

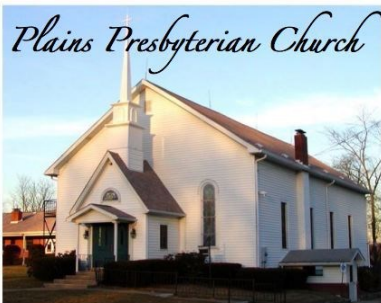
THE PLAIN TALK



2022

**Plains
Presbyterian
Church**

**Serving the
community
since 1806**



*Rev. Michael Burkley
Interim Pastor*

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Imagine shopping at a favorite store of yours—one where you always find just the products you need with a quality beyond your expectations and at a price that you can afford. Imagine that! Now imagine that while shopping one day you meet the manager of that store and decide to complement him about his store. He thanks you, and then goes on to encourage you to “tell your friends” about the store because people are staying away in droves. Over the past six months, he tells you, customers visiting the store have dropped by a third and receipts have fallen a lot. After your questioning why, imagine him telling you that there seems to be a lot of reasons, most of which are beyond his control. Imagine him saying that they’re doing what they can, advertising more and encouraging their happy customers to invite their friends shop at _____.

You might imagine that conversation, but I don’t have to because it happened much that way to me. It was a store back in New York where I used to live, so its name doesn’t matter. But that conversation reminded me a lot of our church and its ministry, to us and to our community. The longer I serve at our church the more I love it, and I imagine it’s the same for you. We find our calling here; the salvation of the world proclaimed here, and our community with all who come is lived out here.

But like that store, over the past few years the worship attendance and participation in our church community has decreased, and not by a little. We’ve still been making our budget, but overall giving has decreased as well. That all could be discouraging, but I think we can see better things, if only we look and act.

Many of the causes of these problems might be beyond our control, but there are things that we can do, must do. We can concentrate on the things that we are thankful for about our church, while at the same time listening to (and making) practical and encouraging suggestions as to how we might improve our ministry. We’re already known in our community as a church that reaches out through our nursery school and VBS (and more). People already know that we care, but how many people have been invited *by us* to join us in worship or at a church meal or event?

I’m glad to be a part of our church community. Are you glad to be here? Obviously we’re not perfect. What would you like to see changed? What specific things can you—we do to make our church a better, deeper, more welcoming place? Many years ago people came to church because the whole community expected them to come. That doesn’t happen now—and that’s something beyond our control. But what we can do is to take every opportunity to grow in our faith because we know that God isn’t finished with us yet. When we grow in our understanding and our love for God we grow in love for others, and we will become even more excited about our faith, and that will be good news we’re willing to share. Then it won’t be difficult to invite someone to our church community—the server at a restaurant we eat at, the cashier at a store, a neighbor, a family member, whomever. And if you tell them why you come and why you like our church, then they might just take you up on your invitation! Think of it as a way of blessing them, because it is!

Some things we can’t change, but some things we can, and wisdom is in knowing the difference!

—Michael

Elder of the Month
Bob Young

Deacon of the Month
Denise Kremmel

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

August 7 Steve Raatz
August 14 Amy Roscoe
August 21 Ron Carter
August 28 Tim Roscoe

Adult Bible School

Please check to confirm Adult Bible School
has been scheduled for Sunday mornings
with Rev. Burkley since it's subject to
change

August 7

8:30am Adult Bible School
10:00 am Worship Service

August 14

Outdoor Chapel
8:30am Adult Bible School
10:00 am Worship Service

August 21

Worship in the Park
Crestview Church Pavilion
10:00 am Worship Service

August 28

8:30am Adult Bible School
10:00 am Worship Service



August 5	Gretchen Rausch
August 6	Julie Young
August 13	Kyle Leisie
August 13	Susan Delligatti
August 16	Christen Duerring
August 18	Sandy Stafford
August 21	Tim Roscoe
August 21	Parker Budney
August 25	Archie Simpson
August 26	Betty Lehman
August 27	Nathan Stafford
August 28	Corina Taylor
August 31	Alex Carter



