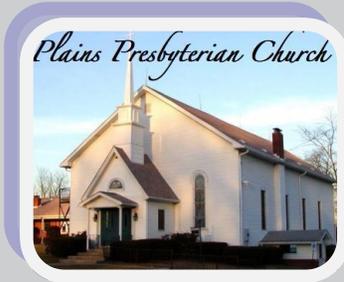


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Jennifer, JonMark, Emma, and I are so excited to begin our journey with you at Plains Presbyterian Church. We look forward to the exciting future we will have together! You have prayed for God's will to be done; we have prayed for God's will to be done, and now as I sit and write these words, I am excited about those prayers. For each us can testify to God's faithfulness.

Tuesday morning as I was reading scriptures, I came across the story from Genesis 21- the story of Isaac's birth. It is a familiar story- one you and I have read a hundred times before. On the surface it didn't seem that new or exciting- but then God showed up and everything changed. The reading begins with God 'dealing' with Sarah for her lack of faith and her doubts about what God was doing in her life (something we all know about).

But as God is often seen to do, the story ends with a blessing. It ends with a great feast where Abraham and Sarah celebrate, with their community, the blessing of God they received in Isaac. Where doubt lived at first; hope was found. Where judgment and anxiety lived; God offered a miracle. Sometimes doubt or anxiety or fear or....whatever you feel like naming it...creeps up and we begin to behave in a way that is contrary to our faith. We don't mean to, it just happens. For example, consider the story of Danville Presbyterian Church in Kentucky. It has the claim of being the oldest Presbyterian Church in Kentucky.

The story goes that the Presbyterians weren't terribly excited about having new church neighbors. These were the years just before and after the American Revolution. The organizing pastor of the Danville church settled his family there in 1783, the year Britain recognized the independence of the new United States of America. Feelings still ran high in the former colonies, especially toward those former colonists who belonged to the Anglican Church, the state Church of England.

Presbyterians could be particularly hostile to traveling Anglican clergy on the frontiers of the Carolinas and Virginia. One such traveling Anglican, the Reverend Charles Woodmason, writing in his journal, complained bitterly of bothersome Presbyterians.

Presbyterians "interfered" with Rev. Woodmason's pastoral activities, he tells us, by changing the dates of preaching services on posted notices, hiding the keys to the Anglican meeting houses, and distributing whiskey "two hours before his services to get his congregation drunk." Presbyterians, he said, refused him hospitality (a serious offense on the frontier) and gave him false directions. "And if that wasn't enough, one entry in his journal states, 'they hir'd a band of rude fellows to come to service who brought with them 57 dogs (for I counted them) which in the Time of Service they set fighting, and I was obliged to stop.'"

Now while this could be quite an indictment on the Presbyterians, and does make many of us chuckle when we read the story, I think Sarah would know exactly how our forefathers in Kentucky felt toward the Anglicans. They were just trying to control something that was uncontrollable; something that God was doing. She had faith once, and then she doubted. But wherever she was, she was with God and he watched over her. God did not hold such behavior against Sarah as he did not hold it against the church in Danville as he does not hold it against us when we doubt either and wonder how the world we see will work out in God's will.

God simply asked that they trust him in what he was about to do. End of story. He asked them to trust that while the world around Sarah and Danville seemed out of control. It truly was not; he had great plans that were going to come to fruition.

Likewise, God has great plans for us. It may have felt for a time that the 57 dogs were let loose on Cranberry, but they weren't. It may have felt like this place hit its critical mass, but it didn't. God was, and is, going to do something special in the life of the church and his people- if we only stop to believe.

Blessings,
Derek

Helping with Worship This Month

Elder of the Month

Tim Roscoe

Deacon of the Month

Matt Leisie

Worship Leaders

02 Melanie Sturrock
09 Tony Poleti
16 Tim Rausch
23 Ethan Leisie

Greeters

02 Steve & Dena Solman
09 Frank & Tiffany Aloï
16 Tim & Amy Roscoe
23 Norah Collins & Cathy S.

Nursery Workers

02 Kathy & Ron Carter
09 Erica Stafford
16 Denise Kremmel
23 Norah Collins

Worship Schedule

February 2

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

February 9

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

February 16

Heifer Sunday

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

February 23

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



Feb. 2	Leslie Dambaugh & Karl Koebler
Feb. 3	Joe Anthony
Feb. 4	Kay Uthman
Feb. 10	Sydney Rausch
Feb. 12	Lucas Carter
Feb. 13	Marilyn Stamp
Feb. 15	Tiffany Aloï
Feb. 22	Tony D. Poleti
Feb. 23	Melanie Sturrock
Feb. 24	Chloe Kuntz
Feb. 26	Jack Dixon & Jim Lehman
Feb. 28	Chris Leisie



Feb. 19	Ernie & Nancy Jones
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2014 Members Directory

I will be putting the new directory together this month so please let me know if you have any information that needs to be changed or included: home address, phone numbers or e-mail address.

