

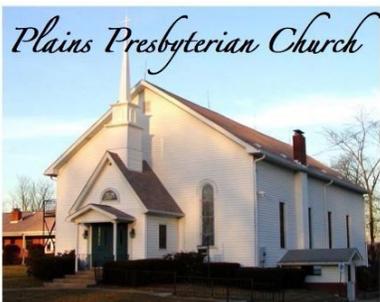
# THE PLAIN TALK



**2019**

**Plains  
Presbyterian  
Church**

**Serving the  
community  
since 1806**



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## *A Word from Rev. Derek:*

Every year as we come to this season of the church, I am reminded of the quotation:

"Stewardship is everything you do after you say, 'I believe.'"

At Plains, work hard to excel in a number of areas which should be celebrated. When a need arises in the life of our church, we work hard to ensure that this need is met. This evident in our support of local mission work in the Pittsburgh area. When someone is sick or grieving, we take active and personal steps to care and be present for those we know need God's help. We know that Jesus lived in this way and so we attempt to emulate that action and choice.

It is a blessing to see each Sunday, as our prayer concerns and joys are shared, to see the number of people in worship who write them down. I know they do this so they can pray diligently for the needs of the community and church. Your stewardship in these areas speaks strongly, but now I am asking you to consider your financial support of this church. You excel, and you believe, how is God calling you to respond?

Stewardship is an act of gracious discipleship founded upon the premise that all that we have and all that we are belongs to God. We are to be good managers of all that God has entrusted to our care. When stewardship is looked at holistically, taking into account all of what God has entrusted to our care, [we] feel... more enlivened to participate. This sort of stewardship invites [us] to look at all that [we] have—time, talents and treasure—be grateful to God and learn how they might share these gifts with their neighbor.

Stewardship means caring. Living a life based on biblical stewardship means understanding that everything belongs to God, and God entrusted some of what is God's into my care. To be a good steward of what God gives us is work hard to defeat the popular mindset that says, "This issue is someone else's problem, not mine." Being a steward means I care; that I am emotionally vested in the church when I could be vested in something different. When people around me choose differently and place their loyalties and gifts in other areas, I care for the church because God cared for me. As I care, as I am a steward of what God gives me, I begin to express gratitude.

"Gratitude alters our perception so we can see and receive more of God. Then as our trust in God grows... we grow in thankfulness for God's life among us." And we respond in faith because God's presence and are in our lives through people, like you at this church, who are emotionally vested and excel in ministry and faith.

This month, I challenge you to look at how you demonstrate your stewardship before God. Can you find the place where God's blessings are realized in your life as gifts from God and not gifts for yourself? Think about the level of blessedness you have in your life because of God's faithfulness to you. Then, prayerfully respond accordingly as God calls you to as your faithful act of stewardship.

Blessings  
Rev. Derek

What does Stewardship Mean to You? By: Grace Duddy and Chick Lane, accessed on October 22, 2018 at <https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?>

*Mark Lau Branson, Memories, Hopes, and Conversations, 53.*

# Helping with Worship This Month

**Elder of the Month**  
Steve Raatz

**Deacon of the Month**  
Ann Lunney

**Worship Leaders**  
03 Jennifer Marotta  
10 Tim Roscoe  
17 Tiffany Aloï  
24 Tony Poletì

**Greeters**  
03 Jennifer Marotta & Tony Poletì  
10 Tim & Amy Roscoe  
17 Jay & Bonnie Carmichael  
24 Archie & Maggie Simpson

**Nursery Workers**  
03 Norah Collins  
10 Melissa Holcomb  
17 Denise Kremmel  
24 Julie Young

## Worship Schedule

**November 3**

**All Saints Sunday**

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

**November 10**

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

**November 17**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Youth Group Fundraiser  
Spaghetti Lunch  
Deacons Meeting

**November 24**

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



November 1 Carl Duerring  
November 1 John Finlay  
November 1 Ethan Leisie  
November 5 Larry Duncan  
November 7 Nina Finlay  
November 8 Bev Magill  
November 8 Leah Young  
November 12 Erika Selling  
November 20 Roberta Lemon  
November 27 Steve Walter  
November 28 Denise Kremmel  
November 30 Frank Aloï



November 3 Archie and Maggie Simpson  
November 15 Bob and Julie Young  
November 23 Tim and Ruth Rausch  
November 26 Steve and Julie Raatz  
November 27 Dennis and Kathy Robinson

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.)



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.

Meetings occur on the first Thursday of each month at 10am in the Church's basement.



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
- John Finlay
- Matt Protzman
- Kay Uthman
- Friends and Family of Eunice Guenther

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.

## Worship Schedule:

Sunday School: 9:45am

Worship: 11:00am



## Plains Church Finances:

Currently through October 20th, our operating budget is **nearly \$8,000 in the negative**. Please prayerfully consider your General Fund giving contributions to Plains Church.

