

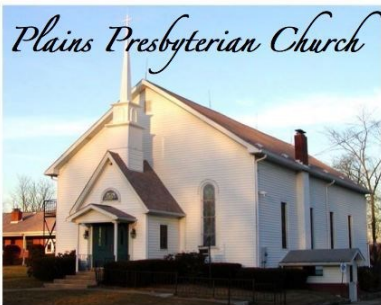
# THE PLAIN TALK

## November

### 2023

**Plains  
Presbyterian  
Church**

**Serving the  
community  
since 1806**



*Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson*

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## **Déjà vu All Over Again November 2023**

The great Yankee catcher Yogi Berra once coined the repetitive phrase “Déjà vu all over again” to describe his Yankee teammates Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris hitting back-to-back home runs in a baseball game. Given that we are again at the cusp of change at Plains Church, we may feel like shouting “Déjà vu all over again!” We would likely be justified in doing so.

With the change of the season as the leaves fall over the past few weeks, change at Plains Church finds us again in search of pastoral leadership. Transition can be a very positive process, as it allows us to take the time to become engaged in a period of discernment.

As we discern God’s path for us, and listen for His still small voice, we must commit to prayer. During this season of change, as outdoor activities become limited, one can find a particular corner of our home or a special activity (such as drinking our morning coffee) to commit time to daily prayer.

During this time of transition and discernment, we wait, watch, and listen. We must pay attention to what God is saying to us, and where the Spirit is guiding us. We must be patient, holding back the urge to jump to solutions chasing problems that don’t exist. That is the way of this instantaneous gratification society and the world in which we live. It is not God’s way.

We have been singing “God will find a way” at the start of each Worship service in October. As the song suggests, we must trust that God will allow our next pastor to find his or her way to our Church. During our time of transition to new leadership, we must be prayerful, faithful, and attentive to God’s voice. It is time to be intentional with our prayer life to strengthen and embolden us to be open to where God leads us. And it is time for each of us to surround one another with love, kindness, and compassion during this season of change.

It is also time for us to have conversations together about our path forward, and how we walk this path with our sister Church of Park Presbyterian. And most of all, it is time to recognize that Plains Presbyterian Church is God’s Church, with Jesus Christ at the Head of the Church. We are called here to be good stewards of the Church and to ensure that God’s Will (not ours) be done.

We look forward to this time of transition and what God calls us to do in Cranberry Township, and in our world!

Frank Aloï

Elder of the Month  
Janelle Wood

Deacon of the Month  
Bev Magill

**REV. DR. JON NELSON**

Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday

After Hours: 724-213-8528 cell



**November 5**

All Saints Day  
9:45am Adult Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Worship Meeting

**November 12**

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

**November 19**

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

**November 26**

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

## Helping with Worship This Month

### Worship Leaders

November 5 Tiffany Aloï  
November 12 Amy Roscoe  
November 19 TBA  
November 26 Tim Roscoe

### Reminders:

Worship Meeting - Nov. 5th  
Book Club - Nov. 2nd  
Deacon Meeting - No Meetings for Nov.  
Session Meeting - Nov. 13th  
Adult Bible Study- Sun. - 9:45am



November 1	Carl Duerring
November 5	Larry Duncan
November 6	Ben Delligatti
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 & Julie Young
November 27	Dennis & 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.)

#### 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

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:



#### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS:**

November 5, 2023



**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
- Brother-in-law - Jay & Bonnie Carmichael
- Jack Ost - Cathy Stafford's brother
- Family & Friends of Denny's sister

Our friends who are in assisted living:

Nancy Jones , Eileen Kaufman & Don Peirce.

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

### **PLAINS BOOK CLUB**

Next Meeting - Nov. 2nd

Book Club Leader:

Sue McKinley

sue.w.mckinley@gmail.com



### **Session Meeting**

November 13th

### **Deacon Meeting**

No November Meetings

### **STEWARDSHIP 2024**

Please remember 2024 pledge cards are due back no later than December 3rd. If you have any questions on pledge cards or the 2024 Stewardship drive please see David Cardillo.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 1st– First Choir Meeting - 7:00pm

November 2nd - Book Club Meeting - 10:00am

November 5th - Worship Meeting after service

November 13th - Session Meeting - 7:00pm

November 19th - Coffee Connection hosted by the Deacons

November 23rd– Thanksgiving Day

November 26th– Communion

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:45am

RSVP: Burt & Nancy Duerring

eacinc@zoominternet.net

The topic will be “Sermon on the Mount” Study guides will be provided by the Christian Ed. Committee



### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Sunday Morning

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:45am

RSVP: Burt & Nancy Duerring

[eacinc@zoominternet.net](mailto:eacinc@zoominternet.net)

### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LITURGIST?**

**If you are interested in being a liturgist on  
Sunday mornings, please contact Frank Aloï  
at [frankaloi@msn.com](mailto:frankaloi@msn.com)**

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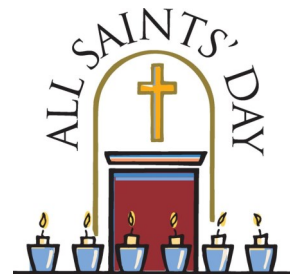
### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **All Saints' Day**

Sunday, November 5, 2023

All Saints' Day has been celebrated by Christians for hundreds of years. In modern Reformed tradition as Presbyterians, we use it as an opportunity to celebrate and remember members of our families and community who have entered the Kingdom of Heaven. We invite you to give glory to God for the ordinary lives of believers in this and every age. If you have a loved one that you would like their name to be listed that has passed within the year please contact the church office so they can be honored in our worship service as we celebrate All Saints' Day.

Please submit your loved ones names by: October 30th to the  
church office or Frank Aloï.



# DEACON NEWS



It's time for Operation Christmas Child.

The Deacons have purchased boxes and labels.

The labels are self - stick and contain the directions for using them.

We invite you to fill your box and place it in

the Narthex by November 13th.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Roscoe.

## **DEACON FOOD DRIVE**

A Food Drive for Thanksgiving and Christmas will be held.

Collection of foods items will be donated to the

Evans City Community Food Cupboard.

## **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

### **SOUP & BREAD LUNCHEON**

The Deacons plan to serve soup and bread after the Wreaths Across America Ceremony on Saturday, December 16th

More details will be announced!

## Wreaths Across America

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Where: Plains Church Cemetery

Time: 12:00 Noon



Remember Our Fallen U.S. Veterans

Wreaths Across America's Mission

Remember, Honor, Teach

The mission is carried out in part by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington, as well as at veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states.

Since its founding, the organization has expanded to include nearly 3,000 local fundraising groups in all 50 states, representing more than 2,150 participating locations, in addition to Arlington National Cemetery.

Every year since 2008, Congress proclaims a Saturday in December as

National Wreaths Across America Day. This year, it will be held on

Saturday, December 16, 2023.

Plains Church Cemetery, Cranberry Township, PA 16066

### Christian Education Fundraiser

This year you can buy your wreath through the

Plains Church Christian Education

For each wreath sold \$5.00 will be raised.

Group ID: PA0623P Location ID: PAPCCB

Cost of Wreath is: \$17.00

If you should have any questions please contact: Tom Lunney 724-432-3183

# CNS NEWS

Cranberry Nursery School has had a busy couple of months. In October, the Nursery and Pre-K students went on a field trip to Cheeseman Farm where they got to go on a hayride and pick a pumpkin. We were blessed with a beautiful day with no mud. The students also participated in Science class where they graphed their favorite choices for the class jack-o-lantern, had Halloween parties dressed in their costumes, Picture Day and have had some time on the school playground. Our teachers and aides are wonderful with the students. We are blessed.

In November, Parent/Teacher conferences will take place so teachers can provide parents an update on their child's progress. The Nursery and Pre-K classes will prepare for a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving. We will "Feed The Turkey" (a food collection for the Evans City Food Bank) which will run through November 17th. Please feel free to join us in our collection.

We are looking forward to celebrating the Christmas season with all of our students and families. Blessings to the members of Plains Presbyterian Church during this busy season!.

## CNS FUNDRAISER

### Thanksgiving Fundraiser

#### There are two ways to participate:

1. Purchase individual bundtlets for \$6.00 and pick up your order at CNS. Orders will be delivered on Nov. 15th.
2. Purchase vouchers to be used in the store. There are 3 options: \$6.00 bundlet, \$28.00 bundtini assortment or \$29.00 8" cake.

#### Order Forms in the Narthex







## Nominations from the Congregation

The nominating committee would like to give the congregation an opportunity to submit names to fill the vacancies for Elders, Deacons, and Auditor. Prayerfully consider your choice, place their names on this form, and place it in the offering plate.

