

THE PLAIN TALK



2025

**Plains
Presbyterian
Church**

**Serving the
community
since 1806**

Plains Presbyterian Church



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Learning How to Speak "God"

When my neighbor suffered a particularly difficult loss and was feeling a mixture of difficult emotions ranging from anger, to guilt in addition to sadness, I felt a desire to offer comfort. Their distress was distressing to me and so I responded as best I could offering words about that loss which I hoped would console, soothe, and provide a perspective which included hope. When we do this we speak from our hearts things which we have been taught about human life in relation to bigger eternal truths. We are speaking "God" or using words to speak about God. For us as followers of Jesus Christ the gospels are the primary source of insight that enables us to speak "God" with some accuracy. Using words to speak about God is practicing theology. If you have ever been on the other end of someone's practice of theology you may have found the way spoke about God or what they spoke about God unhelpful or even painful. It is important to acknowledge that we are all learning how to speak "God" which means we are practicing. The word "practicing" can imply that we are not yet proficient at or that we are capable of becoming more effective at a particular skill. None of us have nailed it down. It is unlikely that we ever will. We are limited in ways that makes it impossible for us to fully or clearly understand God whom we are talking about. To acknowledge that we are still practicing and that our use of "God" talk can, should, and will change and improve does not mean that God is being remade or shaped by our talk. It simply means that we are imperfect witnesses to the perfect glory of God. As we step further into the new life we have been given in Christ, may we humbly consider how we respond to others in times of distress as we seek to speak "God" more clearly and authentically. And may we be willing to lay aside our pride when we need to alter the way we use our words to give faithful witness to God's glory in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Porter

Elder of the Month

Frank Aloï

Deacon of the Month

Ann Lunney

April 2

Lenten Service

7:00pm Plains Church

April 6

9:45am Adult Bible Study

11:00 am Worship Service

April 9

Lenten Service

7:00pm Old Union Church

April 13

Palm Sunday

9:45am Adult Bible Study

11:00 am Worship Service

Deacon Meeting

Coffee Connection hosted by

Discipleship

April 17

Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Old Union Church

April 20

Easter Sunday

11:00 am Worship Service

Communion

April 27

9:45am Adult Bible Study

11:00 am Worship Service

SWAM Meeting

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

April 6th Susan Reed

April 13th Tiffany Aloï

April 20th Frank Aloï

April 27th Ann Nutter



April 1st Kim Carter

April 4th Norah Collins

April 11th Ron Carter

April 11th Susan Reed

April 15th Samantha Carter

April 16th Lauryn Young

April 28th Gene Taylor



April 27 Jim and Betty Lehman



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 8am-12 noon

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

- Jenny Stafford
- Lisa Bender
- Linda - Ron Rice
- Sally - Sue Rectenwald
- Lillian - Tiffany Aloï
- Shirley - Ron Rice

Our friends who are in assisted living:

Kay Uthman

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

PLAINS BOOK CLUB
April 3, 2025 - 10:00 am

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



Session Meeting
April 14, 2025
Deacon Meeting
April 13, 2025
SWAM Meeting
April 27, 2025

Plains Book Club

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1st - Last Day to Order Easter Lilies
April 2nd - Lenten Service - Plains Church 7:00pm
April 3rd - Book Club 10:00am
April 5th - Adopt a Roadway Clean - up Bear Run Rd. 9:30am
April 6th - No Adult Bible Study
April 9th - Lenten Service - Old Union Church 7:00pm
April 13th - Palm Sunday
April 13th - Deacon Meeting after worship
April 13th - Coffee Connection hosted by Discipleship
April 14th - Session Meeting 6:00pm
April 17th - Maundy Thursday - Old Union Church 7:30pm
April 20th - Easter Sunday
April 26th - Praise Night w/ Park Church - 6:00pm at Plains Church - Light refreshments served
April 27th - SWAM Meeting after worship



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Where: Fellowship Hall
Time: Sunday Morning - 9:45am
RSVP: Burt & Nancy Duerring
eacinc@zoominternet.net
No Adult Bible Study on April 6th

LENT SEASON WORSHIP

@ 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

March 5th

Ash Wednesday Service

Crestview Church

March 12th

Plains Church

March 19th

Old Union Church

March 26th

Crestview Church

April 2nd

Plains Church

April 9th

Old Union Church

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO
JOIN OUR 3 CHURCHES
AS WE AGAIN WORSHIP
GOD TOGETHER DURING
THE LENTEN SEASON!**

CRESTVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
210 Kline Avenue
Callery, PA 16024

OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
200 Union Church Road
Mars, PA 16046

PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
326 Plains Church Road
Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Thursday April 17th @ 7:30 PM

Old Union Church

LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS

PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 13, 2025
10:05 AM – 11:00 AM

Join us for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt for children, held outdoors (weather permitting)!

Kids will enjoy searching for eggs and celebrating the joy of Easter together.

After the egg hunt, kids will enjoy a special combined Sunday School Easter activity, where we'll share the true meaning of Easter through crafts, stories, and fellowship.

