

2019

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A Word from Rev. Derek:

Recently I was reading a devotional on Romans when I came across a new idea that I wanted to share with you this month. We know that language often has a singular meaning. Words mean something and that meaning is often associated directly with the word in question. In this case the word that I was reading about was the word, "conspire." I was interested to learn something new about that word and it helped frame the rest of my week in the church. Here is what the author said about "conspire."

I have come to see "conspire" as a word with profound spiritual resonance. Like most people, I associated the word with its political meaning: to conspire in the sense of formulating secret strategies to overthrow something public power, person, or nation. But the word "conspiracy" is rooted in deeper soil. It means, literally, conspīritus, to breath together. To be of one spirit, one breath. Con-spīritus. Conspire. To be of one breath is to pray and to labor as one.

In the Epistle to the Romans, Paul refers to such a conspiracy, and this helps us see how this author's understanding takes shape. Paul says,

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; . . . We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and now only the creation, but we ourselves . . . Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:19, 22, 26).

In Paul's mind our prayers are connected in many ways. We are connected together as the Body of Christ who gathers and listens regularly, and in this case conspires, together. This is often done in the context of regular weekly worship. But it can take other forms as well. We listen, we groan in our hearts as we hear about loved one and share their stories of pain and their need of God's healing in their lives.

However, Paul also takes this one step further when he talks about the "sighs of the Spirit." This second image is one of child birth which is a painful experience for many women. While we are comfortable sharing our stories and prayers together, in this moment, Paul is asking us to breath together, to conspire, and that can take place in moments of great anguish as much as it can happen in worship. He is asking us literally to labor together in a place that is often not neat and compartmentalized.

As we do so we find space together to breathe again and to conspire. We find that we are not alone in how we feel, or in the pain we deal with, but as we are together in what is happening with us, God's presence is affirmed. Ministry continues and we work together for God's glory in the community.

Blessings
Rev. Derek

Helping with Worship This Month

Elder of the Month
Tom Lunney

Deacon of the Month
Jennifer Marotta

Worship Leaders

01 Tim Roscoe
08 Tiffany Aloï
15 Steve Raatz
22 Tony Poletì
29 Amy Roscoe

Greeters

01 Jay & Bonnie Carmichael
08 Archie & Maggie Simpson
15 Eunice Guenther & Denise Kremmel
22 Norah Collins & Linda Treese
29 Denny Robinson & Joann Bark

Nursery Workers

01 Ann Lunney
08 Ron & Kathy Carter
15 Ann Lunney
22 Melissa Holcomb
29 Denise Kremmel



Worship Schedule

September 1

10:00 am Worship Service

September 8

Rally Day
Installation of Teachers
Honoring Acolytes

9:45am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

September 15

9:45am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Commissioning
Nepal Missionaries

Communion

September 22

9:45am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

September 29

9:45am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service



September 1	Julie Raatz
September 3	Bill Stafford Jr.
September 3	Robert Young
September 4	Nancy Jones
September 5	Ella Lunney
September 9	Addison Clay
September 10	Emma Marotta
September 18	Janet Duncan
September 18	Richard Magill
September 18	Susan Roscoe
September 25	Martha Malone
September 30	Betty Budney



September 3	Burt & Nancy Duerring
September 30	John & Nina Finlay



Coffee Connections

Sunday, September 15th

Hosted by Property

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.

