

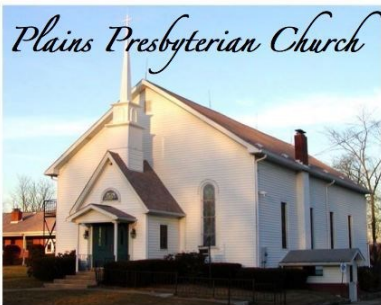
THE PLAIN TALK



2023

**Plains
Presbyterian
Church**

**Serving the
community
since 1806**



Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson

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A Word from Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson:

I can't believe how quickly the summer is flying by. It is already August and soon it will be time for our students and teachers to return back to school. One of my favorite commercials is a Staple's commercial where the father is gleefully rolling through the store during the Back to School sale. The dad is dancing down the aisles to the Christmas tune, "It's the most wonderful time of the year." Meanwhile, his two children are trailing behind downtrodden and listless as if they were being sent to work in the salt mines.

As a father, I can laugh about that commercial, but as a child, I actually enjoyed going back to school. New teachers and classes, new clothes, and reconnecting with classmates made back to school a special season.

I still enjoy this time of year. As a pastor, I look forward to Fall. There are new Bible study classes, Sunday school programs, chancel choir, and bell choir beginning. Parishioners are returning from their vacations. And who can forget about football season. There is so much to look forward to with the coming school year.

As I look towards Fall, I am excited about new opportunities and possibilities that these churches have before us. God is doing amazing things within our communities and he invites us to participate in his life-giving work. All we must do is simply look around and we can't help but see places where God's grace needs to be sowed and cultivated. It is up to us as your Session leadership to identify these opportunities and organize our collective response according to our values and goals.

As we journey in life, we get better at aligning ourselves to our values and purpose, but there is always room for adjustment and change. Leading change is an iterative process and as we live into God's purposes and this new shared pastorate, we will need to keep trying new ways of being the Church and learning from one another's successes and mistakes.

God has called and built these churches to do his will. As sister Presbyterian churches, we have a common heritage and faith, but each church also has its own unique history, culture, and values. I experience these differences each Sunday during worship.

I have often said that pastoring two churches is like being a parent with two adult children. As a parent, you love both of your children; and you also realize how special and unique a blessing each of your children are. Sometimes, one child has more difficulties than the other and requires more effort, but as a parent, you still love both of your children equally.

My hope is that we can benefit from our shared and unique experiences in carrying Christ to southern Butler County. With our leadership and members, I wouldn't want us to be like the parent in the Staple's commercial, blissfully moving along while the two children are listlessly dragging behind. None of us knows what the future will hold, but we are strengthened together and "a shared load is a lighter load." I am looking forward to our next year together and all that God is going to put before us. May God bless each of us in our work together and separately.

In Christ,

Pastor Jon

Elder of the Month

Bob Young

Deacon of the Month

Maryann Cardillo

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

August 6 Amy Roscoe

August 13 Ron Carter

August 20 Tim Roscoe

August 27 Susan Reed

REV. DR. JON NELSON

Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday

After Hours: 724-213-8528

Pastor Jon will be on vacation

August 28th - September 3rd

If you have a pastoral emergency call his
cell number

Reminders:

Adult Sunday School will resume in
September.

Next Deacon Meeting - Sept. 10th

Next Book Club - Sept. 7th

August 6

11:00 am Worship Service

August 13

Worship in the Park

Lions Shelter

11:00 am Worship Service

August 20

11:00 am Worship Service

Coffee Connection hosted by
Inreach/Outreach

August 27

11:00 am Worship Service



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

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



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**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
- Nancy – Kathy Carter
- Betty Lehman
- Nancy Durring
- Kay Uthman

Our friends who are in assisted living:

Nancy Jones & Eileen Kaufman

Please submit a new prayer card or contact the church office with any updates.

PLAINS BOOK CLUB

Next Meeting - Sept. 7th

Book Club Leader: Sue McKinley
sue.w.mckinley@gmail.com



Session Meeting

August 16th

Deacon Meeting

Sept. 10th

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

If you are interested in becoming a new member please contact Tim Roscoe, Frank Aloï or Julie Raatz.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 13th— Worship in the Park

August 16th— Session Meeting - Wednesday - 7:00pm

August 20th— Coffee Connection hosted by Inreach/Outreach

August 28th— September 3rd - Pastor Jon is out of the office

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:45am

RSVP: Burt & Nancy Duerring

eacinc@zoominternet.net

Next Meeting in September



That's a wrap on VBS 2023 at Plains Church!

