

THE PLAIN TALK



2019

**Plains
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Church**

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A Word from Rev. Derek:

As we celebrated Memorial Day this year, I was deep in thought. As you know our son wishes to serve his country as so many other brave men and women have done before him. Jennifer and I are of course very proud of him for this choice.

This is not to say that if he decided to go "sell shoes" (as a professor of mine suggested when I was in college and uncertain about my call from God) that we would no longer proud of JonMark. Instead, we deal with a mix of emotions when we think of JonMark serving his country. Pride. Fear. Hope... It's all there. His choice follows in a long line of military for this family.

My paternal grandfather lied about his age twice in an attempt to enter the Pacific Theater and fight. His health eventually made his dream to serve impossible which he felt was a source of shame for him. Several of his older brothers did not wait to be drafted but were among the first in their neighborhood of Berea (a suburb of Cleveland) to volunteer to serve. They loved our country and felt that even as immigrants, recently welcomed at Ellis Island, it was their duty to defend America against all her enemies. Their English may have been mixed with Italian, but they loved this country. The flag given in memory of Uncle Joe's service sits in its shadow box in my office proudly with his medals pinned to it.

On the other side of my family, my mother's father was wounded in Korea while on patrol with the Navy. Unable to serve any longer because of his wounds, he returned to Middleburg Heights, Ohio (also in Cleveland). In that city he returned to his wife, Carol, who was a widow herself of an infantry man killed in France years before. Bud, grandma's first husband who she was barely married to before he volunteered to serve, is buried on a French hillside with his brothers-in-arms. She followed him into service as best as she could by being a Red Cross Nurse.

Finally, I cannot forget my cousin who followed his father into the Air Force where both served with distinction to this day. I am proud of my family and their willingness to serve and I cannot help but think there is something in JonMark's DNA that makes this choice natural.

With this family history in mind, Memorial Day makes me stop and think a bit about the plans God has for us that feel as basic as JonMark's willingness to serve. I do not mean that God calls us all to serve in military in this way. That is part of JonMark's call as it was, and is, part of the call of my family. But it is not my call directly. God has other things for me.

Instead, I think God puts something in all of us that calls us to serve, to give, to sacrifice in whatever way you choose to express it. God, knowing our hearts and minds, as well as our abilities, give us each a chance to follow our passion and be used by him for something wonderful and something unique.

I hope you have taken an opportunity to stop and thank God on Memorial Day for the men and women you are aware of who have served this country. Their willingness to take up arms on our behalf is a gift from God. I also hope you found space and time to reflect as I have on those who serve, and served this great country. Finally, I hope you find the places and moment where God has given you the gifts to serve. Then having located those, you use them for God's glory.

Blessings,
Rev. Derek

Helping with Worship This Month

Elder of the Month
Erin McKinley

Deacon of the Month
Ann Lunney

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 Poleti

30 Tom & Ann Lunney

Nursery Workers

02 Ron & Kathy Carter

09 Norah Collins

16 Melissa Holcomb

23 Denise Kremmel

30 Julie Young

Worship Schedule



June 2

10:00 am Worship Service
Matsiko Choir
Strawberry Festival

June 9

Pentecost
10:00 am Worship Service
Communion

June 16

Father's Day
Graduates Day
10:00 am Worship Service
Coffee Connection

June 23

10:00 am Worship Service

June 30

10:00 am Worship Service



June 6 Ann Lunney
June 8 Dave Budney
June 10 Sue McKinley
June 14 Glen Croft
June 14 Christopher Wood
June 18 Melissa Holcomb
June 20 Tara Lynn Bailey
June 30 Heather Turner



June 4 Dave & Terrie Budley
June 7 Bob & Sue Rectenwald
June 15 Larry & Janet Duncan
June 21 Ron & Wanda Rice
June 25 Tony & Jeanine Poleti



Coffee Connections

Sunday, June 16th

Hosted by Adult Sunday School

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.

