

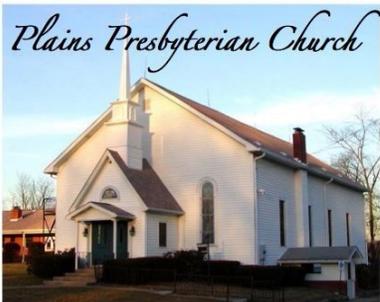
THE
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2020

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A Word from Rev. Derek:

Although I spoke about this in worship on March 8, I want to spend a little more time commenting on the youth retreat. While I often say that we are blessed with youth who have a passion for God and who also teach us about God, this fact was on display during the retreat.

As the days led up to the event, I felt impressed upon by God to speak to the youth about finding something in their life that was, and is, restorative. To a person they all confessed that they were busy, perhaps too busy, to carve out the necessary time for God—even though I did not tell them what that amount of time should be. They realized, and sadly confessed, that their relationship with God suffers because they are “just too busy” to devote quality time, regularly, to God.

This statement, or conclusion, is not meant as a word of rebuke against them. They are not weaker or lesser Christians because they cannot find time to “be with” God . . . And we are not lesser as church Christians that we do not help them find that time. This struggle is just part of the culture we live in. We cannot escape it, and I don’t think that God wants us to try. Instead, we are sent to people who find themselves burdened by a lack of time for God.

To begin speaking about finding ‘restorative’ time or practices, I took the youth to the 10 Commandments and we spent time thinking about what the hardest commandment was to adopt and why. The hope was that, the longer we spent with the 10 Commandments, the more they would see the challenge we live with. This is where our study stopped. We simply ran out of time because the youth of Plains were so engaged in the discussion.

If we believe, and I think that we should, that the 10 Commandments prove that, in God, we have all we need, then that statement says something important. If we do not need to lie, steal, cheat, covet, or behave selfishly, that is because we have come to trust that in God, we are, and we have, enough. God is restorative in Himself for us. I do not need to seek practices and things outside of my relationship with God because God is enough.

The youth and I did not make it the final part of this study where the implication of that conclusion was unpacked. It is my belief that the behaviors, and the choices, that our youth witness regularly, either in person or through social media, attempts to draw them to another person in a way that is toxic, unhealthy, or un-Godly. This is not what God designed us as relational people to be. The way we worship and elevate things like: beauty, possession, accumulation, and status is something that our young people struggle with often.

They know people, and so do we, who sacrifice much of the value God creates in us in the name of popularity and/or advancement.

But if we believe that how God defines our relationship, as is found in the 10 Commandments, is enough, then those practices and those choices are not restorative. They are harmful. And they must be dealt with so we can grow together with God. This is not just a word for our youth, but one we as the church of Jesus needs to be aware of.

If you believe that God provides enough for you in Himself, and I know that you do, then your response is one of attention and choice. We are called to be people who seek restorative practices and people who encourage others to find ways to “be with God.

Blessings,
Rev. Derek

Elder of the Month
Erin McKinley

Deacon of the Month
Jennifer Marotta



Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

05 Jennifer Marotta
12 Tim Roscoe
19 Tiffany Aloï
26 Tony Poletì

Greeters

05 Jennifer Marotta & Tony Poletì
12 Tim & Amy Roscoe
19 Jay & Bonnie Carmichael
26 Archie & Maggie Simpson

April 1

Lenten Worship

7:00pm

Sermon will be posted on-line
PODCAST-web-site

April 5

Palm Sunday

11:00 am Worship Service

Virtual Worship

April 9

Maundy Thursday

Check e-mails from Rev. Derek

Virtual Worship

April 12

Easter

Communion

11:00 am Worship Service

Check e-mails for Easter plans

Virtual Worship

April 19

11:00 am Worship Service

Check e-mails from Rev. Derek

Virtual Worship

April 26

11:00 am Worship Service

Check e-mails from Rev. Derek

Virtual Worship

WORSHIP SCHEDULES:

BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC WE ARE ADJUSTING TO
ONGOING CHANGES WITH FOLLOWING THE CDC RECOMMENDATIONS .

PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAILS FOR UPDATES FROM REV. DEREK.



April 3	Ernie Jones
April 4	Norah Collins
April 6	Jackie Leisie
April 11	Ron Carter
April 11	Susan Reed
April 15	Samantha Carter
April 16	Lauryn Young
April 20	Betty Brodmerkel
April 28	Gene Taylor
April 28	Matt Leisie



April 8	Matt & Jackie Leisie
April 27	Jim & Betty Lehman



Coffee Connections

Sunday, April 19th

Hosted by Christian Education

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

Updating Volunteer List:

Please contact Norah Collins or Janet Duncan to add your name to a call list to assist for bereavement meals.

Assistance is needed towards food donations, cooking, setting-up, serving, and cleaning.

Plains Book Club:

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



The Book Club just loves to get together to share our readings with each other. So we invite you to join us. Even if you find that you cannot read all or any of the book, come for the insightful discussions.

Meetings occur on the first Thursday of each month at 10am in the Church's basement.



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
- Karl Koebler
- Yvette - Tiffany's sister
- Victoria - Kathy Carter
- Jenny Stafford
- Erin Egan
- Joyce- Wanda's sister
- Jenny Stafford
- Madden Westrick
- Amy Roscoe
- Gary Nicklas- Joann Bark's brother-in-law
- Pam- Julie Raatz
- Friends & Family of Frank's Uncle

Our friends who are in assisted living:

Martha Malone, Betty Budney, Nancy Jones & Eileen Kaufman

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic we are having to adjust to ongoing and new situations. Please be aware of your e-mails from Rev. Derek for updates.

