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# The Caller

## **Moving Forward in Faith**

Dear Saints,

Since your last *Caller* publication I was invited by your session to serve as the Interim Minister. In my almost three months with you I have seen the work of the Holy Spirit among you. I have seen the pain of loss and grief and I have seen you embrace love and the life of Jesus' Church. As the newest participant of your church it seems odd to say, but I am very proud of you. It takes strength and roots to face loss and keep moving forward in the name of Jesus.

I have witnessed your response to the Godspeed prayer. It may be a hard prayer to pray but you have embraced it along with a growing understanding that Jesus is head of the Church, not us. Therefore we can pray: *"Dear Lord, we ask your blessing upon our friends as they move to another fellowship. Bless their lives. Bless their new church. Bless their work and play. Through all the changes, surround them with your loving presence. We know that in you there is no east or west, no south or north. Thank you Lord Jesus for your Church. Amen."*

Please know your faith is in God's good hands; so let's grow together. On this journey be assured: God is here. Rest assured: God will lead you to new ground. Share the assurance of God's peace: for it is real and alive among you.

While you, as a church fellowship are over 200 years old it is a new day at Plum Creek. Please check out our **NEW** church website: [www.plumcreekpc.com](http://www.plumcreekpc.com). This is a new address. Our previous church website was kindly hosted by a former member. We are so grateful for his service to the church. You will notice a lack of church pictures. We are rebuilding our stock of church event photos and once we have them they will be there for viewing. You are invited to check in on the church Facebook page: Plum Creek Presbyterian Church, there is a link on the website as well. The more use the website receives the faster it will gain influence and appear when someone is searching for churches in Plum Borough. Consider checking in with the website once or twice a day as a spiritual exercise this month!

Session is growing! On Sunday we ordained and installed 4 new elders to join session in discerning God's will for this congregation. Welcome Laura Campbell, Clark Kemmerer, Dave Nesbit, and Sam Shaneyfelt!

***Praising God and Loving our Neighbors  
we are passionate about God's passion for you!***

Jane

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**Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday,  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Interim Pastor** Rev. Jane Esterline

**Business Administrator** Kathy Kirk

**Worship Services** Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday School Classes** Sundays 9:00 a.m.



**BIRTHDAY:**

SEPTEMBER 21 Wanda Gathers

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

**DEATHS:**

John Thompson  
Clyde Bradley

August 4, 2018 (Service to be held on Sept. 1 at 11 am)  
August 20, 2018



**PEACH JAM** - Please see Clark Kemmerer or Alice Angelo after church on Sunday if you would like to purchase peach jam.

**RALLY DAY** - Sunday schools volunteers are getting ready to welcome back our kids to our 9:00 CE hour. Classes are being prepared, lessons are ready, let's get set and go! September 9th is the beginning of CE classes. Looking forward to friends being with friends again.

**NEW THIS SEPTEMBER** - Gathering Place Bible study, led by Pastor Jane Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:45. Our study will be the voices of the saints in the Psalms. The 5 books of the Psalms intentionally correspond with the 5 books of Torah so that law and worship are seen as companions. The Psalms allow us to hear the rhythm of praise, gratitude, supplication, lament, and petition from our spiritual ancestors. We will meet in the library beginning Rally Day, September 9.

**BLOOD DRIVE** -We are not scheduling a blood drive this fall. If you do donate blood, please consider listing Plum Creek Church as the recipient of the credit for donating.

**NEW CHURCH WEBSITE** - while still under construction the basics about session's vision for our church are up and running. Pictures will follow soon. The more often people open the webpage the sooner it will become the first response for Presbyterian Church in Plum Borough. A church website allows people to see how the Spirit moves in a particular church. We are working hard to make that the case in our new website: [www.plumcreekpc.com](http://www.plumcreekpc.com).

