



THE PLAIN FACTS
a monthly newsletter of

**FIRST YARMOUTH
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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A DAD is someone who
wants to catch you before you fall,
but instead picks you up,
brushes you off,
and lets you try again.

A DAD is someone who
wants to keep you from making mistakes
but instead lets you find your own way,
even though his heart breaks in silence
when you get hurt.

A DAD is someone who
holds you when you cry,
scolds you when you break the rules,
shines with pride when you succeed,
and has faith in you even when you fail.

Author unknown



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
Eleanor House
Janet Stewart
Jim Duffy
Jim Maynard
Randy Paul
Betty Jones
Heather Craft
Jason Carnegie

Cathy Tredenick
Janet and Dennis
Wayne Dale
Sherry & Courtney
Brenda & Brian Oliver
Betty Graham
Ken Weir
Michael Gregory
Pamela Chesterfield

Marilyn Cartwright
Dennis Angyal
Cherie Doyon
Marilyn Smith
Glenda House
Floyd & Sharon Axford
Kerry Norton
Sally Paul

Myron & Kathy Cannady & family
Sara Atkinson
Warren Doner
Debbie Pratt
Karl Crocker
Elsie Robins
Jean Lammiman
Stephen Plaunt

Sunday Scripture Readings

June 03

2 Corinthians 4: 5 - 12
Mark 2: 23 - 3: 6
1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10

June 10

Mark 3: 20 - 35
2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5:1

June 24

2 Corinthians 6: 1 - 13
Mark 4: 35 - 41



July 01 - Canada Day

2 Corinthians 8: 7 - 15
Mark 5: 21 - 43

Ladies Aid Luncheon--Tuesday, June 12 11:30 A.M.

Wayside Inn, Talbotville, followed by a visit to the new **Elgin County Heritage Centre** on Sunset Drive.

Exhibit --The Scots in Elgin County-Celebrate the 200th anniversary of the arrival in Elgin County of emigrants from the Scottish Highlands. Admission by donation. Guests are welcome. Sign up sheet available.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to John Doner and Sherri Quinlan (nee Rewbotham) who will be wed in Komoka on July 7, which is Sherri's birthday. Pastor Margaret will officiate the service.



Best wishes to Blake and Julie Chesterfield on the arrival of their second daughter, Myla Ileene on Tuesday, May 15. Myla weighed 7 lbs, 10 oz. She is a little sister to Novalee, dear granddaughter to Dave and Carolyn Chesterfield and Doug and Cindy Gillard, sweet niece to Erin and Dom Kisiel and Pamela and Andrew and great-granddaughter to Toots Gillard.

My father is so old that when he was in school, history was called current affairs.

EVENTS FOR JUNE

- June 03 Sun 10:00 A.M. **Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday
 June 06 Wed 11:30 A.M. **AFTER 8'S June Luncheon** at Pinecroft, Aylmer. See Linda Cummings - 519-631-4069 to be put on the list. Everyone welcome.
- June 10 Sun 10:00 A.M. **Sunday Service**
 June 12 Tue 11:30 A.M. **Ladies Aid Luncheon** at Wayside Inn, Talbotville, followed by a visit to the new Elgin County Heritage Centre on Sunset Drive.
- June 14 Thur. **Plains Church Camp Out at Springwater**
 June 15 Fri. **Plains Church Camp Out at Springwater**
 June 16 Sat. 5:30 P.M. Pot Luck Supper at Springwater
- June 17 Sun 9:30 A.M. **Fathers' Day** - Breakfast at Springwater
 10:30 A.M. Worship beside the pond at Springwater-weather permitting
- June 24 Sun 10:00 A.M. **Sunday Service**
 June 26 Tue 2:00 P.M. Tanya Yuen from CBOQ Children's Ministry will meet with us to discuss the future of the Plains Sunday School program. All interested persons are invited to attend.
- July 01 Sun 10:00 A.M. **Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday - **CANADA DAY** - Congregation may wear red and white or something patriotic, for Canada Day weekend.



PLAINS CHURCH CAMPING AT SPRINGWATER

Thursday, June 14 after supper to Sunday, June 17, at noon

Cost: \$50.00 for family (4 people maximum),
 \$10.00 for each additional camper

Camping available Thursday night for an additional fee.

\$25.00 Individual weekend fee

\$10.00 individual per day

\$15.00 for carload for the day

**Springwater Conservation Area South Pavilion,
 "Day Use Area".**

Come for all or for part of the weekend.

