



THE PLAIN FACTS
a monthly newsletter of

**FIRST YARMOUTH
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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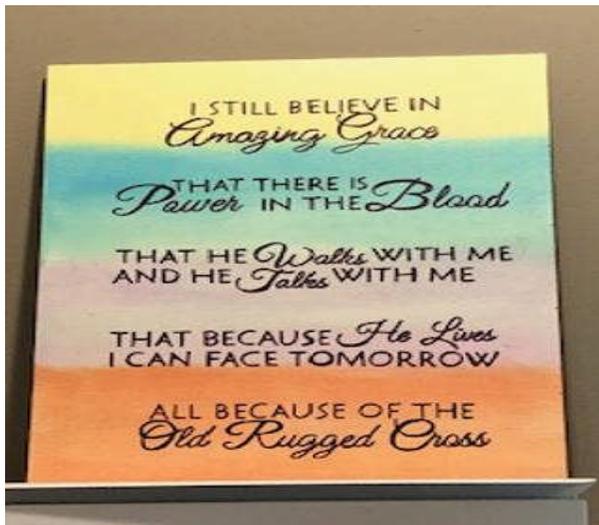
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A gift to the church, an artistically crafted and hand painted panel by Marilyn Pettit.
Thank you, Marilyn

OCTOBER 2021



photo by Margie Bell



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
Milton Springer
Larry Mizon
Sally Paul
John & Sherri Doner
Karl Crocker

Rae Axford
Deanna
Carl & Leena Sibley
Rose
Paula Welter

Jenny and family
Jill & Gerry Coull
Faith Seabrook
Wendy Lessard
Don Sawyer

Vera Martin
Jason & Michelle Carnegie
Cherie Doyon
Charlie Rewbotham
Elsie Walker's niece

Sunday Scripture Readings

Oct 03-World Communion Sunday

Mark 10: 2 -16
Psalm 8

Oct 24-Pentecost 22

Mark 10: 46-52
Psalm 104

Oct 10 Thanksgiving

Joel2: 21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2: 1-7
Matthew 6: 25-33

Oct 31-Pentecost 23

Sunday before All Saints Day

Ruth 1: 1-18
Psalm 146
Mark 12: 28-34

Oct 17 191st Anniversary

Pentecost 21

Psalm 34
Mark 10: 35-45

Nov 07-Pentecost 24

Mark 12: 38-44
Psalm 127



I want to take this opportunity to **thank** the Church and all who have reached out with cards, flowers and best wishes. We are doing well and pushing through this difficult time. By the time you read this, I'll have finished my treatments and be on the road to recovery
John and Sherri Doner and Family

Sincere **thanks** to my church family at Plains for flowers when I recently had eye surgery and later for a beautiful card acknowledging the 60th anniversary of my Ordination. Greatly appreciated. Malcolm Rust

Thanks to you all for the flowers, cards, phone calls, prayers and visits we have received this summer. We praise God for calling Mom Betty home quickly. Margie, as usual, did a great job on Betty's eulogy. Mom Sally has had quite the struggles this summer, but God fulfilled her prayers for one more summer and she enjoyed each day that she received. Love to all. Stephen, Carolyn and Sally Plaunt

Thank you to my plains family for the beautiful bouquet of flowers. On the 7th of Sept I decided to take a 'short cut' part way down the basement stairs with a basket of laundry (this was not a good idea). I landed on my left knee and hurt it but I did not fracture anything – and I broke some bones in my right foot which, is in a boot until the end of October. Hope to see you after that – love to all. Betty Lidster

Always laugh when you can. It is cheap medicine.

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2021

Oct 12 Tues 1:30 P.M. Ladies Aid Meeting, in Oak Hall

Oct 17 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service -
191 Anniversary Service



Special Anniversary Offering:
The Anniversary offering for 2021 will be divided evenly between the Plains General Fund and CBOQ Missions unless otherwise designated by the donor.