Book Club will meet: September 5th



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
- Tim- Linda's brother
- Friends & Family of Gerri Purto

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:

Worship at 10:00am

CHANGING WORSHIP TIME:

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Sunday School: 9:45am

Worship: 11:00am



Calendar of Events:

September 4th - CNS first day of school

September 5th - Book Club 10:00am

September 8th - Rally Day, Installation of Teachers, Honoring Acolytes

Deacon Meeting after Worship

September 15th - Commission Nepal Missionaries , Communion, Coffee Connection, Session Meeting after Worship

September 22th - Guest Speaker- Rev. Liddy Barlow

September 29th - Tim Rausch leading worship



History Corner:

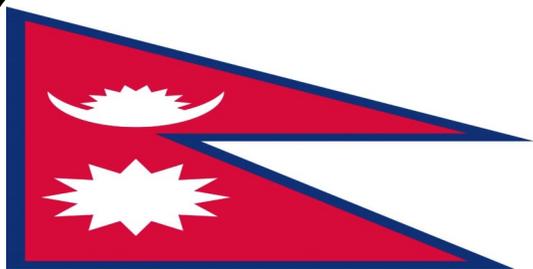


In the summer of 1970 the church began plans to build a manse in anticipation of calling a minister. The building was constructed by the men of the congregation at the cost of \$22,059.87, and was just about completed for arrival of the Rev. A. Allen Brindisi who began his pastorate on July 4, 1971.

Synod Sunday

September 15, 2019

On this day, we invite the congregations and presbyteries in the Synod of the Trinity region to celebrate the gifts and blessings that take place throughout the year in our bounds.



Safe travels to all that are flying to Nepal

God Bless You & God Speed



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NEPAL TRIP

After about 18 months of talking, planning, fundraising, and praying, the time for the trip with International Children's Network to Nepal is here. The group from Plains Church includes:

Rev. Derek , Jennifer, JonMark, and Emma Marotta

Bob and Lily Young

Ron, Kathy, Samantha and Jacob Carter

Chris and Janelle Wood

Burt & Nancy Duerring

Steve & Julie Raatz

The group leaves for Kathmandu the evening of September 18th and we'll return about midnight on September 28th. We are hopeful that at least a few of us will be awake enough to be in church on September 29th to share some of our experiences with you. We'll spend the first couple days in Kathmandu where we'll be connecting with Suman. He is going to join us as we travel from Kathmandu to our ultimate destination, Ilam, Nepal. While in Ilam, we will spend time with the kids from Matsiko, but also with the other children who still need to be sponsored. We will be doing some repair work as well as some additional construction work that ICN/ Ilam needs. We hope we'll also have time to meet the Matsiko kids in their homes and to meet any family they may have. We don't yet know everything God will be leading us to do. But we will go where He leads us.

Thank you members of Plains Presbyterian Church for supporting us both financially and in prayer.

We go representing Plains, Beaver-Butler Presbytery, and the Synod of the Trinity.

Please continue to pray for our team as we travel and for what we are able to do while in Nepal. That will make you part of the team as well!

PLEASE NOTE:

The Nepal Team sincerely thanks the Plains Church congregation for its generosity and support. Please pray for us as we seek to shine our Lord's light in this place of cultural differences. Unfortunately, our plans to transport school supplies are not feasible at this time, due to U.S. Embassy reports of possible confiscation or import fees upon arrival in Kathmandu.

In His Name,

Nancy Duerring and the Nepal Team



PASTORAL COVERAGE:

While Rev. Derek Marotta is away in Nepal his Pastoral Coverage will be:

Rev. Peter C. deVries, Ph.D

Old Union Presbyterian Church

Cell: 724-816-7770

The Nepal Trip will be: September 9th-September 29th

GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Liddy Barlow

September 22, 2019

The Rev. Liddy Barlow serves as Executive Minister of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. Christian Associates brings together 28 church bodies— Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, and Protestant in the 10 counties of greater Pittsburgh to make visible the unity of the church and work for the wholeness of communities. Rev. Barlow leads all of Christian Associates' projects and programs, including unanimous public statements, worship services and community forums, *The Call* newsletter, and *The Word in Our Voices* sermon collection series. Through Christian Associates' ministry of connectedness, she holds a variety of leadership roles in local organizations that serve people experiencing hunger, discrimination, or incarceration, including the Foundation of HOPE, the Allegheny County Emergency Food & Shelter Board, and the City of Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations. Rev. Barlow grew up in New Hampshire and previously served United Church of Christ congregations in downtown Pittsburgh and North Huntingdon. She is married and has two children: Pippa, age 9, and Edmund, age 6. She hopes you will like Christian Associates on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/chistianassociatesswpa and check out the

Web site: www.casp.org

Plains Craft Fair & Flea Market

The Craft Fair & Flea Market had another successful year!

