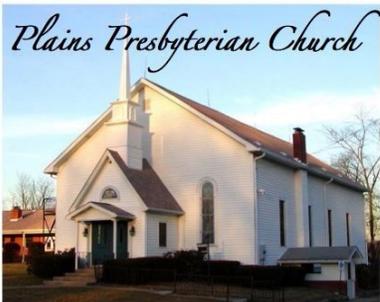




2021

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A Word from Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta:

I just finished an afternoon walk with Luna. The snow has finally melted enough that I am willing to be pulled by her around the community for a few miles. I no longer worry that she will tug too hard on my shoulder and the result will be me falling on the ice. I know that she will not mean to pull this hard, but going for a walk is an awesome act!

Now I don't fault her for acting like this. She is, after all, only a 2-year-old puppy. What do I expect from her?!? She runs and lunges around as often as I allow her to do so. Besides chasing a stick or a lacrosse ball around the yard, walking around the neighborhood is an act of pure joy for Luna. . . And like I said, it is something that we have not done enough recently.

I do not need to tell her where we are going. I just put the harness on her, attach her leash, and head out. She knows the way. She understands that I want to walk around the church at least twice before we head down Plains Church Road and out to Hope Road. It is our routine and practice and the two of us enjoy it.

She gets to walk and sniff around and be a dog. She comes back wet and dirty and needs some attention. I get to listen to an audiobook or podcast that I have wanted to finish. Its a win-win situation for us both.

But we have not been able to do this for months because of the snow and ice of winter so she was especially excited to walk this afternoon! Her passion and strength were on full display throughout our walk. She found an extra stick in the side yard and carried it with her for a bit. Luna lunged especially hard at a few passing cars in the other lane and whined at them.

I did not get mad at her for this. I heard the cars coming and I retracted the leash in preparation so she did not have a lot of room to lunge. It is still amazing how strong she is when a car passes by us on the road or sidewalk. But we were safe and sound. The cars didn't even have to slow down to avoid her, we were good. . .

Our walk got me thinking about our Christian practices.

We like to engage in some of these practices during Lent, or another holy season, but are we as faithful to them during 'ordinary time?' I will spend extra time in prayer and reflection during Lent, but am I that reflective and introspective in June or July when the summer heat forces me inside? I will look for ways to care for the community at large in the winter because I know that the snow and ice can make life hard, but do I put that much effort into caring in May or September?

I wonder if in Lent you are being given the opportunity to live faithfully in a way that is normally reserved for a different season? If so, perhaps this is something that you can God can address together and, by doing so, you live faithfully in a new way.

Blessings,
Rev. Derek

Elder of the Month
Steve Walter

ATTN: CHOIR PRACTICE HAS
CHANGED TO:
7:30pm ON THURSDAYS

March 3
7:00pm Lenten Service

March 7
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

March 10
7:00pm Lenten Service

March 14
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Daylight Savings Time begins

March 17
7:00pm Lenten Service

March 21
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

March 24
7:00pm Lenten Service

March 28
Palm Sunday
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Deacon Meeting

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

March 7 Tim Rausch
March 14 Tiffany Aloï
March 21 Steve Raatz
March 28 Amy Roscoe



March 2 Nancy Duerring
March 6 Jocilynn Walter
March 6 Jennifer Marotta
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 & Kathy Carter

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

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 your 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
- Karl Koebler
- Yvette - Tiffany's sister
- Jenny Stafford
- Victims of the Coronavirus
- Liz- Jennifer Marotta
- Jim & Betty Lehman
- Amy- Kathy
- Victoria
- Caregivers & Families
- Kay Uthman
- Pam - Julie Raatz
- Madison - Co-worker of Tim

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.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Easter Sunday is April 4. 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 14.** Since there are a couple of options this year, please mark your order form accordingly.

Single stem lilies are \$11.00

Double stem lilies are \$20.00



Order form from (your name):

Ordering how many: Single Stem _____ 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 14.

