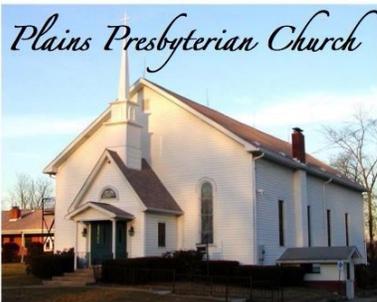


2021

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A Word from Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta:

As we move into October a strange thing has happened to me this week that I must share with you. Like most of you I am a creature of developed habits—not just a creature of habits, but one of cherished, developed habits. Like a foundation, or a rock wall, I have placed each habit delicately and thoughtfully into its position for a specific purpose in my life. They fit together nicely and form the backbone of my faith practices and my daily rhythms.

My devotional reading of God's word. My time reading and considering theological or spiritual authors. And my time reading leadership books and books from successful business persons. Each of these fit nicely into my practices of physical exercise, of playing with the dogs, and of drinking an extra cup of coffee.

Now before you think that I am confessing rigidity in thought and practice, let me assure you of one more thing: there is a lot of space in my habits for the gentle movements of the Holy Spirit. You see, God works with us regardless of where we might be or how we might organize our days. I may have these habits, I may value them and look forward to them, but when God shows up in my day I find the best practice is to stop what I am doing and pay attention to God.

If I am honest with my self I know that each of these habits has been created, elevated, or adopted to help cover gaps or struggles in my life or day as I also know that this revelation is from God. I know that each needs to function together in order for me to complete my tasks each day and each week. But this week my habits needed to change. This week,

Like I said things needed to change this week. I found my habits pushed aside because, well, God does that from time to time.

My first response was to become frustrated. Remember, I organize my days in a certain way and rhythm and that was totally interrupted. I wanted things to return to the normal that I was comfortable with, but that could not happen right now—new normal was all that I could have.

But then that small voice that I know to be God's gentle voice asked me: I wonder what this change in your day might invite you to do? What new thing can you attend to right now?

I was taken aback by God's voice and question. I hadn't considered the challenge of my day in this way before. I was centrally focused on how I could not move around in my day as I normally did that I did not find space for God to invite me onward into something new. And the 'new' was good. . .

I was able to spend some extra time with JonMark talking to him about school and the direction his life was taking him. I could listen to Emma detail her shift at work and how she was blessed and struggled with some aspects of her day that might have gone unnoticed by everyone—especially her dad. Both of these were good and necessary. I was able to be more present that normal for Jennifer who has been working so hard at her office because of staff shortages. I could listen better and help more consistently and help her recover from long shifts without adequate staffing—this is what it means to be a partner.

Now we might be tempted to think that these activities are what good families do or are called to do. But there are times when we are so busy attending to our habits and routines that we miss the chance to live differently.

And so as October begins I wonder if God might be inviting you to put aside a habit or two (just for today) and use that opportunity to be more present and caring in the life of the people that know and care about...

Blessings
Rev. Derek

Elder of the Month
David Cardillo

October 3

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Communion

9:45am Sunday School

9:45am Teen Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

October 10

9:45am Sunday School

9:45am Teen Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

October 17

9:45am Sunday School

9:45am Teen Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

October 24

9:45am Sunday School

9:45am Teen Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

October 31

9:45am Sunday School

9:45am Teen Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

October 3 Susan Reed

October 10 Frank Aloï

October 17 Tim Rausch

October 24 Tiffany Aloï

October 31 Steve Raatz



October 3 Maggie Simpson

October 5 Erin McKinley

October 9 Marge Leisie

October 22 Madison Holcomb

October 29 Katie Greggs



October 14 Steve & Mary Walter

October 15 Christopher & Janelle Wood

October 15 Bill & Sandy Stafford

October 17 Richard & Bev Magill

If you feel comfortable with passing of the peace, please move to the aisle or back of the sanctuary. Please respect others that may stay seated or next to their pew who don't want to participate.

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 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
- Family & Friends of Bill Barclay-Betty Lehman
- Kelly Lutz-Joann Bark
- Wilan– Kay Uthman
- Family & Friends of Jeanette Erier– Nancy Duerring

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.

DEACON NEWS

Deacon News

CWS Hands-On Packing Hygiene Kits

October 10, 2021

Volunteers are needed to pack 100 hygiene kits.

Donations and supplies are needed. Donation slips can be found in the narthex. Please have donations turned in by October 3rd.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Operation Christmas Child

Food Drive

A NOTE FROM THE DEACONS:

The Deacons are the caring heart of Plains Presbyterian Church. We are here to care for members, friends, neighbors, and strangers. At this time we will be respectful and not conduct home or hospital visits. If you find yourself needing assistance please call your assigned shepherd and we will be there to do what we can.

Examples: meals, grocery shopping, errands etc.

Ann Lunney-724-432-3183

Julie Raatz-612-741-7636

Denise Kremmel- 724-538-8604

Julie Young 724-776-7288

Maryann Cardillo 724-866-9911

Amy Roscoe 412-874-2039

UPCOMING EVENTS



World Communion Sunday

Communion

Date: Sunday, October 3, 2021

Time: 11:00am

OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Deacon Meeting October 17 , 2021 after service

Session Meeting October 18 , 2021 at 7:00pm
(Church & ZOOM)

Worship Meeting October 24, 2021 after service

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Calling all writers!

