

2014

**Plains
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since 1806**



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Summer in the church is very different. Things begin to slow down a bit as the calendar clears. Church programming slows and the focus moves to the one great moment found in all churches over the summer- Vacation Bible School. It is that one week of the church where so much love, effort, and drive are crammed into just a few hours.

Honestly, I am quite excited about Bible School. I have participated in Bible School for so long; I don't know what summer would be without the songs, dancing, crafts, games, and stories. The lessons and testimonies speak to any adult present in the church during that week. My hope is that the program for this year will have this level of impact on the church again!

But before the program commences, on what is likely to be the hottest week of summer (so I'm told is often the case), let's take a moment and breathe a bit. Get ready.... It's coming! Our children are counting the days till school is out. Some of them might even be counting the hours remaining. For them summer is the chance to sleep in, watch television till their heart's content, go on vacation with family, play outside with the neighborhood kids, or do any number of recreational activities. But, if we are honest, that is not how the church of Jesus Christ operates. We don't get much vacation time off. We have work to do; and we will attend to it faithfully.

In this month's Plain Talk you will find a lot of information about Bible School. Between today and July 14 there will be plenty of time to volunteer, to donate, or simply to pray for the program and those involved. For now, even though things in the church are slowing, except Bible School plans, be mindful of opportunities to share God's love and presence in your life. Be active in your faith. There really are no off seasons for the church.



**Plains Church 1st Annual Church Faire
held on May 3, 2014**

Helping with Worship This Month

Elder of the Month

Tony Poleti

Deacon of the Month

Eunice Guenther

Worship Leaders

01 Tim Rausch
08 Ethan Leisie
15 Frank Aloï
22 Steve Solman
29 Tim Roscoe

Greeters

01 Cathy Stafford & Joann Bark
08 Frank & Tiffany Aloï
15 Norah Collins & Jean Treese
22 Tim & Amy Roscoe
29 Denise K. & Eunice G.

Nursery Workers

01 Erika Stafford
08 Denise Kremmel
15 Norah Collins
22 Julie Young
29 Melissa Holcomb

Worship Schedule

June 1

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

June 8 ~ Pentecost

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

June 15 ~ Heifer

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
*Communion
Coffee Connections
Father's Day*

June 22

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

June 29

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



June 06 Ann Lunney
June 08 Dave Budney
June 14 Glenn Croft
June 18 Melissa Holcomb
June 20 Tara Lynn Bailey
June 25 Jack Bark & Armel Treese
June 30 Heather Turner

**10:00 am
Worship starts
on June 15th**



June 04 Dave & Terrie Budney
June 07 Bob & Sue Rectenwald
June 08 Ron & Meredith Cox
June 15 Larry & Janet Duncan
June 21 Ron & Wanda Rice
June 25 Tony & Jeanine Poleti



We will be accepting new members at Plains Church on Pentecost Sunday June 8. Anyone that may be interested in joining our Church should speak to Reverend Derek at your earliest convenience.



Pentecost Sunday is June 8th

Remember to wear Red!!!

We will also be welcoming new members in to the Plains Church family.



Youth Sunday

Is June 1st



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

- Jack Bark • Luke McCoy • Chris
- Angela Kushner's husband, Bob • Betty Lehman
- Armel's sister, Nancy • Andrew Solman
- Annabelle Aloï • Bill Stafford • Frank L.
- Eunice's sister, Nancy • Ron Cox
- Jean Treese's sister, Janice • Eldon Sturrock
- Eunice Guenther • Wesley
- Kathy Snyder • Jean & Armel Treese
- Jay Carmichael's dad, Don • Susan Reed
- Judy Marz • Alec Mascellino
- Melissa's mom, Margie • The Speicher Family
- Neighbors of the Treese's: Charlotte, Betty, Joy & Dolores
- For the situation in Thailand
- Our friends who are in assisted living: Howard Reed, Marilyn Stamp, Bob Ronksley and Gibbie Sponsler

