



THE PLAIN FACTS

a monthly newsletter of

FIRST YARMOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

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OCTOBER 2018

188 ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Music by the Plains Choir

Followed by a **Pot Luck Lunch** in Oak Hall

People are asked to bring a main dish,
salad or dessert.

Please join us as we praise God
for God's faithfulness to all generations!
Special Anniversary Offering equally divided
between the General Fund and Missions.





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
Karl Crocker
Ken Weir
Stephen Plaunt
Jill Coull
Margaret Rimkey

Cathy Tredenick
Janet and Dennis
Wayne Dale
Marilyn Smith
Randy Paul
Jason Carnegie
Gary Dunn & family
Betty Shelley-Wiebe
Lillian Huffman

Marilyn Cartwright
Dennis Angyal
Cherie Doyon
Debbie Pratt
Elsie Robins
Heather Craft
Mary Lou Pearson
George Eastbury
Rona Wilson

Jackie & Kayla
Sara Atkinson
Joslyn Wilcox
Jim Maynard
Betty Jones
Sally Paul
Family of Wilfred Smoke
Ashley and family

Sunday Scripture Readings

**October 07 - Thanksgiving
World Communion Day**
Matthew 6: 25 - 33

**October 28 -
It's Your Choice Sunday**
Country Gospel Music

October 14 - Plains 188th Anniversary
Mark 10: 17 - 31

November 04 - Sunday After All Saints
Mark 12: 28 - 34
Psalm 146

October 21
Mark 10: 35 - 45



In sympathy

The Plains family extend our sympathy to Malcolm and Donna Rust. Malcolm's cousin Alys Forrest was promoted to glory September 24, in her 81st year. She lived in Edinburgh, Scotland and was married to Dr. Ian Forrest.



Plan to attend the LADIES AID CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**SATURDAY, NOV. 17
9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.**

Refreshments served in Oak Hall
Craft Table, Bake Table, Books,
Cookies, New Costume Jewelry,
Attic Treasures, etc.



I recently decided to sell my vacuum cleaner as all it was doing was gathering dust.

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Oct 04	Thur 10:30 A.M.	DVD Bible Study - CHRISTIAN HISTORY MADE EASY
Oct 07	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Thanksgiving - World Communion Sunday - special music by <i>Doug and Mary Sawyer</i>
Oct 09	Tues 1:30 P.M.	Ladies Aid - Silver Coin Ladies - Essential Oils demonstration and sales
Oct 10	Wed 8:30 A.M.	After 8's Breakfast - Sunset Café
Oct 11	Thur 10:30 A.M.	DVD Bible Study - CHRISTIAN HISTORY MADE EASY
Oct 14	Sun 10:00 A.M. 1200 noon	Sunday Service - 188 ANNIVERSARY Followed by a Pot Luck Luncheon
Oct 18	Thur 10:30 A.M.	DVD Bible Study - CHRISTIAN HISTORY MADE EASY
Oct 20	Sat 9:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	Men's Breakfast at Wimpy's, Talbot Street, St. Thomas - followed by a tour of Quai Du Vin at 45811 Fruit Ridge Line
Oct 21	Sun 10:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.	Sunday Service - Followed by "bring-your-own-lunch" and Congregational Meeting
Oct 25	Thur 10:30 A.M.	DVD Bible Study - CHRISTIAN HISTORY MADE EASY
Oct 28	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service
Nov 01	Thur 10:30 A.M.	DVD Bible Study - CHRISTIAN HISTORY MADE EASY

**NEW ADDRESSES:**

Phones numbers remain the same for all.

