



2014

**Plains
Presbyterian
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In Genesis 12, God tells Abram to “Leave your country and your people and your father’s household and go to a land I will show you.” In 2000, I started a journey with God. He asked me for a heart yielded to Him, and I gave it to Him. I would love to say that I followed without hesitation and just ran after God, but I would be lying. Following God is not always easy. In 2000, I yielded my heart to Him, and by 2001, my husband and I were packing up our 5 kids, giving away our beloved Dalmatian (there was no room for her on campus), and moving to Austin, Texas. It was a difficult time, and it was an incredibly wonderful time. God tends to work that way with me. We were in Austin for 5 years as my husband felt the call to seminary 2 years after I started.

Can I tell you that I really felt strange as God called my family to Bartlesville, Oklahoma?!? I kept saying to my husband, Paul, “Oklahoma! Really??? Don’t you think God really means Florida or Alabama or some other place down South?” By the way, people in Oklahoma believe that they are in the South. My family thinks otherwise. Again, following God is not always easy.

After almost 5 years in Oklahoma, God made it clear to me that it was time to follow Paul to our next location and that is how I wound up in Western Pennsylvania. God has blessed my family so much in our time here in Western PA. We love it here. And, I have been beyond blessed to have God lead me to Plains to be the Interim Minister at this time!

It is how God moves and speaks into our lives when we yield our hearts to Him. He wants to grow us beyond what we know ourselves to be, and my life is no different than yours. At the very beginning of my time here at Plains, I had to keep reminding you that I am only temporary and that you only get me for 2 years. It was the time frame that God put on my heart. Then, in September, God put on my heart to start preparing to leave. It is amazing how He works things out. I marvel at just how much He loves you and me. It is amazing! That being said, January 12th will be my last Sunday with you all. It is time for me to return to my roles of wife and mother full time.

It brings tears to my eyes just to put this in writing. You all will remain in my heart and in my prayers, but it is time for me to follow my yielded heart to the place where God wants me. There are rules that I must follow as I exit, and one is to say goodbye and not to be in contact with you for at least 2 years. Having been on both sides of this pastor thing as an installed pastor and an interim, it is a good rule, for good reasons. I wish you God’s best in all that you do! God has plans for you, and He has plans for me. 2014 will be an incredible year! Especially if we all learn to seek God in it with our whole heart, mind, and strength!

In His service,

Kimberly



Worship Schedule

January 5

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

January 12

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

January 19 ~ Heifer Sunday

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

January 26

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

Worship Leaders

05 Steve Solman
12 Tim Roscoe
19 Tiffany Alois
26 Ron Carter

Greeters

05 Jay & Bonnie Carmichael
12 Tony Poletti & Joann Bark
19 Denise K. & Eunice G.
26 Arch & Maggie Simpson

Nursery Workers

05 Julie Young
12 Melissa Holcomb
19 Dena & Steve Solman
26 Cathy Stafford

Elder of the Month

Deacon of the Month

Joann Bark



Jan. 3	Dena Solman
Jan. 5	Bob Rectenwald
Jan. 6	Burt Duerring, Lana Holcomb and Gary Taylor
Jan. 7	Kathy Carter, Elmer Engel and Jerry Sproat
Jan. 12	Rachel Kremmel and Christin Sproat
Jan. 14	Sue Rectenwald
Jan. 18	Jen (Poletti) Lindenberger and Alana Young
Jan. 21	Todd Harris
Jan. 27	Michaela Leisie
Jan. 28	Charlotte Glaspey & Marlene Cranden
Jan. 31	Andrew Solman



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

- Jack Bark •Leeann & her husband •Bill Stafford
- Angela Kushner's husband, Bob •Heather
- Betty Lehman •Elizabeth Rausch •Terri
- Eunice's sister, Nancy •Bob Glaspey
- Brian Lockhart (a friend of Ethan's) •Jeff Magill
- Cindy, a co-worker of Frank Alois •Doug's family
- Ron & Meredith Cox •Judy(Schwenke)Mraz
- Ron Carter's father, John •Melanie Sturrock's mother
- Ethan Leisie •Julie Bardroff & friend
- Erin Baker •Jack Ost •Lucas