The last meeting will be June 6, 2019
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
- Liz
- Tim- Linda's brother
- Jeanette- Burt's aunt
- Family & Friends of Taylor Hainrihair- relative of Sandi Taylor
- Arthur - Grandfather of a CNS student
- Joe - JonMark's friend
- Gerrie - Linda's friend
- Ron - Ron Carter's friend

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



Calendar of Events

June 2nd - Matsiko Choir & Strawberry Festival

June 6th - Book Club

June 9th - Pentecost, Communion (wear red)

June 13th - Deacon Meeting at 7:00pm

June 16th - Father's Day & Graduates Day

Coffee Connection – Adult Sunday School

June 17th - Session Meeting w/ Deacons at 7:00pm



June 16, 2019

A Blessed Hope Ministry Seminar Presentation

Saturday June 8, 2019 - 9:00am-11:30am

Speaker: Jo Stuchell

Topic– The Ancient Persian Prophecies and the Current Iranian Crisis

A free study guide will be given. No fee to attend.

Snacks will be provided

Bonnie Carmichael-Host– to attend call 724-538-9576 before June 5th.

HISTORY CORNER:

For some years the church congregation worshipped in a tent. Between 1820 and 1824 a log building was erected on a plot of ground donated by Mr. Benjamin Davis (the site of the present church). This church building had all the characteristics of the log houses of that day, including a slab door with a familiar latch string, slab seats without backs, and a block of wild cherry for a pulpit.

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.

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



Scan the QR code:

Website updates

Now you can submit or update a prayer request on the homepage

[Submit Prayer Request](#)

Coming soon

- Sermon podcasts
- Recorded Video

[Any suggestion or requests?](#)

What is this symbol?



This is Plains Church!
Use a QR reader to open our site.

Similar to scanning barcodes at local stores

On-Line Giving

This is a convenience and secure method

Appropriately \$31K has been deposited since establishing the accounts for Plains and CNS.

Log on and check it out.

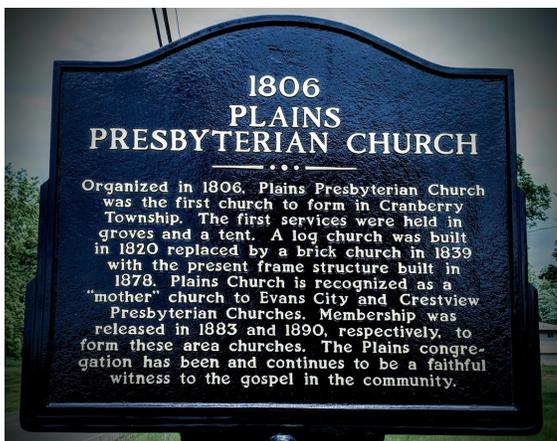
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Tom is available to answer any questions.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

Front entrance & steeple cleaned.

Historic marker repaired



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY

JUNE 2, 2019

TIME: after worship

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

**Come join us after worship and enjoy a variety
of strawberry desserts and lunch.**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ENJOY!



Let Us Welcome the Matsiko Choir to our Church!

Arriving: May 30, 2019

Departing: June 3, 2019

Performing at the Strand Theater on June 2, 2019

Concert time: 7:00pm

Get your tickets for the performance -\$15.00.

Plains Presbyterian Church
Session Highlights
April 2019

Session met on Monday, April 15, 2019. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

The confirmands each read their statement of faith and Session had the opportunity to discuss their statements, as well as any other topics for the class. Session voted to accept the confirmands into the membership of the church.

Session reviewed and receives the report of the treasurer by consensus.

The Deacons will be distributing flowers to shut ins in the near future.

All continues to go well with CNS.

Concord Presbyterian Church will be using our church for a neutral pulpit on April 28, 2019.

Dean Lavender passed on April 14, 2019.

Approved the baptism of Denise Bruni's son.

It was reported that the youth are interested in helping with the food bank, the road cleanup, help veterans, Spaghetti for homeless people, Parents night out in August, and other various activities. Perhaps an outdoor campout in June.