I would also like to update the birthday and anniversary list that is used for the newsletter so please let me know of any changes.

Thanks, Jodell



To my dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

First I would like to thank you for your prayers for my family. My husband, Paul, is continuing to improve and doing really well.

Second, I would like to thank you for the incredible monetary gift!!! I was completely blown away by your generosity! We are hoping to take a family trip to Disney World with the whole family (our daughter Lacy and the grandkids included) in October. We will be using your incredible gift to help pay for that trip.

The Lord has blessed me beyond my wildest dreams by introducing me to y'all (you knew I had to throw in one more ;)). I am praying for you all in this next chapter of Plains' story that God is writing, and I will be always because God has made you a part of my story. For that, I am exceedingly grateful to Him.

Continue to seek the Lord with all that you are and watch to see what He will do!

In Christ,
Kimberly



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

- Jack Bark •Leeann & her husband
- Angela Kushner's husband, Bob
- Bill Stafford •Jack Ost •Wesley
- Betty Lehman •Elizabeth Rausch
- Eunice's sister, Nancy Ron & Meredith Cox
•Bob Glaspey
- Ron Carter's father, John
- Melanie Sturrock's mother
- Julie Bardroff & friend •Erin Baker
- Armel's sister, Nancy
- Maggie Simpson's friend, Phyllis
- Jay Carmichael's father, Don
- Rev. Paul Merrill •Karen, Kay's niece
- Nora Collins husband, Dan
- Nicole McCune • Frank Aloi's mom
- Jack Bark's friend
- Our friends who are in assisted living: Howard Reed, Marilyn Stamp, Bob Ronksley and Gibbie Sponsler

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revderek@zoominternet.net

Or call the church office:
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**History
Corner**



Session Minutes

May 26, 1878

There was a request for a certificate of dismissal but because they had neglected the ordinances of the church for many years their request could not be granted.

Session Minutes

Apr. 16, 1887

Mr. Gilmer xxx stood before the Session to answer to a charge of attempting to break into a store. He requested that Session treat him with forbearance with the promise that he would start to live the life of a Christian.

DEACONS MONTHLY REPORT JANUARY 2014:

Beginning 1/20/2014	\$ 163.86
Deposit... (CNS)	48.93
Deposit... (Christmas)	1270.00
CNS... (Tuition)	135.00
Grunnage... (Fire Victims)	100.00
Light of Life Mission...	200.00
Balance...	\$1047.79



CNS News

Open registration for the 2014-2015 school year has begun.

The Nursery A.M. classes are already full and space is limited for the other classes.

CNS now has 2 half-pint classes and a P.M. Nursery class.

Please call the church office for more information.



Coffee Connections

February 16th

sponsored by the Deacons

The Book Club is cancelled for February and March due to Melanie's absence...she has a grandbaby on the way!!

Plains Presbyterian Church
Session Highlights
December 2013

Below are highlights of the Session meeting of December 16, 2013.

On December 1 2013, communion was served to 44 people (37 juice, 7 wine).

Frank Aloï reviewed the current financial status, including a draft of the 2014 budget.

Harvest Home Craft fair was successful. Over \$300 was collected to go to the building fund. \$143 in addition has been given for the purchase of a Heifer goat. \$449 was also collected for the Heifer Mission Trip in 2015.

Per capita has been set for 2014 of \$34.22.

Very successful "Christmas Tea" after worship on December 15th.

Children's Choir is being led by Dena Solman and Tiffany Aloï.

CNS Board approved that the additional class will be a three day (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday) class, not a two day class as previously discussed.

The Youth Sunday School class attended the K-Love Christmas Tour concert on Friday, December 6th.

Session approved using existing aid's room for classroom, and to make the music room the new aid's room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

Plains Church Mission Giving

Have you wondered how your mission dollars that you give to Plains Church are utilized? Each dollar given to mission at our Church is divided into two portions: 66% to Unified Mission and 34% to Local Mission.

