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The Caller

CHANGES TO THE CALLER



We have been sending out the church newsletter for many years. We are now finding the cost and post office requirements too prohibitive to continue sending it out and are making some changes to decrease costs and improve efficiency.

Beginning with the June 2013 issue, we will be sending the Caller via the internet. Please make sure that Kathy in the office has your email address and you will then receive the Caller via email. If you do not receive the weekly update that Kathy sends out, then she still needs your email address. You can email Kathy at secretary@plumcreekchurch.com

If you do not have email, hard copies of the Caller will be available here at the church for you to pick up.

Finally, if the only way that you can receive the Caller is by US Postal Service mail, please let the church office know and we will mail it to you.

We hope you will understand the need for this change. We do want to continue to keep in touch with you so please make sure that the office has your information.



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. 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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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday,
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minister Reverend Brenda Barnes

Student Minister Greg Steible

**Director of Educational and
Congregational Ministries** vacant

Director of Youth Ministries vacant

Director of Music Ministries Michelle Horsley

Worship Services Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes Sundays 8:45 a.m.



BIRTHDAY

April 29 Gale Shreffler

If you know anyone who is 70 or older,
please let the church office know. We don't
want to miss anyone.

BAPTISMS

Caden Joseph Battaglia Feb. 24, 2013
Ella Evangeline Hedeem March 3, 2013

MEMORIAL GIFTS

For Bob Berringer

Mr. and Mrs. David Nesbit
Mr. and Mrs. George Manzuk
Rev. Martha Ann Mattner
Norma Berringer

MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 11

To all moms - Our Mother's Day service (May 11) will include a power point presentation honoring Plum Creek moms!

To be included, please get a digital photo or print of: you and your mom; and/or you and your children to Kathy Kirk by May 5. (Others can be in the picture, too.) Past or present picture are welcome.



To all of you who participated in our blood drive on March 10, Thank you so much! 23 people came because you wanted to help someone who has a need and many more worked to make it possible for the blood drive to happen. Helping others is the PCPC way!

Thanks for letting me be one of the helpers.

Pat Croyle

Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for Sept. 22, 2013

The Rummage Sale is Coming !!!

May 3 and 4, 2013

Yes, the rummage sale is coming!! During the first week of May, our church will be overrun with stuff!! We will have bicycles, Christmas decorations, lots of clothes, books, mugs, toys, hats, antiques, jewelry, furniture, suitcases, and plenty of other things, too. You can help in many ways:

- We really need help with set up and clean up. Set up is Sunday, April, 28 at 2:00 pm and cleanup is Saturday, May 4 at 2:00 pm.
- We also need lots of help with sorting and pricing. We will be doing this Monday through Wednesday from 9 am to 4 pm and from 7 pm to 9 pm. On Thursday, set up will be 9 am to 4 pm.
- We need donations of good, useable merchandise to be dropped off during the sorting times listed above.
- We need baked goods for the bake sale on Friday.
- We need cashiers during the sale from 9 am to 7 pm Friday and 9 am to 2 pm Saturday.

Please consider helping with this year's sale. We always have a lot of fun and fund mission outreach projects here at Plum Creek. This year the monies raised will help to fund our mission outreach through the Day Camp at Plum Creek and our music ministry. If you have a question or concern, please call Carolyn Ressler, chair at 412-793-9686 or speak to any Day Camp Board member.

When considering what to bring to our sale, we thought you might appreciate a poem written by fellow congregation member, Jean Manzuk:

Things

My family all tell me my house is an utter disaster
Perhaps they are right and I should clean out
The clutter, bring order to chaos.
But where shall I start?
The small baby spoon kept to feed the babies their pablum
Is really too small to make even a dent
There's Aunt Lillian's mesh flower thank you that she sent.
The picture filled walls though not great works of art
Give a tug to my heart because they were painted for me.
It's true that my rooms are too full of sofas and more
But when they all come home, must they sit on the floor?
My cookware peeks out from all cupboards and shelves.
I really don't need three sets of dishes myself
Though I want to leave each of my children a share
Of my dishes and pans and four sets of flatware.
My books line the walls from the floor to the ceilings
And give me some uneasy feelings,
But I can't give them up because I am aware
That I need to review them to be sure
That the words that I love are still there.
Each day brings more and more seed of things
Of things that I really don't need.
Are my treasures all waste
Since they've outgrown my space?
It's time to put this list away.
Tomorrow is another day.



FAT SHEEP



*****LAST CALL*****

Jeremy Camp, (vocalist and ordained minister), said when we educate ourselves through Bible Studies, and stay in our own churches or "pastures", we are growing into fat sheep. We need to trot out into the world to share our knowledge and gifts.

The mission committee is offering an opportunity to "trot" to West Virginia for a day of work and fellowship. The "Storehouse," a mission our church supports, first based in Philippi, now has a facility near Morgantown. On Saturday, April 13, we will leave Plum Creek at 6:30 AM and arrive to work from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. We need a multitude of hands and hearts who are willing to paint, sort boxes, sand, finish drywall, clean, plumb, do simple electric, pound a few nails and any other jobs they find for us. They guarantee we won't stand around. If you are 16 or over and are interested in going or driving please contact someone on the mission committee.

Jeff Burnett, Bonnie Caliendo, Laura Campbell, Sandy Cole, Gaye Mallisee, Sharon VanLemmeren & Lynn Wolfe

A flyer about the "Storehouse's" outreach is on the mission bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

STEPHEN MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Bethel Assembly is sponsoring a half-day caregiving workshop which offers an opportunity to learn more about Stephen Ministry.

The workshop features:

Session 1: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief

Session 2: An Introduction to Stephen Ministry

Session 3: How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way

When:

Saturday, April 6, 2013

9:00am to 1:00pm (check in begins at 8:00am)

Where:

Bethel Assembly of Pittsburgh

2501 Stayton Street

Pittsburgh, Pa 15212

Cost:

\$15 per person or \$50 per congregation (4 or more)

Interested parties may register at www.stephenministry.org/workshop or call (314) 428-2600. For more information contact one of your Deacons.

