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Plum Creek**

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The Caller

Here's what's
happening!

OASIS	Wed. at 5:30 pm
See You at the Pole	Sept. 25
Mission Opportunity	Sept. 28
Women of Faith Conference	Oct. 4 & 5
Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner	Oct. 5, 4-7 pm
Installation Service	Oct. 6 at 10 am
Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast	Oct. 12
Caller Articles Due	Oct. 15
Youth Group at Corn Maze	Oct. 27



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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Laying the Foundation at Plum Creek

*Thoughts for the month of October
by Pastor Allan*

Pictured to the left is my late father, Allard Lincoln Brooks Drake. My father died 1 year after my mother; he had a massive stroke then cancer was discovered. My father was a brick-layer. I grew up working for my father and uncle laboring, carrying bricks and blocks. It was hard but honorable work. My dad was often not as proud of his accomplishments as he should have been. I told him that although he didn't have a college degree, that he was surely a doctor in the field that he was in! No one could solve a problem in the design of a foundation like he could.

He was the ace of the team although quiet, humble, and un-assuming. My father and uncle took great pride in their work, always making sure every chimney, fireplace, brick wall, or foundation was done to perfection. Today we don't always take the same care to do our best. Even in our laboring for the Lord, sometimes we toss Him the crumbs instead of "giving of our best to the master" as the old hymn says. Dad always took great care when laying a foundation. He'd always make sure the corners were square, the mortar joints were struck correctly, and that the outside of the wall was parged with cement to prevent leakage.

Making sure the foundation is laid correctly was of paramount importance. Jesus says, "Blessed is the man who builds his house on a strong foundation. When the storms come he can stand." (Matthew 7: 24-27) In case you haven't noticed, I'm trying to help us build a strong theological foundation at *The Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek* around issues related to the Bible that are central to our Church's success. In my first sermon series we talked about some essentials that make for a vital Church, *Faith, Grace, Fellowship, & Submission*. In our current sermon series we are talking about the importance of ALL ACCESS to our particular faith community and to the Lord. Everyone has to be welcomed into our number regardless of who they are or where they come from. If we are open and inviting to *all people* even those who are not in our cliques, our professions, our age-group, our demographics, our life-style, God will bless our work, and we will grow. What is most critical is how we treat the *Strangers of Plum Creek*. By embracing "visitors" of all shapes and sizes, it does not mean that we endorse everyone's activities. It is our hope that as people come into God's presence *dirty and unpolished* that having heard the Word and encountered the Holy Spirit that people will live a transformed life. It's not our job to do the transforming!! It's our task to invite people into our midst, honestly and lovingly preach the Word in various ways, and let God do the rest. In the months ahead I will prayerfully prepare and preach more messages that help us to build a strong theological foundation at Plum Creek that we can execute in our personal and corporate lives to the glory of God with promising results to follow!

BIRTHDAY

October 21 – Andy Hrivnak

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

BAPTISM

Colton James Zeek September 15, 2013

COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

We want to keep in touch with our college students during the school year. We need to get their accurate college address and email address. Please call the church office (412-793-4525) with this information or email secretary@plumcreekchurch.com. Thanks for your help!



CHANGE SUNDAY

When we change the clocks on November 3rd to fall back for Daylight Savings Time the Deacons will be collecting change for the Deacon's change fund. The Deacons will collect the change after church in the Narthex. Please remember to bring your change to church on November 3rd.

COAT TREE

This Fall the Deacon's will be participating in a Coat Drive benefiting the families that utilize the Plum Food Pantry. Plans are underway to have the Coat Tree put up in the sanctuary so stay tuned for more information regarding this worthy project.

A NEW BEGINNING

What a promise that is provided from His Word of wisdom from Proverbs. Can you imagine how wonderful it is to honor our Lord and Savior in a way that furthers His kingdom? If we honor Him he will honor us. That is exciting!

Please consider honoring Him this coming year. It promises to be an exciting one with a new beginning for Plum Creek. We now have a called minister that will guide us and help us to grow spiritually in Christ both personally and as a church. In order to help that new beginning, you will shortly receive a letter that asks you to consider committing to His mission at Plum Creek. The letter will urge you to provide a spiritual commitment by giving of your time, talent and treasure with the Christian belief that we give because we receive from Him who is our Lord and Savior. Please take the time to complete the card and bring it to the church by December 1st where it will be dedicated to the mission of Plum Creek.

*Honor the Lord
with your wealth.
With the
firstfruits of all
your crops:
Then your barns
will be filled to
overflowing,
and your vats
will brim over
with new wine.
(Proverbs 3:9-10)*



SOUP SALE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20TH

The Retreat Committee is selling Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Beef Soup as well as fresh baked rolls. Proceeds help to lower the cost of Church Retreats.

If you would like to help with the soup preparation, please join us in the church kitchen on either Friday, October 18th at 9:00 AM or Saturday, October 19th at 9:00 AM. We will be making soup both days. We also need assistance on Sunday, October 20th 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, October 13th.

