



THE PLAIN FACTS

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PRAYER CONCERNS

To protect the privacy concerns of our families, friends, neighbors 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	Marilyn Cartwright	Alma Hopkins	Heather Crafts
Dave & Janet Stewart	Ray Martin	Milton Springer	Family of Eleanor House
Vince Melvin	Michael Kingswood	Carol Maes	Karl Crocker
Ashley & family	Cannady Family	Neil	Family of Jack Satchell
Jason Carnegie	Sally Paul	Janet & Dennis	Ellen Brekelmans' family
Jill Coull	Mary Underhill	Phil	Greg Lidster
Ferne Jameson-Pell	Dick & Jim Ronald	Larry Mizon	Betty Graham
Family of Lillian Bell	Family of Warren Doner	Marilyn Smith	Ed Somerville
Don Gillard	Marietta Roberts	Family of Doreen Burd	

Sunday Scripture Readings

March 01- Lent 1

Matthew 4: 4 - 11
Romans 5: 12 - 19

March 08 - Lent 2

John 3: 1 - 17

March 15 - Lent 3

John 4: 5 - 42

March 22 - Lent 4

John 9: 1 - 41

March 29 - Lent 5

John 11: 1 - 45

April 05 - Palm/Passion Sunday

Matthew 21: 1 - 11
Psalm 118: 1 - 2, 19 - 29

In Sympathy

The Plains Church family extend our sympathy to Dan and Shirley Dale and the family of Eleanor House who passed away on February 3, 2020 at the age of 88. Dearly loved mother of Gerald and his wife Nancy House and Shirley and her husband Danial Dale, sister-in-law of Karin Abbott. Much loved grandmother of Matthew (Lisa) House, Amy Dale (Mike) Jackson, Christopher (Rebecca) House, Jamey (Heather) Dale, Nicole House-Sera (Anthony Sera) and Nicholas and (Julee) Dale. Great grandmother to Emma, Gracie, Evan, Ethan, Bella, Tyler, Troy, Liam, Hazel, Cameron and Kolton. Predeceased by her husband, Ernest House in 1978 and by her brother Tom Marshman in 2018 (late Mildred). The funeral service was held at Plains Church, February 8th with Pastor Margaret Bell officiating.

The Plains Church family extend our sympathy to Robert Bell and the family of Lillian Bell, who passed away on February 9, 2020 at the age of 88.

The Plains Church family extend our sincere sympathy to Noreena Satchell and the family of Jack Satchell who passed away on February 21, 2020 at the age of 96. Father of Dale Satchell (Carol Bamford) of St. Thomas and Sharyl Satchell (Jim Howard) of Tagish Yt.; predeceased by his son John Philip Satchell (1982). Grandfather to Christopher Satchell (Amy Bennett) of Burlington, Rebecca (Pat) Bonta and their daughters Myla and Embry of London, Tracy Satchell of London, Nick (Eiko) Watkins of Japan and Justine (Andrew Bell) of Vancouver. The funeral service was held at Shawn Jackson Funeral home on February 26, 2020 with Pastor Margaret Bell officiating.



EVENTS FOR MARCH

Mar 01 Sun 10:00 A.M.
Mar 02 Mon 9:30 - 3:00
Mar 05 Thur 10:30 A.M.
Mar 06 Fri 2:00 P.M.
Mar 08 Sun 10:00 A.M.

Sunday Service - Communion Sunday
Plains "Knotty Quilters" quilting in Oak Hall. All crafters welcome bring your own projects. Bring your own lunch.
DVD Lenten Study-DATELINE JERUSALEM The trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus as TV news would report it today. All Welcome
World Day of Prayer - Port Stanley United Church-All Welcome
Sunday Service Sunday Daylight Saving time

Mar 09 Mon 9:30 - 3:00
Mar 11 Wed 8:30 A.M.
Mar 12 Thur 10:30 A.M.

Plains "Knotty Quilters" quilting in Oak Hall. All crafters welcome bring your own projects. Bring your own lunch.
After 8's Breakfast - at Sunset Café
DVD Lenten Study-DATELINE JERUSALEM The trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus as TV news would report it today. All Welcome

Mar 15 Sun 10:00 A.M.
Mar 16 Mon 9:30 - 3:00
Mar 17 Tues 1:30 p.m.
Mar 23 Mon 9:30 - 3:00
Mar 26 Thur 10:30 A.M.

