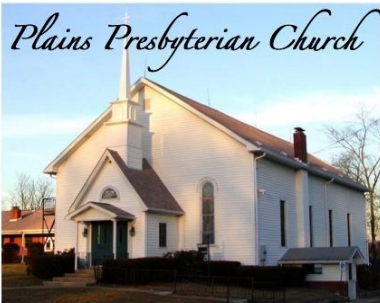


2024

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Not Dead Yet.

It's been said that an organization is either growing or dying. You must have new members and people that will contribute their time and talents, or your organization will cease to exist. Churches are no exception to that rule. Members get older, move away, or eventually pass on and if there are not people to fill their shoes, the church will cease to exist.

The good news is that we at Plains are not dead yet. Yet our membership numbers seem to go down every year. We have been pretty good at adding some new members, but people of course leave and we are back to where we started, or sometimes worse.

The other good news is that we don't have to accept this lot in life. Look at the example Jesus gave us. He started small. Imagine – he didn't have the internet! No viral videos, no email blasts, no TV advertisements, and yet, he was able to generate massive interest, and generate the worldwide Christian Church that exists today with over 2 billion believers.

At the risk of boring you, I want to share two quick examples from my life as a member of the Cranberry Township Area Lions. In our District we have 37 clubs. I want to talk about two of them. The first is the New Castle Lions Club. They celebrated their one-hundred-year anniversary in 2023. It was a big shindig. Lots of local dignitaries – newspaper stories, pictures, the works. Today, that club is gone. One year later. Dead. Gone.

Another local club, Rochester – Beaver was small and dying. I think they had about 15 members. It sure looked like they were at the end of the line. Then they got one member. Her name is Rita. I know it isn't polite to talk about a woman's age, but she is a little older than me. Rita started to ask people to join and get involved with Lions. She was successful and she has sponsored at least 38 members. 38 new people – and some of these 38 have sponsored other new members. It grows like a chain letter. The club now has 82 members and is the largest in our District. I asked Rita what's her secret for growing her club so well, and she said, you just have to ask people and try to get them involved.

The moral of the story is that we just have to ask. Lots will say no. So, what. Some will say yes. When they say yes and come to church, we all need to get that person involved. Make them feel welcome and wanted. Invite them to events, make sure they know the love of Jesus Christ. And maybe, just maybe, one of the ones that says yes will be another Rita.

In Christ's Service Together,

Tim Roscoe

Elder of the Month

Tom Lunney

Deacon of the Month

Cathy Stafford

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

May 5	Tiffany Aloï
May 12	Frank Aloï
May 19	Ann Nutter
May 26	Susan Pierce

May 5

9:45am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Worship Service

May 12

9:45am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Worship Service
Happy Mother's Day

May 19

PENTECOST

Communion

9:45am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Worship Service
Coffee Connection - Session/Elders

May 26

9:45am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Worship Serve



May 3	Joann Bark
May 12	Cathy Stafford
May 24	Jacob Carter
May 25	Jay Carmichael
May 31	Kalen Bailey



May 2	Jim & Roberta Lemon
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We rejoice in the ability we have as Christians to lift up our prayers and petitions, our joys and our concerns to God together.

(Please submit a new prayer card or contact the church office with any updates or to keep a name on the list.)

Announcements for the Bulletin or Newsletter?

Please submit your announcements in advance to the church office. Weekly announcements need to be submitted before Wednesday afternoon.
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9am-1pm

Online Giving is now available for you convenience.
Log on and check it out www.plainschurch.com
Scan the QR code:



Please keep our Elders & Deacons in your prayers as they lead Plains into the future.

We also ask for prayers for the following :

- Corina Taylor
- Jenny Stafford
- Nancy— Kathy Carter
- Betty Lehman
- Family and Friends of Tiffany's father - Robert
- Paul - Ann Nutter
- Joann Bark
- Lisa Bender
- Dan—Kathy Carter
- Tom - Tim Roscoe
- John - Bob Rectenwald
- Family & Friends of Carl Palermo - Tom Lunney's uncle

Our friends who are in assisted living:

Nancy Jones & Eileen Kaufman

Please submit a new prayer card or contact the church office with any updates.

PLAINS BOOK CLUB

May 4th 10:00am

Book Club Leader: Sue McKinley
sue.w.mckinley@gmail.com



Session Meeting

TBA

Deacon Meeting

TBA (No May Meeting)

SWAM

June 2, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2nd - Book Club 10:00am in the basement

May 4th - Adopt A Roadway - Bear Run Road Clean - Up - 9:30am

May 12th - Mother's Day

May 19th - Coffee Connection hosted by Session/Elders

May 19th - Pentecost - Communion

May 27th - Memorial Day

Plains Church Adopt A Roadway

Bear Run Road Clean - Up

May 4, 2024

Time: 9:30am

Rain Date: May 11, 2024



Sign - up sheet in the narthex

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:45am

RSVP: Burt & Nancy Duerring

eacinc@zoominternet.net

“Growing Older & Wiser”

In these scripture studies, there will be examples of people who got older and wiser, as well as older people who should have listened to younger people.

All ages are invited to participate!

Remembering Plains Church in your Will

May is Planned Giving month, and one of the best ways to participate is to remember Plains Church in your Will. Why?

