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THE PLAIN FACTS
a monthly newsletter of

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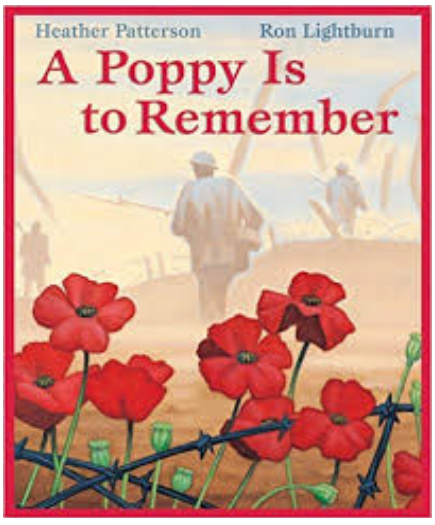


PRAYER CONCERNS

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.

Cathy Tredenick
Eleanor House
Joslyn Wilcox
Ashleigh & family
Jason Carnegie
Jill Coull
Michael Kingswood
Marilyn Cartwright
Dave & Janet Stewart
Vince Melvin
Cannady Family
Sally Paul
Mary Underhill
Family of Penny Kay
Ray Martin
George Lidster
Betty Jones
Neil
Janet & Dennis
Ken Wilson
Ray Martin
Heather Crafts
Marilyn Smith
Family of Cecil Somerville
Jack & Noreena Satchell
Ellen Brekelmans' family
Phil
Family of Dustin Symms
Family of Marilyn Weare

Sunday Scripture Readings

November 03
Luke 19: 1-10
2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12

November 10 - Remembering Sunday

November 17
2 Thessalonians 3:6 - 13
Isaiah 65: 17 - 25

November 24 - Reign of Christ
Luke 23: 33 - 43
Colossians 1:11-20

December 01
Isaiah 2: 1-5
Matthew 24: 36 - 44

In Sympathy

The Plains family extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Penny Kay who died on October 7, 2019 at the age of 68. Dearly loved wife of Paul Kay and loving mother of Don and Stacey of Australia and Cory of Sparta, and grandmother of Madison, Riley, Katelyn, Gabriella and Brady. Penny was a member of New Sarum Baptist Church and formerly Sparta Baptist Church. She was an accomplished vocal soloist. She will be greatly missed. The funeral service was held on October 18, with Pastor Margaret Bell presiding.

The Plains family extend sincere sympathy to Mabel Somerville and the family of Cecil Somerville who died on October 21 at 93 years. He was the father of Doug Somerville (Eva), Donna Robbins (Jim) and Carol Robbins. Cherished grandfather of Dana, Darren, Kevin and Jenny and great grandfather of Ethan and Miles. He was the retired owner and operator of Somerville Bus Lines. He was the last of his family.

The Plains extends sincere sympathy to Bob, Richard and Cheri Weare and families at the passing of Marilyn Weare on October 27. Marilyn was a long-time member of the Plains Church (l967) She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. The funeral service was held at Plains on October 31, with Pastor Margaret officiating.

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 02 Sat 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. **Open House - Charlie and Betty Rewbotham 50th Wedding Anniversary** at 6011 Fairview Road.

Nov 03 Sun 10:00 A.M. **Sunday Service -** Communion Sunday **- Preacher Exchange** Plains will host the Rev. Mark Perry, pastor of Union United Church who will bring the message for the day and preside at the Communion Table. Pastor Margaret has been invited to preach at Union that Sunday as the Union United Church marks its 199th Anniversary**.**
Daylight Savings time ends.

Nov 09 Sat 9:30 - 11:30 A.M. **LADIES AID CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Nov 10 Sun 10:00 A.M. **Sunday Service - Remembering Sunday**

Nov 13 Wed 8:30 A.M. After 8's Breakfast - Sunset Cafe

Nov 17 Sun 10:00 A.M. **Sunday Service -** Caring Cupboard Sunday

Nov 24 Sun 10:00 A.M. **Sunday Service**

Dec 01 Sun 10:00 A.M. **Sunday Service** - **Advent 1** - Communion Sunday - Followed by
11:30 A.M. Soup and Sandwich luncheon in Oak Hall
7:00 P.M. EBA Advent Music Night, Aylmer Baptist Church

Dec 06 Fri 6:30 P.M. Elgin Baptist Women Ladies Christmas Dinner at Plains Baptist Church Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings.

Dec 10 Tue 12:00 P.M. **Ladies Aid Pot luck lunch -** All ladies and men welcome.
1:00 P.M. **Musical Entertainment - Doug and Mary Sawyer** AND **Ken Jacklin**

for **Caring Cupboard** bring feminine hygiene products, personal hygiene products i.e. toilet tissue, tooth paste, soap, etc.

Plan to attend the
LADIES AID CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY, NOV. 09 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
Refreshments served in Oak Hall; Craft Table, Bake Table, Books, Cookies, Attic Treasures, etc.

