jodell or Angela know. Twelve tables are needed to serve all of the guests and need to be received by April 28th. Please be sure to put your name on the back of the table for easy return. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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LADIES LUNCH OUT.....

Tuesday, April 11 at 11:30 am

The Plains ladies are meeting for lunch at the Waterhole Restaurant in Harmony. Let Bev Magill know if you can

join us by April 9.

All are welcome!



CAUSE AN EFFECT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Cranberry Nursery School. Come in to the Chipotle at **20024 Route 19** in Cranberry Township on **Monday, April 24th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Cranberry Nursery School.



If placing an order online during your fundraiser, please note you must choose the pay in-store option and inform our cashier of your participation before paying. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

Harmony-Zelienople Community Band

*Director, Susan Van Arsdale
Assistant Director, Sara Snyder*

Spring Concert



Special Guest

**Seneca Valley High School Madrigals
Aaron Magill, Director**

Sunday, April 2, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School

FREE ADMISSION!



Please come by & join our family
to Celebrate
Joann's 80th Birthday

Sunday, April 30, 2017
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Plains United Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
526 Plains Church Road
Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania

Please bring a written
memory or anecdote
for Joann

Regrets only by April 20
Karen 910-524-8851

No gifts, please

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1 style="font-size: 2em; color: blue;">APRIL 2017</h1> 						1
2 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	3	4	5 6:15 pm Dinner @ Plains 7:00 pm Service ~8:00 pm Choir practice	6	7	8
9 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 	10	11	12	13 Office is closed  MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:30 pm Seder Meal 7:00 pm Service	14	15
16 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service <i>Communion</i> 	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service <i>Worship Comm. Mtg.</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
	CNS Fundraiser at Chipotle 4pm-8pm					Fellowship Rental ~12n-7pm
30 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service <i>Mission Sunday</i> <i>Coffee Connections</i> Fellowship Hall rental						



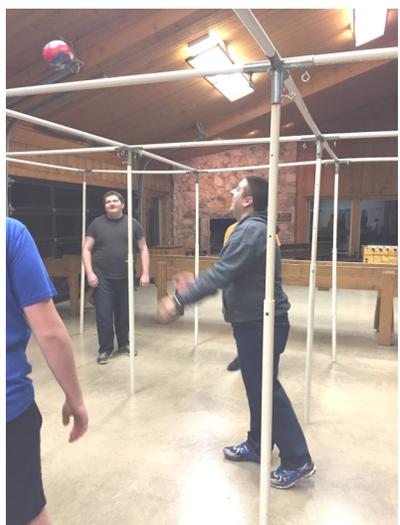
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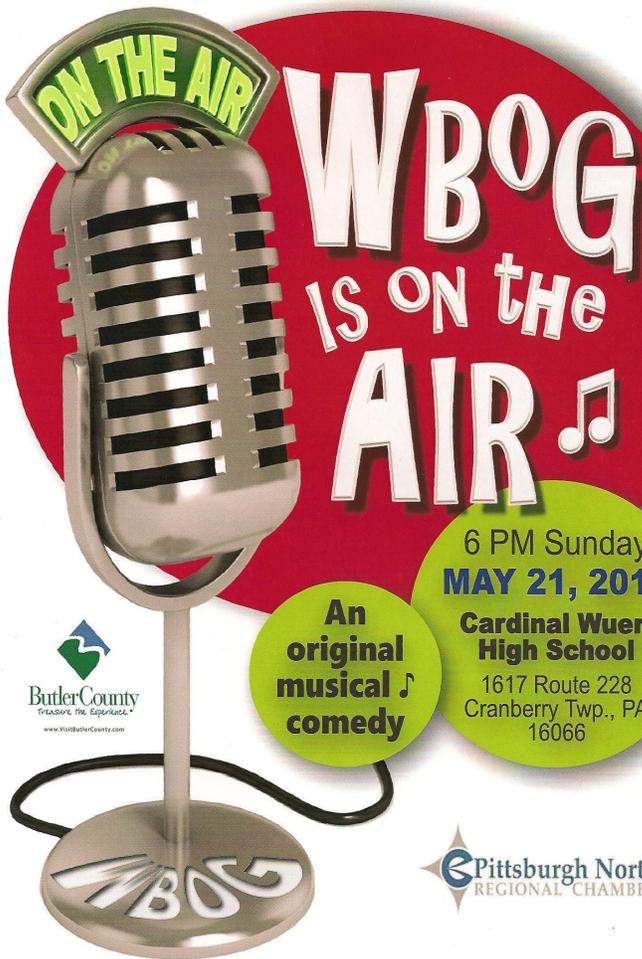
Our Vacation Bible School is planned for the evenings (6:30-8:30) of July 10th – 14th, 2017. To celebrate the recent installation of air-conditioning in our sanctuary (yeah!), we have chosen the *chilliest* VBS program we could find – EVEREST! During our high-altitude adventure, the courageous climbers will learn to conquer challenges with God’s mighty power...*God has the power to provide, the power to comfort, the power to heal, the power to forgive and the power to love us forever.* How incredibly COOL! J

