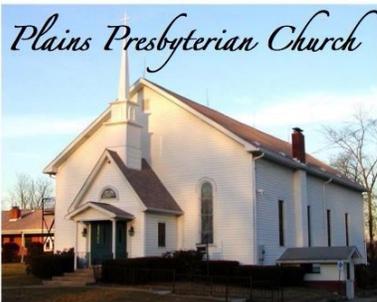


2019

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A Word from Rev. Derek:

As I take a break from my “Nepal Preparations,” I found myself in a moment of introspection as I looked around my living room. Surprisingly, this feeling did not originate from a new detail related to the trip that I forgot, or something I still need to gather. I was not even pausing to double check something I packed—as an Eagle Scout I am usually good at packing. No, I instead looked down... at my shirt. What I saw there made me pause, and as I think about it, I paused out of a sense of guilt.

On the front of the black t-shirt I am wearing, in bold white letters, is the word PELOTON. As you may know Peloton is an exercise company specializing in on-demand cycling rides as well as treadmill work and yoga practices. Their spin-bike has a great reputation in the fitness world for providing results for those looking to improve their health fitness wellness regiment.

Around Christmas every year Peloton release the same commercial that essentially ends with the message: “It’s the new year so make a resolution to be healthy in 2019 (or whatever year it is).” We purchased one of their bikes, and before long, we were riding to our hearts content and feeling great.

But back to my t-shirt... part of the lure of Peloton is the live classes you can stream each day. After completing 100 rides, which I can say I have done, you then receive a promo code for a t-shirt like the one I am wearing that will be free to you as a “thank you.” I am very proud to say that I have ridden over 100 times and look forward to the next hurdle that I am overcoming! So that is how I got this t-shirt.

So, as I got ready this afternoon to write this article to you while Jennifer still at work, and JonMark has headed off to Starbucks for his shift, I wondered, how will I continue my streak of consecutive weeks of working out on my Peloton when I am in Nepal??? And this is when the conviction hit me about my own discipleship and how I share God with others.

What if I asked the question this way: how often do I put so much energy and so time into my Christian walk that the thought of not reading my bible, of not praying, of not sharing God’s message was a concern to me? What would it look like if I had a consecutive day streak of sharing how God is at work in my life, not just while I am in Nepal, but when I am back home with you that would rival my Peloton streak?

I know we are a busy, committed, people who love the church we belong to and serve. We put a lot of time and energy into the things we value here at Plains (like my Peloton at home). But I can state to you pridefully that I will make room in my day to ride, to run, or do some yoga, and not give it a second thought if I have to cut my devotions short because of some other commitment that I have made that seems to be of primary importance to me. That does not seem to be what God wants from us. But I don’t think I am the only person struggling in this way.

We all may not go for a run each morning, but there are things in our lives that we do place in high priority that take us away from some much-needed time with God that will deepen our faith and change our world. As the fall comes upon us, take some time and consider what those things are, and then ask God what you could do about it?

Blessings,
Rev. Derek

Helping with Worship This Month

Elder of the Month
Tiffany Aloï

Deacon of the Month
Sue McKinley

Worship Leaders

06 Ron Carter

13 Tim Rausch

20 Susan Reed

27 Frank Aloï

Greeters

06 Steve & Julie Raatz

13 Tom & Ann Lunney

20 Frank & Tiffany Aloï

27 Roberta Lemon & Norah Collins

Nursery Workers

06 Julie Young

13 Erica Selling

20 Ann Lunney

27 Ron & Kathy Carter

Worship Schedule

October 6

World Communion

9:45am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Communion

October 13

9:45am Sunday School

Adult Bible School Begins

11:00 am Worship Service

Worship Meeting after service

October 20

9:45am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Coffee Connection- Worship

October 27

9:45am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service



October 3 Maggie Simpson

October 5 Erin McKinley

October 9 Marge Leisie

October 22 Madison Holcomb



October 14 Steve & Mary Walter

October 15 Christopher & Janelle Wood

October 15 Bill & Sandy Stafford

October 17 Richard and Bev Magill



Coffee Connections

Sunday, October 20th

Hosted by Worship

We rejoice in the ability we have as Christians to lift up our prayers and petitions, our joys and our concerns to God together.

(Please submit a new prayer card or contact the church office with any updates or to keep a name on the list.)

Updating Volunteer List:

Please contact Norah Collins or Janet Duncan to add your name to a call list to assist for bereavement meals. Assistance is needed towards food donations, cooking, setting-up, serving, and cleaning. Your time is greatly appreciated.

