



**THE PLAIN FACTS**  
*a monthly newsletter of*

**FIRST YARMOUTH  
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# JULY/AUGUST 2018



Photo by Shirley Dale  
Assisted by Dave Hepburn

Sunday morning congregation at Springwater Church Camp-out, June 17, 2018



## 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	Myron & Kathy Cannady & family
Eleanor House	Janet and Dennis	Dennis Angyal	Sara Atkinson
Janet Stewart	Wayne Dale	Cherie Doyon	Warren Doner
Jim Duffy	Sherry & Courtney	Marilyn Smith	Debbie Pratt
Jim Maynard	Brenda & Brian Oliver	Glenda House	Karl Crocker
Randy Paul	Betty Graham	Floyd & Sharon Axford	Elsie Robins
Betty Jones	Ken Weir	Kerry Norton	Jason Carnegie
Heather Craft	Michael Gregory	Sally Paul	Stephen Plaunt
Pamela Chesterfield	Gary Dunn & family	Tom Marshman	Family of Gary Wilson Jr.

### Sunday Scripture Readings

#### August 19

Ephesians 5: 15 - 20  
John 6: 51 - 58

#### August 26

Ephesians 6: 10 - 20  
John 6: 56 - 69

#### September 02

Mark 7: 1 - 23  
James 1: 17 - 27



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Limon  
2<sup>nd</sup> Joyce O'Connor  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lucas Plaunt  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ashley Sawyer  
5<sup>th</sup> Carl Sibley  
5<sup>th</sup> Michael Sargeant  
6<sup>th</sup> Jeff Wilcox  
7<sup>th</sup> Melissa Zellas  
7<sup>th</sup> Sherri Doner  
10<sup>th</sup> Gary Higgs  
12<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Chesterfield  
12<sup>th</sup> Todd Ruddock

14<sup>th</sup> Betty Baker  
16<sup>th</sup> Greg Graham  
20<sup>th</sup> Ray Martin (86)  
21<sup>st</sup> Don Ferguson  
25<sup>th</sup> Wayne Higgs  
25<sup>th</sup> Ellen Brekelmans  
26<sup>th</sup> Sharon Axford  
27<sup>th</sup> Mike Jackson  
28<sup>th</sup> Marg Walraven  
28<sup>th</sup> Kathy Weare  
31<sup>st</sup> Erene Mifsud

### ANNIVERSARIES

6<sup>th</sup> Karl & Donna Crocker  
6<sup>th</sup> Mike Jackson & Amy Dale  
15<sup>th</sup> Tim & Cathy McCarthy  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dave & Carolyn Chesterfield  
30<sup>th</sup> Jim & Pauline Duffy



happy  
Birthday

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> Sam Nicolle  
1<sup>st</sup> Sue Anne MacCallum  
5<sup>th</sup> Kim Vanderberghe  
6<sup>th</sup> Kolton Dale  
15<sup>th</sup> Barbara Axford  
15<sup>th</sup> Bodhi McCallum  
16<sup>th</sup> Ken Greenslade (85)

17<sup>th</sup> Tarcis Mifsud  
20<sup>th</sup> Donna Ewart  
22<sup>nd</sup> Bob Nicolle  
22<sup>nd</sup> Marilyn Cartwright  
25<sup>th</sup> Tyler VanDuynhoven  
29<sup>th</sup> Eleanor House (87)

### ANNIVERSARIES

7<sup>th</sup> Martin & Laura Penner  
9<sup>th</sup> Brian & Tiffany Plaunt  
20<sup>th</sup> Deb & Ramzi Afara  
20<sup>th</sup> Zoey & Regina Chen  
29<sup>th</sup> Steve & Jo-Anne Pettit (54)

## EVENTS FOR JULY/AUGUST

<b>July 01 Sun 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b> - Communion Sunday - <b>CANADA DAY</b> - Congregation may wear red and white or something patriotic, for Canada Day weekend.
<b>July 08 Sun 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b>
<b>July 15 Sun 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b> - Guest Speakers - Rev. Richard and Vi Darling: Presiding Deacon - Linda Willand
<b>July 22 Sun 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b> - Guest Speaker - Father Mark Sargant: Presiding - Wayne Dale
<b>July 29 Sun 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b> - Guest Speaker - Sally Martyn: Presiding Deacon - Todd Noble
<b>Aug 05 Sun 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b> - Guest Speaker - Kathy Noble: Presiding Deacon- Michael Sargeant
<b>Aug 06 Mon</b>	Civic Holiday
<b>Aug 12 Sun 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b> - Guest Speaker - Rev. Paulo Andrade: Presiding Deacon - Phyllis Huffman
<b>Aug 19 Sun 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b>
<b>Aug 26 Sun 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b>
<b>Sept 02 Sun 10:00 A.M.</b> <b>Sept 03</b>	<b>Sunday Service - Communion Sunday</b> Labour Day
<b>Sept 09 Sun 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b> - Sunday school Recovenanting Sunday Grandparents Day
<b>10:30 A.M.</b>	Sunday School Registration-followed by BBQ lunch for the church family
<b>Sept 11 1:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Ladies Aid Meeting</b>



### SUMMER WORSHIP



Pastor Margaret Bell will be on vacation from Sunday, July 9 to Monday, August 13 inclusive.  
If a pastoral emergency arises, please contact one of the Deacons: Phyllis Huffman, Chair, Linda Willand, Todd Noble, Michael Sargeant. Please give any announcements/cards to be read to the presiding Deacon for that Sunday.

