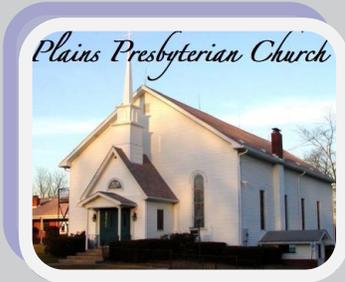




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I built a table. I know it's not that big of a deal, I mean, seriously, thousands of people (if not millions) have built tables throughout history without any fanfare or even a parade. But Friday, I built a table in my basement. It was hard work, too. But let's not get too far ahead of ourselves.

Friday morning as Jennifer headed out to work I told her I was going to finish unpacking the basement which necessitated some 'work room' cleaning and organizing. I put on some praise and worship music, watched my children disappear into thin air, and began to open totes and put things into their new home. It was about 11 when I finally decided that I needed some more space in the room for tools I brought home from my dad's work room.

I found a long piece of heavy wood that would make the perfect shelf but I didn't have any brackets to mount to the wall to create the shelf and no creative solutions came to mind. I paced around the basement, did some laundry, took out something for dinner, drank some more coffee, and then tried to decide what I should do about my "storage issue."

Then it hit me. Dad gave me the legs to my model train board years ago for some reason or another and they were sitting in front of the car just waiting to be used! Proud of my ingenuity I retrieved the legs, set the board in place on my workbench, and placed those metal legs about where I wanted them. Next, I needed some screws- check. Grabbed my drill- check. Whistled the tune to the song I was listening to and off I went zipping screws into the wood. I built a table!

When I was all done I turned my new creation over by myself and made sure everything was ready for whatever I would decide to put on it when I made a shocking discovery. The right leg was not straight. Sure it will stand up, but if I put any amount of weight on it, the table might fall. My heart sank.

I worked all morning on that room, got a little dirty, felt a great measure of pride in my work, only to see that my best effort was off the mark. The legs looked good when I put them in place but my perception was wrong. I missed the mark...

After I pouted for a minute God reminded me of a truth I cannot escape as a Christian. I can work as hard as I like in the church, and I can do it for God's glory. I can say as many prayers as I want on a regular basis, I can attend worship each week, and I can read the Word and study it devoutly, however, if my frame of reference is off, if I don't align myself to God and place his will at the corner of my foundation- something won't click into place. My faith and my life just won't line up in the way I hoped they would.

Everything can seem right and proper in the moment as we work through the daily grinds of life, but if we are not focused correctly we will fail. God wants us to succeed in this life. He wants to watch us prosper and grow but only when that growth happens in the correct way. We have to continually measure and check ourselves against God's Word. Our call is to make certain the work we do, and the life we live, are done for His glory and done in His way.

Blessings,  
Rev. Derek

# Helping with Worship This Month

## Worship Leaders

03 Tim Rausch  
 10 Ethan Leisie  
 17 Frank Aloï  
 24 Steve Solman  
 31 Tim Roscoe

## Greeters

03 Frank & Tiffany Aloï  
 10 Arch & Maggie Simpson  
 17 Norah Collins & Bev Magill  
 24 Jay & Bonnie Carmichael  
 31 Steve & Dena Solman

## Nursery Workers

03 Denise Kremmel  
 10 Norah Collins  
 17 Julie Young  
 24 Melissa Holcomb  
 31 Dena & Steve Solman

### Elder of the Month

Jason Holcomb

### Deacon of the Month

Matt Leisie



## Worship Schedule

### August 3

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

### August 10

9:00 am Adult Sunday School  
 10:00 am Worship Service  
*Visiting Pastor will be Rev. Judy Angleberger*

### August 17 ~ Heifer Sunday

9:00 am Adult Sunday School  
 10:00 am Worship Service  
*Visiting Pastor will be Rev. Deane Lavender*