### \*\* ELDER \*\*

An Elder should be a person of faith, dedication, and good judgment, demonstrating the gospel both within the church, and in the world. He or She should have the abilities to encourage members to take an active role in the life of the church, encourage members to listen for their spiritual calling, shepherd the members and look after those in need and cultivate their ability to teach the Bible.

### \*\* DEACON \*\*

A Deacon should be of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, has brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies and sound judgment.

### \*\* AUDITOR \*\*

A person versed in accounting procedures to review the books and records relating to finances of the church.

### \*\* Nominating Committee Member \*\*

A person who is able to discern who in the congregation is lead by the Holy Spirit and has the leadership abilities to fulfill the position of Elder, Deacon, and Auditor.

Please add more names on the back if you need more space!

## PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Current Church Officer Information

### ELDER

Class of 2023  
David Cardillo  
Ron Carter \*  
Bob Young

Class of 2024  
Tiffany Alon  
Erin McKinley

Class of 2025  
Susan Delligatti  
Janelle Wood

\* - Required to rotate off for a year

### DEACON

Class of 2023  
Maryann Cardillo  
Amy Roscoe

Class of 2024  
Bev Magill  
Cathy Stafford

Class of 2025  
Denise Kimmel

### AUDITOR

Class of 2023  
Kathy Carter

Class of 2024  
David Cardillo

Class of 2025  
Nina Finlay

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2023

Kathy Carter  
Rich Magill  
Sue Reed  
Julie Young  
Tim Roscoe (Elder)  
Erin McKinley (Elder)  
To be named (Deacon)

Respectfully submitted by the 2022 Nominating Committee, Ann Lummey, Sue McKinley, Tim Roscoe, Kathy Robinson, Erika Selling, Amy Roscoe – Deacon, Tim Roscoe, and Erin McKinley, chairman



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 Friday, December 1st. The flowers will be 7 1/2 in. with two stem poinsettia at a cost of \$ 16.75 each payable to

Plains Church and marked for Poinsettia Fund.

Poinsettia order form:

From:

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In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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Or as a Gift to the Church: \_\_\_\_\_

(Place your check and order form into the church offering plate or mail to the church office.)

# 2023 PER CAPITA UPDATE

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 2023, the Plains Church Per Capita is broken out as follows:

Beaver Butler Presbytery	\$31.52
Synod of the Trinity	\$ 2.40
General Assembly of PCUSA	<u>\$ 9.85</u>
<b>TOTAL PER CAPITA:</b>	<b>\$43.77</b>

We have already paid our fully assessed per capita for 2023. However, our current Per Capita receipts are less than \$2,100 as of August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please prayerfully consider giving your Per Capita this year to the Church. If you are unsure if you have paid your assessed Per Capita, or 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

## Session Highlights

September 25, 2023

Adult Sunday School Room

Session met on September 25, 2023. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Communion was served to 38 members on September 10, 2023.

Four new people were accepted into our membership on September 24, 2023. Ann Nutter, Susan and Donald Peirce, and Cheri Stanik.

CNS is holding a fundraiser selling Greeting Cards. Church members are welcome to purchase them too.

Our net income is positive at this point, but a bit below what we have budgeted.

Discussion of some of Frank Aloï's duties once he gives up the Treasurer position.

Short discussion of property committee budget and needs.

Approved moving Pastor Derek's Education fund remaining money (\$1,550) to the Property Fund.

Session received the Treasurer's report by consensus.

Deacons have distributed Mission money and are collecting for Church World Services.

Rev. Dr. Jon reviewed his written report. Rally Day was a lot of fun.

Bob Young is now the cleaning service liaison. Session approved adding cleaning of classrooms and kitchen, to the contract. CNS will contribute \$200 per month to the cleaning.

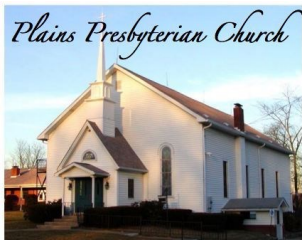
Launching Stewardship Campaign in early October.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm with Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson moderating.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe  
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<div>November 2023</div>			
			1	2	3	4
			First Choir Practice 7:00pm	Book Club - 10:00am		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All Saints Day Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Worship Meeting						Plains Holiday Craft Fair 8am-2:30pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am	Session Meeting -7pm					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Coffee Connection hosted by Deacons				Thanksgiving Day		
26	27	28	29	30		
Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Communion		Giving Tuesday				



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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.”

