

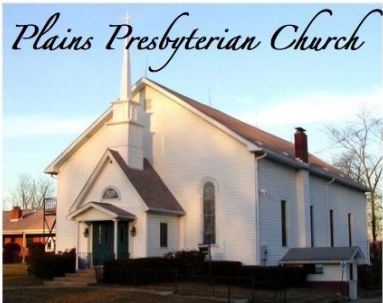
THE PLAIN TALK

March

2024

**Plains
Presbyterian
Church**

**Serving the
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since 1806**



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Smile – It improves your face value!

I'm out and about a lot in Cranberry. I go to all the same places that most of you go to – grocery stores, gas stations, and stores. What I notice in all of these places is a collection of zombie like people. Maybe that's why the "Night of the Living Dead" was filmed nearby? An abundance of zombies in the area? Perhaps.

I'll be some place and more often than not, there are a few people in line in front of me checking out. I say people, but I think they may be zombies. Not sure how to tell for sure. They lifelessly go through the checkout line. Maybe grunt something to the checkout person, sometimes not, pay for their merchandise (at least they are honest zombies), and leave.

Is this how Jesus would want us to live? I think not! After a few zombies pass through the line, I always try to give the person behind the counter a big smile and a "How you doing!". Try to make things a little better for the person trying to help you. I am usually surprised how much the person working appreciates just a simple smile and a little chit-chat.

For me, it's as simple as the golden rule. I truly believe that we are all God's children and brothers and sisters in faith, and we should show that faith every day in every way possible. Treat everyone with respect and show some simple kindness to strangers. It won't cost you a thing, and I like to think that your actions will make Jesus, our Lord and Savior smile!

Smile – It's that simple.

In Christ's Service together,

Tim Roscoe

Elder of the Month
Susan Delligatti
Deacon of the Month
Amy Roscoe

March 3rd

9:45am Adult Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service

March 6th

LENTEN SERVICE
 Old Union Presbyterian Church
 7:00pm

March 10th

9:45am Adult Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service

March 13th

LENTEN SERVICE
 Crestview Community Church
 7:00pm

March 17th

9:45am Adult Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 Coffee Connection hosted by SWAM
 Deacon Meeting after worship

March 20th

LENTEN SERVICE
 Plains Presbyterian Church
 7:00pm

March 24th

PALM SUNDAY
 9:45am Adult Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 SWAM Meeting after worship

March 28th

MAUNDY SUNDAY & COMMUNION
 Old Union Presbyterian Church
 7:30pm

March 31st

Easter
 9:45am Adult Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders:

March 3rd Amy Roscoe
 March 10th Susan Reed
 March 17th Frank Aloï
 March 24th Tiffany Aloï
 March 31st Ann Nutter



March 2 Nancy Duerring
 March 6 Jocilynn Walter
 March 9 Bruce Kremmel
 March 13 Anthony Poletì
 March 14 Ronald Rice
 March 16 Jon Selling
 March 19 Bonnie Carmichael
 March 20 Lily Young
 March 27 Janelle Wood
 March 31 Jason Holcomb



March 19 Ron and Kathy Carter

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

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

February 14th - March 31st

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:45am

RSVP: Burt & Nancy Duerring

eacinc@zoominternet.net

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
- Jenny Stafford
- Nancy - Kathy Carter
- Betty Lehman
- Robert - Tiffany's father
- Paul - Ann Nutter
- Joann Bark
- Family & Friends of Frank Aloï's uncle

Our friends who are in assisted living:
Nancy Jones , Eileen Kaufman

Please submit a new prayer card or contact the church office with any updates.

PLAINS BOOK CLUB

Next Meeting - March 7th

When: 10:00am

Book Club Leader:

Sue McKinley

sue.w.mckinley@gmail.com



Session Meeting

March 25, 2024

Deacon Meeting

March 17, 2024

Worship, Music, Stewardship Meeting

March 24, 2024

PER CAPITA FOR 2024

\$44.20 per member

CORRECTION

Please make a note of the following correction to the 2023 Annual Report of the Plains Church Cemetery:

There were two grave openings in the church cemetery during 2023 - Marlin Vide and Ernie Jones.

We apologize for this oversight.

Rich Magill

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA FUNDRAISER

Thank you so much to those that participated in the fundraiser

\$190.00 was raised!

This will go towards Christian Education for our youth here at Plains Church.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Souper Bowl of Caring was held on February 11th.

There were several soups, breads, and desserts.

The luncheon was a great success and it raised over \$195.00 for the local food bank.

DEACONS UPDATE



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

February 14th - March 31st

The Deacons will be collecting for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Flyers will be in your bulletin and giving envelopes will be out on March 17th. Last day of collection is March 31st.