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

SOUP ORDER FORM
\$4.00 a Quart / \$1.00 bag of six fresh baked rolls
Orders due October 13
Pick up on Saturday October 19 or Sunday October 20

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Chicken Noodle - # of quarts: _____ x \$4 = _____

Vegetable Beef - # of quarts: _____ x \$4 = _____

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

Total Due: \$ _____

I will pick up my order Oct. 19th A) _____ Saturday afternoon 2 pm – 3 pm

Oct. 20th B) _____ Sunday morning after 10 am service



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: SPECIAL REMINDER

Operation Christmas Child has changed the lives of children since 1993. Every year generous people across the world lovingly pack shoe boxes with gifts-simple, yet powerful messages of God's Unconditional Love. When a child opens a shoebox, they're opening up their community to a world of life-changing opportunities. On Sunday, October 13, 2013; Plum Creek will begin its Operation Christmas Child campaign. The boxes will be collected and dedicated during the Sunday, November 17, 2013 service.

Filling a box is easy as 1,2,3! The first step is to find a box. You can wrap a shoe box of your own or use the ones provided in the Narthex. Second, determine if your box is for a boy or girl and then which age. Labels are also available to fix onto your box designating boy or girl and age group: 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years. The third step is to fill the box with small gifts.

Some gift ideas include something to wear, something to love, school supplies, something to play with, something special from you or even a personal hygiene product. Please do not pack-something that will leak or melt; food of any kind; anything breakable, used or damaged; anything gambling related; anything scary or harmful; or anything of a religious, radical or political nature.

Please prayerfully consider packing a shoe box (or two) and helping to meet this year's new challenge of 125 shoeboxes. Remember this simple gift can make an eternal impact on a needy child. Any questions, call Nancy Slater at 412-913-5010.

DAY CAMP AT PLUM CREEK NEWS



The Day Camp at Plum Creek Board would like to share with you a brief re-cap of this year's camp. The Day Camp runs for 6 weeks each summer, which includes two weeks of staff training and 4 weeks that campers attend. Despite the wettest summer we have had, the Day Camp was blessed with 62 campers that filled 106 out of 200 camper slots—29 boys and 33 girls. Forty of our campers were returning campers from prior years and 22 were first time campers. Eleven zip codes were represented and 25 of our campers attended multiple weeks.

The Day Camp scholarship policy states that campers can apply for one week of camp of their choice. This year we had 11 scholarship recipients for a total of \$901 given out for one week of camp. Several of these scholarship recipients were able to attend additional weeks through the generosity of our congregation's angel tree gifts at Christmas time and also through private donations.

The campers did some awesome crafts thanks to Susan Shaginaw and Mary Lloyd Thompson. They spent hours planning, preparing and facilitating our craft time. The campers and staff really enjoyed spending time with them and we are so thankful that they volunteered to share their time and talents with the Day Camp.

If you haven't visited our website yet at www.daycampatplumcreek.org Please take some time to do so and take a look at the pictures of friendships being formed and all the fun that was had by the children, staff and volunteers! The Board has begun meeting to plan for next year and are looking forward to what God has in store for this very special mission of The Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek!

2013 CHURCH BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Session (Elders - E)

Jeff Burnett (a)
Laura Campbell (b)
Karen Delo (b)
Bill Gibson (b)
Rodney Horner (a)
Gloria Mayo (a)
Jeff Mueller (a)
Ed Ray (a)
Sam Shaneyfelt (a)
Ed Smith (a)
Al Tresco (a)
Larry Wood (clerk)
Open
Open

Deacons (D)

Linda Bartley (a)
Pat Croyle (a)
Keith Donnell (a)
Jeremy Ewing (a)
Sheri Gibson (a)
Doris Hedeem (a)
Susan Horner (a)
Nancy Mayo (a)
Lucy Ofstun (a)
Dave Plance (a)
Nathan Polacek (a)
Nancy Slater (a)
Emily Szitas (a)
Sharon VanLemmeren (a)
Open
Open

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Mary Ann Racki

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Tim Mayo
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Larry Sturchio
Emily Szitas
Larry Wood

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00p-Mission	2 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 5:30p-Oasis 7:30p-Fresh Encounter Prayer Group	3 6:00p-Worship Team Practice 6:30p-Staff Meeting 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 53052 7:00p-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00p-Personnel Meeting	4 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 58445 7:00p-Women of Faith Conference	5 7:30a-Men's Bible Study 8:00a-Women of Faith Conference 4:00p-Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
6 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship/Installation (communion) 11:00a-Reception	7 6:00p-Cub Scouts 6:45p-Day Camp Board Meeting 7:00p-T.O.P.S. 7:00p-Women of Grace 7:30p-Boy Scouts	8 6:00p-Stewardship 7:00p-Worship and Music 7:00p-Deacons	9 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 5:30p-Oasis 7:30p-Fresh Encounter Prayer Group	10 6:00p-Worship Team Practice 6:15p-Girl Scout Troop 55150 7:00p-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00p-Christian Education	11	12 7:00a-Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast 7:30a-Men's Bible Study
13 8:30a-Bell Warmup 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship (Shoobox Kickoff) (Bells) 6:00p-Youth Group	14 Columbus Day 6:00p-Cub Scouts 7:00p-Building and Grounds Meeting 7:00p-T.O.P.S. 7:00p-Women of Grace 7:30p-Boy Scouts	15 6:00a-Girl Scout Leaders Meeting 7:00p-Session Meeting 11:00p-Caller Articles Due	16 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 5:30p-Oasis 7:30p-Fresh Encounter Prayer Group	17 6:00p-Worship Team Practice 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 53052 7:00p-Bell Choir Rehearsal	18 9:00a-Soup Sale Preparation	19 7:30a-Men's Bible Study 9:00a-Soup Sale Preparation
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