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# The Caller

## Summer 2007 Worship Schedule

*The Life of Discipleship:  
The Church that Endures*

Text: Romans 5:3-5  
Dr. Lolla, preaching  
June 3, 2007  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Trinity Sunday

*Discerning the True Gospel*

Text: Galatians 1:6  
Dr. Lolla, preaching  
June 10, 2007  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Reverend Douglas Portz, preaching  
Interim Pastor to the Presbytery  
Pittsburgh Presbytery

June 17, 2007  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
June 17, 2007  
Father's Day

Reverend Jim Brees  
Missionary, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
June 24, 2007

*Who is the Lord of Your Conscience?*

Text: Gal. 5:13  
Dr. Lolla, preaching  
10:00 a.m.  
July 1, 2007

Sacrament of Communion

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**Youth Ministry Director:** Jonathan Curry

**Worship Services:** Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Church School Classes:** Sundays 9:40 to 10:50 a.m.

## Summer 2007 Worship Schedule-cont'd

*The Doctrine of the Trinity:*  
*The One True God*  
Text: Exodus 20:3  
Dr. Lolla, preaching  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
July 8, 2007

*The Doctrine of the Trinity:*  
*God's Eternity*  
Text: Exodus 3:14-15  
Dr. Lolla, preaching  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
July 15, 2007

*The Doctrine of the Trinity:*  
*God's Fatherhood*  
Text: Matthew 6:9  
Dr. Lolla, preaching  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
July 22, 2007

*The Doctrine of the Trinity:*  
*God's Sonship*  
Text: John 17:3  
Dr. Lolla, preaching  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
July 29, 2007

*The Doctrine of the Trinity:*  
*Christ's Communion*  
Text: Ephesians 2:13  
Dr. Lolla, preaching  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
August 5, 2007

Dr. Richard Morledge, preaching  
Pastor Emeritus, Bakerstown Presbyterian Church  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
August 12, 2007

*The Doctrine of the Trinity:*  
*Christ's Spirit*  
Text: John 16:13  
Dr. Lolla, preaching  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
August 19, 2007

*The Doctrine of the Trinity:*  
*The Sustaining Spirit*  
Text: Ephesians 3:17  
Dr. Lolla, preaching  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
August 26, 2007

## Letter from Reverend Lolla- Summer 2007

Dear Friends in Christ,

Baccalaureate Part II. It has taken over 20 years to reinstate some form of religious service recognizing graduating seniors in the Plum Borough School District. But it will be another year before the Plum Clergy Association can offer the service in the high school auditorium. The delay is not the result of the school district's requirements as much as it because of the late date at which the Clergy Association and the School District worked through the various legal issues that currently exist to understand how the service could be appropriately presented.

The next problem in developing a baccalaureate is to insure that enough students attend so that a new tradition is created for Plum Senior High School. This involves recruiting leaders from the senior class to help in the planning, as well as in the leadership of the service when it is held. The Clergy Association agreed that we would need a longer period of time to work with Plum students to develop interest in the concept, as well as to solicit their thoughts regarding what ought to be accomplished during the service.

A worship service also needs music. Traditionally, high school choirs sang during baccalaureate services. However, the relationship has not been built between the Clergy Association and the senior high school music department. Student participation in worship music needs to be voluntary, and not required for a student's grade. While liturgical music has often been included in the repertoire of the high school choir, developing a culture in which underclass students would provide music from their own free will might require more effort by the Clergy Association.

Third, the Association ran into problems identifying a speaker for this graduation season. Since clergy are discouraged by civil liberties claims from speaking during such events, other speakers are being sought by the Clergy Association who might have public interest. This would take additional time to identify than the three weeks left between now and graduation. Two speakers who had been earlier pursued by the Association were not available for the proposed date of June 4. Identifying an appropriate speaker will take more time.

Finally, using the Plum Senior High School Auditorium as a worship space is foreign to all of the Association's clergy. Identifying sound system technicians, instrumentation for hymn singing, setting up the stage for a worship service required more effort than there was time available to plan.

