



THE PLAIN FACTS
a monthly newsletter of

**FIRST YARMOUTH
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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FEBRUARY 2019



PANCAKE SUPPER
TUESDAY, March 05, 2019
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

No advance ticket sales. Pay at the door.
Adults - \$8.00 Children 6 - 12 years - \$6.00
Children under 6 years - no charge

**Proceeds to PEARCE WILLIAMS CHRISTIAN CENTRE
BUILDING FIRE CODE UPGRADE FUND**

Cash donations toward the purchase of sausage and
fruit are welcome. Contact Donna Limon, Nancy Millman, Edith Norton

**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper**





PRAYER CONCERNS

To protect the privacy concerns of our families, friends, neighbours and church family, it is requested that before names are submitted to the Pastor for prayer, or are put on the Plain Facts prayer list, permission be sought and granted from the individuals to be named, or from family members who have been given express permission to speak on their behalf.

Sylvia Lusted	Cathy Tredenick	Marilyn Cartwright	Jackie & Kayla
Eleanor House	Janet Stewart	George Lidster	Marilyn Smith
Joslyn Wilcox	Cannady family	Vince Melvin	Pat Martyn
Randy Paul	Mary Ellen Smith	Betty Jones	Ashleigh & family
John Johnson	Jason Carnegie	Sally Paul	George & Claudia Eastbury
Jill Coull	Mary Underhill	Janet & Dennis	Vader family
Alan Armstrong	Piet & Alice denBoer	Cecil & Mabel Somerville	Aaron Everatt
David Greenslade	Family of Harry Geerlinks	Blake & Audrey Hughes	

Sunday Scripture Readings

February 03

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13
Luke 4:21-30

February 10

Luke 5: 1 - 11
1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11

February 17

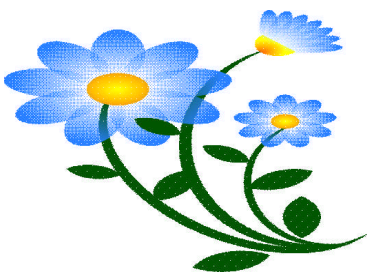
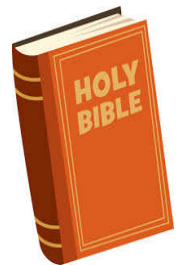
Luke 6: 17 - 26
1 Corinthians 15: 12 - 20

February 24

It's Your Choice Sunday

March 03 - Transfiguration Sunday

Luke 9: 28 - 36
Psalm 99



COMMUNION FUND 2018

Thank you for your contribution to our Plains Communion Fund in 2018.

Your generosity helped our Plains Family observe life's occasions both happy and sad throughout the year.

We sent **57** floral arrangements plus **17** Christmas poinsettias (**total 74**), **55** greeting cards plus **17** Christmas cards (**total 72**), and **17** gift cards or other suitable acknowledgements.

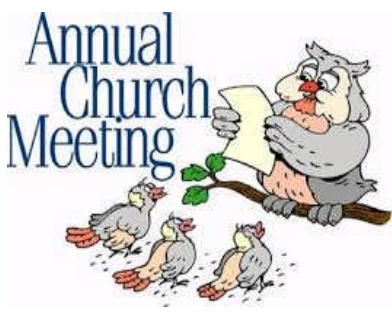
Thank you also to Ken Greenslade, John Gibbons and Paul O'Drowsky who delivered poinsettias and to Nancy Millman for ordering flowers and sending cards in late December.

Barbara Axford, Communion Fund Flowers & Cards Co-Ordinator

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb 03 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Communion Service
Feb 04 Mon 9:30 - 3:00	Plains "Knotty Quilters" quilting in Oak Hall. All crafters welcome.
Feb 07 Thur 10:30 A.M.	DVD Bible Study - CHRISTIAN HISTORY MADE EASY
Feb 10 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - following the service, bring-your-own-lunch. Followed
11:30 A.M.	Annual Congregational Meeting
Feb 11 Mon 9:30 - 3:00	Plains "Knotty Quilters" quilting in Oak Hall. All crafters welcome.
Feb 13 Wed 8:30 A.M.	After 8's Breakfast at Sunset Cafe.
Feb 14 Thur 10:30 A.M.	DVD Bible Study - CHRISTIAN HISTORY MADE EASY Valentine's Day
Feb 17 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Dedication of 2019 Leaders
Feb 18 Mon 9:30 - 3:00	Plains "Knotty Quilters" quilting in Oak Hall. All crafters welcome.
	Family Day
Feb 21 Thur 10:30 A.M.	DVD Bible Study - CHRISTIAN HISTORY MADE EASY
Feb 24 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - It's Your Choice! Sunday. Wendy Lessard's Topic: The Bible's Top 10 Most Powerful People.
Feb 25 Mon 9:30 - 3:00	Plains "Knotty Quilters" quilting in Oak Hall. All crafters welcome
Feb 28 Thur 10:30 A.M.	DVD Bible Study - CHRISTIAN HISTORY MADE EASY
Mar 01 Fri 2:00 P.M.	World Day of Prayer - Union United Church
Mar 03 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Communion Service
Mar 04 Mon 9:00 - 3:30	Plains "Knotty Quilters" quilting in Oak Hall. All crafters welcome
Mar 05 Tue 4:30-6:30 P.M.	Pancake Supper in Oak Hall -No Advance ticket sales. Proceeds to Pearce Williams Christian Centre Building Fire Code Upgrade Fund.