Jan. 9	Dan and Norah Collins
Jan. 12	Todd and MaryJo Harris



As we end 2013, we would like to thank Amy Roscoe (outgoing Deacon) and Rich Magill (outgoing Elder) for your dedicated service to Plains. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

We welcome new Elder, Bob Young and returning Elders, Ron Carter and Jason Holcomb and returning Deacon Maggie Simpson. The members of Plains appreciate your time and efforts to keep our church running smooth and helping us grow.



CNS News



Open registration for CNS starts on Jan. 6th

Please call the office for a registration packet.



Session Minutes

Feb. 19, 1883

The session and congregation of Plains agreed to organize a church in Evans City to be known as the Evans City Presbyterian Church (*now Westminster*). The following 39 members were dismissed from Plains to form the new congregation: abbreviated listing – Dunbar's, Boggs's, Sutton's, White's, Nesbit's, Irvine's, Barto's, and West's. Four persons were elected elders of the new church.



I will be working on a new directory for 2014, so please let me know if any of your information will need to be updated: phone #, address, e-mail address, etc.

I would also like to update the birthdays and anniversary lists so please let me know if I missed any family members.

Thanks, Jodell

Thank you to the following people for the beautiful Poinsettias in our sanctuary for this Christmas season.



IN HONOR OF:

The Birth of Our Lord
From The Poletti Family

IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. & Mrs. George Taylor
Mr. & Mrs. George Cardivali
From Gene & Corina Taylor

Philip Sproat Jr. Philip & Mae Sproat
Clyde & Ida Vandivort
From Helen Sproat & Family

Ruth & Art Willis and Ed Green
From Sandi Taylor

Greg W. Snyder
From The Snyder Family

Alfred & Martha Cookson
Sylvester & Lillian Magill
From Richard & Beverly Magill

Jack & Betty Dixon
Melvin & Marjorie Sproat
From Jack & Cathy Dixon

Paul, Myrtle & Blanche Courtney
From Ron & Wanda Rice

Ruth & Andy Hack
From Andy & Mary Hack

Dave & Edith Heckard
Merle, Madelyn & Diane Bark
From Jack & Joann

Marjorie & David Tessmer
Helen M. Duerring
From Nancy & Burt Duerring

Kay & Ralph Pharo
From Katherine, Richard & Virginia

PER CAPITA FOR 2014

What is Per Capita?

The official definition: “Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies [mid councils] to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians” (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995).

Per capita is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 11,000 congregations and mid councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are connected and participate in the work of the wider church.

How old is Per Capita?

The first-known mention of per capita dates back to 1734 in a letter to ministers.

Who pays per capita, and how much?

Congregations (through their sessions) pay an annual amount of money per church member — per capita apportionment — to their respective presbyteries.

The per capita amount requested from a congregation is a combined total of requests from that congregation’s presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly — based on their respective budgets for the coming year(s).

For 2014, the Plains Church Per Capita is broken out as follows:

Beaver Butler Presbytery \$25.00

Synod of the Trinity \$ 2.20

General Assembly of PCUSA \$ 7.02

TOTAL PER CAPITA: **\$34.22**

Normally we collect a bit less than 50% of our required per capita, given our membership of 106 members. Since our 2014 budget for giving will need to increase with the calling of our new pastor, please prayerfully consider giving your full per capita this coming year.

Thank you!

