



THE PLAIN FACTS
a monthly newsletter of

**FIRST YARMOUTH
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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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.

Jenny and family	Doug Sawyer	Rev. Brian Sherry	Margie's friends Brian & Kathy
Jill & Gerry Coull	Chantelle Purdy	Family of Paula Welter	Mary Lou Pearson
Cherie Doyon	Marlene Smith	Shirley Griffin	Rona's mother Vi
Elsie Walker's niece	Sharon Axford	Linda Hepburn	Karl Crocker
Toots Gillard	Tiffany & family	Randy Greer	Marissa Dale's aunt
Lidster and Neil families of Steve Neil		Don Sawyer & the family of Penny Sawyer	
Ed Somerville & the family of Susan Somerville		Scott Smith	Tucker Johnson

Sunday Scripture Readings

March 06-Lent 1

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
Romans 10: 8b-13
Luke 4: 1-13

March 27-Lent 4

Psalm 32
Luke 15: 1-3; 11b-32

March 13-Lent 2

Psalm 27
Philippians 3: 17-4:1
Luke 13: 31-35

April 03-Lent 5

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

March 20 - Lent 3

Psalm 63: 1-8
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
Luke 13: 1-9



In Sympathy

The Plains family extend our sincere sympathy to Don Sawyer and the family of Penny Sawyer who passed away on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 the age of 76. She was dear mother of Raymond (Susan) and Mark (Rosanne), cherished grandmother of Alex and William, Callee, Colton and Cara, and sister-in-law of Doug and Mary Sawyer. She will be missed.

The Plains family extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Paula Welter who passed away on February 16, 2022 at 33 years. Beloved daughter of Karen Welter (Maynard), loving wife of the late Dustin Symms (2019), dear sister of Rob (Morgin) and cherished granddaughter of Marion Maynard. She will be dearly missed

Thank You!

Good evening Pastor Margaret!

I hope this finds you well and that everyone is staying healthy and enjoying the new year. It was a rocky start over here but now things are looking up! We wanted to say **thank you** so much for the flowers the church sent Clare. It was her first time getting flowers and she was more than thrilled. She wanted to keep them in her room to look at. She has made a thank you card which I will have to drop off one day :) We miss everyone and hope 2022 brings calmness and peace and of course unity for us all (in person!). Cheers.

Erin and Clare Chesterfield

To my Plains Family:

Thank you for the beautiful flowers I received following the passing of my granddaughter Paula Welter. Your cards and prayers were very much appreciated. **Thanks** to Margie for her visit. Paula is and will be greatly missed. God bless you all.

Marian Maynard

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Mar 03 Thur 7:30 p.m. Choir practice resumes. New choir members are welcome!

Mar 04 Fri - The World Day of Prayer - This year the service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of **England, Wales and Northern Ireland** and a 55 minute video has been produced for viewing and distribution.

Just go to www.wicc.org and click on "World Day of Prayer 2022 Service Video".

Also, this same service video will be shown on many local cable TV channels – check your local cable network listings for Friday, March 4th. If you wish to make a personal donation, that would be to: WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF CANADA (WICC) at 47 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C3

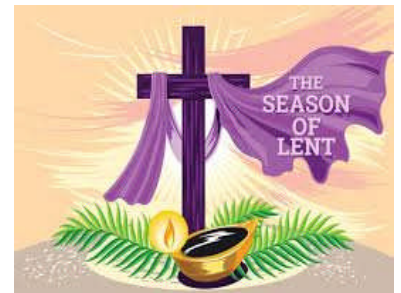
Mar 06 Sun 10:00 A.M. **Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday

Mar 13 Sun 10:00 A.M. **Sunday Service** - Daylight Saving Time begins
Vaccination Requirements for Worship are LIFTED
Face-Coverings will still be required.

Mar 20 Sun 10:00 A.M. **Sunday Service** - Spring Begins

Mar 22 Tues 1:30 P.M. **Ladies Aid Meeting in Oak Hall**- Combining March and April Meetings. New members are welcome.

Mar 27 Sun 10:00 A.M. **Sunday Service**



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

Canadian Baptist Ministries is inviting people who are concerned for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine to donate to emergency relief. The details are in CBM Regional News. You may donate online or if you wish you can include a donation in your offering envelope or PAR on the CBM line.