The Unified Mission is sent to Beaver-Butler Presbytery, where it is pooled with other Churches' mission giving and used for various global mission activities.

The Local Mission giving is under the auspices of our Deacons, who decide what local charities and missions could benefit from Plains Church mission giving.

Specific designated mission giving, such as Heifer Project, One Great Hour of Sharing, Grace Hospital in Brazil, Disaster Relief, etc. are collected and paid directly toward these efforts.

Plains Presbyterian Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
Sunday, February 2, 2014
Church Sanctuary

Rev. Alan Adams joined us to act as Moderator for the meeting.

Tim Roscoe, Clerk of Session, certified that there was a quorum of the membership present at 12:28 p.m.

Rev. Adams opened with prayer.

Rev. Adams discussed the two items of business that would be in order at today's congregational meeting. The first being to vote to accept Rev. Derek Marotta as our pastor, and the second to accept the terms of call.

John Ivancik made the motion to accept Derek Marotta as our pastor, seconded by Ron Carter. Paper ballots were distributed to the congregation for the vote. Rev. Adams and Tim Roscoe counted the ballots and the totals were 47 "yes" votes, 0 "no" votes.

Rich Magill made a motion to accept the terms of call as presented, seconded by Susan Reed. Motion passed.

The congregation welcomed Rev. Marotta and his family back into the sanctuary with applause.

Rev. Adams mentioned that Rev. Marotta will be the Moderator of Session, and will be officially installed as pastor at a date to be determined.

Motion to adjourn by Ron Carter, seconded by Jean Treese. Motion Passed.

Rev. Adams closed with prayer at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session



Welcome to Plains
Church Rev.
Derek, Jennifer,
JonMark and
Emma!!!

Plains Presbyterian Church Operating Budget
2013 Actual vs Budget and 2014 Budget

	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	Over/Under	2014 Budget	Budget Diff	2013 YTD
INCOME						
CHURCH INCOME						
Offering - Gen'l Fund Envelope	93,800.00	92,604.29	(1,195.71)	106,400.00	12,600.00	92,604.29
All other Offerings	1,540.00	1,471.61	(68.39)	1,506.00	(34.00)	1,471.61
Per Capita	2,483.00	1,157.48	(1,325.52)	3,627.00	1,144.00	1,157.48
All Interest and Misc. Income	2,060.00	1,998.76	(61.24)	1,785.00	(275.00)	1,998.76
All Rents	12,500.00	12,052.80	(447.20)	8,062.00	(4,438.00)	12,052.80
All CNS Receipts	1,900.00	2,550.00	650.00	1,900.00	0.00	2,550.00
Total Church Income	114,283.00	111,834.94	(2,448.06)	123,280.00	8,997.00	111,834.94
EXPENSES						
CHURCH EXPENSES						
Church Committees	1,650.00	1,495.40	(154.60)	650.00	(1,000.00)	1,495.40
Church Music Director	11,890.00	8,913.42	(2,976.58)	6,000.00	(5,890.00)	8,913.42
Church Office Manager	7,651.00	7,429.93	(221.07)	7,690.00	39.00	7,429.93
Church Temp Minister/Organist	700.00	1,760.00	1,060.00	500.00	(200.00)	1,760.00
Total Church Expenses	21,891.00	19,598.75	(2,292.25)	14,840.00	(7,051.00)	19,598.75
OFFICE EXPENSES						
Office Expenses	6,488.00	6,308.32	(179.68)	5,988.00	(500.00)	6,308.32
Total Office Expenses	6,488.00	6,308.32	(179.68)	5,988.00	(500.00)	6,308.32
PROPERTY EXPENSES						
Property - Other	21,621.00	25,765.26	4,144.26	21,726.00	105.00	25,765.26
Property - Maint. & Repairs	2,500.00	3,390.84	890.84	1,000.00	(1,500.00)	3,390.84
Total Property Expenses	24,121.00	29,156.10	5,035.10	22,726.00	(1,395.00)	29,156.10
MANSE EXPENSES						
Manse Expenses	3,600.00	4,326.92	726.92	3,575.00	(25.00)	4,326.92
Total Manse Expenses	3,600.00	4,326.92	726.92	3,575.00	(25.00)	4,326.92
OTHER EXPENSES						
Other - Misc	225.00	70.00	(155.00)	0.00	(225.00)	70.00
Per Capita Expenses	2,483.00	2,494.80	11.80	3,627.00	1,144.00	2,494.80
Total Other Expenses	2,708.00	2,564.80	(143.20)	3,627.00	919.00	2,564.80
PASTOR EXPENSES						
New Pastor - Total Compensation	0.00	0.00	0.00	55,324.00	55,324.00	0.00
New Pastor - Pension & Major Medical	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,200.00	17,200.00	0.00
Interim Pastor - Total Compensation	42,475.00	40,229.32	(2,245.68)	0.00	(42,475.00)	40,229.32
Interim Pastor-Pension & Major Medical	13,000.00	13,496.40	496.40	0.00	(13,000.00)	13,496.40
Total Pastor Expenses	55,475.00	53,725.72	(1,749.28)	72,524.00	17,049.00	53,725.72
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	114,283.00	111,834.94	(2,448.06)	123,280.00	8,997.00	111,834.94
TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES	114,283.00	115,680.61	1,397.61	123,280.00	8,997.00	115,680.61
NET INCOME	0.00	(3,845.67)	(3,845.67)	0.00	0.00	(3,845.67)

