

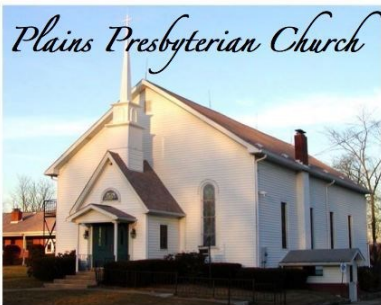
THE PLAIN TALK

January

2024

**Plains
Presbyterian
Church**

**Serving the
community
since 1806**



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By the Numbers...

2024 – Can you believe it is 2024 already? When I worked for a living, I was part of a team that was investigating the “Year 2000” computer problem. Remember that? Somehow, the clock would tick over to the year 2000 and everything was going to break. 2000 came and poof – nothing bad happened. Then people said – well the real issue will be with 2001 – and poof – it came and went and nothing bad happened.

I wanted to share some numbers for you to reflect upon. As I write this, Plains has exactly 66 members. We have 42 women and 24 men. We have at least 44 people that are 55 years of age or older. That’s about 2/3 of our membership.

At least 28 members have been part of the church for over 20 years, with 10 having over 50 years of membership. Our roots run very deep.

Speaking of deep – we have over 600 people buried in our cemetery. The oldest one I could find was a Thomas Wilson, born in 1740. That was 26 years before the Declaration of Independence! We also have a Martha Boggs who was born 5 years before the Declaration of Independence, and died in 1810 at about the age of 39, when Plains was just getting started as a church. Her grave has stood as a witness to all the changes over the years.

I am reminded of Luke 12:7 – *“Even the hairs on your head are all numbered.”* Take comfort that God knows all – including our wants and needs. He knows each of us and loves us! He knows all about Plains Church and our wants and needs.

So welcome to 2024 – And with the Lord’s help, poof nothing bad will happen to Plains. Let’s make it a year of growth and a chance to share with our neighbors the glory of His creation in Cranberry Township.

In Christ’s Service Together,

-Tim Roscoe

Elder of the Month
Tiffany Aloï
Deacon of the Month
Bev Magill

January 7th
Epiphany Sunday

9:45am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Undecorating the Church after
worship

January 14th

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

January 21st

9:45am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Deacons Meeting after worship

January 28th

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

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders:

January 7th Tim Roscoe
January 14th Amy Roscoe
January 21st Susan Reed
January 28th Tiffany Aloï



January 5 Bob Rectenwald
January 6 Burt Duerring
January 6 Lana Holcomb
January 7 Kathy Carter
January 12 Rachel Kremmel
January 12 Kathy Robinson
January 14 Sue Rectenwald
January 14 Tom Lunney



January 30 Tom & Ann Lunney

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! If you are interested, please consider attending our first meeting of 2024 on January 14th after the Worship Service. Thank you!

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
- Jenny Stafford
- Nancy - Kathy Carter
- Betty Lehman
- Family and Friends of Don Peirce
- Amy Roscoe
- Rev. Dr. Gary Angleberger
- Family and Friends of Gloria Miller

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 - January 4th

10:00am

Book Club Leader:

Sue McKinley

sue.w.mckinley@gmail.com



Session Meeting

January 8, 2024

Deacon Meeting

January 21, 2024

Worship Meeting

Sunday, January 14, 2024

UNDECORATING THE CHURCH

January 7, 2024

Please stay after worship and help undecorate the church.

Pizza and Soda will be served!

WREATH RETIREMENT

Saturday, January 27, 2024

PER CAPITA FOR 2024

\$44.20 per member

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

All Committee chairs please submit your annual reports.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:45am

RSVP: Burt & Nancy Duerring

eacinc@zoominternet.net

Sermon on the Mount Series

The series continues on December 31st with Lesson 6 "How to Really Love Your Enemies"

Workbooks will be provided to new participants.



IN MEMORY OF:

Frank Aloï Sr. & Annabelle
From: Frank & Tiffany Aloï

Jack Bark
Dave & Edith Heckard
From: Joann Bark

Mr. & Mrs. Edgar McMillen
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Carmichael
Mrs. Barbara Ginsbach
From: Jay & Bonnie Carmichael

Ernie Jones
From: The Carter Family

Chuck McDonald
Edward & Dorothy Kimmel
Eunice Guenther
From: Bruce, Denise & Rachel Kimmel

Loved Ones
Richard & Beverly Magill

William Peirce
From: Susan & Don Peirce

Tony & Marge Poletti
Dave & Ann Sheehy
From: Tony & Jeanine Poletti

IN MEMORY OF:

Our Siblings
Dan, Millie, Eileen
From: Dennis & Kathy Robinson

Our Dear Loved Ones
From: Eugene & Corina Taylor

IN HONOR OF:

Bob & Iris Henry
From: Frank & Tiffany Aloï

Our Family
From: Tom & Ann Lunney

GIFT TO THE CHURCH:


The Delligatti Family

Robert & Linda McLean

Thank you to the following people for the beautiful Poinsettias in
our sanctuary for this Christmas season.