Betty Jones
Metcalf Gardens
45 Metcalfe Street
St. Thomas, ON N5R 5Y1

Phil and Cherie Doyon
8 Caldwell Street
St. Thomas ON N5R 5J1

Ken and Judy Jacklin
20 Dunkirk Drive, #405
St. Thomas, ON N5R 5R5

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

6 th	Jean Lammiman (94)	17 th	Bob Weare
10 th	Joanne O'Drowsky	18 th	Judy Burgess
11 th	Dan Dale	18 th	Pat Martyn
11 th	Rona Wilson	20 th	Bob Bell (89)
11 th	Laura Crocker	21 th	Marion Maynard
12 th	Julee Dale	21 st	Wendy Lessard
17 th	Simon Martyn Bradley	24 th	Evelyn Kennedy
		28 th	Mateo Mifsud

**ANNIVERSARIES**

3 rd	Michael & Louise Sargeant (48)
4 th	Bill & Danielle Ralf
12 th	Denny & Diane O'Brien
13 th	Nicholas & Julee Dale
15 th	Ray & Vera Martin (63)
18 th	Jason & Michelle Carnegie
20 th	Dan & Shirley Dale
20 th	Todd & Kelly Ruddock
21 st	Tom & Marion Lammiman
22 nd	Bruce & Ruth Hammond

75th Birthday Celebration for JUDY BURGESS on Sunday October 21, 2018 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
At MASONIC CENTRE 42703 Fruit Ridge Line. Best wishes only.

New Sarum Baptist Church 180th Anniversary Service - Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 3:00 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Neil Cudney Blue Grass Music by: The Parson and Easy Pickens
Roast Beef & Turkey Dinner to follow service

What is the difference between a sentence that's well-written and a sentence that's, well, written.

Plains Church Notes 9 Sept 2018

The lawn sign announced the re-start of Sunday school, "Serving up faith and fun". Children, parents and grandparents completed the registration process and the learning as disciples of Jesus was underway. Everyone was invited to stay for lunch of salads, hot dogs and desserts. Grandparents Day saw leadership in the worship service given by Floyd & Sharon Axford, Jo-Anne Pettit and Malcolm Rust. The Act of Recovenanting between congregation and children was shared by Donna and Heather Limon, Biz and Eric Tucker. The greeter was Deacon Linda Willand.

The DVD discussion group "Christian History Made Easy" starts Thursday October 04 at 10.30am.

Forms for those interested in suggesting a scripture or subject for the last Sunday morning of the month are available and can be submitted to the church office.

Introducing her theme of the morning "Stranger Encounters" Pastor Margaret Bell spoke about her interactions with her next door neighbor about "Buttons" the rabbit visiting their back yard. In approaching the expected owner, a few doors away, her neighbor suggested Margaret make the visit, "You do it. You're the God-person. You are used to meeting new people." How typical! We are often reticent to start up a conversation with a stranger. In fact, children are taught to ignore strangers for their own safety!

The Jewish people were taught, "And you shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt". Exodus 22verse 21. New American Standard 1977.

Pastor Bell had read the passage in Mark 7:24-37 which appears to have been a learning moment for Jesus. The good news of God's kingdom was a global message not a national one. The woman's response put him back on the right side of the fence. Loving the stranger is the spiritual and international goal of peace. Protect the vulnerable. Treat others as we want to be treated.

Malcolm Rust

Plains Church Notes – 23 Sept 2018

Pastor Margaret Bell talked to the children about the difference between sympathy and empathy. We often express our sympathy when a friend or a pet dies. We are sorry for their loss. Empathy goes a little further. We imagine ourselves in their position, like walking in their shoes. We feel their pain and try to help. Pastor Bell prayed, *Please God, help us look after those not at the front of the line. Help us share your love and goodness as we try and feel what it is like for them, as we show empathy.*

When introducing the worship act of giving our offerings Pastor Bell quoted Saint Julian of Norwich. *The greatest honor we can give Almighty God is to live gladly because of the knowledge of his love.*

The choir sang *It is well with my soul* after which the congregation erupted with applause. The greeter was Deacon Michael Sargeant. Elsie Walker led in the Call to worship. George Lidster and Tom Lammiman collected the offerings. Christian History Made Easy, a DVD study, will begin this week and continue on Thursday mornings. Next Sunday the sermon title will be *Satan – is he real?* This will be the first of a series of requested sermon themes on the last Sunday of each month. There will also be a Service of Child Presentation and Parental Dedication with the Ralf family, Danielle, Bill and their children Darrin, Justin and Raelynn on 30 Sept 2018. The church's 188th Anniversary will be on Sunday 14 Oct. There will be a pot-luck lunch after the worship service.

