

PLAIN GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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

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October 2020

October Opportunities

Things are not back to normal, but it appears that the country is slowly moving in that direction. While we recognize that many are still unable or uncomfortable about participating in any in-person activities, nevertheless, we are going to plan some activities for October.

Sunday School – We will hold two classes for children (younger) and youth (older) and one for adults beginning on October 4. Every effort will be made to practice social distancing and mask wearing. Watch for details about the age-break up and location.

Youth Club – An opportunity for children in grades 2 through 6 will begin on the second Monday of the month (October 12) and continue on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 7:00 to 7:45 PM. It will be virtual (on-line) at first but eventually the club will meet in the church. There is information in this newsletter about how to register.

Trunk-or-Treat – This successful annual activity will again be held outdoors on Halloween Day from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Plan to dress up, bring a trunk load of goodies and enjoy the children in their costumes. Bring your kids and grandkids.

Thanksgiving Dinner Project – As a congregation we are planning to provide a Thanksgiving Dinner to anyone who needs one. You can contribute food items, make a monetary contribution, or volunteer packing boxes. There is additional information in this newsletter.

It is important that Plain Grove Church stay focused on the ministry and mission of the congregation in this community. Social distance, wear a mask, but please join us however you are able.



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October Worship Opportunities At Plain Grove Church

*During the Month of October Rev. Keehlwetter will conclude the series
"Mark: Gospel Basics"*

- October 4 World Communion Sunday
Worship at 11:00 AM
Scripture: Mark 9:42-50
Sermon: "Hyperbolic Teachings"
- October 11 Worship at 11:00 AM
Scripture: Mark 10:13-16
Sermon: "A Child's Faith"
- October 18 Worship at 11:00 AM
Scripture: Mark 10:17-22
Sermon: "In What Do You Trust?"
The Sacrament of Baptism for Infants
- October 25 Worship at 11:00 AM
Scripture: Mark 10:46-52
Sermon: "I want to See"



Upcoming Events

November 1 – All Saint's Recognition Sunday

November 8 – Veterans' Day Observance

November 15 – "Thankoffering and Ingathering Sunday"

Note from History Committee:

The History Committee is requesting that anyone with old pictures from the church and congregation to please share them with the committee. Also, if anyone has any pictures of the congregation currently to show this time in our history, specifically mask wearing, to please share those also. These can be left in the office and copies will be made and they will be returned to you. Or you can send them electronically to Sam Locke at slockelhs@gmail.com. Thank you

Plain Grove Presbyterian Church

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

Prayer List for October 2020

We pray for family and friends...

*Charlie Campbell
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 – October 2020

- Sunday school to resume on October 4th
- Kid's club to begin Oct 12th for 2nd – 6th graders - virtually for now – Sign up
- Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on October 31st from 5:30 – 7:30
- We have financial assistance available and encourage anyone with a financial need to reach out directly to Pastor Stan or Brian Hetzer
- We have approved sending a donation to Harvest Bridge to use to help children in Nepal go to school
- We have updated our Use of Church policy and will allow use with an \$80 charge for extra cleaning and have implemented guidelines to follow relating to the pandemic
- We will be holding a Special Thanksgiving Food Drive –more info in the coming weeks
- We will continue to use prefilled communion cups for the remainder of this year
- Our Feasibility committee is exploring kitchen upgrade options
- John McConnell and Jim Stewart attended MAG meeting with other local churches for open discussion about what is happening at their churches
- Sermon Series continuing from the Book of Mark through the end of October



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 12th.

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.

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

Birthdays

October 1 ~ Justin Martin

October 4 ~ Diana Book

Rex Young

October 6 ~ Ezra Baney

Ida Baney

Jill McConahy

Aedan Shidemantle

October 8 ~ Lois Hogue

Sandy McCrumb

October 9 ~ Tanner Hohmann

October 17 ~ Rodney Blair

October 20 ~ Scott McCurdy

October 22 ~ Anne Brenneman

John McConnell

Rich Powell

October 23 ~ Wendell Watson

October 26 ~ Peggy Schwenke

October 30 ~ Jaylyn Deems

Becky Hetzer

October 31 ~ Marsha Bovard

Anniversaries

October 3 ~ James & Debbie Reed

October 5 ~ Jeff & Colleen Deems

October 6 ~ Ryan & Roberta Baney

October 9 ~ Leo Echement & Joanne Ferg-
Echement

Rich & Peggy Schwenke

October 10 ~ Cody & Alyssa Cribbs

Brian & Becky Hetzer

October 11 ~ Denny & Terri Burns

October 19 ~ Rich & Deb Fuhr

October 29 ~ Brad & Melissa George

Events

October 1 ~ Session Meeting 7pm

October 4 ~ World Communion Sunday

October 12 ~ Columbus Day

October 31 ~ Halloween

~ Trunk or Treat





BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT
WORD SCRAMBLE

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2. EINEGSS: _____
3. TICLEVUIS: _____
4. EAEHNIMH: _____
5. HTSREE: _____
6. CTSESEECLIAS: _____
7. ASIIASH: _____
8. SUOHJA: _____
9. ICAMH: _____
10. IODBAAH: _____
11. EPIZNHAA: _____
12. GAGAH: _____
13. ZEAR: _____
14. BUMRNES: _____
15. OUMENOETDRY: _____
16. HUTR: _____



Trunk or Treat



Please come and join us for Trunk or Treat. This will be held on Saturday, October 31st, from 5:30 – 7:30 and be held completely outside. Participants will park in the parking lot along the side of the church and should plan to stay the entire time for the safety of those walking around. Masks need to worn the entire time. Please have your candy in a bag ready to hand out and not allow little hands in your bowl. Feel free to bring a pop-up tent if you feel you need it, or if there is inclement weather. Looking forward to doing this Fun activity for our community children.

