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# The Caller

## January 2012 Worship Schedule

**January 1, 2012 – 10 a.m.**  
Isaiah 61:1-10, Luke 2:22-40  
**“The Year of the Lord's Favor”**  
Rev. Brenda Barnes

**January 8, 2012 – 10 a.m.**  
**Epiphany**  
Communion  
Ordination and Installation of Officers  
Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12  
**“The V8 Moment”**  
Rev. Brenda Barnes

**January 15, 2012 – 10 a.m.**  
I Samuel 3:1-10, John 1:40-51  
**“Bring It”**  
Rev. Brenda Barnes

**January 22, 2012 – 10 a.m.**  
Moments for Mission for Crestfield - Rev. Betty Angelini  
Jonah 3:1-10, Mark 1:14-20  
**“Mission Accomplished”**  
Rev. Brenda Barnes

**January 29 2012 – 10 a.m.**  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Mark 1:21-28  
**“Who Is This?”**  
Rev. Brenda Barnes



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**Director of Educational Ministries** Meredith Hedeem

**Director of Youth Ministries** Tori Campbell

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

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



Happy New Year, Friends! Have you written down your 2012 resolutions yet?

The tradition of the New Year's Resolution dates back to 153 BC when the mythical king of early Rome, Janus (from whom we get the name of the month of January), was placed at the head of the calendar. Janus had two faces – one on the front of his head and one on the back. As a result, he could look back on past events and forward to the future simultaneously. Oh that we had that gift of forwarding-looking while knowing and remembering the past! 2012 is sure to bring us new thoughts, ideas and great spiritual advancement. God is working mightily in our midst and we need only recognize and respond to His leading.

The Romans also looked for forgiveness from their enemies and exchanged gifts before the beginning of each new year. Janus was the god of beginnings and the guardian of doors and entrances. We know that Jesus Christ is the ONLY door, and through Him we have access to the Most High God. Praise our Lord and Savior! Through Jesus we are forgiven of our sins – let's start the New Year with full forgiveness of others that we might show forth God's grace. Let's start fresh and allow new inspiration from God to lead us down new paths together!

Finally, you will remember that a number of you have accomplished the Year of the Bible in 2011 and now some of you have expressed interest in reading through the Bible again (or for the first time) in 2012. This is one way to find inspiration from the Lord for all that He is accomplishing at Plum Creek. Please come see me for resources to help you with this goal.

Let 2012 be a time of rejoicing in the Lord through His Word! Praise be to our Lord and Savior!

Amen

Pastor Brenda



## BIRTHDAY

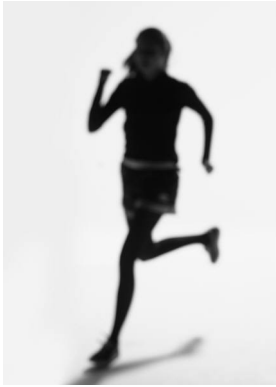
January 15 Helen Morrow

## BAPTISM

December 11 Elijah Aaron McNatt

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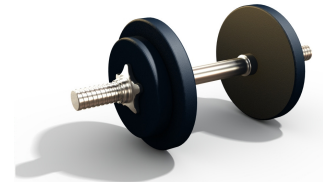
### **Commit to be fit: Mind, Body and Spirit”**



Thank you to those that turned in your commitment cards for 2012, there were 109 returned. This helps us plan and implement our mission work locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Commit to be fit in SPIRIT in 2012.

How can you help become fit in Spirit in 2012? You can volunteer in the mission of Jesus Christ by helping on just one committee or function this year? If we all volunteered for just one thing this year what a difference we could make in Plum and the world for Jesus Christ.



