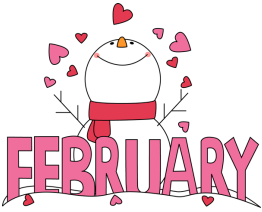


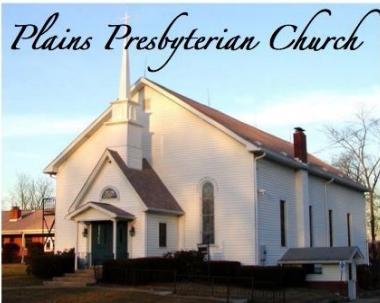
THE PLAIN TALK



2024

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Should Plains buy a Treadmill and a Weight Machine?

In our married life, Amy and I have made several exercise machine purchases. We had a treadmill, an elliptical, and now an exercise bike. I can tell you that most of the exercise we have gotten with these machines is getting them into our house and put in place. Our latest acquisition from a few years ago came via UPS and weighed a little over 100 pounds. It's a bulky 100 pounds and Amy and I struggled to get it up the steps and in place in our home. I don't know how good of an exercise bike it is, but it is a wonderful clothes rack. Amy hates that I use it for that, but hey, I'm just a man.

Susie has to take physical education and with her being in the Marching Band, it works best for her to take a "self-paced online" class. Who knew that you could take physical education on a computer – but you can! Of course, you have to go to a gym once in a while and Susie goes just down the street to the local YMCA. I used to take her before she got her driver's license and noticed that the place is packed. It seems no matter when you go, the parking lot is filled. There are people everywhere and you can see people using the weight machines, treadmills, elliptical machines, etc. Not one of those machines has had to do double duty as a clothes rack.

It occurred to me that all of these people are very good at taking care of their physical body, but what about their spiritual being? Now I'm sure a lot of those people do go to church and have their faith, but I just can't get over how packed the YMCA is and our church – and many other churches are not. I would like to suggest that our spiritual body is as important – perhaps even more important – than our physical body. Our physical bodies will perish, but our spiritual bodies will live with Christ forever.

So, I jokingly thought, if we only had a treadmill and a weight machine in our church basement, maybe we could get some of the people that go to the YMCA to come to our church. I don't think we will do that, but what we can do is to make sure that everyone we meet feels welcome to attend church with us and get their spiritual body in shape for what the future holds.

In Christ's Service Together,

-Tim Roscoe

Elder of the Month

Bob Young

Deacon of the Month

Julie Young



February 4th

9:45am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Installing Elders and Deacons

February 11th

9:45am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

February 14th

ASH WEDNESDAY

Old Union Presbyterian Church
7:00pm

February 18th

9:45am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Coffee Connection
hosted by Deacons

February 21st

LENTEN SERVICE
Crestview Community Church
7:00pm

February 25th

9:45am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

February 28th

LENTEN SERVICE
Plains Presbyterian Church
7:00pm

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders:

February 4 Ann Nutter
February 11 Frank Aloï
February 18 Susan Pierce
February 25 Tim Roscoe



February 2 Leslie Dambaugh
February 4 Kay Uthman
February 12 Lucas Carter
February 15 Tiffany Aloï
February 20 Jeanne Fornadley Wade
February 22 Tony D. Poletì
February 24 Chloe Kuntz
February 25 Daphne Turner
February 26 Jim Lehman

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

WORSHIP, MUSIC & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS!

Your Plains Church Worship, Music & Stewardship Committee would like to extend an invitation to all members of our congregation to **join our committee!** In 2024, we are assuming Stewardship responsibilities, as well as embarking on an initiative to assess how we welcome Church attendees. Our 2024 Welcoming Church initiative can use your ideas and assistance!

Thank you!

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
- Jenny Stafford
- Nancy - Kathy Carter
- Betty Lehman
- Amy Roscoe
- Rhonda - Tiffany Aloï
- Paul - Ann Nutter
- Friend having knee replacement - Tim Roscoe

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 - February 1, 2024

When: 10:00am

Book Club Leader:

Sue McKinley

sue.w.mckinley@gmail.com



Session Meeting

February 5, 2024

Deacon Meeting

February 18, 2024

Worship, Music, Stewardship Meeting

February 11, 2024

PER CAPITA FOR 2024

\$44.20 per member



THANK YOU!