The sermon theme was based on the Bible reading from Mark 9 verse 35, *Making The Church Great Again*. Pastor Bell spoke of how society sees greatness referring to Wayne Gretzky and Neil Armstrong as examples. The disciples wanted a different ending to the story of the death and resurrection of Jesus. They argued who of them would be greatest in His kingdom, Vice-Messiah or Deputy Savior. Jesus used a child who has no power, control or influence to make his point. In God's eyes, greatness is a measure of humility and humanity. It has to do with service, especially serving the most vulnerable. Jesus came to prove that greatness is doable. He welcomes us into his circle.

Malcolm Rust



FACES OF REMEMBRANCE

Photos of congregational members, families or friends who served in WW 1, WW 2 or in military service in recent years are wanted! They will be scanned into a video presentation for Sunday November 11 for Remembering Sunday.

Please submit 1 to 2 photos to Phyllis Huffman or to the church office by or before Sunday, October 21. Be sure to put your name on the backs of photos so that they will be returned to the right owners.

Thank you!

If My Body Were a Car

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull, but that's not the worst of it.

My fenders are too wide to be considered stylish. They were once as sleek as a little MG; now they look more like an old Ford Edsel.

My seat cushions have split open at the seams. My seats are sagging. Seat belts? I gave up all belts when Krispy Kremes opened a shop in my neighbourhood.

Air bag's? Forget it. The only bags I have these days are under my eyes. Not counting the



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saddlebags, of course.

I have sooo many miles on my odometer.

Sure, I've been many places and seen many things, but when was the last time an appraiser factored life experiences against depreciation?

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed.

My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But the worst of it is almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

Author unknown

Submitted by Judy Jacklin



Bill, Danielle Ralf and family and Pastor Bell



Lillian Bell, Pastor Bell, Bob Bell and Deacon Phyllis Huffman

On Sunday September 30 a service of Child Presentation and Parental Dedication took place for Bill and Danielle Ralf and their children. The children were presented with Bible Story Books and a youth Bible.

Also on that Sunday, Bob and Lillian Bell were welcomed as new members of the Plains congregation by transfer of membership. They were presented with membership certificates by Deacon, Phyllis Huffman.

A potato and a sweet potato were playing on the playground. The sweet potato told the potato, "Hey, I just found out I'm related to you."

The potato said, "No you are not!" The sweet potato said back, "Yes, I yam."



**FIRST YARMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
as at September 30, 2018**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fu</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	77,140.96	2,699.53	2,712.57	170.00	82,723.06
Expenses	<u>70,107.20</u>	<u>2,699.53</u>	<u>1,957.44</u>	<u>170.00</u>	<u>74,934.17</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	7,033.76	0.00	755.13	0.00	7,788.89
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 09/30/2018	<u>49,435.94</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,382.26</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50,818.20</u>

Notes:

- The General Fund has a net gain as at 30th of September 2018 of \$7,033.76
Grass cutting invoices are paid up until the end of June, 2018.
- Total Missions income as of the end of September, 2018 totalled \$2,699.53. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$1,322.50 - CBOQ Local Missions - \$180.00; CBM - General Budget - \$609.03; and CBM Sharing Way undesignated - \$588.00.
- The Communion fund had a net gain at the end of September 2018 of \$755.13.
There is an amount from previous years of \$627.13, for a total Communion Fund of \$1,382.26.
- The designated Sunday School amount as at 30th of September, 2018 totalled \$170.00.
That amount has been paid to the Sunday School Treasurer at the end of the 3rd quarter.
- The Cemetery Fence Project has now been completed, including the plaque to honour the donors. To date, expenses total \$28,735.30. 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.
- There is a memorial donation for the late Peg Bell in the amount of \$1,500 which is undesignated, and a balance of \$31.75 in memory of Peg for Choir Music.
- An amount of \$1,000 has been received from the Executors of the Estate of Helen (Peg) Bell, and is not yet designated.
- There is a memorial donation for the late Earl Kipp of \$100, plus \$1,000 from the Estate of the late Earl Kipp.
- Donations in memory of the late Tom Marshman total \$50.00.
- It is very helpful to the Financial Secretary when opening envelopes each Sunday morning if donors record on the outside of the envelope exactly where their donations are to go. Thank you for your assistance in this.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley E. Dale, Treasurer