June 2nd will be the Strawberry Festival immediately after worship. The Matsiko Choir will also be performing that day.

Steeple will be cleaned in the near future by Western PA Roof Cleaning.

Property is looking into the cleaning of the church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

Dream Team's *Summary of Vision, Values and Direction*

After multiple meetings, discussions and reflections, the Dream Team for Discerning Directional Conversation with Shenango Presbytery has developed a consensus on how we imagine a future presbytery to be. This consensus will guide and shape our more specific discussions around organization and structure of a future presbytery.

The Dream Team has agreed on a following statement of vision to guide a new presbytery's direction:

Sharing a Common Story

Committed to a Covenant Relationship

Helping Each Other Be the Church in the World

In reimagining a presbytery for the future, the Dream Team values a new presbytery that will be:

Congregation-Centric

Ministry-focused

21st century -leaning

We will concentrate on two essential directions: *equipping leaders* and *resourcing congregations*.

By *equipping leaders*, further plans will work toward ways to call, prepare, and ordain/commission leaders. We will look for accountability through constitutional and fiduciary responsibility. We will support leaders through constructive feedback and coaching, as well as engagement in meaningful continuing education opportunities.

To *resource congregations*, we look to support churches; facilitate and resource their needs through connecting with other churches, consultants, presbytery resources; and linkages with denominational agencies. Likewise, congregations themselves will have opportunities for training, and building new connections/networks locally, regionally, and nationally.

CNS News & Highlights

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year has begun.

CNS would like to thank everyone who lent their card tables for the Mother's Day Brunch.

The mother's really enjoyed the brunch and fashion show!



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

CNS FUNDRAISERS:

CNS is collecting Chick-fil-A receipts. An envelope on the bulletin board in the CNS hallway is where they will be collected.

KidStuff Coupon Savings Books for Sale!

\$25.00

Coupons include:

H&M, Chuck E. Cheese, Michaels, Barnes & Noble, Macy's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Justice,

Ruby Tuesday, Burlington.

CNS has a new website.

<http://cranberrynurseryschool.com/>

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\$ _____



Have A Happy Summer!

Congratulations to all the Graduates!
Graduates Sunday– June 16, 2019

PLAINS CRAFT FAIR AND FLEA MARKET

Crafters Get Ready!

Clean Out Those Closets and Garages!

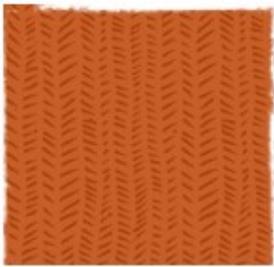


We are having our Annual Craft Fair and Flea Market!

Accepting donations of new or gently used items.

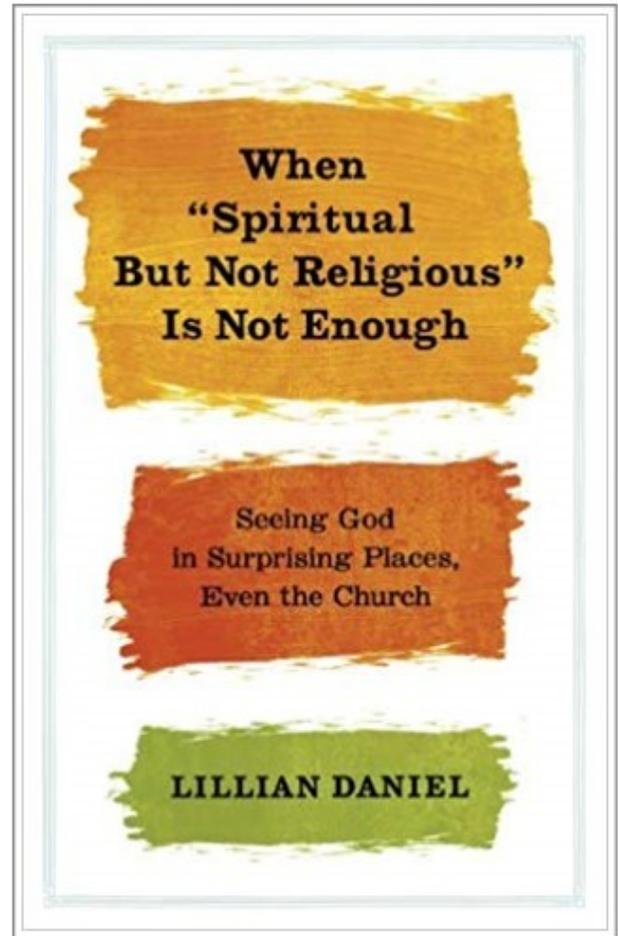
Drop off in the church basement on or after Sunday, August 11th.

