

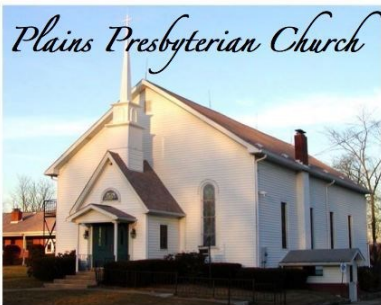
# THE PLAIN TALK



**2023**

**Plains  
Presbyterian  
Church**

**Serving the  
community  
since 1806**



*Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson*

*326 Plains Church Road  
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066  
724-538--8785*

## **A Word from Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson:**

For the most part, we have had a mild summer, but we know with Fall will come storms. The winds will blow. A drenching rain will fall loudly upon our rooftops. The biting cold will come. I am used to storms and rain having lived in Wisconsin and Seattle.

What about the storms in the Bible? There of course is Noah and the flood; also, Jonah was caught up in a storm and thrown overboard when he refused to follow God's call; and Jesus calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee. There are many more references to what we would call the metaphorical storms of life: Job's loss of his family, Ruth and Naomi sent adrift after the death of their husbands, the betrayal of David's son Absalom, the mental illness of Saul...the list goes on and on.

One thing that I love about the Bible is it doesn't sugar coat the hardness of life. The Bible doesn't tell us that if we accept God, life will be easy; there still will be storms in our lives that we must endure. However, what God does promise is that through those storms, He will always be there to help us weather the storm.

I know that in my own life there have been storms, some of them of my own making and others not. In those times, I have been thankful that God was there to sustain and strengthen me. Sometimes I was strengthened through God's Word, other times through the fellowship of fellow Christians, and sometimes God's presence was revealed through prayer and reflection. Sometimes God's assurance came quickly and other times it took months before I realized that God had been with me the whole time.

Since I came here, many of you shared the storms that you are struggling with: Unemployment, death, cancer, and family difficulties to name a few. I feel honored that you trust me with these difficult and personal experiences and I have seen God at work in your faith and continued perseverance. Please continue to know that you are not alone and God cares about you and your struggle.

I have also seen God in the kindness of these two congregations as I have seen you extend a warm hug or a kind word to your fellow congregants as they deal with tough issues. In these simple acts, God is working mightily through you as you are Christ's disciple to that person. I give thanks and praise for the compassion and grace that is so evident in your lives.

Unfortunately, storms happen. It is a part of life that we will have to continue to endure until Christ returns. However, through the gifts of the Church, the grace of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, God has given us the resources we need to weather any storm. Praise be to God!

Sincerely,  
Pastor Jon

Elder of the Month  
David Cardillo  
Deacon of the Month  
Maryann Cardillo

**REV. DR. JON NELSON**

Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday

After Hours: 724-213-8528 cell

Pastor Jon will be on vacation

Oct. 9th-Oct. 15th

If you should have a pastoral emergency  
please call his cell phone number.

**October 1**

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

**October 8**

9:45am Adult Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
CWS Packing Party after service

**October 15**

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

**October 22**

9:45am Adult Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Deacon Meeting after worship

**October 29**

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

## Helping with Worship This Month

### Worship Leaders

October 1 Ron Carter  
October 8 Tim Roscoe  
October 15 Susan Reed  
October 22 Frank Aloï  
October 29 Tiffany Aloï

### Reminders:

Worship Meeting - Oct. 1st

Book Club - Oct. 5th

Deacon Meeting - Oct. 22

Session Meeting - Oct. 16th

Adult Bible Study- Sun. - 9:45am



October 3 Maggie Simpson  
October 5 Erin McKinley  
October 8 Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson  
October 9 Marjory Leisie  
October 22 Madison Holcomb



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

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
- Nancy – Kathy Carter
- Betty Lehman
- Kathy Carter's - Sister-in-Law
- Amy– Amy Roscoe's neighbor
- Jan & John Carson - Burt Duerring
- Brother-in-law - Jay & Bonnie Carmichael
- Jack Ost - Cathy Stafford's brother
- Julianna M.
- Michael Garcia
- Nina Finlay
- Linda Treese
- Barb D. - Sue Rectenwald
- Friends & Family of Ann Nutter's relative on her husband's side

Our friends who are in assisted living:

Nancy Jones , Kay Uthman & Eileen Kaufman

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

## **PLAINS BOOK CLUB**

Next Meeting - Oct. 5th

Book Club Leader:

Sue McKinley

sue.w.mckinley@gmail.com



## **Session Meeting**

October 16, 2023

## **Deacon Meeting**

October 22, 2023

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **October 1st**

World Communion Sunday

Worship Committee Meeting

### **October 5th**

Book Club Meeting - 10:00am

### **October 8th**

CWS Packing Party after worship

### **October 15th**

Coffee Connection hosted by Worship Committee

### **October 16th**

Session Meeting

### **October 22nd**

Deacon Meeting after worship

## **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



## UPCOMING EVENTS



October 1st

World Communion Day  
Communion



### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Morning

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:45am

RSVP: Burt & Nancy Duerring

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



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

The Deacons are collecting for  
Church World Service Kits.

A list of needed items will be provided and  
can be found in the narthex.

We will be packing kits for CWS on  
Sunday, October 8th after the church service  
in the Fellowship Hall.

