



THE PLAIN FACTS
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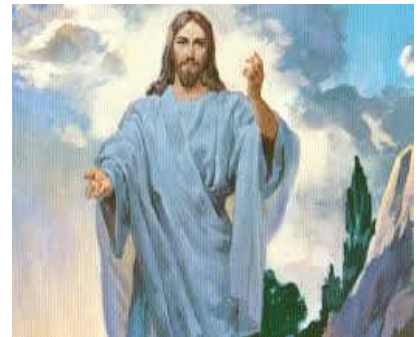
HOLY WEEK AT PLAINS

April 10 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service - Palm Sunday

April 15 Fri 10:00 A.M. Good Friday Service
A half-hour service of readings and prayers

April 17 Sun 7:00 A.M. Easter Sunrise Service -
at Dayna's oak tree, front lawn of church.
A light breakfast to follow in Oak Hall

10:00 A.M. Sunday Service - Easter Sunday
Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at Don and Susanne Ferguson's.



The Special Easter Offering will be divided evenly between the General Fund and CBOQ Missions. Special Easter Envelopes are in the church pews or you can include your **EASTER OFFERING** on the "other" line of your regular giving envelope or include in PAR.



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.

Jenny and family	Karl Crocker	Marissa Dale's aunt	Margie's friends Brian & Kathy
Jill & Gerry Coull	Chantelle Purdy	Mary Lou Pearson	Tucker Johnson
Cherie Doyon	Shirley Griffin	Rona's mother Vi	Elsie Walker's niece
Sharon Axford	Linda Hepburn	Bob Weare	Family of Don Silcox
Tiffany & family	Randy Greer	Don Sawyer	Larry Seabrooke
Evelyn Crafts granddaughter	Brittany	Fraser (in Poland helping refugees escape Ukraine)	
Michelle & Lucas	People of Ukraine		

Sunday Scripture Readings

April 03-Lent 5

Isaiah 43: 16-21
Psalm 126
John 12: 1-8

April 10 - Palm/Passion Sunday

Luke 19: 28-40
Luke 22: 14-23:56

April 17 - Easter Sunday

Luke 24: 1-12

April 24-Easter 2

John 20: 19-31

May 1-Easter 3

Psalm 30
John 21: 1-19



FAMILY CAMP OUT at Springwater.

The dates are
June 22 - 26, 2022
(Wednesday to Sunday)

Please let Sherry Graham know of your interest in this, since we have not camped together for so long!



Rotary Music Festival **Afternoon of Competitions** is Saturday, April 2nd at 1:00 pm and the **Keynotes Concert** is Friday, April 8th at 7:00 pm, Both are held at Centre Street Baptist Church. All are welcome.

GIVE AWAY

The Ladies Aid is the recipient of a bin of yarn, various colours, quantities and sizes. For anyone who could make use of this donation, by the skein, by the arm full or by the bag full, contact Carolyn Plaunt plauntsm@gmail.com 519-631-2213 or come to the church on a **MONDAY**, between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. beginning April 4.



I wasn't going to visit my family this Easter, but my mom promised to make me Eggs Benedict. So I'm going home for the hollandaise

EVENTS FOR APRIL

April 03 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service - Communion Sunday

We will be welcoming new Members, Murray and Brenda Silcox and Jean Palmer

April 04 Mon 9:00 A.M. Plains "Knotty Quilters" - Resume quilting in Oak Hall. Come for the morning or 1:00 P.M. Come for the afternoons or Come for the day. Bring your own lunch.

Other crafters are invited to bring your knitting, crocheting, embroidery, rug hooking, etc. and join in the socializing experience! Masks are optional. Distancing encouraged. Merriment anticipated.

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Apr 18 Mon 9:00 A.M. Plains "Knotty Quilters" - quilting in Oak Hall

April 22 Friday Earth Day

April 24 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service - "Celebrating Earth Day" wear your gardening clothes to church.

