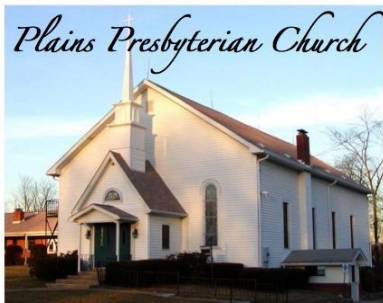


2022

**Plains
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2022!

Yes. It is already the year 2022. A year in which we make resolutions to better ourselves: losing weight, exercising more, being kinder. You all can mentally add countless more to our list of resolutions. But guess what? Multiple studies have shown that the majority of our New Year's resolutions have failed by the second week of February. Makes you sad, doesn't it ?

Aside from our individual resolutions to improve our human selves, we also resolve to better our Christian lives and community. We intend to work toward using our time, talent and treasure for the betterment of our beloved Plains Church and the Glory of God. But again, guess what? Family needs intercede because there are no substitutes to drive children to practices or help with school work. Working extra hours to make ends meet prevents us from having that open slot of time for volunteering to do church projects and repairs. This unnerving time of sickness and extra employment demands hamper our heartfelt resolutions to use our time, talent and treasure for the good of our caring committed congregation. We make these resolutions with pure hearts. But guess what? We still often fail.

Now our church needs a pastor. God's resolution to us is unfailing. He already knows who our new pastor is! Yes, believe this! Our pastor-to-be doesn't yet know we need them. We haven't a clue who or where they are. But God knows. We can always count on God's resolution for what our problem might be.

Let us remake our Resolution to trust in Him. He never fails.

Susan Reed

Elder of the Month
Tiffany Aloï

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

January 2	Amy Roscoe
January 9	Ron Carter
January 16	Tim Roscoe
January 23	Susan Reed
January 30	Frank Aloï

January 2

11:00 am Worship Service
Undecorating the Church

January 9

10:00am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

January 16

10:00am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Deacon Meeting

January 23

10:00am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

January 30

10:00am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service



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 15	Steve Raatz
January 27	Michaela Leisie
January 29	JonMark Marotta



January 26	Dan & Katie Greggs
January 30	Tom & Ann Lunney

Please Note: We strongly recommend that you wear a face mask in church for the protection of the body of Christ.



**Please keep our Elders & Deacons
in your prayers as they lead Plains
into the future.**

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

Chairperson Needed for Bereavement Meals

If you are interested in volunteering to take over the committee to serve bereavement meals please contact the church office.

Online Giving is now available for you convenience.

Log on and check it out
www.plainschurch.com

Scan the QR code:



We also ask for prayers for the following :

- Corina Taylor
- Jenny Stafford
- Victims of the Coronavirus
- Caregivers & Families
- Kay Uthman
- Ernie & Nancy– Kathy Carter
- Betty Love
- Sue Ray – Jeanne
- Barbara Gray– Jeanne
- Michael Garicia – Nancy Duerring
- Bobby – Jeanne

Our friends who are in assisted living:

Martha Malone, Betty Budney , Nancy Jones & Eileen Kaufman

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2nd

Undecorating the Church

January 10th

Session Meeting - 7:00pm

January 16th

Deacons Meeting after service

January 29th

Wreath Retirement - 9:00am

Adult Sunday School

When: Sunday, January 9th

Time: 10:00am

Where: Fellowship Hall

“If you build it, they won’t come”

RSVP with Frank Aloï

Materials will be supplied



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 29th wreaths will be retired.



PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
DECEMBER 18, 2021 at 12:00pm

Thank you to all who gathered and volunteered their time to lay wreaths for the veterans in the Plains Church Cemetery. The event was the first for Plains Church and it was well received by the community and the church. We are looking towards next year and your support.





Troop 403 - Color Guard



Plains Presbyterian Cemetery

Wreaths Across America Ceremony

Speaker - Tom Lunney



Plains Presbyterian Cemetery

Wreaths Across America Ceremony

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



Volunteers help place wreaths on Veterans graves.



Bugler - Played Taps

Laura Hanlon



PLAINS CHURCH CEMETERY HISTORICAL RECORD

If you have any information on those buried in the Plains Church Cemetery and would like to share pictures or a short biography please submit that to the Plains Church Office or Tom Lunney.

tglunney@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group had a successful and delicious Spaghetti Luncheon on December 5, 2021. Thank you to all that came to enjoy the fellowship.

DEACON NEWS



On December 18, 2021 the Deacons had a Deacon/Shepherd Breakfast for the congregation of Plains Church before the ceremony of Wreaths Across America. Thank you to all that came out and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast.

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



IN MEMORY OF:

Jack Bark

From: Joann Bark

Our Parents

From: David and Maryann Cardillo

Those who have gone on before us.

