

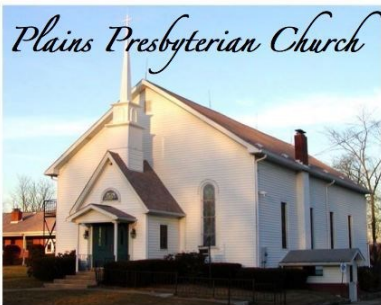
THE PLAIN TALK

November

2022

**Plains
Presbyterian
Church**

**Serving the
community
since 1806**



*Rev. Michael Burkley
Interim Pastor*

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Cranberry Twp., PA 16066
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Ministry Done Differently

The past 12 months at Plains Church has brought a myriad of changes that we could not have foreseen last October. As we now embark on a different path forward in our ministry and witness to the world, we can look back with faithful hearts on the past year together and reflect on how our new ministry at Plains has taken shape.

We had to adjust our plans for the Christmas Season very quickly in 2021. We had members step into the pulpit for one of our most important times in the Christian calendar, the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We began 2022 with guest ministers filling our pulpit through Easter Sunday. At that time, initiated by a request to join from a recent attendee, the Spirit was nudging us toward welcoming new members to our congregation. What was once accomplished solely by our pastors was now squarely on our plate as a Church. With the blessing of the Session, we quickly formed a new member class and conducted sessions with several people who became members of our Church family in late April.

Concurrent with the new member class, a small group of our congregation (appointed by our Session) was working with our Presbytery on the contract for our new interim minister, Pastor Michael Burkley. His first week leading us in Worship coincided with our welcoming five new members to Plains Church.

It was now time to discern our continuing ministry and what God called Plains to do in the future. Once again, the Session appointed a new team (the "Transition Team") to work with Presbytery representatives and begin planning for the future of our Church's congregational leadership.

After reviewing where we have been as a Congregation and where we are currently from a variety of perspectives, a new opportunity is being presented to our Church. The concept of a shared pastoral ministry with another Church is not new to Plains, as we have historically partnered with other Churches. For instance, Plains and Crestview shared a pastor nearly 50 years ago, a partnership that continues today with our shared Lenten and Summer Worship services (and now includes Old Union in our shared Worship).

Session and the Transition Team held many conversations over the past few months regarding how a shared pastoral ministry would operate, both logistically but more importantly, spiritually. Different perspectives were shared, including both opportunities and concerns regarding shared pastoral leadership. Ultimately, the Session decided to proceed with intentional conversations regarding a shared pastoral ministry between Plains and Park Presbyterian Church in Zelienople.

More work lies ahead, but I am excited to see what the Spirit has in store for us at Plains Church in the next 12 months!

Frank Aloï

Elder of the Month
Janelle Wood

Deacon of the Month
Denise Kremmel

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

November 6 Tiffany Aloï
November 13 Tim Rausch
November 20 Frank Aloï
November 27 Steve Raatz



November 6 ALL SAINTS DAY

9:30am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Worship Service

November 13

9:30am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Worship Service

November 20

9:30am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Worship Service
Coffee Connection- Deacons

November 27

9:30am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Worship Service



November 1 Carl Duerring
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 25 Dan Gregg
November 27 Steve Walter
November 28 Denise Kremmel
November 30 Frank Aloï



November 3 Archie and Maggie Simpson
November 15 Bob & Julie Young
November 23 Tim & Ruth Rausch
November 26 Steve & Julie Raatz
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.)

DEACONS ANNOUNCEMENT

From time to time the Deacons get a request for help mostly for a ride to a doctor's appointment or perhaps to a church event. If you are a person who would like to sign-up to be a "driver-on-call", please let one of our deacons know of your availability.



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

Chairperson Needed for Bereavement Meals

If you are interested in volunteering to take over the committee to serve bereavement meals please contact the church office.

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 :

- Corina Taylor
- Jenny Stafford
- Victims of the Coronavirus
- Caregivers & Families
- Ernie & Nancy– Kathy Carter
- Pam– Julie Raatz
- Amy-Kathy Carter
- Dave-Jeanne
- Anthony - Tim Roscoe
- Marlin Vidt - Rich Magill
- Yvette– Tiffany Aloï
- Aunt Elaine - Ann
- Betty Leonberg - Joann Bark
- Tyler Fazio - Joann Bark
- Deb Willadson - Jeanne
- Charlotte Glaspey
- Larry Magill
- Betty Lehman
- Family and Friends of Martha Malone

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

November 3rd - 10:00am

Book Club Leader: Sue McKinley
sue.w.mckinley@gmail.com



Session Meeting

November 14th

Deacon Meeting

December 11th

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 16th-November 6th - Deacon Food Drive

November 3rd - Book Club - 10:00am

November 5th - Operation Shoe Box Packing Party, Game Night, and Potluck in the Fellowship Hall.

