

THE PLAIN TALK



2021

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A Word from Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta:

Rally Day is right around the corner and so the church calendar begins again to fill up. We have Sunday School offerings to consider, communions to plan. CNS teachers and staff will be here soon to set-up their rooms and plan for the next school year. Before long, we will be taking the decorations out of the attic for Christmas. But before we can begin our programming again in the fall, I want us to take a moment for some consideration and meditation.

This month I offer you the words of Hannah Whitall Smith. For those of you who follow the daily Pastoral Thoughts, you will know that I find her words applicable to the church. If we are willing to sit with her words, Hannah speaks truth to the church in a profound way. She writes:

You have trusted Him in a few things, and He has not failed you. Trust Him now for everything, and see if He does not do for you exceedingly abundantly, above all that you could ever have asked or even thought, not according to your power or capacity, but according to His own mighty power, working in you all that good pleasure of His most beloved will.

One of the significant challenges that we face as the church is at the convergence point between discernment and faith. We believe that it's necessary to apply 'best practices' to in lives because that idea is spoken about in the Bible. But how do we adopt 'best practices' and yet live in faith?

A friend of mine once believed that God would provide everything he needed. From food to gas for his car, my friend relied upon God. But one day while driving his car began to sputter as it ran out of gas. "God will provide," he confessed and kept driving. Indeed God did provide because another person in the car yelled at him, made him pull over, and filled his tank while rolling his eyes.

Was that God providing or just a 'best practice?' Depends on your perspective. I hope you will take some time this month and consider Hannah's words about trusting God and find that place between faith and practicality. We need to find the balance between in order to live faithfully. The line can be har to find, but with God I believe what we need can, and will, be revealed.

Blessings
Rev. Derek

Elder of the Month
Bob Young

August 1
OUTDOOR CHAPEL
10:00 am Worship Service

August 8
10:00 am Worship Service

August 15
10:00 am Worship Service

August 22
Worship in the Park
10:00 am Worship Service
Old Union Presbyterian Church

August 29
10:00 am Worship Service



Please follow current CDC recommendations.

Please Note: If you are fully vaccinated and feel comfortable not wearing a face mask during passing of the peace you may do so. Please move to the aisle or back of the sanctuary to pass the peace. Please respect others that may stay seated in their pew who don't want to participate.

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

August 1 Tim Roscoe
August 8 Susan Reed
August 15 Frank Aloï
August 22 Tim Rausch
August 29 Tiffany Aloï

Reminder: Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta will be on vacation from: August 7-August 14.

Pastor Gregg Hartung will be on call for any pastoral emergencies. Call: 724-538-8559



August 5 Gretchen Rausch
August 6 Julie Young
August 13 Kyle Leisie
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 14 Rev. Dr. Derek & Jennifer Marotta
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

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 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
- Yvette - Tiffany's sister
- Jenny Stafford
- Victims of the Coronavirus
- Caregivers & Families
- Ernie & Nancy - Kathy Carter
- Bill- Betty Lehman's brother
- Liz- Jennifer Marotta
- Betty Love- Jay Carmichael
- Tony- Bonnie Carmichael
- Kelly Lutz
- Family & Friends of Mike Wagner
- Susan Parry- Dianna Beaudoin
- Wilan- Kay Uthman

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.

UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Session Meeting is Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7:00pm

The Deacons next meeting will be
Sunday, September 19, 2021
No Meetings in August

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

WHEN: Sunday, August 22, 2021
WHERE: Old Union Presbyterian Church
TIME: 10:00am



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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
POWER-UP 2021
RAISE YOUR GAME
July 12th-16th**



That's a wrap on VBS 2021 at Plains Church! We powered up to learn about God and we had so much fun doing it! We had around 55 children attend each night and great crew leaders to care for them. The children had a great time and stations and learning the songs and stories for the week. We had 3 fundraisers this year. We were able to raise enough money to send a child to school for a year through ICN, donations for the Evans City Food Cupboard, and monetary donations for VBS.

We want to thank all the church members that donated items, time or money! We couldn't run the program without the generous donations from you.