Fish banks can be found in the Narthex.

EASTER FLOWERS

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31, 2024

If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter with lilies, please complete the form below and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

ORDERS ARE DUE BY MARCH 10th.

Easter Lilies will be 8 1/2" double stem for \$23.00 each.

Order form from (your name):

Ordering how many: Double Stem _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Or as a gift to the church: _____

Please place your check and order form into the church offering plate or mail to the church office by March 10th.

LILIES CAN BE TAKEN HOME AFTER CHURCH ON EASTER SUNDAY

CNS NEWS

The students at Cranberry Nursery School are preparing for many activities in February. The Nursery and Pre-K classes attended a Dad's Day event at the Cranberry Township Fire House. Lots of good fire safety lessons were learned. We also prepared for our Valentine's Day parties and decorated bags to give out Valentine's cards to our classmates. The students are working on lots of fun art work to be displayed for the CNS Open House which takes place February 27th and 29th. We will have a Sarris Candies fundraiser during February and March. This will be our first time working with Sarris and hope for a successful event. Please feel free to place an order and support CNS. Products will be delivered to your home for a flat fee of \$5.

In March, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. The students always enjoy fun activities, art projects and stories to celebrate the day. We will also offer Vision Screenings and have a food drive for the Evans City Food Bank. We invite members of Plains Presbyterian Church to participate in the food drive. The students will prepare for the Easter holiday with bible stories, lessons, art projects and parties.

As always, we continue to accept registration on a first-come-first-served basis. Four out of seven classes are full, and we will maintain a wait list.

If you have any questions about the school or would like more information about any of our activities, please feel free to reach out to the Director, Angela Kushner.



CRANBERRY NURSERY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Help Support Our **ONLINE ORDERING** Fundraiser

We are fundraising with  **Sarris** CANDIES to raise money for our organization! If you would like to help support our sale, you can go online to:

SarrisCandiesFundraising.com

*All orders must be placed by 11:59 PM EST on March 22nd.



Our Organization's Name

Cranberry Nursery School

Our Group ID#

10-4201

HOW TO ORDER

- 1 Access the Sarris fundraising website on your computer or mobile phone.



- 2 From the home page, click **I Am Supporting a Fundraiser** or click **Shop Now** in the navigation bar to access our available products.

- 3 Enter our Group ID# and your family member or friend's name and select **Shop Now**.

TIP: Use the drop-down categories under **Shop Now** in the navigation bar tab to look for specific types of products.

TIP: Use the search bar to look for specific products.

\$5 FLAT RATE GROUND SHIPPING

Orders ship right to your home!

No minimum purchase required to receive \$5 flat rate ground shipping. Shipping fee is per address. Warm weather packaging and expedited shipping charges are additional.

Popular Categories



HOLIDAY: EASTER



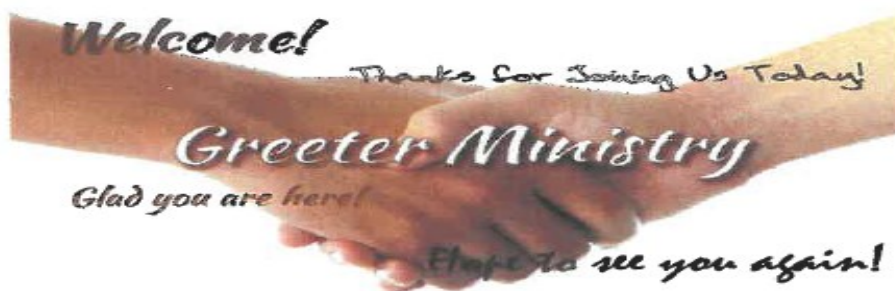
PRETZELS, SNACKS & MORE



BOXED CHOCOLATES



BASHCAKES*



**REMEMBER WHEN THERE WERE
GREETERS AT CHURCH?
WELL...THEY'RE BACK!**

The Worship Committee at Plains Church is re-launching our Greeter Ministry! Here's what you need to know:

- Part of our Welcoming Church 2024 initiative.
- All are welcome to participate!
- We will re-start this ministry in April.
- Anyone interested can designate their desired month.
- The signup sheet will be placed in the back of the Church beginning in late February.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday

Old Union Presbyterian Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - Rev. Peter deVries Ph.D.

Lords Prayer - Matthew Chapter 6

Lenten Worship

Crestview Community Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 - Commissioned Ruling Elder Gregg Hartung

Matthew 6: 9

Plains Presbyterian Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - Elder Frank Aloï

Matthew 6:10

Old Union Presbyterian Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 - Rev. Peter deVries Ph.D.

