



Camping "Water fight"--
The "little people" versus Gary Higgs

THE PLAIN FACTS
a monthly newsletter of

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They All Call It Canada

Side by Side and step by step
Our fathers were marching along
They were building a road to the future
With a spade and a smile and a song.

Out of the wildness and out of the sand
Grew the land that we live in today.
Though the job to be done has barely begun,
There is one thing I'm proud to say:

My country is my cathedral
The northern sky its dome
They all call it Canada
But I call it home!

The mountains, the lakes and valleys
Are friends that I have known
They all call it Canada
But I call it home!

The people across the border
And far across the foam
They all call it Canada
But I call it home.





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	Cathy Tredenick	Karl Crocker	Marissa Dale's aunt
Jill & Gerry Coull	Suzanne Doan	Mary Lou Pearson	Tucker Johnstone
Cherie Doyon	Shirley Griffin	Rona's mother Vi	Lori-Ann
Sharon Axford	Linda Hepburn	Don Sawyer	Faith Seabrooke
Tiffany & family	Randy Greer	Family of Donna Ewart	People of Ukraine
Aleta Behie	Tom Lammiman	Evelyn Crafts granddaughter	Brittany
Wayne & Liz Dieleman	Family of Mary Sparks		

Sunday Scripture Readings



July 3

2 Kings 5: 1-14

July 10

Psalm 48: 14

July 17

Acts 5: 1-11

July 24

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

July 31

1 Chronicles 17: 1-10

August 7

Luke 4: 1-13

August 14

Matthew 10: 34-39

August 21

Mark 4: 35-41

In sympathy

We send our sympathy to the family of a long-standing church member, Donna (Hendershott) Ewart. Donna passed away on June 2, 2022 at the age of 89 at Caressant Care, Bonnie Place, St Thomas. While she was able to do so, Donna was 'quality of life overseer' for several of her family, notably husband John (1998), son John (2006), sisters Fern Rose, Jean Monk, Maxine Webster, and brother-in-law Warren Webster. Donna will be missed by daughter Joanne Gordon, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Barb Axford

CONTACT INFORMATION UP-DATE:

The correct telephone numbers for Floyd Axford: 548-388-4090 and Sharon Axford : 226-927-8445

Pat Kennedy's granddaughter Kennedy Weir has graduated from Waterloo University with a Bachelor Science degree in Biochemistry. She has accepted a position as a lab technician in an agricultural lab in Ailsa Craig.

Whoever said, "Do the job right the first time and you'll never have to do it again" never shoveled snow off a Canadian driveway.

EVENTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2022

July 03	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler - Communion Sunday - Canada Day weekend
July 10	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Deacons Linda Willand and Gary Higgs leading the service. Pre-recorded Sermon by Rev. Philip Butler
July 17	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
July 24	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
July 31	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
Aug 07	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler - Communion Sunday
Aug 14	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
Aug 21	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
Aug 28	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Deacons Pat Kennedy and Michael Sargeant leading the service and Kathy Noble will be guest speaker
Sept 4	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler - Communion Sunday Labour Day weekend

NOTE:

Interim Preacher Rev. Phil Butler will be away this summer July 8-16 and August 26-28. In the absence of Rev. Butler the Deacons Linda Willand, Gary Higgs, Pat Kennedy and Michael Sargeant may be contacted for pastoral care. Outside of his time away Rev. Butler may be reached in an emergency at 226-236-2029.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 nd Bob Limon	14 th Wayne & Wynn Dale
3 rd Ashley Sawyer	16 th Greg Graham
5 th Michael Sargeant (80)	21 st Don Ferguson
6 th Jeff Wilcox	25 th Wayne Higgs
7 th Sherri Doner	25 th Ellen Brekelmans
8 th Darrin Ralf	25 th Aria MacCallum
10 th Gary Higgs	26 th Sharon Axford (80)
10 th Anna Woodhouse	27 th Mike Jackson
12 th Carolyn Chesterfield	31 st Erene Mifsud
12 th Todd Ruddock	

