



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

**FIRST YARMOUTH  
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**JULY / AUGUST 2021**

This new plaque has been installed on the rear wall of the Plains church sanctuary. Our thanks to all who donated to the sanctuary renovation and audio/visual project, including the Social Committee and the Ladies Aid.

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| <i>Dave Axford</i>        | <i>Penny Kay</i>                 |
| <i>Betty Baker</i>        | <i>Earl Kipp</i>                 |
| <i>Lillian Bell</i>       | <i>Janet Marsfleet</i>           |
| <i>Peg &amp; Max Bell</i> | <i>Tom Marshman</i>              |
| <i>Jim Duffy</i>          | <i>Jim Maynard</i>               |
| <i>Gary Dunn</i>          | <i>Randy Paul</i>                |
| <i>Betty Graham</i>       | <i>Jack Satchell</i>             |
| <i>Eleanor House</i>      | <i>Lenie van Kasteren-deGouw</i> |
| <i>Ferne Jameson-Pell</i> | <i>Bob Van Velzer</i>            |
| <i>Betty Jones</i>        | <i>Marilyn Weare</i>             |



**Audio / Visual Equipment  
and Sanctuary Renovation  
2020**

*This project was made possible  
through generous donations  
and In Loving Memory 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.

Marilyn Cartwright	Rae Axford	Jenny and family	Vera Martin
Milton Springer	Deanna	Jill & Gerry Coull	Jason & Michelle Carnegie
Larry Mizon	Carl & Leena Sibley	Faith Seabrook	Cherie Doyon
Sally Paul	Rose	Wendy Lessard	Betty Plaunt
Jean Lammiman	John Doner	Charlie Rewbotham	Paula Welter
Karl and Donna Crocker and the family of Muriel Crocker Mercer			

### Sunday Scripture Readings

#### July 04-Pentecost 6

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10  
Mark 6: 1-13

#### July 11-Pentecost 7

Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1: 3-14  
Mark 6: 14-29

#### July 18-Pentecost 8

Ephesians 2: 11-22  
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56



### In Sympathy

The love and prayers of our Plains family is extended to the family of Muriel (Ashton) Crocker Mercer who died on June 5, 2021. She was 95 years. She was the wife of the late Jack Crocker (1981) and the late F. A. "John" Mercer (2004), and mother of Karl Crocker (Donna), Betty McCallum (Kenneth), Jane Watters (late Bob), Gail Hartop (Bart), Donald Crocker (Rita), and the late Carol Betterley (George). Muriel was a long-time faithful member of New Sarum Baptist Church and a friend to the Plains. She will be dearly missed by her family and church family. Her grandson, Rev. Chris Crocker officiated the grave side service in Orwell Cemetery on Thursday, June 10.



**Thank you** so much for the beautiful floral arrangement.

Carl and Leena Sibley

**Thank you** to my Plains Church Family for the lovely flowers that I received for my 93rd birthday. (June 11)

Toots Gillard

To my church family, **Thank you** for all your phone calls...emails...cards and the thoughtful Timmies gift card. **Thank you** Margie for your prayers and encouragement.

You have all made my treatments easier and I will be feeling better soon.

Charlie Rewbotham

To my Plains family, it's so nice to finally be home from my long hospital stay. And your very pretty flowers really put a smile on my face and brighten my room. **Thank you** all so much and Margie, **Thank you** for you for your prayers.

Jean Lammiman

To my Plains family, **Thank You** for the beautiful flower arrangement I received after my cataract surgery.

Marion Maynard

**Thank you** to our Plains family for the flowers we received for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (June 6, 2021).

Stephen and Carolyn Plaunt

What did the beaver say to the maple tree? It's been nice gnawing you.

July 01 Thur

CANADA DAY

July 04 Sun

Communion Sunday



Pastor Bell will be on vacation for 4 weeks starting Sunday July 18 to Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

A variety of Plains You Tube services may be revisited. There will not be Zoom coffee breaks until Margaret returns.