**The 2014 per
capita amount
is \$34.22 per
person**

PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING PART I

December 8, 2013

Plains' Annual Congregational Meeting Part I was held and the following nominees were elected:

ELDERS

Class of 2014

Sue Reed
Arch Simpson
Steve Solman

Class of 2015

Frank Aloi
Tony Poleti
Tim Roscoe

Class of 2016

Ron Carter
Jason Holcomb
Bob Young

DEACONS

Class of 2014

Joann Bark
Eunice Guenther

Class of 2015

Tiffany Aloi
Matt Leisie

Class of 2016

Maggie Simpson

AUDITOR

Bev Magill
(3 year term)

Nominating Committee

John Ivancik
Melissa Holcomb
Rich Magill
Mary Walter

Respectfully submitted by the 2013 Nominating Committee: Joann Bark, Jackie Leisie, Bev Magill, Sue Reed, Cathy Stafford, Steve Walter, and Tim Roscoe



Attention Committee members:

If you have not turned in your annual committee final report to Jodell, please do so as soon as possible for the Annual Report.

Thank you!

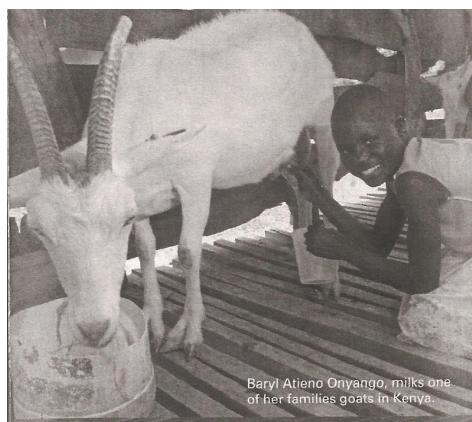


Thank you all for making Harvest Home Craft Fair successful. We had 150 customers visit the Harvest Home Craft Fair. It is not about the money we raised it is about building up our church and building relationships with our community to offer them a place to find love through Christ.

Vendor fees: \$306 for the building fund

Heifer Kid 2 Kid Campaign Raffle Basket : \$140 to send 1 goat plus 2 shares to Heifer
Heifer Mission Trip Snack shop: \$450.00

Melanie



Kids 2 Kids in
Kenya

Thanks to all who donated to the Heifer Kids 2 Kids Campaign. With the church donations and the Craft Fair Baskets we raised \$161... enough money for 1 goat and 4 shares. The gift of a goat really does have the power to help transform lives of kids in need, anywhere in the world.



Interested in joining *The Book Club?*

When: Monday - 9:30 AM or Thursday - 9:30 AM.

Once a month on the first full week of the month.

Begins: January 2014 (Jan 6th and 9th) in Fellowship Hall

Book: [Sabbath in the Suburbs](#)
by [MaryAnn McKibben Dana](#)

"Sabbath" means to stop, to cease work and worry; keeping sabbath means bringing life back into balance by living fully and simply in this present, gifted "now," if only for 24 hours, 12 hours, or another measured segment of chronological time.

Reviews:

Leah:

This truly is a book ...for anyone who wants to learn to live at a savoring pace. Sabbath is about living here and living now.

Gavin:

