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The Caller



UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Bible Study	Saturdays at 7:30 am
Living Roots	Sundays at 10:30 am
Youth Group	Sundays at 6:00 pm
Wed. Afternoon Bible Study	Wed.'s at 1:00 pm
Soup Sale	Sunday, Feb. 11
Valentine's Day	Wed., Feb. 14
Ash Wednesday Service	Wed., Feb. 14 at 7 pm
Chili Cook Off	Sunday, Feb. 18
March Caller Articles Due	Tuesday, Feb. 20
Adult Retreat	March 16-18

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

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Worship Services	Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes	Sundays 8:45 a.m.





**“I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.”
Malachi 3:6**

I remember the old saying, “The one thing you can be sure of is change.” It seems like that is so true. At age 48 I am noticing how much I have changed physically in recent years. The older we get the more everything around us seems to change. Recently I wept with Larry Mills at his home as he said goodbye to his wife of 68 years, Dot Mills. We gathered around her bedside and sang “Amazing Grace” and “Lord I lift your name on high”. Then we had a closing prayer and surrendered her being to the Lord our God. Shortly after that the funeral home came. We all cried in the living room as the outside door slammed shut. It was a sobering sound reminding the Mills family (and me) that life was suddenly going to be very different. For me as Plum Creek’s Pastor I was saying goodbye to a very special friend who has supported and cared for me from day one. For the Mills family it was saying goodbye to a saint, the matriarch of the family.

What kind of changes are you going through in your life as we enter into a new year? Maybe you are going through physical changes that have you down? Perhaps you are going through some mental changes where you find yourself not feeling as happy as you have been in the past. You could feel afraid about your life, anxious about the future. It seems like every phase of our life is fraught with change. I can’t believe how much our country has changed just in the 21 + years that I’ve been an ordained pastor. 21 years ago it seemed like Jesus was really loved and people gladly proclaimed his name. Today, the politically correct movement causes us to be silent about Jesus just about everywhere we go less we offend someone.

Amidst the changes that we as human beings go through from the time of birth until our death, let us be strengthened and comforted in knowing that the Lord never changes. May we be mindful individually and collectively of our need to reach out to the Lord and surrender our very lives to him. In doing so we will be strengthened, filled with hope, and traverse through the changes of life with a deep resounding peace in our hearts that will never be overcome or interrupted!

Blessings, Pastor Allan

BIRTHDAYS

February 12 Clark Kemmerer
February 28 Virginia Johnson

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

DEATH

Dot Mills January 9, 2018

BAPTISM

Jeremy Scott Bitner January 14, 2018

February is Library Month at Plum Creek

Come into the Children's Library in the month of February and get a "sweet" treat every time you sign out a book or movie! Our friendly librarian will be on hand during the Sunday School hour and before Service to provide assistance.

Also, join in the Library fun by trying to guess the number of candy fish in the fish container. The entry with the guess closest to the real number of fish in the container will win all the fish!! Just visit the Children's Library in February and enter your estimate. (And take a look around at the books and movies too!) The entries will be read after Sunday School on February 25th, so stop by and take your best guess!



Stewardship

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 1 Peter 4:10

Stewardship is many things. In its simplest form, Stewardship is a commitment by you to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There are many ways to serve Him.

Most of us think that Stewardship requires us to provide financial support. That is only the beginning. Please provide your time and talents to Plum Creek at this time. It is so important that we use the talents that God has given us. He has given each of a unique set of talents and we are to use it to further the His Kingdom.

As you know, in order to better help meet the budget, an anonymous benefactor has committed to providing an incentive for us to have a successful year. The church will match our commitments as follows:

<u>*If your annual Commitment is:</u>	<u>Plum Creek will also receive:</u>
\$1 to \$250	Match dollar for dollar
\$251 to \$999	\$250
\$1,000 to \$1,999	\$350
\$2,000 and above	\$550

- ***As a bonus, if half or more of the congregation makes a financial commitment, we will receive an additional \$5,000.***

At this time we have sufficient commitments from you that will provide over \$27,500 from this generous benefactor. Although we did not receive half the commitment cards returned we will not receive the additional \$5,000. The additional funding is wonderful and really appreciated.

Therefore, if you have not completed the 2018 Commitment Card, please help support this creative and unique opportunity by filling out a card for Plum Creek.

Deacon's Notes

- ❖ There will be a blood drive this spring.
- ❖ Food bank continues to need personal care products and paper products.
- ❖ From our annual coat tree, 20 coats were purchased for folks in our area.
- ❖ Over 100 shoeboxes were filled by members of the congregation and Plum High School Girls Leadership Association (GLA).
- ❖ If interested in being a part of the prayer chain, please sign up in the narthex or contact Jeff Mueller at 412-725-8944.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Plum Food Pantry. Your generosity throughout 2017 has given food, coats and toys to over 180 families in Plum. On behalf of these families, we thank you.
Joe Utterback-Director



*I want to Thank all the members of Plum Creek Church for the cards and the prayers I am still receiving Chemo treatments and praying for the best.
God Bless You
Love
Ruthie Miller*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship 10:30a-Living Roots 6:00p-Youth Group	5 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:30p-Boy Scouts	6 6:00p-Exangelism Committee 7:00p-Mission	7 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study	8 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 53052 7:15p-Bell Choir Rehearsal	9 9:00a-Soup Sale Preparation 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 52353	10 7:30a-Men's Bible Study 9:00a-Soup Sale Preparation
11 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship 10:30a-Living Roots 11:00a-Soup Sale 6:00p-Youth Group	12 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:00p-Building and Grounds Meeting 7:30p-Boy Scouts	13 7:00p-Worship and Music 7:00p-Deacons	14 Valentine's Day 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 7:00p-Ash Wednesday Service	15 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 7:00p-Girl Scout Troop 55150 7:15p-Bell Choir Rehearsal	16 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 52353	17 7:30a-Men's Bible Study 9:00a-Cub Scout Troop 877 Event
18 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship 10:30a-Living Roots 11:15a-Chili Cookoff 6:00p-Youth Group	19 Washington's B-day 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:30p-Boy Scouts 7:30p-Session Meeting	20 6:30p-Girl Scout Leaders 11:45p-Caller Atticles Due	21 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study	22 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 53052 7:15p-Bell Choir Rehearsal	23 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 58445	24 7:30a-Men's Bible Study
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