

# PLAIN GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

**“SINCE 1799...A Place to Believe, Belong and Become!!!”**

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724-530-2144

September 2020

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## I'd Like to Visit You!

The Corona Virus has had a profound impact on community life here at Plain Grove Church. Though some feel comfortable worshipping together on Sunday mornings, there are many who do not. Sunday School has been canceled for several months, and we have not been able to be together for a luncheon or social event since February.

As a result of this, many folks have not been able to see one another. I am one of those people. There some of our Covenant Partners whom I have not seen for almost six months. So, I would like to visit you, but you must invite me, as I do not want to encroach on those who have medical and/or immunity concerns.

I will be happy to come and visit. I will wear a mask. I will even visit you from a distance outside of your house in your yard, and I will not stay long.

You can invite me by calling me or sending me a text at 724-967-2926 or an email at [keehlwetter@gmail.com](mailto:keehlwetter@gmail.com). In the meantime, we hope that you will take advantage of our live stream worship service on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM on our Facebook page. If you can't watch at that time, they are archived so that you can watch them as you are able.



This pandemic has created many difficult challenges for Christian communities across America. Experts who are observing this situation predict that when it is all over most churches will have about one-third less people in attendance on Sundays than before the crisis. As many as one-third of our folks may never return. So, stay in contact! I'd be happy to visit you!

Stan

## **September Worship Opportunities At Plain Grove Church**

**Remember that we are back to regular hours!  
Worship – 11:00 AM**

**We will continue sermons from the Gospel of Mark**

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| September 6  | Worship at 11:00 AM<br>Scripture: Mark 8:31-38<br>Sermon: “Taking Up the Cross”                 |
| September 13 | Worship at 11:00 AM<br>Scripture: Mark 9:2-9<br>Sermon: “The Importance of the Transfiguration” |
| September 20 | Worship at 11:00 AM<br>Scripture: Mark 9:14-19<br>Sermon: “Bring the Boy to Me”                 |
| September 27 | Worship at 11:00 AM<br>Scripture: Mark 9:33-37<br>Sermon: “Who Is the Greatest”                 |

**The Session will meet in September on Thursday,  
September 3, at 7:00 PM.**

**We have been in partnership with our sister church at Eastbrook to engage in activities that will support their Alaska Mission Trip. Though they did not go to Alaska this year they have nevertheless supported projects in that state and are planning a trip in 2021.**

**Parents, please complete the survey about Sunday School. We will be making decisions about that program in the coming weeks.**

**World Communion Sunday – October 4, 2020  
We will use the pre-packaged communion elements again.**

## *Plain Grove Presbyterian Church*

*"Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee" ...Job 22:27*

### **Prayer List for September 2020**

*We pray for family and friends...*

*Charlie Campbell  
Helen Eppinger  
Suzanne Fields  
Jim Hohmann  
Erma Jean Hohmann  
Todd Laughrey  
Samantha Blair Dorr  
Spike Kline  
Carl Richardson  
Mary Richardson*

*Pray for our country.*

*We pray for those in our Armed Forces,*

*President Trump and our leaders.*

*We pray for the First Responders, Nurses, Doctors,*

*and all Healthcare Workers.*



*Please notify the church secretary when a name needs to be added or removed from the list.*

## Session Highlights – September 2020

- Sunday school for Children to resume on October 4<sup>th</sup> (2 age groups)
- Adult Sunday school to resume on October 4<sup>th</sup>
- An All Outside Trunk or Treat has been approved to take place in the church parking lot on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 – consider bringing a pop-up tent to cover your vehicle if the weather is bad
- We have financial assistance available and encourage anyone with a financial need to reach out directly to Pastor Stan or Brian Hetzer
- We will be holding a Special Thanksgiving Food Drive – be looking out for more info to come
- We will continue to use prefilled communion cups for the remainder of this year
- We are reinstating our Feasibility committee to explore possible kitchen/parking lot upgrades
- Sermon Series continuing from the Book of Mark



Back in February and before the Covid Pandemic hit in March, it was decided that Plain Grove Church would begin a kid's club for students in grades two through six. Because of CDC guidelines, we are going to begin a virtual kid's club until we can meet in person again.

Our plans are to have meetings twice a month. We will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 7:00 – 7:45 pm. We will be using the Google Meet platform for meetings. That means that a gmail account will be needed. Our first meeting will take place on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in having your young person be a part of the youth club, please send your child's name, email address, and grade to Mary Campbell at [madcampbell57@gmail.com](mailto:madcampbell57@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to beginning a new fun experience with the children of our congregation.

## *Birthdays*

September 1 ~ Nancy Locke

September 2 ~ Eric Peoples

September 7 ~ Tim Pizor

September 9 ~ Kora Graham

Jess McCurdy

September 12 ~ Brian Graham

September 13 ~ Alyssa Cribbs

Evelyn Reed

September 16 ~ Sydney Sotter

September 18 ~ Gayle Kirk

Kyle Stewart

September 19 ~ Rhonda Catalfamo

Aubree Deems

Charles Glenn

September 21 ~ Emily McKissick

September 25 ~ Charles Orr

September 26 ~ Dan Deems

Brenda McKissick

Savannah Schwenke

September 30 ~ Eric R. Peoples

## *Anniversaries*

September 1 ~ Tim & Brandy Pizor

September 19 ~ Jerry & Marsha Martin

September 27 ~ Tim & Lacey Richardson

September 28 ~ Ben & Karlee Graham



## *Events*

September 3 ~ Session Meeting 7:00PM

September 6 ~ Regular Hours Resume

Worship @ 11:00 AM

September 7 ~ Labor Day

September 11 ~ Patriot Day

September 22 ~ Autumn Begins