As a result, the Association is looking forward to holding baccalaureate next year with the expectation that an additional year to develop relationships with school district leaders will allow for a stronger worship experience.

Yours in Christ,

Jack Lolla

## DEATHS

Ruby Moore     May 8, 2007  
John Conti     May 11, 2007

### STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

This year's Strawberry Festival will take place on Friday, June 15th from 4 pm – 7 pm. There will be lots of food including barbeque sandwiches, hot dogs, drinks, fudge and plenty of strawberries, cake and ice cream available to be purchased. Games for children and music for the enjoyment of all will add to the evening's fun. So mark your calendars, invite your neighbors, and plan on joining us for an evening of fun, fellowship and food. For more information, contact either Rebecca Durante at 412-480-9256, or Laura Burnett at 412-793-4636. See you there!

## Exploring the Doctrine of the Trinity

Each year it seems, theological debates swirl through the wider church about the nature of God. These are not new debates. They were resolved by the Church during the first 1,000 years of the Church's history. Everything from the divinity of Christ to the nature of the Holy Spirit was scrutinized, argued, codified in the form of confessions, and then formed into a cultural norm. Sometimes these theological arguments were resolved through pitched battles. Other times it took the loss of several generations to end the dispute over theological conflicts. Once such doctrines were generally agreed upon, they became the social foundation for Christian faith, worship, and mission.

In recent years, these old theological debates have been revisited under the pressures of modern life. The covenant agreements that united the Church's theology are being re-questioned today among theologians and some church leaders. One of the most important debates regards the Doctrine of the Trinity. Dr. Lolla will be preaching on the theology that lies behind our belief in a Trinitarian God from July 8 through August 5. Between the two morning worship services, he will be leading a discussion on each Sunday's Scripture passages during the Sunday school hour.

As part of this discussion, we will be examining a document from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that has spurred considerable debate within the denomination for teaching about the Doctrine of the Trinity that is regarded as apostate by many throughout the Church. This class is an opportunity for you to become engaged with other Plum Creek members about the depths of your Christian faith. Are you Trinitarian or Unitarian? Are you a Universalist or believe in the unique salvation of Jesus Christ? These and many other questions will be on the table throughout the summer. Come and make this an important part of your summer education experience.

## **Church Pavilion and Facilities available for Private Parties and Gatherings**

Since the pavilion at the back of the church was finished, the session and trustees have tried to encourage church families to use the facility for family gatherings and parties. The church also built the pavilion as a community resource so that other families from outside of Plum Creek's membership could benefit from it. As more families have become aware of the pavilion's availability, various suggestions have emerged about how to encourage its availability. The more use the pavilion receives presents the challenge of maintaining the facilities' beauty. Each family or group that uses the pavilion is responsible for cleaning the pavilion and its surrounding grounds for subsequent use, and for specific church use. Refundable deposits are part of the rental package in order to encourage cleanliness by users.

The pavilion, like the fellowship hall, kitchen, and restrooms in the lower floor of the Christian Education wing, is available for use. Church members receive a favorable rate for the use of these facilities. Use of the social hall, kitchen, and downstairs restrooms of the Christian Education wing is \$25, plus a refundable \$50 Damage Deposit based upon the facility being returned to a clean state and without damage following an event's completion. Use of the pavilion, social hall, kitchen, restrooms, and sand volleyball court is \$25 plus a refundable \$50 Damage Deposit that is returned if the facilities are returned to a clean state and without damage following an event's completion. The church's yellow and white party tent is available for \$50 and can be taken to your home. But it and its 16 stakes, 10 poles, and 12 blocks of wood must be dry and returned to the church in its appropriate travel bags. The church's tables and chairs are not available for rent.

Non-members may use the social hall, kitchen and restrooms of the lower floor of the Christian Education wing for \$150, plus a \$100 Damage Deposit that is refunded when the facilities are found by the Board of Trustees to be clean and without damage following the event's completion. The pavilion, social hall, and restrooms are available for non-members for \$300, plus a \$150 Damage Deposit that is returned when the facilities and grounds are found to be left clean. Use of the church kitchen by non-members is \$75. Use of the sand volleyball court is an additional \$15.

