

PLAIN GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

“SINCE 1799...A PLACE TO BELIEVE, BELONG AND BECOME!!!”

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July/August 2022

Exciting Things Are About To Happen!

Plain Grove Church is about to embark on a new era. In the next few weeks, the Plain Grove Congregation will transition from an aging part-time interim pastor to a younger, enthusiastic full-time leader.

It is important for you to know that I am excited about this. I have said for several years that Plain Grove needs a full-time pastor to lead this vibrant congregation into the next level of ministry. I have loved being with you and certainly will miss the opportunity that I have had to be your pastor over the past, almost 13 years. But it is time for the next step.

You will receive an official announcement very soon about the individual that the Pastoral Nominating Committee will be presenting to the congregation. Please review this information and talk with the members of the PNC. They are all very excited.

On Sunday, July 17, the nominee will present the sermon in the service of worship and immediately after the service there will be a congregational meeting at which a vote will be taken to extend a call to this individual. Since this is also VBS Sunday, there will be a luncheon following the meeting and you will have opportunity to meet your new pastor. Please try to be present on July 17.



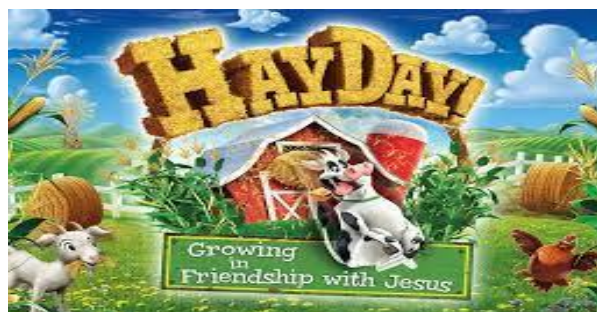
If all goes according to the planned procedures, I will conclude my part-time tenure at Plain Grove Church on Sunday, September 25, and the new pastor will begin on World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2022.

In Christ's Service,
Stan

July Worship Events

During the month of July, we will conclude the Sermon Series on “The Elisha Stories”.

- July 3 Independence Day Sunday
Worship at 10:00 AM
Scripture: II Kings 4:8-10
Sermon: “The Woman from Shunnam”
- July 10 Worship at 10:00 AM
Scripture: II Kings 5:1-6
Sermon: “Elisha and Naaman”
- July 17 Worship at 10:00 AM
Scripture: TBA
Sermon: TBA – **Candidate’s Sermon**
Vacation Bible School Program
Congregational Meeting
- July 24 Summer Communion
Worship at 10:00 AM
Scripture: II Kings 13:20-21
Sermon: “Leaving a Legacy”
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
- July 31 Worship at 10:00 AM
Scripture: TBA
Sermon: TBA
Guest Preacher: Dr. George Van Campbell



Plain Grove Presbyterian Church

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

Prayer List for July/August 2022

We pray for family and friends...

Charlie Campbell

Suzanne Fields

Todd Laughrey

Samantha Blair Dorr

Mary Richardson

Marlene Kroll

We pray for our country.

We pray for those in our Armed Forces,

President Biden 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 June 2022

- Around 85 people attended the Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, May 18th
- Deacons will be reaching out by calling members – please let them know if you have any needs
- Church Directory will be updated in the fall – please watch for more info to make any updates
- Upgrade of the Church’s technology, live streaming system will be happening at the end of June
- Coffee Hour being planned by the Deacons for after Worship on July 10th
- VBS theme is Hay Day, and is scheduled for July 11-14
- July 17th there will be a Picnic for VBS and the congregation and guests after Worship
- Family, Fun, Festival will be Friday, June 24th 6-8 pm, including ice cream and games for all
- Summer Kick Off Picnic after worship on June 12th
- Summer Hours of 9 am Sunday school and 10 am Worship will begin on June 19th
- Cookbooks are in and cost \$10
- History Committee is meeting after Worship on June 26th
- June City Rescue Mission Fish Fry on June 5th served approximately 35
- Mother’s Day offering collected for Aware to help with roof costs was \$3000, and was approximately a quarter of the cost of their project
- June Mission collection for Arise
- Pentecost Communion served 99
- Summer Communion will be on July 24th
- Pastor Nominating Committee is continuing their search for a new full-time pastor
- Current sermon series on Elijah and Elisha
- May Financial results: Revenues \$13,418.03, Expenses \$13,948.70 Net (530.67) ***note negative balance reflected in part because we had to pay for the cookbooks in full and haven’t sold them all yet

