

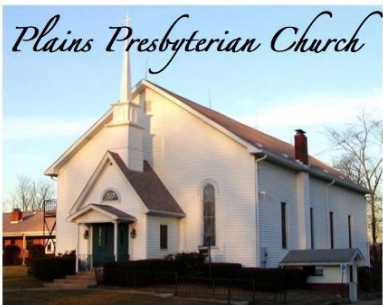
# THE PLAIN TALK

SEPTEMBER

2022

**Plains  
Presbyterian  
Church**

**Serving the  
community  
since 1806**



*Rev. Michael Burkley  
Interim Pastor*

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Friends, we all have faith in God. We believe, yet have not seen. Or have we seen God?

Have you ever been to a Billy Graham Crusade or heard George Beverly Shaw sing "How Great Thou Art". My sister and I took our kids to a Crusade many years ago. I saw many people come to faith that day, including my son, Peter. He asked me to take him forward when Dr. Graham gave the call. He was 11 at the time. He has grown to be a man of faith.

Each week in worship we share stories of where we have seen God. God is in nature. God is in the acts performed by good people we encounter. God is in the recovery of a friend or family member who is has been ill. God is in the acts of helping others.

Plains Church Deacons give away thousands of dollars each year to worthy organization to help fund the good work they are doing. That money comes from our members and friends. Plains has served the poorest of the poor in our world by housing the Matsiko Choir kids, by sponsoring them, by going to the places in the world they come from and doing what is possible to help there.

But what about suffering? How does our faith survive when we see the suffering and death of a child? How does our faith survive when we see the killing of innocent people in an effort to take their land by war. How does our faith survive mass shootings at schools? It seems to me that many times, we see good come from suffering. It's like refining us into better people. Most of the time, we don't see the good. But God knows more than we know. He can see how good will come from evil, even if we can't. Take a few minutes and think about this idea.

We can see how God deals with suffering and evil through the death and resurrection of Christ, but are there other ways that God deals with these curses through the work of God's People?

We see the thankfulness in the organizations who receive our donations allowing them to help the poor and suffering. We see the joy in the eyes of the Matsiko choir members as we meet them and talk to them about how they live, yet have faith in God. I can attest to conversations with a 13-year-old girl from India who has grown up in the Hindu religion. Her father has left the family, but only after murdering her mother. She is left an orphan. She sees God in the world and is moving toward life as a Christian. She is actually thankful to be growing up in an orphanage where she has a bed to sleep in, receives food and can attend school. We can see evidence of God in knowing that things happen like this to that girl – how could we reasonably rebel against those horrors if we didn't have the example of love that God has, that the world sometimes rebels against. As we sometimes rebel against.

The evidence of God in our world is in each of you. Yes, there is suffering and evil. But you step forward and, with your faith, stand with God to bring good out of sadness and pain. We see God where we look for God. We feel the Spirit of God in our church, in our community and in ourselves.

Faith is not easy. But if we stand together and support one another, we can remain strong in our faith. We can be the light of God in the world around us.

Julie Raatz

Elder of the Month  
Tom Lunney  
Deacon of the Month  
Beverly Magill

**FALL/WINTER WORSHIP**

Worship time will change to 11:00am

On Sunday, September 11th

MARK YOUR CALENDER!



**Adult Bible Study**

Please check to confirm Adult Bible School  
has been scheduled for Sunday mornings  
with Rev. Burkley since it's subject to  
change

**September 4**

8:45am Adult Bible Study  
10:00 am Worship Service

**September 11**

9:30am Rally Day - Fellowship Hall  
Breakfast & Games  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Welcome New Member

**September 18**

8:45am Adult Bible Study  
11:00 am Worship Service

**September 25**

8:45am Adult Bible Study  
11:00 am Worship Service

**Helping with Worship This Month**

**Worship Leaders**

September 4 Susan Reed  
September 11 Frank Aloï  
September 18 Tim Rausch  
September 25 Tiffany Aloï



September 1	Julie Raatz
September 3	Bill Stafford Jr.
September 3	Robert Young
September 4	Nancy Jones
September 5	Ella Lunney
September 9	Addison Clay
September 18	Janet Duncan
September 18	Richard Magill
September 18	Susie Roscoe
September 25	Martha Malone
September 30	Betty Budney



September 3	Burt & Nancy Duerring
September 15	Erika & Jon Selling

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 your 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
- Mike Wade– Jeanne
- Yvette– Tiffany Aloï
- Aunt Elaine - Ann
- Sue Reed
- Don Cox
- Carol Valentine
- Mark Hilton
- Patti Charles
- Amy Malenky
- Beth Carrone
- Betty Leonberg - Joann Bark

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.

### **PLAINS BOOK CLUB**

Meets the first Thursday of the month

Time: 10:00am

Where: Downstairs in Basement

Contact: Maryann McCoppin

mccoppinmary@gmail.com

"From Ashes to Song" ~ books available in the narthex for September 1st Meeting.



### **Session Meeting**

September 12th

### **Deacon Meeting**

September 25th

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **September 1st**

Book Club Meeting

10:00am

#### **September 5th**

Labor Day

Church Office is Closed

#### **September 7th**

First Day of School for CNS

#### **September 11th**

Rally Day

Breakfast & Games

Time: 9:30am Where: Fellowship Hall

Welcoming New Members

#### **September 12th**

Session Meeting

#### **September 18th**

Coffee Connection hosted by Property Committee

#### **September 25th**

**Deacons Meeting**

# FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS



September 11th

Breakfast & Games

Time: 9:30am

Where: Fellowship Hall



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!

