

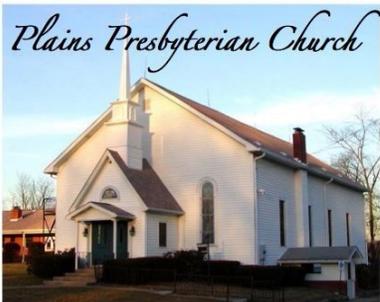
THE PLAIN TALK



2019

**Plains
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**Serving the
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A Word from Rev. Derek:

Holy Week is closer than we might imagine or, maybe, wish. As the darkness of winter subsides, we are left basking in the glory of Christ as spring arrives and we celebrate the resurrection with passion and as families. As such, the time for us as Christians to reflect and meditate upon the working of Christ is almost over—at least as it relates to Lent.

I hope you have found some time each day to slow down, to pray, and to consider God with you in the act of the cross. With that in mind, Henri Nouwen offers us a valuable reflection that I want to share with you. He says:

Again and again you see how Jesus opts for what is small, hidden, and poor, and accordingly declines to wield influence. His many miracles always serve to express his profound compassion with suffering humanity; never are they attempts to call attention to himself. As a rule, he even forbids those he has cured to talk to others about it. And as Jesus' life continues to unfold, he becomes increasingly aware that he has been called to fulfill his vocation in suffering and death. In all of this, it becomes plain to us that God has willed to show his love for the world by descending more and more deeply into human frailty.

Our lives are so full already we barely find time for anything else to be added to them. The influencers of our world are great indeed and we cannot escape this fact. When my children come home from school, before they rush off to homework, I am often asked if I called the people that they needed me to call (i.e. the guidance office, the orthodontist, or the physical therapist). When I tell them that I did not have a chance, they are not upset specifically. Instead, they affirm, in their words, that they are, conditioned to maximize the day and make sure all the tasks of life are completed a timely fashion. They are after all, good citizens in God's world.

But the ministry of Jesus, especially in Lent, is one of small, hidden moments that shy away from proclamation and attention. These moments with Christ focus less and less on the influence of society (as Nouwen suggests) and more and more on dwelling with people who need our attention and our love.

While the cross is the biggest moment in human history (likely only equaled in the incarnation), much of the power of the event takes place while Jesus is abandoned by everyone. He is not doing much besides choosing to stay on that cross for us. The cross is the most isolating event in history.

He is alone with the human frailty associated with carrying his cross, being beaten, and dying by himself. In that way he offers compassion to the church who find themselves being forced to be so busy and missing the chance to dwell in small, hidden moments with God. For Christ knows that his death has served to re-unify us to God and end the separation sin forced upon us in the Garden of Eden so many generations ago. God wills to be with us in all the moments of our lives. As Easter comes, remember this and give God thanks for choosing to be you, with us.

Blessings

Rev. Derek

Helping with Worship This Month

Elder of the Month

Susan Reed

Deacon of the Month

Julie Raatz

Worship Leaders

07 Jennifer Marotta

14 Tim Roscoe

21 Tiffany Aloï

28 Tony Poletì

Greeters

07 Jennifer Marotta & Tony Poletì

14 Tim & Amy Roscoe

21 Jay & Bonnie Carmichael

28 Archie & Maggie Simpson

Nursery Workers

07 Ann Lunney

14 Ron & Kathy Carter

21 Norah Collins

28 Melissa Holcomb



Worship Schedule

April 3-Plains

5:30 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Lenten Service

April 7

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

April 10-Crestview

5:30 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Lenten Service

April 14-Palm Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

April 18-Maundy Thursday

5:30 pm Seder Dinner

7:00 pm Service-Communion

April 19-Palm Sunday

3:00pm-5:00pm Open House

April 21

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Communion

April 28

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service



April 3

Ernie Jones

April 4

Norah Collins

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 8

Matt and Jackie Leisie

April 27

Jim and Betty Lehman



Coffee Connections

Sunday, April 14th

Hosted by Christian Education

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.)

Session Updates:

The next session meeting is March 31, 2019.
Session Highlights will be posted in the next Plain Talk.

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.
Your time is greatly appreciated.

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.

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
- John Finlay
- Jim Barr
- Adella Barr
- Anabelle Blankenship-Tiffany's grandmother
- John & Judy—Norah's friends
- Garrett Webster
- Matt Protzman

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.

