

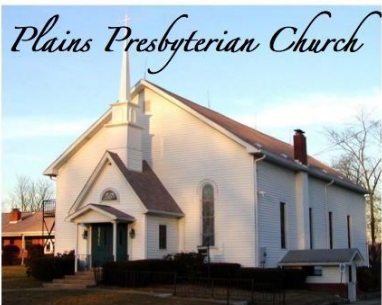
THE  
PLAIN  
TALK



2025

**Plains  
Presbyterian  
Church**

**Serving the  
community  
since 1806**



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I began last month describing some of the significant changes that churches today are facing. As we search for and call new pastoral leadership we need to recognize that good pastoral leadership will be able to discuss and want to have the opportunity to guide our response to these changes. Responsibility for leading discussion of these issues and making decisions about our local response is shared among elected officers both ministers and lay leaders. Our awareness of and our willingness to engage in meaningful discussion about these changes with an attitude of curiosity and concern will demonstrate our readiness for good pastoral leadership.

The second shift that I will describe is that the increasing emphasis and reliance on well trained lay leadership. A large number of ordained clergy are reaching retirement age and the number of people seeking a full time call is much smaller than in the past. This shortage of candidates makes finding and calling a full time minister harder. At the same time congregations are becoming smaller. Church's are finding it necessary in this situation to rely less on well trained and charismatic clergy for success in ministry and put more energy into recruiting and equipping well trained lay leadership. It is important to note that congregations that thrive and have a positive impact on communities will still emphasize and insist on well trained leadership. In these circumstances how we organize ourselves, share responsibility with others, and grant authority to leaders are of critical importance. Our attention to the rules governing our church life, or polity, will have a significant impact on our success in navigating this shift.

I invite you to engage in inquisitive conversation with one another and our elected Elders about how we can and how we are responding to these circumstances. And I call on you to pray for our newly elected Pastor Nominating Committee as they receive training for the work they have been called to. Your prayers will be a critical part of sustaining and encouraging them.

Pastor John Porter

**Elder of the Month**

Janelle Wood

**Deacon of the Month**

Amy Roscoe



**October 5**

World Communion Sunday  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Communion  
SWAM Meeting

**October 12**

11:00 am Worship Service

**October 19**

11:00 am Worship Service  
Coffee Connection hosted by SWAM

**October 26**

11:00 am Worship Service

**Helping with Worship This Month**

**Worship Leaders**

October 5 Susan Peirce

October 12 Amy Roscoe

October 19 Susan Reed

October 26 Tiffany Aloï



October 22 Madison Holcomb

October 24 Robert McLean



October 14 Steve & Mary Walter

October 15 Christopher & Janelle Wood

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?

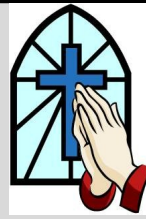
Please submit your announcements in advance to the church office. Weekly announcements need to be submitted before Wednesday afternoon.

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8am - Noon

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 :

- Jenny Stafford
- Lisa Bender
- Linda - Ron Rice's sister
- Baby Hadlee
- Gary Magill
- Elaine - Ann Nutter

Our friends who are in assisted living:

Kay Uthman

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

## **PLAINS BOOK CLUB**

Next Meeting - October 2, 2025  
Time: 10:00am

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



## **Session Meeting**

October 13th

## **Deacon Meeting**

TBA

## **SWAM**

October 5th

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **October 5th**

World Communion Sunday & Communion

### **October 5th**

SWAM Meeting

### **October 11th**

Plains Church Adopt A Roadway-9:30am

### **October 13th**

Session Meeting - 6:00pm

### **October 19th**

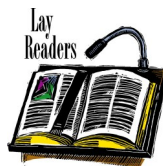
Coffee Connection hosted by the SWAM Committee

## **PLAINS CHURCH ADOPT A ROADWAY**

### **Bear Run Road Cleanup**

Saturday, October 11, 2025 @ 9:30am

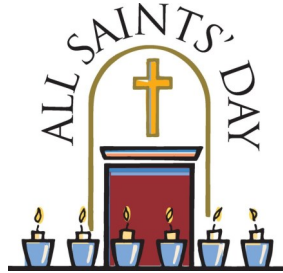
Sign - up sheet in the narthex



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

Have you ever watched the liturgist in our Worship Service and thought "I could do that!" If so, we invite you to join our group of liturgist! Please speak with Frank Aloï by October 26th for more information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



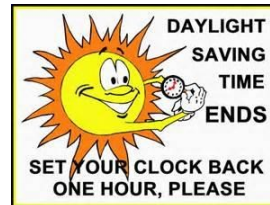
We will be celebrating All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 2nd during our Worship Service. In advance of that day, we are gathering names of those we lost since last November.

