



# Highlights On The Plains

August 2017  
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*Helping people, both outside and within the walls of the church,  
become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.*

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

Last week in our worship service we sang both out of our experience and in faith that God's faithfulness is great. The song says:

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*



God truly is faithful to us, in all things, at all times. The challenge for us then becomes how we can respond to that faithfulness.

We were presented the opportunity to welcome the community into our building this year for a kids carnival. I am very pleased to tell you that over 90 kids and their families came through our doors and were met with love, excitement, joy, and an amazing time. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help make this a reality. God again showed Himself faithful through this event. There is not a doubt in my mind that without God's hand in it we would not have had the donations from businesses that we received, nor would we have had the volunteers from Kids Serve come and help us run all the games. A big thank you to all those businesses and the kids from Reynoldsburg UMC and Central Avenue UMC.

Being newly appointed here, I am able to have a lot of "firsts." For the first time this month I was able to be a part of our ministry team that opens a food pantry on the third and fourth Thursday of every month. This month, we gave out 879 items of food to families in need. The goal during these times is to give the families enough food that they can eat for 3-4 days, so amounts of food vary by family size and composition.

A colleague of mine is the pastor of a large UM church. His church started a campaign that they called "One Thing." I'm unashamedly borrowing this idea, and am challenging us at The Plains UMC to focus on bringing in One Thing each month in addition to our regular tithes and offerings. This month, our One Thing is boxes of Chicken and Tuna Helper as well as cans of chicken and tuna. These items in combination represent one meal for a family and are staples given out from our food pantry. Each week, we will bring those items up and set them at the altar to see God's provision through this congregation grow.

God is faithful. He has proven that, and He continues to remain faithful. Let's respond to God by remaining faithful in the little things He has set before us.

Blessings,  
Dan

**Known Prayer Concerns**

**Prayer List:** Please review our current prayer list and notify the church office if a name needs to be removed. We appreciate your help.

TPUMC Congregation	Jacob Brooks	Emily Fischer	Pam Perkins Family	Karen & Ken Stout
Our Country	Bill Coon	Diane Haley	Paula Pope	Kenny Tyo
Homeless in The Plains	Gary Darnell	Tom Hirst	Rita Robb	Zachary Webb
Barb Adams	Anthony DeBeradinis Family	Sharon Horel	Chuck Sheets	Doris Whiteside
Brenda Arbaugh	Diana Sue Douglas	Charlotte Jones	Shriner Family	Judy Woolery
Bossart Family	Bobbi Dunham	Jean Michael Sebring	Harold Smith	Those dealing with Cancer

**Pray for those in the nursing homes and who are homebound:**

**Hickory Creek:** Nancy "Tickie" Fuller, John White

**Lindley Inn:** Mary Scott, Betty Wiseman, Jane White, Greg Yates

**Carlin House:** Norma Rypma

**Laurels:** Bess Relyea,

**Homebound:** Geraldine Stump

**Prayer for our Nation, our leaders, and our service men and women:** Ethan Lambert, Caylon Sammons, Brandon Sammons, Denver Sammons, Todd Hart, Mitchell Daughtery, Jacob Redman, Todd McWilliams



We express our Christian love and sympathy to:

- Family of Kyril Snedden. Kyril passed away July 7, 2017.
- Alice Elliott & Family, her son in law Robert Richey passed away July 19, 2017.



**Card Shower for August:** Chuck Sheets, 4660 Vore Ridge Rd., Athens OH 45701

<b>AUGUST BIRTHDAYS</b>					
Becky Spencer	1	Tyler Flinn	13	Andy Nisley	17
Deb Doseck	1	William Peacock	13	Dick Staten	19
Doug Lawrence	5	Alyssa Bentley	14	Jane White	19
Andrew Flinn	6	Amanda Mosher	14	Dave Stricklin	21
Garry Hunter	8	Greg Allen	14	Jeff Fischer	22
Judy Young	9	Jill Tedrow Christman	14	Elise Stephan	25
Dorothy Zimmerman	10	Lynn Anastas	14	Tammy Bauman	26
Mitch Bentley	10	Todd Reed	14	Lilly Michigan	28
Emmett Goodwin	13	Dana Bauman	15		
Janice McGee	13	Nick Fischer	16		



<b>AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES</b>	
Paul and Marcelyn Dixon	4
Dave and Liz Hoisington	5
Rob and Patsy Dearing	6
Jim and Jan Evans	6
Dean and Sharon Berry	7
Jiggs and Donna Brown	9
Joel and Wendy Harbarger	18
Kenny and Judy Young	19
Greg and Jan Allen	27



# What's Happening

## August Calendar

8/3 - Community Lunch at Lindley Inn  
 8/6 - Communion  
 8/10 - LSS Food Pantry @ 12-1 pm  
 8/13 - Family Game Night @ 6-8pm  
 8/16 - UMW @ 7pm  
 8/17 - Food Pantry @ 6 - 7:30 pm  
 8/21 - Leadership Team Meeting @ 7 pm  
 8/22 - Life Line Screening  
 8/24 - Food Pantry @ 11:30am - 1:00 pm  
 8/27 - Emmaus Gathering @ 3:00 pm  
 8/28 - Blood Drive @ 1-7 pm

