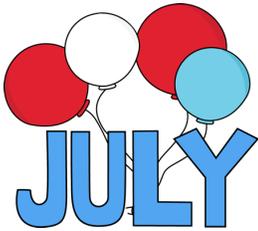


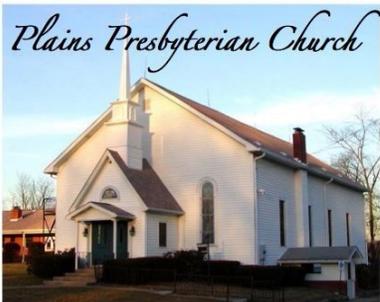
THE PLAIN TALK



2020

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A Word from Rev. Derek:

I came across this story and I wanted to share it with you and invite you to dream and respond to the question it asks personally. . .

“At a recent gathering of Christian institutional leaders, Michael Mather, pastor of Broadway United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, told stories of how he lives out of the abundance he professes. He described how a parishioner at his former church in South Bend once remarked that since the spirit descended on everyone at Pentecost, everyone should have something to give. Mather took that teaching back to the church food pantry, where homeless and other hungry people were being given a survey to see how poor they were, how needy, and how many in their families were unemployed.

With abundance in mind, Mather created a new survey with questions such as, “What three things do you do well enough that you can teach someone else?” The results were game-changing.

Adele [a church member] wrote that she was a good cook. “Prove it!” challenged Mather. “Bake me a dozen of your best cookies and bring them to my office tomorrow morning.” She did, and they were delicious. Mather asked her to cook lunch in the church’s kitchen for the custodian, the secretary and the pastor. She did, again with spectacular results.

After Adele cooked several similar meals for the church, Mather told the Chamber of Commerce that, yes, they could hold their meeting at the church -- if they used the church’s caterer! He spent \$20 on 1,000 business cards for Adele, and she cooked such a good lunch for 70 of the business and civic leaders of the community that they all asked for her business cards.

Adele now owns her own restaurant in Indianapolis. “Now, if we had asked her when she showed up, ‘Tell us how poor you are,’ we would have all missed a lot of great food,” Mather says.

In his poem “*What We Need Is Here*,” poet and activist Wendell Berry writes, “And we pray, not for new earth or heaven, but to be quiet in heart, and in eye, clear. What we need is here.” Mather has found a way to live out of his belief that what we need is here, provided by an abundant God.¹

We know that God is more abundant than we realize. We also confess that when we step out in faith, God has a way of exceeding our expectations and blessing us and our community.

I hope that as you take time this summer to relax that you will make some time to respond in your own heart to the question Mather asked: “What three things do you do well enough that you can teach someone?” Perhaps that answer will help you live more fully into God’s abundance and care for someone new in your neighborhood.

Blessings Rev. Derek

Living Out Abundance. <https://faithandleadership.com/living-out-abundance>. Accessed on June 18, 2020.

Elder of the Month

Steve Raatz

Deacon of the Month

Julie Raatz

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

- 05 Tony Poleti
- 12 Steve Raatz
- 19 Amy Roscoe
- 26 Ron Carter



Worship Schedule

July 5

10:00 am Worship Service

July 12

10:00 am Worship Service
Outdoor Chapel
Communion

July 19

10:00 am Worship Service

July 26

10:00 am Worship Service

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Date: July 20th-24th

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| 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 |
| July 26 | Reed Kuntz |
| July 27 | Jeanine Poleti |
| July 27 | Hanna Budney |
| July 27 | Grace Budney |



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

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

Scan the QR code:



Happy Anniversary

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| July 2 | Gene & Corina Taylor |
| July 10 | Jason & Melissa Holcomb |
| July 15 | Frank & Tiffany Aloï |
| July 21 | Jack & Cathy Dixon |



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

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.

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



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
- Jenny Stafford
- Victims of the Coronavirus
- Nursing Homes & Hospitals
- Ed- Burt Duerring friend
- Linda- Burt Duerring
- Linda Treese
- Cathy Stafford
- Joann Bark
- Marion-Jay Carmichael
- Lewis Goehring- Joann Bark
- Peter-Steve & Julie Raatz

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.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



Graduating from Seneca Valley High School - JonMark Marotta

SAVE THE DATE:

DEDICATION OF THE OUTDOOR CHAPEL / STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL/ LUNCHEON /
GRADUATE SUNDAY

WHEN: SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

TIME: 10:00am

HOT DOGS & BBQ HAM SANDWICHES WILL BE SERVED

and

STRAWBERRIES DESSERTS

Side dishes and angel food dessert cups for the strawberries are needed. Sign-up sheets in the narthex or call the church office and leave a message.

724-538-8785 or e-mail plains@zoominternet.net

More information about the event see details from Rev. Derek

Hope to see you there!



EVENT DETAILS

CHAPEL DEDICATION-STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL-GRADUATES SUNDAY

JULY 12, 2020

Church family,

The Board of Deacons and I want to invite you to this year's Strawberry Festival, Chapel Dedication, and Graduation Celebration on July 12.