There are several restrictions approved by the church's boards that accompany the rental of church facilities. Use of the facilities assumes that any activity by a member of a user's party that would place an individual at risk; i.e. climbing trees or manmade structures, approaching the creek's edge, entering the creek, careless behavior around any man-made fires, or any other behavior that is regarded as reckless and endangering is the sole responsibility of the user and the user's party, not the Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek. The use of alcohol or illegal substances on the church's property is strictly prohibited. Music or entertainment that might be arranged by a user while using these facilities must conform to standards of decency and moral conduct that appropriately represent the beliefs and values of the Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek. The facilities are available on a first come, first-serve basis on those dates that are available when the church is not using the facility.

### **PRAISE MOVES**

PraiseMoves is an aerobic, stretching, flexibility, spiritual exercise class—a Christian alternative to Yoga. We are meeting every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in June, July, and August. Individuals can work at their own levels. Come learn some new scriptures, make some new friends and have fun while exercising. If you have any questions please call Alice Knopfel at 724-339-3281.

## **PRAISE AT THE PAVILION/PRAISE FEST 2007**

**Hurry and write the dates on your calendars now!!!!**

**Spreading the Good News of our Lord and Savior through song!! “Praise at the Pavilion” will continue every Sunday evening July 15<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup> under our pavilion of course!! The “mini Praise Fests” will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a light “picnic-style meal” (hot dogs, pizza, etc.) and fellowship until 7:00 p.m. Then, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., various Praise and Worship teams from our local community will lift up Christ through song and testimony. We will conclude the summer ministry with Praise Fest 2007 on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. with various Praise Bands from the area. Please join and support us for this great time of fellowship and fun lifting up the beautiful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!**

### **Praise at the Pavilion/Praise Fest 2007 schedule:**

<b>July 15<sup>th</sup> p.m. Praise</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Food &amp; Fellowship 7:00 – 8:00</b>
<b>July 22<sup>nd</sup> p.m. Praise</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Food &amp; Fellowship 7:00 – 8:00</b>
<b>July 29<sup>th</sup> p.m. Praise</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Food &amp; Fellowship 7:00 – 8:00</b>
<b>August 5<sup>th</sup> p.m. Praise</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Food &amp; Fellowship 7:00 – 8:00</b>
<b>August 12<sup>th</sup> p.m. Praise</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Food &amp; Fellowship 7:00 – 8:00</b>
<b>August 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Food &amp; Fellowship &amp; Praise</b>

## YOUTH SUMMER

Is it June already? It seems like only a blink ago I was witting to you about the joys of the holiday season. I can't decide if snow shoveling is better or worse than grass cutting but I have decided that I can't wait 'till Joshua is old enough to do both. Before we get into "The business of the Church" I did just want to extend my thanks to all of you who have made this time of new job, new baby...really new life such an easy transition.

Since the last time we have spoken, the youth fellowship rooms have been 95% completed and just need a few small details until them we can call them DONE! It has been an exciting transformation and it seems to have generated a small buzz amongst our youth who seem to enjoy bringing their friends. We haven't had any consistent newcomers but we have had consistently new people visit. I believe it's only a matter of time and prayer until we begin to see that trend end and our visitors become our regularly attending folks.

We have also begun a new youth web page. It is connected to our church's web page and at present is still under construction but by the end of the month should be up and running with great usage. It will contain pictures, messages to youth, and a message board where youth can sound off on a topic or idea. It will be a new tool that we will be using to continue to reach this generation and their friends for Christ.

Also many of you may have heard the "buzz" about the new family night worship services starting this fall. I was excited to see a new movement happen where we as families could unite on one night and still be able to receive a specific message from the Lord while fellowshiping with old and new friends alike. In order to help with this new idea for ministry here at the church, the Youth Fellowship has decided to move its meeting time to Wednesday night starting this summer, for our once a month meeting times, then picking up full time on September 12th.