From: Carter Family

Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Carmichael

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Carmichael

Barbara Ginsbach

From: Bonnie and Jay Carmichael

Jim Dambaugh

Al & Ina Jane Helquist

From: Leslie & Elliott Dambaugh

Aunt Jeanette Erler

From: Nancy and Burt Duerring

Paul and Sandra Greggs

From: Dan and Katie Greggs

Dorothy and Edward Kremmel

Chuck McDonald

Eunice Guenther

From: Bruce, Denise and Rachel Kremmel

Jim and Julie Lemon

Bob and Lovey Cunningham

From: Lemon Family

Loved Ones

From: Rich and Bev. Magill

Tony and Marge Poleti

Dave and Ann Sheehy

From: Tony and Jeanine Poleti

Richard Raatz

Neal McCluskey

Barbara McCluskey

From: Steve and Julie Raatz

Lew Goehring

From: Ron and Wanda Rice

Our Parents

From: Tim and Amy Roscoe

Our Loved One

From: Eugene and Corina Taylor



IN HONOR OF:

Our Children and Grandchildren

From: David and Maryann Cardillo

Our Children and Grandkids

From: Lemon Family

Our Family

From: Tom and Ann Lunney

Marnel Raatz

The Whole Raatz Family

From: Steve and Julie Raatz

CNS NEWS

Planning for the 2022-2023 school year and registration has been set up with the following schedule:

January 6 - current students

January 13 - former families and siblings

January 20 - open registration

Please spread the word about our special school. The children are blessed to learn from a caring, dedicated staff whose goal is to create a love of learning. A reminder that students must be immunized and are currently required to wear masks.

We wish all members of Plains Presbyterian Church a blessed and healthy holiday season.

Angela Kushner
Director
Cranberry Nursery School
724-538-8785

GET INVOLVED!

GET INVOLVED PART 1!

Each month our Plain Talk newsletter leads off with an article typically written by the pastor. We are now in need of authors for the front-page letter and are asking that you consider getting involved!

If you have an interest in writing one of the monthly Plain Talk front page letters, please volunteer for a month in 2022! You can contact Ann at (724) 538-8785 or by email at plains@zoominternet.net.

Thank you!

Frank

GET INVOLVED PART 2!

Our Cranberry Nursery School is asking that someone from Plains Church tell a short Bible story to their classes each month. Our former pastor would occasionally read them a story with pictures. I read each class the story of Zacchaeus this month and enjoyed the experience!

If you have an interest in participating in the spiritual growth of our young CNS disciples, please volunteer for a month in 2022! You can contact Angela Kushner at (724) 538-8785 or by email at cnsoplains@zoominternet.net.

Thank you!

Frank

Plains Presbyterian Church
Session Highlights
December 2021
Zoom Online Meeting & Church Fellowship Hall

Session met on Monday, December 13, 2021. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Approved the Session Meeting minutes from October 18, 2021, and the Congregational Meeting part I minutes November 28, 2021, by consensuses.

CNS Parties are planned. Things are going well. Christmas luncheon was held. Church members are reading to the children.

Session reviewed the financial reports of the church. Giving is a little ahead of last year and expenses are better this month, but a little more than the budget. Frank reviewed the budget for next year and we will be voting on it at the January Session meeting.

Amy Roscoe has been elected moderator of the Deacons. Julie Raatz talked about the role of Deacons at Plains and all the good things they are doing.

The Youth Group Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser was on December 5, 2021. \$420 was raised. Looking forward to starting adult Sunday school in the new year.

The craft fair was well attended, and people are looking forward to next year.

Manse is ready to rent. Prospective renters are looking at it. The rent will be \$1,300 per month plus utilities.

This Saturday at noon will be our Wreath's Across America Service.

19 Pledge cards have been received so far.

Communion for 2022 will be held on April 17, June 5, October 2, and December 4 for 2022. Motion from committee. Approved by Session by consensus.

Looking for people to write the Newsletter Cover Letter.

Frank Aloï was elected to be Treasurer. Tim Roscoe was elected to be Clerk of Session.


Tiffany Aloï, Dave Cardillo, Steve Raatz, and Bob Young will be the committee to find an Interim Pastor. One of the first tasks for the committee is to put together a job description for the Interim Pastor and have it approved by Session.

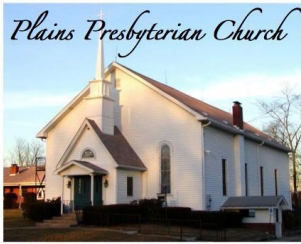
Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm with Rev. Dr. Peter de Vries Moderating.

Rev. Dr. Peter de Vries closed with prayer at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Year's Day
2 Worship - 11:00am Undecorating the church	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Sunday School 10:00am Worship - 11:00am	10 Session Meeting 7:00pm	11 CNS Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Deacon Meeting after service	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am	24	25	26	27	28	29 Wreath Retirement 9:00am
30 School 10:00am Worship 11:00am	31					



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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.”

