

THE PLAIN TALK



2026

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Restoration is an essential element in Christian faith. It signifies God's plan to redeem and renew humanity, creation, and the community on an intimate, global, and even cosmic level. Restoration moves beyond mere repair to transformation into God's original design. Restoration in Christ emphasizes forgiveness, healing, and a new way of living that reflects Christ's life. It is the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit to bring believers into holiness and unity, culminating in a new heaven and earth. It's both a personal journey (like David's or Peter's restoration) and a communal mission to reflect God's grace and repair brokenness in the world.

Restoration is an ongoing need for each of us. After confronting Peter with his denial and questioning his love for him (John 21:15-19) Jesus restored Peter giving him a new purpose and personal calling to "feed my sheep" And yet Peter would fail again. He refused to recognize the Spirit's movement through Paul's ministry among the gentiles treating them as second class disciples. Following a dream about a feast of clean and unclean foods and an encounter with an encounter with a devout God-fearing gentile named Cornelius he is restored again and publicly proclaims his change of heart. "Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

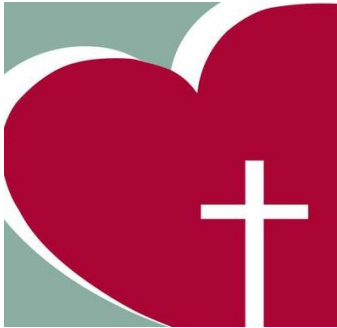
Peter acknowledges that even before hearing a single word about Christ some people come to believe in God and have an ability to distinguish between good and evil. They recognize and understand what it means to do good and, out of respect for (fear of) God they act faithfully without God's intervention The call from Christ to make disciples does not assume that people are ignorant of God, or what is good. God's redemptive work in Christ is necessary because even the best of us will sin and require restoration.

Sin breaks our relationship with God. Restoration is Christ's work to forgive, heal, and reconcile sinners to God, fulfilling promises to write God's law on our hearts (Ezekiel 36:26-27). "Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (John 1:16-17) Like Peter we will require restoration each time we fall prey to sin. Our restoration is an unfinished journey, yet we are reassured as Paul writes to the Philippians "I am confident of this, he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)

As we move through the Month of February, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday and begin the season of lent. This year we will focus on the theme of restoration in Christ's ministry as we prepare to celebrate the completion of God's redemptive work on Easter.

Pastor John Porter

Elder of the Month
Tiffany Aloï
Deacon of the Month
Deb Schoch



Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders:

- February 1st - Tim Roscoe
- February 8th - Amy Roscoe
- February 15th - Frank Aloï
- February 22nd - Tiffany Aloï

February 1st
Congregational Meeting II
11:00 am Worship Service

February 8th
11:00 am Worship Service

February 15th
11:00 am Worship Service
Deacon Meeting

February 22nd
11:00 am Worship Service



February 4 Kay Uthman
February 12 Lucas Carter
February 15 Tiffany Aloï
February 22 Tony D. Poletti
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 8am-Noon

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:

- Jenny Stafford
- Lisa Bender
- Linda - Ron Rice's sister
- Baby Hadlee
- Trudy – Ron Rice
- Jason - Ann Nutter
- Rosalind – Tiffany Aloï
- Family & Friends of Rev. Dr. William Jackson

Our friends who are in assisted living:

Kay Uthman

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

HELLO February

PLAINS BOOK CLUB

Next Meeting – February 5th
When: 10:00am
Book Club Leader:
Sue McKinley
sue.w.mckinley@gmail.com



Session Meeting

February 9th

Deacon Meeting

February 15th

SWAM Meeting

TBA

ANNUAL REPORTS

All Committee chairs please submit your annual reports.
February 1, 2026 – Congregational II Meeting after worship

PER CAPITA FOR 2026

\$46.66 per member

Wreaths Across America

The fundraiser for Wreaths Across America earned \$75.00 that will go towards the Youth Group to fund their activities.

Isaiah 117 House Butler County

The Isaiah 117 House butler County is holding an informational dinner on Thursday night February 5, 2026 at 6:00pm. All friends & members of Plains Presbyterian Church are invited to a table hosted by volunteer Nancy Duerring. Together, we'll learn how a safe and nurturing environment can be created for children transitioning into foster care in our communities. Please indicate your interest by signing up on the Guest List in the Narthex. Dinner will be provided at no cost at location. The Atrium 1031 New Castle Road, near Prospect, PA 16025. Carpooling can be arranged.