Feel free to contact the deacons: Betty Rewbotham, Wayne Dale, Linda Willand and Todd Noble if you need assistance, prayer, information etc.

The Pastor and deacons will continue to monitor the provincial regulations over the summer. We want everybody to move forward safely, with faith and confidence in each other and in our God who is always with us ...and is in this , with us!

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Limon	12 <sup>th</sup>	Todd Ruddock
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ashley Sawyer	16 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Graham
5 <sup>th</sup>	Carl Sibley	21 <sup>st</sup>	Don Ferguson
5 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Sargeant	25 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne Higgs
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Wilcox	25 <sup>th</sup>	Ellen Brekelmans
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sherri Doner	25 <sup>th</sup>	Aria MacCallum
8 <sup>th</sup>	Darrin Ralf	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Axford
10 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Higgs	27 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Jackson
10 <sup>th</sup>	Anna Woodhouse	28 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Weare
12 <sup>th</sup>	Carolyn Chesterfield	31 <sup>st</sup>	Erene Mifsud

### ANNIVERSARIES

6 <sup>th</sup>	Karl & Donna Crocker
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Jackson & Amy Dale
7 <sup>th</sup>	John & Sherry Doner
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tim & Cathy McCarthy
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave & Carolyn Chesterfield
26 <sup>th</sup>	John & Carrie Bolt
28 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Donna Limon
28 <sup>th</sup>	Ross & Anna Woodhouse



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sue Anne MacCallum	16 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Greenslade
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Vanderberghe	19 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Jacklin
6 <sup>th</sup>	Kolton Dale	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Marilyn Cartwright
8 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Cook	23 <sup>rd</sup>	John Gibbons
15 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Axford	24 <sup>th</sup>	Lesley Micallef
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bodhi MacCallum	25 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler VanDuynhoven

### 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

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

We love to celebrate the important milestones in the lives of our church family! If you would like your birthdate or anniversary included in our monthly Newsletter please notify Nancy Millman and you can join the list!

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The Newsletter Team



Sunday, June 13, 2021 - A Plains Family Drive-by Farewell to Hazel Brekelmans as she prepares for her move to Alberta to join her family-Simon, Emily and her husband Kevin.



Prior to the drive-by, loving farewell wishes were expressed by Pastor Margaret Bell, to Hazel Brekelmans, on behalf of the church Deacons: Wayne Dale, Todd Noble, Chair, Betty Rewbotham and Linda Willand.



Hazel received a floral arrangement



In addition to a cheque from the church and Sunday School, other gifts presented to Hazel included a set of leather oak leaf coasters, an oak leaf key ring, a pair of Sunday School tee shirts - one grandchild size (for future use) and one Hazel's size, and a floral arrangement.



Participants waited outside the church for the organizers to get everything in place. The day was pleasantly overcast, with a comfortable breeze—a perfect day for such a Plains family fun event!

Taking part in the drive-by were twenty vehicles, including one jeep and one motorcycle.

It was obvious that Hazel was enjoying seeing friends and receiving so many well wishes, cards and gifts, as well as expressions of love for both herself and for her family-Simon, Emily and Kevin. We wish them all the best!



Kim and Sherry Graham, aboard their 2005 Harley Fatboy motorcycle.

THANK  
YOU!



A huge heartfelt **thank you** to my Plains family. It meant so much to me to see everyone at the drive through on Sunday (June 12, 2021). I look back fondly on all the fun times and how I got teary eyed on all the hymns I loved to sing but could never make it through without crying.

All the chaotic pageant rehearsals, but when it came to performance night the kids always did an amazing job. So much fun.

You are all very special to me and I am so grateful for all the love and support I received in happy and sad times.

A special **thank you** to Margie for keeping me on the right path with her wise words and a shoulder to lean on when I needed it.

The gifts were wonderful and so appreciated. **Thanks** again for everything.

I will just say bye for now because I will be back.