Plains Book Club:

The Book Club just loves to get together to share our readings with each other. So we invite you to join us. Even if you find that you cannot read all or any of the book, come for the insightful discussions.

Meetings occur on the first Thursday of each month at 10am in the Church's basement.



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

We also ask for prayers for the following :

- Corina Taylor
- Karl Koebler
- Yvette - Tiffany's sister
- John Finlay
- Bill- Betty Lehman's brother
- Matt Protzman
- Kay Uthman

Our friends who are in assisted living:

Martha Malone, Betty Budney , Nancy Jones & Eileen Kaufman

Please submit a new prayer card or contact the church office with any updates.

Worship Schedule:

Sunday School: 9:45am

Worship: 11:00am



Financial Update:

Our year to date 2019 general fund finances though mid - September are reflecting a **deficit** of approximately **\$9,000**. Please prayerfully consider your contributions as we move into the final quarter of this year.

History Corner:



In October of 1971 the Session voted to establish a Board of Deacons, The first group of deacons included: Lewis Goehring, Carol Powell, Mildred Sarver, Mildred Kirsch, Kern Affolder, and Edmund Munford.

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CHOIR PRACTICE

Starting back in October
New Members are welcome!
Please contact Kathy Robinson



Calendar of Events:

October 3rd - Book Club at 10:00am

October 6th - World Communion Day,
Communion,
Nepal Trip Testimonies
Pot Luck Luncheon-TBA

October 12th - Bear Run Road Clean-Up
at 9:30am

October 13th -Worship Meeting after
service

October 14th - Columbus Day

October 15th - Ephesus Project Meeting at
7:00pm

October 20th - Coffee Connection-Worship

October 21st - Session Meeting at 7:00pm

October 27th -Youth Group - Family
Bowlaway after worship

Important
Dates



WORLD COMMUNION DAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th

On-Line Giving is now available
for you convenience. Log on and
check it out

www.plainschurch.com

Scan the QR code:



NEPAL TRIP



Looking forward to our church members testimonials and reflections on what they experienced on their service trip to Nepal.

More will be shared on October 6, 2019 which is World Communion Day!



Plains Church - Bear Run Road Clean-Up!

Saturday, October 12th at 9:30am

Sign-Up sheet in the narthex

Come join us!



Plains Presbyterian Deacons will be collecting non-perishable food items for the
Evans City Food Bank.

Please drop off your donations in the narthex.

Collection Dates: October 6th through October 27th

Thank you for your Support!



Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, October 13th 2019

2 pm -3:30pm

First Presbyterian Church

320 Sixth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Put on your best walking shoes and bring your cell phones because we are spending the afternoon exploring the weirder side of downtown Pittsburgh.

You will be given time to figure out clues and then a race around town with your youth group.

Snacks will be served

RSVP by October 11th .

dianamermon@beaverbutler.org or 412-915-2097

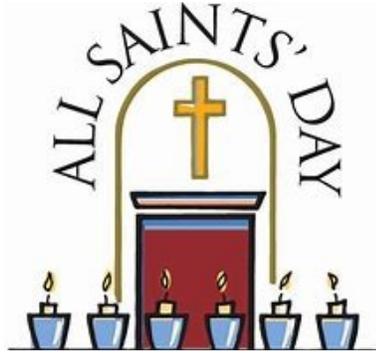


Diana Mermon
Beaver Butler Presbytery
Youth Coordinator
412-915-2097

Upcoming Events:

All Saints Day Celebration - Sunday, November 3rd

Please e-mail or call the church office if you have a loved one who passed away this year that you would like to be included on the list of names that will be read during the Worship Service.



Operation Christmas Child:



The deacons are again organizing an Operation Christmas Child donation drive.

National Collection Week is November 18-25th.

Please check on the web site what can go in the shoeboxes. More details to follow.

<http://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

Ideas for items to include– small dolls, balls, toy cars/trucks, flashlights, socks, washcloths, soap, toothbrushes, brushes, combs, jewelry, hair accessories, paper, pens, crayons, markers.

NO LIQUIDS, FOOD, TOOTHPASTE

Boxes will be available by mid-October. You can take a box with you and return it any time before November 17th.

Boxes should be labeled as follows based on the contents: boy or girl, ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. Please consider including a \$9.00 donation per box to cover shipping cost, this is completely optional.

Note, we are taking the same approach as last year instead of collecting supplies, we are collecting filled boxes only.

