

THIS MONTH . . .

- Prayer Call Night
- Christmas Food Share
- Hoxworth Blood Drive
- Looking Ahead 2026!

the Beacon

Plum Creek

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Celebrate Christmas at Plum Creek

Sundays in December at 9:30 or 11:00 am

THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS

Join us at Plum Creek this Christmas season! Throughout the month of December, we will celebrate Jesus' birth in many special ways:

- * **Special music all month** – before, during, and after services
- * **Dec 7th** | Kids will be singing on stage and it's **Plaid Sunday**. Time to wear those plaid shirts!
- * **December 14th** | A **live nativity** along with fresh kettle corn & hot chocolate
- * **December 21st** | This will be a special "Christmas Sunday" celebration

Invite everyone you know to come and hear about the promise of Christmas!

Christmas Eve

4:30 pm

Bring the whole family and join us for carols, candlelight, and the meaning of Christmas!



Tide for Christmas

Blessing Local Families

Collecting 150 Original 84oz Bottles of Tide Detergent

for local families at
Grant's Lick Elementary
Campbell County Middle School
Sharp Middle School (Pendleton)

Deadline: Sunday, 12/14



Plum Creek is partnering with the Family Resource Centers at Grant's Lick Elementary, Campbell County Middle School, and Sharp Middle School in Pendleton County to serve families in need in our local community. We're collecting bottles of Original Tide laundry detergent (84 oz size) to be distributed by the FRCs before the Christmas break. Our goal is to provide 150 bottles, enough for every family served by our partner schools. Bring your donation to the church anytime between now and Sunday, December 14. Thank you for helping us share love and care in such a practical way!

Blue Christmas

A short, quiet, reflective time of prayer for anyone who finds the holidays hard.

Sunday, December 21

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Plum Creek Gathering Area

While Christmas is a season of joy for many, it can also be a difficult time for those who are hurting, grieving, or struggling. At Plum Creek, we want our community to know that we see you – and you are not alone. Join us for Blue Christmas on **Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 PM** in the Plum Creek Gathering Area (enter the front doors). This will be a short, quiet, and reflective time of prayer for anyone who finds the holidays hard—whether because of loss, loneliness, or other burdens. Come as you are. There will be people available to pray with you and for you as we seek hope and comfort together in this season.

Rejoicing with you in the birth of our Savior and wishing you a happy new year filled with hope and joy as we serve together!
MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE PLUM CREEK STAFF

The church office will be closed December 24, 25, 31 & January 1



CHRISTMAS PRAYER CALL NIGHT . MONDAY DECEMBER 1ST: Join us for a special evening of connection and prayer as we reach out to our Plum Creek family this Christmas season. We'll gather in the Plum Creek Gathering Area (use the main entrance) for our Christmas Prayer Call Night on **Monday, December 1 from 6:30-8:30 pm**. Together, we will call members of our church to check in, offer encouragement, and ask how we can pray for them or their loved ones. After the calls are complete, our Prayer Team will lead a time of prayer over all the requests shared throughout the evening. These call nights have been a wonderful way to stay connected and care for one another. We need volunteers to help make calls and pray. Please bring your cell phone and we'll provide the list of names and numbers. A light "grab and go" meal will be provided during the calls. Come help us share hope and prayer this Christmas season!

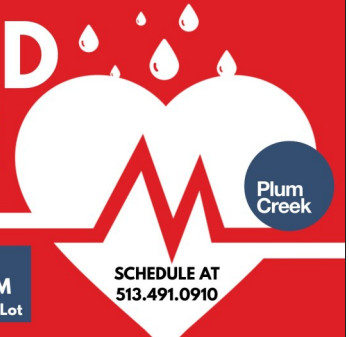
Plum Creek Family Christmas Tree



If you have never added an ornament to our Plum Creek Family Christmas Tree, bring one in and hang it on our tree.

It's one of our Plum Creek Family Christmas traditions!

BLOOD DRIVE



FRIDAY . DECEMBER 5
12-2:15 PM & 3:30-6 PM
 Donor Bus in Plum Creek Parking Lot

SCHEDULE AT
513.491.0910

Help save lives by donating blood! The Hoxworth donor bus will be in the parking lot on **FRIDAY, DEC 5TH**. Call 513.491.0910 now to schedule. All donors receive a Hoxworth Heroes backpack!



Join us in the gathering area on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9th @ 6:30 pm** as we close out the year for our support/social group meeting called Fulfill. This is a monthly in-person gathering to come together in Christ's name to offer compassion, understanding, and support in our daily walks as a chronically ill believer.