Sunday Service
Plains "Knotty Quilters" quilting in Oak Hall. All crafters welcome bring your own projects. Bring your own lunch.
Ladies Aid Meeting - NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.
Plains "Knotty Quilters" quilting in Oak Hall.
All crafters welcome - bring your own projects. Bring your own lunch.
DVD Lenten Study-DATELINE JERUSALEM The trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus as TV news would report it today. All Welcome

Mar 29 Sun 10:00 A.M.
Mar 30 Mon 9:30 - 3:00
Apr 02 Thur 10:30 A.M.

Sunday Service
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DVD Lenten Study-DATELINE JERUSALEM The trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus as TV news would report it today. All Welcome

Apr 05 Sun 10:00 A.M.
Apr 10 Fri 10:00 A.M.
Apr 12 Sun 7:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.
Apr 19 Sun 10:00 A.M.
12:00 P.M.

Sunday Service - Communion Sunday - Palm Sunday
Good Friday Service
Sunrise Service - Light Breakfast
Easter Sunday Service
Sunday Service
Followed by a Church Family Pot Luck lunch in Oak Hall to celebrate the **30th Anniversary** of Pastor Margaret's call to Plains Church.
Guest speaker Jillian Johnston, leader of the local chapter of "Girls Day Out".

Two worms are staring at the sky one Spring night. One turns to the other and says, "Don't you wish we could explore outer space like the humans?" The other looks down and says, "No, I'm an earthworm at heart."



None of the plants could figure out why water from the sprinkler wasn't getting to their roots. After a thorough investigation, the lettuce turned and said "There's a leek in the garden."

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS AT PLAINS

Since it's February now the weather may be frightful
On the other hand, it could be just delightful
The uncertainty of it all can get almost painful
Especially if you're planning to do something joyful
You see 30 years ago we were blessed, to be truthful
By Margie Bell, who came and stayed, for which we are grateful
A celebration of this fact, to be sure would be rightful
But since its winter in Canada, we chose to be careful
When spring comes we'll show we can set an example
There'll be cake and balloons to show we are grateful
That Margie hung in through the years, even when it got stressful
So be patient and wait while the weather is vengeful
Stay tuned and come spring, we'll plan something tasteful
We love you Margie Bell, and we are always hopeful
That our time spent together can be called ever cheerful.
And here's flowers for you on this day so eventful
A token to show that we think you're just wonderful.



Phyllis Huffman

Rev. Margaret Bell, Deacon Phyllis Huffman

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Marlene Smith	18 th	Jackson Wilcox
6 th	Shirley Griffin	18 th	Edith Norton
7 th	Jenny Lee Graham	21 st	Dave Higgs
7 th	Hazel Brekelmans	23 rd	Pat Walker
8 th	Mark Higgs	25 th	Jason Carnegie
9 th	Alexander Chen Martyn	29 th	Jill Coull
10 th	Kathy Sawyer	29 th	Marilyn Pettit
11 th	Annie Springer	29 th	Sharon Wilson
14 th	John Norton	29 th	Leena Sibley
16 th	Spencer Noble	30 th	Jonathan Higgs
17 th	Kaitlyn McCarthy	30 th	RaeLynn Ralf

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

10 th	Jim & Marilyn Cartwright
28 th	Jack & Linda Cummings

Highlights of the Annual Congregational Meeting, February 9 2020

Clerk Assistant was Mary Crosby.

Pastor Margaret Bell opened the meeting with a devotional which included reading entries from her late mother's diary on February 4, 1990 recording Margie's move to St. Thomas and her first sermon at Plains.

Michael Sargeant was nominated as Chairperson.

The printed and circulated Annual Report was addressed and approval was recorded for the Agenda, and for the Minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2019. The printed reports in Section "A" were approved.

Malcolm Rust expressed, on behalf of the congregation, thanks to Phyllis Huffman and Martin Proulx for getting the church web site up and running, to George and Betty Lidster for recording the weekly attendance register, and to Nancy Millman for the publication of the monthly News Letter.

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He also suggested that the sermons by Rev. Bell on *"It's Your Choice"* Sundays, might be compiled and published at some future date.

The Operating Budget for 2020 in section "B" was approved. The Nominating Committee Report for 2020 was approved, following the correction to include the category of Oak Hall Set-Up, listing Charlie Rewbotham. Tom Lammiman spoke on behalf of the Trustees, noting that the proposed up-grades to the sanctuary would begin soon.