I hope that all of you will be able to adjust your calendars and make this a priority. I know that in recent weeks some of the youth have been involved with Soccer, Pirate games and various other activities and haven't been able to make our Sunday night meetings, it is my hope that this new night will allow us to reconsider our activities and perhaps re - prioritize where our time is spent. I know not everyone will make every meeting but our kids are facing so many influences outside of the church it's good to give them some more influence from inside the church too.

Please continue to pray with me for our young people,

Jonathan Curry



## Pulled Pork Dinner Fund Raiser

Do you enjoy the taste of a delicious pulled pork barbeque sandwich? You can get one on Saturday, June 2, 2007, at the Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek. The church is hosting a Pulled Pork Dinner Fund Raiser in the church's fellowship hall from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Dinner includes a pulled pork BBQ sandwich, baked potato with sour cream or butter, green beans, dessert and beverage. An old fashioned Hymn Sing will occur at 6:00 p.m. to entertain everyone.

Tickets for the dinner are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 3 - 10 years old, and children 2 years or under are free. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please reserve your tickets by calling Carolyn Ressler at 412-793-9686 by May 30, 2007. Proceeds from the dinner benefit "The Day Camp at Plum Creek," a new summer Christian Day Camp that is opening in July of 2007.

"The Day Camp at Plum Creek" is an adventure camp for elementary aged children, grades 1-6, which features a low-ropes course, a water slide, mountain boarding, and a rock climbing wall. Campers will not only participate in the adventure elements; they will also take part in arts & crafts, team sports, daily Bible study, music and drama, faith stories, nature education, and much more. This year's curriculum is based on the popular television show "Lost" emphasizing the scripture verse Ezekiel 34:16 *"I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak..."* The day camp will run for two consecutive weeks this year: July 23 – July 27 and July 30 - August 3, 2007. For more information about "The Day Camp at Plum Creek" please contact the Camp Director, Jonathan Curry, at 412-793-4525.

The Pulled Pork Dinner is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend and bring their family, friends, and neighbors. The church is located at 550 Center-New Texas Road in Plum. For further information, please contact Carolyn Ressler at 412-793-9686 or log onto the church's website at [www.plumcreekchurch.com](http://www.plumcreekchurch.com).

## BAKE SALE THANK-YOU

Once again our bake sale was a huge success. Thanks to the callers, those that helped set up our tables, and the help of Sharon, Frances and Eileen pricing and selling on Thursday evening and Friday.

We had a wonderful assortment of baked goods and candy and we want to thank everyone who donated to it.

It's always a fun time seeing some of the same people each year and the fellowship of being together.

Thanks,  
Joan Stover

## **The Brees Family Will Be Visiting our Area!!**

During the second half of June, Jim, Carol, Rebecca and Nathaniel Brees will be returning for 2 weeks of a trip this summer back to the States. The Brees family are missionaries for the PCUSA in Pakistan. They were evacuated to our area shortly after September 11, 2001 for several months and then again the following year after their children's school was attacked and closed. They were a wonderful part of our church family while they were here as well as an inspiration and friend to many of us. They will be in Pittsburgh to catch up with friends, to attend to some medical needs, and to let people know about their work in Pakistan.

Our church will be their homebase for 2 of the weeks they are here. Jim will be preaching on June 24<sup>th</sup> at our morning services.

We are planning a picnic at 6:00 pm on June 24<sup>th</sup> to provide an opportunity for everyone to spend some time with the entire family as well as to hear what has been going on with Jim and Carol and their ministry. The church will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs as well as drinks. We are asking you to bring a salad or dessert and come out to enjoy the evening with our friends. If you didn't get to know this wonderful family when they were here before, now is a great time to get to know them and spend some time with your church family.

Please sign up and plan to join in this day of celebration of the ministry of the Brees family and their continuing friendship with Plum Creek.

### **A letter from Carol and Jim Brees in Pakistan- April 2007**

Dear Friends,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

The words rang out Sunday as we worshipped and watched the sun rise over the snow-capped Karakoram mountain range. For Carol and me, it was a special time. For the first time in several years we celebrated Easter with our children.

As we remember Jesus' resurrection from the dead I thought the time was right to resurrect my monthly newsletter, fill you in on what God is doing here, and update you on our upcoming home leave.