Plains Annual Congregational Meeting
After Worship
Sunday, February 10, 2019
Bring a bag lunch. Drinks supplied.
We hope all members and adherents can remain for the meeting.
Pick up a Report book, read and bring it with you to the meeting!

Did Adam and Eve ever have a date? No, they had an apple!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Rod Axford	12 th	Matthew Nicole
4 th	Shirley Dale	14 th	Ken Wilson
4 th	Donna Crocker	14 th	Steve Pettit
5 th	Randy Greer	20 th	Randy Bale
7 th	Dallas MacPherson	20 th	Brad Bastien
8 th	Pat Kennedy	23 rd	Bronwyn Ruddock
9 th	William Chen-Martyn	25 th	Mary Crosby
10 th	Terry Nicole	25 th	Ava Sargeant
10 th	Laura Penner	27 th	Nancy Millman
11 th	Janice Burgess		

ANNIVERSARIES

4th	Margaret Bell came to Plains in 1990 to be the first full-time minister.
14 th	Ron and Lynda Prong (62)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY REV. JOHN DICKINSON**

Former Pastor, Rev. John Dickinson, celebrates his 80th birthday in February 2019.

Rev. Dickinson began his pastoral duties in 1969 at Plains, Sparta and Iona Baptist churches, was ordained June, 1972 and in December, 1973 preached his farewell sermon locally, having accepted a call from Mt. Hope Baptist Church in Hamilton, Ontario.

John, Evelyn, Brock and Rebecca made many lasting friendships during their years in our local area and we join with John's family, colleagues and friends in wishing him all the best as he attains this landmark birthday. Happy 80th Birthday, John!

John and Evelyn currently reside in Digby, N.S.

Submitted by Barb Axford

Union Yoga with Natalie at Plains Baptist Church ☺

It is such a privilege to be able to offer yoga classes in Oak Hall! I am grateful to the church trustees and Pastor Bell for opening their hearts to this idea. Thank you!

This is a friendly invitation to the Plains Baptist Church Family to join me, if you are interested, for a free "Introduction to Yoga" class. No experience is necessary...all you need to do is bring yourself – there's nothing to do and nothing to change before attending a class. Come as you are and I will meet you there, by offering gentle, easy to follow, accessible yoga poses set to inspirational music. Whether you are looking for relaxation, finding peace of mind, a more restful sleep, embracing an ageing body or increased flexibility – yoga is a bridge that invites you to embrace your body as it is today.

FREE ADULT AND CHILDREN'S YOGA CLASSES

(Space is limited, so please contact me to reserve your spot.
Minimum participants required for a class to be offered)

Adult classes: Tuesday, February 12th – 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Friday, February 15th – 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Friday, February 15th – 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

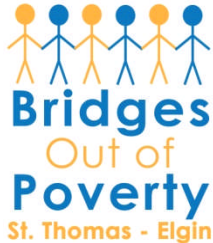
Children's Yoga (6-8 years): Friday, February 15th – 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm



With many thanks, Natalie Shoemaker, B.Ed., E.C.E., RYT 200hrs
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Bridges Out of Poverty

The Circles program is part of the **Bridges Out of Poverty** initiative, a community support program which provides a family of concepts, workshops, and products to help employers, community organizations, social service agencies, and individuals address and reduce poverty in a comprehensive way. Bridges brings people from all sectors and economic classes together to improve job retention, build resources, improve outcomes, and support those who are moving out of poverty.



The Changing Face Of Poverty

Part of a series presented by Bridges Out of Poverty - <http://www.endpovertyinelgin.com/>

POVERTY has no appeal for anyone, but in every community across our country, poverty is a reality. For the purpose of this series, we define poverty as having a lack of access to resources. Whether caused by a particular situation, such as losing your job or falling ill, or as the result of a generational influence that has created a culture of poverty, the challenge is the same – how to rise above it.

Among the numerous tools that can assist in overcoming poverty, there are three that stand out. In no particular order, they are: Education, Stable Employment, and Healthy Relationships. We'll briefly examine each tool in succession over the next few issues. ...