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)

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other requests: \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE USE ONLY:

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

# WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Hi Plains & Crestview Leadership!

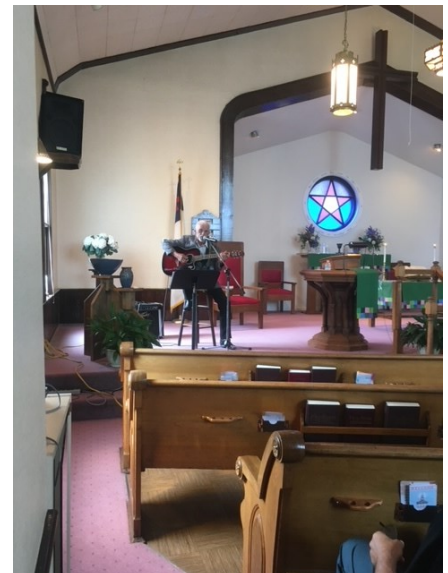
Folks really appreciated our working together for helping them worship and fellowship yesterday!

In talking with folks it went really well with them feeling comfortable being inside when we had planned to be outside and that the service was welcoming and had a little bit of everything for folks to experience the love of God and care from the people of God.

It appeared to be about 20 people from each congregation for over 60 people in attendance on the third Sunday in August when people are still in summer mode being away from being in worship.

Have a great week!

Take care,  
Gregg





# CNS NEWS

Another year will soon begin at Cranberry Nursery School. We are hopeful for a "normal" school year and will work to provide a safe, nurturing environment for our students. Although school has not been in session, we have had a few volunteers working to update our library and staff cleaning out supplies and books over the summer.

CNS will host a Parent Orientation the evening of Thursday, August 25th. This an opportunity for parents to meet the staff and see their child's classroom. Additionally, September 7th is the first day of school. The first week of classes are abbreviated to allow the staff to get to know the students. During that time, parents are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall for coffee and pastry and the opportunity to meet other parents while their child is in class.

We also welcome a former staff member to the Pre-K class. Our team is as follows:

Half~Pints: Teacher - Komal Dietz; Aide - Diana Beaudoin

Nursery: Teacher - Janelle Wood; Aide - Jen Murnock

AM Pre-K - Teacher - Amy Zugell; Aide - Lisa Bender

PM Pre-K - Teacher - Darlene Grieco; Aide Lisa Bender

Director: Angela Kushner

For the first time, CNS will host a Welcome Back Food Truck event on Thursday, September 22 from 5 - 7 PM. This parent-driven event will provide an opportunity for families to mingle in Fellowship Hall and/or the playground while having a simple meal of pizza and ice cream. Please feel free to stop by and grab some dinner.

As the new school year begins, we are always looking for new/gently used coloring books for two to five year olds. If you have any you would like to donate please leave them in the secretary's office with a note for CNS. Your help is greatly appreciated.

As always, prayers are welcome as we embark on another, possibly unusual, school year.

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

### July 2022

Session met on Monday, July 11, 2022. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Rev. Michael Burkley opened with prayer at 7:02 p.m. and read part of the book of Acts Chapter 1 starting at verse 6. Discussion of the passage and some of the history surrounding it. Think about how to reach out and spread the gospel to our neighbors, near and far.

Approved the Session Meeting minutes from June 20, 2022 by consensus.

A food truck is being planned for the welcome of the CNS Parents. A CNS Parent is making all of the arrangements.

Session reviewed the financial reports of the church. Frank Aloï discussed that our first half of the year was positive.

Investment update was also presented. Investments are down a bit and the whole market is down at this point.

The Treasurer's report was received with consensus and with our deep appreciation.

33 Hygiene kits were packed and shipped to the Matsiko group in Kent, Washington. Strawberry festival went well.

Pastor Michael is enjoying leading the Adult Sunday School Class. Willing to help lead a Bible study in any member's home.

Please let the Pastor know of any surgeries or anyone in the hospital.

Wireless microphone has been donated to the church for worship use.

Joint Worship Service at Crestview this year on August 21, 2022.

Pastor Michael recommends "The Bible Project" – Available on YouTube.

Keep thinking about Rally Day

Bob Young will talk with the copier people to sign a new copier contract.


Next Regular Session Meeting will be on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 7:00 pm with Rev. Michael Burkley moderating.

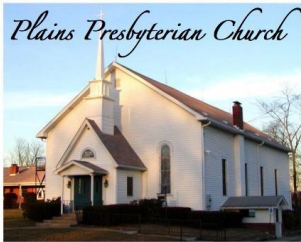
Motion to adjourn by Ron Carter. Motion passed.

Rev. Michael closed with prayer at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Roscoe  
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			 <b>September</b> <b>2022</b>			
				1	2	3
4 Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship - 10:00am	5 Labor Day	6	7 First Day of CNS School	8	9	10
11 Rally Day - 9:30am Worship 11:00am	12 Session Meeting 7:00pm	13	14	15	16	17
18 Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship 11:00am Coffee Connection / Property Committee	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship 11:00am Deacons Meeting	26	27	28	29	30	



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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.”

