



2014

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"This is the Lord for whom we have waited..." Isaiah 25:6-9

These are familiar words to the church. Their place in worship understood clearly. God will swallow up death forever. We hear these words usually in advent where the soon-to-be-born Messiah will unify us to the Father in heaven who prepares the eternal banquet for his beloved, cared for, church. This concept of 'eternal reward' and 'victory over death' both comfort and sustain the church when the world around us crumbles and we find faith is hard to muster.

Nevertheless, these words have a resonance for us as we celebrate All Saints Day for the first time together. These are not only words that should serve to comfort the grieving or assist the weak in standing upon their faith. No, these words teach us that 'tragedy, loss, and death are not the destroyers of human value.' Instead tragedy, loss, and death also unify us to Christ. Our value is strong in him and will remain strong even as we remember painful losses and question the necessity of suffering.

Not only does God 'swallow up death forever' and remove the 'veil that shrouds all people'- for God certainly does these things for the church. But, God uses pain and suffering as an occasion to deepen faith and broaden human relationships in a manner I cannot completely understand. Death and pain, while hardly welcomed, can serve the purposes of the Lord. And so we wait...and we pray.

I say these words to you as you remember loved ones and friends who have died. I know we have felt our share of losses as a church and as families. We have said good-bye to people who brightened our lives with their presence, people whose shadow is forever cast in worship space. I know families, without having the choice presented to them, have needed to shift their roles as individuals as an important piece to their lives is gone now. To those who are left behind, Isaiah has a message- we are valuable and cared for.

The losses we feel, and the chances we have to grow our faith, do not diminish our importance to the Creator. While here in this place, God's justice and reasoning are not always seen clearly. But we do know that as God's elect, our souls, and those who have gone before us, survive and continue to be present to the living God and live in communion with him forever. This is our value as we remember those we have lost. While our friends and families have gone back to God, we endure the travails of life because we know that ultimately God will swallow up death forever and the shroud that separates us from him will be removed.

And so this month, even if you find it a struggle, we give thanks not just for the blessings that will bring us around the thanksgiving table soon, but we give thanks for the presence of God that shows us our value even while our hearts break and our tears flow because we know that truly nothing separates us from the love of Christ in us.

Blessings,
Rev. Derek

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

02 Tim Roscoe
 09 Tiffany Aloï
 16 Ron Carter
 23 Melanie Sturrock
 30 Advent Readers

Greeters

02 Tony Poleti & Joann Bark
 09 Frank & Tiffany Aloï
 16 Norah Collins & Bev Magill
 23 Tim & Amy Roscoe
 30 Frank Leisie & Eunice G.

Nursery Workers

02 Kathy & Ron Carter
 09 Denise Kremmel
 16 Norah Collins
 23 Julie Young
 30 Melissa Holcomb

Elder of the Month

Steve Solman

Deacon of the Month

Maggie Simpson



Worship Schedule

November 2

All Saints' Day Celebration

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

November 9

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

Youth Group Spaghetti Lunch

November 16 ~ Heifer Sunday

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

Coffee Connections

Deacon's Meeting

November 23

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

November 30

1st Sunday of Advent

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

Communion

Worship Committee meeting



Nov. 1 Carl Duerring
 John Finlay
 Ethan Leisie
 Nov. 4 Jennifer Mignanelli
 Nov. 5 Larry Duncan
 Nov. 7 Nina Finlay
 Nov. 8 Bev Magill
 Leah Young
 Nov. 10 Kathy Snyder
 Nov. 11 Michelle Rodgers
 Nov. 12 Erika Stafford
 Nov. 18 Calvin Croft
 Nov. 20 Kathy Merriman
 Nov. 24 Ron Cox
 Nov. 27 Steve Walter
 Nov. 28 Meredith Cox
 Cathy Dixon
 Denise Kremmel
 Amy Solman
 Nov. 30 Frank Aloï