Youth Events

Beaver-Butler Presbytery
YOUTH GROUP
BOWLING PARTY



SUNDAY January 28, 2024
3pm -5pm
Family Bowlaway Fun Center
540 Fairground Hill Rd, Butler, PA 16001

YOU MUST RSVP to Diana to attend the event.
Deadline to RSVP is 1/15/24
dianamermon@beaverbutler.org
or 412-915-2097

LEGO TOURNAMENT



**OLD UNION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Saturday, January 13

10 AM—2 PM

Cost \$8.00 (includes lunch)

Open to all everyone in 1st through 6th grade,
with judging in 3 age categories

You must supply your own materials (they do not need to be Lego brand).

Judging will take place for both pre-built designs, and creations made on-site.

*All work must be original designs!
No kit designs, please.*

Special events during the day:

Timed event for best creativity
Race to complete a design from a model
Partner construction

Space is limited, so sign up soon!

To sign up or for more information, contact
Old Union Presbyterian Church
724-538-8672
200 Union Church Rd, Mars PA 16046
www.OldUnionChurch.com
OldUnionChurch@gmail.com

CNS NEWS

In January, Cranberry Nursery School will begin registration for the 2024-2025 school year.

January 6th - Current Families

January 13th - Siblings and Former Families

January 23rd - Open Registration

Please share with your friends and family about our special school. We are blessed to have a caring group of teachers and aides who are dedicated to creating a love of learning. A reminder we require our students be up-to-date on their immunizations.

Wishing all the members of Plains Presbyterian Church a Healthy and blessed Holiday.

Angela Kushner

Director

Cranberry Nursery School



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Remember Our Fallen U.S. Veterans

Wreaths Across America's Mission

Remember, Honor, Teach

Thank you for your generous support!

All veterans in the Plains Church Cemetery
received a wreath on their grave.

On January 27th wreaths will be retired.

Plains Presbyterian Church

Wreaths Across America

Leading Prayer: Rev. Dr. Peter C. de Vries

Speaker: Tom Lunney



Bugler - Played Taps

Drew Podnar



BOY SCOUT TROOP 403

Color Guard



Wreaths placed for the different
branches of service.



PLAINS CHURCH CEMETERY

Veterans Graves

Plains Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights

November 2023

Session met on Monday November 23, 2023. Below are some of the “highlights” of that meeting.

Rev. Dr. Peter de Vries, Pastor Old Union Church will be our temporary Session Moderator. Rev. A. David Paul will be our liaison with the MVC.

Approved recommending to the Congregation at an upcoming meeting to amend the bylaws to reduce the number of Elders from 9 to 7.

Our income has been very good this year. We should finish in the black this year.

Frank Aloï presented the preliminary budget for review.

Session received the Treasurer’s report by consensus.

Approved paying our full per capita and allowing the Presbytery to provide a 50% match to the Synod of the Trinity.

Approved Frank Aloï as Interim Treasurer and Tim Roscoe as Clerk for 2024.

Deacons will be delivering the Shoe Box gifts soon.

Tom Lunney is taking care of property related items and new windows will be installed during the upcoming break.

Liturgist schedule will be published soon.

Frank Aloï will be leading us in worship during Advent.

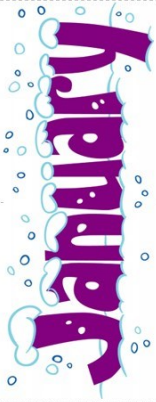
Looking at some new committees for 2024.

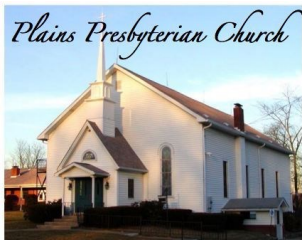
Craft show was excellent.

Next Session meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				2024		
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	New Year's Day			Book Club 10:00am		
7 Epiphany Sunday Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship - 11:00am Undecorate the Church	8 Session Meeting - 7pm	9	10	11	12	13
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21 Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Deacon Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27 Wreath Retirement 9:00am
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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.”