BAZAAR HELPERS:
Anyone available and interested in assisting behind the tables selling goods, in the kitchen preparing and washing up, serving goodies and coffee or clearing and setting tables for 1 hour or for 2 hours, at this event are most welcome. A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the church sanctuary or contact Nancy Millman 519-775-2526 / anmillman@rogers.com

BAZAAR DONATIONS:
Donations of hand crafted and baked goods are welcome. Please package items like cookies and squares by the dozen or half dozen on new paper, styrofoam or plastic containers, and priced ready for sale.
Price lists will be made available at the back of the sanctuary for your convenience.
We ask that all other donations be clean and in working condition and not brought to the church before the morning of Thursday, November 07 when set-up takes place.

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending, then having the two as close together as possible. *George Burns*

ELGIN BAPTIST WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER
Friday, December 6, 2019
6:30 p.m. at PLAINS CHURCH
$16.00 for a full course turkey dinner
Please advise LOUISE SARGEANT - mgsel@execulink.com or 519-769-2670 if you plan to attend, **BY** Sunday, December 1.
Bring a "gift in a bag" to be sold for $5.00 AND
Bring Canadian Tire money -
Proceeds of both going to **"SHE MATTERS"**

OPEN HOUSE - 50th Wedding Anniversary - Charlie and Betty Rewbotham.
Saturday, November 02, 2019 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at 6011 Fairview Road. Hosted by Sherri, Melanie, SueAnne and their families. Best wishes only, or a non-perishable donation to the local food bank.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Hailey Noble	16th	Jack Satchell (96)	23rd	Mary Lou Pearson
6th	Jessica Axford	16th	Betty Jones (100)	25th	Nicholas Dale
6th	Carolyn Plaunt	17th	Betty Shelley-Wiebe	27th	Cameron Dale
6th	Margaret Bell	17th	Tim Barrett	27th	Liam Bradley
9th	Matthew McCarthy	17th	Leilah Sibley	29th	Floyd Axford (80)
9th	Evan Plaunt	18th	Emma Greenslade	30th	Ollie Perry (93)
11th	Phyllis Rouse	18th	George Lidster		
14th	Christopher Nicolle	20th	Carter Ruddock		
15th	Betty Lidster	21st	Milt Springer		
16th	Eric Plaunt	22nd	Carol Maes		

ANNIVERSARIES

23rd Jack & Noreena Satchell (70)

FLOYD AXFORD 80TH BIRTHDAY Come and Celebrate
Saturday, November 30, 2019 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. drop in
Casco Station - Anderson Hall, 750 Talbot Street, St. Thomas

Church Notes 29 September 2019

Often, Pastor Margaret Bell suggests the theme of her sermon by what she says to the children. On this occasion, she opened a box of Smarties onto a plate, asking the children what was their favourite color. Then she pointed out they all taste the same, inside they are all the same. Just as we are outwardly different we have all been created in love to love and be loved.

Rarely, will members of a congregation stand and applaud after a sermon. Applause, yes, from time to time but to stand with the preacher – that was a very unusual thing. Not everyone stood. Maybe some disagreed with her position. Others were undecided. But several were enthusiastic in their agreement.

In our series, "It's your choice" topic Pastor Bell addressed the question, What is the future for the church with respect to

same sex relationships?" With courage and clarity she answered stating her understanding of the scriptures, her knowledge of the beliefs and practices of some of the churches in our denomination (Canadian Baptists in Ontario & Quebec) and stating her own personal position.
Margaret has been asked to allow her notes to be printed and distributed. *Submitted by Malcolm Rust*

Plains Church notes Thanksgiving Sunday 13 Oct 2019
How do you show you are happy? That was the question posed by Pastor Margaret Bell and the children answered: By doing the happy dance; by smiling or by squealing at the top of your lungs to freak out your parents! God wants us to show we are happy by helping others and making them happy too.
Flowers in the sanctuary were placed in loving memory of the late George Wilson by his family. To the applause of the congregation, Donna Limon and Donna Crocker were thanked for the beautiful Harvest display. The funeral of Penny Kay of Sparta was announced. She died suddenly this week. Bob Bell will be celebrating his 90th birthday. Ray and Vera Martyn will celebrate 64 years of marriage. Simon Bradley was congratulated on his 13th birthday.
Canada has marked Thanksgiving with a statutory holiday since 1957. Pastor Bell reminded us that long before the pilgrims from the Mayflower and the Indigenous people had expressed their gratitude to the Creator for all the blessings and bounty of the land. Though not part of the calendar of the church year these expressions of gratitude are meaningful especially to those of us privileged to live in close proximity to the trees, fields and lakes.
Having read Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Pastor Bell spoke of the ancient thanksgiving festivals observed by the Jews. A concise narrative was repeated every year as they brought their offering of first fruits. It told of Joseph; "A wandering Aramean was my father … he went down into Egypt… he became a nation… the Egyptians treated us badly… the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand." The people were reminded where they came from. That is also part of our faith story as we give thanks for the harvest. "Once we were slaves in Egypt" but now in the familiar words of the song, once we were lost but have been found, were blind but now we see. *Submitted by Malcolm Rust*