During the summer hair gets lighter, skin gets darker, music gets louder, nights get longer, life gets better.

## CAMPING WEEKEND June 14-17th, 2018

The 24th Annual Camp Out continues to be a success with 94 people throughout the weekend, including 25 children. This was an increase from 2017 when there was 72 people, including 16 children, attending throughout the weekend.

There were 12 trailers and 3 families tenting, an increase of 1 trailer and 2 tents. The weekend has been extended to Thursday until Sunday for those who were interested in some extra time on site. We had 25 people camp Thursday evening, an increase of 5 campers.

This weekend continues to be an economical weekend due to the financial assistance of the Ladies Aid and Social Committee. We are truly grateful. Also, thank you to all who assisted in the delivery of supplies and the group cooking and preparation of the food at supper and breakfast.

We used Charlie Rewbotham's generator for hydro to cook the french toast, so breakfast was ready on time!

This was the 18th year that we have camped at Springwater Conservation Area.

Next year, will be our 25th Camping Year! There was discussion about extending the camping weekend to a week. Please watch for details early in 2019, once plans are finalized.



*Photo by Shirley Dale*

Submitted by Sherry Graham



On June 15, George Martyn celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. On Sunday, June 24 in Oak Hall following the service, birthday cake was served to his church family in shared celebration.

It was at a miniature golf course on a brutally hot day when I saw a father with three young boys. "Who's winning?" I asked cheerfully. .

"I am" said one. "No, I am" said another. "No," the father said "their mother is!"

## **C.B.O.Q. ASSEMBLY 2018**

We wish to express our thanks to First Yarmouth (Plains) Baptist Church for allowing us to attend the 130<sup>th</sup> annual Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec Assembly as delegates. Assembly was held June 7th to June 9th in Mississauga with the theme "Lead with Love".

It's a great experience to be in a room with 300+ Baptists and to hear their voices raised in praising God. Drew Brown was the worship leader who, with his band, led the singing of a few old favourites as well as many new songs geared mainly toward the younger attendees.

In the business sessions, the CBOQ Board reports were accepted and reports were received from the various divisions of CBOQ and our partner missions. Canadian Baptist Ministries shared their new initiative, "Sent" which is short-term ministry and learning opportunities.

The Young Adult Delegate Amendment, presented last year, which allows each church to send to Assembly at least 1 delegate between the ages of 18 and 25 in addition to the current number of delegates, was approved.

We were informed that as CBOQ falls under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, new motions cannot be accepted unless they are presented between 150 and 90 days prior to Assembly. A report was received on the Advisory Teams' progress regarding the motion made last year concerning the LGBTQ community – a further report will be presented at the next Assembly.

A memorial moment was held in honour of pastors who have gone to be with their Lord. Several pastors were recognized for their 25 years of service as well as several welcomed into the Over 40 Club. New pastors and churches were also recognized. . Matt Wilkinson, Director of Next Generation Ministries, facilitated many of the sessions as the focus this year was on reaching youth for Christ with love. His small daughter, Grace, was on stage with him for one session.

Our plenary speaker Thursday and Friday was Chap Clark, lead pastor at a Presbyterian Church in California, former professor at Fuller Seminary, and noted author, who has written several books on Integrating Emerging Generations into the Family of Faith. Chap spoke to us about change in the church, and what young people are looking for from us – care, nurture and family – making the church a welcoming place.

Saturday our plenary speaker was Tim Day, leader to a new vision called "City Movement" who spoke on the adaptive church and moving with God into the future. Linda attended a learning session entitled "Balancing Scriptural Interpretation" led by Stan porter, president and Dean of McMaster University dealing with scriptural truth and contemporary issues. Louise attended a session entitled "New Songs" featuring new pieces especially written for this Assembly. We both attended the session "Intergenerational Worship" with Rev. Tanya Yuen, Children and Family Ministries Associate with CBOQ, which included many ideas and suggestions.

On Friday evening we were treated to a special presentation by "Wind Warriors", a group of young children who performed their skit.

Many teens were featured in a video of their experiences of Blizzard, Avalanche, Camp Kwasind, and CBOQ youth groups and how these impacted their life for Christ and how many of them are now youth leaders.

Communion was shared on Friday evening.

