

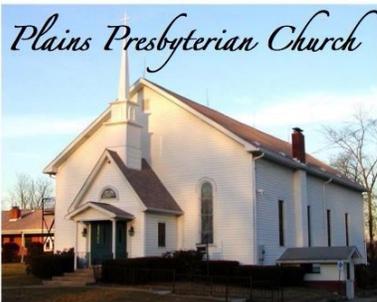
THE
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2021

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A Word from Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta:

This month let's think about how fervently we practice our Christian faith?

As you know I subscribe to a virtual training platform on my iPhone. The program guides me through a number of cycling, yoga, and strength training classes. Today's class was an endurance run with a trainer that I enjoy. He is a former Division I Cross Country athlete whose insights I helpful as I work to become a more efficient runner.

So, I 'clicked' the button, made sure that my shoes were double-tied, and stepped onto our treadmill. Instantly the face of my trainer came up and I began to briskly walk as Matt explained the format for our class.

This morning Matt (the trainer) talked about a methodology for running that I was, at that time, unfamiliar with. The logic of his running method can be applied to our Christian faith.

Over the 11-minute warmup, Matt commented on how proper training is best done in a pyramid format. At the top of the pyramid is the hardest, and the most challenging, part of the discipline—the sprinting level. He said that we do not go to those places much in our training. This is where we work at our peak performance level. If we choose to only focus on those places then our bodies will break down easily and we will find that we develop a lot of overuse injuries associated with runners.

Instead, we need the wider base of training that is found at the bottom of Matt's pyramid. This is why endurance running is beneficial. He said that running like this should occupy most of our time. For those not familiar with it, endurance running is an easy conversational pace that everyone can do for long periods of time.

Once the class was finished I wondered about how applicable that early pyramid-lesson is to our Christian faith? Do we practice our faith regularly in normal settings that might feel conversational, or easy, because that might just be all that we are called to do by God. . .

Progressing to a place in our faith where we address the big systemic problems may come later or in moments of tragedy. But for now, what does it look like to make our Christian faith something that we do with the people that we see every day?

I cannot run a marathon. But what I can do is run for 3 miles at an easy pace. I feel good when I am done running like this and I not too worn out by this effort. If I ran as hard as I could for as long as I could then that level of exertion would be with me throughout the rest of my day. I would have no energy to address the little things that God might be placing in my path if I am too tired and because I 'ran' too hard in the moment.

I wonder if God might be asking us to 'run' as Christian differently? I wonder if you are being asked not to focus only on the moments of crisis in your faith? Can you focus on the short, easy conversations that God might be presenting you with today? If you do, that might just prepare for you for the bigger issues that are to come. . .

Blessings
Rev. Derek

Elder of the Month
Susan Reed



April 1

6:15pm Seder Meal
Seder Plate will be provided
Bring your own dinner
7:00pm Maundy Thursday
Communion

April 4

Sunrise Easter Service
Outdoor Chapel-7:00am
9:45 Sunday School
No Book Study
Easter Service-11:00am
Chapel
Communion

April 11

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

April 18

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Spaghetti Luncheon
Deacon Meeting

April 25

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

April 4 Ron Carter
April 11 Tim Roscoe
April 18 Susan Reed
April 25 Frank Alo



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 & Jackie Leisie

Please Note: We strongly recommend that you wear a face mask in church for the protection of the body of Christ.

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.

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.

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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
- Yvette - Tiffany's sister
- Jenny Stafford
- Victims of the Coronavirus
- Liz- Jennifer Marotta
- Jim & Betty Lehman
- Amy- Kathy
- Victoria
- Caregivers & Families
- Kay Uthman
- Madison Holcomb
- Lew Goehring
- Bev Watson- Joann Bark
- Linda Treese
- Ruth Ann Davis
- Family & Friends of Mrs. Patton

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.

Thank you to the following people for the beautiful Easter Lilies in our sanctuary for this Easter season.



IN MEMORY OF:

Loved Ones

From: Joann Bark

Mr. & Mrs. Edgar McMillen

Mr. & Mrs. Donald L. Carmichael

Mrs. Barbara Ginsbach

From: Jay & Bonnie Carmichael

Those Who Have Gone Before Us

From: The Carter Family

Chuck McDonald, Edward Kremmel,

Eunice Guenther

From: Bruce, Denise & Rachel Kremmel

Cookson & Magill Families

From: Richard & Beverly Magill

Our Dearest Loved Ones

From: Eugene & Corina Taylor

IN HONOR OF:

Our Granddaughter Arwen

From: David & Maryann Cardillo

Nancy Jones

From: Ernest Jones

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.

Happy 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 your assigned shepherd and we will be there to do what we can.

Examples: meals, grocery shopping, errands etc.

Ann Lunney-724-432-3183

Julie Raatz-612-741-7636

Denise Kremmel- 724-538-8604

Julie Young 724-776-7288

Maryann Cardillo 724-866-9911

Amy Roscoe 412-874-2039

Seneca Hills Retreat Bible Camp



March 19th-March 21st

The Youth Group enjoyed

Rock Wall Climbing, Basketball, & Hiking





UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 1st

Seder Meal

Time: 6:15pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Bring your own meal

Seder Plates Provided

Maundy Thursday

Time: 7:00pm

Communion

April 4th

Outdoor Chapel

Easter Sunrise Service –7:00am

Communion

Plains Church Chapel

Easter - 11:00am

Communion

April 18th

Youth Group

Spaghetti Luncheon

When: after service

Where: Fellowship Hall

Deacon Meeting

April 26th

Session Meeting 7:00pm

Worship Schedule:

Sunday School: 9:45am

Worship: 11:00am

Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta will be on vacation from April 19th– April 26th.

SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE

April 4, 2021

Where: Outdoor Chapel

Time: 7:00am

Communion

EASTER SERVICE

11:00am Worship

Communion

Time: 11:00am

Where: Chapel

Per Capita is \$40.82 per member



Future Events:

Youth Group News April 18th

Spaghetti Luncheon after service



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 12-16

**More information will be announced closer to
the date.**

PLAINS CHURCH CEMETERY HISTORICAL RECORD

If you have any information on those buried in the Plains Church Cemetery and would like to share pictures or a short biography please submit that to the Plains Church Office or Tom Lunney.

tglunney@gmail.com

CNS NEWS

CNS Fundraisers

CNS continues to collect Chick-Fil-A receipts. Two envelopes are 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.

Our last fundraiser of this school year is through Flower Power. They offer planting seeds and bulbs delivered straight to your door. All of their products are guaranteed. These items can make a nice birthday or Mother's Day gift. Place your order on-line. CNS will earn 50% of all proceeds. Orders must be placed by May 1st.

Crayon Donations

We are looking for donations of used crayons (no new crayons please) in celebration of Earth Day. The students will be participating in a class project. Please place your used crayons in a bag and drop them off in the church office.

As always, your support of Cranberry Nursery School is appreciated.

Angela Kushner
Director
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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.”