Under New Business, the motion to remove George Lidster from the position of Trustee at the end of his five year term was approved.

The next congregational meeting will be held on Sunday May 24, 2020 at noon.

The meeting was adjourned. Malcolm Rust gave the closing prayer.

Plains Church Notes 9 February 2020

Pastor Margaret Bell reminded the children of the time Jesus said that we were to be light and salt to the world. Using a flashlight in a darkened sanctuary she talked about the importance of light that gives us energy, makes things grow and helps us see where we are going. Salt can heal and improves the taste. Both suggest helpful things about the way we live. "Shake and shine", she said.

Our service today is followed by bag lunches and the annual church meeting. Next week's service will include the dedication of leaders for the coming year. The Lenten DVD study "Dateline Jerusalem" will begin Thursday 20 February at 10.30am.

Proceeds from the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on 25 February will be donated to the Union Community Centre. Flowers in the sanctuary today are in loving memory of Eleanor House. Deacon John Gibbons greeted the congregation. Jack Cummings and Paul O'Drowsky took part.

The service started with the hymn, "Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead...find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed, clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be".

Using as her title, "Cracks of Light, Salty Tears" Margaret pointed out that Jesus describes his followers as light and salt. He was being descriptive, not prescriptive. Often our self-image is fashioned by how we are treated early in life. Not all feel loved and secure, shown kindness and empathy. Jesus suggested a new way of thinking about ourselves. Reject the negative voices and listen to him. In the crowd listening to him were many common people who felt inferior to the religious leaders of their day. So often Jesus reminded people, "All you need is Love". To practice our faith we just need to let the love flow. We are made in God's image, with hearts of love and many gifts. Our life may have had its darker moments but perhaps someone needs to just catch a glimpse of God's love to find a way home. "Salt and light – you are certainly that to me" Thanks be to God.

To quote the closing hymn: "Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace... We will go forth in grace alone." *Malcolm Rust*

Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire. Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper."

Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"

Plains Church Notes 16 Feb 2020 Family Day Weekend

The children were asked about their heroes. Who do they look up to and admire? Pastor Margaret Bell received replies ranging from Superman, Batman, my girlfriend, to my Dad. As followers of Jesus we are to treat others in the way that we like to be treated.

Amy Dale and the choir sang, "Lamb of God". The leaders for 2020-2021 who were elected at last week's Annual Meeting were asked to stand and be recognized. Then the members of the congregation were invited to stand in support of them and Pastor Bell offered prayer for the leaders.

Flowers in the sanctuary were in loving memory of Jean Dennis, Wayne Ruddock and Dayna Ruddock given by Donna and Malcolm Rust. Flowers were given by his family in loving memory of Dennis Wilson who went to heaven 3 years ago. Heather Limon, Elizabeth and Eric Tucker took part in the service.

The proceeds from our Pancake Supper on Tuesday 25 February 4.30-6.30pm will be donated to the Union Community Centre (Sports Club). Tickets at the door. The World Day of Prayer for this area will be held at Port Stanley United Church on Friday 6 March at 2pm.

"Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names."
— John F. Kennedy

After reading passages from The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew chapter 5, Pastor Margaret told of giving a Valentines card to a close friend some years ago. The friend was upset because of the monkey on the card. Sometimes we experience a blip in a relationship that matters to us. It can happen when we are insensitive to the other person's feelings. Such are the misunderstandings of childhood days.

We have all experienced times when it's "hard to get over it" and to "move on". We want to follow the example of Jesus but it's easier to harbor resentment and want to give back. So the challenge of Jesus is to look for other ways rather than sounding off with a knee-jerk reaction.

Jesus wants us to internalize his laws. Out of the heart comes love and forgiveness. Relationships do matter to God and other people. Our calling is to be "perfect" in the sense of being mature, of being people of integrity. Put the names of those who have wronged us on our prayer list and maybe one day you will be able to forgive and find healing.

Malcolm Rust

What's Your Big Hurry?

Sit back and relax, in your old favorite chair, And read what this writer, with you has to share.

The hustle and bustle, we do every day.
Our times shall pass quickly, and our lives, ebb away.
Relax, and slow down - and take a deep breath. Don't be
in a hurry to meet up with death.

