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# *The Caller*



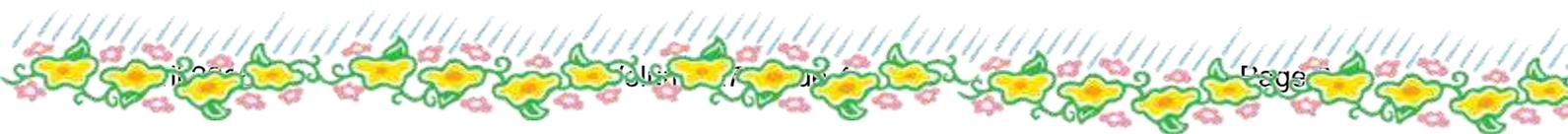
<b>New Members' Class</b>	<b>April 9</b>
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<b>30 Hour Famine</b>	<b>May 20 - 21</b>
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>May 30</b>
<b>Fall Festival at Camp Crestfield</b>	<b>October 7 - 9</b>

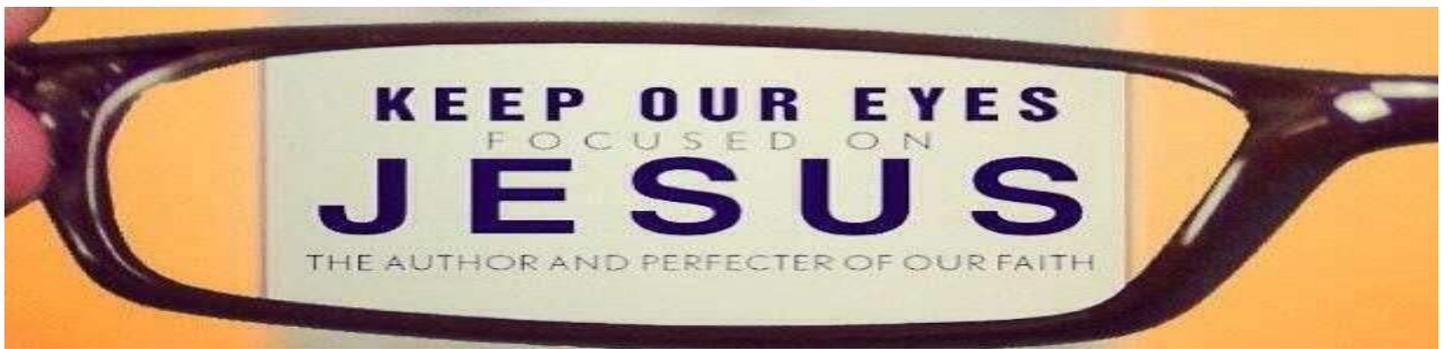


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## **An important reminder as spring sprouts by Pastor Allan**

*"Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." Hebrews 12: 1-2*

As winter winds down and spring dawns, we look back on what has been an exciting "Church Season" of activities since the fall! First, we worked our **stewardship muscles** and raised the necessary money to finish the lift which we will dedicate this month! Next, we worked our **service muscles** this past winter by putting on our wonderful Living Nativity program! Hundreds of people traversed our grounds and were reminded through word and song that Jesus is the reason for the season! This winter was warmed up by the **Small Groups** that kicked off during Lent! Many people from our congregation participated in a **fellowship** group. We enjoyed studying some of the greatest hymns ever written! Hopefully many of our groups will maintain a close friendship with each other until we bring the groups together again!

So what happens next? As the birds begin to chirp and the warm weather returns many of us will excitedly make our plans! Golf; Tennis; Swimming; Hiking; Shopping; Vacationing; Amusement Parks; Camping and many more activities to blow off steam and relax! These activities are not bad; in fact we need time away from our regular routines! My prayer is "Dear Lord please let our little family enjoy Aunt Chookie and Florida for 2 hearty weeks this summer!" ***Typically what begins to happen right about now is that many Christians begin to "zone out spiritually"***. The sad thing is that all the wonderful works of *giving, service, study, and fellowship* become seasonal activities that we ***might*** visit later on, perhaps in the fall! What if we were "seasonal bill payers"? Would the Visa Company, the Mortgage Company, or the Insurance Company be thrilled if we took time off from paying? Absolutely not, and it wouldn't be long before we found ourselves in a financial mess!

**We need to be careful spiritually not to lose our focus!** Many of us at Plum Creek have built up such a wonderful faith over these many months! You've gotten deeper in your walk, wiser in your talk, lovelier in your sharing with others. Wouldn't it be sad to lose ground in your spiritual life after such a wonderful season? Let us make a commitment, with God's help, to pledge to maintain our connections in our Church family and in the activities that we'll put forth which will be there to help us maintain our growth albeit in different forms! (Concerts, Picnics, Congregational Luncheons, Strawberry Festivals, Rummage Sales, Mission Trips, Youth Camps, Outdoor Worship and more!)

Stay Focused as the weather breaks! Enjoy yourselves, but don't forget that Jesus and all that He offers is your necessary source of renewal, sustenance, and growth!

With Love,  
Pastor Allan



## BIRTHDAYS

April 9 Harold Bartley

April 22 Rita Martin

April 23 George Manzuk

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please let the church office know.

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## Music & Worship

In church recently, we sang a favorite song of mine – “Redeemer, Savior, Friend.”  
Another favorite of mine is “Friend of God.”  
The common denominator, of course, is the word “friend.”