Thank you!

Frank Aloï

## History Corner:



On November 17, 1974 the congregation took action to adopt the unicameral system of government. Installed as Elder/Trustees on January 12, 1975 were: Jack Affolder, J. Edgar Anthony, Thomas Anthony, Glen Cookson, David Goehring, Frank Leisie, Richard Magill, Elmer Michael, Dale Nott, Laverne Ripper, Stanley Rowan, Angela Rush, Melvin Sproat, Janice Rowen, and Kathryn Uthman.

## Calendar of Events:

November 3rd - All Saints Day

November 4th - Service in the Church-6pm  
Presbytery Office, 134B  
South Main Street, Zelenople

November 7th - Book Club at 10:00am

November 10th - Poinsettia Order forms available

November 11th-Ephesus Meeting-7pm  
Veterans Day

November 17th - Spaghetti Luncheon –  
Youth group after service  
Deacons Meeting after worship

November 18th– Session Meeting at 7:00pm

November 28th - Thanksgiving Day



Remember to set your clocks back!

November 3rd - Daylight savings time ends

### Fun Fact:

Why do clocks go back in winter?

William Willett, an Edwardian builder, had devised a campaign in which he proposed that the clocks go forward in spring and back in winter, so that people could spend more time outdoors during the day and save energy hence the term Daylight Savings Time.

On-Line Giving is now available for you convenience. Log on and check it out  
[www.plainschurch.com](http://www.plainschurch.com)



Scan the QR code:

# Welcome Back from Nepal!

Rev. Derek , Jennifer, JonMark, and Emma Marotta

Bob and Lily Young

Ron, Kathy, Samantha and Jacob Carter

Chris and Janelle Wood

Burt & Nancy Duerring

Steve & Julie Raatz

On Sunday, October 6th the following mission group members listed above presented a slide show presentation of their Service Trip to Nepal. There was a question and discussion time.

If you missed the slide show presentation it can be found on the church website:

Log on the website at [www.plainschurch.com](http://www.plainschurch.com)

A lunch was served after worship in the fellowship hall including a variety traditional Nepali foods such as rice, noodles, chicken, root veggies, green veggies and momo (Chinese dumplings).



# PICTURES OF NEPAL



The Lord's Prayer



GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD!



Ilam, Nepal

## Farming in Nepal - Harvesting Bamboo

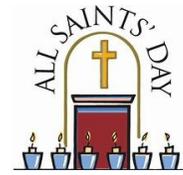


Check out more pictures on Plains Presbyterian Church website and Facebook page:

[www.plainschurch.com](http://www.plainschurch.com)

All Saints Day Sunday - November 3, 2019

A candle will be lit in remembrance of those who passed.



Service in the Church

Might God Be Nudging You Towards a Different Kind of Service in the Church?

Monday, November 4, 2019

Time: 6:00-7:00pm

Where: Presbytery Office

134B South Main Street

Zelienople, PA

Please inform Barb Paff in the presbytery office .

[office@beaverbutler.org](mailto:office@beaverbutler.org)

*Although you are welcome to attend even at the last minute.*

Operation Christmas Child:

The deacons are organizing an Operation Christmas Child donation drive.

National Collection Week is November 18-25th.

Please check on the web site what can go in the shoeboxes. More details to follow.

<http://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-Christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>



Ideas for items to include– small dolls, balls, toy cars/trucks, flashlights, socks, washcloths, soap, toothbrushes, brushes, combs, jewelry, hair accessories, paper, pens, crayons, markers.

**NO LIQUIDS, FOOD, TOOTHPASTE**

Boxes will be available by mid-October. You can take a box with you and return it any time before November 17th.

Boxes should be labeled as follows based on the contents: boy or girl, ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. Please consider including a \$9.00 donation per box to cover shipping cost, this is completely optional.

*Note, we are taking the same approach as last year instead of collecting supplies, we are collecting filled boxes only.*

# Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser



## Annual Youth Group Fundraiser Spaghetti Luncheon

Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship following the service on November 17th. The youth will be serving pasta with homemade sauces, garlic bread, salad, and dessert. Thanks to your generous donations, our youth group is able to have fun and fellowship all year, including retreats, bowling, concerts, and other special events. We hope to see you on Sunday November 17th in the Fellowship Hall! Bring your appetites!



## HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The church office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28th

### FUN FACTS:

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2019 occurs on Thursday, November 28. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebration in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.



## Decorating the Church for the Christmas Season

When: Saturday November 30, 2019

Time: 10:00am

Many Hands Make Light Work!

## Advent Readers and Candle Lighters

Starting December 1, 2019

Any families, couples or individuals who would like to serve in this capacity should contact Rev. Derek Marotta or Steve Raatz.