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**The 2012 Adult Retreat is scheduled for  
February 17, 18, and 19 at Camp Crestfield.  
Keep the dates open.**

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### **Small Group**



Pastor Brenda will lead a discussion of small group ministry for six (6) weeks on Mondays beginning January 9th at 7:00 p.m.. Anyone who is currently leading a group or anyone who wants to start a group, should attend these informative sessions. Topics will include: what is a small group and why have them? Kind/types of small groups; Learning styles; Leadership of a small group (you do not need to be a Biblical scholar to lead a small group!); Resources, and a Wrap-Up.



## Session Snip-its

- Camp Crestfield capital campaign presentation by Rev. Betty Angelini, Executive Director and Rev. Dr. Jim Legge, chair of the campaign. They intend to build six new cottages, a new activity building by Scott Lodge, Chapel in the Old Recreation Hall. \$3,000,000 mark for all; they have raised \$1,300,000 to date. Session asked the Mission Committee to bring a recommendation for the capital campaign to the full Session after they have reviewed funds available.
- 16 active youth are coming to the youth group on Sunday evening. They have re-named themselves C4: (Christian, Community, Coming to Christ - C4) because they want to be known as being explosive for Christ.
- Motion from the Worship and Music committee to do the Lenten Musical, "The Sacrifice" was approved. At this point, funds of no more that \$500 will be appropriated to purchase "split" CD tracks, scripts, etc. for the play.
- Motion by CE Committee to take the senior high kids to Camp Crestfield for a senior high retreat on January 27th thru 29th approved.

## OASIS

OASIS begins Jan. 18, 2012 with a new selection of studies following dinner. A study of the book of Romans will be led by Pastor Barnes, Joy Smith will lead a study from the book, "Extraordinary Women of the Bible" and a third study is also possible, but has not been determined yet. These courses will take place from 6:30 - 7:30 PM until Lent begins, at which time the sessions will end at 7 PM to allow for people to attend the Wednesday night Lenten services at our sister churches - Pine Run, Poke Run, Union and Delmont. We are looking for volunteers to sign up to help prepare our weekly meals that begin promptly at 5:30 PM. If you can help in the kitchen please see Bonnie Caliendo or Ed Smith. As always, there is babysitting for toddlers and classes for the elementary-aged child. Hope you can make Wednesday night's OASIS a part of your New Year!

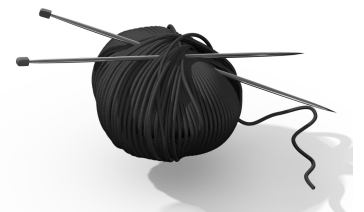
### ATTENTION KNITTERS, CROCHETERS, AND WANNABES:

Your response to our pleas for yarn was overwhelming only to find our volunteer knitter incapacitated for several months to come. So--- if you would like to help us out by knitting, crocheting, or showing others how to make some very simplistic hats for the homeless women at Bethlehem Haven please call Sandy Cole at 412-793-6394 or Lynn Wolfe at 412-795-4014 to volunteer your services, needles or patterns.



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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

Happy New Year! As many of us consider our resolutions for change this year and many of those resolutions dissolve by the end of the month, perhaps it's time to consider one of the most amazing, most difficult, most worthwhile resolutions you may ever make. Resolve to listen for the often small, often quiet voice of the Lord in the midst of the noise and chaos that so easily consumes. Prayers for many continued blessings in Him,  
Meredith

## Save the Dates!

- **Movie Night & Pajama Party**- Friday, December 30, 2011 from 5:30-7:30PM
- **Sunday School Party** – Sunday, January 1, 2012 from 8:45-9:45AM
- **Pennies from Heaven Fundraiser** – Ongoing throughout the end of the school year
- **Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study** - Wednesdays at 1:00PM beginning in January, 2012
- **New Sunday School Classes to Come** – Sunday, January 1, 2012

## THANK YOU NOTES

### Adopt-A-Book Program

Thank you so very much, on behalf of the families at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, for the many, many books and magazines that were donated through the Adopt-A-Book program and the Family Life Fund at CHP. Your donations are truly appreciated!



### Angel Tree

Thank you for the very generous Angel Tree gifts! The eight families from our own church and local communities who received these special blessings for Christmas express their thankful gratitude.

