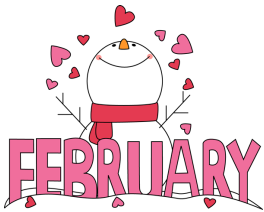


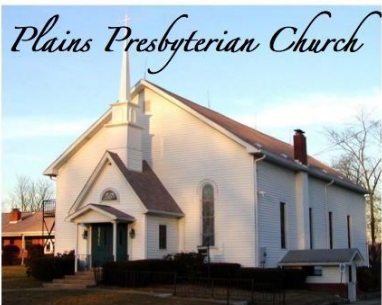
# THE PLAIN TALK



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## Part-Time Transitional Pastor Introduction & What's Next

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you and for the warm welcome I have received as I begin that service. I have been engaged to work with both Plains Presbyterian and Park United Presbyterian churches for a season as a part-time transitional pastor. I have 16 years of experience leading churches through changes in pastoral leadership and have served many different churches. I have chosen to maintain part-time employment outside of the ministry so that I can more consistently serve the part-time needs of most small local churches. I will be working half-time over three days a week. Sunday at both churches, one day during the week at Plains and one day during the week at Park United.

This means that I will not be doing all the things you hope a full-time pastor would do. My primary responsibilities are leading worship, moderating session meetings, and supporting the leaders of both churches as they chart a path forward. I will keep regular office hours at each church one day a week. I will be involved in and coordinate pastoral care ministries but will not be able to make every pastoral visit personally. Whenever possible I will take care of member funerals. I will always make sure that other appropriate leadership is identified for these pastoral functions.

Your congregations have walked as companions in ministry, for a time sharing the pastoral leadership of Rev. John Nelson. This relatively new partnership is an asset as you consider what the future in ministry holds. As a transitional pastor, it is my goal to assist both churches in moving through this season of change. I will offer your leaders guidance and training as I moderate session meetings and conduct whatever collaborative work, they feel is appropriate. Successfully navigating any significant change in life involves considering our connections to one another, what we believe about who we are, and what our purpose will be as we move through that change and into a new future. You should be grateful for the time, energy, and care with which your leaders have provided for your needs, bringing you this far. And I call upon you to support them and invest in the future of the church by participating not just in some way but in every way you can in the life and service of both congregations. I thank you for your consideration and pray that you will open your heart and mind to God's life renewing power as we step into a new thing.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Porter

Elder of the Month

Bob Young

Deacon of the Month

Julie Young

## Helping with Worship This Month

### Worship Leaders:

February 2 Tim Roscoe

February 9 Amy Roscoe

February 16 Susan Reed

February 23 Tiffany Aloï



### February 2nd

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

### February 9th

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

Congregational Meeting II  
Pot Luck Luncheon  
Deacon Meeting

### February 16th

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

### February 23rd

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



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 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

### CONGREGATIONAL II MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

Sunday, February 9, 2025

POT LUCK LUNCHEON

AFTERWARDS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



2025 Plains Church Per Capita is \$45.24

Online Giving is now available for you convenience.

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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 :

- Jenny Stafford
- Betty Lehman
- Lisa Bender
- Laura - Wanda Rice's sister
- Linda McLean
- Andy - Ann Nutter
- Beth - Ann Nutter
- Amy Roscoe's sister

Our friends who are in assisted living:

Eileen Kaufman & Kay Uthman

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

**PLAINS BOOK CLUB**

Next Meeting - February 6, 2025

When: 10:00am

Book Club Leader:

Sue McKinley

sue.w.mckinley@gmail.com



**Session Meeting**

February 10, 2025

**Deacon Meeting**

February 9, 2025

**SWAM Meeting**

February 16, 2025

**PER CAPITA FOR 2025**

\$45.24 per member

**EVENT CALENDAR**

February 6th - Book Club

February 9th - Congregational II and Pot Luck after meeting

February 9th - Deacons Meeting

February 10th - Session Meeting 6:00pm

February 16th - SWAM Meeting

February 16th - Coffee Connection hosted by the Deacons



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:45am

RSVP: Burt & Nancy Duerring

eacinc@zoominternet.net

# CNS NEWS

January has been an interesting month at Cranberry Nursery School. Due to the cold weather, school closings and delays, we've made some adjustments, but the students still had fun activities. The Nursery and Pre-K classes had a Teddy Bear Day. The students came to school in their pajamas, brought their favorite stuffed animals and had special bear related snacks. The Half-Pints classes had a Pajama Day. All of the students enjoyed fun activities during the day.

In February we 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 2025-2026 school year. We have a few spots available in each level. If you know of anyone who is interested in a small, loving, Christian preschool, please have them call or send an email to [cnsoplains@zoominternet.net](mailto:cnsoplains@zoominternet.net).