03 Archie & Maggie Simpson
 15 Bob & Julie Young
 23 Tim & Ruth Rausch
 27 Dennis & Kathy Robinson

Coffee Connections



Sunday, November 16th
sponsored by the
Stewardship Committee



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

- Jack Bark •Ron Cox •Joe Appel
- Angela Kushner's husband, Bob
- Eunice Guenther •Ann Sheehy
- Dorothy Atkinson •Betty Lehman
- Diana •Dawn •Melissa
- Annabelle Aloï •Kathy Fuller
- Bonnie Carmichael •Kathy Snyder
- Dave Budney •Paul
- Missy Glass
- For the family & friends of Armel Treese who passed away on Sunday
- Our friends who are in assisted living: Howard Reed, Marilyn Stamp, Bob Ronksley and Gibbie Sponsler

Happy

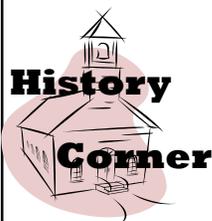


Thanksgiving

**The office will be closed on
Thursday, November 27th.**

**Your 2015 Pledge Cards
will be arriving in early
November. Please
prayerfully consider
that you are giving to
God and not simply to
Plains Church.**





The Cranberry Grange Hall

The Cranberry Grange Hall, built in 1890, served as a fellowship and meeting hall for the Plains Congregation. It stood in the grove of oak trees near where the manse stands today. Thirty-four members made up the grange membership when it was built. Strawberry festivals, church picnics, outdoor evening movies, 4H groups, Sunday School fellowship programs, and grange meetings kept the hall a busy place. It was torn down after the church basement was added and before the manse was built.



How about joining your friends and church family for donuts and orange juice on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 9 am. and, help us decorate the church sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. If we have enough helping hands, it takes about an hour. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Thank you!



Operation Christmas Child

The Deacons are collecting donations for needy children around the world. Samaritan's Purse will deliver the special packages to children everywhere. Donations will be gladly accepted in the form of toys, school supplies or monetary contributions.



SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

On Saturday, November 1, we have a "packing" party to fill the boxes and get them ready. It will be from 5pm-7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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Session Highlights

September 2014

Session met on Monday, September 15, 2014. Here are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Approved holding the Harvest Home Craft Fair on December 6, 2014 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Approved applying for the "People in Mission Grant" from the Beaver Butler Presbytery.

Communion was served to 62 people on September 7, 2014.

Giving is still ahead of last year. Some expenses are a little higher than expected, but things are pretty much in line.

Rev. Derek reported that home communion was taken to 12 people.

The Sacrament of Baptism was performed on August 3, 2014. We baptized Ellison Ruth Porter during the morning worship service.

Session approve Rev. Derek pursue his education through the Doctorate of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Session understands and approves the expenditure of time as required by the program for Rev. Derek to complete his studies, and in addition, Session will seek to encourage and support Rev. Derek and will hold him in prayer as he continues his education.

Rev. Derek will be on vacation December 24th (after service) through December 29th.

Well attended Rally day and the Sunday School Teacher installation went well.

Jennifer Marotta and Susan Reed were approved by Session to serve on the CNS board.

Approved slightly changed Sexual Misconduct form that is necessary for insurance purposes.

World Communion Sunday will be October 5th, 2015. Soup and Bread luncheon will follow worship.

Men's / Boy's rest room is nearing completion.

Air conditioning for the sanctuary is still being addressed.

Electrical issues at the Manse to be addressed in the near future.

Nominating Committee is getting ready to start their work.

Next Regular Session Meeting – October 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session



Get your appetites ready!!! It's almost time for the Youth Group's annual Spaghetti Luncheon! Immediately following the worship service on Sunday, November 9th, join us in Fellowship Hall for mountains of spaghetti, crock-pots full of homemade sauce, bowls of crisp salad and trays of buttery garlic bread. Yum yum! Your donations will go directly to a worthy cause - our fabulous Youth Group. We have so many great events planned this year - your generous donations will help us in the pursuit of FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!