It was Stellar!

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

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNEERS!

VBS Directors - Janelle Wood and Erika Selling



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR STELLAR VOLUNTEERS!





STORY TIME

SNACK TIME





FUN GAMES



LET'S BOUNCE

STELLAR

Day 1

Bible Point : When life feels dark, shine Jesus' light!

Bible Verse: Jesus...said, "I am the light of the world. John 8:12

Bible Story: Jesus Comes as a baby to be king (Luke 2: 1-20; Matthew 1: 18-2:12)

Buddy: Cosmo



Day 2

Bible Point : When people don't get along, shine Jesus' light!

Bible Verse: Live in harmony with each other. - Romans 12:16

Bible Story: Jesus accepts Zacchaeus (Luke 19: 1-9)

Buddy: Ringo



Day 3

Bible Point : When good things happen, shine Jesus' light

Bible Verse: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! - Psalm 100:1

Bible Story: Jesus enters Jerusalem as a king (Luke 19: 28-40)

Buddy: Luna



Day 4

Bible Point : When people are sad, shine Jesus' light!

Bible Verse: Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. - John 14:1

Bible Story: Jesus cares for his mother during his crucifixion (John 19-20)

Buddy: Sol



Day 5

Bible Point : When people need help, shine Jesus' light

Bible Verse: Let your good deeds shine...so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

- Matthew 5: 16

Bible Story: Philip helps the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-39)

Buddy: Halley





Date: Sunday, August 13, 2023

Time: 11:00am

Where: Lions Shelter

111 Ernie Mashuda Drive

Cranberry Twp., PA

Come join the fellowship with Old Union, Crestview & Plains Church.

Directions: Ernie Mashuda Drive is off of US 19 right next to the Cranberry Fire Station. Follow the signage to the Lions Shelter. There will be a large number of picnic tables but feel free to bring your folding camp chairs, which can be set around the perimeter of the shelter.

CNS NEWS

Although it is the summer, we are preparing for a new school year at Cranberry Nursery School. We are excited to get the classrooms painted to provide a fresh start to the school year. Although we offer programs for 2 1/2 - 4-5 year old, we currently have one space available in both our M/W and T/TH Half~Pints (2 1/2) class and two spots available in our AM Pre-K class. If you know anyone who is looking for a faith-based pre-school program, please have them email Angela Kushner at cnsoplains@zoominternet.net.

CNS continues to collect Chick Fil A receipts. We earn 20% in product rewards for the total collected. Feel free to leave your receipts in the church office. The school uses the rewards for events during the school year. This helps to offset our costs.

Wishing everyone a continued safe and healthy summer!



Plains Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights

June 2023

Session met on Monday, June 19, 2023. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Communion was served to 33 on Pentecost (May 28, 2023).

Session reviewed the financial reports of the church. We are in fairly good shape.

Session continues to explore various possibilities to replace Frank Aloï as treasurer.

Strawberry Festival was a big success. Graduation Sunday was on June 18th and gifts were distributed to the four graduates.

Rev. Dr. Jon reviewed his written report and was able to share stories from his trip and how important that has been to his spiritual journey.

Matsiko Choir was a huge success.

Cleaning company has started. There is a book in the church office that we can use to communicate with the cleaning folks.

CNS rooms are being painted. Windows will be delayed until we are ready to put them in.

August 13th will be worship in the Park. Crestview and Old Union will be joining us.


The CPR Training was wonderful. Special Thanks to Erin McKinley for scheduling the event.

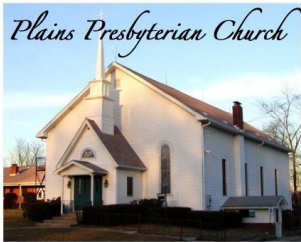
Due to schedule conflicts, we will not be meeting in May. Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm with Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson moderating.

Motion to adjourn by Tiffany Aloï, seconded by David Cardillo. Rev. Dr. Jon closed with prayer at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				2023		
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Worship - 11:00am	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Worship in the Park Lion's Shelter Worship 11:00am	14	15	16 Session Meeting - 7pm	17	18	19
20 Worship 11:00am Coffee Connection hosted by Inreach/ Outreach	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Worship 11:00am	28	29 Pastor Jon - Vacation 8/29 - 9/3	30 Pastor Jon - Vacation 8/29 - 9/3	31 Pastor Jon - Vacation 8/29—9/3		



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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.”

