

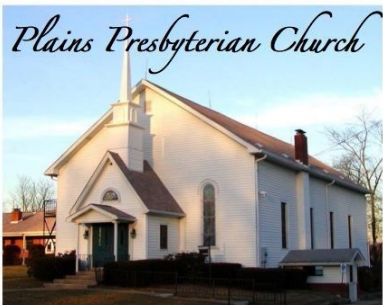
# THE PLAIN TALK

April

2022

**Plains  
Presbyterian  
Church**

**Serving the  
community  
since 1806**



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## OUR MINISTRY MINDED MOVEMENT

Our call at Plains Church is no different than any other Church, and in the past few months we have identified that the Spirit is moving us to reach outside of our Church walls and into our surrounding communities.

We are calling a part time interim pastor who will shepherd our congregation until our (yet to be formed) Pastor Nominating Committee discerns the person who is called to be our new pastor.

With all of this happening, we are still moving forward at Plains Church in our ministry! We have re-initiated our Sunday School (Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall and all are welcome!)

- We have partnered with Old Union and Crestview Churches to continue our weekly Wednesday Lenten services together
- We are preparing for Holy Week services next month
- We will be welcoming new members to our Church the week after Resurrection Sunday
- We are already making plans for our annual Vacation Bible School this July

So, how would you define ministry? It is typically considered a practice reserved for pastors, but in reality, ministry is everyone's responsibility. Ministry should be on our minds all the time because our ministry with Christ is being who we are (as Christians), where we are.

Ministry does not need to be a well-planned event to engage those in our communities. We are all a part of various community groups where the Plains Church ministry minded movement can have an impact: Our co-workers, our friends, our civic groups and even those we encounter while shopping can be considered people who we can move our ministry forward.

In fact, there is a possibility that many of us have Christian friends that are moving away from God, falling deeper into a spiritual darkness, who need a kind word or action from us to pull them back into the light of Christ.

Therefore, as we interact with those in our communities that so desperately need to hear the Word, let us be the hands and feet of God as we put His light on display, the light that shines through each of us!

Let's continue our ministry minded movement that began over two hundred years ago here at Plains Church!

Frank Aloï

Elder of the Month  
Erin McKinley

Deacon of the Month  
Beverly Magill

## Helping with Worship This Month

### Worship Leaders

April 3	Tim Rausch
April 10	Tiffany Aloï
April 17	Steve Raatz
April 24	Amy Roscoe

### April 3

10:00am Adult Sunday School  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service

### April 10

#### PALM SUNDAY

10:00am Adult Sunday School  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service

### April 14

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00pm Worship Service  
Communion

### April 17

#### EASTER

10:00am Adult Sunday School  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service

### April 24

10:00am Adult Sunday School  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**



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



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

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

**Worship Schedule:**

Sunday School: 10:00am

Worship: 11:00am



**April 6, 2022**

Where: Crestview Presbyterian Church

Service: 7:00pm

**NO DINNERS WILL BE SERVED**

**APRIL 10th**

Palm Sunday

Holy Weeks Begins

**APRIL 14th**

Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm

Communion

**APRIL 17th**

Easter Sunday



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

Chairperson Needed for Bereavement Meals

If you are interested in volunteering to take over the committee to serve bereavement meals please contact the church office.

Online Giving is now available for you convenience.

Log on and check it out  
[www.plainschurch.com](http://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
- Victims of the Coronavirus
- Caregivers & Families
- Ernie & Nancy– Kathy Carter
- Barbara Gray– Jeanne Fornadley
- Wilan - Kay Uthaman
- Christine - Burt Duerring
- Amy-Kathy Carter
- Betty Love
- Bernadette Magill
- Christina - Jeanne
- Dave-Jeanne
- Karen-Joann Bark
- People of the Ukraine
- Joellen Cain – Bonnie & Jay Carmichael

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.

**PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**COFFEE CONNECTION**

April 24th - Inreach/Outreach

May 15th - Session/Elders

June 19th - Deacons

July 24th - Christian Ed/VBS Committee

August 21st - Inreach/Outreach

September 18th - Property Committee

October 16th - Worship Committee

November 20th - Deacons

December 18th - Session/ Elders

January 15th - Inreach/Outreach



**ACTS OF KINDNESS CARDS**

Acts of Kindness Cards can be found in the  
Narthex.

Consider spending random acts of kindness in  
your community.