You can continue to support our mission and ministry to the Cranberry Township community.

You can create a lasting legacy. By leaving a gift to our church, you can ensure that your values and beliefs will continue to be upheld long after you are gone.

You can decide how you want your gift to be used. You can designate a specific fund or program, or simply leave the Church with the discretion to use the gift as it sees fit.

You should consult with an attorney to ensure that your gift is properly documented and that it is used in the way you intend.

Make sure your will is up to date. If you change your mind about your gift, you can always update your will.

Vacation Bible School

SCUBA

Date: July 15– July 19th

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Online Registration Closes July 1st

Sign - up at Plains Church web-site.

www.plainschurch.com

There is an option of purchasing a t-shirt when you register. Cost \$7.50

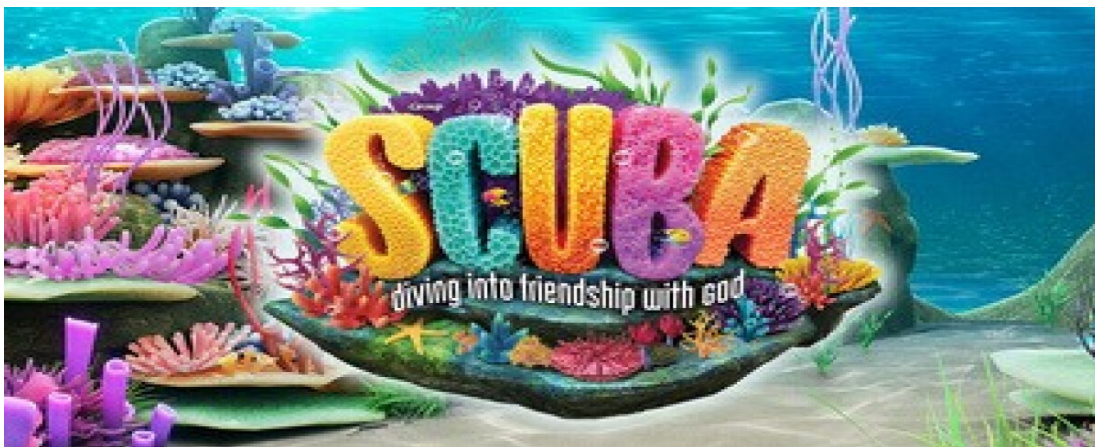
Time to prepare for another VBS!

This year we are going on an undersea adventure in Scuba VBS on July 15th-19th from 6:30-8:30! We are looking for all types of volunteers! We are in need of help in many areas including leading a group, snacks, crafts, games and bible time. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas or want to help in another way please either sign up on the website as a volunteer <https://vbspro.events/p/plains2024>, talk to Janelle or Erika or email us at plainsvbs@gmail.com. We appreciate all the help and it is what makes each year fantastic!

Blessings,

Janelle Wood and Erika Selling

VBS Directors



CNS NEWS

It is hard to believe we are at the end of another year at Cranberry Nursery School. Our time was filled with lots of learning, making friends, field trips, cooking, science, Bible Time, library, Dinosaur Day, parties and many other events throughout the school year. Our dedicated staff worked hard to provide a safe, fun, nurturing environment for the students to learn and develop a love of school. We are thankful for our families who supported our efforts and entrusted their children with our team.

As we wrap up the end of the school year, the staff at CNS is already preparing for the 2024-2025 school year. We have a few spots in both the Pre-K and Nursery classes. If you have friends or family interested in our school, please have them email Angela Kushner, Director of Cranberry Nursery School, at cnsoplains@zoominternet.net.

We thank the members of Plains Presbyterian Church for your support throughout the school year and wish all of you a safe and healthy summer!





Graduates Sunday

Graduation Sunday

Sunday, June 2nd

High School Graduates

Susan Roscoe

Jacob Carter

Madison Holcomb

College Graduates

Steve Delligatti

Rachel Kremmel

PAVILION UPDATE



PAVILION

The pavilion is progressing and the final touches are being made.

Twelve picnic tables have been donated.

Stay tuned.

Plains Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights

March 2024

Session met on Monday, March 25, 2024. Below are some of the “Highlights” of that meeting.

Tom Lunney will investigate various maintenance items.

The church offering is in line with where we were last year at this point.

Session accepted the report of the treasurer by consensus.

Rev. A. David Paul reported that we can have people from the pulpit supply list serve communion. Rev. Paul will investigate the possibility of one or two elders being “certified” to serve communion.

A lengthy discussion of Interim Pastors and what possibilities exist for Plains was held. Below are some of the points that I picked up during the discussion. Interims now are called Transitional Pastors.

Perhaps getting sessions from other churches together to talk about our shared futures.

We need prayer for the leadership of the church. “Behold the new thing I am doing.”

Frank Aloï reviewed the worship committee minutes. Two months are still available for greeters. We are covered for worship for the next few months.

Week of July 15 will be VBS Week - “SCUBA” will be the name of VBS.


Furnace will be updated soon. Roof will be put on the pavilion soon.

We have received free picnic tables that need some cleaning.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be April 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			2024			
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship - 11:00am			Book Club - 10:00am			Bear Run Road Clean-Up 9:30am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Pentecost / Communion Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Coffee Connection hosted by Session						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am	Memorial Day					



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