### Advent Night

*A huge thank you for your donations for the soldiers in Afghanistan and Cuba! Our Christmas care packages of these items and your homemade cards, letters, and crafts have now arrived, ahead of time!*

Thank you so much. The holidays are a tough time when you're deployed. It's great to know that you and your community care. I will let you know when your packages arrive. We hang all the pictures and cards up in the hallway of our headquarters to let us know why we are over here. Thank you.

-Jason

VR, JASON L. WILLIAMS  
CPT, JA  
Brigade Judge Advocate  
TF Thunder/159TH CAB



### Children's Christmas Program

Thank you so very much to the many volunteers who helped with the Christmas program this year! Your assistance was invaluable and very much appreciated. Kids, you did a terrific job! A big thanks to you and your families for all of your time, practice, and participation! Congratulations on a job well done!



## UPDATES

### Addictions Seminar

On Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, there were 16 attendees at the Christian Approach to Addictions Seminar, led by Charles Sigler, D.Phil. who works at Gateway Rehabilitation Center, teaches at Grove City College, and counsels through Anselm Ministries. If you would like information that was covered during this seminar, the packets are in the Narthex.

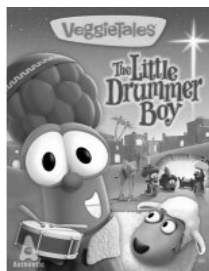
*New seminars will be announced soon!*

### Pennies from Heaven Fundraiser Throughout the Year

*"The Pennies from Heaven Fund helps to ease financial hardships for parents so that they can stay with their children in the hospital. Whether it's assistance with transportation, food, sibling care, or other expenses, the Pennies from Heaven fund was established to keep families together when they need it most. The Pennies from Heaven Fund is about families helping families. The Fund relies exclusively on the generosity of donors. All donations go directly to families in need."* [www.penniesfromheavenpittsburgh.org](http://www.penniesfromheavenpittsburgh.org)



Thank you SO much for your donations so far for the Pennies from Heaven Fund! The collection container will be in Sunday School classrooms and in the Narthex throughout the year. Please feel free to donate any amount of money, not just pennies. Thank you again for your continued generosity!



### THINGS TO COME

#### **Pizza, Popcorn, Pajamas, Oh My!**

**Who:** Anyone of any age is welcome to come! Invite your friends or neighbors too.

**What:** Movie Night and Pajama Party with pizza, popcorn, and dessert

**Where:** Plum Creek Presbyterian Church, in the Fellowship Hall ONLY

**When:** Friday, December 30 from 5:30-7:30PM

**Why:** To watch the Veggie Tales' newest movie – "The Little Drummer Boy"

*Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!*



### Kids' Sunday School Party on New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1st

On Sunday, January 1, 2012 from 8:45-9:45AM, come and watch a fun movie and eat a yummy breakfast! The kids' Sunday School classes will be meeting in the large classroom downstairs for a special New Year's Day party.

### Join the Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study in January

All are welcome to attend this discussion-based group, either to catch up on the end of the Year of the Bible or to participate in the study of John. Led by Mary Lloyd Thompson, this group will resume on *Wednesdays at 1:00PM in the Steelers classroom*. Hope you will join in!



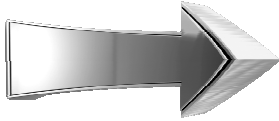
### Adult Education Classes Reconfigure

As the Year of the Bible Sunday School class concludes, look for some new classes to emerge. Hallway signs and the bulletin will announce the new classes and content as some details are still in the works, although they will begin on Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## SOUP SALE SUNDAY JANUARY 29th

The Retreat Committee is selling Cream of Potato and Wedding Soup as well as fresh baked rolls. Proceeds help to lower the cost of Church Retreats.