Designate it as Ukraine Emergency Response.

Please keep all Ukrainians in your prayers during this horrific time. Pastor Margie

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

14TH Steve Pettit (80)

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14TH Ron & Linda Prong (65)

My sincere apology for these omissions in the February Plain Facts. Nancy Millman

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Marlene Smith	21 st	Dave Higgs
6 th	Shirley Griffin	23 rd	Pat Walker
7 th	Jenny Lee Graham	25 th	Jason Carnegie
7 th	Hazel Brekelmans	29 th	Jill Coull
8 th	Mark Higgs	29 th	Marilyn Pettit
9 th	Alexander Chen Martyn	29 th	Sharon Wilson
10 th	Kathy Sawyer	29 th	Leena Sibley
16 th	Spencer Noble	30 th	Jonathan Higgs
17 th	Kaitlyn McCarthy	30 th	RaeLynn Ralf
17 th	Jo-Anne Pettit	31 st	Elsie Walker
18 th	Jackson Wilcox	31 st	Paul O'Drowsky
18 th	Edith Norton		

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

10th Jim & Marilyn Cartwright (60)
28th Jack & Linda Cummings (63)



The Plains Church family extends our very best wishes to Millie Woodhouse, (Ross's mother) who turns 102 years on March 3, 2022! May God's richest blessings descend upon YOU!

You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your father is.



Sunday, February 6, 2022 was the first Sunday back in the church for this congregation, since the 2021 Christmas Eve service. Pastor Bell expressed her gratitude to the Deacons for their work and leadership during the past year. Two Deacons, Wayne Dale and Betty Rewbotham, are ending their terms of service and new Deacons for 2022, Gary Higgs, Michael Sargeant and Pat Kennedy, are welcomed onto the committee.

Left to right: Gary Higgs, Wayne Dale, Pastor Margaret Bell, Betty Rewbotham, Michael Sargeant, Linda Willand and Pat Kennedy.



ST. THOMAS ELGIN GENERAL HOSPITAL Talks Return in 2022!

All STEGH Talks presentations are recorded and uploaded on our [YouTube](#) channel for viewing.

"Taking Care of Your Heart," presented by Dr. Nikolaos Tzemos

Dr. Tzemos is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Western Ontario, the Director of Advanced Cardiac Imaging at London Health Sciences Centre/Division of Cardiology, is

cross-credentialed with STEGH's Diagnostic Imaging Department, and is the architect behind STEGH's Chest Pain Clinic!

We value and are continually grateful for your support of local patient care and hope you'll join us for this exciting opportunity! STEGH Talks sessions are 45 minutes to an hour in length with time for a question and answer period.



Kennedy Weir, granddaughter of Pat Kennedy, has been accepted at Trent University in Peterborough to obtain a Masters Degree in Forensic Science.

How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time? He's Dublin over with laughter!
How is a best friend like a 4-leaf clover? Because they are hard to find and lucky to have.

FIRST YARMOUTH (PLAINS) BAPTIST CHURCH
Financial Statement as of 28th of February, 2022

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	14,783.35	644.34	696.00	55.00	16,178.69
Expenses	<u>13,477.64</u>	<u>644.34</u>	<u>599.31</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>14,721.29</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	1,305.71	0.00	96.69	55.00	1,457.40
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 02/28/22	<u>55,345.64</u>	0.00	407.55	55.00	55,808.19

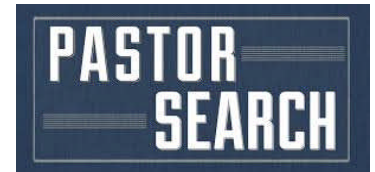
1. The General Fund shows a net gain as of 28th of February, 2022 of \$1,305.71. Included in the February expenses was a bill for December 2021 snow plowing and salting of \$745.80.
2. Missions income as at the 28th of February, 2022 totalled \$644.34. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$270.00; CBM General Budget - \$223.34, Sharing Way - \$36.00, and Sharing Way, Ukraine - \$115.00.
3. The Communion fund had a net gain as of 28th of February, 2022 of \$96.69. There was a balance in the Communion fund from 2021, leaving us a balance of \$407.55 in that fund.
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



Pastoral Search Committee Report, by Sherry Graham

The Pulpit Committee or Pastoral Search Team consists of two Deacons; Pat Kennedy and Michael Sargeant and three members at large; Dan Dale, Wayne Dale and Sherry Graham, elected at the annual meeting. We have met 3 times in the month of February. We established our roles; Dan as chairperson, Michael as Vice-Chair, Pat as secretary and Sherry supporting the Finance Committee of the church. The Pastoral Search Team signed a Covenant together before God for prayer, honest communication, confidentiality, accountability and unity. It was decided that we would not maintain our own Financial Records but request Shirley to sign the Covenant for the Pastoral Search Team and will pay any necessary expenses of the committee.

