



# Highlights On The Plains

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## The Plains United Methodist Church

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

It seems like our world is filled with scandals today. It doesn't matter if it's the next big issue with celebrities like what happened over the summer with the relatively "hit" show *Bachelor in Paradise*, or perhaps it has to do with our President's latest tweet, or perhaps the scandal of the day has to do with whether or not we stand or sit during the national anthem. In a world of revolving scandals and revolving issues that the media seems to dictate and orchestrate, what we need is a firm foundation; we need a solid grounding to keep us from being battered about by every force of today that demands time and energy from us.



As Christians, we have direct access to that anchor, to that grounding. As one of my favorite hymns says:

*How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
Who unto the Savior, who unto the Savior,  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?*

And then in verse three

*Fear not, I am with thee; oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, upheld by my righteous,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

We indeed have our firm foundation, in Jesus our Lord. He is our strength, our comfort, our help in times of dire straits. He is our rock, our fortress, in Him we find peace.

What would the world look like around us if we simply stood in that promise. Yes there are scandals and issues that torment us and threaten to undo us, but in God that doesn't matter. We're in the midst of a sermon series learning about how God uses our stories, all of them—the good, the ugly, and the scandals—to call us into redemption. Scandals and the terrors of the world are a real thing, but that doesn't mean that we have to be drowned by them.

Rest in the Lord, in all things. In the midst of natural disaster, death, torment, scandal, pain, joy, celebration, and victory. Rest in the Lord. He is our foundation, in all things. He is our help in time of need. Rest in Him, in all things.

Thank you!

Pastor 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	Blane Crabb	Christy Mosier	Fred Shaw
Our Country	George Cvetan	Jean Nottingham	Bob Cooley
Homeless in The Plains	Ginny Douglas	Joe Pidcock	Butch Skidmore
Athens City Schools	Susie Emmert	Paula Pope	Chuck Sheets
Barb Adams	David Farley	Merlin Ryan	Keith Watson
Rich Bean	Charolette Jones	Tom Hirst	Harold Morris
John Belville	Mary Lee Michael McBride	Janice Allen	
David Brown	Marjorie Tyson Lanz	Alice Elliott	
Those dealing with Cancer			
Flooding victims in Texas & Florida			

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

**Hickory Creek:** Nancy "Tickie" Fuller, John White  
**Lindley Inn:** Mary Scott, Jane White, Greg Yates  
**Laurels:** Bess Relyea, Alice Elliott, Rich Bean

**Kimes:** Pat Funk  
**Carlin House:** Norma Rypma  
**Homebound:** Geraldine Stump



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



**Card Shower for October:** Mary Scott, 9000 Hocking Hills Drive #114, The Lindley Inn, The Plains, OH 45780



Havar, Inc would like to thank you for letting us use your wonderful facility on 8/18 for our RecAfter Hours carnival. Thanks to you, a wonderful time was had by all. ~Havar Inc.

**October Birthdays**

2 Emilie Seyfang	14 Herb Carson	23 Patty Coon
5 Gladys Galloway	19 Shawn Hunter	24 Janet Grover
5 Rosalee DeWeese	21 Claire Carson	24 Sherry Talbert
8 Suzanne Wallace	21 Jenny Schwirian	25 George Cvetan
10 Caylon Sammons	21 Rachel Nichols	28 Betty Eberts
10 Tara Sammons	23 Bob Dailey	29 Carolyn Cade
12 Tom Hirst		

**October Anniversaries**

9 Rich and June Bean
13 Glenn and Cyndi Hanson
14 Mike and Pam Dailey
28 Jack and Mary Lee McBride
28 Ted and Judy Reed
29 Jim and Milly Leach



*Anniversaries  
and Birthdays*

## 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.

	9/3/17	9/10/17	9/17/17	9/24/17
<b>Offerings given for General Fund</b>	\$5301.00	\$1821.00	\$6047.00	\$2153.00
<b>Offerings given for Building Fund</b>	\$965.00	\$110.00	\$595.00	\$715.00
<b>Attending in Worship</b>	113	75	103	126

**Giving:** We know that in this day and age, many people do not carry cash or checks. We now are able to accept giving through text messages. If you have a smartphone, text your donation amount (i.e. \$18) to the number 84321. You will be sent a link to a secure portal to input your giving information and from there can set up either recurring or one-time donations. Thank you for your continued support of TPUMC.



## *What's Happening*

### **October Calendar**

- 10/1 - Communion
- 10/2 - Prayers Group @ 10 am
- 10/6 - Community Lunch at Lindley Inn
- 10/6-8 - Indian Mound Festival
- 10/7 - 5th Quarter
- 10/8 - Indian Mound Parade @ 2 pm
- Kid's Carnival @ 3:15-5 pm
- 10/12 - LSS Food Pantry @ 12-2 pm
- 10/13 - Friday Night Life returns
- 10/15 - Family Game Night 6-8 pm
- 10/16 - Leadership Team Meeting @ 7pm
- 10/17 - Food Pantry @ 6-7:30 pm
- 10/18 - UMW @ 7 pm
- 10/20 - Friday Night Life
- 10/23 - Red Cross Blood Drive @ 1-7 pm
- 10/26 - Food Pantry @ 11:30-1:00 pm
- Trunk or Treat @5:30 pm
- 10/29 - Fifth Sunday Offering (Holiday Food Boxes)
- Emmaus Gathering@ 3 pm