Time: 4:30pm - 9:00pm.

November 6th – All Saints Day

please submit loved ones names who have recently passed to the church office

November 9th– Choir Practice -7:00pm

November 11th - Veterans Day

November 14th - Session Meeting - 7:00pm

November 19th - Plains Church Craft Fair

November 20th - Coffee Connection hosted by the Deacons

November 24th - Happy Thanksgiving Day

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS:

November 6, 2022





ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 6, 2022

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: November 3rd

Rev. Dr. Jon K. Nelson will be serving Worship that Sunday.

More information on Rev. Dr. Nelson can be found in the narthex or upon request from the church office.

Currently, Rev. Dr. Nelson serves worship with Park Presbyterian Church.

Welcome!

DEACON NEWS

Operation Christmas Child

The Deacons and Discipleship Team are hosting a combined potluck dinner, game night and Operation Christmas Child packing party on November 5 @ 5:30.

There is a link to sign up to attend and bring a potluck item if you wish. A sign-up sheet will also be placed in the Narthex. Please join us! We are asking everyone to bring a guest or two. Consider friends, neighbors, and family members that might want to join Plains Church, even if they don't know it yet. Bring your favorite board game.

Signup for Potluck: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949ACAE2BAAFA7-potluck>

If you wish to provide a packed Operation Christmas Child box, please make sure they are at the church by November 8. Boxes will be provided by mid-October. The list below includes items that can be purchased to donate for the packing party. Please leave these items on the large table by the sink in the church no later than October 30, so that the Deacons can fill in additional items needed for the packing party.

Recommended items for bulk purchase

- **Toys** – dolls, stuffed animals, cars/trucks, balls
- **Socks**
- **T-shirts**
- **Flashlights w/batteries**
- **Pens**
- **Markers**
- **Crayons**
- **Paper / notebooks**
- **Washcloths**
- **Bar Soap**
- **Individually packaged toothbrushes**
- **Hairbrush/Comb**

No LIQUID, LOTION, FOOD, TOOTHPASTE

Consider the size of a shoe box when purchasing

Return items to the church by October 30

A decorative border of various autumn leaves in shades of green, yellow, orange, and brown, arranged around the central text.

DEACONS FALL FOOD DRIVE

The Deacons are conducting a Fall Food Drive

When: October 16th – November 6th

Donations will go to the Evans City Food Bank

They are especially looking for:

Pie Crust Mixes

Pie Filling

Stuffing

Muffin Mixes

Canned Fruits and Vegetables

Paper Products

PLAINS CHURCH CRAFT FAIR

Plains Church Craft Fair Registration Form

We invite all craft vendors to participate at our craft fair. Please no food vendors.

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2022

Where: Plains Presbyterian Church, 326 Plains Church Rd.

Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Set Up: 7:30am-8:30am

Space: 8'x6'

Cost per space:

1) Inside \$15.00 - Must bring own table.

2) If you would like to participate in the basket drawing with donating an item please let us know prior to set-up.

Registration: Deadline for registration November 4, 2022

1) Fill out and mail this registration form or Call the church office at 724-538-8785

2) Payment:

A. Mail check payable to Plains Presbyterian Church

B. Or pay on line at www.plainschurch.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail address: _____

Craft description: _____

Number of spaces: _____ Inside _____ electric: yes/no Outside _____ (Electricity not available)

Other requests: _____

Paid Online: yes/no

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date received: _____/_____/_____ Table assigned: Inside _____ Outside _____ Fee paid \$ _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wreaths Across America

Saturday, December 17, 2022

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 17, 2022.

Plains Church Youth Group

For each wreath sold \$5.00 will go towards Plains Church Youth Group

To purchase a wreath for a veteran you can go to the website

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>

Wreaths are \$15.00ea

Enter Code: PA0623P

If you should have any questions please contact:

Tom Lunney 724-432-3183

Please Order wreaths by November 27, 2022 so they can be delivered to the church in time for the ceremony.

Plains Church Youth Group will get 5 dollars for every wreath purchased. So use PA0623P as the "Local Sponsorship Group."

If we purchase more than enough wreaths, the excess wreaths will go to cemeteries where they are needed.

