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The Caller

JANUARY

Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner	January 9
Ordination/Installation-Officers	January 10
Soup Sale	January 17
Chili Cook-off	January 24
Small Group Leader Training	January 31
Winterfest	February 6
Ash Wednesday	February 10
Valentine's Day	February 14
Caller Articles Due	February 20
Adult Retreat	March 11-13
Palm Sunday	March 20
Maundy Thursday	March 24
Good Friday	March 25
Easter	March 27



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“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6

So we are coming into a new year Plum Creek! What a year we've had as a Church Family! We've grown closer together in fellowship and in service unto the Lord! We've rallied together for “the good of the Church” as we say at our worship committee meetings! How beautiful that our church heard the call to put in a much needed lift/elevator for those who can't get around like they used to!

You are a wise congregation! Practical, Compassionate, Generous!

So what does 2016 hold for The Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek? What does the new year hold for you? Did you know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is always living, always breathing, always moving in and about our lives! Did you know that God is never content to leave us in one spot! He is always seeking to grow us, to stretch us, to take us to higher heights! As a pastor I very much enjoy helping Christians reach higher!

For example, take Jennifer Firda! A wonderful newer member of our church, married to a fine husband Matt and the proud mother of a nifty young boy, Owen! I challenged Jennifer to do an interview in Church, talking about her faith! She was shaking in her shoes, but didn't have the heart to tell me “no”! LOL! Jennifer accepted God's challenge to step out of her comfort zone and become more than she was! Of course the Lord ALWAYS HAS MORE FOR US if we are willing to grow!

Let us collectively challenge ourselves individually to grow more as a Christian in 2016! Maybe God wants you to be on one of our committees? Maybe God wants you to participate in our LENTEN SMALL GROUPS! Maybe God wants you to participate in something at Plum Creek that you never dreamed you would help with?

As a Church let us prayerfully consider how God wants us to stretch, to reach out, to grow! We have so many fine programs at our Church, so many healthy routines, but how does God want to reshape the landscape? Will we be open to the new ways God wants to do further work in our Church? HINT: The Church that is open to letting God grow them is the Church that actually GROWS! **I'm ready to grow! How 'bout you?!**
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Love Pastor Allan!

No Birthdays in January

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

MEMORIAL GIFTS

For Dorothy Nesbit:
Mr. and Mrs. David Nesbit

BAPTISM

Huck Samuel Wozniak – Nov. 29, 2015

Christian Education News and Events

Unfortunately, the fall and Advent Christian education program has come to an end. With a great group of carolers at Christmas Caroling; Gingerbread houses by the dozens at the Gingerbread House Building Party; the exciting extravaganza that is the Living Nativity; and the Children's hard work in the yearly Christmas program; all kept our students excited and engaged—December was certainly a busy, busy time at Plum Creek.

But, while the Christian Education committee is happy to look back on the fun of Advent, we are also already eager to begin thinking toward the future, and toward another exciting season. Be sure to join us this spring for Sunday School, Oasis, Winterfest, Winter Jam, and all of our other exciting programming. We look all look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new faces this Spring!

-Justin Pearl, Director of Youth and Educational Ministries

Christian Education Events Calendar

January 30th – Winter Jam

February 6th, 9:00-Noon – Winterfest

Weekly Events

- Sunday School: all ages, Sunday mornings, 8:45am
- Youth Group: 7th-12th Grade, Sunday evenings, 6:00pm
- Oasis: all ages (through November 19th), Wednesday evenings, 5:30pm
- Living Roots: Kindergarten-5th Grade, Sundays during the service
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, 7:30am
- Women of Grace: Mondays, 7:00pm
- Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study: Wednesdays, 1:00pm



Soup Sale

Sunday January 17, 2016

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.

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, January 15 at 9:00 AM or Saturday, January 16 at 9:00 AM. We will be making soup both days. We also need assistance on Sunday, January 17 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, January 10.

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

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SOUP ORDER FORM

\$5.00 a Quart / \$1.00 bag of six fresh baked rolls

Orders due January 10

Pick up on Saturday January 16 or Sunday January 17

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cream of Potato - # of quarts: _____ x \$5 = _____

Wedding Soup - # of quarts: _____ x \$5 = _____

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

Total Due: \$ _____

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship 10:30a-Living Roots 6:00p-Youth Fellowship	4 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:00p-Women of Grace 7:30p-Boy Scouts	5 7:00p-Mission	6 5:30p-OASIS	7 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 53052	8 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 58445	9 7:30a-Men's Bible Study 4:00p-Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
10 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship (Ordination/Installation of Officers) 10:30a-Living Roots 6:00p-Youth Fellowship	11 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:00p-Building and Grounds Meeting 7:00p-Women of Grace LGAR 7:30p-Boy Scouts	12 6:00p-Stewardship 7:00p-Worship and Music 7:00p-Deacons	13 5:30p-OASIS	14 2:30p-Staff Meeting 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 7:00p-Girl Scout Troop 55150 7:00p-Christian Education 7:15p-Bell Rehearsal	15 9:00a-Soup Sale Preparation 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 58445	16 7:30a-Men's Bible Study 9:00a-Christmas Tear Down 9:00a-Soup Sale Preparation
17 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship 10:30a-Living Roots 11:00a-Soup Sale 6:00p-Youth Fellowship	18 MLK Jr. B-day 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:00p-Women of Grace 7:30p-Boy Scouts	19 6:00p-Girl Scout Leader's Meeting 7:00p-Session Meeting	20 5:30p-OASIS 11:00p-Caller Articles Due	21 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 53052 7:15p-Bell Rehearsal	22 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 58445	23 7:30a-Men's Bible Study
24 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship 10:30a-Living Roots 11:00a-Chili Cookoff 6:00p-Youth Fellowship	25 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:00p-Women of Grace 7:30p-Boy Scouts	26 7:00p-Evangelism Committee	27 5:30p-OASIS	28 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 7:00p-Girl Scout Troop 55150 7:15p-Bell Rehearsal	29 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 58445	30 7:30a-Men's Bible Study
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