Easter is a time for celebration and we have much to celebrate. After many years of prayer and waiting, I received not only an invitation to the Sialkot Presbytery meeting, but I was also asked to do continuing education of pastors and elders. The first seminar is an in-depth look at the book of Philemon. We had 15 participants at our first session, where a lively discussion followed a brief presentation.

We celebrate the faithfulness of God in providing staff and leadership for Murree Christian School. After a very stretching first semester, the staff and administration have received a breath of fresh Spirit from three new staff members. One of those is my brother-in-law Jerry Kabell who is the school's new principal.

For the 2007-2008 school year we have watched God take our doubts and fears and turn them into dancing. While there are still some holes, God has provided greatly for replacements for those finishing service or going on home assignment. Now the prayer is for prompt action on their visas and other paperwork.

## **A letter from Carol and Jim Brees in Pakistan- April 2007-cont'd**

At the annual board meeting of the trustees of Murree Christian School, I was affirmed in my decision to step down as chair of the board. This will enable me to return to doing pastoral care for staff and students.

Give thanks for a growing staff of female physicians who now staff the ob-gyn services almost 24 hours a day. Husbands and fathers still object strongly to their wives or daughters taking night call or duty, but they are often the same people who demand that their female relatives be attended by a female physician. One of the measurable benefits that results from this is a significant drop in our C-section rates.

We celebrate Rebecca and Nate coming to the end of their tenth and ninth grade years at Murree Christian School. One of the tasks before us this summer is to visit the colleges and universities that Rebecca has "short-listed" as colleges she would like to visit.

Even as I write this letter I realize that I can't tell you all I would like to. I look forward to being able to share our ministry with you while we are in the United States later this year. We are scheduled to be in there through the summer, and Carol will remain through the fall. We are in the process of finalizing our schedule for June, July, and August. In light of the limited time that the whole family will be together, we are trying to not have to purchase a vehicle or rent any kind of housing. If you would be able to help with either housing—in most cases less than a week and in some cases just one night—or local transport please let us know.

The initial weeks in the United States will be in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area so we can take care of physical exams and attend to issues of health and family business (besides visiting as many of you as possible in the area). We hope to be based in Plum Borough, but have not finalized that yet.

We will make our way to Markleeville, California, to visit my parents and to speak at First Presbyterian Church of Carson City, Nevada, on July 5. Between July 6 and 19 our itinerary takes to the San Francisco Bay area and down the peninsula towards San Jose. On July 19 or 20 we will return to Pennsylvania to be on staff for the New Wilmington Missionary Conference. Immediately following that we have a couple of visits to make in eastern Pennsylvania and then will head to Louisville to take care of more business both personal and church related.

Jim, Rebecca, and Nate will return to Pakistan on August 17 in order for Rebecca and Nate to start school on the 21st.

We have received requests from many of you for a visit. As many as humanly possible will be fit into the time when the family is here together. If not a family visit we hope that we can work out at least a visit from Carol during her remaining time in the USA. If you have not as yet contacted us but would like us to try to make it to see you or your congregation please let us know by email ASAP.

Thanks for all the prayers, support and encouragements.

In Christ

Jim  
(For the whole family)

## A letter from Carol and Jim Brees in Pakistan – May 2007

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.*

-Isaiah 55:8

I confess that I have trouble trusting God's ways sometimes. This February I lost my dear friend and colleague Sr. Mussarat Yousaf, the one I have been asking many of you to pray for. She was a woman who truly loved Jesus and saw her work as a midwife as her ministry in serving him. Literally thousands of women have benefited from her work in our labor room. Her memorial service was held in the hospital chapel where every inch of space was full and the crowd extended past the doors onto the ground outside. The gray drizzly weather that day mirrored our feelings. She leaves a grieving husband and a 18-month-old daughter.

I don't understand God's timing here. But continuing in Isaiah 55, I trust that God's Word "will not return empty, but will accomplish what [He] desires and achieve the purpose for which [He] sent it." We mourn our loss, but we do not grieve as those who have no hope, but look for a glorious reunion at the wedding feast of the Lamb.

