

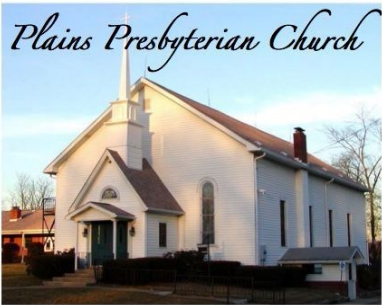
THE
PLAIN
TALK



2025

**Plains
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Finding Our Footing and Maintaining Balance

Life can be overwhelming. There are more things and situations that beg for our attention than we can manage. Unfortunately, the sources from which we get our information are trying to capture our attention by provoking strong emotional reactions. And you and I both know that we rarely make good decisions when tensions and emotions are running high. Finding effective methods for processing what we hear and see, think and feel is a critical part of staying grounded. By putting these disciplines or skills into regular practice we can more easily remain balanced and can find our footing again when something knocks us down. Many of the most common methods are ones you are already aware of; prayer, meditation, journaling, or talking with someone who is a good active listener. Even physical activity like going for a walk, exercising, or just changing position and moving around can moderate our intense feelings and allow us to consider them without being overwhelmed. This is not burying our head in the sand nor is it a means of escaping challenges. But it can put us in a better position to choose what to give our attention to, and how to respond to it in a considerate, compassionate and “care-full” way. This goal is in keeping with a central theme of Proverbs, the practice of wisdom. A life of wisdom in relationship to God is what we see in Jesus’ life and ministry. Inspiring and training people to practice this life of wisdom is the greatest gift that we, the church, can offer in times of distress. I invite you to identify one new way of processing what you hear and see during the season of Lent. Put it into regular practice for forty days. Find and feel firmer ground under your feet, and use that surer footing to live considerately, compassionately, and “care-fully.” You will become a portal through which the promised peace and restoration of creation will become visible to your neighbor.

Pastor Porter

Elder of the Month

Susan Delligatti

Deacon of the Month

Denise Kremmel

March 2nd

9:45am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Special Session Joint Meeting - 1pm
Beaver-Butler Presbytery

March 5th

ASH WEDNESDAY
Crestview Church - 7:00pm
Choir Practice

March 9th

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

March 12th

Plains Church
Lenten Worship - 7:00pm
Choir Practice

March 16th

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

March 19th

Old Union Church
Lenten Worship - 7:00pm
Choir Practice

March 23rd

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

March 26th

Crestview Church
Lenten Worship
Choir Practice

March 30th

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

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders:

March 2nd Frank Aloï
March 9th Ann Nutter
March 16th Susan Peirce
March 23rd Tim Roscoe
March 30th Amy Roscoe



March 2 Nancy Duerring
March 6 Jocilynn Walter
March 9 Bruce Kremmel
March 10 Susan Peirce
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 8am-12 noon



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

March 9, 2025



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 :

- Jenny Stafford
- Lisa Bender
- Linda - Ron Rice's sister
- Chris Nutter - Ann Nutter
- Brother-in-law's wife - Ann Nutter
- Family & Friends of Mary Koepke

Our friends who are in assisted living:

Eileen Kaufman & Kay Uthman

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

PLAINS BOOK CLUB

Next Meeting: March 6, 2025

When: 10:00am

Book Club Leader:

Sue McKinley

sue.w.mckinley@gmail.com



Session Meeting

March 10, 2025

Deacon Meeting

March 9, 2025

SWAM Meeting

March 23rd

PER CAPITA FOR 2025

\$45.24 per member

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir Practice will start March 5th after Ash Wednesday Services

Please contact Kathy Robinson if you are interested.

kathyrob48@zoominternet.net

EVENTS

March 2nd - Special Joint Session Meeting - 1pm Beaver - Butler Presbytery Office

