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Plum Creek**

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The Caller

December 2012 Worship Schedule

December 2, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

Hope

Greg Steible, Student Pastor

December 9, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

Peace

Rev. Brenda Barnes

December 16, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

Joy

"Noel, Jesus Is Born"

Christmas Program

December 23, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Love

Rev. Brenda Barnes

December 24, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Communion at Both Services

Promise Fulfilled

Rev. Brenda Barnes

December 30, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Brenda Barnes



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Director of Youth Ministries Tori Campbell

Director of Music Ministries Michelle Horsley

Worship Services Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes Sundays 8:45 a.m.



BIRTHDAYS

December 2 Adamay Williams
December 25 Jim Shephard
December 26 Lois Holmes

If you know of anyone who is 70 or older please let the church office know. We do not want to miss anyone.

WEDDING

November 3 Whitney Churchfield
and Eric O'Leary



*Christmas is right around the corner,
which means that the Living Nativity is even closer.*

There are a few things that are needed to make this year a success.

- *Tea Lights*
- *Long Handled Lighters*
- *Cookies*

If you are interested in helping, please let Tori know. Thank you!

The nativity this year is December 8th and 9th.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

There will be two services on Christmas Eve:
7:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Communion will be served at both services.



ATTENTION ALL COOKIE BAKERS: December 2nd Cookie Walk

...and we know you are out there!! The Deacons are again asking for the congregation to bake their best Christmas Cookies to donate to be displayed & distributed at the Deacon's Cookie Walk.

A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please put your name and the number of dozen you are willing to donate. The more cookies we have, the more there will be to choose from.

The "Deacon's Christmas Cookie Walk" will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2012 immediately after the Church service. The Christmas Cookie Walk is an opportunity for you to stock up on some delicious Christmas Cookies just in time for the holidays.

The cookies will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall and you will have an opportunity to fill a "dinner size" Styrofoam container with as many cookies as you can fit and still close the container. Cost is \$10 per container. There is a limit of "3 cookies per kind" to allow for all to have a choice of all the delicious cookies. Also, you do NOT have to donate cookies to participate.....all are welcome!

The proceeds of the Cookie Walk will benefit the Deacon's Special Needs fund.

You're Invited to a Gingerbread House Building Party!
Invite a friend too!



Who: Kids of all ages (please have a parent/guardian present)

What: Build your very own, super-unique gingerbread house!

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Saturday, December 22nd from 10:00-11:30AM

Why: Have fun with your own family and friends and with our church family! Enjoy the Christmas season in a yummy, creative way that you can take home!

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex, outside the Sanctuary. Please let us know you're attending and what house-building ingredients you will bring.

We ask that you bring the ingredients to the church on Sunday, December 16th so we can provide anything that is missing. We hope to see you on Saturday, December 22nd!

If you have questions, please contact Lindsay Mueller or Meredith Hedeem.

Mark Your Calendars for the Kids' Winterfest!

Save the date now for Saturday, February 2nd from 9:00AM-noon!

Invite your friends and family members to have a morning filled with fun and wintry games, crafts, food, and more instead of moping around the house for another dreary Saturday in February!

Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex in January to let us know of your attendance. If you're inviting your pool buddies and MOPS groups, please sign them up too to help us estimate the amount of supplies we'll need for the activities.

If you need a flyer or postcard for your friends or other groups, contact Meredith Hedeem at meredithhedeem@yahoo.com. Thanks for your help!

It's not too late to help either, whether by attending the Winterfest as a volunteer or by baking sugar cookies for kids to decorate or by sending in some cider or hot chocolate mixes! Let Meredith know if you'd like to lend a hand or donate something.



Rehearsals for the Christmas Musical
held every Sunday at 11:15 in the sanctuary

**Combined rehearsals for both children and adults
begin after church, Sunday November 18.**

Snacks provided!

Solo opportunities available!

For more information, please contact:
Michelle Horsley, Director of Music Ministries
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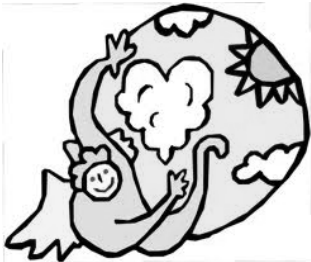
STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

Please remember to prayerfully consider your commitment to Plum Creek Presbyterian Church for 2013 and don't forget to return your commitment card to the church. We need as accurate an account as we can get to plan and carry out God's many missions he has given us. For all of those who have already returned your cards, thank you for supporting our mission of doing God's work here at Plum Creek.

Have a willing heart for Mission?

Looking for an outlet to express your love for our Lord and for others??

Please consider joining the Mission Committee. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Presently Laura Campbell is the chair and Bonnie Caliendo the co-chair. Give them a call and let them know of your interest. It's always exciting to have fresh, new ideas presented at our meetings. Please prayerfully consider this challenging opportunity.



Northside Commons

Thursday, November 8th was a fun, successful evening! A wonderful warm meal— lasagna, tossed salad, Italian bread, and pumpkin pie— was prepared for the men at Northside Commons. The drivers/servers filled the car with that meal, new hats, socks, gloves, candy, and fleece blankets for all. New comforters for the bedroom at the facility were also provided. The men at Northside Commons always look forward to a visit from the folks at Plum Creek! The Mission Committee sends a big thanks to who helped with this project.



Angel Tree on Dec. 2nd

As we approach this Holiday Season one word comes to mind: **COMPASSION.**

*If not us, then who?
If not now, then when?*

We have the opportunity this year to teach and give compassion at the same time through the Angel Tree Project. Teaching compassion for others is a wonderful gift to give your kids. There are those within our own church family and community who are struggling to find this hope in the midst of their economic difficulties. We can be the difference makers by showing the love of God in a Practical way.

Please prayerfully consider taking an angel from the Angel Tree this year, sharing the joy of Christmas in a tangible way with those in need. Please be sure to sign out the specific angel you take on the sheet in the Narthex, located next to the Angel Tree so that we are able to contact you if needed when we collect the wrapped Gifts.

Also, please make sure that you check off your angel when you return the wrapped gift with the angel attached as a tag.

Return the gifts **NO LATER** than Sunday, December 16th.

The Matrix and the Gospel

There will be a new Sunday School class starting in January that is open to Young adults/ SR. High school students. This will be a 6 week class. The class will be called "The Matrix and the Gospel." In this unique study we will utilize movie clips and compare and contrast the matrix trilogy with the Bible. We will address the following questions:

Who is God?

Who is Jesus Christ?

Who are we?

What is the church?

What is our hope for the future?

And what is our purpose in Life?

We want to strongly encourage you to keep your eyes open for more small groups, Sunday school classes, and much more in the coming year.



Date Night! Dinner and Movie

On Saturday, January 26th at 6 p.m. we will be hosting a Dinner and a Movie Date Night! The movie we will be watching is *Journey to Jamaa*. This film is inspired by the real life story of Margaret and Derick, two orphaned children from Uganda who make the journey from Kampala to Kasangombe in a heartbreaking bid to overcome poverty and experience hope.

Church Board/Committee Members

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Laura Campbell (b)
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Karen Delo (b)
Dave Forrest (b)
Bill Gibson (a)
Rodney Horner (a)
Beth Kist (a)
Gloria Mayo (a)
Jeff Mueller (a)
Sam Shaneyfelt (a)
Ed Smith (a)
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Larry Wood (clerk)

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