As a child learning the “basics” of Jesus, His many attributes were exhibited in various Bible stories—Savior, Creator, Sustainer, Provider, etc. The characteristic that I found most appealing and comforting in my young life was that of Jesus as my Friend. There are always times of loneliness as a child, particularly when you want to follow Jesus and attend public school. It is hard not to go with the crowd. “Shunning what is evil” is sometimes at a sacrifice of friends. I clung to God my Friend throughout junior and senior high school. In addition to finding a few other Christian students (who are still my friends today), I took great comfort in God always being with me, loving and encouraging me.

What an honor it is to spend  
my life loving Him back!

Gloria Mayo  
Music Director



“I give them eternal  
life, and ... no one  
will snatch them  
out of my hand.”

JOHN 10:28, ESV



## Boy Scouts – Troop 877 news

The troop is preparing for a Camporee. This is a camping trip with multiple local troops participating. This event will have a “Survivor” theme.

The troop will also be preparing to have a Court of Honor to issue the merit badges and rank advancements earned since the fall. This will include merit badges earned at CMU’s Merit Badge Connection.

Rodney Horner



# The Rummage Sale is Coming !!!

May 6 and 7, 2016

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, May 1 at 2:00 pm and clean up is Saturday, May 7 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, sorting 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 Carolyne 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.  
~ Jean Manzuk ~*

THE RUMMAGE SALE AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PLUM CREEK

Everyone is asked to help with this fun fundraising and fellowship event! It is also a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our community and church members! We would like everyone to be a part of it in some way! We look forward to all the regular volunteers in addition to lots of new helpers! Please fill out the form below whether you have helped in the past or if this will be your first time. The Rummage Sale Committee is Carolyne Ressler chair and the members of the Day Camp Board. Please call Carolyne at 412-793-9686 or speak to any member of the board if you have a question or concern.

EVERYONE PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT

## The Rummage Sale Volunteer Opportunity

Please check any areas that you will be interested in helping with.

- SET UP for rummage sale Sun. May 1, 2 pm to 4pm
- sorting donations Mon. May 2–Thurs. May 5
- CLEAN UP after sale Sat. May 7 after 2 pm
- driving leftover items to a charity Sat. May 7 after 2 pm
- advertising (posters already made) Before the sale
- cashiers (to collect money in different areas) Fri. May 6 and Sat. May 7
- kitchen (prepare and sale of food) Thurs. May 5, Fri. May 6, or Sat. May 7
- electrical and furnishings (help in this area)
- housewares and miscellaneous (help in this area)
- something special (help in this area)
- jewelry help in this area)
- linen (help in this area)
- toys (help in this area)
- baked goods make phone calls
- baked goods (help to sell baked goods) Fri. May 6
- baked goods (donate baked goods)

Help where needed

Need items picked up? (Call church at 412 793 4525 and leave your name & phone number)

donate items for the sale (clothes, housewares, furniture, toys, etc) – Drop off between 9 am to 4 pm & 7 pm to 9 pm Mon. May 2 thru Wed May 4; and 9 am to 4 pm Thurs May 5.

ALL DONATED ITEMS should be in good condition, working appliances only. THANK YOU, but we are not accepting computers, TVs, undergarments or mattresses, organs or pianos.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_



Rodney, Susan & Luke Horner  
and Boy Scout Troop 877  
cordially invite you to attend the  
Eagle Scout Court of Honor  
for

*Caleb Alan Horner*

Saturday April 16, 2016  
11:00 am  
Presbyterian Church Of Plum Creek

Please R.S.V.P by Friday April 1  
724-339-0944 or  
email: [sahorner252@gmail.com](mailto:sahorner252@gmail.com)  
or tell Susan or Rodney at church

Reception following in Social Hall

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship-Communion 10:30a-Living Roots 6:00p-Youth Fellowship	<b>4</b> 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:30p-Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> 7:00p-Mission	<b>6</b> 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study	<b>7</b> 5:45p-Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 53052	<b>1</b> 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 58445	<b>2</b> 7:30a-Men's Bible Study
<b>10</b> 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship-Praise Choir 10:30a-Living Roots 6:00p-Youth Fellowship	<b>11</b> 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:00p-Building and Grounds Meeting 7:30p-Boy Scouts	<b>12</b> 6:00p-Stewardship 7:00p-Worship and Music 7:00p-Deacons	<b>13</b> 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study	<b>14</b> 2:30p-Staff Meeting 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 7:00p-Girl Scout Troop 55150 7:00p-Christian Education	<b>15</b> 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 58445	<b>16</b> 7:30a-Men's Bible Study 9:00a-Eagle Scout Ceremony
<b>17</b> 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship 10:30a-Living Roots 6:00p-Youth Fellowship	<b>18</b> 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:30p-Boy Scouts	<b>19</b> 6:00p-Girl Scout Leader's Meeting 7:00p-Session Meeting	<b>20</b> 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 11:45p-Caller Articles Due	<b>21</b> 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 53052	<b>22</b> 6:00p-Celebration of Women Set Up	<b>23</b> 7:30a-Men's Bible Study 11:00a-Celebration of Women Brunch
<b>24</b> 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship (New Members) 10:30a-Living Roots 6:00p-Youth Fellowship	<b>25</b> 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:30p-Boy Scouts	<b>26</b> 7:00p-Evangelism Committee	<b>27</b> 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study	<b>28</b> 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 7:00p-Girl Scout Troop 55150	<b>29</b> 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 58445	<b>30</b> 7:30a-Men's Bible Study 8:00a-Mills Party