LILIES CAN BE TAKEN HOME AFTER CHURCH ON EASTER SUNDAY



March 3, 2021

Where: Plains Church

Leading Worship: Ron Carter

Service: 7:00pm

March 10, 2021

Where: Plains Church

Leading Worship: Frank Aloï

Service: 7:00pm

March 17, 2021

Where: Plains Church

Leading Worship: Steve Raatz

Service 7:00pm

March 24, 2021

Where: Plains Church

Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta

Service: 7:00pm

NO DINNERS WILL BE SERVED

Worship Schedule:

Sunday School: 9:45am

Worship: 11:00am

REMINDER:

MARCH 14th

Daylight Saving Time Begins
Last Day to Order Easter Lilies

MARCH 15th

Session Meeting
7:00pm

MARCH 28th

Palm Sunday
Holy Weeks Begins
Deacon Meeting after service

UPDATES:

The Chili Cook-Off raised \$85.00 in donations.

Per Capita is \$40.82 per member



Future Events:

*Sandra Lee Foundation
and
Paul Allen's Closet*

ANNUAL PROM GOWN & SUIT GIVEAWAY

Free event open to any high school student from any school who needs a gown or suit. Student must come and pick out their own dress or suit. One per person. Shoes and accessories will also be available. Due to covid restrictions, only one person will be permitted in with the student. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

MARCH 6, 2021 10 AM - 3 PM
MARCH 7, 2021 1 PM - 5 PM

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH CENTER
311 W. RIDGE AVENUE
SHARPSVILLE, PA 16150



March 19th-March 21st

Seneca Hills Bible Camp
Youth Retreat



Youth Group News April 18th

Spaghetti Luncheon after service
More information will be announced closer to the date



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

CNS NEWS

Although the school year has been challenging, Cranberry Nursery School has been able to remain open with a few closures and snow days. The students have been troopers getting their temperatures scanned, wearing their masks and following new rules. We are grateful to our families who have stuck by as we navigated new normals.

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is in full swing. 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, a nurturing environment and a caring staff.

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 at the end of the Nursery School hallway. Let's do our part to keep art from becoming trash.

Contact: Jessica Beasley (jessicalaus@gmail.com) for more information.

Our Staff

Half~Pints Teacher - Komal Dietz; Aide - Diana Beaudoin

Nursery Teacher - Erin Meredith; Aide - Jen Murnock

Pre-K Teacher - Amy Zugell; Aide - Lisa Bender

Director - Angela Kushner

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Plains Presbyterian Church
Session Highlights
January 2021

Session met on January 18, 2021. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

During the worship service on December 24, 2020, communion was served to 37 people and on January 10, 2021, communion was served to 28 people.

Elder of the Month list was assigned and distributed. Annual reports have been submitted to the Beaver Butler Presbytery, as well as the statistical report to the General Assembly.

We will be making our full Per Capita payment to the Presbytery. Our net operating income in 2020 was just over \$4,900.

Frank reviewed our investments. We had good returns for 2020. Many one-time events happened in 2020 such as a Butler County Grant, a PPP Loan, and a three month period when we did not have to pay Rev. Dr. Derek's Pension. These events contributed to us having a good year financially.

Frank reviewed the budget for 2021 again. Session passed motion to recommend it for approval at the Congregational Meeting Part II.

Deacons will be meeting on January 24, 2021 and will begin their work on the "Shepard's List".

A presentation on fatherhood was recorded and sent to ICN/Matisko.

New Executive Presbyter has been elected. Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon from the Westminster Church in Evans City will begin to serve shortly.

Committee Assignments for 2021 were discussed and assignments made:

Christian Education - Steve Walter, Janelle Wood

Inreach / Outreach - Ron Carter, Bob Young

Personnel - David Cardillo, Bob Young

Property Committee - David Cardillo, Tom Lunney, Erin McKinley, Sue Reed

Stewardship - Sue Reed

Worship - Ron Carter, Tim Rausch, Sue Reed

Nominating - Erin McKinley, Bob Young

Wreaths across America has a program that involves Youth Groups and we can get cash back. Tom Lunney will be working with Janelle Wood on the details.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, February 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 2021				
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:45am Worship - 11:00am	8	9	Lenten Service 7pm	Choir Practice 7:30pm	12	13
14	15	16	Lenten Service 7pm	Choir Practice 7:30pm	19	20
Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11:00am Last Day to Order Lilies	Session Meeting 7pm		Lenten Service 7pm	Choir Practice 7:30pm	Youth Retreat 3/19-3/21	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11:00am			Lenten Service 7pm	Choir Practice 7:30pm		
28 Palm Sunday Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11:00am Deacon Meeting	29 Holy Week	30 Holy Week	31 Holy Week			



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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.”