The Power of a Formal Education

It opens doors! The benefit of an education has obvious advantages, and we acknowledge that there are many kinds of education – each is important in its own right. But for our purpose here, we are referring to formal education, which is a powerful stepping stone on the 'bridge out of poverty.'

With formal education, we learn not just the three R's – although they are certainly important - but there's a fourth 'R' ... which is Rules. Education informally teaches the cultural Rules of how to behave and succeed in our society; how to interpret unspoken signs and signals and expectations; how to cooperate and collaborate with others; how 'the system' functions and where we are within it; and even teaches how to recognize or create opportunity.

When we include the formal academic subjects that much of our culture has evolved through, we begin to appreciate the foundation needed, in order to succeed. And within that foundational structure, the most critical skill could actually be "learning how to learn". Not finishing one's education often means not having completed that critical skill, which could confound one's ability to thrive in society. But learning how to figure things out creates the ability to make a long-term plan – and then execute it; how to recognize and celebrate milestones; and ultimately, how to realize one's full potential.

In the next issue, we will take a look at Stable Employment as a means to get out of poverty ...

I told my girlfriend she was drawing her eyebrows too high. She looked surprised.

It's Your Choice! Sunday, January 27, 2019

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-7; 12-13; 27, Luke 4: 14-21

Sermon: TO WHOM DO I BELONG?

Plains Church notes

Summary by Malcolm Rust

The topic for today's worship service and sermon was suggested by Ellen Brekelmans. Ellen was raised in the Roman Catholic faith in the Netherlands. One of her sisters served her life-long service to her Lord in holy orders as a nun. After attending this church with her family for some period of time, Ellen decided to become a member. This decision was not an easy one to make. Family loyalty, the long-standing teachings of the church, the historic animosity between Catholics and Protestants, creaturely habits and teachings drilled into ones' mindset from birth create a current that can be difficult to swim against. Ellen when you were contemplating this change I assured you that you could be a member and not be required to relinquish your roots or heritage.

You will find that no two Baptist Churches do church just the same. There are some similarities in styles of worship and congregational governance, but theologically, Baptists are all over the map. There are some Baptists who do not believe that Catholics are Christian, just as there are some Catholics who still view Baptists and Protestants as not full members of Christ's Body. So let's look at what we share in common. Baptists and Roman Catholics belong to one catholic church. That's catholic with a small 'c'. The word catholic literally means "universal". So Baptists and Catholics and many other Christian groups are called 'The Church of Jesus Christ', sharing many important foundational beliefs in common.

Creeds are statements of the basic beliefs of the church. The most famous Creed is the Nicene Creed. They are memorized and repeated to reinforce the church's teachings. Baptists historically have not been "keepers of creeds" although our former Baptist Hymnal contained creeds for congregational use. But Baptists resisted a state run Church demanding uniformity. The most important and unifying statement that Baptists of all persuasions uphold is the earliest confession of the church, "Jesus is Lord."

Second the authority of the scriptures in matters of faith and practice trumps the authority of church traditions and rites of the Church. Most of the differences between Catholics and Baptists happened when Christians in the 1600's became dissatisfied and disillusioned with the State run church and looked to the Scriptures for answers. When they read the Bible for themselves, they could not find any mention of many of the traditions and teachings of the church. They could not find proof of infant baptism. They read that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only sacraments mentioned and that salvation was an act of grace through faith, not by works

Ellen asks, "Why no statues in the Baptist Church?" Answer: Because Baptists do not venerate or pray to Saints. We believe that the only Mediator we need is Christ or the Holy Spirit. However, that does not mean that the lives of the Saints are not worth knowing. These people are our spiritual ancestors. In part, because of their lives and their faith we are part of the church today. Baptists do not use holy water. Baptists do not follow a Pope. Baptist churches are autonomous. We depend on each other, and on the witness of Scripture, our history and personal experience and on the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Christ is our Lord and leader. We're all members of Christ's body and each one is an equal member, no matter our role.

So to conclude, you, Ellen are a member of Christ's body, the Church, the 'c' catholic church, which includes St. Paul and Martin Luther, Mother Teresa and Billy Graham, John Bunyan and Pope Francis, Sister Nell and Pastor Margie. Together we will walk in love and work together united by one Spirit, one Faith, one Baptism. We will share the good news of God's love for all the world, in the name of Jesus, who lived, died and rose again to welcome all his children back into the household of God.