Until next year,
Janelle Wood and Erika Selling
VBS Directors

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LESSONS



MONDAY

God Wants You To Know Him

TUESDAY

You Can Know God Through His Words

WEDNESDAY

God Sent Jesus To Save Us

THURSDAY

God Sent His Spirit To Keep You

FRIDAY

You Can Help Others Know God



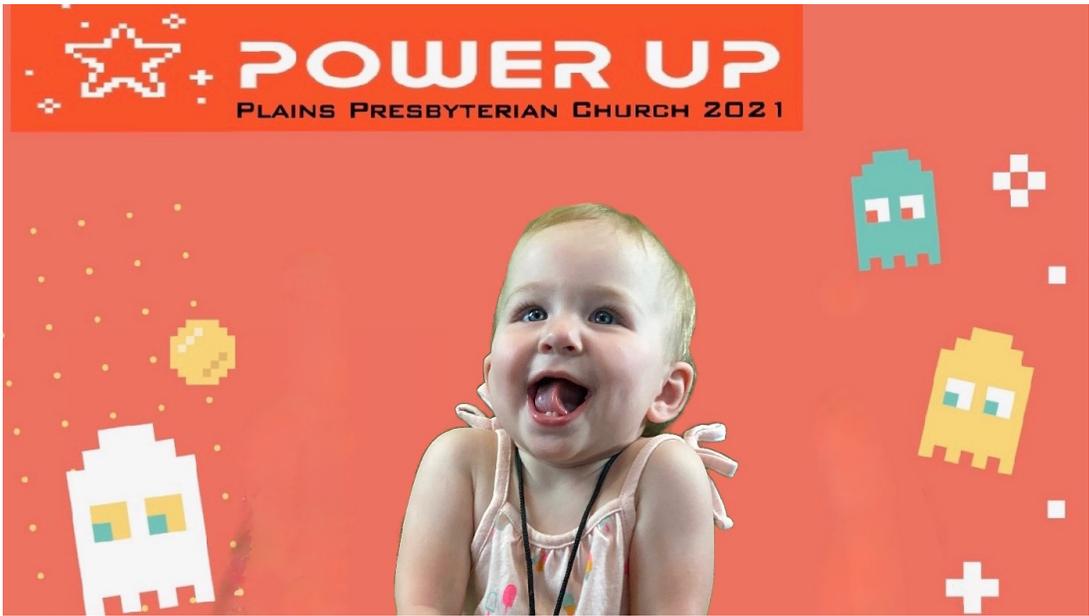
VBS ACTIVITIES & GAMES



CRAFT TIME



SNACK TIME



VBS VOLUNTEERS

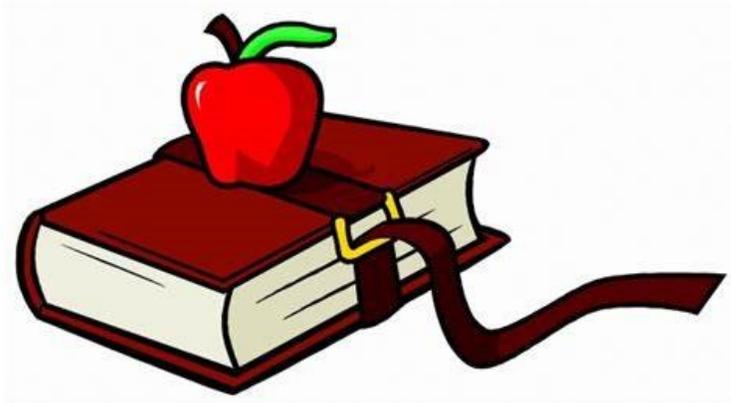


THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the volunteers for their generous donations providing supplies, snacks and meals for the team leaders.

CNS NEWS

The first day of school will be Wednesday, September 8, 2021.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Dear Church Family,

It is with sincere appreciation that I come to you with thanks for all of the support you gave me at the

Ice Cream Social Fundraiser for my Eagle Scout Project!

I can't thank you enough for showing up and for all of the financial contributions that were so thoughtfully given.

I am happy to announce that with your generous donations I have raised \$1,830! With your financial support, I am able to prepare for the work days to rehabilitate the Prayer Trail.

Many of you have asked about the work days. Below are the dates and times. I have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are interested in participating in any of the work days. Signing up will allow me to prepare with tools and refreshments.

July 31st 8 am – Noon

Aug. 1st 1:00-5:00

Aug. 14th 8 am – Noon

Aug. 28th 8 am – Noon



Again, thank you for your support!

Y.I.S. (Yours In Scouting)

Ray Walter

FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CRAFT FAIR

When: November 20, 2021

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Mark your calendars!



ATTENTION VENDORS & CRAFTERS!

Plains Church Craft Fair Registration Form

We invite all craft vendors to participate at our craft fair. Please no food vendors.

Date: Saturday, November 20, 2021

Where: Plains Presbyterian Church, 326 Plains Church Rd.

Cranberry Twp., PA 16006

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Set Up: 7:30am-8:30am

Space: 8'x6'

Cost per space:

1) Inside \$15.00 - Must bring own table.

2) If you would like to participate in the basket drawing with donating an item please let us know prior to set-up.

Registration: Deadline for registration November 5, 2021

1) Fill out and mail this registration form or Call the church office at 724-538-8785

2) Payment:

A. Mail check payable to Plains Presbyterian Church

B. Or pay on line at www.plainschurch.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail address: _____

Craft description: _____

Number of spaces: _____ Inside _____ electric: yes/no Outside _____ (Electricity not available)

Other requests: _____

Paid Online: yes/no

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date received: _____/_____/_____ Table assigned: Inside _____ Outside _____ Fee paid\$ _____

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			 2021			
1 Worship 10:00am	2	3	4	5	6	7 Rev. Derek on vacation Aug. 7-14
8 Worship 10:00am	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Worship 10:00am	16 Session Meeting 7:00pm	17	18	19	20	21
22 Worship in the Park Old Union Presbyterian Church Worship 10:00am	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship 10:00am	30	31				



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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.”