### **2022 Session Members**

#### Class of 2022

Tom Lunney  
Steve Walter  
Janelle Wood

#### Class of 2023

David Cardillo  
Ron Carter  
Bob Young

#### Class of 2024

Tiffany Aloï  
Erin McKinley  
Julie Raatz

### **2022 Deacon Members**

#### Class of 2022

Denise Kremmel  
Julie Young

#### Class of 2023

Maryann Cardillo  
Amy Roscoe

#### Class of 2024

Beverly Magill  
Cathy Stafford

### **Committee Assignments 2022**

#### Christian Education

Janelle Wood, Steve Walter

#### Inreach/Outreach

Bob Young, Ron Carter, Julie Raatz

#### Personnel

Bob Young, David Cardillo, Tiffany Aloï

#### Property

Erin McKinley, Tom Lunney, David Cardillo

#### Nominating

Erin McKinley, Bob Young

#### Stewardship

David Cardillo, Julie Raatz

#### Worship

Ron Carter, Steve Raatz

### MINI-SERIES

The foundation of our faith as Christians is the forgiveness of sins through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Throughout Lent and culminating with Easter, we recognize the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf. But these, and many other supernatural events and miracles found in the Bible are often challenged by critics of Christianity and non-believers (or as I like to refer to them, non-understanders).

Over the next three weeks, I have planned a "mini-series" of messages on Sunday mornings to address these challenges. Next week, March 20, we will begin this series with a discussion on the *justification of belief*. We will look at the evidence that supports our belief in the supernatural events and miracles in the Bible concentrating on Jesus' death, resurrection and appearance to the disciples. On week two, March 27, we will take the leap from *belief to faith*. How do we transition from belief to faith? Finally on week three, April 3, we will look at how *sharing our faith* with others can help them find Jesus. What does being a disciple of Jesus Christ mean?

With this information in our arsenal, we will be ready to respond to those who ask the question "Why should I believe?". By sharing our Christian faith with them, they too can become believers in Christ.

Hoping God blesses your day

Tim Rausch



### APRIL

#### Session Meeting

April 11, 2022 - 7:00pm

### APRIL

#### Deacon Meeting

No meetings for April

### PLAINS CHURCH ADOPT A HIGHWAY

Saturday, April 30, 2022 @ 9:30am

(Rain Date: May 7, 2022)

Sign - Up Sheet in the Narthex.

We will meet at Bear Run Road.

Please sign up if you can help.



# CNS NEWS

Spring is here and Cranberry Nursery School will be busy for the next two months!

We are currently collecting used crayons for a project the students will work on for Earth Day. If you have any used crayons you would like to donate, please place them in a plastic bag and leave them in the church office.

CNS is having a Feed the Bunny food drive. If you have any non-perishable items you would like to donate, please leave your items in the church office. We will be collecting through April 1st.

Thanks,

Angela Kushner  
Director  
Cranberry Nursery School  
724-538-8785





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 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**, this summer's VBS is  
"Monumental!"

At Monumental VBS, kids go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sun-baked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:plainsvbs@gmail.com) with any questions.

Blessings,

Erika Selling and Janelle Wood

VBS Directors

# Plains Presbyterian Church

## Session Highlights

February 2022

Session met on Monday, February 7, 2022. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Approved by consensus the transferring from our active roll of Jennifer and Emma Marotta to Bethesda Presbyterian Church in South Carolina.

Registrations for the Fall CNS classes have begun.

Session reviewed the financial reports of the church. The Treasurer's report was received with consensus and with our deep appreciation.

The Matsiko Children's Choir will be touring in September.

Rev. Dr. Peter does a devotion three times a week and the link can be found on Old Union Presbyterian Church's web site. All are welcome to join.

Approved VBS for the week of July 18<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. "Monumental" is the name of VBS program this year.

Confirmation class ideas – talking about possibilities of joining with other churches so we can have more children involved.

Looking to restart our "Men's Night Out" again soon.

Looking to send cards out again to shut-ins and visitors.

Coffee connections will restart in March.

Tom Lunney did a nice job getting the manse ready, and now we have rental income from the manse.

Shared Lenten Services with Old Union and Crestview were discussed and plans made.

Service will be at Plains March 16 and 23 at 7:00 pm.

Discussion of procedure to join the church. Frank Aloï, Julie Raatz, and Tim Roscoe will form a committee to welcome new members. The goal is to join new members the week after Easter.


Money available from the Commonwealth to increase Church Security. Up to \$25,000 is available, but the deadline to apply is March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

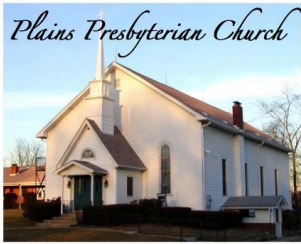
On Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Old Union will be training available on how to better minister to people who are shut-in.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm with Rev. Dr. Peter de Vries Moderating.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe  
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				2022		
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3 Sunday School 10 am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship - 11:00am	4	5	6 Lenten Service Crestview Church 7:00pm	7	8	9
10 Sunday School 10 am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Palm Sunday	11 Session Meeting - 7pm	12	13	14 Maundy Thursday Communion 7:00pm	15 Good Friday	16
17 Easter Sunday Sunday School 10am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Sunday School 10am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship 11:00am Welcoming New Members / Coffee Connection hosted by Inreach/Outreach	25	26	27	28	29	30 Adopt a Highway Bear Run Road Clean up 9:30am(Rain Date 5/7)



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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.”

