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The Caller

2010 Summer Worship Schedule

Benjamin Black, speaking
10 a.m.
June 6, 2010

Forgiven Sin
Rev. Barnes, preaching
10 a.m.
June 13, 2010

Give to the Lord
Rev. Barnes, preaching
10 a.m.
June 20, 2010

Outdoor Service
Rev. Barnes, preaching
10 a.m.
June 27, 2010
Commissioning Day Camp Staff

True Freedom
Rev. Barnes, preaching
10 a.m.
July 4, 2010
Commissioning Group Work Camp Volunteers

Psalms of Ascent
Rev. Barnes, preaching
10 a.m.
July 11 - August 29, 2010

The Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek publishes *The Caller* monthly (with the exception of July and August). If you have an item to contribute, please email it to secretary@plumcreekchurch.com or place it in *The Caller* mailbox in the church office. To submit a newspaper or magazine article to be reprinted in *The Caller*, include the name and date of the newspaper or magazine where the article was originally published. To submit an editorial be sure to include your name. The deadline for all articles is the 15th of the month. **Please provide submissions in computer-ready (WORD 2002 or text) format when possible.** Thanks!

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Education** Linda Bartley

Worship Services: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes: Sundays 8:45 a.m.

Dear Friends –

I am still in awe of the power of God after the storms we had this week because they reminded me of some of the storms we had at the beginning of last summer. During one particular storm, the amount of water that fell from the sky was beyond amazing. The water flow was so mighty that cars, vans, whole trees were washed down roadways. It happened quickly and thoroughly. As I drove around the neighborhoods and on the roadways afterwards, I was amazed at the debris fields filled with trees, logs, and most impressively, the chunks of asphalt larger than the footprint of a car. These chunks of asphalt seemed to be horizontally sliced off the roadway and carried yards downstream, only to be deposited on the lawns of some unsuspecting homeowner. Some woke-up the next morning having inherited a parking lot where the green grass of home used to be. Some of these parking lots still are not repaired. This aftermath of a storm reminds me that sometimes God just wants to pick things up and move them around. Rearrange them, as it were.

Sometimes we can see a purpose in this. God picks up fertile farmland in Iowa and deposits it way downstream in the Louisiana bayou creating a delta. Sometimes, we have no idea what God is doing and we must wait for the aftermath to be apparent to our human eyes. Sometimes we cannot recognize or understand the purpose of any such rearrangement.

The Apostle Paul tells the church in Corinth that God arranged the parts of the body the way God wants them to be (1 Corinthians 12:18). I find this very comforting. We might not understand why we are “arranged” as the body of Christ at the Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek, but it is enough to know that if we are left to our own devices, we would stand little chance of doing God’s will. But – if we are confident that God is in control and arranged us accordingly, then we can be confident that our individual contributions of our spiritual gifts are adding up to the work of God. And, we must understand that “re-arrangement” is inevitable because God is constantly at work, tweaking our journey with Him. So, when “re-arrangement” occurs, we can be confident that God is doing something mighty. Our response to “re-arrangement” should be one of excitement and anticipation and peace.

We have a unique opportunity through God’s grace to prepare for our “re-arrangement.” I am encouraging as many people as possible to go out into the community to visit other churches to see how ministry is “done” then bring back suggestions and encouragement to the leadership of Plum Creek. We cannot possibly know how to be “re-arranged” as the congregation at Plum Creek unless we get a bigger picture of body of Christ – Paul says the same thing in 1 Corinthians 12 - Plum Creek is just one part of the fuller body of Christ even as each of us is a part of the body of Plum Creek. Friends, let us do our part to see what God is doing so we can be confident in the Lord Jesus Christ, whenever and wherever God is working “re-arrangement”!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Brenda

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE	7 Florence Lott 25 Jim Doyle
JULY	10 Robert Berringer 14 Twila Barnhart 30 Jean Manzuk
AUGUST	4 Howard Edwards 7 Clyde Bradley 14 Dorothy Nesbit 3 Eileen Siems

MEMORIAL GIFTS

For Allwynne Miller
Mrs. Kathy Grabigel
Mr. and Mrs. John Benes

For Ellis Rosenberger
Mrs. Lois Homes

For Meg Rankin
Mr. Robert Davis

Congratulations to our Graduates!

On Sunday, June 13, 2010 we will be celebrating Graduate Sunday during the worship service. We will be honoring all those who are graduating from high school, technical school, college, nursing school, or who are receiving advanced degrees. If you know someone in our church family who is graduating this year please notify the Christian Ed. Office with the information. We want to make sure that all of our graduates are honored on that day. There will also be a coffee hour after the service to honor our graduates' achievements.

MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May (May 31 in 2010). Formerly known as Decoration Day, it was first enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War when family members decorated the graves of their sons, husbands, and brothers. It was celebrated near the day of reunification after the Civil War. After World War I, the observance was expanded to commemorate the U.S. men who died while in the military service. Observance of Memorial Day was expanded a second time after World War II to include women who died in service of their country during war time. In 1971, the United States Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill which moved three holidays from their traditional dates to the Monday closest to the traditional date to create a convenient three-day weekend. This change included Memorial Day.

The Worship and Music Committee, with the full concurrence of the Session, has recommended to celebrate our remembrance of those who have joined the Church Triumphant in two ways in 2010:

The first celebration will be held on Sunday, May 30th with the established remembrance which is to build a flower bouquet. Please feel free to bring a flower to remember each of your loved ones that day.

- The second celebration will be held on the first Sunday of November in celebration of All Saints' Day (November 7th). This recommendation came as a result of prayerful consideration of our Christian heritage and would thus allow us to celebrate the lives of those who have gone on to glory on the same day that the whole Church worldwide celebrates the lives of all the saints who have gone before us.

The Session is continuing to pray about the future of these memorial celebrations.



June 11, 2010 Strawberry Festival Sign-up Sheet

Everyone is asked to help with this delicious fellowship event! It is also a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our community and church members! We would like everyone to be a part of it in some way! We look forward to all the regular volunteers in addition to lots of new helpers! Please fill out the form below whether you have helped in the past or if this will be your first time. The Strawberry Festival Committee is Carol Holmes chair, and the members of the Day Camp Board. Please call Carol at 412 793-0642 or speak to any member if you have a question or concern.

EVERYONE PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT

Strawberry Festival Volunteer Opportunities

Please check any areas that you will be interested in helping with.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute posters (already made)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hang Strawberry Festival Banner
<input type="checkbox"/> Set up tent
<input type="checkbox"/> Set up tables
<input type="checkbox"/> Make fudge for Strawberry Festival
<input type="checkbox"/> Bake a cake for Strawberry Festival
<input type="checkbox"/> Decorate Fellowship Hall and tent
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean strawberries
<input type="checkbox"/> Supervise young children's games
<input type="checkbox"/> Lead tour of the adventure course
<input type="checkbox"/> Greet arriving guests
<input type="checkbox"/> Greet arriving guests
<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen (make BBQs, hot dogs and nachos)
<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen (make BBQs, hot dogs and nachos)
<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen (make cold drinks, coffee, tea)
<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen (make cold drinks, coffee, tea)
<input type="checkbox"/> Serve ice cream, cake and strawberries, fudge
<input type="checkbox"/> Serve ice cream, cake and strawberries, fudge
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep trays full (cake, ice cream, berries & fudge)
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep trays full (cake, ice cream, berries & fudge)
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep food trays full (BBQs, hot dogs and nachos)
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep food trays full (BBQs, hot dogs and nachos)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning up after the Strawberry Festival
<input type="checkbox"/> Help where needed | The week of June 1 st
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Thursday evening June 10
Thursday evening June 10

Thursday evening June 10
Friday June 11 (9am to 11am)
Friday 4:30pm to 5:30pm
Friday 5 to 6pm
Friday 4pm to 5:30pm
Friday 5:30pm to 7pm
Friday 3pm to 5pm
Friday 5pm to 7pm
Friday 3pm to 5pm
Friday 5pm to 7pm
Friday 4pm to 5:30pm
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The Strawberry Festival is a traditional time of delicious food, fellowship and renewing community acquaintances. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP and we hope you enjoy your evening.

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

**Praise at the Pavilion / Praise Fest 2010
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 18th through August 1st 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 2010 on August 8th from 3:00 to 8:00 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 2010 tentative schedule

July 18 th	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Food & Fellowship
	7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Bakerstown Presbyterian Church Worship Team
July 25 th	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Food & Fellowship
	7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Katherine Kirk-Mt. Nebo Presbyterian
August 1 st	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Food & Fellowship
	7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Shoresh David Worship Team



Praise Fest 2010

August 8th 3:00-8:00 p.m. Food, Fellowship & Praise

Pastoral Nominating Committee Update

The Session of The Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek has made an important decision regarding the creation of the Pastoral Nominating Committee. As many of you know there is a process in place that is to be followed in moving forward whenever there is a vacancy in the pulpit. The process is hanging in the Narthex and is referred to as the "W" process. In our haste to begin the healing process we jumped ahead in the process and began creation of the search committee for a new minister. However, in reflection, we now feel that it is best to take a step backwards to regain our focus. Part of regaining our focus would be to determine the future direction of the church and our worship service. We received valuable information from the congregation when we participated in the Holy Cow Consulting survey and understanding that information, as well as having some new discussions, must be considered before we can ask a committee to begin the search for a new minister.