In less than two months the Brees family will be in the United States for a brief home assignment. We are looking forward to seeing many of you and sharing what God has been doing in our lives. At times it seems to be impossible to squeeze in everything we want to do. Please pray that we will look to the Lord, seek to know His priorities, and recognize what we need to do. Looking at Jesus in the Scriptures, I am always amazed at how certain He was that He was right where God wanted Him. He did not let his disciples, His enemies, or anyone else set His priorities. When His good friend Lazarus died, He did not rush immediately to pay His respects. (In Pakistani culture that is a major faux pas. I imagine the same was true in Israel as well.) However, when he did arrive, something much more powerful took place! "Neither are your ways my ways." That keeps coming up, doesn't it?

So, when can we see you? Below is a sketch of our schedule from June 15 onwards. Much is yet to be confirmed, but it will give you an idea of where to find us.

**June 15**—Fly to the United States, arriving in Pittsburgh

**June 29 or 30**—Leave for Markleeville, California to stay with Jim's parents

**July 1**—Sharing at First Presbyterian Church of Carson City.

**July 5 or 6**—To the San Francisco Bay Area to staying with Jim's brother in Redwood City.)

**July 8**—Sharing at Westminster Presbyterian Church in San Jose and Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, Menlo Park.

**July 15**—Sharing at First Presbyterian Church, Saratoga.

**July 18 or 19**—Travel to Pennsylvania for the New Wilmington Missionary Conference, where we are on staff.

**July 28-30**—West Chester Presbyterian Church, Sunday service, and vacation Bible camp programs.

**August 1-8**—Move family storage from Louisville to Lee's Summit, Missouri. Worship at New Summit Presbyterian Church.

## A letter from Carol and Jim Brees in Pakistan – May 2007-cont'd

**August 9 or 10**—Back to Louisville.

**August 13-20**—Home assignment conference in Louisville.

**August 17**—Jim, Rebecca, and Nate return to Pakistan for school.

**August 20**—Carol to Michigan to see family and contacts there.

**August 30**—Carol to Washington State (still being discussed).

**September 10**—Carol to southern California

**September 30**—To Louisville for the kick-off of PC(USA) Mission Challenge 07

**October 5**—Carol speaking in the Presbytery of Northern New York

**October 12-November 1**—Carol will be speaking in the Presbyteries of Sacramento, Stockton, and Nevada.

**November 2**—Carol returns to Louisville for debriefing.

**November 5**—Carol flies back to Pakistan.

Please uphold us in prayer as we prepare for this time. Much family business needs to be worked in as well. We all have some medical concerns that need to be addressed so that we are fit for another term. We will also be visiting several universities and colleges in light of Rebecca and Nate's entering 11th and 10th grades this fall.

Many particular details (transportation, accommodations, and speaking engagements) are still being worked out. If you have questions the best thing to do is ask. Our email address, [jdbrees@yahoo.com](mailto:jdbrees@yahoo.com), is the most reliable way to contact us now or while we are traveling.

May we all look to God's priorities for the ordering of our lives in the months ahead!

Yours in Christ,

Carol, Jim, Rebecca and Nate Brees

## *IS THAT YOUR TRUE IDENTITY?*

Come join us for our exciting Sunday School Kick-off on Sunday, September 9, 2007 at 9:40 AM in the Pavilion. We are going to play our version of, "Is That Your True Identity?" All children in grades 1-12 will be able to play "True Identity." There will also be exciting, age appropriate activities for those children in the Pre-School and Pre-K & Kindergarten classes. Don't miss out on this fun day!!

### *LIBRARY NEWS*

We have some exciting new DVDS in our church library. Come in and check them out!!

**The Nativity Story** - (PG) This is the full length movie of the nativity that was showing in movie theaters at Christmas time.

**Love's Enduring Promise**- This movie is based on Janette Oke's best selling novel. If you enjoyed "Love Comes Softly," you'll really enjoy this one, too.

**The Second Chance** - (PG-13) Grammy Award winning recording artist Michael W. Smith gives a passionate performance as a suburban pastor who is forced to confront his own prejudices in this powerful tale of faith & redemption.