### **November Calendar**

#### *Looking Ahead...*

- 11/2 -Community Lunch ar Lindley Inn
- 11/3 -Friday Night Life
- 11/5 - Communion
- 11/6 -Holliday Food Box Application Deadline
- 11/7 - Election Day
- 11/9 - LSS Food Bank @ 12-2 pm
- 11/11 -Veterans Day
- 11/12 -Family Game Night @ 6-8pm
- 11/15 -UMW @ 7:00 pm
- 11/16 - Helping Hands Food Pantry @ 6-7:30 pm
- 11/17 -Friday Night Life
- 11/19 -Thanksgiving Potluck & Hanging of the Greens
- 11/20 -Distribute Thanksgiving Food Boxes
- Leadership Ream Meeting @ 7 pm
- 11/21 -Helping Hand Food Pantry 11:30-1:00 pm
- 11/23 -Thanksgiving - Office Closed
- 11/24 -Friday Night Life
- 11/30 -Christmas Bazaar @9-2 pm

**Deadline for November Newsletter articles in Monday, 10/23.**

email to [tpmc45780@gmail.com](mailto:tpmc45780@gmail.com)

**Helping Hands Food Pantry:** Thanks to everyone for donating to the Helping Hands food pantry. During September you donated 62 jars of peanut butter & 59 jars of jelly.



For the month of October please donate saltine crackers. Of course we will except any food item you want to donate.



**October - One Thing ..... Saltine Crackers**

**BIG Thank You to The Plains Lions Club:** On Friday, September 8th, The Plains Lions Club sponsored a car show in the church parking lot to benefit our food pantry. They donated \$700 to the Helping Hands Food Pantry.



**Indian Mound Festival:** The Indian Mound Festival is next weekend! In order to prepare for this event, we will need a lot of help.

**Parade:** We will have a truck in the parade for those who are interested in riding in the bed. We also need walkers to pass out carnival/church information. Meet Pastor Dan in the High School parking lot between 1:00 to 1:45 pm. The parade starts at 2 pm.

**Carnival:** We will be having the Kid's Carnival after the parade 3:15-5:00 pm. We will have a bouncy house, Kona Ice and lots of carnival games. Helpers are needed to supervise the games.



**REFIT® & Yoga:**

- REFIT® with Tammy is on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 pm – there is no fee. If you have any questions please contact Tammy Bauman. REFIT® classes are cancelled on Monday 10/16 and Monday 10/23.
- Yoga class with Rebecca Wood is on Tuesdays at 6 pm. The next session is scheduled for September 12 through November 21. Classes are \$5 each.



**Trunk or Treat:** Again his year TPUMC will sponsor Trunk Or Treat. We encourage you to bring your car and pass out your candy here in the church parking lot. To make it even more fun, you can dress up as your favorite character.

The reason we do this it so that the children of our community have a safe place to trick-or-treat. It also gives us another opportunity to show love and care for all The Plains.

So set aside the date of October 26, 5:30 pm and join us in the parking for Trunk-Or-Treat!



**What is Trunk or Treat?**

**Trunk or Treat,** is a fun and safe way to celebrate Halloween. It is usually a church or community-sponsored event held in a large parking lot. The sponsors of the Trunk or Treat event park their cars together and open their trunks to reveal Halloween-themed decorations (optional). Children can walk from trunk to trunk to look at the decorations and receive candy and treats. These events provide a controlled and safe family environment for trick-or-treaters of all ages.

**United Methodist Women** - The next UMW meeting will be Wednesday, October 18 at the church.

- Devotions -- Linda Fowler
- Program -- Barb Mingus
- Refreshments -- Jan Evans

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the pantry during the month of September.



The UMW will be busy in the month of October. Please feel free to volunteer to help serve or provide food for these events:

- 10/12 - AFAN - Finger Foods
- 10/19 - Soil & Water Dinner
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**Family Game Time:** The next family game night will be Sunday, 10/15 - 6-8 pm. Bring your favorite games, puzzle, etc. Please bring drinks or snacks. Coffee is provided.

*Come join the fun!!!!*



**Church World Service Kits:** Thanks to everyone who donated items for the school kits and health kits. We sent 61 school kits and 32 Health Kits.



**Fifth Quarter:** After each home football game, the TPUMC sponsors 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter. Through this ministry, we offer Athens High School Students a safe place to hang out, play games, and talk with their friends. But to do this, we need your help! If you could take a few hours out of one of your Friday nights to come and chaperone, we would be appreciative. Volunteer signup sheet is on the Welcome Center!



The dates for 5<sup>th</sup> quarter are: 10/6 - Meigs and 10/27 - Nelsonville-York

**Holiday Food Boxes:** The Helping Hand Food Pantry prepares over 60 food boxes during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. We would like to get the congregation involved in sponsoring a box. \$35 will buy a complete food box - \$20 a turkey and \$15 for the rest of the meal. The 5th Sunday in October offering will be for this ministry. Any amount of donation will be appreciated. Watch for the display in the church lobby or call the church office for more information.



**Blood Mobile:** There will be a Red Cross bloodmobile at the church on Monday, October 23 at 1 pm. Baked goods for the canteen are always appreciated.

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

2017  
October 23

2018  
February 26  
April 23  
June 25