Sunday School Report

The Sunday School is alive and well. We started this segment with the theme "Going to Biblical Places". The first place we visited was CANA and we talked about Jesus' first miracle. We had spent time discussing the word "betrothal" when the bride is set apart until the groom comes back for her. We also had fun with "The parable of the feast" – and the Sunday School class opened their mailbox to find an invitation from "The King of Transformers". He invited us to a banquet. The children learned that he wanted us to spend time with him everyday and then become lights to the world. A pinata was the highlight of the party and everyone found little "ligurs" for their fingers to solidify the teaching. We are looking forward to our adventures by the Sea of Galilee. Thanking God for all His guidance in the Holy Spirit.



Leena Sibley

Pastor's Note

THANK YOU, PLAINS PEOPLE

THANK YOU, PLAINS PEOPLE
FOR BEING **WHOSE** YOU ARE:
SPIRIT ANOINTED, CHRIST APPOINTED
SERVANTS OF THE ONE AND ONLY
LIVING AND LOVING GOD!
THANK YOU, PLAINS PEOPLE
FOR BEING **WHO** YOU ARE--
A CHEERFUL BAND OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS
ALWAYS READY TO PRAY
PLAY OR EAT, LEND AN EAR OR LEND A HAND
STEPPING UP TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBOURS
OR DONATE DOLLARS FOR PERFECT STRANGERS!
THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING
WHAT YOU ARE--
ALWAYS GAME
TO TRY SOMETHING NEW
ACCEPTING OF EACH OTHER'S DIFFERENCES
AND QUICK TO PUT PEOPLE BEFORE RULES.

THANK YOU, PLAINS CHILDREN
FOR BEING A BIG PART OF OUR CHURCH--
FOR YOUR ENERGY AND EXHUBERANCE
FOR YOUR INQUISITIVE NATURES, SIMPLE FAITH
AND NOISEY OUTBURSTS:
HOLY NOISES
WHICH BOUNCE OFF THE WALLS OF OAK HALL
AND DANCE AROUND THE CHURCH AISLES.

THANK YOU, PLAINS LEADERS
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO--
FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS OF TIME
WISDOM
AND TERRIFIC TEAM SPIRIT!

THANK YOU, PLAINS WOMEN
FOR THE EVENTS PLANNED AND EXECUTED
WITH PRAYERFUL PRECISION--
ESPECIALLY LUNCHESES WHICH PROVIDE
COMFORT-FILLING FOOD TO GRIEVING FAMILIES.

THANK YOU, PLAINS GENTS
FOR THE SATURDAY BREAKFAST TOURS YOU TAKE
AND FOR ALL THE SWEAT EQUITY
YOU EXPEND TO KEEP THE HOUSE OF GOD SHIP- SHAPE.

THANK YOU, FABULOUS MUSIC-MAKERS, OFFERING TAKERS
COFFEE AND TEA MAKERS AND KITCHEN & LAWN CARE-TAKERS!

THANK YOU, AGAIN, PLAINS FAMILY, FOR YEARS AND YEARS OF
PRAYING, GIVING, LAUGHING, CRYING, HOLDING HUGGING, LOVING,
FORGIVING, GIFT-GIVING, BREAKING BREAD, BAPTISING, BLESSING,
AND COMMUNION PARTAKING!

LAST BUT NOT LEAST,
THANK YOU, GOOD PLAINS PEOPLE
FOR LOVING YOUR PASTOR THE WAY YOU DO
AND LETTING ME LOVE YOU BACK THE WAY I DO.
THANKS BE TO GOD
FOR LEADING EACH OF YOU TO THIS CHURCH
AND TO JESUS FOR SHEPHERDING
THIS FLOCK FOR OVER 188 YEARS!
PRAISE AND GLORY TO OUR LOVING GOD
FOR "THY GREAT FAITHFULNESS" --
YESTERDAY, TODAY AND IN EVERY TOMORROW!
AMEN!

Happy Thanksgiving,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.