Lots of love,

Hazel Brekelmans



### GRADUATE:

Carter Ruddock has graduated Grade 8 from Eva Circe Cote Public School. He will be attending East Elgin Secondary School in Septemer.

Carter is the son of Todd and Kelly Ruddock and grandson of Malcolm and Donna Rust.



In early June Plains Church, along with several other churches and organizations in St. Thomas, received a request regarding Grace Café, and it's need for assistance to be able to continue its valuable service while taking a much earned "break" for a week in early July. On June 9 the Ladies Aid sent a cheque for \$100 to Holy Angels Outreach for their project of providing food to many in the community during the week that Grace Café will be closed. A further \$500. will be forwarded to Grace Café upon their resumption of operation.



**FIRST YARMOUTH (PLAINS) BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Financial Statement as of 30th of June, 2021**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	47,672.36	1,723.52	1,626.00	0.00	51,021.88
Expenses	44,481.82	1,723.52	1,022.76	0.00	47,228.10
Net Gain(Loss)	3,190.54	0.00	603.24	0.00	3,793.78
Balance end of 2020	52,078.97	0	(-69.27)	0.00	52,009.70
Balance as at 06/30/21	55,269.51	0.00	533.97	0.00	55,803.48

1. The General Fund shows a net gain as at the 30th of June, 2021 of \$3,190.54. The net gain is partly due to the HST Rebate received in January, 2021 of \$4,135.28 from the renovation project in 2020. We are awaiting grass cutting bills for 2021.
2. Missions income as at the 30th of June, 2021 totalled \$1,723.52. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$917.50; CBM General Budget - \$459.02; Sharing Way - \$117.00, and \$230.00 for World Food Crisis.
3. The Communion fund had a net gain as of 31st of June, 2021 of \$603.24. The 2020 deficit in the Communion of (-69.27) was deducted from that balance giving balance in the Communion Fund of \$533.97.
4. There have been no designated Sunday school donations in 2021.
5. The Special Projects/Future Projects Fund has income of \$1,856.90 to date. Expenses to date total \$1,059.62, leaving a balance of \$797.28 in the Special Project Fund. Donations in memory of Betty Graham for that fund totalled \$75.00, in memory of Ray Martin totalled \$485.00, and in memory of Helen (Peg) Bell totalled \$20.00.

Once again, I would like to personally thank the wonderful people of Plains who continue to make sure their donations arrive at my home office, either by mail, drop off, PAR, or e-transfer. "Great is thy faithfulness!" Thank you so very much!! Enjoy the warm summer months.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Shirley E. Dale

Treasurer

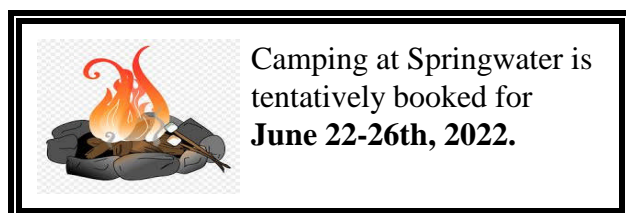
STAY SAFE AND STAY HEALTHY!

The email address to send e-transfers to, is:

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 St. Thomas, ON N5P 3S9

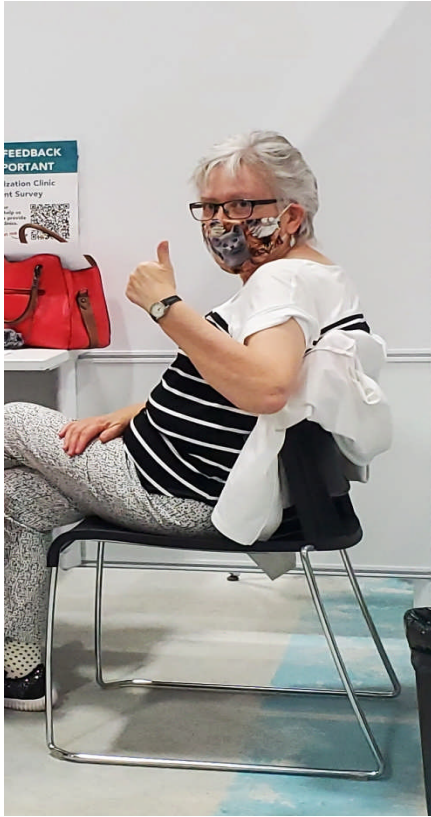
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How do you get a Canadian to apologize?  
 You step on their foot.