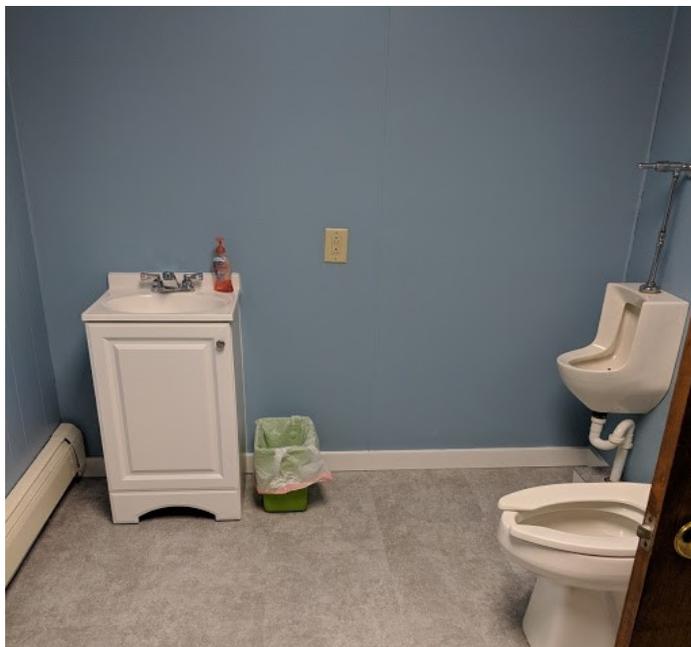
Renovations in the Fellowship Hall Restrooms



FELLOWSHIP HALL RESTROOMS

The fellowship hall restrooms are now repainted and freshen up with new flooring and vanities. Thank you so much to the hard working volunteers that made this possible. Rich Magill and Jim Lehman who painted the walls and Denny Robinson who laid the flooring. Also, to all that helped on the Properties Committee.

**Restroom
Break**



CNS NEWS



2019-2020

The school year has begun!

If you know of anyone that is looking to enroll a child in pre-school please call 724-538-8785
or e-mail CNS directly at cnsoplains@zoominternet.net

OUR STAFF:

Half-Pints Teacher - Komal Dietz; Aide - Diana Beaudoin

Nursery Teacher - Jonee Mascellino; Aide - Darlene Grieco

Pre-K Teacher - Amy Zugell; Aide - Lisa Bender

Director - Angela Kushner

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Session Highlights

August 2019

Session met on Monday, August 19, 2019. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Mason Scott Laslovic was baptized on Sunday July 14, 2019.

Session reviewed and receives the report of the treasurer by consensus.

Deacons are working on their next quarterly disbursement.

CNS Staff is all returning. School will be starting soon.

The pulpit will be filled on September 22nd by Rev. Liddy Barlow. Tim Rausch will be filling in on September 29th.

The merger of Beaver-Butler Presbytery and Shenango Presbytery will not be happening. This appears to have caught people by surprise since discussions seemed to have been going well.

The Christian Education committee is working on a teen curriculum for the coming year.

September 8th is Rally Day and Rev. Derek is working on two scavenger hunts.

Cleaning will continue by church personnel. CNS teachers and aids will take care of their own rooms.

Working party is planned for late October for the outside area.

Cranberry Twp. is going to conduct a fire inspection of the church in the near future.

Mission team will be commissioned on September 15th. Communion will be served on the 15th by consensus of Session.

October 6, 2019 is World Communion Day and the Nepal Mission team will share their experiences with the congregation.

Girl Scout Troop 26691 will be meeting on 1st and 3rd Thursdays starting October 3rd through the end of May 2020.

Girl Scout Troop 42015 will be meeting at the same time.

Girl Scout Troop 26679 will no longer be meeting at the church.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Sunday, September 15, 2019 after church worship.

Rev. Derek closed with prayer at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					2019	
		1	2	3	4	5
6 World Communion Nepal Overview Sunday School - 9:45am Worship - 11:00am Communion Lunch - TBA	7	8	9	10 Book Club-10am	11	12 Bear Run Road Clean-up- 9:30am
13 Sunday School Adult Begins 9:45am Worship - 11:00am Worship Meeting- after service	14 Columbus Day	15 Ephesus Meeting - 7pm	16	17	18	19
20 Sunday School- 9:45am Worship - 11:00am Coffee Connection	21 Session Meeting at 7:00pm	22	23	24	25	26
27 Sunday School- 9:45am Worship - 11:00am Bowling after worship	28	29	30	31		



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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."