## World Giving Tuesday

A Global Giving Movement

When: December 3, 2019



Giving Tuesday inspires millions of people to show up and give back to causes and issues that matter to them. The goal is to create a massive wave of generosity that last beyond that day, and touches every person.

Give Time

Give Your Voice

Give Kindness

Give Talent

For more information check out the link on  
Plains Church website [www.plainschurch.com](http://www.plainschurch.com)  
[www.givingtuesday.org/](http://www.givingtuesday.org/)



Christmas Poinsettias:

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to help decorate the church sanctuary throughout the Christmas and Advent season, please complete the order form below and place in the offering plate or send to the church office.

Orders need to be received by Sunday, December 1. The flowers will be two stem poinsettia at a cost of \$15.00 each payable to Plains Church and marked for Poinsettia Fund.

Poinsettia order form:

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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As a Gift to the Church: \_\_\_\_\_

From:

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# CNS NEWS



The students at Cranberry Nursery School have settled in to their new routine. The children have made new friends, have participated in cooking and science classes, attended field trips, learned new songs for their parties and are having lots of fun on the playground. In November, the Nursery and Pre-K students will prepare for a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving feast. In December, they will prepare for the Christmas season with Santa's Workshop, Deck the Halls and a Christmas party. In January, we will begin registration for the 2020-2021 school year. If you know of anyone looking for a pre-school, please let them know about CNS. We offer a variety of classes in both the morning and afternoon. They can call the school at 724-538-8785 or e-mail CNS directly at [cnsoplains@zoominternet.net](mailto:cnsoplains@zoominternet.net)

Angela Kushner  
Director  
Cranberry Nursery School

## OUR STAFF:

Half~Pints Teacher - Komal Dietz; Aide - Diana Beaudoin  
Nursery Teacher - Jonee Mascellino; Aide- Darlene Grieco  
Pre-K Teacher - Amy Zugell; Aide - Lisa Bender  
Director - Angela Kushner

## CNS website

<http://cranberrynurseryschool.com/>

# Plains Presbyterian Church

## Session Highlights

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Session met on Sunday, September 15, 2019. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Communion was served to 47 people on September 15, 2019

Session received the report of the treasurer by consensus.

Deacon's quarterly mission disbursements have been made.

CNS school has begun, and things are going well.

Rev. Derek continues to work on the training program for Elders to lead worship.

November 17<sup>th</sup> will be the Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner.

Curriculum has been selected for the young adult's class.

Basement bathrooms has been completed along with new floors, new paint, and other details completed.

New pledge card will be made for use this year.

October 6, 2019 is World Communion Day and the Nepal Mission team will share their experiences with the congregation.

October 13, 2019 will be the next meeting of the worship committee.

The Flea market generated about \$500. Money is still coming in. Moving the Craft Fair to later in the season will hopefully be better for sales. Tentative schedule for next year will be Nov 21, 2020.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Erin McKinley seconded by Tiffany Aloï. Motion passed. Rev. Derek closed with prayer at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe  
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>2019</b>	
					<b>November</b>	
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
All Saints Sunday Sunday School-9:45am Worship - 11:00am		Election Day		Book Club - 10:00am		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sunday School -9:45am Worship - 11:00am Worship Meeting - after service	Ephesus Meeting 7:00pm Veterans Day					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sunday School-9:45am Worship - 11:00am Spaghetti Luncheon Deacon Meeting	Session Meeting 7pm					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Sunday School-9:45am Worship - 11:00am				Thanksgiving Day		Hanging of the Greens 10:00am



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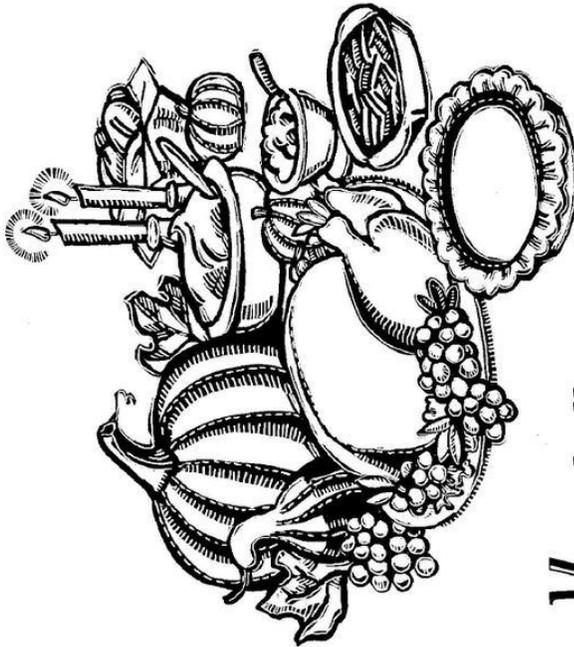
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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

“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.”



*You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.*

Deuteronomy 8:10