August 3	Jay & Bonnie Carmichael
August 4	Erin & Sue McKinley
August 14	Tim & Amy Roscoe
August 18	Stan & Betty Budney

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 your 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
- Jenny Stafford
- Victims of the Coronavirus
- Caregivers & Families
- Ernie & Nancy– Kathy Carter
- Barbara Gray– Jeanne
- Pam– Julie Raatz
- Amy-Kathy Carter
- Dave-Jeanne
- Anthony - Tim Roscoe
- Marlin Vidt - Rich Magill
- Andrew
- Renee
- Heidi
- Mike Wade– Jeanne
- Yvette– Tiffany Aloï
- Aunt Elaine - Ann
- Aunt Louise - Jeanne
- Patty – Jeanne
- “T”- Jeanne
- Jason Meadows

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 BOOK CLUB

Meets the first Thursday of the month

Time: 10:00am

Where: Downstairs in Basement

Contact: Maryann McCoppin
mccoppinmary@gmail.com

"From Ashes to Song" ~ books available in the
narthex for September 1st Meeting.



Session Meeting

August 8th

Deacon Meeting

August 28th

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

New member classes will be held during the month of August.

Please notify the office if you are interested 724-538-8785

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 4th

Ladies Night Out

Where: North Park Lounge

Time: 6pm

Need a ride? Contact Tiffany Aloï or Katie Greggs

and

Men's Night Out

Where: The Gregg's House

113 Fairview Drive (off of Goehring Rd.) Cranberry Twp.

RSVP: dpgreggs@gmail.com

August 14th

Outdoor Chapel

August 21st

Worship in the Park with Crestview

Where: Crestview Church Pavilion

Time: 10:00am

Pot Luck— Plains Church will provide sides and desserts

Sign Up Sheet in the narthex



July 18th – July 22nd



That's a wrap on VBS 2022 at Plains Church!

It was Monumental Celebrating God's Greatness.

**The children had a great time with the different stations and learning
the songs and stories for each week.**

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!

VBS Directors - Janelle Wood and Erika Selling



Gathering & Worship for Vacation Bible School Lessons



Story Time

Rev. Michael Burkley having story time with the children



SNACK TIME



**VBS MONUMENTAL
WATERSLIDE & BOUNCE HOUSE**

2022 PER CAPITA UPDATE

The Per Capita amount requested from a congregation is a combined total of requests from that congregation's presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly — based on their respective budgets for the coming year(s).

For 2022, the Plains Church Per Capita is broken out as follows:

Beaver Butler Presbytery \$31.52

Synod of the Trinity \$ 2.40

General Assembly of PCUSA \$ 8.98

TOTAL PER CAPITA: \$42.90

We have already paid our fully assessed per capita for 2022 of \$3,346. However, our current Per Capita receipts are less than \$1,800 as of June 20th.

Please prayerfully consider giving your full Per Capita this year. If you are unsure if you have paid your assessed Per Capita, or if you have any questions, please contact Frank Aloï (Frankaloi@msn.com) or the Church office.

Thank you!



OUR NEXT NEW MEMBER CLASS AT PLAINS CHURCH

The Session will be offering another new member class in 2022 here at Plains Presbyterian Church. If you have thought about joining our Church, please contact the Church office with any questions or to express your interest in exploring the possibility of becoming a member.

New members classes will be held during the month of August at a convenient time for all prospective members.



Per Capita

Congregations Connected

What is Per Capita?

Per Capita: per member yearly apportionment (\$42.90 for 2022) that funds presbytery, synod, and general assembly efforts.

As 1 of 63 congregations in Beaver-Butler Presbytery, your church is part of a larger family that is...

- enabled by shared resources
- strengthened by administrative help
- enlivened through combined ministry
- empowered by valuable training
- assisted through transition
- connected to regional Synod and national PCUSA

Give your share.

Stronger together. Beaver-Butler congregations.