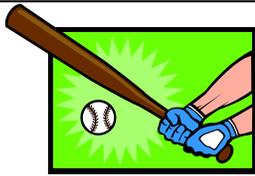
Spring musical at Portersville Christian School.

It will be the "Sound of Music"

evenings April 10, 11, 12.

Also there is a free matinee on Wednesday April 9 for senior citizens and clergy.

Tickets are not yet on sale. School office phone number is 724 368-8787.



Greetings,

The Inter-County church softball league is accepting new church teams. The ICC is over 30 years old and currently has 19 teams in two separate divisions. ICC softball is a 14 game regular season followed by playoffs at the end of July. Improve church morale and attract younger members by fielding a team in 2014. ICC League rules require a 51% church membership on teams and allows for two churches to combine forces to field a team. Contact league Commissioner Ben W. Dague at (724)-814-9170 or bd434@zoominternet.net

Thanks and God Bless,

Ben Dague

2nd Life Prom Dress Sale

New and Gently Worn Prom Dresses

\$20.00 each

Formal accessories also sold:

Shoes Purses
Jewelry Wraps



*Multiple dressing rooms available.
*Seamstresses will be on-hand to provide free consultations and minor alterations!

Saturday, March 29, 2014

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Free Admission!

****Tickets handed out at 7:00 am & doors open at 8:00****

Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church

2662 Rochester Road - Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

Phone: 724.776.5310

Web: www.ccupc.org

Accepted forms of payment: Cash, Check, Visa, MC or Discover

Additional parking available at Haine Elementary School

Extra Dresses Hanging in your Closet?

Donate them at the church's office at the address above

Now - March 28th from 9 am - 2 pm

March 26th - 28th from 6 pm - 8 pm

A donation receipt is available from CCUPC for tax purposes. Please ask the office for a receipt at the time of drop off.



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Attention Middle School Parents

You are invited to Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh's High School Information Evening on Wednesday, February 19 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Head of School, Leslie Mitros, will give a presentation and answer all of your questions. For more information or to schedule a personal tour contact Juan Mata, Director of Admissions, at 724-444-0722 x 15, mata@aquinas.pvt.k12.pa.us or www.AquinasAcademy.info.



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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.”



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FEBRUARY			2014			1 Meet & Greet 12 noon
2 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service: Rev. Derek Marotta Candidate Sermon Congregational meeting after service	3 Book Club cancelled	4	5	6 Book Club cancelled	7	8
9 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	10	11	12 CNS a.m. parties	13 CNS a.m. & p.m. parties	14  CNS closed	15
16 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service <i>Heifer Sunday</i> Deacon's meeting	17 Presidents Day CNS closed	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	24 Plain Talk deadline 7:00 Session meeting	25	26	27	28	



During the month of February, the Deacons are having a collection for the *Light of Life Rescue Mission* on the North Side. This local, Christ-centered ministry is in great need of personal hygiene items for its Mens' Residential Program and Womens'/Children Program. They are in need of the following items, both travel and regular sizes:

Shampoo

Toothbrushes

Conditioner

Bar Soap

Shaving cream

Hand soap

Deodorant

Body Wash

Toothpaste

ETC!

We will be collecting items in the narthex during the month of February...and plan to deliver our donations in early March. Let's help these people in need and show them the love of Christ! Please contact Dena Solman (412-364-4144 or ssolman@verizon.net) with any questions.

Thank you!