



JUNE

2021

**Plains
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Church**

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A Word from Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta:

Ordinarily as the month of June begins at the church, we begin to think about a slower period of church activity and ministry taking place. Over the summer, the church calendar becomes clearer and the Sunday morning announcements lessen.

For outside of VBS, the ministry of Christian church becomes more sporadic over the summer and this due to a number of elements and activities that take on an additional role of importance. Many families sneak in a quick vacation in June because the remainder of the summer is very full with band camp, sports teams, and other social obligations that are not accessible during the school year.

While we may bemoan this fact at times, it is still something that we cannot deny if we are honest with our calendars.

But as covid restrictions are lessening around our community and state, as the CDC weighs in again on the issues, and as we are participating in more in-person events and activities without the need for a mask, I wonder if we are about to begin a time of renewed active ministry?

Now if you have been watching and listening then you realize that covid has coaxed out of the church a new level of relational commitment and choice. Because we could not encounter each other as we might have on a normal Sunday morning, personal choices were made to support our relationships differently.

The handshake at church during our Passing of the Peace or greetings before and after church was forgone. We 'waved' at each other from across the room because that was all that we could do.

Also though something else happened that was transformational. . . To replace the handshake and hug many of us started making phone calls and sending cards through the mail. We thought differently and then acted differently.

And so I wonder what practices have you adopted and created during covid that can be enhanced as we transition into the post-pandemic church? I wonder if those relationships that you grew differently can continue to grow with some added attention?

We don't have to slow down as the church now that summer is here. Perhaps we can find ways to share the gospel, listen to each other, and care just as we might have done during the difficult time of the pandemic?

Blessings Rev. Derek

Elder of the Month
Erin McKinley

June 6

Graduates Sunday

10:00 am Worship Service
Worship Meeting
Ice Cream Social

June 13

10:00 am Worship Service

June 20

10:00 am Worship Service
Father's Day
Strawberry Festival & Luncheon

June 27

10:00 am Worship Service



Please follow current CDC recommendations.

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

June 6	Tim Roscoe
June 13	Susan Reed
June 20	Frank Aloï
June 27	Tim Rausch



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



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

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.

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

Scan the QR code:



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
- Yvette - Tiffany's sister
- Jenny Stafford
- Victims of the Coronavirus
- Jim & Betty Lehman
- Caregivers & Families
- Ernie - Kathy Carter

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.

Strawberry Festival

Come to the Strawberry Festival & Luncheon

Hosted by: Plains Church Deacons

When: June 20, 2021

Where: Fellowship Hall after service



A NOTE FROM THE DEACONS:

The Deacons are the caring heart of Plains Presbyterian Church. We are here to care for members, friends, neighbors, and strangers. At this time we will be respectful and not conduct home or hospital visits. If you find yourself needing assistance please call your assigned shepherd and we will be there to do what we can.

Examples: meals, grocery shopping, errands etc.

Ann Lunney-724-432-3183

Julie Raatz-612-741-7636

Denise Kremmel- 724-538-8604

Julie Young 724-776-7288

Maryann Cardillo 724-866-9911

Amy Roscoe 412-874-2039

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

GRADUATES SUNDAY

JUNE 6, 2021

2021 Graduates

Jocilynn Walter - Seneca Valley High School

Samantha Carter - Seneca Valley High School

Gretchen Rausch - Slippery Rock University



Future Events:
Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Come join us for an Ice Cream Social after worship!

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

"I am excited to announce that I will be rehabilitating the prayer trail beginning the end of July for my Eagle Scout project. I am asking for the church's help in raising funds towards the cost. I estimate the cost to be around \$1000. Members can help initially by donating through offerings designated to the prayer trail rehab. Also, on Sunday, June 6th following church, I will be holding an ice cream social where members can donate and learn details of the project."

Also, could you put the Ice cream social on the calendar for Sunday June 6th following church? It was approved by session Monday night.

Thank you for your time,
Ray Walter

**Vacation
Bible
School**

July 12-16

POWER-UP!

6:30pm– 8:30pm

On-line registration open

www.plainschurch.com

**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

Plains Presbyterian Church
On-line giving:



CNS NEWS



Cranberry Nursery School offers classes for 2 1/2 (Half~Pints), 3 (Nursery) and 4-5 year old (Pre-K) children. Each section has a few spots in one class. We also have a waiting list. If you know of anyone looking for a faith-based pre-school, please have them email Angela Kushner at cnsoplains@zoominternet.net.

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

Cranberry Nursery School has had a great school year. We are thankful to our families for all of the support they provided. We faced unprecedented times and tried to make the safest and best decisions for our students, families and staff. We are grateful we were able to remain open and greet our students each day. We consider ourselves lucky. Wishing the members of Plains Presbyterian Church a safe and healthy summer!

Angela Kushner
Director
Cranberry Nursery School
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Session Highlights

April 2021

Session met on Monday, April 26, 2021. Below are some of the highlights of the meeting.

After a short meditation on Luke 6 1:11 and discussion on where do you find God in this scripture, Rev. Dr. Derek opened with prayer at 7:08 p.m.

On Maundy Thursday communion was served to 22 people, and on Easter Sunday to 62 people.

Four CNS classes are full for the Fall. 14 openings remain. Graduation plans are in place.

Offerings YTD are ahead of what they were in 2020. We are a bit behind at this point with expenses, but that is typical for this time of year and we should be in better shape later in the year.

Frank reviewed the investments for the first quarter. Two of our investments are up and Two of them are slightly down.

Session approved Frank opening a Charles Schwab account for the Wetzel Trust.

Deacons are getting ready to do their quarterly giving. They have been keeping a close eye on members of the church that have health issues.

Rev. Dr. Derek talked about the future of our church post-pandemic. What can we do to keep our church family involved. We will be talking more about this at future meetings.

4 adults and 4 youth attended the Annual Youth Retreat at Seneca Hills.

Spaghetti luncheon was a great success and raised over \$600.

The Sunday school class has finished another book and will be discussing various topics as a class for the remainder of the school year.

Need to start collecting for two long term projects - Boiler replacement, and windows / insulation upgrade to the Christian Education Building. New line items will be created in the budget.

River rock will be added to the outdoor chapel creek bed and perhaps in other areas.

We will be starting to worship outside once a month weather permitting in the near future.

Spring road cleanup has been taken care of by Frank Aloï.

Approved holding a Craft Fair on November 20, 2021.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Rev. Dr. Derek closed with prayer at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			JUNE	2021		
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Graduates Sunday Worship 10:00am Ice Cream Social Worship Meeting	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Worship 10:00am	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Session Meeting 7pm	22	23	24	25	26
27 Worship 10:00am	28	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.”