## September Calendar

9/1 - 5th Quarter @ 9-11 pm  
 9/3 - Communion  
 9/4 - Labor Day - Office Closed  
 9/7 - Community Lunch at The Lindley Inn  
 9/8 - Lion's Club Car Show @ 5:00 pm  
 9/10 - Combined Service @ 10:30 am with Victory Trio  
 9/12 - Yoga Class Session Begins @ 6:00pm  
 9/14 - LSS Food Pantry @  
 9/15 - 5th Quarter @ 9-11 pm  
 9/18 - Leadership Team Meeting @ 7 pm  
 9/20 - UMW @ 7:00 pm  
 9/21 - Food Pantry @ 6:00-7:30 pm  
 9/24 - Emmaus Gathering @ 3:00 pm  
 9/28 - Food Pantry @ 11:30-1:00 pm  
 9/29 - 5th Quarter @ 9-11 pm

## We're Going Back To School



**Family Game Time:** The next family game night will be Sunday, 8/13, 6-8 pm. Bring your favorite games, puzzle, etc. Please bring drinks or snacks. Coffee is provided.

*Come join the fun!!!!*



**United Methodist Women** - The next UMW meeting will be Wednesday, August 16 at the church.

- Devotions -- Wanda Rutter
- Refreshments -- Linda Fowler



Thank you for your donations and volunteering during the month of July for our church & UMW events.

### **REFIT® & Yoga:**

- REFIT® with Tammy is on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 pm and is free. There will be no class on 8/28 due to the Bloodmobile using the FLC.
- The last Yoga class with Rebecca Wood is Tuesday at 6 pm. The next session is scheduled for September 12 through November 21.



**Helping Hands Food Pantry:** The month of July the Helping Hand food pantry served 43 households. Within the household we served 88 individuals. Thank you for all donations and to the volunteers who help with the pantry. Please remember the church food pantry while you are grocery shopping.



**Fifth Quarter:** Every fall The Plains UMC hosts an after game gathering for Jr./Sr. high youth following the Athens High School home football games. The Family Life Center is the location of the events featuring music, pizza, games and a time of socializing with friends. The "party" begins after the games and ends at midnight. The first home game is August 26th.



**Finance Report**

**We give back God’s gifts through the work of our church!**

Our congregation participates in weekly worship with our attendance and offerings as our way of praising God and giving back to Him a portion of the blessings He has given to us. The information about our participation over the past month that is provided below is a testament to our discipleship! Our ministries and operations are funded primarily by your offerings. Our average weekly need for our General Fund is \$4,216. Our Average weekly need for our Building Fund is \$880 to reduce the debt on our facilities. Your gifts of time and financial resources enable our church to continue ministry to our congregation and community.

	7/2/17	7/9/17	7/16/17	7/23/17	7/30/17
<b>Offerings given for General Fund</b>	\$3815.75	\$3428.15	\$5332.80	\$1348.25	\$5225.00
<b>Offerings given for Building Fund</b>	\$1501.50	\$440.00	\$505.00	\$270.00	\$450.00
<b>Attending in Worship</b>	111	103	112	103	139



Thank you for the lovely flowers and for the gracious use of the church (for Kyril Sneddon's Funeral).  
~Jennifer & Mike Radcliffe and Matthew Snedden.

**Lions Club Car Show - Food Pantry:** Friday, September 8th, The Plains Lions Club will sponsor a car show here in the church parking lot to benefit our food pantry. We will be needing volunteers and desserts for the car show. Call the church office to volunteer.



**Church World Service Kits:** Starting August 13th, we will begin collecting items for school kits and hygiene kits. Watch for the display in the lobby or call the office for more information. Bags and notebooks are available in the church office. If you have extra material to donate (at least ½ yard) or would be willing to sew the bags, please talk with Anita in the church office. Kits will be dedicated on Sunday, 9/11. Please bring your kits to the church office by Friday, 9/8.



**Life Line Screening,** a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at Plains United Methodist Church. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; Carotid Artery (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. Register online TODAY at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) and receive your “Community Circle” discount and your Preferred Appointment



**Blood Mobile:** There will be a Red Cross bloodmobile at the church on Monday, August 28 at 1 pm. Baked goods for the canteen are always appreciated.

*Note from Jackie Mishler, Account Manager II of Athens & Morgan Counties:*

Thank you so much for allowing the Red Cross to collect lifesaving blood at The Plains UMC! Your church is the largest community blood drive in Athens county going every 56 days and collecting an average of 50 units each time. In 2016 your site collected 291 units of lifesaving blood which means that potentially 873 people benefited!! Amazing! Thank you!!



Here are the dates for remainder of 2017 to June of 2018:

**2017**  
August 28  
October 23  
December 18

**2018**  
February 26  
April 23  
June 25

# CARNIVAL