April 25 Mon 9:00 A.M. Plains "Knotty Quilters" - quilting in Oak Hall

May 01 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service - Communion Sunday

St. Thomas-Elgin Food Bank Sunday

May 02 Mon 9:00 A.M. Plains "Knotty Quilters" - quilting in Oak Hall

May 08 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service - Mothers' Day - Pastor Margaret Bell's Retirement Service

Followed by a pot luck meal in Oak Hall

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

7 th Ryan Ruddock	18 th Diane O'Brien
8 th Brian Plaunt	19 th Lillian Hartford
9 th Tiffany Graham	20 th Donna Limon
11 th Mary Smoke	26 th Evan Jackson
13 th Madge Barrett (90)	26 th Troy Dale
13 th Malcolm Rust	28 th Pauline Duffy (90)
18 th Jack Cummings	30 th Michael Johnson

ANNIVERSARIES

14 th Margaret Bell, Ordained in 1991
23 rd Malcolm & Donna Rust

**CBOQ Assembly 2022**

This year the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec will hold their Assembly (AGM) at Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church from Thursday, June 9 to Saturday noon, June 11, 2022.

Only delegates attending in-person will be able to vote on the Business session which will be held on Friday, June 10. Delegates wishing to stay overnight for Assembly will have to book lodging in surrounding hotels.

The CBOQ website has a list of hotels that are located less than a 20 minute drive one way from the Assembly location. Plains can send 2 delegates who must be church members.

Anyone interested in attending Assembly as a delegate may contact Linda Willand, Chair of Deacons. The deadline for early bird registration is **May 8**.

The cost of registration & accommodations will be covered by the church.

The Plains Deacons

An Easter bonnet can tame even the wildest hare.

FIRST YARMOUTH (PLAINS) BAPTIST CHURCH
Financial Statement as of 31st of March, 2022

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	21,025.46	1,228.01	874.00	75.00	23,202.47
Expenses	<u>20,326.48</u>	<u>1,228.01</u>	<u>904.03</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>22,533.52</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	698.98	0.00	-30.03	0.00	668.95
Balance end of 2021	<u>54,039.93</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>310.86</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>54,350.79</u>
Balance as at 03/31/2022	<u>54,738.91</u>	0.00	280.83	0.00	55,019.74

1. The General Fund shows a net gain as of 31st of March, 2022 of \$698.98.
2. Missions income as at the 31st of March, 2022 totalled \$1,228.01. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$405.00; CBM General Budget - \$537.01, Sharing Way - \$46.00, and Sharing Way, Ukraine - \$240.00.
3. The Communion fund had a net loss as of the 31st of March, 2022 of (-\$30.03.) There was a balance in the Communion fund from 2021, leaving a balance of \$280.83 in that fund.
4. Donations totalling \$75.00 for Q1 were received for the Sunday School and have been sent to the Treasurer of the Sunday School, Sherry Graham.
5. The Future Projects Fund had income in 2022 of \$50.00 from a memorial donation in memory of the late Margaret Helmer, and together with the balance in that fund from previous years, it now has a balance of \$1,891.00. There have been no expenses for 2022.

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, and/or on the plate at the church. It is wonderful to be able to be back at Plains and worshipping together as the Family of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley E. Dale

Treasurer



Thank you for your recent support of CBM's Ukraine Appeal. Your generosity is already at work on the ground, benefitting those who have been so greatly impacted.

From Director of Canadian Partnerships, Adrian Gardner who is in Romania:

"Yesterday, I believe we secured the last beds anywhere in the city to complete the accommodations in what the church calls the "House of Grace". The name couldn't be more accurate. Imagine suddenly being faced with 400, or more desperate people, many of whom have lost everything, arriving on your church's doorstep. Yet these churches are responding with such generosity and love, sharing what they have and searching for what they need. The needs are everywhere - literally for everything. Our initial efforts here are providing funds to ensure that food is available today for all and sleeping accommodations are as comfortable as possible for tonight. In addition, the expansive network of the European Baptist Federation churches is coordinating efforts to assist these refugees to move further west, some to family or friends, and others on to countries willing to accept them. It is a gift to be able to witness this massive shared effort first-hand."

For more information about our relief efforts in Europe resulting from this conflict, visit our website, www.cbmin.org. We are posting updates as soon as we receive them from the field.