March 5th - Ash Wednesday - Crestview 7pm, Choir Practice

March 6th - Book Club - 10:00am

March 9th - Order Easter Lilies

March 9th - Deacon Meeting after worship

March 10th - Session Meeting 6:00pm

March 12th - Lenten Service - Plains Church 7pm, Choir Practice

March 15th - March 29th - Deacon Food Drive

March 16th - Coffee Connection hosted by SWAM

March 19th - Lenten Service - Old Union 7pm, Choir Practice

March 23rd - SWAM Meeting after worship

March 26th - Lenten Service - Crestview 7pm, Choir Practice

April 2nd - Lenten Service - Plains Church 7pm, Choir Practice

April 9th - Lenten Service - Old Union 7pm, Choir Practice

April 17th - Maundy Thursday - Old Union 7:30pm



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday

Crestview Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Lenten Worship

Plains Presbyterian Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Old Union Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Crestview Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Plains Presbyterian Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Old Union Church - 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Maundy Thursday

Old Union Presbyterian Church - 7:30pm

Thursday, April 17, 2025

EASTER FLOWERS

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20, 2025

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 April 1st

Easter Lilies will be 8 1/2" double stem for \$21.00 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. Make checks out to Plains Presbyterian Church and note Easter Lily Flower Fund.

LILIES CAN BE TAKEN HOME AFTER CHURCH ON EASTER SUNDAY

SWAM COMMITTEE WEEKLY PRAYER INITIATIVE

As we go about our busy lives, sometimes we forget to focus on practicing an intentional and active prayer life. The apostle Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 that we should “pray without ceasing”. But have we instead ceased to pray?

In an effort to raise our awareness of prayer in our spiritual walk with Christ, the Plains Church SWAM Committee will be providing a weekly prayer focus. We will distribute this prayer on a weekly basis by email and in our Facebook group, beginning in March. The email will provide a topic for prayer focus, scripture for meditation, and a short prayer (although you can certainly pray using your own words).

Our committee is always looking for and interested in feedback, so please share your thoughts with us!





DEACONS

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Collection Dates:

March 15th - March 29th

Please donate non-perishable items

BENEFITS THE EVANS CITY FOOD BANK

CNS NEWS

February has been a busy month for the students at Cranberry Nursery School. All of the classes had fun Valentine's Day parties. The Nursery and Pre-K classes will attend a Dad's Day event at the Cranberry Township Fire House. Lots of good fire safety lessons will be learned. The students are working on fun art work to be displayed for the CNS Open House which takes place February 25th and 27th. The Nursery and Pre-K classes will have a cooking class and the Half~Pints will have a Donuts with Dad event at the end of February.

March is packed with lots of activities. We will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday, have a Dinosaur Day and a visit from the dentist. We will also have a food drive for the Evans City Food Bank. We invite members of Plains Presbyterian Church to participate. The students will begin preparations for the Easter holiday with bible stories, lessons and art projects. We will have a Nothing Bundt Cake fundraiser sometime in March, just in time for Easter. Families can order cakes or gift certificates to purchase a cake at your convenience. The certificates make a great birthday or hostess gift. Please feel free to place an order. We appreciate the support from Plains Presbyterian Church.

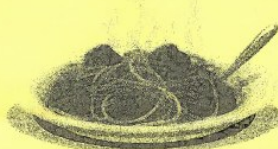
As always, we continue to accept registration on a first-come-first-served basis. Three out of seven classes are full, and we will maintain a wait list. We also continue to collect Chick Fil A receipts.

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.



LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS

SPAGHETTI DINNER



March 1, 2025
4 - 7 PM

Adults \$10 Child (5 - 12 yrs) \$5 Child (under 5 yr) Free

** Take-out available **

Proceeds benefit Disaster Relief
to victims in NC and CA

OLD UNION CHURCH
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OLD UNION CHURCH

Spaghetti Dinner

March 1, 2025

For anyone in grades 3-6! Contact Alexa Gilson at asue0312@gmail.com with questions or so she knows how many to expect.