### August 24

10:00 am Worship Service in the park with Crestview  
 Picnic to follow



### August 31

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



Aug. 04 Jennifer Taylor-Porter  
 Aug. 05 Gretchen Rausch  
 Aug. 06 Julie Young  
 Aug. 13 Kyle Leisie  
 Aug. 16 Christen Duerring  
 Aug. 18 Sandi Stafford  
 Aug. 21 Tim Roscoe & Parker Budney  
 Aug. 24 Steve Solman & Arch Simpson  
 Aug. 26 Betty Lehman  
 Aug. 27 Dan Collins & Nathan Stafford  
 Aug. 28 Corina Taylor  
 Aug. 31 Alex Carter



Aug. 01 Armel & Jean Treese  
 Aug. 02 Jay & Bonnie Carmichael  
 Aug. 04 Bob & Charlotte Glaspey  
 Aug. 14 Tim & Amy Roscoe  
 Aug. 14 Rev. Derek & Jennifer  
 Aug. 18 Stan & Betty Budney  
 Aug. 21 Dave & Melanie Sturrock

## WORSHIP IN AUGUST AT PLAINS CHURCH



Derek and the family will be on vacation for Sunday August 10 and August 17. Therefore, we will be welcoming Reverend Judy Angleberger to the pulpit on the 10<sup>th</sup> and Reverend Dean Lavender on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Reverend Angleberger is the former moderator of the Beaver-Butler Presbytery. She retired from ministry earlier this year but is filling pulpits around our Presbytery.

Reverend Lavender was the pastor of our Church from 1977-1997. He and his wife Jane remain residents of Cranberry Township.

Also, please be sure to join us on August 24<sup>th</sup> for our annual Worship in the Park at the Cranberry Park off of North Boundary Road. We will be joining with Crestview Presbyterian Church for Worship and a picnic after the Service. The Worship Service that is being planned will be a light hearted, uplifting experience.

### **Please note:**

Rev. Derek will be on vacation from August 6-20<sup>th</sup>

Please contact Rev. Bob Goossen at Crestview for any Pastoral emergencies.



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

- Jack Bark                      • Eldon Sturrock
- Angela Kushner's husband, Bob
- Betty Lehman                • Ron Cox
- Eunice Guenther            • Wesley      • Gerry
- Kathy Snyder      • Melvin      • Nolan
- Donald Carmichael • Tim
- Susan Reed • Mary Jo Brown
- Armel & Jean Treese            • Amy
- Annabelle Aloi                      • Addie Miller
- Kay's son, Bob                • Gary Taylor
- Gary's friend, Lisa      • Jason
- Rebecca Smith                • Anita Pisarov
- Ron & Wanda's daughter, Sharon
- Jodell's brother, Mike            • Jenna
- Park Presbyterian Church-Zelienople
- For Israel                      • Rev. Isaac Baldeo
- For safe travels for the Solman family
- Stephanie Pegan                      • Steve
- For Melanie's mother, Marcine
- Family & friends of Lisa who passed away last Tuesday
- Our friends who are in assisted living: Howard Reed, Marilyn Stamp, Bob Ronksley and Gibbie Sponsler



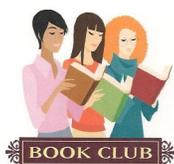
A goal of the church was reached in 1981 to have the church facilities used more than one day per week. A 'day care center' and later a 'nursery school' were opened as an outreach program to the community.

Today....

The Cranberry Nursery School is still operational today with over 60 children attending the three and four year old programs as well as the new program for 2 1/2 year olds, called Half-pints. The 'day care' was not long lived - maybe only several years until the Nursery School was started.

### *The* **SUMMER** *Book Club*

Dear Friends,  
Join us in our summer reading.



Our book club recommends a Christian novel series written by Lauraine Snelling for your summer reading. We will begin with her "finest" novel Reunion and continue reading her other novels throughout the summer. In August we will meet to share our thoughts.

If you have any recommendations after reading one of her books, please email me.

