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# The Caller

Here's what's  
happening!

## October 2014

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Sundays at 8:45 am</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sundays at 10 a.m.</b>
<b>Living Roots</b>	<b>Sundays at 10:30 am</b>
<b>Youth Fellowship</b>	<b>Sundays at 6 pm</b>
<b>Wed. Afternoon Bible Study</b>	<b>Wednesdays at 1 pm</b>
<b>Oasis</b>	<b>Wednesdays - 5:30 pm</b>
<b>Fresh Encounter Prayer Group</b>	<b>Wednesdays at 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Worship, Pray and Play</b>	<b>1st and 3rd Wed. at 10 am</b>
<b>Fall Festival Retreat</b>	<b>October 3-5</b>
<b>Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner</b>	<b>Saturday, October 4 - 4 pm</b>
<b>Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>Saturday, Oct. 11 at 8 am</b>
<b>Irwin Male Chorus</b>	<b>Sunday, October 12 at 7 pm</b>
<b>Soup Sale</b>	<b>Sunday, October 19</b>
<b>Caller Articles Due</b>	<b>October 20</b>

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 **20<sup>th</sup> of the month**. Please provide submissions in computer-ready (MS Word or text) format when possible. Thanks!

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<b>Director of Christian Education</b>	Justin Pearl
<b>Director of Music Ministries</b>	Gloria Mayo
<b>Business Administrator</b>	Kathy Kirk
<b>Worship Services</b>	Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
<b>Sunday School Classes</b>	Sundays 8:45 a.m.





***“We spent so much time scheduling things for our children, but we forgot to spend time with them.”***

I am unsure who really reads our newsletter. Do we really need one? I have thought to myself, “I’ll say something really radical and see if it gets any attention!” Well I am praying that parents who are in the thick of their parenting years, are reading this article!! Recently at Oasis during dinner time I talked to a wonderful couple from our church, and we discussed parenting and how challenging it can be. We spent a great deal of time talking about how busy the family routine is for parents and their children. As a parent, I am amazed at how quickly the schedule can fill up in our family. Take Aaron to Karate on Tuesdays and Thursdays, preschool on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Allyson and Andrew have school all week then spend hours on homework. Take them to activities that they desire to be a part of. I was talking about family schedules with a mother of our congregation recently who said that her daughter’s schedule is so full that there is no time for anything else. Back to the slightly older, wiser couple at Oasis. They lamented to me, ***“We spent so much time scheduling things for our children, but we forgot to spend time with them.”*** As I listened to this heartfelt realization that they shared with me, I froze in my tracks. I thought to myself, “This is a warning for all our well intended parents at The Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek!! We spend so much time making sure our kids are involved in every wholesome program that we can think of. (Of course I’m sure that church and youth group are priorities....yes?) Our days are marked with traveling here and there and everywhere for our children! All noble actions....yes? YES! But do **we spend quality time with our children?** Last Sunday our children’s Great Uncle & Aunt visited. We had such a wonderful afternoon. Andrew and Aaron were in their glory! My Uncle spent hours just hanging out with them in our beautiful fenced in backyard (Thanks Howard Alter! Thank You so much!). They tossed a nerf ball to one another. They played catch with a baseball. Played in the leaves. We even did a few chores! (Cleaned out the manse’s gutters with a leaf blower!) The activities weren’t complicated, but that night when we tucked Aaron into bed he said, “I love Uncle Dick; I miss him. I want to see him again.” Let’s not miss out on spending valuable quality time with our kids even while we are consumed with making sure they are involved in all sorts of edifying activities! Let’s not miss this lesson shared with us by two lovely, wise (and great) parents!

With Love, Pastor Allan

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

October 9     Ilene Calabrese  
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.

### **BAPTISMS:**

James Michael Kridler     September 14, 2014  
Jemma Ann Mills            September 21, 2014

### **DEATHS:**

Marty Urch                     September 7, 2014



This year Stewardship had the theme of a New Beginning. This theme was to remind us that we have a full staff including a new (not so new now) pastor that is blessing us with his energy and loving service. We have initiated new programs through our Christian Ed leader, Justin, with Living Roots for our grade school children. Heather has been doing great things with the teens of the church, teaching to serve others and Christ. New programs are

in the works and only you can make them happen.

Again this month the stewardship committee wants to thank you for your support of His work. The envelope giving is higher this year than in the past, the question is are you up to date on your commitment? Please review, as the budget is a faith based budget and we are about \$11,800 below expectations.

Again, a reminder of the per capita to support the Presbytery is requested. It is \$27.15 per member that provides support of the mission of the greater church.

# THANK YOU!

As the youth group year has kicked-off I have become incredibly aware of how many people are making a huge impact on this ministry. We began our year with an overnight trip to Sandusky Ohio to spend a day at Cedar Point. There are so many aspects about a trip like this that can make a youth director nervous, but because of the wonderful adults who stepped in to help out, and the fantastic behavior of our teens, I was able to be at ease the entire time. Thank you to the adults who gave of their time to be chaperones on this trip. And thank you to the teens who were wonderful examples of how live for Christ. The memories made were truly priceless.