Lent

April 1, 2020 - Wednesday

(Sermon will be posted on the web site- pod cast)

CHOIR PRACTICE-Cancelled until further notice

Please check with Kathy Robinson

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday- TBA

Look for e-mails from Rev. Derek about ZOOM virtual services.

April 9, 2020

Maundy Thursday

Communion

Look for e-mails from Rev. Derek about ZOOM virtual services.

April 12, 2020

Easter

Communion

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April 14, 2020

Teaching Elders to Preach-7:00pm

Look for e-mails from Rev. Derek if you are included in this instruction.

April 18, 2020

Event details will be announced closer to date if there is a cancellation.

Bear Run Road Clean-up - 9:00am

Rain Date: April 25, 2020

April 19, 2020

Look for e-mails from Rev. Derek about ZOOM virtual services.

April 28, 2020

Teaching Elders to Preach-7:00pm

Look for e-mails from Rev. Derek if you are included in this instruction.



Worship Schedule:

Worship: 11:00am

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES:

1. Sunday bulletins will be e-mailed to you by Thursday afternoon. Please have a copy of your bulletin ready to follow for Sunday services.
2. Services on-line though ZOOM and FACEBOOK LIVE will be setting up at 10:45am with services starting at 11:00am.
3. Every week during virtual worship a ZOOM MEETING address will be sent and there will be a meeting ID number given. (This number changes with each meeting).

On-Line Giving is now available for you convenience. Log on and check it out www.plainschurch.com

Per Capita is: \$40.79

Scan the QR code:



HAPPY EASTER



PLEASE NOTE:

If you purchased a Easter Lily the flowers will be available for you to pick them up after Easter services. If that is not convenient, arrangements can be made to deliver them on your porch.

Please check your e-mails about plans for Easter

A NOTE FROM THE DEACONS:

The Deacons are the caring heart of Plains Presbyterian Church. We are here to care for members, friends, neighbors, and strangers. At this time we will be respectful and not conduct home or hospital visits. If you find yourself needing assistance please call anyone of us and we will be there to do what we can.

Examples: meals, grocery shopping, errands etc.

Jennifer Marotta-724-221-4492

JonMark Marotta-724-689-8502

Ann Lunney-724-432-3183

Julie Raatz-612-741-7636

Denise Kremmel- 724-538-8604

CNS NEWS



Registration for the 2020-2021 school year has begun. If you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know about Cranberry Nursery School. We are a faith-based organization that offers low student/teacher ratios.

CNS FUNDRAISERS:

CNS continues to collect Chick-Fil-A receipts. An envelope is located on the bulletin board in the CNS hallway where you can deposit your receipts. We earn 20% in product rewards for the total collected.

We are having a fundraiser in the Spring which offers flower seeds & bulbs delivered to your house.

50% of the proceeds will go to CNS.

CNS NOW COLLECTS COLORING SUPPLIES FOR RECYCLING:

We have joined with Crayola Colorcycle to recycle all brands of crayons, markers and dotters. Simply drop your used art supplies in the box provided inside the Nursery School hallway!

Let's do our part to keep art from becoming trash.

Contact: Jessica Beasley (jessicalaus@gmail.com) for more information.

OUR STAFF

Half~Pints Teacher - Komal Dietz; Aide - Diana Beaudoin

Nursery Teacher - Jonee Mascellino; Aide- Darlene Grieco

Pre-K Teacher - Amy Zugell; Aide - Lisa Bender

Director - Angela Kushner

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Session Highlights

February 2020

Session met on February 17, 2020. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Session reviewed the treasurer's report and received it by consensus.

Deacons will be taking a lead role in presenting information on the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering.

Rev. Derek provided an update on the training Elders to preach class.

Reminder about Ash Wednesday service, February 26 at Old Union Presbyterian, Mars.

Session approved a request from non-members to hold their wedding at the church Saturday, October 3, 2020. They will do pre-marital counseling with Rev. Derek, who will also officiate the wedding.

Update on discussion from the previous Session meeting regarding the Weitzel Trust:

No memorials or gifts to the church from/for the family have been found

Previous Clerks of Session still present have no memory of the trust/fund

No registry of a will was found with Butler County or the State of Pennsylvania

Frank Alois is consulting with professional colleagues on possible actions the church can take. Further discussion will take place at a future meeting of Session.

On a related matter, Rev. Derek will be following-up on a verbal report that one of the trusts is/was set-up as a means to fund the cemetery. Rev. Derek will also be reaching out to the Presbyterian archive for information on cost of copies of church's documents being stored.

Tim Rausch advised that the Dressed for Christmas program will be delayed for the current year and further discussion and research will take place.

Tim Rausch also agreed to coordinate the Spring Bear Run Road clean-up project

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Raatz
Clerk Pro Tem

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					2020	
				1 Lenten Worship (podcast)	2	3
5 Palm Sunday Worship - 11:00am Virtual Worship	6	7	8	9 Maundy Thursday Communion Virtual Worship	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Worship-11:00am Communion Virtual Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18 <u>To be announced</u> Bear Run Roadway Clean-Up-9:00am
19 Worship - 11:00am Virtual Worship Deacon Meeting -TBA	20	21	22	23	24	25 TBA Rain Date: Bear Run Roadway Clean-Up
26 Worship - 11:00am Virtual Worship	27 Ephesus Meeting- 7:00pm-ZOOM Meeting	28 Teaching Elders to Preach 7:00pm -ZOOM Meeting	29	30		



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“As disciples of Christ, we share the gospel with one another and the community.

We are committed to growth in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through worship, study, teaching, and fellowship.”