Amy Quickle
Clerk of Session
Park United Presbyterian Church
724-822-0690

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
6-8PM AND AT PARK CHURCH, PENDING ANY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

JAN 8 VILLIANS & GAMES

FEB 12 LOVE & POKEMON

MAR 19 CRAFT NIGHT

APR 23 EASTER EXTRAS

MAY 14 ARCADE NIGHT

PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

March 19th

Craft Night

April 23

Easter Extras

May 11

Arcade Night

Plains Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights

February 2025

Session met on Monday, February 10, 2025. Below are some of the highlights of the meeting.

Pastor Porter opened with a reading starting with Luke 5:29, and then a discussion of doing new things and getting new people involved. We can't always do what we have done in the past. Pastor Porter opened with prayer at 6:07 p.m.

Approved the minutes from the January 15th Session meeting, and the Congregational Meeting Part II from February 9th.

CNS Open House is coming up soon. Registration is going well. Some spots are still available.

The new bookkeeper will be assisting with CNS tax and payroll accounting – she is still being trained. She will be taking some of Frank Aloï's duties near the end of the year.

Many doors were fixed to help with draft issues.

Frank reviewed our financial performance for the year.

Pastor Porter's intention is that it is good to get the Sessions from Park and Plains together to discuss our next steps so that everyone gets the same information at the same time.

Frank presented the minutes from the last SWAM meeting. Planning for Lent is proceeding smoothly.

Approved communion dates for 2025. The dates are Easter - April 20; Pentecost - June 8; World Communion Sunday - October 5; and First Day of Advent - November 30.

Possible service opportunity in Ohio – part of the Canfield Presbytery - for community service outreach.

Girl Scout Troup #26691 will be holding an Easter Egg hunt and party on March 31st – 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Next Session meeting will be on March 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

Congregational Meeting II Minutes

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Church Sanctuary & Zoom On-Line Meeting

Rev. John Porter, acting as Moderator, opened the meeting with Prayer in the Church Sanctuary at 12:05 p.m.

All materials (annual report and budget) were distributed to the congregation. Tim Roscoe, Clerk of Session, certified that a quorum of the membership is present. At least 15 members are present.

Tim Roscoe reviewed the Congregational Meeting Part I minutes and the annual statistical report. Amy Roscoe made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Susan Peirce. Motion passed.

Rev. John Porter reviewed the annual report and committee members reviewed the reports from the various committees and answered questions as they arose.

Frank Aloï covered last year's financial performance.

Frank Aloï reviewed the budget for 2025 that Session approved at its meeting on January 15, 2025. Amy Roscoe made the motion to receive the budget, seconded by Susan Peirce. Motion passed.

Tim Roscoe commented that the Audit Committee completed the review of the Church's checking account, along with the Deacon's and Cemetery accounts, and everything is in good shape. The CNS account will be audited when school is finished for the year.

Julie Young made the motion to accept the annual reports, seconded by Frank Aloï. Motion passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Motion to adjourn by Bob Young, seconded by Beverly Magill. Motion Passed.

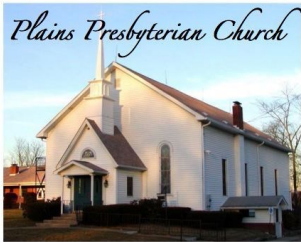
Rev. John Porter closed with prayer at 12:27 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

Rev. John Porter
Moderator

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				2025		1
2 Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship - 11:00am Special Joint Session - 1pm. at BBP Office	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday Crestview 7pm Choir Practice	6	7	8
9 Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship - 11:00am Deacon Meeting Daylight Savings Begins	10	11 Session Meeting 6:00pm	12 Lenten Service Plains Church 7pm Choir Practice	13 Book Club - 10:00am	14	15
16 Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Coffee Connection hosted by SWAM	17	18	19 Lenten Service Old Union 7pm Choir Practice	20	21	22
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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.”