Of course, behind our wonderful teenagers are the faithful and committed parents who have invested themselves in the development and growth of their children. Parents, you deserve gold medals. Your young people are such a blessing to me and make my job so easy. There aren't enough words in our language for me to be able to fully express my gratitude to you for all that you do. There is also a group of women in our church who have become an amazing help to me. Thank you to the women's bible study group who have graciously allowed me to do "practice runs" of my youth group lessons with them. It means so much to me that all of you ladies would give of yourselves to help me out like this.

There are so many other people who are making a difference, including the other staff members in our church. Having Godly men like Pastor Allan and Justin Pearl be an example and give input into the almost entirely male youth group has been such a blessing to me. And finally, thank you to all of the teens who are involved in the youth ministry here in our church. I can honestly say that I look forward to every youth group meeting and oasis meeting and event. You have challenged me and taught me so much. It is with excitement and expectation that I jump into this new ministry year with all of you. Thank you! Heather

## ***Christian Education Updates!***

If you haven't been to Sunday school yet, you are missing out; with some great new curriculum, and some amazing volunteers, this Fall's Sunday School is a great opportunity for all ages. Be sure to stop in every Sunday at 8:45am. Additionally, every Wednesday CE is offering two great programs for students from 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Younger students—3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade—can join me (Justin) at "Spheres," where they will learn about all of the different religions of the world, older students—7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade—can join Heather, for "All Out War" a discussion of the Armor of God. And of course, students in both groups can expect great food and fun games. Lastly, every Sunday students from kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome for *Living Roots*, our children's worship program during the second half of the Sunday service—a time of learning, dance, singing, and above all else, worship.

Sincerely,  
Justin Pearl, Director of Christian Education

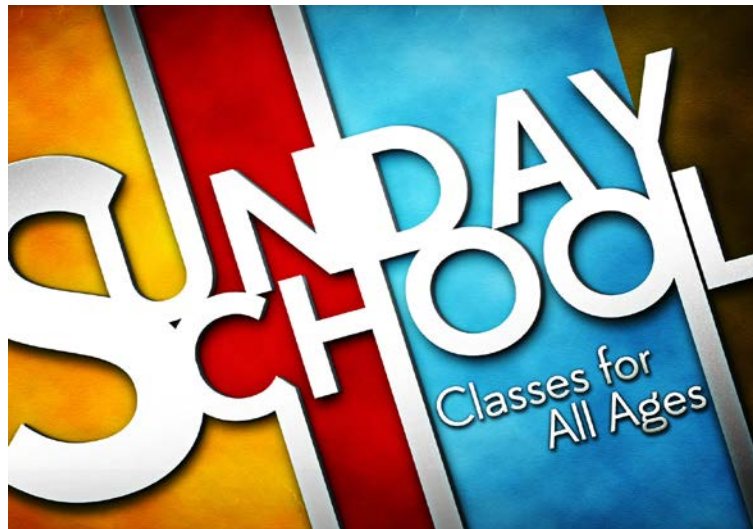
### **Schedule:**

Sundays, 8:45am – Sunday School  
Sundays, 10:30am – Living Roots  
Wednesdays, 5:30pm – Oasis

### **Sunday School Classes:**

2<sup>yrs</sup>-3<sup>yrs</sup> – First Look\*  
4<sup>yrs</sup>-K. – 252 Basics  
1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> – 252 Basics  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – 252 Basics  
6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – Re:Form  
8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – XP3 Students  
Adult Class – Scripture-Based Discussion

\*A parent should be present to assist their young student





# The Irwin Male Chorus

Proudly Presents

**"A 2014 SACRED CONCERT"**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PLUM CREEK**

**PLUM BOROUGH**

**CONCERT DATE**

**SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 12, 2014**

**7:00 p.m.**

No Admission Charge. A free will offering will be collected. Refreshments follow the concert.

# LIBRARY CORNER

## OCTOBER PICKS:

Toddlers:

1. *I Love You, God*

2. *Baby's First Bible*

For Parents of Toddlers

3. *When Children Pray*

4. *Diapers, Pacifiers and*

*Other Holy Things*

For 6 – 9 year-olds

5. *Does God Have a big toe?*

For Tweens

6. *Meet Julie*

· First in “American Girl” series

7. *My Fantastic Field Trip*

Junior Discovers Savings





# Prayer Chain

The Deacons invite members of the Plum Creek congregation to sign up to participate in our prayer chain and become a prayer warrior. When we receive a prayer request it will be circulated by text message to our prayer warriors. Hopefully we will have all our prayer warriors praying soon after receiving the request. This will be a mighty petition to our Lord on behalf of someone we love. You can join by filling out the form below and placing in the offering plate.