- When: Saturday, August 24, 2019
- Where: Plains Presbyterian Church
- Look forward to more details to come.



The phrase "I'm spiritual but not religious" has become a cliché. It's easy to find God amid the convenience of self-styled spirituality--but is it possible (and more worthwhile) to search for God through religion?

Lillian Daniel gives a new spin on church with stories of what a life of faith. Daniel shows us a portrait of church that is flawed, fallible--and deeply faithful. She invites all of us to step out of ourselves, dare to become a community, and encounter a God greater than we could ever invent.



BOOK STUDY

June 9th- July 14th
11:00am

Please join me as we read together, and consider, what it feels like to belong to a church that the world judges to be irrelevant and unnecessary. Each meeting will begin with a light brunch before moving into a discussion of this book in 6 parts. The book is an easy read and I think you will enjoy it. You can purchase the book on Amazon, or ordered through Barnes & Noble, for less than \$20.00.

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT EMAIL: REVDEREK@ZOOMINTERNET.NET

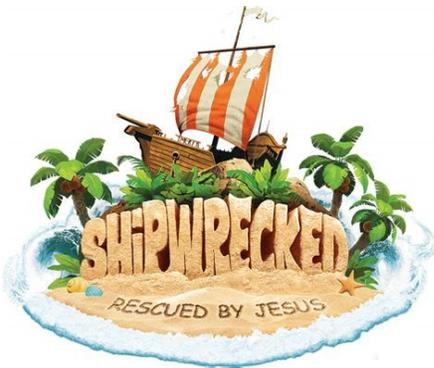
UPCOMING EVENTS



Performing at the Strand Theater

Sunday, June 2, 2019

7:00pm



Vacation Bible School

Coming this Summer

“SHIPWRECKED”

July 15th-19th

6:30pm - 8:30pm



Pirates Annual Faith Night

Faith Night

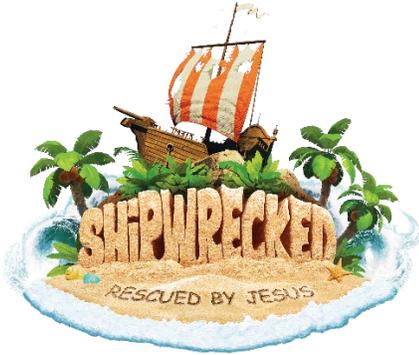
Sat. June 22nd

4:05pm

Contact Bob Young so he can
reserve a block of seats!

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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



PENTECOST

A Christian festival celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorating the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the apostles.

Sunday, June 9th

Wear **Red**

After worship cake and refreshments will be served.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			JUNE			2019	1
2 Worship-10:00am Matsiko Choir Strawberry Festival Concert at the Strand 7pm	3	4	5	6 Book Club – 10am	7	8	
9 Pentecost Worship-10:00am Communion Wear Red!	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16 Father's Day Graduates Day Worship - 10:00am Coffee Connection	17 Session w/Deacon Meeting at 7:00pm	18	19	20 Deacon Meeting-7:00pm	21	22	
23 Worship - 10:00am	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30 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.”