Men & Boys' Good Friday Breakfast

Friday, April 18, 2025
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

You are invited to join us for a Men & Boys' Community Good Friday Breakfast, a special time of food, fellowship, and reflection.

Come hungry, leave inspired!

Whether you're a father, son, grandfather, friend, or neighbor, all are welcome to this time of fellowship and faith.

CRESTVIEW CHURCH

Sat., Apr. 5, 2-3:45 p.m. – Easter Egg Hunt outside (weather permitting)

Sat., Apr. 12, 1:30-2:45 p.m. – Rain Date for the Easter Egg hunt (only if not held on Apr. 5th)

Sun., Apr. 20, 7 a.m. – Early Easter Service at the Kummer Farm on Watters Station Rd.

PLAINS CHURCH

Sat., Apr. 5th - Plains Church Adopt a Roadway Bear Run Road Clean - Up - 9:30am Rain Date: Apr., 26th

Sat., Apr. 27th - Praise Night with Park Church 6:00pm at Plains Church - Light Refreshments Served





MARS HOME FOR YOUTH



BATH TOWEL COLLECTION DRIVE

MHY Family Services is in need for Bath Towels, Hand Towels and Washcloths. Please donate 'New' or 'Like-New' towels to the student-residents of Mars Home for Youth.



EXPLORE OUR WEBSITE
to learn more about our
programs, impact, and
ways to get involved!

Info/Questions:
Bob Young
Young16066@gmail.com



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
UPCOMING EVENTS IN
APRIL & MAY**

**Park Presbyterian Church
MEN AND BOYS'
GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST**



April 18th, 2025 ~ 7:00 a.m.

Park Hall Doors open at 6:45 a.m.

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Reid Moon
"You Care for Him?"**

Please join us! Cost \$10.00

For Tickets email: parkchurch@zoominternet.net or visit parkup.org > Events> GF Breakfast> click on reserve tickets or call the church office and leave a message and contact information.
Park Presbyterian Church ~ 109 E. Grandview Ave., Zellenople, PA 16063 724-452-9570

**Youth Group
Glow
Paint Party**

**Glow for Jesus
Let your light shine!**

**May 4th 2025
2PM - 3:30PM**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1103 8th Ave, Beaver Falls, PA
15010-4401 ·

RSVP
Dianamermon@beaverbutler.org



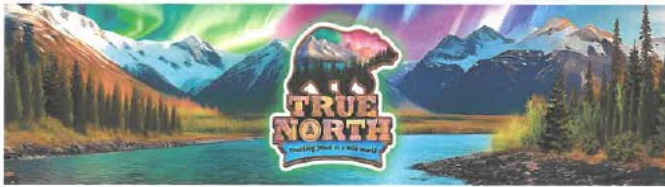
PLAINS CHURCH ADOPT A ROADWAY

Bear Run Road Clean-Up

Saturday, April 5, 2025
9:30am

We will meet at Bear Run Road
Rain Date: April 26, 2025





**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
UPCOMING EVENTS
THIS SUMMER**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
TRUE NORTH
July 14th - July 18th
6:30pm - 8:30pm
SCAN QR CODE
SIGN UP FOR KIDS & VOLUNTEERS**



**NEW WILMINGTON MISSION
CONFERENCE
July 18 - 23 2025**

This conference is an **all-ages family friendly** Mission Conference that focuses on being challenged to participate in the mission of God through every aspect of life. This year's theme is to hear God's command to "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Youth can sign up for a few days or attend the entire week. We have scholarships available for youth. Price includes meals, lodging and conference. You will be inspired by participating in worship, workshops and fun, plus it is close to home!



For more information, contact Diana Spencer @ dianamermon@beaverbutler.org

<https://www.nwmcmission.org> **New Wilmington PA**

THE STRAND THEATER PROUDLY PRESENTS
MATSIKO WORLD ORPHAN CHOIR
Tuesday ONLY! July 22, 7:00 PM

ORDER TICKETS



MATSIKO
WORLD ORPHAN CHOIR



The Strand Welcomes Back This Amazing International Children's Choir That Brings Joy, Hope & Love Through Music

**MATSIKO WORLD ORPHAN CHOIR
Tuesday ONLY, July 22, 7:00 PM
\$18 Reserve Seating**

CNS NEWS

Cranberry Nursery School is excited for spring and all of the activities it brings. In February we had two Open Houses and Dad's Day events with the Nursery and Pre-K classes at the Cranberry Fire House. In March, we celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday, St. Patrick's Day, Dinosaur Day, learned about dental health from a visitor from Cranberry Dental Studios and had Bible Time with Rev. Porter. The Half-Pints hosted an early Dad's Day with Donuts with Dad.

In April, we will wind up our food drive, have a fundraiser with Nothing Bundt Cake and celebrate Easter with fun parties. Please feel free to participate in the fundraiser. The Nursery and Pre-K classes will prepare for a Mother's Day Brunch and get ready for Earth Day. The school is collecting used, broken crayons. If you would like to contribute, please feel free to bring them in and leave them in the church office.