If you would like to submit a name, please contact the Church office by phone at (724) 538-8785 or by email at [plains@zoominternet.net](mailto:plains@zoominternet.net).

You can also send any names by mail or place your names in the Church office,  
The deadline for submitting names is Sunday, October 26th.

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

November 2, 2025



### **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Passavant Retirement Community is asking for help with the Christmas Lights on campus. This is a great opportunity for youth groups, small groups, and Sunday school classes to serve our elderly in a very practical way. Thanks for your consideration!

God's Grace,  
Cathy Reid

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas outside decorating on all Saturdays starting with November 1st from 10am-2pm. A meal voucher from Bistro will be given as a thank you. We will meet in the lobby of Passavant Retirement. Please RSVP by October 10th if you can help.

Please contact Cathy Reid at 724-453-5414 or [cathy.reid@lutheranseniorlife.org](mailto:cathy.reid@lutheranseniorlife.org) for more information and to sign up.

# CNS NEWS

Another school year has begun at Cranberry Nursery School. The students are adjusting to their teachers, both old and new friends, and are enjoying a new routine. The first two days of school, the parents were invited to refreshments in Fellowship Hall while their children had a shortened school day. We are so thankful to Roberta Lemon, who prepared many yummy treats to be served to the parents (luckily there was enough for the staff, too!) and Amy Roscoe who provided other yummy treats and decorations. Roberta and Amy created a beautiful, welcoming environment for our parents and we are very grateful for both of them!

The September theme is apples. In addition to themed crafts, stories and lessons, the Nursery and Pre-K students will have a Science lesson. They will participate in an apple tasting and then graph their favorites. All of the classes will go to the Library for the first time where they will get to check out a book which they can keep at home until next month. The Nursery and Pre-K classes will have field trips to North Boundary Park. This gives an opportunity for the parents and teachers to get to know each other in addition to the students having some play time together. All of the students will have Bible Time with Pastor Porter. He does a wonderful job.

We have started our first fundraiser for the year. Once again, we have partnered with Zroni Roll. The pepperoni rolls make a quick, tasty meal or can be served as an appetizer/snack at your Football/Halloween party. The rolls freeze beautifully and bake fresh in the oven with lots of pepperoni and cheese. Each roll serves three to four people and are sold for \$17. Orders are due October 6th and will be delivered to CNS on October 22nd. An order form will be available in the back of the church. If you would like to support this fundraiser, please fill out your order. Checks can be made payable to Cranberry Nursery School.

Please continue to keep our students and staff in your prayers throughout the school year.

Angela Kushner  
Director  
Cranberry Nursery School  
724-538-8785



## 2025 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

The Stewardship, Worship and Music (SWAM) Committee is providing 2026 Stewardship Pledge Cards (thanks to Ann Lunney) in the back of the Church, beginning early November. Please pick up a pledge card and prayerfully consider what God is calling you to return to Him, for all that Christ has done for you.

We ask that you return your pledge cards. You can either place your completed card in the offering plate before Church or deliver the card to the Church office.

If you have any questions, please contact Frank Aloï at 724-452-4223 or via email at [frankaloi@msn.com](mailto:frankaloi@msn.com).



# STEWARDSHIP

## THIS MONTH: JESUS TAUGHT US TO GIVE OUR TIME

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus consistently shows compassion and care for the marginalized, the sick, and the needy. He primarily does this by making time for them. Jesus made time for those who were hurting, showing that good stewardship isn't just about talents or money, but how we prioritize people in our daily lives. We never read about Jesus wasting a moment, everything is always carried out with impeccable timing.

While we can never achieve the same level of perfection, good stewardship extends beyond personal talents, resources and even basic abilities. A compassionate and caring attitude towards others will often cost us the most in terms of our time. In imitating Jesus, we're called to be a good steward of **love and justice** by spending time actively engaging in the well-being of others around us.



**PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025**

**TIME: 9:00am - 2:00pm**

**WHERE: 326 Plains Church Road**

**Cranberry Twp., PA 16066**

**(Fellowship Hall - located downstairs in basement )**

**Basket Raffles**

**Food & Refreshments**

**START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!**

Wreaths Across America

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Where: Plains Church Cemetery

Time: 12:00 Noon



Remember Our Fallen U.S. Veterans

Wreaths Across America's Mission

Remember, Honor, Teach

This 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 13, 2025.

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.

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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 2025  
Susan Delligatti  
Janelle Wood \*

Class of 2026  
Frank Aloï  
Bob Young

Class of 2027  
Tiffany Aloï  
Tom Lunney

\* = Required to rotate off for a year

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### DEACON

Class of 2025  
Denise Kremmel \*  
Ann Lunney

Class of 2026  
Amy Roscoe  
Julie Young

Class of 2027  
Ann Nutter  
Susan Peirce

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### AUDITOR

Class of 2025  
Nina Finlay

Class of 2026  
Tim Roscoe

Class of 2027  
Denise Kremmel

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### NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2025

Bev Magill  
Tony Poletti  
Kathy Robinson  
Susan Delligatti (Elder)  
Tim Roscoe (Elder)  
Julie Young (Deacon)

Respectfully submitted by the 2024 Nominating Committee, Susan Delligatti, Rich Magill,  
Ann Nutter, Sue Reed, Cathy Stafford – Deacon, and Tim Roscoe

# Plains Presbyterian Church

## Session Highlights

August 2025

Session met on Monday, August 11, 2025. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Pastor Porter opened with a reading and discussion from Michah 6:6-8. What makes people walk humbly?

Preparations are being made for the start of the CNS school year.

Orientation will be August 27<sup>th</sup>. Carpets will be cleaned soon.

CPR training will be done soon. 2 spots remain in half pints. Afternoon pre-K has a couple of spots.

Frank reviewed our financial performance for the year. Frank reported that we are pretty much in line with the budget.

Treasurer's report received by consensus.

Minutes from June 29, 2025 Deacon's report were reviewed and received gratefully.

Frank presented some details about things that are happening with the SWAM committee. The committee met yesterday (August 10<sup>th</sup>) and is planning upcoming events, including the outdoor picnic on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

VBS went well and the Friday celebration with hot dogs and such went very well. Looks like a possibility of some new volunteers for next year. Tentative date for VBS next year July 21 thru 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Approved the November 8<sup>th</sup> craft show.


Discussion of the PNC was done. Session members will reflect on the list of people that have been nominated. Session will hold a short meeting before church, Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am to further review the list.

Approved a possible Congregational meeting will be on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Next Session meeting will be September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Frank Aloï, seconded by Janelle Wood. Motion passed. Frank Aloï closed with a prayer at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tim Roscoe  
Clerk of Session

Plains Presbyterian Church  
Congregational Meeting Minutes  
PNC Election  
Sunday, September 7, 2025  
Church Sanctuary

Rev. John Porter, acting as moderator of the Congregational Meeting opened the meeting with prayer at 11:55 a.m.

Tim Roscoe, certified that there was a quorum of the membership present. Approximately 26 members were present.

**Election of Officers**

Rev. Porter discussed the business and purpose of the meeting.

Tim Roscoe, on behalf of Susan Delligatti, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee placed the following names into nomination for the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Tiffany Aloï

Susan Peirce

Bob Young

Pastor Porter asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

Motion that the nominations be closed and accept the nominees by unanimous consent made by Bob Rectenwald. Seconded by Sue Reed. Motion passed.


Motion to adjourn by Jim Lehman. Seconded by Frank Aloï. Motion Passed.

Pastor Porter closed with prayer at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe  
Clerk of Session

Rev. John Porter  
Interim Pastor

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 OCTOBER	<b>2025</b>			
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
World Communion Worship 11:00am Communion				Book Club 10:00am		Bear Run Road Clean-Up 9:30am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship 11:00am	Session Meeting 6pm					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship 11:00am Coffee Connection hosted by SWAM						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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.”

