

THE  
PLAIN  
TALK

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



**2024**

**Plains  
Presbyterian  
Church**

**Serving the  
community  
since 1806**



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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 Poleti  
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](mailto:eacinc@zoominternet.net)

Online Giving is now available for you convenience.

Log on and check it out  
[www.plainschurch.com](http://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  to raise money for our organization! If you would like to help support our sale, you can go online to:

[SarrisCandiesFundraising.com](http://SarrisCandiesFundraising.com)

\*All orders must be placed by 11:59 PM EST on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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

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Plains Presbyterian Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - Elder Frank Aloï

Matthew 6:10

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Old Union Presbyterian Church - 7:00pm

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

Matthew 6:11

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Crestview Community Church - 7:00pm

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

Matthew 6:12

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Plains Presbyterian Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 - Elder Frank Aloï

Matthew 6:13

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### 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](mailto: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.BeaaverButler.org](http://www.BeaaverButler.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: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

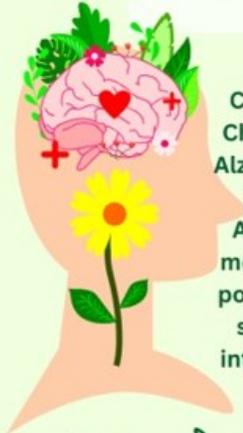
3:15pm-3:45pm - Q&A and Fellowship Break

3:45pm-4:45pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