We invited 2 members of Aylmer Baptist Church Pastoral Search Team to our second meeting, to provide us input and experience in their search for a pastor. They stressed to us to take our time in finding the right pastor. They suggested setting a time line of 1 year. We would like to focus solely on the pastoral search, and have asked the deacons if they could find the interim pastor/s. We provided a list from CBOQ of pastors to contact for that purpose.

We are following through the CBOQ Procedural Manual for Pastoral Search Teams, working on Step 4 of 18 Steps. This step includes self study exercises. We are gathering general information on the church to help perspective ministers get a feeling of the area, the church family, trends and our aspirations. We will be sending out an Evaluation Survey by email or mail to many families and individuals to obtain your input on the present situation, the quality and quantity of ministry and the wants and needs of the church family for the future. We are encouraging feed back from you (especially different age groups), even if you unable to answer all the questions. We will compile the responses receive and prepare a summary of the answers. We will be reaching out again to you on leadership expectations, so that the committee will have an understanding of the church family's wants and needs for a pastor.

We encourage you to contact one of the members, if you have any questions or suggestions. Seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance, support of the Church Family and time to hear God's calling for this new pastor, we are confident our search will be successful and "Plains" Church will be sustained and prosper into the Future!

PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

March has arrived and with it comes the promise that new life will soon be Springing up around us! March 20 marks the official start of SPRING but before that, on Sunday, March 13 at 2 a.m. the clocks will spring forward one hour! The Deacons, in consultation with the church lawyer, decided that Sunday, March 13, the Plains will no longer require proof of vaccination in order to enter the church building. We are trusting that the vast majority of our folks have had *ample* opportunities to receive booster shots, or have had Omicron and have natural immunity. It is still strongly suggested that anyone who is feeling cold-like symptoms should refrain from attending until the symptoms have passed. Face coverings for worship are still required. The extra seating now located at the rear of the sanctuary will remain to give worshippers more room to spread out. Child care and Sunday School is not available at present, so grown-ups are responsible for the supervision of any children. There are activity bags available for the children's use. They are hanging on hooks along the west wall of the sanctuary.

Health care officials at WHO state that until 70 % of the World is vaccinated, variants of Covid will be out and about. However, we now have more experience and more tools in our tool box to keep ourselves safe and healthy, and for that we are truly relieved and grateful!

So, let us happily welcome *everyone* back to church! We know that some folks will not yet feel able or comfortable to return. The YouTube services continue. Over time, activities and opportunities for Christian fellowship and service will unfold. In the meantime, please pray and support your church. Pray for all your church leaders and our Pastoral Search Committee as they go about their responsibilities. They need your co-operation, patience and encouragement. I know that you'll have their backs, as you've always had mine.

Lent begins on the first Sunday of March. Traditionally, the 40 days leading to Easter is a time for devout Christians to "give up" something for Lent. Some believers try to give up a bad habit or deny themselves a particularly tempting food: like chocolate! Giving up something for Lent is not supposed to be a game. Nor is it meant to be a guilt ridden, self-imposed punishment for bad behavior. Giving up something for Lent is a spiritual discipline, a spiritual gift, offered by Christians who realize that the things in life that really matter often bear a cost.

Friends, what is it that really matters to you, as you navigate through what's left of this pandemic season? What are you willing to give up, give to, or give away as an expression of your fealty to your loving Creator? We already know what God *gave* for Lent. God *gave up* his Son to a criminal's cross. God *gives to* us eternal life and forever forgiveness. God *gives away* GRACE; lavishly, and with abandon to the human race and Creation. Whatever we choose to give during Lent, let us give with grateful hearts for gifts too many to count and too wonderful for mere words to express. Thanks be to God!

Peace & Love,