Christmas Poinsettias will fill our sanctuary on December 7, 14, 21, and 28. If you would like to order one, please complete an order form and place in the offering plate or send to the church office. Orders will need to be received by Monday, November 16. The flowers will be three stem red poinsettias at a cost of \$20.00 -- payable to Plains Church and marked for Poinsettia Fund.

Thank you.

I/We would like to order a poinsettia:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

As a Gift to the Church: _____

From: _____

Harvest Home Craft Fair Vendor Registration Form

We invite all craft vendors to participate at our craft fair. Please no food vendors. Specialty foods like fudge, homemade candies, jams (etc) are welcome.

Date: December 6th, 2014

Where: Plains Presbyterian Church, 326 Plains Church Rd; Cranberry Twsp, Pa 16066

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00PM

Set up: 7:30AM -8:30AM

Space: 8' x 6'. Cost: \$15.00 per space. Must bring own table. Cost includes electric if needed.

Please contact the church office at 724-538-8785 to register or go to our website www.plainschurch.com, complete the registration form and mail it to us with payment. Checks payable to Plains Presbyterian Church.

Deadline for registration form: November 14th.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ cell _____

Email address: _____

Craft description: _____

Number of spaces: _____ electric: yes/no

Preference: same as last year no preference

Other requests:

Date received:

Table assigned:

Fee paid:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service <i>All Saint's Day Service</i> Choir practice 10:15am-10:45am	3	4	5 7:00 pm Choir practice	6	7	8
9 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser after Service Choir practice 10:15am-10:45am	10	11 	12 7:00 pm Choir practice	13	14 Youth Group Westminster	15 Highlands Retreat
16 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service <i>Heifer Sunday</i> <i>Coffee Connections</i> Deacon's meeting Youth Group concert 7pm No Choir practice	17	18	19	20	21	22  7pm Praise & Worship
23 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service No choir practice	24 7:00pm Session mtg.	25 6pm Presbytery mtg.	26 No Choir practice	27  Office is closed	28	29 Church decorating 9:00 am 
30 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Communion</i> Worship Comm. Mtg. Choir practice 10:15am-10:45am	31		Countdown to the Heifer Farm Mission Trip: 9 months <i>Contact Melanie Sturrock if interested</i>			



CNS News & Highlights

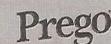
Registration for the 2015-2016 school year will begin in December for current students and church families and will open up to the general public beginning January 5th. If you know anyone who is looking for a pre-school, please let them know about Cranberry Nursery School. Once again we will be offering two 2 1/2 year old classes in the AM; both AM and PM 3 year old programs and a morning and afternoon Pre-K program. The staff is available to answer any questions the families might have.

CNS is once again collecting the UPC codes from the products below. The points redeemed are used to get items needed for the classrooms and school. Please help our kids by clipping out the UPC codes from the labels and depositing them in the large soup can in the CNS building.

Thank you.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

2014-2015 Participating Products



BEVERAGES

- Campbell's® Tomato Juices*
- V8® Vegetable Juice*
- V8 V-Fusion® Juice*
- V8 Splash® Juice Drinks*

BREAD

- Pepperidge Farm® Breads, Croustons, Rolls & Stuffing

CEREALS

- Alpha-Bits®
- Post® Bran Flakes
- Cocoa Pebbles™
- Fruity Pebbles™
- Golden Crisp®
- Grape-Nuts®
- Great Grains®
- Honey Bunches of Oats®
- Honey-Comb®
- Post® Raisin Bran
- Post Selects®
- Post® Shredded Wheat
- Waffle Crisp®

COOKING

- Campbell's® Condensed "Great for Cooking" Soups
- Swanson® Broth, Canned Chicken & Cooking Stock
- Campbell's® Beans

