

THE
PLAIN
TALK



2019

**Plains
Presbyterian
Church**

**Serving the
community
since 1806**



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A Word from Rev. Derek:

Each morning when I open my laptop and read the new emails that I find there, I received a devotional from the Henri Nouwen Society that I look forward to reading. In total, the devotion is probably less than 750 words. But in spite of its brevity, it helps frame the day that God gives me. That devotional provides some direction for my day and I find, more often than not, it is related to what is to follow.

On a rainy June morning, my devotional spoke about compassion and solidarity. They are two ideas that are linked but I am not sure how often we draw the connection together. But, as you might guess, I think we should. The key passage for me from this daily devotional was this:

Those who do not run away from our pains but touch them with compassion bring healing and new strength. The paradox indeed is that the beginning of healing is in the solidarity with the pain. In our solution-oriented society it is more important than ever to realize that wanting to alleviate pain without sharing it is like wanting to save a child from a burning house without the risk of being hurt. It is in solitude that this compassionate solidarity takes its shape.

While overall that is a strong quotation that caused me to pause in my day and consider, my focus was held in the sentence that began with the phrase, "In our solution-oriented society..." When you combine that phrase with the idea of society running away from personal pain, we find an avenue for ministry. It is an avenue to choose to be with the people of this community who are isolated because their lives are not neat and tidy. However, isn't that where Jesus would choose to dwell?

The church is the place where we affirm that our mission is not always to solve any problems, that may happen, but I am not sure it is our direct call from God in every situation. Instead, through presence, we are called to allow God the space to change and shape us through discipleship. By doing, by giving God the needed space, we find that the problems and the struggles of our days resolved not because we did, or didn't do, anything. Instead, the God we serve resolves our pain, and can resolve the pain of others, because we chose to dwell with each other in a compassionate way.

To be with people who suffer is to take a risk of being hurt, but I think it is a risk that God wants the church to actively take. So, I want you to consider a couple of questions this month as you walk with God:

What does it look like in your life when you choose to dwell with someone who suffers any form of pain?

What is God asking you to do this summer when you encounter His children who suffer?

Blessings,
Rev. Derek

Helping with Worship This Month

Elder of the Month
Steve Walter

Deacon of the Month
Julie Young

Worship Leaders

02 Sue Reed

09 Frank Aloï

16 Jennifer Marotta

23 Tim Roscoe

30 Tiffany Aloï

Greeters

02 Tim & Amy Roscoe

09 Frank & Tiffany Aloï

16 Roberta Lemon & Joann Bark

23 Jennifer Marotta & Tony Poletì

30 Tom & Ann Lunney

Nursery Workers

02 Ron & Kathy Carter

09 Norah Collins

16 Melissa Holcomb

23 Denise Kremmel

30 Julie Young

Worship Schedule



July 7

10:00 am Worship Service

July 14

10:00 am Worship Service

Baptism

Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social

July 21

10:00 am Worship Service

Coffee Connection

July 28

10:00 am Worship Service



July 1

Eunice Guenther

July 5

Sandi Taylor

July 7

Dennis Robinson

July 8

Hanna Leisie

July 14

Tim Rausch

July 22

Amy Roscoe

July 24

Edward Kremmel

July 25

Traci Kuntz

July 26

Kelli Gillespie & Reed Kuntz

July 27

Jeanine Poletì & Hanna Budney &

Grace Budney



July 2

Gene & Corina Taylor

July 10

Jason & Melissa Holcomb

July 15

Frank & Tiffany Aloï

July 21

Jack and Cathy Dixon



Coffee Connections

Sunday, July 21st

Hosted by Property

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.)

Updating Volunteer List:

Please contact Norah Collins or Janet Duncan to add your name to a call list to assist for bereavement meals. Assistance is needed towards food donations, cooking, setting-up, serving, and cleaning. Your time is greatly appreciated.

Plains Book Club:

The Book Club just loves to get together to share our readings with each other. So we invite you to join us. Even if you find that you cannot read all or any of the book, come for the insightful discussions.

Meetings occur on the first Thursday of each month at 10am in the Church's basement.

Book Club Meetings will resume in the Fall.



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
- Karl Koebler
- Yvette - Tiffany's sister
- John Finlay
- Bill- Betty Lehman's brother
- Matt Protzman
- Tim- Linda's brother
- Gerri Purto
- Emma Marotta
- Kimmy- Jim & Betty Lehman's daughter

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.

