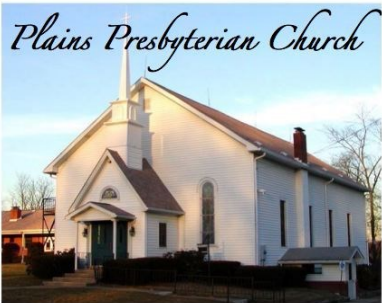


2025

**Plains
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As we prepare to search for and call new pastoral leadership for our congregations we need to acknowledge some of the changes that all churches are facing. Facing these challenges will require that we engage in meaningful discussion with one another and our leaders about these changes and potential ways of responding. Good pastoral leadership will not only be able to discuss these shifts but will want to have the opportunity to guide our response.

Responsibility for leading discussion of these issues and making decisions about our local response is shared among elected officers both ministers and lay leaders. Over the next few months I will identify and describe some of the significant shifts that we should be discussing.

The first and easiest change to identify is the change in how churches connect with people and welcome them into community. The unprecedented shift towards digital communication which has occurred in the last five years means that most people find information and social connection through digital communication. This is not limited to the now common use of on online video conferences and streaming services. It also is seen in how people under 40 look for and initiate most new relationships through social media or text messages. In this current context we cannot ignore the challenge of reaching younger generations who have grown up creating social connections digitally.

How we respond will impact how younger believers and non-believers view the community we invite them into, and the God we represent. Let's prayerfully and thoughtfully consider how we respond to this new way of finding and forming relationships as we prepare for a new pastoral leader who can help us find our way into a faithful future.

Pastor John Porter

Elder of the Month
Tiffany Aloï

Deacon of the Month
Susan Peirce

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

- September 7 Tiffany Aloï
- September 14 Frank Aloï
- September 21 Ann Nutter
- September 28 Susan Peirce



September 7

11:00 am Worship Service
Congregational Meeting

September 14

11:00 am Worship Service
SWAM Meeting after worship

September 21

11:00 am Worship
Coffee Connection hosted by
Property Committee
Deacon Meeting after worship

September 28

11:00 am Outdoor Worship Service



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| September 3 | Bill Stafford Jr. |
| September 3 | Robert Young |
| September 5 | Ella Lunney |
| September 15 | Linda McLean |
| September 18 | Janet Duncan |
| September 18 | Richard Magill |
| September 18 | Susie Roscoe |



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| 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 8am-Noon

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 :

- Jenny Stafford
- Lisa Bender
- Linda - Ron Rice's sister
- Baby Hadlee
- Rosalind C. - Tiffany Aloï
- Larry Meeder

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 - Sept. 4th

Book Club Leader:

Sue McKinley

sue.w.mckinley@gmail.com



Session Meeting

Sept. 15th

Deacon Meeting

Sept. 21st

SWAM Meeting

Sept. 14th

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1st - Labor Day- Church Office will be closed

September 3rd - 1st day of school - Cranberry Nursery School

September 4th - Book Club Meeting—10:00am

September 7th - Congregational Meeting after worship

September 14th - SWAM Meeting

September 15th - Session Meeting - 6:00pm

September 21st - Coffee Connection hosted by Property Committee

September 21st - Deacons Meeting after worship



CWS
Church World Service

Hygiene Kits

The deacons will be collecting items for hygiene kits.

Slips of paper with needed supplies will be placed on a table in the narthex.

COMING SOON!

Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic



Outdoor Worship and Luncheon at Crestview Church

Sunday, August 24, 2025

The joint worship and luncheon with Crestview, Old Union and Plains was held on August 24th at the Crestview Pavilion. Greg Hartung lead the worship service with Frank Aloï as the liturgist. Cindy Mikalauskas from Old Union assisted with the music. After worship the luncheon was held in the fellowship hall where hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, and drinks were served. A loose offering was collected to benefit The Lighthouse Foundation, a local mission.

CNS NEWS

The summer has flown by and it is almost time to begin a new school year. The carpets have been cleaned and the classrooms are being prepped for the students' arrival. Most of our classes are full, but we do have a few openings available. If you know anyone who is looking for a Pre-K (4-5 year old class), we have a couple of spots in both our three-day AM and four-day PM classes. We also have two spots available in our Tuesday/Thursday Half~Pints (2 1/2 year old) class. Please feel free to have any interested families reach out to Angela Kushner via email at cnsoplains@zoominternet.net.

We will be having several fundraisers throughout the school year. Members of Plains Church are always welcome to participate, and the support is always appreciated. CNS continues to collect Chick Fil A receipts. We earn 20% in product rewards for the total (pre-tax) collected. The school uses the rewards for events during the school year including our Open House and Mother's Day Brunch. Feel free to leave your receipts in the church office. There is no expiration date and we appreciate your support of our efforts.

As we begin a new school year, we welcome your prayers for peace and good health.

Angela Kushner
Director
Cranberry Nursery School
724-538-8785

September 3rd is the first day of school!





CALLING CRAFTERS AND VENDORS

Plains Church is hosting a Holiday Craft Fair on

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Time: 9am - 2:00pm

Set - up for Crafters & Vendors - 8:00am

We are located at 326 Plains Church Road

Cranberry Township, PA.

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



Plains Church Craft Fair Registration Form

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

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025

Where: Plains Presbyterian Church, 326 Plains Church Rd.

Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

Set Up: 8:00am

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 1, 2025

- 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 \$ _____



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				2025		
	1 Labor Day - Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 CNS First Day	11 Book Club 10:00am	12	13
Worship - 11:00am						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 11:00am SWAM Meeting after worship	Session Meeting - 6pm					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship 11:00am Coffee Connection hosted by Property Deacon Meeting						
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Outdoor 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.”



Philippians 4:13