

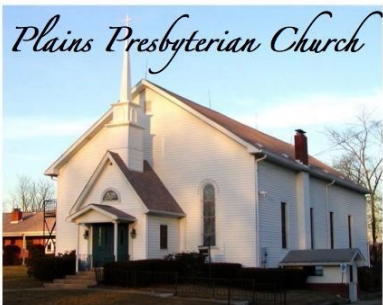
# THE PLAIN TALK



**2022**

**Plains  
Presbyterian  
Church**

**Serving the  
community  
since 1806**



*Rev. Michael Burkley  
Interim Pastor*

*326 Plains Church Road  
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066  
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## **A LITTLE MORE CAN MEAN A LOT**

It is my firm belief that God's hand is at work in everything in our life. Every day we see God around us and as Christians, we give him thanks. Every day, most of us ask God for a little more. Whether it involves the job our son is seeking, our neighbor who is ill, good weather for our work picnic, or our prayers for world peace, every day we go before God and ask God for a little more. But do we reciprocate? Are we prepared each day to give God a little more? Whether it is our time, talents, or money, do we provide God with our first fruits? As remarkable as it may seem, I have found that when I first devote my time to God's need, the time for other needs becomes readily available.

With all the competition for our time and efforts in today's society, it is easy to lose the thought that without God we would have nothing, would be nothing. Constant conflicts, bad news, difficulties of daily life, the need to meet ever increasing work requirements; it seems that many times there is no room for God. There are no easy solutions in today's society. In fact, our world oftentimes feels like it is at odds with a Christian lifestyle. This is obvious in everything from television shows, shrinking church attendance, political rhetoric, and the major spikes in crime.

Many years ago, when I started my first management position at a large corporation, I read a book that included a very simple idea. The idea was that if every person did just 5 % more, my department of 10 would increase their output by 50 %. 5 % more work by each person would be almost unnoticeable to them but what a big difference it would make in conjunction with their cohorts. I tried it and it worked ! The next year we tried it again. Success again !

As we start into the holiday season, it is more important than ever to give God his fair share, and a little more. Every time we do God's work, someone benefits, and even though at times it is not immediately obvious, we too benefit. This year, I want to make a commitment to God and my fellow parishioners to do a little more work for God.

David Cardillo

Elder of the Month  
David Cardillo

Deacon of the Month  
Maryann Cardillo



## Helping with Worship This Month

### Worship Leaders

October 2	Steve Raatz
October 9	Tiffany Aloï
October 16	Ron Carter
October 23	Tim Roscoe
October 30	Susan Reed

### October 2 World Communion Day Communion

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

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

**October 16**  
9:30am Adult Bible Study  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Coffee Connection- Property

**October 23**  
9:30am Adult Bible Study  
11:00 am Worship Service

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



October 3	Maggie Simpson
October 5	Erin McKinley
October 9	Marjory Leisie
October 22	Madison Holcomb
October 29	Katie Greggs



October 14	Steve & Mary Walter
October 15	Christopher & Janelle Wood
October 15	Bill & Sandy Safford
October 17	Rich & Bev. Magill

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

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](http://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
- Family and Friends of Martha Malone

Our friends who are in assisted living:

Betty Budney , Nancy Jones & Eileen Kaufman

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



Meeting  
Reminder!

### **PLAINS BOOK CLUB**

October 6th - 10:00am

Please bring a book you have been reading.  
Sue will be discussing the next book kit from  
the Cranberry Library.

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

### **Session Meeting**

October 10th

### **Deacon Meeting**

October 23rd

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



**October 2nd**

World Communion Day  
Communion

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS:**

**November 6, 2022**



# FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### CRAFT FAIR

When: November 19, 2022

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Mark your calendars! Vendors and Crafters Wanted!

Registration Form can be found on the next page!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The deacons will be collecting items for the shoeboxes this year.

How to pack a shoebox? Check out the website at:

[samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)

### National Collection Week:

November 14th– November 21

Postage per box this year will be \$10.00.

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](http://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\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 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

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

# CNS NEWS

Fall is here and Cranberry Nursery School is in full swing! The students are settling in, reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. We have lots of activities planned including a field trip to North Boundary Park, Science (which is an apple tasting), Picture Day and a field trip to Cheeseman's Farm.

Our first fundraiser of the year is selling greeting cards through Usborne Books & More. Each decorative box contains beautiful, individually wrapped greeting cards. CNS will earn 43% of the proceeds. An order form can be found in the back of the church if you are interested in participating. Checks should be made payable to Cranberry Nursery School.

Angela Kushner  
Director  
Cranberry Nursery School  
724-538-8785



### **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

# Plains Presbyterian Church

## Session Highlights

August 2022

Session met on Monday, August 8, 2022. Below are the highlights of that meeting.

CNS School starts September 7th. All Staff is returning and adding one more person.

Session reviewed the financial reports of the church. Frank Aloï discussed that our offerings are in line with last years offerings. Expenses are down since we don't have a full time Pastor.

Investments are doing much better in July.

Hygiene kits have been received with much thanks in the state of Washington for the Matsiko kids as they begin their travels in the USA.

The Transition Team Survey is a great way to help take care of the church.

Pastor Michael shared the link for "The Bible Project" videos.

Discipleship\_Meeting was well attended. Rally Day (September 11th) may be an opportunity to share with the community.

63 children attended VBS. We had the bounce house for 2 days! Everyone had a great time.

Tom Lunney met with the architect and is looking to have the plans for the pavilion finished soon so they can be submitted to Cranberry Township.

Pastor Michael will be donating a refrigerator to the church.

Outdoor worship will be August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Approved the Craft Fair on November 19, 2022. Hours will be 9am to 4pm, spaces will be available for \$15.

Rev. Michael reiterated that he enjoys his time with us.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm with Rev. Michael Burkley moderating.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe  
Clerk of Session



## **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.

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

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

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

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

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### **\*\* 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.

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

## PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Current Church Officer Information

#### ELDER

##### 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

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#### DEACON

##### Class of 2022

Denise Kimmel  
Julie Young \*

##### Class of 2023

Maryann Cardillo  
Amy Roscoe

##### Class of 2024

Bev Magill  
Cathy Stafford

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#### AUDITOR

##### Class of 2022

Roberta Lemon

##### Class of 2023

Kathy Carter

##### Class of 2024


David Cardillo

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#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2022

Ann Lunney  
Sue McKinley  
Tim Rausch  
Kathy Robinson  
Erika Selling  
Tim Roscoe (Elder)  
Erin McKinley (Elder)  
To be named (Deacon)

Respectfully submitted by the 2021 Nominating Committee, Tiffany Aloï, Kathy Carter,  
Leslie Dambaugh, Steve Raatz, Amy Roscoe, Cathy Stafford, Tim Roscoe, and  
Erin McKinley, chairman

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				2022		1
2 Adult Bible Study 9:30am World Communion Worship 11:00am Communion	3	4	5	6 Book Club – 10:00am	7	8
9 Adult Bible Study 9:30am Worship – 11:00am	10 Session Meeting 7:00pm	11	12	13	14	15
16 Adult Bible Study 9:30am Worship 11:00am Coffee Connection Property Committee	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Adult Bible Study 9:30am Worship 11:00am Deacon Meeting after worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Adult Bible Study 9:30am Worship 11:00am	31					



## Plains Presbyterian Church

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Phone: 724-538-8785

### 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.”