Worship Schedule:

Sunday School at 9:45AM

Worship at 11:00am



Ladies Luncheon

When: April 11, 2019

Where: North Park Lounge

Time: 11:30am

Contact: Bev. Magill

Calendar of Events

April 3rd - Lent Services at Plains

April 4th- Book Club

April 10th - Lent Services at Crestview

April 11th- Ladies Luncheon -11:30am NPL

April 14th- Coffee Connection

April 15th- Session Meeting- 7:00pm

April 18th- Maundy Thursday & Seder Meal
Communion

Dinner: 5:30pm Worship: 7:00pm

April 19th- Good Friday

Open House 3:00pm-7:00pm

April 21st- Easter Egg Hunt -9:45am

Easter Sunday - Worship at 11:00
New Members Announced

April 22nd- Ephesus Meeting -7:00pm

April 30th- Deacons Meeting- 7:15pm

PER CAPITA

2019 Per Capita is \$40.69 per member.

Blue envelopes are provided or pay on
online giving please note that it's for the
per capita. Thank you for your support.

HISTORY CORNER:

March 1895:

Recorded in the Session Minutes:

Plains Trustees sold three acres of land to
Rudolph xxxx for \$550. (this was three
acres between the church and Franklin
Road).

BREAKFAST AT PLAINS !

Chef Tim will be making breakfast
on the 2nd Sunday of every month starting
around 8:30am.

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



Scan the QR code:

Wednesday
Lenten
SERVICES



Supper - 5:30pm

Worship – 7:00pm

Crestview Church

April 10

Plains Church

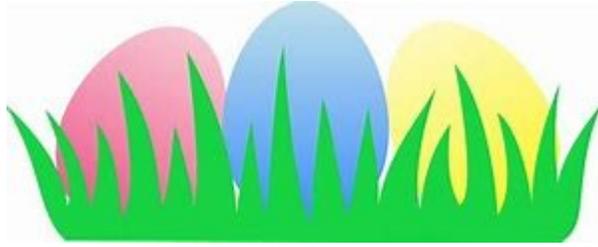
April 3

Palm Sunday – April 14th - Holy Week Begins

Maundy Thursday – April 18th - Seder Dinner at Plains

Good Friday – April 19- Open House 3:00pm-7:00pm

Easter – April 21- Worship at 11:00am



Easter Egg Hunt

The Hunt is On!

When: April 21, 2019

Time: 9:45am



Remember to take home your Easter Lilies after
Easter Sunday Services if you purchased one.

Plains Presbyterian Church
Session Highlights
February 2019

Session met on February 18, 2019. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Erin McKinley will be added to the Nominating Committee and the Property Committee.

Elected Bob Young as our commissioner to presbytery for 2019.

Per Capita has been paid for the year. Giving is down so far for the year.

Deacons have met and have elected new officers. All is proceeding well.

Open house was held this past week and went well. Enrollment has begun and close to being full for the year.

Confirmation classes have begun.

Ephesus Project team continues to meet.

Lenten plans are in order with Crestview Church.

March 3rd will be a pot-luck luncheon.

Nominating process went well with some time given for prayer before voting this year. Request to start a little earlier in 2019 so that people can be elected and installed in 2019 and ready to go in 2020.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Sunday, March 31, 2019 after church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

Confirmation Candidates

Jacob Carter
Madison Holcomb
Rachel Kremmel
Susan Roscoe
Emma Marotta
Raymond Walter
Lauryn Young

Let us support and encourage our youth!
April 7, 2019 next class after Worship



Confirmation



Easter Lilies can be ordered until April 7 to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Please complete the order form below to place your order. The flowers this year will be two stem 8 ½ inch pot at a cost of \$18.00 each -- payable to Plains Church and marked for Easter Lily fund.

(Flowers should be removed from the sanctuary at the close of the Easter Sunday service.)

Easter Lily order form:

From:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Or as a Gift to the Church: _____

(Place your check and order form into the church offering plate or mail to the church office.)

CNS News & Highlights

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year has begun.

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

CNS FUNDRAISERS:

CNS is collecting Chick-fil-A receipts. An envelope on the bulletin board in the CNS hallway is where they will be collected.

KidStuff Coupon Savings Books for Sale!

\$25.00

Coupons include:

H&M, Chuck E. Cheese, Michaels, Barnes & Noble, Macy's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Justice, Ruby Tuesday, Burlington.

CNS has a new website.

<http://cranberrynurseryschool.com/>



Mother's Day BRUNCH

CNS REQUEST

CNS will be hosting it's annual Mother's Day Brunch. If you have a card table to lend, would you please let Ann or Angela know. Twelve tables are needed to serve all the guests and need to be received by April 26th. Please be sure to put your name on the back of the table for easy return. Your support is greatly appreciated.