*Louise Sargeant and Linda Willand*



FIRST (YARMOUTH) PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
as at June 30, 2018

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	52,783.71	1,782.52	2042.53	105.00	56,713.76
Expenses	49,684.25	1782.52	1067.63	105.00	52,639.40
Net Gain/Loss	3,099.46	0	974.90	0	4,074.36
Balance end of 2017	42,402.18	0	627.13	0	43,029.31
Balance as at 06/30/18	45,501.64	0	1,602.03	0	47,103.67

Notes:

1. The General Fund shows a net gain as at 30 of June 2018 of \$3,099.46.
2. Missions, to date, total \$1,782.52. That is made up as follows: CBOQ General Budget - \$907.50; CBOQ - Local Missions - \$120.00; CBM - General Budget - \$372.02; and Sharing Way, Undesignated - \$383.00. The total amount has been forwarded to the respective missions.
3. The Communion Fund shows a net gain at the end of June 2018 of \$974.90. There is a balance remaining from previous years of \$627.13, giving a total amount in the Communion Fund of \$1,602.03.
4. The designated Sunday school amount as at 30 of June 2018 was \$105.00 and that has been paid to the Treasurer of the Sunday school, Hazel Brekelmans.
5. There is a memorial for the late Peg Bell in the amount of \$1,500 which is undesignated. An amount of \$500 IMO Peg Bell was designated for Choir Music and \$285.65 has been used to date towards new Choir music, leaving a balance in that account of \$214.35.
6. There is an amount of \$1,000 in memory of Peg Bell given by the Executors of the Estate, and is not yet designated.
7. There is also an amount in memory of the late Earl Kipp of \$100, as well as \$1,000 from the Estate of the late Earl Kipp.
8. Unexpectedly, the air conditioner for the sanctuary breathed its last in early June 2018 and a new unit has been installed and paid for by the Plains Ladies Aid and the Plains Social Committee. Many thanks to the two groups for their support in this way!
9. The plaque for the new Plains Cemetery Fence is in progress.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley E. Dale,  
Treasurer

A Baptist preacher went to visit a member of the community and invited him to come to church Sunday morning.

It seems that this man was a producer of fine peach brandy. He told the preacher that he would attend her church IF the pastor would drink some of his brandy and admit doing so in front of her congregation.

The preacher agreed and drank up. Sunday morning, the man visited the church. The preacher recognized him from the pulpit and said, "I see Mr. Johnson is here with us this morning. I want to thank him publicly for his hospitality this week, and especially for the peaches he gave me, and the spirit in which they were given."

*Submitted by Linda and Jack Cummings*

## Pastor's Page

I am writing to you on the first day of summer, which as you know is the longest day of the year. And it is a glorious summer's day indeed! We are in the midst of strawberry season and perhaps like me, you have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity this season brings of enjoying local produce. When I think of strawberry season, I think about my Dad and Mom. For many years we grew our own strawberries in the garden located on the east side of our barn. It was a large garden where Mom and Dad planted corn, cucs, strawberries, onions, beets (so that mom could make her awesome pickled beets) potatoes, peas, radishes, green onions and yellow beans.

Years later, after we sold the farm and Mom was alone, she planted a much smaller garden along the north- west edge of the acre upon which our farmhouse sat. I remember saying to her, "Mom, I'm surprised that you don't plant a bigger garden. The one beside the barn was a lot bigger than this." Mom replied, "I didn't grow a big garden because I enjoyed gardening. It was because we needed FOOD to EAT!"

When she no longer grew a garden she drove to Lynden to the farm market (JOSMAR ACRES) and picked strawberries. She could buy them ready-picked but she didn't want to pay the added charge. So, she hand- picked her own. She'd say, "I enjoy picking strawberries as long as it's not too hot."

As long as I can remember, Mom always made sure that we enjoyed the last of the strawberry crop on Dad's birthday, which was July 11. She always made a birthday cake (chocolate layer cake) and served it alongside vanilla ice cream, topped with the last of the strawberries with a few walnut pieces sprinkled on top. Oh, and the strawberries always had sugar added to them, with a little water in the bowl to make a nice (*sweet*) juice.



This summer, in strawberry season which is located smack dab between Father's Day and Dad's birthday (this year he would have turned 104 years) I think about how Mom made sure that those strawberries held out until July 11 so that Dad could enjoy one of his most favorite desserts. Even long after he had died, she ate her last strawberries on his birthday.

I'm so glad they will be together on July 11 after having endured a 35 year separation. If there are any strawberries in Heaven, then I'll bet that Dad has a real treat in store for him! And if the weather is pleasant and the berries plentiful, Mom will be in the middle of Heaven's berry patch picking, and likely eating a few as she goes. "Happy Birthday, Dad! Have fun, Mom!" And to everyone in my church family, have a safe and renewing summer season. Make sure you enjoy your favourite summer treats and gather some memories with them as you go.

Peace, love and sunshine,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.