Happy reading,

Melanie

### Women's Retreat 2014

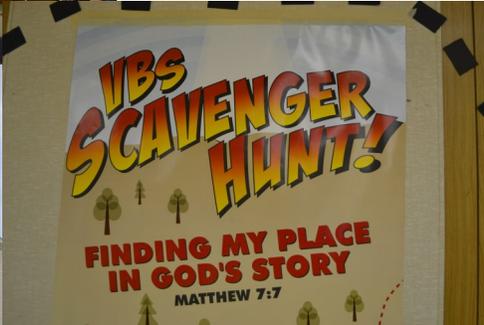
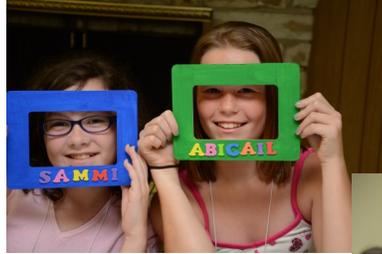
October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

Camp Crestfield, Slippery Rock

Good News regarding the Women's Retreat scheduled for October 24-25, 2014!

We have located a speaker, Jo Stuchell from *Blessed Hope Ministry* in Wexford, PA. The program title will be, "**The Victory of the Cross - All that it means in the life of the believer**". We will delve into the impact of the Cross upon History, Humanity, Eternity and the Time of the End; an exploration of the depth, glory and victory of the cross-work of Christ. Please start to plan now to join us for this unique study and fellowship. We will be asking you to sign-up by September 14, 2014. Sign-up forms with prices are in the narthex. Join us for a wonderful, relaxing and spiritually renewing time.

# VBS Week





Hello Plains Church VBS Families!

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer and is well-rested after that awesome VBS week. ☺ A million thanks for your generous financial support of our program, and for your wonderful participation in the Evans City Food Cupboard donation drive. We are so grateful! It was such a blessing to see our Church sanctuary full of kids, smiling, laughing and praising Jesus.

If you were unable to attend VBS on our closing night and you didn't receive either a music CD or a DVD of the VBS movie, please stop by the Plains Church Office (hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9a.m. -1 p.m.) and see Jodell, our office manager.

We would love to have YOU return to Plains! If you are searching for a church home, please consider Plains Church. ☺ For the next few weeks our summer worship service begins at 10 a.m., then after Labor Day our services return to the 11 a.m. time. At that point, we'll once again offer our wide-variety of Christian Education opportunities, including Sunday School (for ages 3 through adult) at 9:30 a.m., Junior Church, and a very active Youth Group. Please call Jodell at the church office (724-538-8785) with any questions.

Enjoy your remainder of the summer! God Bless!

Dena Solman and the rest of the VBS Volunteers





# CNS News & Highlights

There are still a few openings available for the Fall School Year at the Pre-school. Please call the church office or visit our website and click on the nursery school link: [www.plainschurch.com](http://www.plainschurch.com) if you or someone you know may be interested.

**CNS Orientation for the 2014-2015 School Year is August 28th and classes will begin on Sept. 3rd.**

The office will be closed on Monday, September 1st for the Labor Day Holiday.

The Fall Worship Schedule will begin on Sunday, September 7th:

Sunday School starts at 9:30am, the Worship Service begins at 11:00am

Rally Day will also be on Sept. 7th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h2>August 2014</h2>					1	2
<b>3</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service Baptism	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>10</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service <i>Heifer Sunday</i>	<b>11</b>  5:00pm Carpet Cleaning	12	13	14	15	16
<b>17</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service <i>Heifer Sunday</i>	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>24</b>  10:00 am Worship Service Picnic after Service	<b>25</b>  No Session meeting	26	27	<b>28</b>  7:00 pm CNS Orientation	29	30
<b>31</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service						



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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.”

What were Paul's instructions for Christians who can't get along with one another?



Arrange the words into their shapes.  
Lord with other Agree in each the