ALL FEES are payable in advance to Sherry Graham.

Do not pay at the gate!

Friday night - hot dogs, pie irons provided. (Bring your own beverage).

Saturday - Breakfast and lunch on your own.

Saturday Supper - hamburgers and beverage provided: You bring a salad or dessert.

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast provided.

10:30 a.m. Worship beside the pond, weather permitting.

What to bring: Life jackets if you want to canoe, pie irons, fishing poles, guitars, bicycles, etc.

Parental Responsibility

It is understood that at church events or activities parents are responsible for the supervision of their child/children and any other child/children who have been entrusted to their care. If parents leave the event/activity, it is their responsibility to delegate the responsibility for the child/children to another adult. [Plains Baptist Church Safe Policy, Page 4].

My Dad thinks he wears the trousers in our house, but it's always Mum who tells him which pair to put on!



On Sunday, May 6, 2018 Plains church welcomed eight new members into the congregation. They are pictured here, with the Deacons and Pastor Bell.

Front row: Deacon Phyllis Huffman, Deacon Todd Noble, Pastor Bell, Louise Angyal, John Doner, Karen Cook, Carolyn and Dave Chesterfield, Deacon Linda Willand, Faneeza Proulx.

Back row: John Gibbons, Martin Proulx, Deacon Michael Sargeant.



You are Invited:

OPEN HOUSE

to Celebrate **Toots Gillard's 90th Birthday**

Union Sports Club Sunday, June 10 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Best Wishes Only!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 st | Judy Jacklin | 18 th | Michelle Carnegie |
| 9 th | Michela Sargeant | 19 th | Jeremy Dale |
| 10 th | Ryan Dunn | 20 th | Diane Knott |
| 10 th | Gail McPhail | 23 rd | Annabella Hindley |
| 11 th | Toots Gillard (90) | 23 rd | Lillie Penner |
| 15 th | George Martyn | 23 rd | Emma Wilcox |
| 15 th | Carla Norton | 27 th | Melanie Dunn |
| | | 27 th | Gerry Coull |



ANNIVERSARIES

| | | | |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4 th | Floyd and Sharon Axford (58) | 20 th | Phil & Cherie Doyon |
| 5 th | George & Betty Lidster (53) | 23 rd | Jeff & Melanie Wilcox |
| 6 th | Stephen & Carolyn Plaunt | 26 th | Sue Anne & Joshua MacCallum |
| 15 th | Doug & Mary Sawyer (55) | 30 th | Randy & Roxanne Bale |
| 18 th | Denny & Janet Lang | 30 th | Gary & Fran Somerville |



On Sunday, May 13, 2018 Erin Chesterfield and Dominic Kiesel were welcomed as new members to Plains Church.

Deacons Phyllis Huffman, Michael Sargeant, Linda Willand. Dominic Kiesel, Erin Chesterfield (holding their daughter Clare) and Deacon Todd Noble

On the outside, looking in:

The long anticipated fencing surrounding the **PLAINS CEMETERY** was installed in May. This project was made possible by donations in memory of Dennis Wilson, Helen Munroe, Peg Springer, Mildred Chant, Millie Williams, Jerry Bristol, and Don Norton.

Also included are donations from both the Plains Church Social Committee and the Plains Church Ladies Aid.

The Plains Cemetery

The recurring question people have been asking has been: "Why did you only fence that little piece?" The answer is that it is the only piece the church owns. "On November 6th 1963 a deed from the Corporation of the Township of Yarmouth signed by Reeve Mason Tansley and Clerk, Leonard Olde, to the Trustees of the First Regular Church in Yarmouth, naming Norman Higgs, Arthur Lang, Verne Higgs and Edward Green was given for a strip of land 192' x 66'." See Jean Griffin "The Plains" 1981 pp76-77 Eventually, the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, Cemeteries Branch, issued a Certificate to operate the new cemetery on 25 September 1975 on that strip of land.

The old cemetery was closed as there was no plan of lots or records of burial. The late Verne Higgs and others collected some of the old stones and mounted them in a cairn to facilitate maintenance. The Township of Yarmouth and now the Municipality of Central Elgin have contributed annually towards the cost of grass cutting in the old cemetery.