## Pastor's Page



Greetings, my friends!

On Friday, June 25 I returned to the Memorial Arena for the second time to receive a second Pfizer vaccine. I didn't have any 'after effects' unless you count a feeling of 'relief' as one! I am relieved that I have done what can be done on my part to protect others and myself from the covid-19 virus. I'm also feeling very pleased that everyone from Plains that I've talked to has had their first vaccination and will very soon get a second one! It is also great to hear that there have been few people who have felt any lingering side effects from getting the shots. As we spread the news about vaccinations, hopefully we encourage and inspire others to take the plunge in order to speed up the return to more normal activities, like worshipping together at our church!

On June 17 we resumed taping of services in the sanctuary after being shut down by a provincial lockdown for 11 weeks. It was heartwarming to receive answers from the choir to my email inviting them to return to the taped sessions. "Looking forward to it" and "I'll be there" messages made my heart smile. Phyllis got to try out the

Church's new camcorder, using it for Hazel's Good-bye Drive- By on June 13 and for the June 20 and June 27<sup>th</sup> worship services.

I know that you are wondering if we will be able to resume public Sunday morning worship soon. I certainly hope that we will be able to resume services "in house" in the Fall. We've learned over the past few strange months that this virulent virus is not going down without a Fight. But with faith in the Good Lord and trusting the wonderful and brave people who are doing their utmost to keep us keeping on, we will get there!

The past 15 months have presented big challenges for many, many people on a number of fronts. End of June is normally School Graduation Time. I want to take a moment to congratulate and celebrate the children, youth, adult learners and teachers who have completed their year + of schooling under less than favorable circumstances. It's been tough for many kids to work online and harder still not to be hanging out with their friends or taking part in extra- curricular activities. Several members of our Plains family are graduating from Public to High School, High School to University or into the wider world as University Grads! Graduation ceremonies, proms and other ceremonies usually shared with family and schoolmates though curtailed by Covid does not mean that the work you've accomplished and the milestones achieved mean less. Indeed, they should mean MORE, because of the challenges you've overcome, the new things you've learned about yourself, and the life lessons that this time have taught, like the importance of relationships, family love and standing with those who are seeking justice.

Whatever you have achieved as learners and graduands not just of school but of life, will provide a solid foundation for whatever you choose to build upon it. We hope that what you also gained in your spiritual formation from your time spent in Sunday School or worshipping with your church family at Plains will also provide a positive faith foundation for your spiritual formation moving forward. It is my prayer that you will know that wherever life takes you, and wherever your choices lead you, the God of Jesus goes with you and loves YOU no matter what! To God, each person matters, every person is worthy of life, respect, and dignity, simply because he/she/they are human. And God believes that each person can do their part to make their world a better, kinder and more just and peace-filled place.

As we move from this time of pandemic may our reflections cause each of us, no matter “our age or stage”, to graduate this 2020/21 Class of Covid-19 with a renewed sense of wonder for life, a deeper appreciation of our faith, and a higher respect for Mother Earth! As Plains People may we step into another season of worship and service; seeking ways that we can bless others with the love and grace of Christ; regardless of their chosen lifestyle, gender identity, politics, religion, vocation, age, cultural history or skin-color.

Have a blessed and safe summer, Plains Family! Whether we are part or together, “we are One in the Bond of Love.”

Peace & Sunshine,

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

*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God;  
and that is what we are. -- I John 3:1*