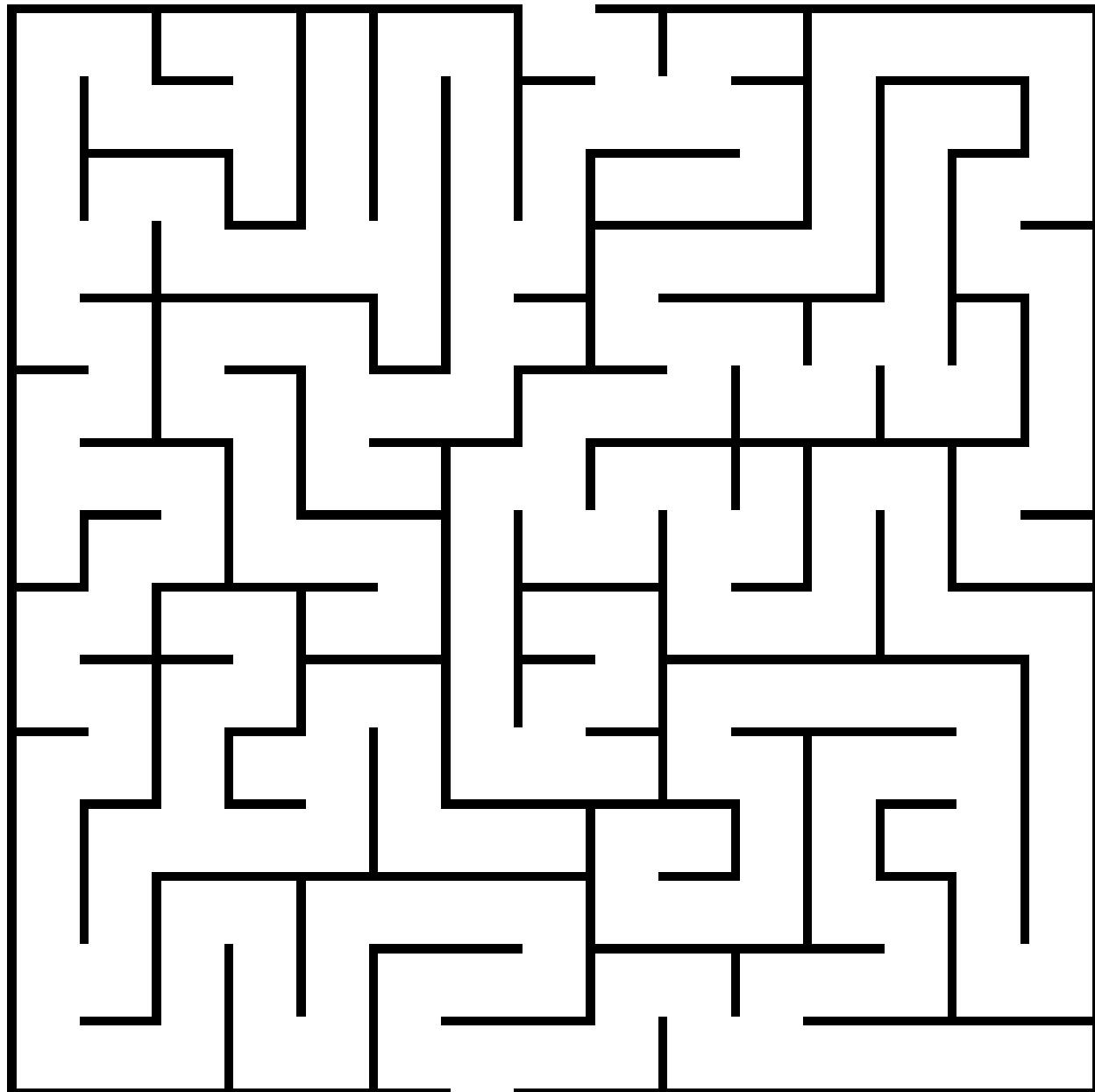
One doesn't need to believe in a divine Sabbath to understand the essential nature of taking time off from the hectic world we live in. I'd encourage families of all faiths and of no faiths to read and make use of this book's wisdom.

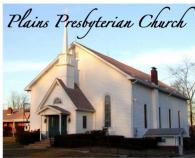
Join us as we start the New Year with a new focus.

A sign up sheet is in the narthex and CE board. Organizer: Melanie Sturrock at
melanie.sturrock@zoominternet.net

Kids' Zone

**Help the 3 Wisemen find
the stable where Jesus is.**





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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
			1  Office is closed	2	3	4
5 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service <i>***Un-decorating party after service***</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	13 7:00 pm Session meeting	14	15 7:00pm Deacon's mtg.	16	17	18
19 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service <i>Heifer Sunday</i> Worship Committee mtg.	20 Annual Report deadline	21	22	23 Plain Talk deadline	24	25
26 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	27	28	29	30	31	