**Facing the Giants** - (PG) After six consecutive losing seasons, high school football coach Grant Taylor believes things can't get any worse. He's wrong. With fear and failure defeating him in football and in life, the downtrodden coach and husband turns to God in desperation. Trusting God can somehow do the impossible, the coach and his team learn how faith plays out on the field.... and off!

**Chondra Pierce- Four-Eyed Blonde** - Christian comedy at its best. Come and laugh with Chondra Pierce as she gives you her unique and hilarious worldview.

**Veggie Tales - Moe and the Big Exit** - (G) Meet Moe (Larry the Cucumber), a good-natured cowboy living high on the hog in Dodgeball City while his kinfolk work their fingers to the bone digging the Grand Canyon. When Moe asks a heartless mayor to let his people go, he refuses and a heap of trouble comes to town.

## *JOIN OUR TEAM OF SPECIAL VBS AGENTS*

Don't forget to register for Vacation Bible School so that you can be a part of our team of Sonforce special agents. Join our VBS Mission Possible. Don't miss out on all the fun and great activities. There will even be an outrageously exciting special mystery activity, that you really won't want to miss. Please get your registration form in by June 12, 2007.  
Thank you!

### **“The Day Camp at Plum Creek” to open on July 23, 2007.**

The Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek will open “The Day Camp at Plum Creek,” a Christian summer Day Camp on July 23, 2007, which will be located on the church's grounds.

The day camp is an adventure camp for elementary aged children, which will feature a low-ropes course, a water slide, and mountain boarding. Campers will not only participate in the adventure elements; they will also take part in arts & crafts, team sports, Bible study, drama, Praise and Worship, faith stories, nature education, and much more. This year's curriculum is based on the popular television show “Lost” emphasizing the scripture verse Ezekiel 34:16 *“I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak...”*

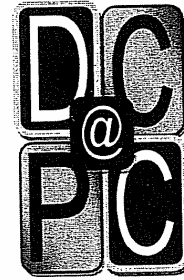
The day camp will run for two consecutive weeks this year: July 23 – July 27 and July 30 - August 3, 2007. The regular hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. with a cost of \$50 per camper. Additional hours, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with a firm pick-up time of 5:30 p.m., are offered for those who need them at a cost of \$75 per camper. Campers are asked to bring their lunch each day. Snacks will be provided by the day camp.

Registration for the camp is due one week prior to camp. The registration fee must be paid at the time of registration. The day camp is open to any elementary aged child (grades 1-6) who would like to attend.

Don't wait! Sign your kids up today for “The Day Camp at Plum Creek.” This is no ordinary day camp!

For more information about “The Day Camp at Plum Creek,” or to get a registration form, please contact Jonathan Curry, Camp Director, at 412-793-4525.

**"The Day Camp at Plum Creek"  
2007 Registration Form**



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*Please use one form per child. Copies of this registration form are acceptable.*

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact (name & phone number) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Register for:	Gender	Cost
<b>Day Camp July 23 - 27, 2007</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1 (8am - 4pm)	M / F	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2 (7am - 5:00pm)	M / F	\$75.00
<b>Day Camp July 30 - August 3, 2007</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1 (8am - 4pm)	M / F	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2 (7am - 5:00pm)	M / F	\$75.00

**Payment Method:** (Please make checks payable to: *Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek.*)  
 Cash       Check       Other \_\_\_\_\_      Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**T-shirt Size:**     Child Small     Child Medium     Child Large     Adult Small     Adult Medium

I the undersigned, give permission for my child to participate in all Summer Camp program activities which entail bus/van transport or walking. In the event of a medical emergency, if the parents or guardians cannot be contacted I authorize the Day Camp at Plum Creek staff and/or hospital to take steps deemed necessary for the welfare of my child.

I also give permission for my child to be photographed by Day Camp at Plum Creek for promotional purposes. I waive the right to approve or inspect the finished version of the photographs taken and understand that I shall receive no compensation from their use whatsoever.

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 Parent or guardian signature

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