

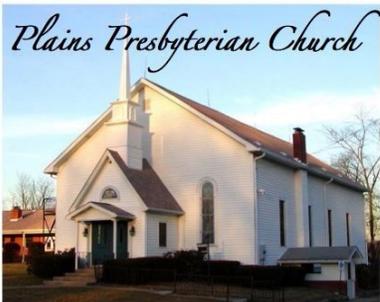
THE  
PLAIN  
TALK

JUNE

2020

**Plains  
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## *A Word from Rev. Derek:*

Yesterday in worship, I asked the young people of the church this question: "Do you ever wonder what happened between the verses of the Bible? What happened to the disciples, and apostles, that is not recorded in the Word but is still important in their story?"

In the Bible, we have the partial narrative of their lives detailed for us to study and share, but what, for instance, happened when these Christian men and women were not physically with Jesus, or active in the ministry of the church? What happened when they were alone?

I can think of many potential answers to that question that take on the form of other questions for our consideration. For instance:

- Did they go home after a day of evangelizing, witnessing, or preaching, and grapple with the meaning and implication of Jesus' words?
- Did they talk about the day's events with their families and neighbors?
- Did they doubt what they witnessed or shared?
- Was it shared by rote or by passion?
- Did their faith increase the longer they were not physically with Jesus?
- What about their private lives, was there a change in them that no one saw but that lasted long into their lives?
- Or maybe, these people witnessed the transformation at home first?
- A natural question relates to backsliding. . . Did they backslide away from what they witnessed in public when no one was looking, watching, or listening?

One of our young people smirked and nodded slightly to the very first question that I asked during our young people's time. After worship I asked that person why they nodded. The answer that I was given was a bit personal to that individual so I will not share it right now, but instead I invite you to consider with me the same idea or question as a way to continue thinking about the affect of God's word in your life. What do you think happened between the verse of the Bible? How do you think the implications and teachings of the Bible were shaped between the narrative that we have?

I do this because I think it is vitally important as we learn more about who the leaders of the church were following the Ascension of Jesus and the Pentecost out-pouring. In many ways they were just like us. They struggled like us. They stepped out in faith like us. And they slide back from their faith. . . also just like us.

For the question that I asked is not as much about practical applications of the gospel, or what Peter, James and John did at home during their "off time." Instead this idea addresses how we process what God's word means in our lives when no one is looking and we are not active in ministry in that moment? Those processes, those times of separation, are of great importance to us for they give God space to help shape how we will respond, live, and share God's word. So what do you think happened between the verses of our Bible?

Blessings Rev. Derek

Elder of the Month

Tim Rausch

Deacon of the Month

Ann Lunney

## Helping with Worship This Month

### Worship Leaders

07 Frank Aloï

14 Jennifer Marotta

21 Tim Rausch

28 Tiffany Aloï

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Graduates Sunday will take place in July this year.

The deacons will be meeting to discuss details soon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JONMARK MAROTTA &

REV. DR. DEREK MAROTTA !

## Worship Schedule

**June 7**

Trinity Sunday

10:00 am Worship Service

**June 14**

10:00 am Worship Service

**June 21**

10:00 am Worship Service

Happy Father's Day

**June 28**

10:00 am Worship Service

Deacons Meeting

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

|         |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| 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   |



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

## Happy Anniversary

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

On-Line Giving is now available for you convenience. Log on and check it out [www.plainschurch.com](http://www.plainschurch.com)

Scan the QR code:



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
- Family & Friends of Betty Donaldson- Joann Bark sister
- Cathy Stafford
- Joann Bark
- Arch Simpson
- Susan Parry- Dianne Beaudoin's mother

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.

# Plains Presbyterian Church

## Session Highlights

April 2020

Session met on Monday, April 20, 2020. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

On April 9, Maundy Thursday, communion was served virtually to 37 people, and on April 12, Easter Sunday 54 people were served virtually.

Information was presented about paying the CNS teachers as much as we can for as long as we can. Frank Aloï has applied for an SBA-EIDL and a SBA-PPP Loan which would be converted into a grant if we use it mostly for payroll.

We have been approved for the Board of Pensions temporary waiver which will save us about \$3,000.

Approved applying for the Presbytery Temporary Assistance Program (“TAP”) for a \$2,000 Grant and a \$2,000 Loan.

Approved allowing the treasurer to move funds as needed for CNS to be able to make the necessary payroll payments.

Frank Aloï reviewed the investments. As expected, it was a difficult quarter, but things are starting to recover.

Giving is coming in at a pace close to last year, but below budget.

Deacons met on April 19, 2020 via a Zoom meeting and distributed quarterly mission money.

Training Elders to preach continues to go well. Meeting online via Zoom.

Outdoor chapel construction continues and is looking nice. Picture shared with the congregation during recent worship.

Rev. Dr. Derek is reaching out to members to make sure that needs are being taken care of at this point.

Virtual church will continue for some time. As the reopening of the Commonwealth continues to roll out, we suspect that Presbytery will have an opinion on physically reopening the church. As the guidelines are relaxed, so can we.

Plans are to continue with Zoom broadcasts for people that cannot attend in person. Discussion of keeping the Zoom broadcasts going basically from this point forward. We will need some new hardware (camera, computer, lighting) and will need to look into what is needed.

Christian Education will consider putting Vacation Bible School on hold or canceling it for this year.

The new Plains Church street sign will be painted, and the Prayer Trail signs will be updated.

Daisy Girl Scouts will be weeding a garden at the church after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Approved changing service time to 10:00 am starting May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe  
Clerk of Session

# CNS NEWS



## Cranberry Nursery School

CNS families were able to drive by and collect their classwork from school. The teachers and staff wish them a good summer.

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](mailto: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

# Memorial Day

May 25, 2020



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY                             | TUESDAY          | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
|   |                                    | <b>JUNE 2020</b> |           |          |        |          |
|   | 1<br>Ephesus Meeting - 7:00pm      | 2                | 3         | 4        | 5      | 6        |
| 7<br>Trinity Sunday<br>Worship - 10:00am                    | 8                                  | 9                | 10        | 11       | 12     | 13       |
| 14<br>Worship - 10:00am                                     | 15<br>Session Meeting at<br>7:00pm | 16               | 17        | 18       | 19     | 20       |
| 21<br>Worship - 10:00am<br>Happy Father's Day               | 22                                 | 23               | 24        | 25       | 26     | 27       |
| 28<br>Worship - 10:00am<br>Deacons Meeting<br>after worship | 29                                 | 30               |           |          |        |          |



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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.”