We can always use quart jars, lids, and rings. If you have any you can spare, please leave them in the kitchen by Wednesday, January 25th. They will be much appreciated. If you would like to help with the soup preparation, please join us in the church kitchen on either Friday, January 27th at 9:00 AM or Saturday, January 28th at 9:00 AM. We will be making soup both days. We also need assistance on Sunday, January 29th at 7:00 AM to make the rolls and pack orders for pickup.



Please place your order form in the box in the narthex. Please do not put your order form in the collection plate. Orders are due by Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>!



For more information about the soup sale, please call  
Carolyn Ressler at 412-793-9686.

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### SOUP ORDER FORM

\$4.00 a Quart / \$1.00 bag of six fresh baked rolls  
Orders due January 22<sup>nd</sup>, pick up on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> or Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cream of Potato - # of quarts: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$4 = \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Soup - # of quarts: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$4 = \_\_\_\_\_

Fresh Baked Rolls (6 per bag) - # of bags: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my order: \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday afternoon 2 pm – 3 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday morning after 10 am service



## Church Board/Committee Members

<u>Session</u>	<u>Audit</u>	<u>Mission</u>
Dave Anderson Bonnie Caliendo Don Campbell Laura Campbell Jim Delo Karen Delo Dave Forrest Bill Gibson Beth Kist Jim Nesbit Rick Ofstun Ed Ray Ed Smith Al Tresco Larry Wood (clerk)	Jenny Caliendo David Nesbit Mary Ann Racki  <u>Building, Grounds and Finance Committee</u>  Tim Arnold Don Campbell Jim Delo John Hedeem Marty Holmes Al Tresco  <u>Christian Education</u>  Linda Bartley Laura Campbell Beth Kist Lucy Ofstun Alexis Peifer Carolyn Ressler Janet Wood  <u>Evangelism</u>  Bonnie Caliendo Joe Delo Jeremy Ewing Bill Gibson Ed Smith Larry Sturchio Marilyn Sturchio  <u>Memorial</u>  Jim Nesbit Carolyn Nonnenberg Dave Plance Al Tresco Elaine Tresco	Laura Campbell Sandy Cole Sheri Gibson Gaye Mallisee Donna Pellegrino Ed Ray Linda Stotler Lynn Wolfe  <u>Nominating Committee</u>  Karen Delo Albert Durante Gary Lasser Carolyn Nonnenberg Dave Plance Emily Szitas Larry Wood  <u>Personnel</u>  Beth Kist John Thompson Al Tresco Ron Wolfe  <u>Stewardship</u>  Laura Burnett Dave Forest Ed Ray Ed Smith  <u>Worship and Music</u>  Deb Caruso Karen Delo Ashley Dunn Dave Forrest Gloria Mayo Rick Ofstun Joy Smith
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Linda Bartley Clyde Bradley Laura Burnett Keith Donnell Wilma Elicker Jeremy Ewing Barbara Grossi Doris Hedeem Lois Holmes Marty Holmes Sharon Lasser Nancy Mayo Mary Jo Nesbit Donna Pellegrino Dave Plance Larry Sturchio Lorraine Udanis		

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Movie Night	Friday, Dec. 30 – 5:30 p.m.
Officer Training	Saturday, Jan. 7 - 9:00 a.m.
Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner	Saturday, January 7 4-7 p.m.
Lenten Play Rehearsals Begin	Sunday, January 8 - 3 p.m.
February Caller Articles Due	Sunday, January 15
Soup Sale	Sunday, January 29
Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner	Sat., February 4, 4-7 p.m.
Adult Retreat	Friday-Sunday, Feb. 17-19
Community Lenten Services	February 22 - 7:30 p.m. Poke Run Presbyterian Church
	February 29 - 7:30 p.m. Pres. Church of Plum Creek
	March 7 - 7:30 p.m. Pine Run Presbyterian Church
	March 14 - 7:30 p.m. Delmont Pres. Church
	March 21 - 7:30 p.m. Union Presbyterian Church
	March 28 - 7:30 p.m. Plum Creek Drama
	April 4 - 7:30 p.m. Pine Run Drama