FIRST YARMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT
as of January 31, 2019

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	6,833.58	259.67	447.75	30.00	7,571.00
Expenses	<u>7,369.73</u>	<u>259.67</u>	<u>46.77</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,676.17</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	(-536.15)	0.00	400.98	30.00	(-105.17)
Balance end of 2018	<u>50,071.60</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>769.99</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50,841.59</u>
Balance as at 01/31/2019	<u>49,535.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,170.97</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>50,736.42</u>

1. The General Fund shows a net loss as at 31st of January, 2019 of (-\$536.15).
2. Missions income as of the 31st of January, 2019 totalled \$259.67. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$155.00 CBOQ Local Missions - \$20.00; CBM - General Budget - \$56.67; and CBM Sharing Way undesignated - \$28.00.
3. The Communion fund had a net gain at the 31st of January, 2019 of \$400.98. There is an amount from previous years of \$769.99, for a balance in the Communion Fund of \$1,170.97.
4. The designated Sunday School amount as at 31st of January, 2019 was \$30.00. Those funds will be paid to the Treasurer of the Sunday school at the end of the 1st Quarter.
5. An amount of \$1,000 has been received from the Executors of the Estate of Helen (Peg) Bell, and is not yet designated.
6. There is a memorial donation for the late Earl Kipp of \$100, plus \$1,000 from the Estate of the late Earl Kipp, and is not yet designated.
7. Donations in memory of the late Tom Marshman total \$400.00, and is not yet designated.
8. There are donations IMO of Gary Dunn of \$15, IMO Jim Maynard of \$660.00, and IMO Jim Duffy of \$260. These funds are not yet designated. There is also a donation of \$50 towards future projects.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley E. Dale, Treasurer



Sunday School Report

Our Sunday School class went to Jacob's well in Samaria this month. We were witnesses to Jesus interacting with the Samaritan woman. Our focus is to learn at least 1 Bible verse. We are starting with John 3:16. This will be followed by 1 John 3:16 and how this love of God is to flow through us. Praying that God will not allow these spiritual truths to be taken from these young hearts.

Leena Sibley



PASTOR'S PAGE The Morning Prayer for Sunday Worship January 27, 2019

Good and gracious God Spirit of holiness, Spirit of wisdom, thank you for meeting us in your sanctuary, this sacred space. Thank you for this community of faith to which we belong-- drawn here by your invitation and called to be the church of Jesus Christ in this place and in these times. We confess that our awareness of our very human nature and limitations causes us to doubt our effectiveness as Christ's disciples. We confess our preoccupation with personal needs and family responsibilities takes precedence over many other things. Help us to remember that you do not expect us to parachute out of our daily responsibilities. Help us to remember the words of Jesus' prayer which instructs us to share our worries for daily needs with you: "Give us this day our daily bread."

Help us to remember that those we love so much are ones that you love too! Encourage us in our sharing of our faith and our values with them and with others. May we share the good news of your love, even as St. Francis instructed, "Go forth and preach the gospel. If necessary, use words."

We lift to you the name of a family member or friend or acquaintance who is asking questions or struggling spiritually. --*Silence--*

Give us the wisdom, sensitivity and courage to stand with them and be a kingdom fighter of kindness and encouragement in their lives. We think about our world: too much hunger, poverty, violence, greed, pollution, waste, greed and tragic misunderstandings.

**Nevertheless, your goodness is all around us! In small, and big expressions of generosity---
---in the wisdom and courage of children ---in the elders and in those who refuse to let circumstances still their voices, or let prejudices damage their God-given identities. We thank you! We thank you for a growing awareness and concern for plastic pollution and other environmental concerns. We give thanks for children who preach justice and indigenous people who sing and drum for healing. Thank you for agencies that bring education and relief to millions and individuals who give what they can to help neighbors who have lost homes or livelihoods or family members by death. Thank you for all your kingdom warriors for justice! In our silent prayer, we lift up to you a need in our world or our community that requires a just response. --*Silence--***

O God, as St. Francis prayed, so we pray: "make us channels of your peace."

We pray for this church and for all churches where peace and justice, forgiveness and second chances are practiced, not just preached. We pray for leaders of government military personnel and their families, corporations, and industry, including farmers. Raise up honorable people, people of faith and courage to withstand the temptations that power, wealth and privilege bring. Thank you for those who use their office or position or rank to make a positive difference. In silence we lift up one of our community leaders and a national leader before you. ---*Silence---*

We pray on behalf of those named on our prayer list. ----*Silence--*

We know that your tears mingle with theirs, and your shoulder helps to lighten the load. We pray for our church family. We ask your blessing on leaders and workers, prayers, and givers, singers and bakers, volunteers and teachers and their loved ones. Bless the children and youth of our church family. May your protection surround them, your strength encourage them, your wisdom enlighten them and your grace inspire them to "do unto others as they would want done to them." In silence we pray for the children and youth. ---*Silence---*

We pray for each other, long timers, new comers, members, friends, elders, all of us sisters and brothers in love. Thank you for Jesus our Savior, brother, Lord and leader and for the Church, of which we are part, His Body Incarnate in the world---for such a time as this. Amen.