The Worship committee would like to create our own Plains church Advent devotionals again this year and we're looking for writers who would like to share their thoughts. Rev. Dr. Derek will be working on a theme and will have details ready by mid-September. The committee requests your prayerful consideration to write one, two or more daily devotional messages. If the Spirit is calling you to participate, please contact Steve Raatz or Rev. Dr. Derek. Thank you! We will all be blessed by your contribution.

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints' Day

Sunday, October 31, 2021

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.



Wreaths Across America

Saturday, December 18, 2021

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 18, 2021.

Plains Church Cemetery is now listed as a location to support.

Plains Church Cemetery, Cranberry Township, PA 16066 (PAPCCB/1647301/)

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.

Look for more details coming soon.

CNS NEWS

2021-2022

Happy Fall! We are excited for the new school year. The students are beginning to settle in, are learning to wear their masks, are seeing old friends and making new ones. We have a few spots left in our Nursery and PM Pre-K classes. If you know of anyone that is looking for a preschool, please have them contact the school directly at 724-538-8785 or cnsoplains@zoominternet.net.

CNS will be hosting a greeting card fundraiser through Usborne Books & More. Each box contains individually wrapped cards that arrive in a beautiful, decorative box. More information will be available soon. CNS will earn 43% of the proceeds.

Angela Kushner
Director
Cranberry Nursery School
724-538-8785

FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CRAFT FAIR

When: November 20, 2021

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Mark your calendars!



ATTENTION VENDORS & CRAFTERS!

Plains Church Craft Fair Registration Form

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

Date: Saturday, November 20, 2021

Where: Plains Presbyterian Church, 326 Plains Church Rd.

Cranberry Twp., PA 16006

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 5, 2021

- 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

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. You may mail it to the church office.

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**** 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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Current Church Officer Information

PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Current Church Officer Information

ELDER

Class of 2021

Erin McKinley
Tim Rausch *
Susan Reed *

Class of 2022

Tom Lunney
Steve Walter
Janelle Wood

Class of 2023

David Cardillo
Ron Carter
Bob Young

* = Required to rotate off for a year

DEACON

Class of 2021

Ann Lunney
Julie Raatz

Class of 2022

Denise Kremmel
Julie Young

Class of 2023

Maryann Cardillo
Amy Roscoe

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AUDITOR

Class of 2020

Steve Raatz

Class of 2021

Roberta Lemon

Class of 2022

Kathy Carter

NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2021

Tiffany Aloï
Kathy Carter
Leslie Dambaugh
Steve Raatz
Cathy Stafford
Tim Roscoe (Elder)
Erin McKinley (Elder)
To be named (Deacon)

Respectfully submitted by the 2020 Nominating Committee, Frank Aloï, Sammi Carter,
Emma Marotta, Julie Raatz, Kathy Robinson, Tim Roscoe,
Bob Young, and Erin McKinley, chairman

Plains Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights

August 2021

Session met on Monday, August 16, 2021. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

After a short meditation on Mark 11:15-26 and discussion on where do you find God in this scripture, Rev. Dr. Derek opened with prayer at 7:12 p.m.

Approved the Session Meeting minutes from June 21, 2021,

Playground will be sprayed for weeds and new mulch will be installed.

September 8th is the start of the new CNS School year.

Frank Aloï reviewed the one-page summary and the detailed financial report.

Expenses have been high. The Gas Utility bill has been high. Frank has written an article for the Plain Talk about the utility costs. Lawn care has been more this year than last year. Giving has been strong. Investments have done well year to date. The Treasurer's report was received with consensus and with our deep appreciation.

Deacons have not met for a while, but will be meeting again in the near future.

Rev. Dr. Derek reported that we will be having "Worship in the Park" at Old Union Church.

Mars UP Church has installed their new pastor and Rev. Dr. Derek is no longer needed as the Moderator of their Session.

September 12th will be Rally Day with a scavenger hunt.

VBS was a big success with over 50 kids. VBS raised enough money to send a child to school for a year with ICN.

Property committee is investigating our energy usage to see if it can be reduced. Property committee is looking to install permanent power for the outdoor chapel. Posts for the new outdoor pavilion will begin to be installed in the near future.

Road signs have been updated. Property committee is looking to replace the Plexiglas on the historic stained-glass windows.

Approved Girl Scout Troup #42015 and Cari Zimmer's Troup to meet on the dates they provided.

Tom Lunney discussed the Wreath's Across America project. Ron Carter will complete the paperwork so that we can use this project as a fundraiser. December 18, 2021 will be the date this year for wreath installation.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Rev. Dr. Derek closed with prayer at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 OCTOBER		2021	1	2
3 WORLD COMMUNION Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11:00am Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11:00am	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15	16
17 Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11:00am Deacon Meeting	18 Session Meeting 7:00pm	19	20	21	22	23
24 Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11:00am Worship Meeting	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 All Saints Sunday Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11:00am						



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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.”