Leadership



Plains Presbyterian Church Current Church Officers

ELDERS

Class of 2026

Frank Aloï
Bob Young

Class of 2027

Tiffany Aloï
Tom Lunney

Class of 2028

Susan Delligatti
Susan Reed

DEACONS

Class of 2026

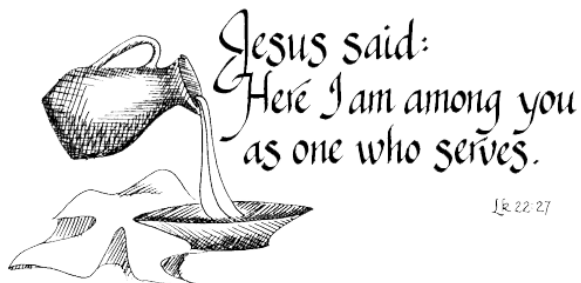
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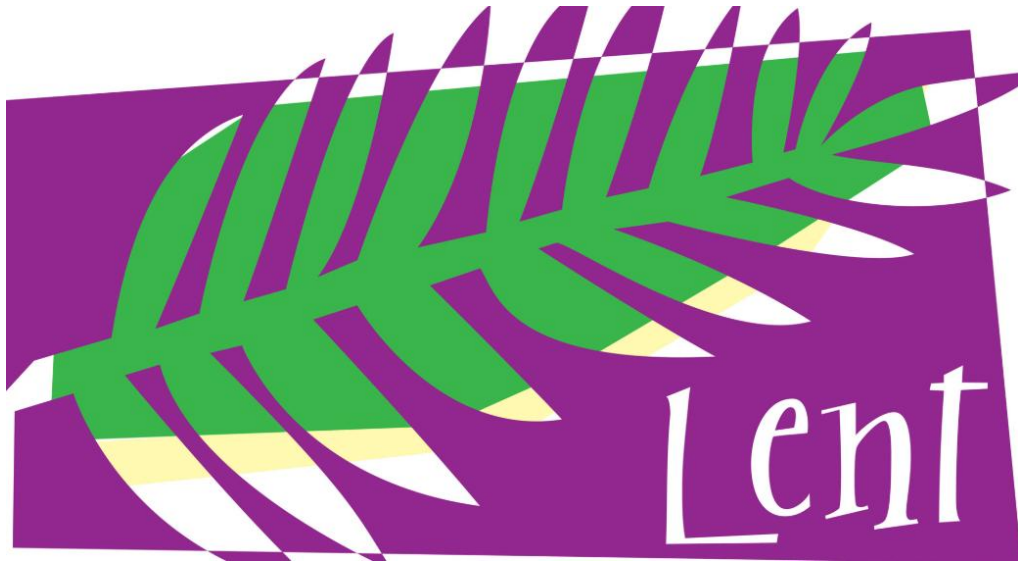
Class of 2027

Ann Nutter
Susan Peirce

Class of 2028

Ann Lunney
Deb Schoch





LENTEN SCHEDULE

Plains Presbyterian Church

February 18th – Ash Wednesday – 7:00pm

Old Union Presbyterian Church

February 25th – Lenten Service – 7:00pm

SAVE THE DATES EVENTS

MARCH 6-8, 2026

MAN CAMP – Seneca Hills Bible Camp 276 Damascus Rd. Polk, PA 16342

What Awaits You at Man Camp?

Discover God's purpose for your life and step into His calling.

Strengthen bonds with fellow believers through shared fellowship.

Find peace and renewal in a weekend of fun, rest, and challenge.

NEW THIS YEAR: Archery Tag, Horseshoes, Early Morning Hikes

MARCH 13, 2026

The Lighthouse Foundation

BINGO NIGHT- Highfield Community Center

JUNE 5, 2026

The Lighthouse Legacy Golf Outing

Friday, June 5, 2026 – Cranberry Highlands

ecioffi@thelighthousepa.org – more information on events



Farewell Party For Tim & Amy Roscoe
Potluck Luncheon

When: Sunday, February 15, 2026

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: After Worship

Sign -up sheet in Narthex

New Address: Tim & Amy Roscoe

8208 Grassland Drive

Plain City, OH 43064

CNS NEWS

We hope you all have been staying safe and warm during these cold, snowy days. January has brought CNS some challenges as we try to keep the school open while keeping our students safe. Although the schedule has included snow days and delays, the students still had some 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 and also brought in their favorite stuffed animals. All of the students enjoyed fun activities during the day.

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

Registration began for the 2026-2027 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.



PLAINS CHURCH
SESSION HIGHLIGHTS
January 2026

The Session meeting was held on Monday, January 19th, 2026. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Elders of the Month were appointed for 2026.

Reminder that the Congregation Meeting Part II will be held on Sunday February 1st, 2026, after Worship.

We are Coordinating a joint Session and Deacons meeting tentatively for May.

Pastor John's contract has been renewed and approved for 2026.

Session approved the 2026 Budget.

Session approved the Per Capita matching program for the Synod in 2026.

Session approved to transfer \$50,000 from our checking account to our investment account to earn a higher rate of return.

Pastor John will lead a Pastoral Caregiving training for lay leaders at the next annual Presbytery training event on March 15th.

The SWAM, Discipleship and Property Committees work were discussed.

Received a PNC Update – new candidates will be discussed at their next meeting.

Approved the purchase of a new rug for the entrance of the Church.

Planning for a celebration of Tim and Amy Roscoe's ministry at Plains was discussed.

Adjournment: Next Session meeting will be held on Monday, February 9th at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francis J. Aloï

Frank Aloï, Clerk of Session

February

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Congregational II Meeting Worship 11:00am	2	3	4	5 Book Club 10am	6	7
8 Worship 11:00am	9 Session Meeting 6pm	10	11	12	13	14
15 Worship 11:00 Farewell Party Deacon Meeting	16	17	18 Ash Wednesday Plains 7pm	19	20	21
22 Worship 11:00am	23	24	25 Lenten Old Union 7pm	26	27	28



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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.”