Dedication:

At our Anniversary Service the newly renovated sanctuary, Sound System and Video system and furnished parlor will be dedicated to the Glory of God. Our huge thanks to all donors, workers, installers, decorators and technicians at the successful completion of these needed, and timely updates!

Oct 24 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service

1:00 P.M. Congregational Meeting:

The Fall Congregational Meeting will be held at the church and by Zoom at 1 p.m. A Zoom invitation to the meeting will be sent out by email on the Friday prior.



Jackson Wilcox, son of Jeff and Melanie, grandson to Betty and Charlie Rewbotham, graduated high school from Parkside Collegiate Institute, June 2021. He is currently employed with Ferguson Fancy Beans (farming of course) with plans to attend post-secondary school/apprenticeship next year. Submitted by Melanie Wilcox

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

6 th	Jean Lammiman (97)	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 (92)
11 th	Laura Crocker	21 th	Marion Maynard
12 th	Julee Dale	21 st	Wendy Lessard
14 th	Jonathon Daye	24 th	Evelyn Kennedy
17 th	Simon Martyn Bradley	28 th	Mateo Mifsud

ANNIVERSARIES

3 rd	Michael & Louise Sargeant
4 th	Bill & Danielle Ralf
12 th	Denny & Diane O'Brien
13 th	Nicholas & Julee Dale
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



NEW E-MAIL address for Stephen and Carolyn Plaunt: plaunsm@gmail.com

An optimist laughs to forget; a pessimist forgets to laugh

Agenda for the Fall Congregational Meeting on October 24, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Devotional by Pastor Bell
- 3) Election of Chairperson
- 4) Approval of Agenda
- 5) Approval of minutes from meeting held May 16, 2021
- 6) Business arising
- 7) Reports: Clerk, Cemetery, Deacons, Finance Report and Statement, Ladies Aid Report and Statements, Pastor's Report, Social Committee, and Trustees, Web Master. Please send copy of report to spartacrosby@hotmail.com
- 8) New Business Discuss Church Opening
- 9) Election of Members-At-Large for Nominating Committee

Date of next meeting

Close with Prayer



Minutes of Spring Congregational Zoom Meeting on Sunday May 16, 2021 at 1pm

Call to order:

Mary Crosby, Clerk called the meeting to order with 28 members in attendance, via Zoom.

Devotional:

Pastor Margaret Bell read from Matthew chapter 9, verse 27 to 31, followed with a prayer.

Election of Chairperson:

Motion by Betty Rewbotham that Danial Dale Chair the meeting, seconded by John Gibbons carried.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Charles Rewbotham, seconded by Phyllis Huffman to accept the agenda, carried.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held January 31, 2021:

Motion by Ellen Brekelmans, seconded by Judy Jacklin, carried.

Reports:

Clerk Report:

We have 141 members in our church. We lost one member Ray Martin in February.

Cemetery Report:

No report

Deacons Report:

Betty Rewbotham reported that the Deacons planned drive by for Edith Norton's farewell, they held Easter Sunrise Service by the Oak Tree, are planning drive by for Hazel Brekelmans farewell in June. They have had some discussions on reopening the church in the fall and what it would look like.

Financial Report:

Finance committee met by email for quarterly meeting to review income and expenditures and ensure we were in line with the budget. We have had gains for the first quarter and April. The finance committee would like to Thank everyone for their support during these difficult times. The Audio/Visual Capital Cost Project closed last year under budget by \$2126, we opened it again with the remaining budget amount as the camera was returned and credited and other equipment has been purchased. No future Projects approved yet, however donations are still being accepted.

Ladies Aid Report:

No meetings or events have been held due to Covid 19. They have bank balance of \$7,710.48

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Bell has had total of 149 contacts from February 2021 to May 2021.

She has been doing zoom coffee breaks and video sermons weekly, attending church meetings and special services including funeral for Ray Martin in February. Pastor Bell has volunteered to be one of our church delegates for CBOQ Virtual Assembly this year in June.