These are the days that future generations will know as history. In the uncertainty of this time, we must continue to live and witness that God's loving embrace for the wounded and the weary never changes. Please keep praying for peace and the shared work that we are empowered to do through your generosity.

Jennifer Lau, Executive Director

Pastor's Page

“They found the stone rolled away from the tomb...when they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified...but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”

--Luke 24:2-5

April is here, and with it comes the awesome wonder and hope that Easter always brings! This Easter 2022 carries with it a highly anticipated dose of ‘normal’ with the easing of pandemic restrictions and the resumption of pre-pandemic Easter activities. Although we were able to gather for the Easter Sunrise Services in 2020 and 2021, we did so with somber spirits. So, as we joyfully resume the tradition of sharing a light breakfast after the Sunrise service, let us give our loving God thanks that we are getting through the dark valley of Covid and that we live in a democratic nation with religious freedoms. Just think of the believers in Ukraine and how they must feel knowing that over 60 worship centers and sanctuaries have been destroyed by the invaders! Let us keep all Ukrainian people and their brave leaders in our prayers. Let us contribute to their cause as we are able to do. Regrettably, the tragedy the loss of innocent life and the oppressive rule of tyrants, are not relegated to Good Friday history but is still a stark reality in much of the world.

For many individuals and families, this Easter may be the first Easter in two years when you can gather safely for Easter dinner with your dear ones and friends. One thing about living through a pandemic, it provided time and opportunities to reflect upon our values, habits, choices, and priorities. Perhaps this pandemic has reenforced in many hearts and homes the importance of our closest and dearest relationships, as well as deepened our appreciation for ordinary heroes and sheroes who daily work behind the scenes and on front lines to make our lives healthier, safer, and happier.

The angst and grief caused by the pandemic and events that the pandemic exacerbated will surely remain for some time to come. Like the two angels at the empty tomb who sought to comfort the women in their shock and grief, may we reach out with kind actions and hopeful words to help others cope with whatever post- Covid circumstances in which they

find themselves. Let us face fear with faith!



I anticipate that Easter 2022 will be both wonderful, and poignantly wistful for me as I officiate my last ‘official Easter duties’ as your Pastor. I’ve included a couple of pictures of my first April (1990) among you. The first photo was taken on April 1, 1990 at the Induction Service, when the congregation and I “officially” agreed to be pastor and people. Our promise -making was facilitated by Gerri Dennis, who was

the Moderator of the Elgin Baptist Association. Dan Dale, the chair of the Plains Pastoral Search Committee (1990) is in the picture, along with Rev. Karen Timbers, who was the preacher for the afternoon. Karen was a school mate of mine at McMaster Divinity College and happened to be pastoring at a Presbyterian Church in London, Ontario. I asked Karen to speak because I wished to uphold and affirm the role of women as Christ's Gospel carriers. (Plus she was a friend and a really good speaker, too!)

The second photo is of me portraying Mary Magdalene for the Easter Service sermon in April 15, 1990. The red sari was loaned to me by Pat Johnson, a neighbor from Jerseyville who had served one year as a CBOQ missionary to India. Pat later gifted the sari to me and I treasure it. The Easter Monologue was a poetic rendition of Mary's experience at Jesus' tomb, on that resurrection morning.



As I share this special and poignant Easter Day with you, I want you to know how rare and wonderful this congregation has been as you've lifted up women and men equally in every part of the ministry that we do together. Believe me when I say that not all women called to professional Christian ministry are treated with the acceptance and respect that I have always received from you! Plains is a rare gem of a church family for that reason and for

many other reasons, too! May the next pastor know the blessing of your friendship, support and partnership as Christ's Gospel carriers!

It takes each and every person to commit to serving God in a spirit of loving co-operation, mutual respect and patient empathy for the church's light to shine at her brightest in our community. So, let's shine on, my friends! As did Jesus' women disciples and the two men angels at his empty tomb, let us bask in the glory of the mystery that is Easter! "He is not here. HE HAS BEEN RAISED!"

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Peace and love,