Just a reminder



JUNE - JULY- AUGUST at 10 AM

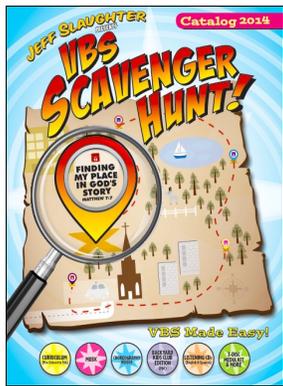
Begins June 15th

History Corner



Early 1800's

After reading early minutes of the church, it is noted that baptisms and the reception of new members in the early 1800's were held twice a year – spring and fall. Baptisms were held on Saturday's and many times included both adults and infants. Adults being baptized on Saturday would then be presented for membership the following day.



If you love the thrill of a scavenger hunt, you'll LOVE this summer's Vacation Bible School program. Plains Church VBS program is called "VBS Scavenger Hunt – Finding My Place in

God's Story." Our incredible VBS journey takes place July 14-18 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., and each Bible story has a "GPS" focus: God's Perfect Story, God's People Stop, God's Plan of Salvation, God's People Support, God's Perfect Spirit. Kids ages three years old through grade 6 will have a blast discovering God's plan for their life through exciting Bible stories, silly games, fun crafts, scrumptious snacks and rockin' praise songs. Much more information to follow!

Happy Father's Day



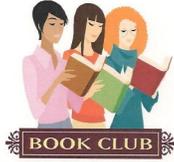
June 15th



Coffee Connections is
June 15th

sponsored by the Property Committee

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

Ladies of Plains Church!

Mark your calendars for October 24,25, 2014. Join us for our 16th annual Women's Retreat. The plan is to stay at Scott Lodge overnight on October 24 and to leave after dinner around 6:30 pm on October 25. The cost for a single room will be \$75.00 or a double room at \$49 per night. Food will be \$7.00 for breakfast, \$8.75 for lunch, and \$10.50 for dinner.

We have yet to engage a speaker so if anyone has any suggestions please call Bonnie Carmichael (724-538-9576).

Summer Seminars

Join the Adult Sunday School class as they begin their "Summer Seminars" on June 15th. We will begin the seminars with the book: Harbinger, The Ancient Mystery that Holds the Secret of America's Future... recommended by several of the members of our class.



Book review:

"The Harbinger" by Jonathan Cahn was written for a time such as this, mesmerizing and fascinating from beginning to end. In light of current events, this book is an eye opener for every American. The book is presented in a narrative fashion and uses scripture to demonstrate the ties between the destruction of ancient Israel and America. Anyone searching for answers in the midst of the chaos, unrest and fear that is prevalent in America today will find "The Harbinger" provides a glimmer of hope. Cahn offers these words from scripture "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14. This book surely is a wake up call for Americans to get on their knees and reclaim this great nation before it's too late.

We will meet Sunday morning (before church) at 9:00 AM in the downstairs Adult Sunday School Room. Come with your book "in hand" and questions to discuss with the group. The classes will be thought-provoking. Questions??? Contact Melanie

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Please join us—and bring a friend!

If your children (age 3 through grade 6) would like to join us for this fun-filled (and free!) week, just return the completed registration form to the church office by July 9th.

If you need additional registration forms, log onto www.plainschurch.com.

Please contact Dena (my contact information is below)

or Jodell at the Church Office at 724-538-8785 or

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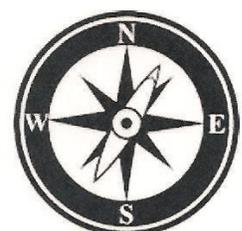
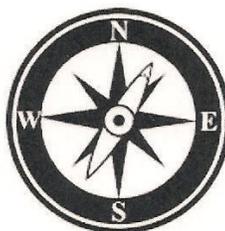
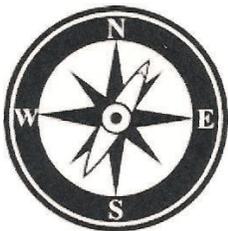
Looking forward to finding YOUR place in God's Story!