ANNIVERSARIES

6 th	Karl & Donna Crocker
6 th	Mike Jackson & Amy Dale
7 th	John & Sherry Doner
15 th	Tim & Cathy McCarthy
22 nd	Dave & Carolyn Chesterfield
26 th	John & Carrie Bolt
28 th	Bob & Donna Limon (60)
28 th	Ross & Anna Woodhouse



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

7 th	Martin & Laura Penner
9 th	Brian & Tiffany Plaunt
20 th	Deb & Ramzi Afara
20 th	Zoey & Regina Chen
29 th	Steve & Jo-Anne Pettit

On Sunday, June 12, 2022 the Plains family paid tribute to, and said our farewells to Elsie Walker, as she embarks on the adventure of moving to Ottawa to be close to her family.

Sherry Graham spoke on behalf of the congregation, and also presented Elsie with a gift of an acorn key chain, and flowers.

Following the service, cake was enjoyed in Oak Hall.



Elsie came to Plains in 2007 and quickly became active in our Ladies Aid, demonstrated her qualities of cooking, quilting, and sewing along with her volunteerism! She quilted with the Knotty Quilters. She donated quilt tops to be quilted and sold. Her 2 nativity Christmas banners and the Pentecost red banner are displayed at the front of the church during those seasons. For the Soup and Sandwich luncheon for Christmas Care she always made a soup, usually a cream soup. She was a member of our Finance Committee from 2009 until 2017

On June 14, 2022 at the Ladies Aid Annual June Luncheon Elsie was presented with a framed photo of the church by Ladies Aid President Nancy Millman. Sixteen ladies enjoyed lunch and fellowship at The Bistro.



Left: Nancy Millman, Marian Maynard, Lillian Hartford, Margie Bell, Elsie Walker, Carol Ashton (Elsie's sister), Mary Sawyer, Sherry Graham

Right: Ellen Brekelmans, Louise Sargeant, Betty Rewbotham, Donna Limon, Madge Barrett, Barb Axford, Judy Jacklin, Carolyn Plaunt

CAMPING WEEKEND June 24-26th, 2022

The 26th Annual Camp Out was a success after a 2 year hiatus due to Covid restrictions. This year celebrated our 20th year at Springwater and the weather was beautiful. Many people were excited to return to camping with 61 people attending throughout the weekend. We had 6 trailers, 2 motor homes and 1 tent. The Ralf's were happy to finally camp with us, as Bill and his father got the school bus converted into a motor home in 2020 during covid and were hoping to camp in 2020 or 2021. We had 27 camping including 10 children, who enjoyed becoming friends over the weekend. There were 41 people at the BBQ/potluck on Friday night and 41 people at the breakfast before church on Sunday morning.

Thank you to Suzanne and Bob Doan for the donation of the eggs. This weekend continues to be an economical weekend due to the financial assistance of the Ladies Aid and Social Committee. We are truly grateful. Also, thank you to all who assisted in the delivery of supplies, especially Donna Limon and to the group cooking and preparing the food at supper and breakfast. We thank Charlie Rewbotham for bringing his generator again for hydro to cook the French toast, so breakfast was ready on time!

Submitted by Sherry Graham



A big THANK YOU to Sherry Graham for organizing the weekend, purchasing the food and supplies, handling the finances, and for keeping everyone on task.

Thank you to Betty Rewbotham for assisting with the photographs.



FIRST YARMOUTH (PLAINS) BAPTIST CHURCH
Financial Statement as at 30th of June, 2022

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	47,539.32	3,700.52	1,644.00	75.00	52,958.84
Expenses	<u>43,835.81</u>	<u>3,700.52</u>	<u>1,813.14</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>49,424.47</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	3,703.51	0.00	(-169.14)	0.00	3,534.37
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 6/30/2022	<u>57,743.44</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>141.72</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>57,885.16</u>