Worship Schedule:

Worship at 10:00am



History Corner:



In 1973, a paved parking lot accommodating 60 cars, was built on the north side of the cemetery. With a growing church school enrollment, it became evident that additional space was needed for educational purposes. On June 23, 1974 ground was broken for an educational unit adjacent to the church. Beaver-Butler Presbytery gave evidence of their faith in the future of Plains Church by giving the church a grant of \$10,000 plus an additional loan of 10,000 towards the cost of construction. Dedication of the building contains a church office, pastor's study, four large classrooms and rest rooms on the first floor, with a new kitchen, large fellowship hall with fireplace, three small rooms, and rest rooms on the ground floor. These facilities have helped the church in its ministry to the community as the building is made available to various groups such as scouts, senior citizens, etc.

PER CAPITA

2019 Per Capita is \$40.69 per member. Blue envelopes are provided or pay on online giving please note that it's for the per capita. Thank you for your support.

Calendar of Events



July 4th - Office Closed –

Zelienople Parade at 11:00am

July 14th - Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social
Stay and Help set-up for VBS

July 15th-19th - Vacation Bible School

July 21st-Worship Meeting after service

July 21st- Coffee Connection - Property

July 22nd– Ephesus Project Meeting at
7:00pm

PLAINS CHURCH

ZELIENOLPE PARADE FLOAT

Come enjoy the Zelienople Parade!

We will march in the parade!

Come ride on the float and pass out
candy!

July 4, 2019

Float line up is
10:00am

Parade starts at
11:00am



On-Line Giving is now available for
you convenience. Log on and check
it out www.plainschurch.com

Scan the QR code:



GRADUATES' SUNDAY



We were thankful to celebrate with Nathan Stafford, Ella Lunney, and Christen Duerring. As part of the service the congregation was asked how they can pray for these young men and women. This is the list that they came up with. Its long and shows how deeply Plains cares for each other.

Together we prayed:

That they would have patience in the work and schooling they do.

We for patience in their lives and a sense of humor as they go out into God's world.

Realizing there would be physical needs, we prayed for these that those needs of food, driver's license, and friends would be provided.

Together we asked God tor provide supportive, nurturing friends for them.

They will need discernment and insight, so we asked God to provide it.

More than that these three will need a good attitude and an awarenesses of God's presence.

Faith, wisdom, confidence, and an ability to focus on what they do and why they do it, we commented upon.

We asked God to help them to not give up on their dreams but to press on toward the goal that God has given them.

This will require listening, constant listening, in their lives.

But along the way distractions will pop up. They need to be skilled in how to deal with them and able to resist the peer pressure that will come.

Laughing at themselves, and their mistakes, is an important skill these young people need. As well as a proper perspective... God has called them.

Above all they need to remember their church family is here and will be with them through their lives.

For me the comments their parents made held significance that I want to close with:

Burt asked God to be with them and to help them think of their feet.

Sandy wanted them to remember to be true to themselves.

Ann realized they would need fortitude and an ability to press on.

And so together we prayed for them. Please keep these three in your prayers this summer.

Blessings

Rev. Derek



Registration for the 2019-2020 school year has begun.
CNS will resume classes in September.



THE TURNING OF A PAGE by Jim Lehman©

What in the world is age? It's like the turning of a page.

Day after day, years send age our way. Our yearly odometer numbers cannot lie.

In the words of a Godless sage, life without God is all the rage.

What is life? According to the bard, a stage. Sometime Just around the bend, life will end.

Life without God is only a cage, but beyond the gates, Life awaits!

What in the world is time? It's like the rolling of a wave.

Wave after wave, time comes our way causing the commotion of aging.

Time washes over us, leaving erosion and jetsam of emotion.

The time will come, when time will go away. It will eternally be no more, and forgotten.

Standing still with God, timeless, on a wave-less shore, with fruits that never rotten.



Plains Craft Fair & Flea Market

Craft Fair and Flea Market

Saturday - August 24, 2019

9:00am - 4:00pm

Plains Presbyterian Church

326 Plains Church Road

Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

724-538-8785

There will be a variety of crafts for sale along with
bargains at the flea market!

Concessions: food & drink available

Everyone is invited, so please join us!

Plains Church Craft Fair/Flea Market Vendor Registration Form

We invite all craft vendors to participate at our craft fair/flea market. Please no food vendors.

Specialty foods like fudge, homemade candies, jams etc. are welcome.

Date: Saturday, August 24, 2019

Where: Plains Presbyterian Church, 326 Plains Church Rd.

Cranberry Twp., PA 16006

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Set Up: 7:30am-8:30am

Space: 8'x6'

Cost per space:

- 1) Inside \$15.00 - Must bring own table.
- 2) Outside— uncovered \$8.00, Must bring your own table
and tent if desired.