A Special Thank You

I was completely surprised on Sunday, June 12, as the congregation celebrated the 40th Anniversary of my Ordination to the Christian Ministry. I knew that something was up when I saw so many people from previous congregations and friends from literally all over the country. It was a very nice surprise, though I do hate surprises.

Thank you for the beautiful clock, the many gift cards, and the great notes from the Sunday School children. One of my favorites read “Dear Reverent Stan, thanks for being the best preacher ever!”

What was really nice was just the presence of so many people from Plain Grove and from the past, and my family. It was a great day. Thank you! Stan



Birthdays

July 1 ~ Malia Baney

July 5 ~ Nate Boles

July 6 ~ Lexie McCurdy

Glenn Studebaker

July 8 ~ Kathy Hohmann

Sammy Staples

July 10 ~ Stan Keehlwetter

July 13 ~ Katlyn Steinheiser

Shelby Steinheiser

July 14 ~ Sarah Schwenke

July 16 ~ Bud Hilmar

Audrey Staples

July 20 ~ Pamela McConnell

July 21 ~ Melissa George

Chris Weller

July 24 ~ Lori Martin

July 26 ~ Lindsay McKissick

July 27 ~ Marsha Martin

July 28 ~ Melane Glenn

Anniversaries

July 1 ~ Eric & Linda Peoples

Tom & Linda Wilson

July 3 ~ Richard & Diana Book

July 10 ~ Tom & Jill McConahy

July 24 ~ Bob & Bev Graham

Ken & Sally Bluedorn

Herb & Twila Smith

July 26 ~ Joe & Bev Snyder

Date to Remember

July 4 ~ Independence Day

July 7 ~ Administrative Meeting

July 10 ~ Coffee Hour **following** Worship

July 11-14 ~ "HayDay" VBS 6-8 PM

~11&12 Ages 2-6

~13&14 Ages 7-12

July 17 ~ VBS program & picnic

~ **Pastoral Candidate preaching**

July 24 ~ Summer Communion



Birthdays

August 1 ~ Charlie Campbell

August 4 ~ Joe Hammerschmidt

Tom Wilson

August 5 ~ Connie Dickey

Miranda Fleeger

August 8 ~ Sam Hohmann

August 9 ~ Jim Stewart

August 10 ~ Heather Boles

Sam Locke II

August 11 ~ Pat Stewart

August 12 ~ Magnolia Deems

Leda Hammerschmidt

Jerry Martin

Jean McNulty

August 14 ~ Debbie Cooper

August 15 ~ Mike Mullen

August 20 ~ Abram Hammerschmidt

August 21 ~ Linda Peoples

August 24 ~ Katie Shuty

August 26 ~ Penny Kretzer

August 27 ~ Bob Graham

August 29 ~ Paula Deems



Anniversaries

August 1 ~ Zach & Heather Burns

August 6 ~ John & Shelley Orlowski

August 9 ~ Mike & Susan Mullen

August 12 ~ Glenn & Pearl Studebaker

August 15 ~ Donald & Nancy Deems

August 24 ~ Sam & Nancy Locke

August 31 ~ Cory & Sadie Powell

Announcements

- **There will be no Sunday School for Children or Adults during the month of August.**
- **We will return to Regular Worship Hours on Sunday, September 4: Worship at 11:00 AM.**
- **Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 11, at 10:00 AM.**
- **The Next Session Meeting will be on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 7:00 PM.**