We wish everyone at Plains Presbyterian Church a Happy and Blessed Easter. We are grateful for your support.

Angela Kushner
Director
Cranberry Nursery School
724-538-8785



CNS FUNDRAISER

Nothing Bundt Cakes Mother's Day Fundraiser

After many requests, we are once again partnering with Nothing Bundt Cakes for a Mother's Day fundraiser. There are two ways to participate:

- Purchase individual bundtlets for \$6.50; pick up your order at CNS
 - Bundtlets are individually wrapped in a stay fresh container
 - Bundtlets will be delivered to CNS on May 6th for pick-up
- Purchase a voucher, to be used in the store, for \$6.50 bundtlets, a dozen bundtins for \$28 or a \$29 8" cake
 - Vouchers are good for one year and can be used at your convenience

Nothing Bundt Cakes offers many yummy varieties including a gluten-free option. They make a lovely Mother's Day, Hostess or Birthday gift.

Please provide **ONE** check for all orders (made payable to Cranberry Nursery School). Orders are due April 25th. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help support the CNS Mother's Day Brunch, Pre-K field trip and Mom's and Dad's Day Half-Pint events.

Thank you for your consideration. Your support is greatly appreciated!



BUNDTLETS



BUNDTINS BY THE DOZEN



8" BUNDT CAKE

The Sweetest Way to Support CRANBERRY NURSERY SCHOOL

Cake Voucher Sale

Bundtlets \$6.50 | 8" Bundt Cakes \$29 | Bundtins \$28

Handcrafted Bundt Cakes

Made from the finest ingredients, our Bundt Cakes are crafted by hand in our bakery.

11 Classic Flavors + 1 Rotating Featured Flavor Available:

Chocolate | Chocolate Chip | Lemon | Red Velvet | White Chocolate Raspberry | Carrot

Confetti | Classic Vanilla | Snickerdoodle | Strawberries & Cream

Gluten Free Chocolate Chip Cookie | **Gluten Free** Lemon Raspberry

Redeem Vouchers in the **Cranberry bakery only** when you are ready to treat yourself or others. Vouchers can be redeemed for an entire year for item stated on Voucher.

Cranberry Township

20215 Route 19, Suite 106, Cranberry Township, PA 16066 • (878) 217-0370 • NothingBundtCakes.com

FOOD ALLERGEN NOTE: Our cakes contain wheat, milk, eggs and soy. Cakes may contain traces of tree nuts and peanuts.

Cranberry Nursery School

BUNDT CAKE

FUNDRAISER

Order Forms located in the narthex

Orders are due April 25th

Make your check out to:

Cranberry Nursery School

Plains Presbyterian Church
Session Highlights
March 2025

Session met on Monday, March 17, 2025. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Pastor Porter assisted with CNS recently and that went well and will continue in April.

CNS year is moving along quickly. Approximately 8 weeks of school yet.

Frank reviewed our financial performance for the year.

Offerings are a bit lower than last year, but expenses are in line. Frank continues to meet with Alice and train here.

Treasurer's report received by consensus.

A Zoom call between the Sessions of Plains and Park was recently held. Time to start to engage the congregation more in what is happening.

Pastor Porter will be on vacation Aug 3rd and 10th

Deacons met Sunday, March 9, 2025. Minutes of the meeting were distributed.

Frank presented some details about things that are happening with the SWAM committee.

July 14 – 18 is VBS week. You can register as a participant or volunteer on the Plains Church website.

March 30th after church will be the next discipleship meeting.

There will be a work day at church Saturday March 22nd starting at 8:00 a.m.

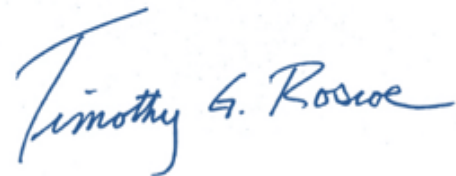
Approved installing "Ring" or similar type doorbells and additional cameras up to \$1,000. It was proposed to split the cost with CNS.

Presbytery training March 23, 2025. 1:30 – 5:00p.m. at CCUPC.

Session discussed a possible Matsiko visit, and it will not be possible to host the choir this year.

Next Session meeting will be on April 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				2025		
		1	2	3	4	5
			Lenten Service Plains Church - 7pm	Book Club - 10:00am		Bear Run Road Clean Up - 9:30am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
No Adult Bible Study Worship - 11:00am			Lenten Services Old Union - 7:00pm			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Deacon Meeting Coffee Connection Discipleship	Monday of Holy Week Session Meeting - 6:00pm	Tuesday of Holy Week	Wednesday of Holy Week	Maundy Thursday 7:30pm - Old Union	Good Friday	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Communion Worship 11:00am						Rain Date Bear Run Road Clean-Up Praise Night w/ Park Church 6:00pm At Plains Church
27	28	29	30			
Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am SWAM Meeting						



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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.”