Social Committee Report:

No meetings have been held this year. They have a bank balance of \$9,487.03.

Trustees Report:

They have had one meeting this year. Yard work has been done, both furnaces have been serviced, new garbage container ordered and new replacement fan for Oak Hall (at no cost). Thanks to Gary Higgs, John Doner, Mike Jackson, Todd Ruddock, Dan Dale for yard, flower bed and hedge maintenance at the church.

Plains Privacy Policy:

This will be reviewed with our Lawyer Amy Dale when she is available. We suggest that a notice be placed in the bulletin for any services being taped.

Web Master Report:

Report stated that \$135.46 was paid to Web Hosting Canada in October 2020. An annual web hosting fee is \$135.46 . Website governance should be addressed and formalized at some point during up coming year . We have been operating informally so far with respect to submission of content and posting.

Sunday School Report:

No Report

Motion to accept Reports by John Gibbons, seconded by Betty Rewbotham, carried.

New Business:

-Drive by on June 13, 2021 for Hazel Brekelmans. Sunday School and Church together will give a monetary gift as she is moving out west.

-Sherry Graham has volunteered to be treasurer for Sunday School and will be officially voted into the role at the October meeting.

-Affirmed Delegates for June CBOQ Assembly to be Louise Sargaent and Margaret Bell, motion by Sherry Graham, seconded by Linda Willand, carried.

Date of Next meeting October 24, 2021 at 1pm.

Meeting adjourned motion by Carol Maes, seconded by John Gibbons, carried

Meeting was closed with a prayer by Pastor Bell..

When Geese and Ducks Fly South

A farmer's son – with father
T'was on an autumn day,
Stood on their farmland hilltop,
The valley to survey.



The harvest was completed.
On the land that lay below.
They watched the bowing cornstalks,
As cold fall winds – did blow.

The ducks and geese flew over,
Heading south, where land was warm.
Migrating to a climate,
Away from winter's storms.

“A question, I have father!”
The father's son, quoth he.”
“Why do ducks fly in two lines
And form the letter Vee?”

“Why one line is much longer?
Has always crossed my mind.”
The father smiled and told the lad,
“More ducks are in that line!”

A fowl observation!

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

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	61,766.57	2,326.53	2,087.00	0.00	66,180.10
Expenses	64,811.21	2,326.53	1,587.11	0.00	68,724.85
Net Gain(Loss)	(-3,044.64)	0.00	499.89	0.00	(-2,544.75)
Balance end of 2020	52,078.97	0	(-69.27)	0.00	52,009.70
Balance as at 07/31/21	49,034.33	0.00	430.62	0.00	49,464.95

1. The General Fund shows a net loss as at 30th of September, 2021 of (\$-3,044.64).
Grass cutting has been paid up until July 31st, 2021.
2. Missions income as at the 30th of September, 2021 totalled \$2,326.53. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$1,202.50; CBM General Budget - \$721.03; Sharing Way - \$173.00, and \$230.00 for World Food Crisis.
3. The Communion fund had a net gain as of 30th of September, 2021 of \$499.89. The 2020 deficit in the Communion Fund was (\$-69.27) leaving a balance of \$430.62 in the Communion Fund.
4. There have been no designated Sunday school donations in 2021.
5. The Special Projects/Future Projects Fund has income of \$2,131.90 to date.
Expenses to date total \$1,101.21, leaving a balance of \$1,030.69 in the Special Project Fund.
Donatons in memory of Betty Graham for that fund totalled \$75.00, in memory of Ray Martin totalled \$485.00, in memory of Helen (Peg) Bell totalled \$20.00, and in memory of Betty Plaunt, \$275.00.

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 etransfer. "Great is thy faithfulness!"

Thank you so very much!!

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley E. Dale

Treasurer

STAY SAFE AND STAY HEALTHY!

P.S. See you at CHURCH on Anniversary Sunday, October 17th!