Weather permitting, we will worship in our new outdoor chapel at 10am on that Sunday. There is plenty of seating in the chapel as the benches in the chapel are secure. There are 8 benches, each 12 feet long, so social distancing will not present a challenge for us. You are also welcome to bring your own camp chair to help us remain 'spread out.' The area is nicely cleared and has ample shade for all to come.

After worship we will have a luncheon outside in yard by the playground. A tent has been provided but if you have an additional one that we could use, please let me know as that would help with the activities. The deacons are providing hot dogs, ham barbecue, drinks, buns, and of course, the strawberries for the day. All of the food will be served to you by the deacons who will have gloves and masks on so as to not contaminate the 'communal serving spoons.' All of the food preparation that the deacons are offering will also be prepared in a safe manner in their homes and transported carefully.

The deacons ask for donations of side dishes, 2 angel food cakes, and approximately 40 desert cups for the berries. If you are able to help please contact the church office either by phone or through email and we will make a note.

If you have any additional questions please let me know.

Blessings

Rev. Derek



OUTDOOR CHAPEL

SENIOR PROJECT

JONMARK MAROTTA



Cleaning Up the Creek



THANK YOU !

CNS NEWS

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year has begun. If you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know about Cranberry Nursery School. We are a faith-based organization that offers low student/teacher ratios.

CNS FUNDRAISERS:

CNS continues to collect Chick-Fil-A receipts. An envelope is located on the bulletin board in the CNS hallway where you can deposit your receipts. We earn 20% in product rewards for the total collected.

We are having a fundraiser in the Spring which offers flower seeds & bulbs delivered to your house.

50% of the proceeds will go to CNS.

CNS NOW COLLECTS COLORING SUPPLIES FOR RECYCLING:

We have joined with Crayola Colorcycle to recycle all brands of crayons, markers and dotters. Simply drop your used art supplies in the box provided inside the Nursery School hallway!

Let's do our part to keep art from becoming trash.

Contact: Jessica Beasley (jessicalaus@gmail.com) for more information.

OUR STAFF

Half-Pints Teacher - Komal Dietz; Aide - Diana Beaudoin

Nursery Teacher - Jonee Mascellino; Aide - Darlene Grieco

Pre-K Teacher - Amy Zugell; Aide - Lisa Bender

Director - Angela Kushner

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Session Highlights

May 2020

Session met on May 18, 2020. Below are some of the highlights of the meeting.

Session received the treasurer's report by consensus with our thanks.

Deacons met on May 17, 2020 after worship service. They are sending some money to the people in Nepal who recently had an earthquake.

Session approved the Deacons plan to do a "Christmas in July" event. It will include the blessing of the new outdoor chapel, strawberry festival, and potentially a BBQ. No dates have been determined at this point.

Tim Rausch will be filling the pulpit on May 24, 2020 while Rev. Dr. Derek is on vacation.

Rev. Dr. Derek has applied for a \$1,000 technology grant to help cover the costs of our recent camera installation.

VBS is considering grouping kids by family into small groups. Kids will be social distanced. Maximum number of kids will be 80. Everything prepackaged including snacks.

Youth Sunday has been canceled.

The new Plains Church street sign has been painted.

Prayer Trail signs will be updated.

Discussion of various goals for our video services. To make it simple for the congregation, the idea of having a simple link on the www.PlainsChurch.com web site and clicking on that to go to the live streaming was discussed. Looking at using "Boxcast" or perhaps other services to stream our Sunday morning services. The plan is to work out our existing hardware / software issues and then address a longer term solution.

Approved the renewal of CCLI this year and going to a higher level that costs an additional \$68 so that we can record and stream the music.

Special Music will continue in place of the choir for a while.

Communion will be done in a sanitary way.

Approved authorizing Frank Aloï to establish a checking account at NextTier Bank and transition our existing West View account to them in a time and manner that he determines.

Approved the purchase of the equipment specified earlier for the purposes of continuing the live streaming of our services while the state-mandated shut down continues, and then as restrictions are lifted, and the congregation is able to return to church in person.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

POWER-UP

Date: July 20th-24th

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Donation Items Needed:

Snacks-List is in the narthex on cards

Clorox Wipes

Hand Sanitizer

Donations due July 17th drop off in the church kitchen

If you have any questions reach out to Janelle or Erika

Registration is online –www.plainschurch.com

Thank you!

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			2020			
		1	2	3	4	
						 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship - 10:00am	Ephesus Meeting 7:00pm					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Dedication of Chapel Strawberry Festival Graduate Sunday Worship - 10:00am Communion						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship - 10:00am	VBS - 6:30pm-8:30pm	VBS - 6:30pm-8:30pm	VBS - 6:30pm-8:30pm	VBS - 6:30pm-8:30pm	VBS - 6:30pm-8:30pm	
26	27	28	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.”