Thank you to all who turned out to make this event happen.

Looking forward to next year!

Please return any road signs advertising the craft fair and flea market to the church so we can use them again.

Worship in the Park



Worshipping with Crestview Church

It was a cool and sunny day worshipping at the Cranberry Township Community Park. Rev Derek Marotta from Plains Church & Rev. Tom Clyde and Elder Greg Hartung from Crestview Church in attendance.

CNS NEWS

First Day of School

September 4th



Another year will begin for Cranberry Nursery School on Wednesday, September 4th. This year will bring many new families, as well as familiar faces. The first week is shortened and split into two groups to help the kids get oriented. We have limited spots available in both the nursery and pre-K classes. If you know of anyone that is interested, please send them our way. We are blessed to have all our wonderful staff returning in the roles they had last year.

For those of you that are new to the community, our staff is as follows:

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

We are looking forward to a fun year of learning, growing and making new friends!

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Session Highlights

June 2019

Session met on Monday, June 17th in a joint meeting with the Deacons. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Rev. Derek distributed a worksheet for the Deacons and Elders to discuss the Mission of the Church. The attendees broke into small groups to discuss their answers to the questions. The groups reviewed their answers to each discussion point and we had some great moments of sharing. A display of the results were shared with the congregation for a few weeks in the rear of the church.

Communion was served on June 9, 2019 to 43 people.

Session books were reviewed on June 2, 2019 and approved.

Session reviewed the treasurer's report and received it by consensus.

Deacons are supporting the needs of people in the community as well as people in the church. Officers for 2019 are Jennifer Marotta is the President, Julie Young is the Treasurer, Sue McKinley is the Secretary.

Enrolment is in good shape for the coming CNS school year.

Bob Young is now on the Board of Directors for Camp Lambec.

Approved a proposal from H.P. Starr to complete the new railing.

Discussed righting many of the older stones in the cemetery.

Property committee is looking at updating floors in the bathrooms.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					2019	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Worship - 10:00am			CNS first day of school	Book Club Meeting at 10:00am		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Rally Day Installation of Teachers Honor Acolytes Sunday School- 9:45am Worship - 11:00am Deacon Meeting after service						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sunday School- 9:45am Worship - 11:00am Communion Commissioners Missionaries Coffee Connection Session Meeting - 7pm					Leaving for Nepal Trip	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					Back from Nepal Trip
Tim Rausch Sunday School- 9:45am Worship - 11:00am						



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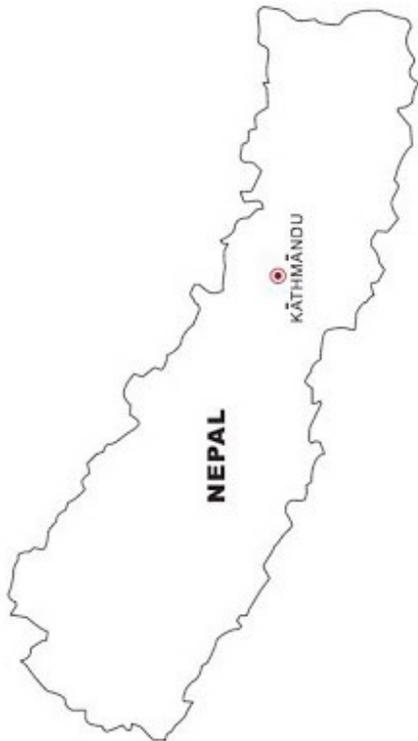
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“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.”



NEPAL KATHMANDU