“Ann Nutter would like to thank the Church family for assisting with the recital and reception on December 17. Everybody had a wonderful time! There were about 50 people in attendance, and we enjoyed a Christmas Carol sing-along. Since everything went so well and there was plenty of room for more people I would like to Invite church members when we do it next year!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:45am

RSVP: Burt & Nancy Duerring

eacinc@zoominternet.net

Sermon on the Mount Series

Workbooks will be provided to new participants.

DEACONS UPDATE

4th QUARTER CHURCH MISSION MONEY DISTRIBUTION

Action taken at the January Deacon's meeting included distribution of the 4th quarter church mission money as follows: \$500 to Light of Life Mission, \$500 to Outreach Arms and \$400 to the Mars Home for Youth.

The distribution of 'church mission money' is in addition to the assistance and help given directly from the Deacon's treasury. You can review the complete list of gifts given during 2023 in the Annual Report recently distributed at the annual meeting.

FYI: It was determined a number of years ago that money given as Mission money in your pledge envelope would 'not' be sent to the Beaver-Butler Presbytery for distribution but would be disbursed by the Deacons of Plains Church.

If you have any questions, please contact any Deacon member. If you know of any person or family needing help in our local community, you may confidentially speak to any of our Deacon members. Thank you.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Please join us on February 11th following Worship for the Souper Bowl of Caring to end hunger.

We will have a variety of soups to raise money for the Evans City Food Bank. Look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex.



For more information reach out to Lily Young (lily16066@gmail.com) or Julie Young (julieyoungg@gmail.com)

In 1990, a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" was delivered to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC led by Brad Smith, who was serving as a seminary intern at the time.

This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football, food and fun, to unite the nation for a higher good? Individuals and groups could collect dollars in soup pots and canned food for those in need and send every dollar and food donation DIRECTLY to a local charity of THEIR choice.

The first year, they invited 22 area churches to join the team and collected \$5,700 with 100% of donations distributed to local-area charities.

That was 1990. Since then, Tackle Hunger, with its signature Souper Bowl of Caring event has become a national, grass-roots, youth-inspired movement where ordinary people are doing extraordinary good. Over \$193 MILLION in dollars and food has been generated while benefiting thousands of soup kitchens, food banks, meal programs and other hunger-relief charities in local communities.

Thousands of participants including: churches, schools, youth groups, community partners, grocery partners, local businesses, media partners, NFL teams and passionate individuals have experienced for themselves, the joy and satisfaction of giving, serving and inspiring people across the country to follow their generous example.

EASTER

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31, 2024

If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter with lilies, please complete the form below and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

ORDERS ARE DUE BY MARCH 10th.

Easter Lilies will be 8 1/2" double stem for \$23.00 each.

Order form from (your name):

Ordering how many: Double Stem _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Or as a gift to the church: _____

Please place your check and order form into the church offering plate or mail to the church office by March 10th.

LILIES CAN BE TAKEN HOME AFTER CHURCH ON EASTER SUNDAY

CNS NEWS

We have had a fun month at Cranberry Nursery School. Although we had to adjust our schedule due to a couple of snow days and delays, the students still had fun. The Nursery and Pre-K classes had a Teddy Bear Day. They came to school in their pajamas, brought their favorite stuffed animal and had a special snack. The Half~Pints classes had a Pajama Day as well. All of the students enjoyed fun activities during the day.

In February the students will have Valentine's parties, a Dad's Day event and Open House. We will continue to be busy the rest of the year.

Registration began for the 2024-2025 school year. Several classes are full, with a waiting list. We do have a few spots available in each level. If you know of anyone who is interested in a small, Christian preschool, please have them call or send an email to cnsoplains@zoominternet.net.