**NEW MEMBER INQUIRY** - participating in the life of our church is a blessing for everyone. Those interested in inquiring into the history of being Presbyterian and membership are invited to join an informal discussion scheduled for mid October. Details to follow. Please let pastor Jane know if you are interested in attending.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITY** - Pivik Elementary is requesting volunteer helpers on September 28th who will work with Habitat for Humanity and KaBoom to build an inclusive Playground on their property. Your session has granted use of the church kitchen and parking lot for the day, as well as the hall in case of inclement weather. If you would like to support the project as a one day community service project please sign up on the volunteer registration page <https://www.tfaforms.com/4689043>. This link is specifically for the project at Pivik. Thank you!

**COLLEGE STUDENTS & FAMILIES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS\_**  
We want to keep in touch with our college students during the school year. We need to get their accurate college address and email address. Please call the church office (412-793-4525) with this information or email - [secretary@plumcreekpc.com](mailto:secretary@plumcreekpc.com). Thanks for your help.

## SESSION (S) AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Building & Ground - Al Tresco (S), chair  
Christian Education - Alexis Peifer (S), chair  
Evangelism & Fellowship - Ed Smith, chair  
Memorial - Linda Stiles (S), chair  
Mission - Laura Campbell (S), chair  
Nominating - Linda Stiles (S), chair

Personnel - Sam Shaneyfelt (S), chair  
Fin. & Stewardship - Dave Nesbit (S), chair  
Worship & Music - Shelley Shaneyfelt, chair  
Clerk of Session - Bonnie Jackson (S)  
Clark Kemmerer (S) Evangelism and Fellowship



## FALL FAMILY RETREAT

October 5-6-7, 2018 - 7 pm arrival

Jumonville Christian Camp and Retreat Center

Known for the "Cross of Christ" on the mountaintop

There is no place like Jumonville. Speaker to be announced.

Lodging cost for weekend (2 nights and 4 meals)

13 years and up - \$118

3 years to 12 years - \$59

2 years and under - \$7

Activities will include: Bible study, pumpkin painting, basketball court, indoor and outdoor rope climbing, tennis courts, king swing, hike to cross, playground, green cathedral, and evening campfires. Ohiopyle is a 20 minute car ride away - so bring your bikes for a bike hike. Sunday service with communion.

We currently have 2 lodges that sleep 24 each. Deposit has been made.

Bed linens, pillow, blankets and towels ARE NOT PROVIDED.

Please contact Alice with any questions: 412-795-0524.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 10:00a-Worship 12:00p-Wilkins Party	<b>3</b> Labor Day	<b>4</b> 7:00p-Mission	<b>5</b> 8:00a-Garden Committee 12:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study	<b>6</b> 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 53052 7:00p-Bell Choir	<b>7</b> 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 52353	<b>1</b> 11:00a-Memorial Service - John Thompson
<b>9</b> 9:00a-Sunday School 10:00a-Worship 11:00a-Life is Short-Eat Dessert First	<b>10</b> 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:00p-Building and Grounds Meeting 7:30p-Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 7:00p-Deacons	<b>12</b> 8:00a-Garden Committee 12:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study	<b>13</b> 7:00p-Bell Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00a-Sunday School 10:00a-Worship	<b>17</b> 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:30p-Boy Scouts 7:30p-Session Meeting	<b>18</b> 6:00p-Girl Scout Leaders' Meeting	<b>19</b> 8:00a-Garden Committee 12:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study	<b>20</b> 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 53052 7:00p-Bell Choir 11:45p-Caller Articles Due	<b>21</b> 6:30p-Girl Scout Troop 52353	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00a-Sunday School 10:00a-Worship	<b>24</b> 6:30p-Cub Scouts 6:30p-T.O.P.S. 7:30p-Boy Scouts	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:00a-Garden Committee 12:00p-Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study	<b>27</b> 8:00a-Playground Build - Pivik 7:00p-Bell Choir	<b>28</b> 8:00a-Playground Build - Pivik	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00a-Sunday School 10:00a-Worship						