Registration: Deadline for registration August 10, 2019

- 1) Fill out and mail this registration form or Call the church office at 724-538-8785
- 2) Payment:

A. Mail check payable to Plains Presbyterian Church

B. Or pay on line at www.plainschurch.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail address: _____

Craft description: _____

Number of spaces: _____ Inside _____ electric: yes/no Outside _____ (Electricity not available)

Other requests: _____

Paid Online: yes/no

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date received: _____/_____/_____ Table assigned: Inside _____ Outside _____ Fee paid\$ _____

UPCOMING EVENTS



PLAINS CRAFT FAIR AND FLEA MARKET

Crafters Get Ready!

Clean Out Those Closets and Garages!

We are having our Annual Craft Fair and
Flea Market!

Accepting donations of new or gently used
items.

Drop off in the church basement on or
after Sunday, August 11th.

-When: Saturday, August 24, 2019

-Where: Plains Presbyterian Church

-Look forward to more details to come.



DATE: AUGUST 18, 2019

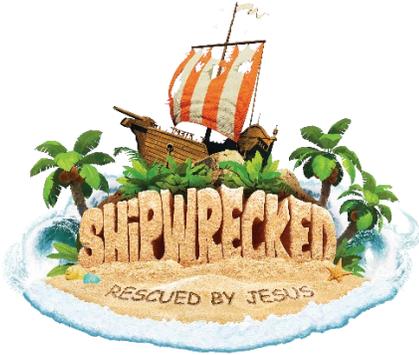
WHERE: Community Park

Cranberry Township by the Fire Station

Crestview Church will join us in worship.

Plains Presbyterian Church

VBS 2019!



We're making plans for this summer's Vacation Bible School program at Plains Presbyterian Church, and we'd love to have your children join us! To be held **July 15th-19th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**, this summer's VBS is "Shipwrecked!"

At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms.

Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Crafts, games, songs, and snacks are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot!

If your children (age 3 through grade 6) would like to join us for this fun-filled week, visit our website at www.plainschurch.com, scroll down the page and you'll find the VBS online registration form. Registration is **online only**. Please register on or before June 30th to avoid paying a late fee.

We hope to see you there!

Feel free to contact the church office at 724-538-8785 or email us directly at plainsvbs@gmail.com with any questions.

Blessings,

Erika Selling and Janelle Wood

VBS Directors

Plains Presbyterian Church
Session Highlights
May 2019
Adult Sunday School Room

Session met on Monday, May 20, 2019. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Communion on Maundy Thursday (April 18) was served to 38 people and Easter Sunday (April 21) was 82 people.

Jacob Carter, Rachel Kremmel, Maddison Holcomb, Emma Marotta, Susie Roscoe, Ray Walter, and Lauryn Young joined the church on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019.

Session reviewed the treasurer's report.

Approved the transfer of \$1,000 from our investments to the general fund to fill the gap in our per capita giving. Motion passed.

Preparing for the Matsiko Choir and the Strawberry Festival.

CNS finished another year of school. A contribution of \$1,550 has been made to the church. Enrolment is in good shape for the Fall. All staff members are returning for the next school year.

Task force for the Ephesus project continues to meet and make progress.

Deacons will be meeting with the Session on June 17, 2019.

Sunday school is now over for the current year.

Recognition of school graduates will be during worship on June 16, 2019.

Janelle Wood also indicated that there is interest in doing a young adult program in the Fall.

Handrail installation is being planned.

Steeple was cleaned.

Craft Fair will be on August 24th. Same details as last year.

June 2nd will be Matsiko Choir will be at Plains. June 9th is Pentecost Sunday. August 18th will be worship in the park.

Prayer Request form is now on the Plains Church page.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

MATSIKO CHOIR AT PLAINS CHURCH

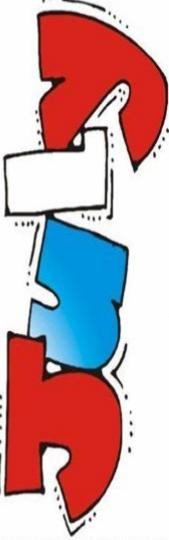
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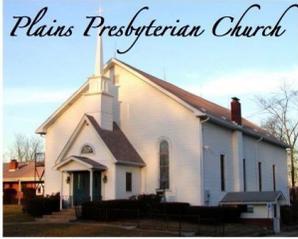


MY GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR TOUR !



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP WITH THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL !

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					2019	
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				 Independence Day Office Closed Zelenople 4th of July Parade!		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship-10:00am						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship - 10:00am Baptism Hot dogs & Ice Cream Social after worship	Vacation Bible School 15th-19th 6:30pm-8:30pm	VBS 6:30pm-8:30pm	VBS 6:30pm-8:30pm	VBS 6:30pm-8:30pm	Last Day of VBS	
21	22	23	24	25	26	28
Worship - 10:00am Worship Meeting after service Coffee Connection	Ephesus Project Meeting at 7:00pm					
29	30	31				
Worship - 10:00am						



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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.”