\*\*\*You can make a request for prayer by calling the church at 412/793-4525, or Nancy Mayo at 412/877-9755 or text her. Pastor Allan tells us about any urgent calls he receives and we will pass that on to you on the prayer chain.\*\*\*

**PLEASE INCLUDE ME ON THE PRAYER CHAIN**

(place this slip in offering plate)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

# SOUP SALE - Sunday October 19

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 still have jars, rings, or lids from previous soup sales, please return them to the church kitchen. 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, October 17 at 9:00 AM or Saturday, October 18 at 9:00 AM. We will be making soup both days. We also need assistance on Sunday, October 19 at 7:30 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 12.**

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 October 12  
Pick up on Saturday October 18 or Sunday October 19

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 = \_\_\_\_\_

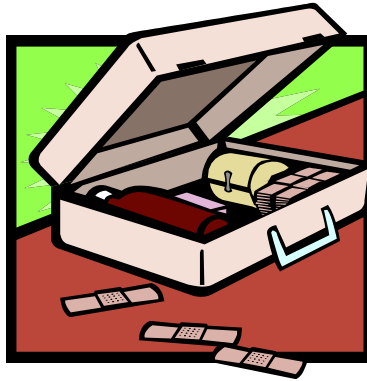
Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [ E

I will pick up my order    A) \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday afternoon 2 pm – 3 pm  
  B) \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday morning after 10 am service



## Food Pantry

Requested items for the Food Pantry for October are health and beauty aids: Example: deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, soap, etc. Donations to the food pantry from Plum Creek Church for the month of August were 8 large bags and 1 large box. Again, if you prefer to bring food items they are certainly welcome.



## First Aid Kits

Completely stocked first aid kits are located in the narthex in the hutch and in the kitchen right inside the hall door to the left. You may locate them by looking for the red ribbon tied to the door of each unit.

October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10:00a-Worship, Pray, and Play 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 5:30p-OASIS 7:30p-Fresh Encounter Prayer Group	<b>2</b> 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 7:00p-Girl Scout Troop 55150	<b>3</b> 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 58445 7:00p-Fall Festival	<b>4</b> 7:30a-Men's Bible Study 8:00a-Fall Festival 4:00p-Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
<b>5</b> 8:00a-Fall Festival 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship (Communion) 10:30a-Living Roots 6:00p-Youth Fellowship	<b>6</b> 6:30p-Cub Scouts 7:00p-T.O.P.S. 7:00p-Women of Grace 7:30p-Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> 7:00p-Mission	<b>8</b> 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 5:30p-OASIS 7:30p-Fresh Encounter Prayer Group	<b>9</b> 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 53052 7:00p-Bell Rehearsal	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30a-Men's Bible Study 8:00a-Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast
<b>12</b> 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship 10:30a-Living Roots 6:00p-Youth Fellowship 7:00p-Inwin Male Chorus	<b>13</b> Columbus Day 6:30p-Cub Scouts 7:00p-Building and Grounds Meeting 7:00p-T.O.P.S. 7:00p-Women of Grace-LGAR Sonshine Ministry 7:30p-Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> 6:00p-Stewardship 7:00p-Christian Education 7:00p-Worship and Music 7:00p-Deacons	<b>15</b> 10:00a-Worship, Pray, and Play 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 5:30p-OASIS 7:30p-Fresh Encounter Prayer Group	<b>16</b> 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 7:00p-Bell Rehearsal 7:00p-Girl Scout Troop 55150	<b>17</b> 9:00a-Soup Sale Preparation	<b>18</b> 7:30a-Men's Bible Study 9:00a-Soup Sale Preparation
<b>19</b> 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship 10:30a-Living Roots 11:00a-Soup Sale 6:00p-Youth Fellowship	<b>20</b> 6:30p-Cub Scouts 7:00p-T.O.P.S. 7:00p-Women of Grace 7:30p-Boy Scouts 11:45p-Caller Articles Due	<b>21</b> 6:00p-Plum Girl Scout Service Unit 7:00p-Session Meeting	<b>22</b> 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 5:30p-OASIS 7:30p-Fresh Encounter Prayer Group	<b>23</b> 2:00p-Staff Meeting 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 53052 7:00p-Bell Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 6:00p-Marquis/Constantine Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 7:30a-Men's Bible Study 3:30p-Marquis/Constantine Wedding
<b>26</b> 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship (baptism) 10:30a-Living Roots 12:00p-Lott Shower 6:00p-Youth Fellowship-Corn Maze	<b>27</b> 7:00p-T.O.P.S. 7:00p-Women of Grace 7:30p-Boy Scouts	<b>28</b> 7:00p-Evangelism Committee	<b>29</b> 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 5:30p-OASIS 7:30p-Fresh Encounter Prayer Group	<b>30</b> 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 7:00p-Bell Rehearsal 7:00p-Girl Scout Troop 55150	<b>31</b>	