Therefore, we are going to dissolve the currently proposed committee until further notice. When we are ready to move forward the Session will again ask the Nominating Committee to begin forming a new search committee. This new committee may or may not have the same members as the currently proposed committee. If you agreed to be on the initial Pastoral Nominating Committee, the Session gives you our heartfelt thanks and hopes that if you are asked again that you prayerfully consider accepting the call.

Please know that this is not a decision that was easily made, but one that we thought necessary before moving forward.



Have you “mugged” someone lately?

The Evangelism team has provided candy filled church mugs to be offered to visitors. They are on the hutch in the church lobby. Feel free to offer the mug to a visitor, introduce yourself, learn something about them and invite them back. Be bold – Mug somebody!



Women of Grace

Traditionally, the Women of Grace bible study group has met in homes during the summer months. These 3 special gatherings will be announced. Our LGAR nursing home ministry will continue on the second Monday of each month.

Anyone is welcome help with this rewarding outreach and should be at the church at 6:00 PM.

If you have not considered Women of Grace in the past, the summer is a wonderful time to get to know some of the women informally and find out more about this vital woman’s ministry of Plum Creek.

Guys and Grills June 16 – August 11

Summer is fast approaching which means that Wednesday night OASIS moves out to the pavilion for great food prepared by the guys, lots of fun and fellowship.

We will be using the Fruits of the Spirit for our summer session themes and we will begin each evening with a brief 5 minute devotion starting with “Love.”

Attendees are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share but it is certainly not necessary. There is always plenty of good food, so invite your friends, neighbors and family to come be a part of our mid-week gathering.

We will also be learning a new game this year along with the other favorites from past years. Hope to see you there.

Rummage Sale 2010 Report

A great big thank you to all those who helped set up the rooms for the sale, sort and sell the rummage, deliver the posters, pickup and deliver donations to the church, put up and take down the tent, prepare the food and sell it, clean up after the sale, and to everyone else who helped in any way during the busy week. The results of the sale are as follows:

Proceeds by Department

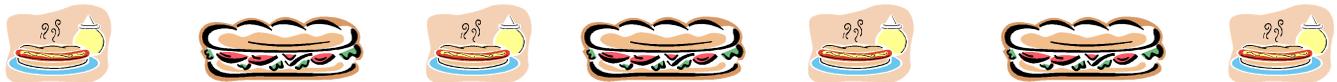
Clothing & Housewares	\$2,132.01
Appliances	\$616.15
Bake Sale	\$312.65
Children's	\$229.75
Furniture	\$319.90
Jewelry	\$231.80
Something Special	\$464.00
Kitchen	\$306.59 (After expenses)

Disbursements

Initial change	\$750.00
Kitchen supplies	\$223.47
10% to PCPC General fund	\$465.25
Music Ministry	\$1,000.00
Day Camp	\$3,187.23

It was a pleasure chairing the sale again this year and getting to work with all the wonderful people at Plum Creek Church. Thank you for allowing me to participate in this yearly event.

-- Carolyn Ressler



Mission Marathon Hoagies for Haiti & the Real Meal Deal

The Sunday School Mission Marathon will be held ON June 6, 2010 during the Sunday School hour. The mission focus for our marathon this year is Samaritan Purse's project to build shelter for those in Haiti who are still in desperate need of protection from the elements. We hope that you will support our Sunday School children in this worthwhile endeavor.

After our marathon and immediately following worship, you will be able to purchase a hot dog lunch, in the tent on the front lawn. And – Yes! "The Real Meal Deal," is back!!! You can buy a hot dog, chips & drink for only \$3.00. What a deal!!!

We are also having an advance hoagie sale for those who would rather take their lunch or dinner home. If you wish to order hoagies, please fill out the form in the church bulletin and place it in the collection plate by May 30, 2010. Hoagies will be ready for pick-up the morning of the marathon after worship. Thank you!



Deck the Halls!

It may not be Christmas but we certainly need help decking the halls!

We have miles and miles of vines that have been donated to decorate our halls for our Rainforest Vacation Bible School but we need manpower (or womanpower) to put them up. We also have assorted butterflies and other decorations that need to be hung.

We are planning on doing our decking on Saturday, June 12, 2010 (the Saturday before VBS) at 9:00 AM. If you can lend a hand, please contact Alexis Peifer at (412) 744 – 4383. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School Picnic

On the last day of Vacation Bible School, Friday, June 18, 2010 we will again be having a picnic for the VBS families & our church family at 6:00 PM in the pavilion.

There will be a closing program where you will be able to hear some of the VBS songs that the children of our church.

WANTED

Great Hymns of Faith

Please list here any hymns which you would like to see included in future worship services, particularly over the summer months.

If you have questions see Pastor Brenda.

I would like to sing the following hymns:

Signed: _____