1. The General Fund shows a net gain as of 30th of June, 2022 of \$3,703.51.
We have not received grass cutting bills as of this date.
2. Missions income as at the 30th of June 2022 totalled \$3,700.52. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$1,459.50; CBOQ Youth - \$200.00; CBM General Budget - \$1,179.02, Sharing Way - \$102.00, and Sharing Way, Ukraine - \$760.00.
3. The Communion fund had a net loss as of the 30th of June 2022 of (-\$169.14.) There was a balance in the Communion fund from 2021, leaving a balance of \$141.72 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, as well as the proceeds from the Easter Sunrise Breakfast of \$65.00, for total income in 2022 of \$115.00. There was a balance in that fund from previous years of \$1,891.00, now giving us a balance of \$2,006.00 . There have been no expenses to date in 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. Take the time to be thankful for the lovely sunny summer days.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley E. Dale

Treasurer



You know you live in Canada if someone in a Home Depot offers you assistance... and they don't work there.

You know you live in Canada if you have switched from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day and back again.

You know you live in Canada if you install security lights on your house and garage, but leave both unlocked.

You know you live in Canada if you design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.

You know you live in Canada if you have worn shorts and a parka at the same time.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8 NIV)

There's a story told of a congregation that had a guest speaker one Sunday while their pastor was away. The guest was warmly welcomed by a small number of saints in their historic church building. As she went to the front to begin the worship service the chatty congregation settled into their pews. Having reached the front, the guest turned around to see everyone sitting in the back pews. This didn't really surprise her, having preached in many churches she knew those were often the most popular seats. As the guest led the service she was caught off guard when, just before she preached, she saw the whole congregation file out of their back pews and process to the front pews. Was it a sign of respect for her preaching? Was it an eagerness to delve into God's Word?

She preached, concluded the service and returned to the rear of the sanctuary to greet the saints as they left the building. Burning with curiosity she asked the first person to greet her, "Why do you all move to the front of the church before the sermon?" The person she asked was perplexed by her question, simply answering "we've always done that." The guest asked the next person in line the same question, who was equally mystified but suggested that they ask the senior member of the church. They called him forward and asked the question again. He paused and thought, then smiled and then *laughed*: "It's funny you should ask that. I haven't thought about this in years. When I was a young boy, we didn't have a forced-air furnace in the church like we do now, only a small wood stove at the back. The first to arrive on Sunday got it stoked up, but the warmth could only be felt if you were close to it. So, we all sat at the back. But by the time the pastor was ready to preach, it was almost unbearable back there, so we all moved forward where it was warm but not stifling...."

Why do we do what we do? Have we forgotten the original reason? Is the original reason even relevant anymore?

Having been at Plains and then away and then back again I can see some of the things that have changed in the last eight years (TV screens, a YouTube channel, and of course new folks and some who are no longer with us). I can also see the things that haven't changed. Most of the changes and non-changes have nothing to do with right or wrong, they simply are ways to adapt to current circumstances or to retain what is familiar. Of course, that doesn't stop us from feeling uncomfortable...even irked, when we have to adjust to something new. That's because we long for stability in life – especially in a time where change is constant and radical. And, unfortunately, many people count on the Church to be a bastion of stability in their life and then they resist any changes to the way their church does things.

The Church is meant to be a community of safety and stability, but not because it never changes, only because we are centred on the One, Jesus Christ, who never changes. He is our constant, our rock, in a sea of change all around us. And he has given us his word, the Bible to know him and his will for us. But there is still much scope for us to adapt and adjust without denying Christ or ignoring his word. This includes traditions, ministries, ways of worshipping, ways of communicating with each other and with the wider world. All of this can be adapted to communicate the unchanging message of hope through Jesus Christ.

Having been at Plains and then away and then back again I can also make this observation: whatever the good folks at Plains decide to do, you do well! So, as you prepare to work with a new pastor, remember what doesn't change: our Saviour who loves, forgives and transforms us and who wants others to know his love, forgiveness and transforming power as well. Let that guide you as you weigh out the "tried and true" against the "tired and worn" or the "new and needed" against the "flashy and fleeting." Don't keep sitting according to a stove that's long-gone, but never stop clinging to the Saviour who still lives among us.

Phil