Angela Kushner
Director
Cranberry Nursery School
724-538-8785



PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COFFEE CONNECTION

January 28th	In/Outreach
February 18th	Deacons
March 17th	Worship Committee
April 21st	In/Outreach
May 19th	Session/Elders
June 2nd	Property Committee
July 21st (VBS Recap)	Christian ED/VBS Committee
August 18th	In/Outreach
September 1st	Property Committee
October 20th	Worship Committee
November 17th	Deacons
December 22nd	Session/Elders
January 19th, 2025	In/Outreach



PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Current Church Officer Information

ELDER

Class of 2024

Tiffany Aloï
Tom Lunney

Class of 2025

Susan Delligatti
Janelle Wood

Class of 2026

Frank Aloï
Bob Young

DEACON

Class of 2024

Bev Magill
Cathy Stafford

Class of 2025

Denise Kremmel
Ann Lunney

Class of 2026

Amy Roscoe
Julie Young

AUDITOR

Class of 2024

Julie Young

Class of 2025

Nina Finlay

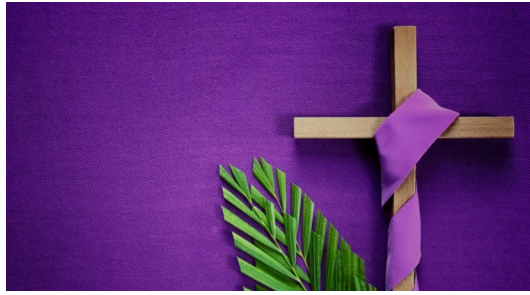
Class of 2026

Tim Roscoe

NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2024

Nina Finlay
Rich Magill
Ann Nutter
Sue Reed
Tim Roscoe (Elder)
To be named (Elder)
Cathy Stafford (Deacon)

Respectfully submitted by the 2023 Nominating Committee, Kathy Carter, Rich Magill,
Sue Reed, Amy Roscoe – Deacon, and Tim Roscoe



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday

Old Union Presbyterian Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - Rev. Peter deVries Ph.D.

Lords Prayer - Matthew Chapter 6

Lenten Worship

Crestview Community Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 - Commissioned Ruling Elder Gregg Hartung

Matthew 6: 9

Plains Presbyterian Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - Elder Frank Aloï

Matthew 6:10

Old Union Presbyterian Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 - Rev. Peter deVries Ph.D.

Matthew 6:11

Crestview Community Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - Commissioned Ruling Elder Gregg Hartung

Matthew 6:12

Plains Presbyterian Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 - Elder Frank Aloï

Matthew 6:13

Maundy Thursday

Old Union Presbyterian Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 28, 2024 - Rev. Peter deVries Ph.D.

Plains Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights

January 2024

Adult Sunday School Room

Session met on Monday, January 8, 2024. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Rev. Dr. Peter de Vries, acting as moderator, opened with prayer at 7:42 p.m. after a discussion of a reading from Acts 14.

Discussion of Elders putting their trust in the Lord. Rev. Dr. Peter reviewed a list of 15 items about a covenant of Spiritual Maturity and Session discussed each point in depth.

Minutes from the November 13, 2023 Session meeting were approved by consensus.

Congregational meeting will be held on January 28, 2024. Rev. Dr. Peter will moderate. This will be a combination of both Parts I and II since we have difficulty getting a moderator. Elders of the month were assigned.

All is well with CNS. Registration for the next school year has begun.

Frank Aloï reviewed the financial performance from last year.

Frank also presented a balanced budget for 2024. Session approved a motion to accept the budget as presented.

Everything is fine with the Deacons, and they are going to be meeting in January to organize for the year.

Worship Committee meeting this Sunday, January 14th.

Worship, Music and Stewardship committees to be merged into one committee. Hopefully some new people will attend.

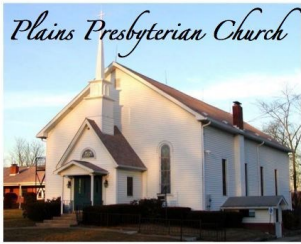
Deacons and Elders can handle most pastoral care issues - If there is a funeral or something major, Rev. Dr. Peter will be happy to assist.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be February 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<i>February</i>		2024		
				1	2	3
				Book Club - 10:00am		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship - 11:00am	Session Meeting 7:00pm					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Soupier Bowl of Caring Worship, Music, Stewardship Meeting			Ash Wednesday Old Union - 7:00pm			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29		
Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am			Lenten Worship Plains Church - 7:00pm			



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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.”