**Plains Presbyterian Church**  
Current Church Officers

**ELDER**

**Class of 2025**

Susan Delligatti  
Janelle Wood

**Class of 2026**

Frank Aloï  
Bob Young

**Class of 2027**

Tiffany Aloï  
Tom Lunney

**DEACON**

**Class of 2025**

Denise Kremmel  
Ann Lunney

**Class of 2026**

Amy Roscoe  
Julie Young

**Class of 2027**

Ann Nutter  
Susan Peirce

**PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**COFFEE CONNECTION**

January 19th	Discipleship
February 16th	Deacons
March 16th	Worship Committee
April 13th	Discipleship
May 18th	Session/Elders
June 22nd	Property Committee
July 20th (VBS Recap)	Christian ED/VBS Committee
August 17th	In/Outreach
September 21st	Property Committee
October 19th	Worship Committee
November 16th	Deacons
December 2nd	Session/Elders
January 18th, 2026	In/Outreach



# Plains Presbyterian Church

## Session Highlights

### January 2025

Session met on Monday, January 15, 2025. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Session approved the minutes from the December 9, 2024 Session meeting.

All annual reports that the Clerk completes were filed with the PCUSA and the Beaver Butler Presbytery.

Communion was served to 25 people on January 5, 2025.

Frank Aloï reviewed our financial performance for the year.

Our church per capita for 2025 has been paid to the Presbytery.

Frank reviewed the operating budget for 2025. Session voted to accept the operating budget as presented.

Deacons met and assigned their officers for the year were assigned. Moderator is Julie Young, Susan Peirce is the Secretary, and Amy Roscoe is Treasurer. Ann Nutter will be doing the card ministry.

Frank presented some information about the Lenten Services. We plan to partner with Old Union and/or Crestview Churches for Wednesday Services during Lent, times/locations TBD. We will invite Park to attend / partner with us.

The Discipleship Committee is looking to have events such as Men's Nights out and Women's Nights out, Bible Study Groups, etc. during the year. More details to follow.

The Property Committee is working to get electrical power to the pavilion and to get the outdoor chapel cleaned up.

Frank Aloï filed the annual report with the Commonwealth.

Approved holding the Congregational Meeting Part II on February 9th followed by a "Potluck".

Session committee assignments for 2025 will remain unchanged.

Next Session meeting will be on February 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe  
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<i>February</i>		<b>2025</b>		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship - 11:00am				Book Club 10:00am		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Congregational II Pot Luck Luncheon Deacon Meeting	Session Meeting 6:00pm					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Coffee Connection SWAM Meeting	Presidents' Day					
23	24	25	26	27	28	
Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am						



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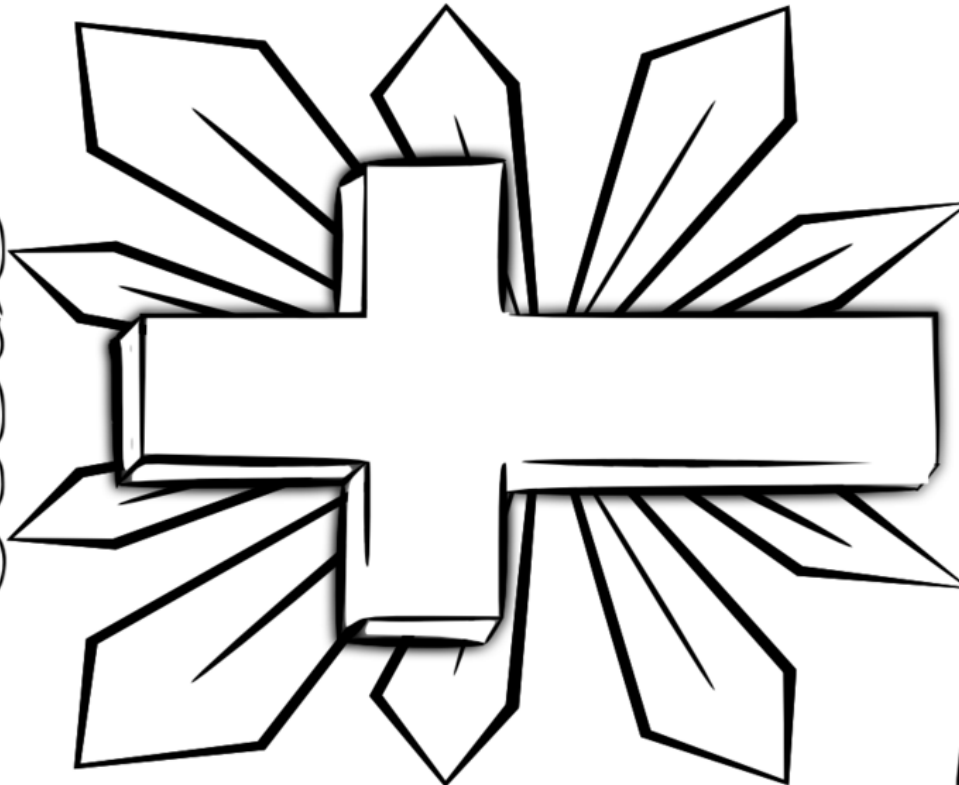
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“As disciples of Christ, we share the gospel with one another and the community.

We are committed to growth in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through worship, study, teaching, and fellowship.”



**MESSAGE**



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