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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 pm
Wed. Afternoon Bible Study	Wednesdays at 1 pm
Lenten Dinner and Devotion	Wednesdays, through 3/21
Soup Sale	Sunday, March 11
Adult Retreat	March 16-18
April Caller Articles Due	Tuesday, March 20
Maundy Thursday Service	Thursday, March 29 - 7 pm
Good Friday Service	Friday, March 30 - 7 pm
Easter Sunrise Service	Sunday, April 1 - 7 am
Easter Worship Celebration	Sunday, April 1 - 10 am
Women's Luncheon	April 28
Rummage Sale Set-up	April 29 through May 3
Rummage Sale	May 4 & 5

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Director of Music Ministries	Gloria Mayo
Business Administrator	Kathy Kirk
Worship Services	Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes	Sundays 8:45 a.m.





"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." Mark 1:35

There is nothing more precious to any of us these days than our time! T-I-M-E! And none of us have very much of it! So what do we do with our time? How do we spend it? OK! Confession time. Many of us would probably confess that we don't devote much of it to our Christian Formation. Prayer is often the first thing to go when it should be the last! Do we think Jesus was under time constraints? I'll bet that he was! Traveling. Meetings with Officials and Religious Leaders. Sermons to the Crowds. Mentoring Sessions with Disciples. Dinners with interested Church Members! Jesus might not have had an iPhone 10 (Great phone by the way!) to organize his meetings, but you can bet his day planner was often full!

It's quite telling that amidst this busy schedule, Jesus took time to get away from the hustle and bustle of his ministry. Jesus gets up "very early" and goes to a "solitary place" "to pray". WWJD is an irritating little phrase for us! What Would Jesus Do? He sets aside time to draw closer to the Lord! Psalm 1 says "Blessed is the man who meditates on the Word day and night. That man is like a tree living near streams of fresh water that bears fruit!" In contrast, "Not so the wicked" They blow to and fro like chaff.

What if I told you there was a nifty solitary place that you could go to for a weekend that could change your life? Each year Plum Creek leadership organizes an Adult Retreat for persons age 18 and older to get away in a non-threatening environment to be in more consolidated fellowship with other Christians and with the Lord! Camp Crestfield in Slippery Rock, just under an hour away, is that solitary place, nestled away in the beauty of the Slippery Rock forest and windy creeks! I was blessed to go there when I was working on papers for my Doctorate Degree, which I attained at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary a few years ago. I feel like I really am able to encounter God in that place! This year's retreat will take place on the weekend of March 16 - 18! Would you consider carving out some of your precious time for some precious time with Jesus?

Some reasons why you might say "I can't go." "I can't go. There is no one to watch the kids." Consider at least one spouse going and one spouse staying home this year then switch next year! "I can't go...I am on a fixed budget." Mark my words, I don't care if we have to do car washes in the winter! If you come to Larry or Janet Woods or your Pastor and say, "I want to go but I cannot afford it." We will find the money! So often members of Plum Creek are generous and set aside financial gifts in pew envelopes for adult camp scholarships! God will provide! Come talk to us! "I can't go...I'm too busy." If you say that, this is exactly the reason why you SHOULD GO! Do you ever just stop and feel the snowflakes on your brow?

Get ready for the Adult Retreat! Start planning now for a transformative weekend in your life!
With Love,
Pastor Allan

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 29 Rich Ressler

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



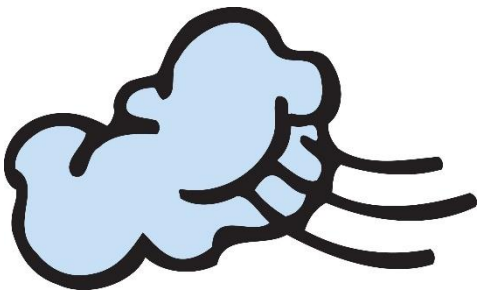
*March 11 is daylight
savings!
Spring ahead 1 hour!*



JANUARY FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Income: \$12,939.50
Expenses: \$19,618.86

Shortage-to-date -\$6,679.36



From the Music Director

How appropriate that Lent started on Valentine's Day, when we typically celebrate love!

Music and drama plans for this time of year are moving along. I am privileged to work with dedicated and talented musicians and dramatists!

In times like these, it is welcome and necessary to once again acknowledge and celebrate Jesus' suffering, death, and mostly, His resurrection. And as the song says, "Be very sure, be very sure, your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!"

Let's come humbly to the foot of the cross, then go victoriously to the empty tomb!

Because Jesus paid it all,

Gloria Mayo
Music Director



Rummage Sale Collection

Now is the time to start thinking about Spring cleaning and the 52nd Annual Rummage Sale at Plum Creek. We will accept clothing, furniture, toys, puzzles and house goods that are in good condition. If you need help to transport anything, please let the church know. Call them at 412-793-2525 the week of May 1, 2018.

Thanks so much!



SOUP SALE - Sunday March 11, 2018

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, lids, or boxes 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, March 9 at 9:00 AM or Saturday, March 10 at 9:00 AM. We will be making soup both days. We also need assistance on Sunday, March 11 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, March 4.

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 March 4

Pick up on Saturday March 10 or Sunday March 11

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Chicken Noodle - # of quarts: _____ x \$5 = _____

Vegetable Beef - # 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 1 pm – 2 pm

B) _____ Sunday morning after 10 am service

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 7:00p-Mission	7 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 6:00p-Lenten Dinner and Devotion	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 58445	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 (Change Sunday) 10:30a-Living Roots 11:15a-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 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 6:00p-Lenten Dinner and Devotion 6:30p-Stewardship Meeting	15 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 7:00p-Girl Scout Troop 55150 7:15p-Bell Choir Rehearsal	16 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 52353 7:00p-Adult Retreat	17 7:30a-Men's Bible Study 8:00a-Adult Retreat
18 8:00a-Adult Retreat 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship 10:30a-Living Roots 6:00p-Youth Group	19 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 Articles Due	21 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 6:00p-Lenten Dinner and Devotion	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 9:00a-Mayo Party
25 8:45a-Sunday School 9:00a-Worship Team Practice 10:00a-Worship 10:30a-Living Roots 6:00p-Youth Group	26 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:30p-Boy Scouts	27	28 1:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study	29 6:30p-Worship Team Practice 7:00p-Maundy Thursday Service	30 Good Friday 7:00p-Good Friday Service	31 7:30a-Men's Bible Study

