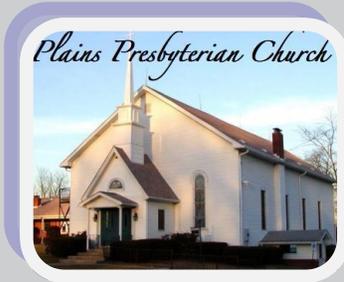




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This past weekend Plains and Crestview once again engaged in a time of shared worship. We gathered at North Boundary Park and we worshipped God in a new way that was both enriching, and yet it felt traditional, even though we are outside the normal worship space. The concept of the service was "holy humor" which dates back to some of the early church fathers who encouraged us to celebrate the victory God won over Satan in the resurrection of Jesus. It is certainly a worthy event to be excited about. Because of this great news, history tells us to celebrate God's work by joyfully engaging in acts of worship that are creative and light-hearted- which we did. It was a great morning in the park.

Two aspects of that service stuck out to those who gathered in the pavilion on that sunny Sunday morning that I want to share with you this month. First, we felt freed to worship Christ Jesus joyfully and we practiced our worship in a way that was new and different. We laughed. We sang songs of joy that were meant for Christmas. When we came to the prayer time, the number of 'joys' shared greatly out weighed the number of 'concerns' presented- which I felt was significant. There will always be needs and we will always know people who need a healing touch from God, and God wants us to pray for them faithfully. But for that morning we combined our needs with an overwhelming sense of joy that God was with us in the park and it shaped how we prayed and the style in which we spoke to The Lord.

Second, in the freedom of the service, there was a willingness from the children of the church to participate in worship authentically. On the spur of the moment I asked the children to read the Scripture lesson assigned for the day at the conclusion of the Children's Message. It was a story everyone present knew- the story of creation. Yet the children brought a newness and a pride into the story. As they read it, I felt my heart lifted up as I heard again how God created the heavens and the earth. For me it was the most significant aspect of worship on that day. As I said to anyone present in the service who heard those words, "it is a joy to hear our children read the Bible to us. It provides a freshness for us that cannot be neglected and a sense of awe which cannot be forgotten."

We concluded the service, ate lunch, fellowshiped, and went our separate ways to enjoy the beauty of Sunday. But my hope for you, as we are now several days past the service, is that the joy of the service will follow you home and, if you could not make the service, that you will feel the joy of The Lord today as you read these words retelling the events of the day.

We all know 'JOY' is not something the Presbyterians are particularly good at expressing in church. Our name conjures up images of arm-crossed-joyless-people sitting in their assigned pew for generations but I believe it is time for that defining trait to change. I believe that we can find times of joy and 'holy humor' in our daily walks with God and those times will help reiterate to us how great the miracles of God are in our lives.

There is a time of thoughtful, dedicated meditation in the church. However, let us not forget that there is also a time of rejoicing, for awe, for wonder, and for expressions of it.

Blessings,
Rev. Derek

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

07 Susan Reed
 14 Ron Carter
 21 Melanie Sturrock
 28 Tony Poleti

Greeters

07 Tony Poleti & Norah Collins
 14 Frank & Tiffany Aloï
 21 Tim & Amy Roscoe
 28 Norah Collins & Bev Magill

Nursery Workers

07 Cathy Stafford
 14 Kathy & Ron Carter
 21 Denise Kremmel
 28 Norah Collins

Elder of the Month

Ron Carter

Deacon of the Month

Dena Solman



Worship Schedule

September 7

11:00 am Worship Service
Communion
Rally Day

September 14

9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
Installation of Teachers

September 21 ~ Heifer Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
Coffee Connections
Deacon's Meeting

September 28

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

Fall Worship Schedule begins



Sept. 02	Bill Stafford, Jr.
Sept. 03	Bob Young
Sept. 04	Nancy Jones
Sept. 05	Ella Lunney
Sept. 10	Emma Marotta
Sept. 18	Janet Duncan, Rich Magill & Susie Roscoe
Sept. 19	Rhonda Sproat
Sept. 20	Chase Leisie
Sept. 22	Bob Ronksley
Sept. 25	Martha Malone & Jonah Sproat
Sept. 29	David Sturrock
Sept. 30	Betty Budney



Sept. 03	Burt and Nancy Duerring
Sept. 20	Bob and Barbara Ronksley
Sept. 25	Jim and Leslie Dambaugh
Sept. 30	John and Nina Finlay

The office will be closed on Monday, September 1st for the Labor Day Holiday.