Plains Church Notes 27 October 2019
Wendy Lessard chose all the hymns used at the "It's Your Choice" Sunday and the theme was selected by Marilyn Pettit, "Country Gospel Music". Her selection included: The Circuit Riding Preacher, Do Lord/I'll fly away, God on the Mountain, Love Lifted Me, Standing on the Promises, In the Garden, In My Hearth There Rings a Melody and When the Roll is called up Yonder. The hymns were Blessed Assurance and How Great Thou Art.
The service was conducted by Pastor Margaret Bell who spoke to the children about the Hymn, "What a Friend we have in Jesus". Pastor Bell also introduced each of the Gospel songs with a brief summary.
After a bag lunch, the Fall Church business meeting was chaired by John Gibbons and encouraging reports were given.
Submitted by Malcolm Rust

IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Sunday

Members of our congregation are invited to submit topics for the Worship and Sermon themes on the last Sunday of each month. Submission forms are provided at the back of the sanctuary or you may email your request to the church office. Our thanks to those who submitted topics and were also willing to participate in leadership in the services by reading a scripture, choosing hymns, and mulling over their topic with the Pastor.

As a child of God, prayer is kinda like calling home every day.

Charlie receiving his award from Bill Fehr

CONGRATULATIONS

Charlie Rewbotham and **Todd Noble** were nominated for the Celebrate Central Elgin Volunteer Service Award. This award is given to individuals who have contributed a significant amount of volunteer time and energy towards the development of community life in Central Elgin.

Todd receiving his award from Karen Cook

Ellen receiving her award from Ernie Harderman, M.P.P, and Jeff Yurek, M.P.

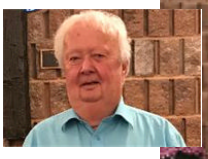
Ellen Brekelmans was honoured with the Ontario Volunteer Service Award for 10 years of volunteering at Caressant Care on Bonnie Place, in St. Thomas.

Gospel Music Sunday

Marilyn Pettit and Wendy Lessard displaying their Gaither souvenir shirt from their cruise to Alaska.

All photos but one by Betty Rewbotham

With Wendy Lessard at the piano,and Marilyn Pettit chosing the hymns the congregation was led by the choir for Gospel Music Sunday on Oct. 27.



Insert: Gary Higgs

Front: Marilyn Pettit, Wendy Lessard. Row 2: Pastor Margaret Bell, Sherry Graham, Amy Dale, Dan Dale, Marian Lammiman , Marjorie Higgs, Pat Kennedy.
Back row: Ken Greenslade, Phyllis Huffman, Edith Norton, Ross Woodhouse, Donna Limon.

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

	General Fund	Missions	Communion F	Sunday School	Totals
Income	77,121.02	3,728.70	2,746.50	280.00	83,876.22
Expenses	78,399.28	3,728.70	2,570.11	265.00	84,963.09
Net Gain(Loss)	(-1,278.26)	0.00	176.39	15.00	(-1,086.87)
Balance end of 2018	50,071.60	0	769.99	0.00	50,841.59
Balance as a 10/31/2019	48,793.34	0.00	946.38	15.00	49,754.72

1. The General Fund shows a net loss as of October 31st, 2019 of ($-1,278.26).

2. Missions income as of October 31, 2019 totalled $3,728.70. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget $2,246.00; CBOQ Local Missions - $200.00; CBM - General Budget - $866.70; CBM Sharing Way undesignated - $286.00, and Hurricane Dorian Bahamas - $130.00.

3. The Communion fund had a net gain at the end of October 2019 of $176.39. There is an amount from previous years of $769.99, leaving a balance in the Communion Fund of $946.38.

4. The designated Sunday School amount as at 31st of October , 2019 was $280.00. That amount will paid to the Sunday school Treasurer at the end of the 4th quarter.

5. The balance in the Future Projects Fund at the end of October 2019 totals $1,844.38. Donations towards the Future Projects Fund are gratefully accepted.

Respectfully Submitted
Shirley E. Dale, Treasurer

SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH
Sunday, December 01 at 11:30 A.M.
(Following Sunday Service)
ALL PROCEEDS from your donation for lunch will go to
CHRISTMAS CARE.

Volunteers are welcomed for coffee/tea preparation and also for cleaning up afterwards.

Guidance and assistance will be provided, if requested.
Please sign the list on the church bulletin board located by the office.

Pastor's Page

A Prayer for Remembrance Day

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives have been taken away.
in world wars and conflicts of the past and present---

We think of the people who love them in death as in life.
We pray for all members of the Canadian armed forces
who are in places of danger on this day.
We remember their families and friends
and all who pray for their safe return.

We pray for those who are wounded:
physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.
We pray for the grieving and the homeless,
and for all who suffer due to wars and conflicts.

We pray for women, and children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war and violence.

Bless all the peace-makers and peace-keepers, who
seek to keep this world secure and safe for us all.

God of truth and justice, hear our prayers
for all who strive for peace: peace on the earth,
and peace *for* Mother Earth.
Bless and embolden all of us to peacefully
wage the battle for justice.

Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
and work together for a better tomorrow;
As we honour the past, may we put
our faith in your future. AMEN.

Blessings and peace to you, my friends.
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