Dena Solman

VBS Director

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JEFF SLAUGHTER PRESENTS VBS SCAVENGER HUNT!

Plains Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School 2014

July 14th-18th

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

(Ages: 3 years through 6th grade)

REGISTRATION FORM (ONE PER CHILD)

Return this form by July 9th to the church office or mail to:
Plains Presbyterian Church, 326 Plains Church Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Phone: 724.538.8785 Email: plains@zoominternet.net Web: www.plainschurch.com

Name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Name of parent(s) or guardian: _____

Home telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Home email address: _____

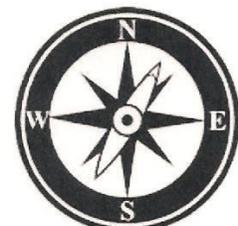
Age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last grade completed: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Home church: _____

Name of a special friend your child might like to be with: _____



JEFF SLAUGHTER
PRESENTS
VBS
SCAVENGER
HUNT!

VBS 2014 July 14-18, 6:30-8:30
Volunteers Needed!

Thanks for helping with Vacation Bible School! Please indicate how you're able to help:

- As a crew leader.**
- As an assistant crew leader.**
- Help with snacks**
- Help with crafts**
- Help with games**
- I'm able to lead the Bible Time for an evening.**

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Cell telephone number: _____

We couldn't do it without YOU!
Many thanks for volunteering your time.



CNS News & Highlights

Cranberry Nursery School had a wonderful year. We introduced the Half~Pints program this year. The class was such a success that we are adding another Half~Pints class next year. Both the Nursery and Pre-K classes enjoyed making new friends, learning new things and creating new memories. We enjoyed field trips to Cheeseman Farms and Zang TKD, had special time with dad at X-Cel Gymnastics and celebrated mom with a fashion show and luncheon. While the Pre-K practiced riding a school bus by attending a field to the Pittsburgh Aviary, the Nursery and Half~Pints had a field trip to their new classrooms where they got to practice being a year older. While it is hard to say good-bye at the end of the year picnic, we are looking forward to seeing our old friends and making new ones in the fall.

Blessings for a safe and happy summer!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service <i>Youth Sunday</i> 7:00pm Choir at Crestview Community Concert	2 7pm CNS Board Mtg.	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service <i>New Member Sunday</i> 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service <i>Communion</i> <i>Heifer Sunday</i> <i>Coffee Connections</i> 	16 7pm Session meeting	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service Worship Committee Mtg.	23	24	25	26 7:05 Pirates Faith Night	27	28
29 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	30					

The Birthday of the Church

The Church Begins
—ACTS 1, 2

Fill in all the words missing from the story. If you need help, look in Acts chapters 1 and 2. When you are finished, copy the letters inside the boxes to the spaces below. Then you will know the special name for the birthday of the church.

Jesus told His followers to tell the good news to all over the world.

Then Jesus went back to .

Fifty days after Passover, the followers were together in place.

Suddenly they heard a noise that sounded like a wind.

Then they saw something that looked like of fire.

The flames were separated and stood over person.

The followers were all filled with the

Spirit.

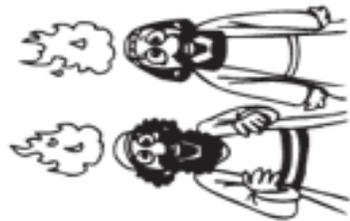
The Spirit gave them the ability to

in foreign languages.

Then stood up

and spoke to the crowd.

- _____ speak
- _____ violent
- _____ tongues
- _____ people
- _____ Peter
- _____ Heaven
- _____ each
- _____ one
- _____ holy



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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.”