Matthew 6:11

Crestview Community Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - Commissioned Ruling Elder Gregg Hartung

Matthew 6:12

Plains Presbyterian Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 - Elder Frank Aloï

Matthew 6:13

Maundy Thursday– Communion

Old Union Presbyterian Church - 7:30pm

Wednesday, March 28, 2024 - Rev. Peter deVries Ph.D.

2024 PER CAPITA

The Per Capita amount requested from a congregation is a combined total of requests from that congregation's presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly — based on their respective budgets for the coming year(s).

For 2024, the Plains Church Per Capita is **\$44.20**. Each member is included in the calculation of our Church's total Per Capita payment, which for 2024 is **\$3,315**. As is our practice, we have already paid our fully assessed per capita for 2024.

Typically, we only receive approximately half of our Church assessed Per Capita contributions each year. As a member of Plains Church, please prayerfully consider giving your full Per Capita this year. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Aloï (Frankaloi@msn.com) or the Church office.

Thank you!



Plains Presbyterian Church

Congregational Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Church Sanctuary

Rev. Dr. Peter de Vries, acting as moderator opened the meeting with prayer at 12:20 p.m.

Tim Roscoe, Clerk of Session, certified that there was a quorum of the membership present. At least 16 members are present

Rev. Dr. Peter asked for a motion to combine the corporate and ecclesiastical meetings into one meeting. Motion by Sue Reed, seconded by Nina Finlay. Motion passed.

Minutes from the last congregational meeting were read and approved by session and are available if anyone wants to see them.

Change of Bylaws

The following proposed change is recommended to be made to the bylaws:

Article V, Section 1

Reducing the number of ruling elders on session from 9 to 6.

New Wording:

There shall be 6 ruling elders divided into 3 equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual meeting for a three-year term. No ruling elder shall serve on the session for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years: but shall be ineligible to be elected to a new term until one year shall have elapsed.

Recommendation came from Session; no second is necessary at the congregational meeting. Vote carries.

Election of Officers

Tim Roscoe, on behalf of the Nominating Committee thanked the members of the 2023 Nominating Committee and placed the following names into nomination.

Elder Class of 2026 – Frank Aloï, Bob Young

Elder Class of 2024 – Tom Lunney

Deacon Class of 2026 – Amy Roscoe, Julie Young

Deacon Class of 2025 – Ann Lunney

Auditor (Three Year Term) – Tim Roscoe

Auditor (One Year Term) – Julie Young

Nominating Committee (From the congregation) for 2024 – Nina Finley, Rich Magill, Ann Nutter, and Sue Reed.

Rev. de Vries asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

Motion that the nominations be closed and to accept the officers as nominated made by Tiffany Aloï, seconded by Jacob Carter. Motion passed.

Review of Annual Report & Budget

All materials (annual report and budget) were distributed to the congregation.

Tim Roscoe reviewed the annual statistical report. Frank Aloï made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Kathy Carter. Motion passed.

Rev. Dr. de Vries reviewed the annual report and committee members reviewed the reports from the various committees and answered questions as they arose. Committee chairpersons thanked their members.

Frank Aloï covered last year's financial performance.

Frank reviewed the budget for 2024 that Session approved at its meeting on January 8, 2024. Sue Reed made the motion to receive the budget, seconded by Bev Magill. Motion passed.

Tim Roscoe commented that the Audit Committee completed their review of the church financial records, along with the Deacon's records and everything seems to be in order. The CNS records will be reviewed in the summer after their fiscal year ends. Special recognition and appreciation to Frank Aloï for doing such a great job organizing all of the materials for the audit.

Nina Finlay made the motion to accept the annual reports, seconded by Tiffany Aloï. Motion passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Motion to adjourn by Rich Magill seconded by Tiffany Aloï. Motion Passed.

Rev. Dr. de Vries closed by leading us in singing the Doxology at 12:55 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Tim Roscoe

Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Peter de Vries

Moderator

Beaver-Butler Presbytery's Annual Leadership and Administrative Event



THE DETAILS

Who: Pastors, Elders, Deacons, Worship Leaders, Youth Leaders, Treasurers, Clerks of Session, and all Church Congregants.

What: **FREE** training event geared to equip those leading ministry.

When: Sunday March 10, 2024. 2-5pm (registration 1:45pm)

Where: Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church
Address: 2662 Rochester Road. Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

Why: Acts 20:28 tells us to "keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood."

Please join us for an
fellowship as we follow
how Beaver-Butler
Churches to Flourish unit



afternoon of faith and
God's call to ministry and
Presbytery's Encouraging
may equip church leaders.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Space is limited for this **FREE** training!
Don't Delay-Register Today!