SAT . DEC 20

Each month our Sharing Center Team plans and organizes for The Food Share. On the third Saturday of the month, we share groceries with our neighbors. Serving at Food Share is a great way to meet other Plum Creek people and make a Kingdom impact right in our own community. We could always use extra help for our Christmas Food Share. Because of recent events, we expect to have more guests than usual. **If you would like to volunteer, just show up at 8:30 am on Saturday, December 20 at the Life Center.**

SIGN UP: PLUMCREEK.ORG/SHARE



Forward to Freedom CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Goal: \$1,000,000 Pledged: \$1,511,237

Collected since beginning of the Campaign: \$520,265

Mortgage Balance: \$904,379

52% has been given of the goal amount | 35% has been given of pledged amount

Christmas reminds us that God always keeps His promises. What He declared long ago, He fulfilled in Jesus. In our lives today, Christmas shows us that we can trust in God in the most difficult circumstances... even when we're tired of waiting, even when we don't understand what God is doing, even when trusting Him takes courage. As we look at the Christmas story, we'll see that life is one long journey of learning to trust God and take Him at His Word.

Worship ON-SITE @ 9:30 & 11 AM
Or ONLINE @ 11 AM

Current Series...

THE PROMISE OF
CHRISTMAS

YouTube



SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 9:30 & 11 am
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & Elementary

Hey everyone! You will not want to miss our next Preschool event, **LET IT SNOW** on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH** from **6:30–8:00 PM**. It will be a night full of games, snowball fights (not real snow), snow making, and a waffle bar!

REGISTER NOW:
PLUMCREEK.ORG/LETITSNOW
Registration closes 1/9/26 at midnight,
so sign yourself and your friends up now!

Preschool Event

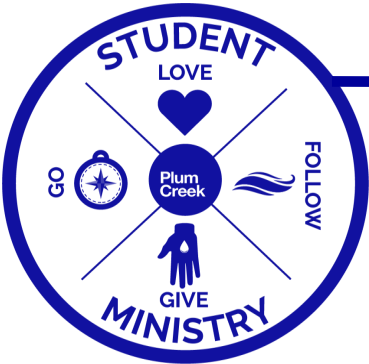
LET IT SNOW

Pajama Party

JAN. 14TH 6:30-8 PM

WAFFLE BAR, GAMES,
SNOWBALL FIGHT, DIY SNOW

REGISTER AT PLUMCREEK.ORG/LETITSNOW
RSVP BY 1/9/26



Rooted Groups study the word of God and focus on getting Middle School and High School students rooted in Christ by applying God's word in their everyday lives.

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 9:30 am
in the LifeCenter

ROOTED GROUPS

Rooting our lives in Christ through the living word of God

HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 105

MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOM 104

9:30 AM SUNDAY MORNING
IN THE LIFE CENTER

We are having an end-of-the-year Christmas Party for the Youth Group. It will be a great night full of games, food, drinks, and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Your student will need to bring a fun, wrapped present that is worth between \$1–\$10. We look forward to seeing you all there!



The Christmas Party will be our last **IGNITE** of 2025. Plan to join us again on Sunday, January 11, 2026!

IGNITE

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 7th, 5:30 p – 7:30 p

We will have Pizza, Snacks, Drinks, and Games!
Bring a wrapped gift worth no more than 10 dollars for our White Elephant Gift Exchange.



A Weekend to Remember Plum Creek Marriage Retreat will take place February 27-March 1, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency in Cincinnati.

FOR MORE INFO: PLUMCREEK.ORG/MARRIAGE

Join us as we kick off 2026 with Vision Sunday!

On January 4th, we'll introduce our main theme for the coming year. You'll hear about our plans for 2026 and how you can be part of what we're doing. Let's be praying that God will use Plum Creek to lead people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus in 2026. Exciting things are ahead!

The next scheduled Discover Brunch is **SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th @ 11 AM** (during 2nd service). Have questions about Plum Creek? Want to know how you can get involved? Want to make this place a little smaller? Join us for this one-session conversation in a relaxed environment where we address who we are and what we're about here at Plum Creek. We also take time to answer specific questions you might have. Questions? Contact doug@plumcreek.org (A free meal is provided)

SIGN UP: PLUMCREEK.ORG/DISCOVER

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability – and gain solid support each step of the way. This session will be facilitated by Missy Heringer and will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm in Room 104 of the LifeCenter. **FOR MORE INFO VISIT: PLUMCREEK.ORG/GRIEFSHARE**

Plum Creek will be taking two global mission trips in 2026 to encourage and support the work of our partners. If you would like more information about these trips, please visit www.plumcreek.org/trips

JUNE 20-27 Jalapa, Guatemala OCTOBER 8-19 Liberty (Africa)

Trip costs are yet to be determined. Information meetings will be held in January. **Sign up now for more info (no commitment): PLUMCREEK.ORG/TRIPS**

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

On-Site @ 9:30 & 11 AM Online @ 11 AM (Facebook/YouTube)
Bible Studies @ 9:30 AM
Middle/High School IGNITE @ 5:30 PM