The Fall Worship Schedule will begin on Sunday, September 7th at 11:00am



Rally Day will also be on Sept. 7th

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 14th

Installation of teachers will also be on September 14th

Also Coming up at Plains:

September 15: Session Meeting-7:00 pm

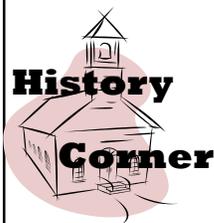
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Deacons Meeting

September 28: Worship Committee Mtg.



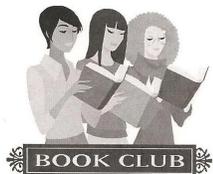
Please keep our Elders and Deacons in your prayers as they lead Plains into the future.

- Jack Bark •Ron Cox •Jeff
- Angela Kushner's husband, Bob
- Eunice Guenther •Gerry •Steve
- Nolan •Tim •Heather
- Susan Reed •Mary Jo Brown
- Armel & Jean Treese •Amy
- Annabelle Aloï •Jason •Reese
- Rebecca Smith •Anita Pisarov
- Ron & Wanda's daughter, Sharon
- Park Presbyterian Church-Zelienople
- Bonnie Carmichael •Kathy Snyder
- Stephanie Pegan •For Israel
- For Melanie's mother, Marcine
- Chris •Matt •David Green
- Brian & Lisa Henry 's new baby, Julia
- For all children and teachers to have a successful year of school
- For Sarah who is going to Korea to teach English for 1 year
- Our friends who are in assisted living: Howard Reed, Marilyn Stamp, Bob Ronksley and Gibbie Sponsler



The Society (as the congregation was called in the early 1800's) was incorporated November 16, 1849. The trustees names were David Garvin, James W. Garvin, and James Sample.

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

Women's Retreat 2014

October 24th and 25th

Camp Crestfield, Slippery Rock

Good News regarding the Women's Retreat scheduled for October 24-25, 2014!

We have located a speaker, Jo Stuchell from *Blessed Hope Ministry* in Wexford, PA. The program title will be, **"The Victory of the Cross - All that it means in the life of the believer"**. We will delve into the impact of the Cross upon History, Humanity, Eternity and the Time of the End; an exploration of the depth, glory and victory of the cross-work of Christ. Please start to plan now to join us for this unique study and fellowship. We will be asking you to sign-up by September 14, 2014. Sign-up forms with prices are in the narthex. Join us for a wonderful, relaxing and spiritual-renewing time.



Coffee Connections



Sunday, September 21st

sponsored by the
Personnel Committee



CNS News & Highlights

Cranberry Nursery School is gearing up for the new school year, which will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd. This year will bring many new families, as well as familiar faces, as we meet and make new friends for the children, parents and staff. The first week is shortened and split into two groups to help the kids get oriented.

We've added another Half-Pints class and a PM Nursery class this year. We do have a few spots available in the Nursery Class and in the Pre-K classes. If you know of anyone that is interested, please send them our way.

Please welcome our new Aide, Komal Dietz. We are happy to have this talented woman on board. You are always welcome to come and see the school and meet the Teachers, Director or Aides. Anyone wishing to share an interesting hobby with the children or volunteer during library time is always welcome!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold;"> ** 11:00 am Worship begins on Sept. 7th </div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: white;"> SEPTEMBER 2014 </div> </div>						
	1  Happy Labor Day The office is closed	2	3  1st day for CNS M&M Café 9am-3pm	4  M&M Café 9am-3pm	5  M&M Café 9am-12n	6 Fellowship Hall Rental 1pm-6pm
7 11:00 am Worship Service Communion Rally Day 	8	9	10	11	12	13
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