Instructions for Wreaths Across America

Go to link provide below

<https://www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/>

Select Local Sponsorship Group in white below

Enter PA0623P in highlighted section





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, November 27th. The flowers will be two stem poinsettia at a cost of \$17.00 each payable to Plains Church and marked for Poinsettia Fund.

Poinsettia order form:

From:

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Or as a Gift to the Church: _____

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

CNS NEWS

The students at Cranberry Nursery School continue to settle in to their new routines. The children participated in a Welcome Back Food Truck event, attended field trips to North Boundary Park and Cheeseman Farms, played on the playground, had Science class and Picture Day, and enjoyed Bible Time with Pastor Mike. They also had fun dressing up for their Halloween parties.

Thank you to the members of Plains Presbyterian Church who participated in the Usborne Greeting Card fundraiser. With your help, we earned \$1,000. This money will go towards our Mother's Day Brunch, Pre-K end of the year field trip, Open House and other activities throughout the year. We continue to collect Chick Fil A receipts to earn rewards for our events. Please feel free to drop your receipts in the envelopes in the hall of the school or leave them with the church secretary. All receipts are accepted no matter the date of purchase.

In November, Parent/Teacher conferences will take place to check in with our parents and their student'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.

In December, the students will get ready for the Christmas season with Deck the Halls, Santa's Workshop, Bible Time with Pastor Mike and a Christmas Party. In January, we will begin registration for the 2023-2024 school year.

We wish all of the members of Plains Presbyterian Church a safe, peace-filled holiday season!

Angela Kushner
Director
Cranberry Nursery School
724-538-8785

Plains Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights

September 2022

Session met on Monday, September 12, 2022. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Rev. Michael Burkley opened with prayer at 7:02 p.m. Discussed yesterday's Sermon, an "eye for an eye".

Martha Malone passed on September 8, 2022, and will be removed from the roll.

CNS Update - School has started. Thanks to Roberta Lemon and Amy Roscoe for hosting refreshments for the first days of classes.

Session reviewed the financial reports of the church. Frank Aloï discussed that our offerings are in line with last year's offerings. Expenses are where we expect them to be.

Session approved the Deacons to do the shoebox ministry again this year.

Pastor Michael will be performing the funeral service for Martha Malone.

Julie Raatz reviewed the survey and passed out copies to the Session. It will be reviewed with the Congregation on Sunday, September 18th after the worship service.

Rally Day on September 11th was a great success. People enjoyed the Trivia Contest.

Women's retreat discussion has started.

Our building permit has been approved for the construction of the Pavilion.

Pledge envelopes have been received. David Cardillo will be working on the pledge process starting in October.

The worship committee met and discussed pulpit coverage for the rest of the year.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, October 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm with Rev. Michael Burkley moderating.

Tiffany Aloï closed with prayer at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

2022 Session Members

Class of 2022

Tom Lunney
Steve Walter
Janelle Wood

Class of 2023

David Cardillo
Ron Carter
Bob Young

Class of 2024

Tiffany Aloï
Erin McKinley
Julie Raatz

2022 Deacon Members

Class of 2022

Denise Kremmel
Julie Young

Class of 2023

Maryann Cardillo
Amy Roscoe

Class of 2024

Beverly Magill
Cathy Stafford

Committee Assignments 2022

Christian Education

Janelle Wood, Steve Walter

Inreach/Outreach

Bob Young, Ron Carter, Julie Raatz

Personnel

Bob Young, David Cardillo, Tiffany Aloï

Property

Erin McKinley, Tom Lunney, David Cardillo

Nominating


Erin McKinley, Bob Young

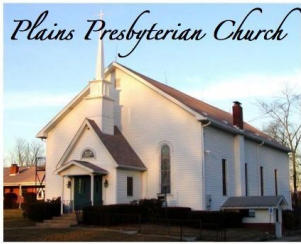
Stewardship

David Cardillo, Julie Raatz

Worship

Ron Carter, Steve Raatz

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				2022		
		1	2	3 Book Club – 10:00am	4	5 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party 4:30pm -9:00pm
6 All Saints Day Adult Bible Study 9:30am Worship - 11:00am	7	8	9 Choir Practice 7:00pm	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13 Adult Bible Study 9:30am Worship 11:00am	14 Session Meeting 7:00pm	15	16	17	18	19 Plains Craft Fair 9am-4pm
20 Adult Bible Study 9:30am Worship 11:00am Coffee Connection hosted by Deacons	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
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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.”