Please Join us.

A Luncheon of pizza will be provided.

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

November 5, 2023



## **New Ministry Opportunity in Butler County**

The Isaiah 117 House project is designed to fill a gap in our foster care system. When Butler County Children & Youth Services determines that a child is in an unsafe situation, there can be a short-term gap (1-3 days) until caseworkers can find suitable placement in a foster family. An Isaiah 117 House would serve this need and ease the trauma associated with this transition.

Every church in Butler County is invited to send representatives to a breakfast on Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to learn more. Volunteer meetings are held at 7:00 PM the first Thursday of each month at Community Alliance Church, 800 Mercer Road, Butler PA 16001. In addition to hands-on caring for children, volunteers are needed for: administrative work, cooking/baking, cleaning/housekeeping, home maintenance, lawn care, music, community engagement, monthly financial sponsorships (i.e., “sock buddies”), grant writing, and other tasks. More information and a Volunteer Application are available on the website [Isaiah117house.com](http://Isaiah117house.com) under locations Pennsylvania, Butler County. It will be the first house in Pennsylvania!





# Plains Church Pavilion

The Pavilion is progressing and soon will be available for church functions. Come see our new structure. The next phase will be the addition of the roof. Thank you to all the volunteers that have made this possible.



# CNS NEWS

Cranberry Nursery School has had a great start to the school year! The students are reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. The theme for September is apples and had included crafts and Science, which is an apple tasting for the Nursery and Pre-K. We will also go to the Library for the first time where the students will get to check out a book and return it next month. The Nursery and Pre-K will have field trips to North Boundary Park and Cheeseman's Farm.

Our first fundraiser of the year is selling greeting cards through paper pie. Each decorative box is \$30 and 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. The fundraiser will run through October 6th.



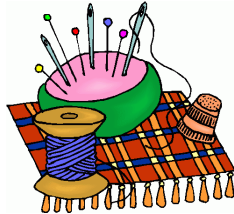


# **Plains Presbyterian Church**

## **Holiday Craft Fair**

**November 11, 2023**

**Time: 8:00am - 2:30pm**



## **CALLING CRAFTERS AND VENDORS**

Plains Church is hosting a Holiday Craft Fair on  
Saturday, November 11, 2023.

We are located at 326 Plains Church Road Cranberry Township, PA . Set up would be in our Fellowship Hall downstairs starting at 7:00am. The cost of a space (8x6) is \$15.00.

You must bring your own table and chair.

If you would like to participate in the basket raffle please let us know prior to the start of the craft fair.

Registration and payment can be made on-line or mail-in.

Please make a note that your payment is for the craft fair.

Checks can be made out to: Plains Presbyterian Church

Direct any questions to the church office at 724-538-8785 or e-mail  
[plains@zoominternet.net](mailto:plains@zoominternet.net)

On-line registration - [www.plainschurch.com](http://www.plainschurch.com)

Plains Church Craft Fair Registration Form

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

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023

Where: Plains Presbyterian Church, 326 Plains Church Rd.

Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

Time: 8:00am-2:30pm

Set Up: 7:00am

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 3, 2023

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 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

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



## 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 Lunnery, Sue McKinley, Tim Roscoe, Kathy Robinson, Erika Selling, Amy Roscoe – Deacon, Tim Roscoe, and Erin McKinley, chairman

# 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

August 2023

Session met on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Approved transfer of JonMark Marotta to Bethesda Presbyterian Church, York, South Carolina.

Our new member welcoming sessions will begin soon with the goal of having new members join on September 24, 2023.

CNS Classes are almost full. September 6, 2023 will be the first day of class.

Church giving has greatly improved over the past 2 years. Expenses are slightly more than budget. Session reviewed the financial reports of the church. We are in fairly good shape.

Approved using Marcy Marshall at Holsinger CPA in Wexford to take over many of the Treasurer's responsibilities.

Approved purchasing any software that is needed to bring our current software up to date with the QuickBooks System.

Deacons distributed Mission funds.

Rev. Dr. Jon reviewed his written report. He has been keeping very busy this summer.

61 kids attended during the week for VBS. A Good time was had by all. Food donations taken to the Evans City Food Bank.

Session by consensus approves the Craft Show.

Session by consensus approves the Girl Scout meetings at the church.


Discussed a Photo Directory service.

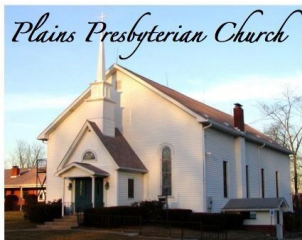
Discussion of letting people know that they can opt in to get emails from PC-USA and not get them automatically from our church. People can decide if they want the emails or not. Local Beaver Butte emails will continue to be shared.

Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm with Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson moderating. Minutes will be taken by Tiffany Alois.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe  
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
1 World Communion Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Communion Worship Meeting after service	2	3	4	5 Book Club - 10:00am	6	7
8 Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Packing Party - CWS	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Coffee Connection hosted by Worship	16 Session Meeting 7:00pm	17	18	19	20	21
22 Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am Deacon Meeting	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Adult Bible Study 9:45am Worship 11:00am	30	31				



## Plains Presbyterian Church

326 Plains Church Road

Cranberry Township, PA 16066

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.”