This era we're living is all rushing and speed, And it's all
about money, that's bringing on greed.
Sit alone on the bench, or stroll through the park,
Watch children at play 'till day light turns dark
The years we were children, let your minds wander back.
Our lives and our bodies knew how to relax.

Today, it's all hurry, with our lives on the run.
Slow down, my dear reader, or your days shall be done.
Go visit your elders, should they still walk the earth.
Take a walk with them slowly, and make their life worth.
Your health is quite precious, as all folks should know.
Your life will last longer, relax and go slow.!



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FIRST YARMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT
as of February 29, 2020

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	14,785.56	503.34	665.90	230.00	16,184.80
Expenses	<u>15,235.13</u>	<u>503.34</u>	<u>421.05</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>16,159.52</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	(-449.57)	0.00	244.85	230.00	25.28
Balance end of 2019	<u>50,208.97</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>444.39</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50,653.36</u>
Balance as at 02/29/2020	<u>49,759.40</u>	0.00	689.24	230.00	50,678.64

1. The General Fund shows a net loss as of the 29th of February, 2020 of (-\$449.47).
2. Missions income as of February 29, 2020 totalled \$503.34. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$282.00; CBOQ Local Missions - \$40.00; CBM - General Budget - \$140.34; and CBM Sharing Way undesignated - \$41.00.
3. The Communion fund had a net gain at the end of February, 2020 of \$244.85. There is an amount from previous years of \$444.39, leaving a balance in the Communion Fund of \$689.24.
4. The designated Sunday School amount as at 29th of February, 2020 was \$230.00. That amount will be paid to the Sunday school Treasurer at the end of the 1st quarter.
5. The Future Projects Fund at the end of January, 2020 totals \$7,768.79. The Plains Ladies Aid and the Plains Social Committee have each generously pledged \$2,500 towards the Future Projects Fund, which would then give a total of \$12,768.79 towards the audio/visual upgrades. Donations towards the Future Projects Fund are gratefully accepted.

Respectfully Submitted
Shirley E. Dale, Treasurer

****On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to send a special thank you to all those who sent such lovely sympathy cards to our family on the loss of our dear Mom/Mother on February 3, 2020. Mom will be greatly missed, but she will live on in each of us. Love to all!**



FAMILY CAMP OUT
at Springwater
The dates are
FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
June 17 - 21, 2020
(Wednesday to Sunday)





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 AS LENT BEGINS

Lent has begun. It is a season for spring cleaning, not just of closets or basements or yards but of our spirits. In prayer let us ask God to push up the windows and throw wide the doors to our inner sanctum and let the Spirit of healing, grace and peace flow through.

To you, O God we open our hearts. Spirit that created form from chaos and life from water and dust, create in us pure hearts.

For words uttered or actions taken or withheld that diminished the light in another, or in ourselves, forgive us. Blow your wind and invigorate us. Fill us with gratitude for all that is good and great, simple yet profound in our lives that originates from your loving, creative force.

Thank you for the hugs of children, the wet, sloppy licks of dogs, those simple gestures of kindness from strangers, the extravagant offering of a home-baked pie or handwritten note from a friend. Thank you for the little things that happen to us that warm our hearts and bring an instant smile to our lips.

We give you thanks for the memory of a little blessing or two, human or in nature or in some other form that brightened our day and lifted our hearts--

Thank you, Gracious God for people who are gifts of joy and challenge, laughter and love in our lives. In silence, let us open our hearts to the needs of the world and bring them to the throne of grace.

Blow your wind of justice O God and uphold the creation that groans in agony due to pollution, raping of rain forests, destruction of species and the callous disregard by humans of the earth that produces our food.

Blow your wind of justice O God and protect the vulnerable among us, by raising up people of integrity in government and law-enforcement and neighborhoods who believe with all our hearts that you created us as equally deserving of respect, dignity, love and hope.

Blow your wind of compassion on the sick, the sorrowing, the dying and the desperate.

Lift them up and send us to share in their struggles and pray with them especially when their words fail and their faith is awash with pain.

Blow your Spirit breath upon us as we gather each Sunday for worship to celebrate your love and our unity as a Body of Christ in our community. We are mindful that we stand on the shoulders of generations of Christians who have faithfully yet imperfectly followed Jesus.

Spring cleaning God, Lent has begun.

Blow with your Spirit so that we in the sharing of bread, wine, song and word may be united in spirit and in truth, fortified for the long road ahead. Amen

Blessings to you, my friends

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margaret", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.