Please register online at: www.BeaverButler.org

Questions about the event call 724-452-7515 Presbytery Office

Name: _____

Church: _____

Phone/Email: _____

SCHEDULE & CHOICES:

1:45pm-2pm - Registration

2pm-2:15pm: Prayer and Praise

2:15pm-3:15pm: 1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

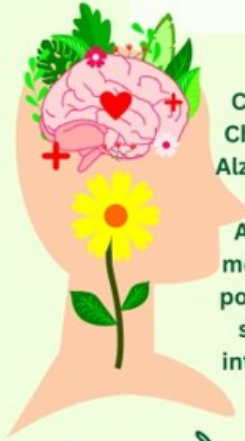
3:15pm-3:45pm - Q&A and Fellowship Break

3:45pm-4:45pm: 1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

4:45pm-5pm - Evaluations




FACT OR FICTION



Noralynn L. Mayer R.N., M.S.N. and Gary P. Goerk, Hospice Chaplain, Christian Life Coach, and author of 6 books about the Christian Walk, will address misconceptions about Hospice Care, Alzheimer's and Dementia, and Memory Care. Despite the growing acceptance of hospice care, the increased understanding of Alzheimer's and its dementia symptoms, and the availability of memory care support in senior healthcare settings, there are still popular myths surrounding these options. Noralynn and Gary will share informative insights and poignant stories based on their interactions with patients and questions often raised by families.

The presentation will conclude with a Q&A session.

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- FACT OR FICTION? HOSPICE MEANS YOU ARE GIVING UP, READY TO DIE.
 - FACT OR FICTION? YOU CAN ONLY RECEIVE HOSPICE CARE FOR A LIMITED TIME.
 - FACT OR FICTION? HOSPICE CARE IS JUST FOR THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL NEEDS.
 - FACT OR FICTION? ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA ARE THE SAME THING.
 - FACT OR FICTION? ALZHEIMER'S DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR HOSPICE CARE.
 - FACT OR FICTION? FREQUENTLY FORGETTING MEANS YOU HAVE ALZHEIMER'S.
 - FACT OR FICTION? MEMORY CARE IS ONLY FOR SEVERE MEMORY LOSS.
 - FACT OR FICTION? MEMORY CARE MEANS YOU SURRENDER INDEPENDENCE.

10:00 Saturday, March 2

Old Union Presbyterian Church

200 Union Church Rd, Mars

For more information and to RSVP call 724-538-8672

No charge to attend this informative event.

Plains Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights

February 2024

Session met on Monday, February 5, 2024. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Rev. Dr. Peter opened with prayer at 7:16 p.m. after a discussion of a reading from Mathew 23 23-28. Session is a “family of the families”. Also reviewed the list of 15 items about a covenant of Spiritual Maturity. Short discussion of our Mission Statement.

Approved minutes from the January 8, 2024 Session meeting and the Congregational Meeting Minutes.

Tim Roscoe reported that the annual reports to the Presbytery and the PCUSA were all filed.

All is well with CNS.

Frank Aloï reviewed the financial performance for the month. Things are fine.

Committees were discussed and the following assignments were made:

Worship / Stewardship / Music – Frank Aloï

Nominating – Sue Delligatti

Personnel – Bob Young

Property – Tom Lunney

Discipleship – Janelle Wood / Tiffany Aloï

Everything is fine with the Deacons. Julie Young will be moderator for the year.

Lenten worship will be done for the 6 Wednesdays of lent.

Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm at Old Union.

Frank discussed the “Welcoming Church” initiative for 2024.

Free Training event for Elders, Deacons, and others will be March 10, 2:00 pm at CCUPC.

The new Discipleship Committee will be creating a list of people and assigning them to the current Elders.

Short discussion on what to do with the land next to the new pavilion. Lots of options are possible, but we need people to be “owners” of the idea and to work with the idea.

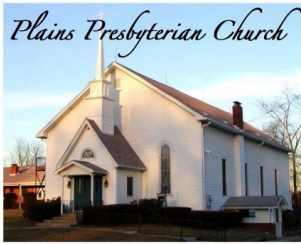
Next Regular Session Meeting will be March 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by rank and Sue Prayer 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			 2024	1	2	
3 Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship - 11:00am	4	5	6 Lenten Worship Old Union Church – 7:00pm	7 Book Club - 10:00am	8	9
10 Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship - 11:00am	11	12	13 Lenten Worship Crestview Comm. Church – 7:00pm	14	15	16
17 Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Coffee Connection hosted by SWAM Deacon Meeting	18	19	20 Lenten Worship Palms Church - 7:00pm	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am SWAM Meeting	25 Session Meeting 7:00pm	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday & Communion - 7:30pm Old Union Church	29 Good Friday	30
31 Easter & Communion Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am						



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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.”