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

northridgesd@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 44694 Fruit Ridge Line, R. R. # 5,
St. Thomas, ON N5P 3S9

Thank you for your financial support



Humor is a prelude to faith and laughter is the beginning of prayer.
 Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.

Pastor's Page

My friends,

I want to extend to you my warmest wishes that you will have a blessed Thanksgiving! In whatever way you choose or are limited in spending the holiday, may you take a few moments to bask in your blessings; relationships, material and spiritual that decorate your life! I am most thankful to God for you, my church family and I look forward with joy and gratitude to the resumption of worship services at the Plains! Sunday, October 17, 2021 will mark Plains' 191st Anniversary! Remember way back to last year when we celebrated with a Drive-by parade (81 people participated). Phyllis videoed it, the media covered it and festive cupcakes brought smiles to our faces (and icing on our faces). At the end of the event, the Deacons presented me with gifts from you to mark my 30 years as your Pastor. I plan to wear my acorn earrings on October 17 when we gather to remember, give thanks and rejoice in God's faithfulness to all generations, *including ours!*

This year's celebration will be historic and unique as we return from an imposed exile that began in the midst of Lent, 2020. You may recall that on March 15, 2020, the Sunday before the day that the Premier declared a shut down due to the pandemic, we were on the cusp of beginning the renovation of the sanctuary's east wall and installation of a new Sound and video system. We will hold a time of dedication on October 17 to acknowledge those projects and give thanks for the people who saw them through to completion.

We are still living through a rather 'fluid' time but, *"the good Lord willin' and the Covid don't rise"* to borrow and *bend* an old saying, this is what you can expect on Sunday, October 17 and as we go forward into Autumn of 2021.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- The Covid Policy and Procedure document, created in 2020 and updated to reflect the current situation will soon be posted on the Plains Website, (plainschurch.ca) along with the Screening Page.
- Only double vaccinated people or fully vaccinated parents/guardians with children who are too young for vaccinations are permitted to attend worship. The children must remain seated with their parents. There will not be any children's programming offered at this time.

ON ARRIVAL

- The Screening Page will be posted on the door of the church to be read by everyone who enters the building. If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions posed on that Screening Page, please do not enter the church.
- Please plan on arriving at the church a few minutes early so that your name and proof of vaccination can be recorded before you're directed to your seat. We are taking attendance before service for Contact tracing. Once your proof of

vaccination has been noted, regular attendees won't be required to show it every week.

- Washrooms will be available for your use. Please take a moment before you leave the room to give the surfaces you touched a 'swipe' with a sanitizer 'wipe'.
- Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. Be prepared to sit somewhere other than your 'usual' pew. We will only be using 'every other pew' for safe distancing measures.
- There will be seating provided at the back of the sanctuary and in Oak Hall where there is a large monitor and speakers which will transmit the service from the sanctuary so that everyone can participate!
- Face coverings must be worn *except* when you are consuming food and drink; which includes the Communion elements. We plan on sharing Communion on the 17th but we won't be handing the trays from person to person.
- There will be a social time after the service. Depending on the numbers, some may be asked to socialize in the sanctuary or outside, if weather permits. Our Social Committee is looking after the details.
- There will be a designated area in the sanctuary for you to place your offering or you can forward it to Shirley in the manner in which you've become accustomed.
- As yet we are unable to have our choir performing "live" as a group, due to distancing guidelines.

I hope that you are as excited to get back to church as I am to see you get back to church! We have been in this Covid wilderness time long enough to become used to guidelines and ever-changing circumstances. So, let us move forward together to serve God and our neighbors through times of celebration, challenge and opportunity. Let us not only count our individual blessings this Thanksgiving Day but continue to ask God to make *us* a blessing in someone else's day, circumstance, or life! Thank you, my church family, from the bottom of this preacher gal's heart for all the ways you touch my life with laughter, prayers and GRACE. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Peace, Love and Pumpkins,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margaret". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed text "Peace, Love and Pumpkins,".