All children, ages 3 through Grade 6, are welcome to join us! Registration information will be coming your way soon.

Thanks for saving the date...we can’t wait to take this adventure with your child!



The Greater Cranberry Men’s Chorus presents...



6 PM Sunday
MAY 21, 2017
Cardinal Wuerl High School
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Directed by JEREMY CZARNIAK Musical Director FRANCESCA TORTORELLO

DISCOUNTED GROUP RATES AVAILABLE! CALL FOR DETAILS

Mar 31, Apr 1, 7 & 8 @ 8:0pm, Apr 2 & 9 Matinees @ 2:00pm
\$40 Reserve Seating | \$30 Limited or obstructed view

THE STRAND THEATER

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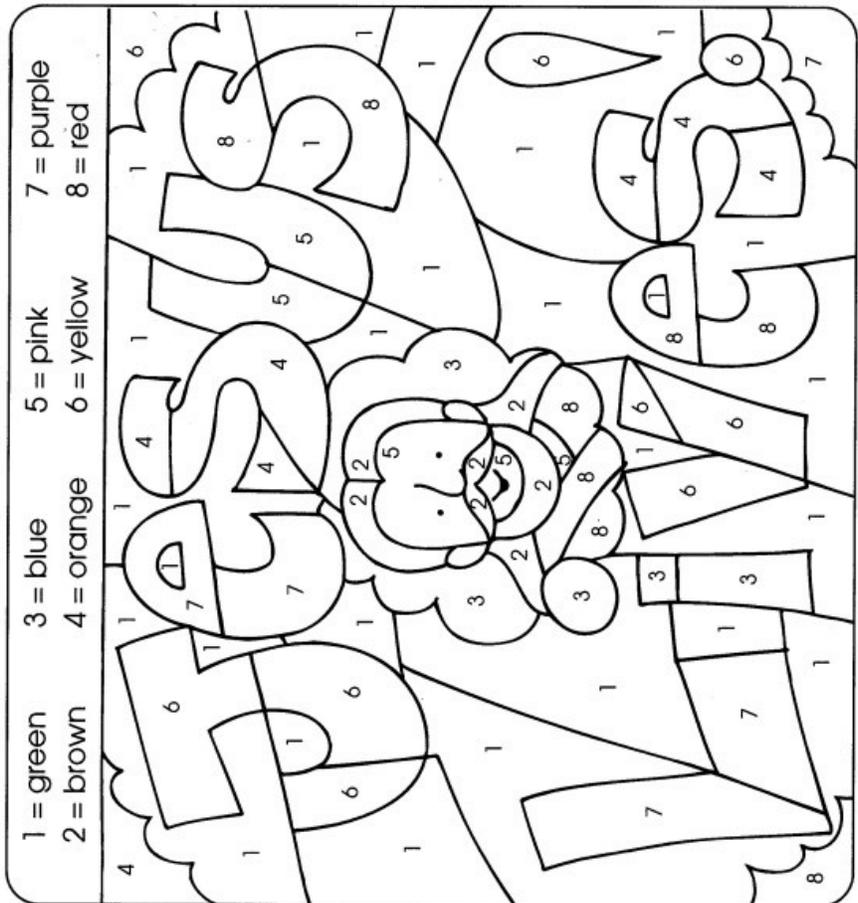
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Jesus Is Alive!

(John 20)

At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene talked to a man. She thought he was a gardener. But then she saw that the man was really Jesus! He had risen from the dead and was alive again!

Color the picture using the code. Cut it out and tape it up so you can be reminded of this wonderful truth!



- 1 = green 3 = blue 5 = pink 7 = purple
- 2 = brown 4 = orange 6 = yellow 8 = red



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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.”