DAIRY

- Dannon® Danimals® Smoothies
- Dannon® Danonino™ Cups
- Dannon® Danimals® Squeezables
- Dannon® Danimals® Crunchers™
- Dannon® Danimals® Superstars Greek Lowfat Yogurt

FROZEN PRODUCTS

- Pepperidge Farm® Frozen Garlic Breads, 3-layer Cakes, Turnovers and Puff Pastry

PASTA

- SpaghettiOs® pasta

SAUCES & GRAVIES

- Campbell's® Gravies
- Pace® Salsas & Picante Sauce*
- Prego® Italian Sauces*
- Wolfgang Puck® Sauces*

SNACKS

- Emerald® Nuts Canisters
- Emerald® 100 Calorie Packs
- Emerald® Breakfast on the go!™
- Emerald® Trail Mix
- Emerald® Glazed Nuts
- Pepperidge Farm® Goldfish® Crackers and Grahams
- Pop Secret® 3 Count
- Pop Secret® 4 Count
- Pop Secret® 6 Count

- Pop Secret® 10 Count
- Pop Secret® 10 Count Snack Size
- Cocoa Pebbles® Treats
- Fruity Pebbles® Treats

SOUPS

- Campbell's® Chunky™ Soups
- Campbell's® Chunky™ Chili
- Campbell's® Condensed Soups
- Campbell's® Homestyle Soups
- Campbell's® Healthy Request® Soups
- Campbell's® Soups- Microwavable Bowls
- Campbell's® Soup on the Go
- Wolfgang Puck® Soups

STATIONERY

- BIC® Dry Erase Markers
- BIC® Ecolutions™ Products
- BIC® Highlighters
- BIC® Mechanical Pencils
- BIC® Ball Pens
- BIC® Roller Pens
- BIC® Gel Pens
- BIC® Wite-Out® Brand Correction Tape

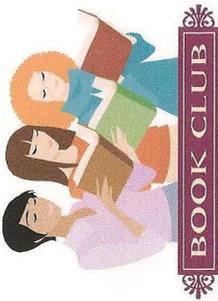
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LITURGISTS, GREETERS AND NURSERY
WORKERS for 2015

Please note that the listings for Liturgist, Greeter and Nursery Workers for 2015 have been placed in the narthex. If you wish to remain on the list, you need do nothing. If you want your name removed, please cross it off and initial. Add any new names at the bottom of the lists and thank you. It makes the work easier when more are willing to help. Teenagers are welcome in all of these areas. If you have any questions, you may talk to Rev. Derek or any of the worship committee members.

The last day to add/delete names on this list is Nov. 23rd.



Do you enjoy a good book? Join our BOOK CLUB.
Newcomers welcome. CNS parents welcome. Children are welcome.

The Book Club at Plains

❖ Next meeting, Nov 6th

❖ Place: Lower level of the church



October Book Selection Discussion

At Home in Mitford by Jan Karon.

^{1st} in the series of The Mitford Years.
It's easy to feel at home in Mitford, North Carolina. In these high, green hills, the air is pure, the village is charming, and the people are friendly. Yet, Father Tim, the bachelor rector, wants something more. Enter a dog the size of a sofa who moves in and won't go away. Add an attractive neighbor who begins wearing a path through the hedge. Now, stir in a lovable but unloved boy, a mystifying jewel thief, and a secret that's sixty years old. Suddenly, Father Tim gets more than he bargained for. And readers get a rich comedy about ordinary people and their ordinary lives.

❖ Can't attend the meetings. Just email me
Melanie.sturrock@zoominternet.net and I will
include you in our BOOK CLUB monthly emails.



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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.”



Kids' Zone

What are you eating for Thanksgiving?



I am THANKFUL for...



Write a Fall or Thanksgiving word that starts with each letter below

T
H
A
N
K
S
G
I
V
I
N
G

Gobble Gobble

