

THIS MONTH . . .

- Welcome New Staff Member
- Mission Prayer Partners Needed
- GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays
- Sharing Center Holiday Opportunities

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We are excited to be having our Family Fall Festival this year! We'll have a great time playing carnival games, inflatables, hayrides, winning candy, and eating free food. We will also have some games for the parents. This will be a great time. So come and bring your friends!



We are collecting candy to pass out at our upcoming community outreach events. Our goal is to have over 10,000 pieces of candy! You can help us out by picking up some candy and dropping it off at the table in the gathering area near Kidstown by October 25th.

We believe that those who make a positive difference in peoples' lives are a living reflection of who God is. Difference-Maker Sunday is a way for Plum Creek and its members to honor those who have made a difference in our lives and in our communities.

Here are the details for this event...

WHEN: Sunday, November 1st

9-10:30 am (First Service)

10:30 am-12:00 pm (Second Service)

WHAT: Before each Sunday morning service starts, there will be an informal reception with refreshments in the gathering area. This reception is meant to honor and thank people in our lives who are making a positive impact in our schools, work places, families, and communities. During each service we aim to encourage our Difference-Making guests. (Don't worry- no one will be asked to stand up or be singled out. We're just going to share our collective "thanks" and pray for the work that's being done).



WHO: Some good examples of those who are making a difference include:

- A teacher or professor who has made (or is currently making) an impact
- A neighbor or friend who is doing a great job of taking care of their family
- A healthcare professional, coach, or first responder
- A coworker who helps boost morale, or who does a lot of work that flies under the radar
- Anyone who makes a positive difference in your life or community!

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The Plum Creek Staff and Elders invite you to welcome, along with us, our newest staff member, Rob Powell. Rob is transitioning from his volunteer role as one of our elders and stepping into the role of Interim Adults and Operations Minister. Rob and his wife, Betsy, live in Butler and have 3 children: Reese (11), Reagan (10), and Elijah (8). Betsy grew up attending Plum Creek. Rob joined her at times in high school and college. They were married here in 2009 and became members in 2021 after moving back to the area. For many years, Rob has worked for a family business called Honey Hill Farm that operates petting farms for various events and amusement parks. For now, Rob will be serving part time on our staff, as we all prayerfully consider God's leading. Please join us in praying for Rob, his family, for his new ministry, and for our church. We are blessed!



North Africa
Prayer Partners

Sign up to pray - plumcreek.org/AfricaPrayer



Our North Africa mission team will be traveling soon to encourage and support our mission partners. They'll host a worship service, a 3-day retreat for the local missionary team, provide childcare for their families, and participate in prayer walks. You can be part of the mission by contributing in two ways without even leaving home!

- ◆ Support our team through prayer by signing up at: PLUMCREEK.ORG/AFRICAPRAYER
- ◆ You can also choose to provide a date night for one of the seven missionary couples who serve in-country (approx \$40) by giving at: PLUMCREEK.ORG/DATENIGHT

GriefShare

Surviving the Holidays

Providing encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season

Wednesday . November 4th . 6:30-8:30 pm
SIGN UP: PLUMCREEK.ORG/GRIEFSHARE

Grieving the loss of a loved one? The holidays may not feel joyful but likely feel daunting, empty, or even unbearable. If you would like a place to connect with others who understand what you're going through, join us for this 2-hour event on **WEDNESDAY . NOVEMBER 4th from 6:30-8:30 pm** in the LifeCenter. This time will provide practical advice, suggestions, support, encouragement for facing the holidays, and valuable tools to navigate the season. For questions or more info, please contact one of the events hosts: Julie Rose (814.688.5905), Marsha Thompson (859.445.1231), or Missy Herringer (859.635.9660).

REGISTER: PLUMCREEK.ORG/GRIEFSHARE

Every year we rely on the generous monetary donations from the Plum Creek congregation to help fund our Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Food Shares. Typically, 100 families receive food each month. However, in November and December, we provide groceries and additional holiday meal supplies to almost 150 families. We spend around \$2500 for turkeys and \$1500 for hams. Please go to PLUMCREEK.ORG/HOLIDAYFOOD, or put a check in the black box located at each entrance of the Worship Center with "Sharing Center" in the memo line. Thank you for helping us help others in need!

the Sharing center



FOOD SHARE HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Goal for Thanksgiving & Christmas Donations: \$4,000

plumcreek.org/HolidayFood

Hebrews 13:16 "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God"

This month's Food Share will take place on **SATURDAY . OCTOBER 17th** at the LifeCenter. This is a great way to meet other Plum Creek people and make a Kingdom impact right in our own community as we share groceries with our neighbors in need. It's also a great opportunity for your whole family to serve together! If you'd like to serve, just show up at 8:30 am.

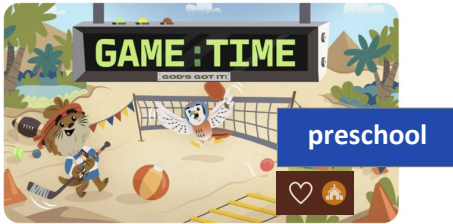
SIGN UP: PLUMCREEK.ORG/SHARE

**DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME ENDS
FALL BACK**
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR



Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, October 31st before you head to bed and enjoy that extra hour of sleep!

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Series Overview: Some days feel like a lot to handle. The to-do list is long, the problems feel big, and we wonder how it's all going to work out. Here's the good news: we don't have to have it all figured out, because God does. Again and again in the Bible, God showed up for the people who trusted Him—and He hasn't changed. Whatever we're facing, we can trust God. He's got it!

Week One: I can trust God.

Bible Story: Moses and the Burning Bush
Scripture: Exodus 3:1-4:17, 6:1; Psalm 118:7

Week Two: I can trust God will show me the way.