CNS

FLOWER POWER FUNDRAISER

When: March 25th-April 15th

Summer Bulbs & Flower Seeds for Sale

Catalog and Order Forms located in the Narthex.

Congratulations

Reverend Derek Marotta was presented with a plaque to commemorate his fifth anniversary with Plains Church.



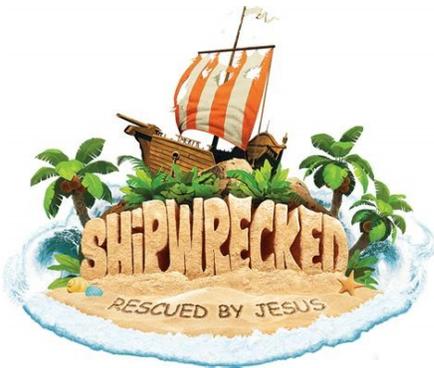
UPCOMING EVENTS



Performing at the Strand Theater

Sunday, June 2, 2019

7:00pm



Vacation Bible School

Coming this Summer

“SHIPWRECKED”

July 15th-19th

6:30pm - 8:30pm



Pirates Annual Faith Night

Faith Night

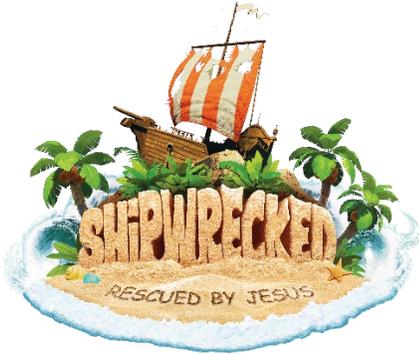
Sat. June 22nd

4:05pm

Contact Bob Young so he can
reserve a block of seats!

Plains Presbyterian Church

VBS 2019!



We're making plans for this summer's Vacation Bible School program at Plains Presbyterian Church, and we'd love to have your children join us! To be held **July 15th-19th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**, this summer's VBS is "Shipwrecked!"

At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms.

Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Crafts, games, songs, and snacks are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot!

If your children (age 3 through grade 6) would like to join us for this fun-filled week, visit our website at www.plainschurch.com, scroll down the page and you'll find the VBS online registration form. Registration is **online only**. Please register on or before June 30th to avoid paying a late fee.

We hope to see you there!

Feel free to contact the church office at 724-538-8785 or email us directly at plainsvbs@gmail.com with any questions.

Blessings,

Erika Selling and Janelle Wood

VBS Directors

PLAINS CRAFT FAIR AND FLEA MARKET

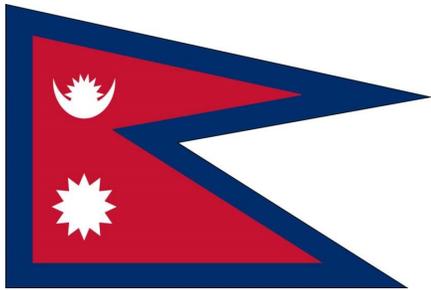
Crafters Get Ready!

Clean Out Those Closets and Garages!



We are having our Annual Craft Fair and Flea Market!

- When: Saturday, August 24, 2019
- Where: Plains Presbyterian Church
- Look forward to more details to come.



Nepal Service Trip

September 18th– September 28th

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
	1	2	3 Lenten Service at Plains Church Dinner-5:30pm Worship-7:00PM	4 Book Club – 10am	5	6
7 Sunday School-9:45am Worship-11:00am Confirmation Class after worship	8	9	10 Lenten Service at Crestview Church Dinner-5:30pm Worship-7:00PM	11 Ladies Luncheon NPL at 11:30am	12	13
14 Palm Sunday Sunday School-9:45am Worship - 11:00am Coffee Connection	15 Session Meeting 7:00pm	16	17	18 Maundy Thursday Communion Seder Meal at Plains 5:30pm Dinner 7:00pm Worship	19 Good Friday Open House 3:00pm-7:00pm	20
21 <u>Easter</u> Communion Sunday School-9:45am Easter Egg Hunt Worship - 11:00am New Members	22 Ephesus Meeting 7:00pm	23	24	25	26	27
28 Sunday School-9:45am Worship - 11:00am	29	30 Deacon Meeting 7:15pm				



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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.”



Easter Word Search

B	M	A	L	M	H	B	B	K	I	N	G	R	N	R
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APOSTLES
CHRIST
CROSS
CROWN
CRUCIFIXION
HOLY
JESUS
KING
LAMB
LOVE



MARY
REDEMPTION
RESURRECTION
RISEN
ROMANS
ROOSTER
SACRIFICE
SALVATION
SAVIOR
THORNS