The County of Elgin had purchased land on the east side of Fairview Road prior to 1963 to allow its realignment with the southern portion of that road. Previously, Fairview Road was lined up due north of the church building requiring traffic going north on Fairview to make a left and then right turn. It was this unused parcel of land that was to become the new **Plains Cemetery**.



Malcolm Rust



A horse named “BRIDGE STREET”:

Regarded as one of the most popular and durable pacers in the history of the raceway at Western Fair District, **BRIDGE STREET** was honoured on May 11 as he joined the prestigious “Wall of Fame” class.

The speedy pacer captured 58 wins throughout his illustrious career despite never winning a stakes race. The former \$10,000 yearling purchase raced over a decade at the raceway and was conditioned locally by Scott McNiven for owners Tom Brodhurst, Colin and Shirley Griffin and Kim McNiven.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CHURCH MEETING May 27, 2018

30 members and some adherents were in attendance. Dan Dale Chaired the meeting.

Phyllis Huffman reported that a committee of five are working on the project of up-dating the Plains Church website. They are seeking quotes and this is a “work in progress”.

Mary Crosby, Assistant Clerk, reported that John and Carl Norton had transferred their church membership to St. John’s Presbyterian Church near Belmont, and that ten new members have been welcomed into the church family. The current membership is 138.

Phyllis Huffman informed the meeting that the Deacons were working on seeking guest preachers during Pastor Bell’s vacation in July and August.

Sherry Graham, reported for the Finance Committee that all completed projects—landscaping, power front door, new computer and accounting program for Treasurer and cemetery fencing are all paid for through memorial funds, donations, the terminated Gift Card Program and the GST refund for a total of \$43,122.00.

Our Treasurer Shirley Dale reported that both the General Fund and the Communion Fund were looking good. Louise Sargeant reported for the Ladies Aid that funds had been donated to ChildCan, Helen Klassen, an author from Aylmer for her website, and to Operation Smile. The average attendance at meetings is 18 ladies.

Pastor Bell reported on her many activities for both the church and for the community. She noted that the service on February 25 celebrating Black History Month and paying tribute to Rev. Seymour Boyce and Johnny Stevens was one of her most enjoyable. She also noted there had been no funerals during this quarter.

Nancy Millman reported that the Social Committee had made donations to the Union Community Centre and to ChildCan from proceeds of the suppers which had been held at Plains this spring.

The Trustee Report, presented by Tom Lammiman informed the meeting that the front door had been installed, with a plaque naming the donors and that a plaque naming the donors for the cemetery fence has been ordered. Painting of the interior of the church is progressing and repairs to the driveway and parking lot are anticipated in the near future.

The next meeting will be held after a bag lunch on Sunday, October 21 - 12:00 noon.

There was no new business.

Malcolm Rust closed the meeting with prayer.

A small boy was at the zoo with his father. They were looking at the tigers, and his father was telling him how ferocious they were.

“Daddy, if the tigers got out and ate you up...”

“Yes, son?” the father asked, ready to console him.

“...Which bus would I take home?”

**FIRST YARMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

as at May 31, 2018

| | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Missions</u> | <u>Communion Fund</u> | <u>Sunday School</u> | <u>Totals</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Income | 42,093.28 | 1,517.85 | 1,777.26 | 95.00 | 45,483.39 |
| Expenses | <u>38,670.61</u> | <u>1,517.85</u> | <u>1,008.87</u> | <u>55.00</u> | <u>41,252.33</u> |
| Net Gain(Loss) | 3,422.67 | 0.00 | 768.39 | 40.00 | 4,231.06 |
| Balance end of 2017 | <u>42,402.18</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>627.13</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>43,029.31</u> |
| Balance as at 03/31/2018 | <u>45,824.85</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>1,395.52</u> | <u>40.00</u> | <u>47,260.37</u> |

Notes:

1. The General Fund has a net gain as at 31st of May, 2018 of \$3,422.67.
Grass cutting invoices are forthcoming.
2. Total Missions income as of the end of May, 2018 totalled \$1,517.85.. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$787.50. - CBOQ Local Missions - \$100.00; CBM - General Budget - \$300.35; and CBM Sharing Way undesignated - \$330.
3. The Communion fund had a net gain at the end of May 2018 of \$1,777.26.
There is an amount from previous years of \$627.13, for a total Communion Fund of \$1,395.52.
4. The designated Sunday School amount as at 31st of May, 2018 totalled \$95.00.
The balance of \$40 will be paid to the Sunday School Treasurer at the end of the 2nd quarter.
5. The Door Project has now been completed and has been paid for from the memorial donations, honouring donation and designated donations. The project cost totalled \$5,571.10.
6. The Cemetery Fence Project has now been completed, except for the plaque to honour the donors. To date, expenses total \$28,145.44. Memorial donations totalled \$6,998.70, the Plains Ladies Aid and the Plains Social Committee each gave \$5,000 to the project, and funds were used from the Sparta Baptist Church donation and the Gift Card Program, which covered the balance required to pay for the project.
7. There is a memorial donation for the late Peg Bell in the amount of \$1,500 which is undesignated, and \$500 in memory of Peg for Choir Music.
8. An amount of \$1,000 has been received from the Executors of the Estate of Helen (Peg) Bell, and is not yet designated.
9. There is a memorial donation for the late Earl Kipp of \$100, plus \$1,000 from the Estate of the late Earl Kipp.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley E. Dale, Treasurer

The Plains' Spring Bazaar and Plant Sale

Under an overcast sky and amid spring showers friends and neighbours came to Plains Church on May 19, seeking goodies, plants, bargains and fellowship.

Thank you to Donna Limon and Donna Crocker for the Honey Bee decorations in Oak Hall and on the tea tables.

The winner of the Social Committee hanging plant draw was **Shirley Griffin**.

The Ladies Aid raised **\$1,541.10**; the Social Committee raised **\$544.50**.

THANK YOU to everyone who baked, sewed, set-up, prepared, served, decorated, donated, gardened, attended and cleaned up, to make this event a success, while having fun doing it.

Today nearly 100 years have elapsed since the first father's Day was celebrated. Fathers of 1900 didn't have it nearly as good as fathers of today; but they did have a few advantages: In 1900, fathers prayed their children would learn English. Today, fathers pray their children will speak English.

Pastor's Page

A Prayer for the Season of Pentecost

It's a brand new day
God and we're grateful for it!
We are grateful for
the gift of every day and for this
time spent together,
in the sacred spaces of our living.
Thank you for our friends
who surround us
lending their presence
and their prayers
to enhance our times of worship,
rest and service.
On these summer-like days
our thoughts turn to all the ways
that you let us know that
we are valued, loved and known.
Even in the busy, crazy times when
we practically forget about you—
You never forget us. "Our names are imprinted on
the palms of your hands."
Even when we make choices
that if we stopped to consider, we know
are self-centered or petty,
You stand by ready to forgive us when we finally
come to our senses.
Your grace can humble the haughtiest heart!
Thank you that we can turn our eyes upon
Jesus and in the light of his example, choose
better choices.
Thank you for loving us with a love
that is steadfast,
and always, always, there.
May our faith stand tall in the
knowledge that you refuse to be swayed
in your unshakeable belief in us,
limited and flawed though we are.
We commit to you in love the
people in our lives who need our prayers
and the assurance of your presence.
May the Spirit of Consolation
anoint them in their hurting places.
May their faith in your love provide hope to walk
through the valley towards the light.
Bless the communities in which we live
and our neighbors who live around us.

Enable us, O God be a blessing to them,
treating them as we'd like to be treated.
For the world we pray that a wave of kindness and
justice would flow over all
of humanity.
We pray for a renewed commitment
to finding solutions that do not involve violence or
boastful threats of annihilation.
Tame the wildness of our hearts, O God
so that humanity may more closely resemble the
great, diverse family of God.
May this church and churches everywhere be like an
oasis of safety, healing and help
in a world that is too often mired in
chaos, riddled by lies and terrorized by fear.
You have given the Church of Jesus
many spiritual gifts, and people resources to
be a blessing to people and to the Creation.
We regret that the Church has sometimes
Neglected or abused our calling to be a force for
good in the world.
Too many times Church leaders have
become complicit with government or powerful
factions and have forsaken
Christ's words to treat the poor, the prisoner,
the indigenous, the immigrant,
and the vulnerable ones as we would treat Christ
himself.
Forgive us and fill us with the mind and heart of
Christ.
God who calls each of us to
be faithful to one rule, the Rule of LOVE,
grant us the confidence
of our calling as children of our Creator
to be channels of your peace
that brings life, light and blessing to all
in its path.
In Jesus' name, we say,
Amen!

*Soon -to- be -Summer
Blessings to you,*

Margaret