For more information about Per Capita and how it is assessed and allocated in Beaver-Butler Presbytery call 724-452-7515 or visit beaverbutler.org



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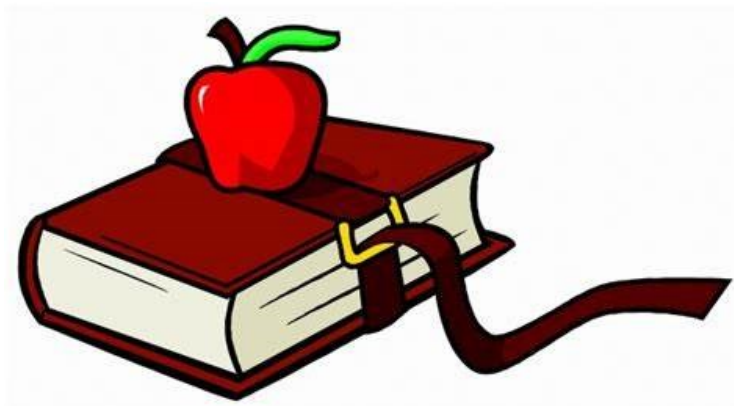
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CNS NEWS

Cranberry Nursery School offers classes for 2 1/2 (Half~Pints), 3 (Nursery) and 4-5 year old (Pre-K) children. We currently have limited space in our PM Nursery and PM Pre-K classes. We are maintaining waiting lists for the other classes. If you know of anyone looking for a faith-based pre-school program, please have them email Angela Kushner at cnsoplains@zoominternet.net.

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

Angela Kushner
Director
Cranberry Nursery School
724-538-8785



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

Plains Presbyterian Church
Session Highlights
June 2022

Session met on June 20, 2022. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Communion was served on Pentecost, June 5th to 39 people.

Session Minutes and Records Book reviewed and approved on June 5, 2022 at the Beaver-Butler Presbytery Office.

Approved Kathy Robinson to teach piano or organ lessons in the church. .

Approved CNS Parent Hannah's request for a Food Truck to be at the start of CNS so that the parents can have a "meet-and-greet",

Session reviewed the financial reports of the church. Frank Aloï discussed that our offerings are about \$5,000 lower than last year. Frank also answered questions several Elders had. Due to not needing to pay a full-time pastor at this time, the church is financially in good shape.

The Treasurer's report was received with consensus and with our deep appreciation.

Deacons provided Coffee Fellowship and are making plans for the Strawberry Festival. Hygiene kits have been prepared and will be shipped soon.

Pastor Michael would like to meet with the Deacons at one of their upcoming meetings.

Pastor Michael taught Sunday School recently and enjoyed it and plans to continue from time to time.

Finally, Pastor Michael is looking for topics that people would be interested in learning more about, for either Bible Study, or possible Sermon messages.

Requesting Session members to start brainstorming about Rally Day and what would be meaningful to the congregation.

Investigating status where we are with Cranberry Township and the pavilion approval.

Meeting was held recently and we have coverage through the end of July.

August 21 will be our group church meeting with Crestview and Old Union. This year Crestview will be hosting.

Session by consensus elects Tiffany Aloï to be our representative to Presbytery.


We will be offering our new membership class again soon.

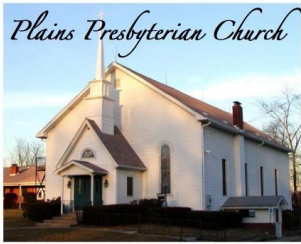
Transition Team Update – the team met on June 1 and June 15. Next meeting will be on July 6th. So far, they are reviewing where we are and what we are looking to achieve.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm with Rev. Michael Burkley moderating.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 AUGUST 2022					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Ladies & Men's Night Out - 6:00pm		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Adult Sunday School 8:30am Worship - 10:00am	Session Meeting 7:00pm					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Outdoor Chapel Adult Sunday School 8:30am Worship 10:00am						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship in the Park at Crestview Pavillion Worship 10:00am						
28	29	30	31			
Adult Sunday School 8:30am Worship 10:00am Deacon 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.”