Bible Story: Moses and the Sea
Scripture: Exodus 13:17-18; 14

Week Three: I can trust God no matter what.

Bible Story: Elijah and the Widow*
Scripture: 1 Kings 17:1-16

Week Four: I can talk to God about anything.

Bible Story: King Hezekiah Prays to God
Scripture: Isaiah 37:14-21, 33-35; 38:1-6, 20; 2 Kings 18:3, 5-7; 20:3, 5



Series Description: Life can throw a lot at us—things that feel too big to handle on our own. But when we remember that God is strong, that He's with us, and that Jesus has already won, we can face hard things with courage and find that God Himself is our safe place.

Week One: Israel Captures Jericho

Conversation Starter: What is a battle that God can help you with?
Scripture: Joshua 6:1-16, 20
Suggested Virtue: Courage

Week Two: A Gold Statue and a Blazing Furnace

Conversation Starter: What things have you seen that are wrong or broken?
Scripture: Daniel 3
Suggested Virtue: Integrity

Week Three: Jesus Calms the Storm

Conversation Starter: What is something you can trust God with right now?
Scripture: Mark 4:36-41
Suggested Virtue: Trust

Week Four: Jesus Has Won the Battle

Conversation Starter: How does believing Jesus wins change how you see things?
Scripture: John 16:33; Revelation 19:11-16
Suggested Virtue: Hope

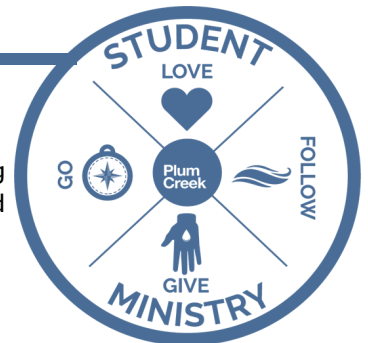


**SUNDAY
MORNINGS**
@ 9:30 & 11 am
Infant, Toddler,
Preschool
& Elementary



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

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 9:30 am
in the LifeCenter



Middle School and High School students are invited to join us for youth group on Sunday nights! Every week we enjoy a time of worship, games, teaching and small groups. Don't miss it! Invite a friend!

SUNDAY NIGHTS . 5:30-7:30 PM
in the LifeCenter



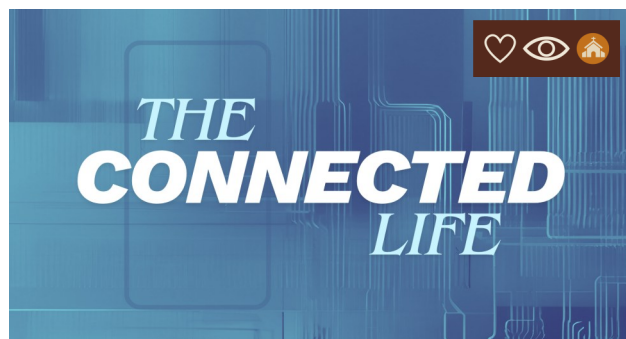
At FOLLOW, we will show students how Jesus calls all of us to follow Him so that He can do great things through us to bring glory to God. Our society tells us to follow so many other things, and it can lead us down the road of pain, frustration, and loneliness. If we are willing to know who our Shepherd is and follow his voice, we will be led into a life of meaning and joy that will bring glory to God. This weekend will be full of fun, worship, teaching, and transformational experiences. We are called to bring Glory to God, and this weekend we will all learn how to do that better. We can't wait to see what Jesus will do this weekend!

REGISTER: CAMPNORTHWARD.ORG/EVENTS



4 Humans are hard-wired for connection. God created us to live in deep community with Him and with others. Ironically, we live in the most connected age in history, yet loneliness is at an all-time high. Technology can bring us closer in some ways, but it often leaves us feeling more isolated. Something is missing. In this sermon series, we'll see how God leads us away from artificial connections and into meaningful relationships.

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



VISION NIGHT

AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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Wednesday, November 11 at 7pm



Vision Night is a chance to hear what God has been doing in and through Plum Creek. You'll get updates from our different ministries, the latest information on finances & facilities and hear about the future and vision for our church.

Leadership Elections November 8th: On this day, all members (16 & over) will be asked to vote on incoming elders, deacons, and the continued senior ministry of Doug Hartley. Results will be announced on Vision Night.

Note: If you are a member (16 & over) that is unable to be here to vote on November 8th, you may request an absentee ballot from an elder in the gathering area on October 25th.

Have questions about Plum Creek? Want to know how you can get involved? Want to make this place a little smaller? Then join us for the Discover brunch on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th @ 11 AM** (during 2nd service). This one-session conversation takes place 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. A free meal is provided. **Questions? Contact doug@plumcreek.org**
SIGN UP: PLUMCREEK.ORG/DISCOVER



DECISIONS

SALLY LESLEY (Membership Covenant 8.16.26)

11913 Burns Road . California KY 41007

CASI HUNINGHAKE (Membership Covenant 8.18.26)

739 Covert Run Pike . Bellevue KY 41073

STEVE & CHERYL MYERS (Membership Covenants 8.27.26)

1687 Stry Road . California KY 41007

JOSH BIEKER (Membership Covenant 9.1.26)

11245 Stoneybrook Court . Alexandria KY 41001

GRAYSON RANSHAW (Baptism 09.06.26)

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ROB & ALLISON DONALDSON (Membership Covenants 9.10.26)

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

On-Site @ 9:30 & 11 AM
Online @ 11 AM (*Facebook/YouTube*)
Bible Studies @ 9:30 AM
LifeGroups (*Sept-May*) various nights
Middle/High School Youth Groups (*Sept-May*) @ 5:30 PM

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