



THE PLAIN FACTS
a monthly newsletter of

**FIRST YARMOUTH
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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We've been
infected with
this idea that love
is an emotion only felt
between two people.
But love is universal.
An energy.
A contagious force.
A gift.
To offer money
to a homeless man is to love.
To save a worm from
the sun is to love.
To smile at a stranger is love.
To be grateful,
to be hopeful, to be brave,
to be forgiving,
to be proud, is to love. *— Paul Lukas*





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	Plains Search Committee
Jill & Gerry Coull	Suzanne Doan	Mary Lou Pearson	Tucker Johnstone
Cherie Doyon	Shirley Griffin	Family of Violet Cook	Lori-Ann
Sharon Axford	Linda Hepburn	Don Sawyer	Rev. Mike Nicholson
Tiffany & family	Randy Greer	People of Ukraine	The homeless
Aleta Behie	Dan Walters	Evelyn Crafts granddaughter Brittany	
Family of Cheri Weare	Doug Sawyer	Lesley Micallef's newborn twin granddaughters	
Shirley Dale	Murray Silcox	Family of Helen Hartford	People of Russia
People of the Maritime Provinces			

Sunday Scripture Readings

Oct 02

John 8:2-11

Oct 09

Isaiah 43:1-3a

Oct 16

2Timothy 3:10 – 4:5



Oct 23

Matthew 19:13-15

Oct 30

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Nov 06

Haggai 1:15b - 2:9

In Sympathy

The Plains family extend our sincere sympathy to Rona Wilson on the passing of her mother, Violet Cook of Stratford on Saturday, September 3, 2022 at the age of 93. Violet was the last surviving member of her family. She will be fondly remembered by Cole, Cook and Schellenberger families.

The funeral service for Cheri Lynn Weare was held at Plains Church on Sept 22, Interim Pastor Phil Butler officiated. Cheri was daughter of long-time church members Bob Weare (Kathy) and late Marilyn (Hauck). Weare. We send our condolences to Bob & Kathy Weare, Cheri's partner Craig Noble, daughters Katelynn Bawden (Jesse) and Brandy Bawden, stepchildren Jillian Bawden (Deek) and Kristopher Appleford (Krystan), brother Richard Weare (Lorraine) and their families.

Barb Axford

We extend our sympathy to Lillian Hartford and family on the death of a beloved sister-in-law, Helen Hartford. Helen, wife of late Byron Hartford, recently passed away in New Liskeard, Ontario at the age of 93. Private interment of ashes in Union Cemetery.

Barb Axford

Shedden Agricultural Society Quilt Show Friday October 21 and Saturday October 22, 2022

Southwold Keystone Complex, Shedden Ontario

To obtain an entry form for your quilt(s) contact pat_palmer@rogers.com before October 5

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2022

- Oct 02 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday-Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
- Oct 04 Tue 8:30 A.M. After8's Ladies Breakfast -CANCELLED**
- Oct 09 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service** - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
Oct 10 Mon Thanksgiving
- Oct 11 Tue. 1:30 P.M. Ladies Aid Meeting** - New members are welcome.
- Oct 16 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service** - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
192 Anniversary Sunday - Special Anniversary Offering equally divided between the General Fund and Missions.
11:30 A.M. Pot Luck lunch in Oak Hall
- Oct 23 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service** - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
12:00 Noon - Annual Congregational Meeting - Bring a bag lunch
- Oct 30 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service** - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
- Nov 06 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service** - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

6 th	Jean Lammiman (98)	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 (93)
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



Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
 Count your gains instead of your losses.
 Count your joys instead of your woes;
 Count your friends instead of your foes.
 Count your smiles instead of your tears;
 Count your courage instead of your fears.
 Count your full years instead of your lean;
 Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
 Count your health instead of your wealth;
 Count on God instead of yourself.



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

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	68,735.81	4,973.53	2,545.00	75.00	76,329.34
Expenses	<u>59,936.91</u>	<u>4,973.53</u>	<u>2,695.17</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>67,680.61</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	8,798.90	0.00	(-150.17)	0.00	8,648.73
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 9/30/2022	<u>62,838.83</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>160.69</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>62,999.52</u>

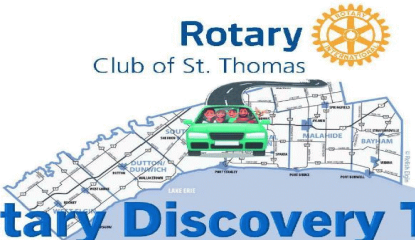
1. The General Fund shows a net gain as of 30th of September, 2022 of \$8,798.90.
Grass cutting has been paid up until the end of May, 2022.
2. Missions income as at the 30th of September, 2022 totalled \$4,973.53. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$1,719.50; CBOQ Youth - \$950.00; CBM General Budget - \$1,386.03, Sharing Way - \$158.00, and Sharing Way, Ukraine - \$760.00.
3. The Communion fund had a net loss as of the 30th of September, 2022 of (-\$150.17.) There was a balance in the Communion fund from 2021, leaving a balance of \$160.69 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 \$1,841.00, now giving us a balance of \$1,956.00 . 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. Hope everyone can enjoy the arrival of fall, which brought us cooler weather on the very day it began!

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley E. Dale

Treasurer



Rotary Discovery Tour

Don't miss this exciting annual event!

Have fun discovering hidden treasures in and around Elgin County and support your local Rotary Club's great initiatives at the same time.


Event tickets can be purchased from St. Thomas Rotary Club members or [Register here](#)

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Starting at **Ferguson RV World**, located at **1249 Talbot St., St. Thomas**

Anytime between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM

Tour Packet
\$35.00
per car

Event Platinum Sponsor


OUR CHURCH'S
FINANCIAL HEALTH

*Every good and perfect gift
is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights,
who does not change like shifting shadows.*

James 1:17 (NIV)

In the last week and a half Anne and I have been working away at finalizing our plans for Thanksgiving weekend, plans to see family and friends and to enjoy harvest feasts together. We all know that Thanksgiving is not the only time for giving thanks, but it is a wonderful time to be intentional about it. And the harvest coming in gives us good reason to stop and thank God for his provision. So, what are you thankful for as we approach Thanksgiving?

I have noticed that there are the usual answers to that question: family, food, job, home, country.... All of these are good and appropriate things for which to thank God, the giver of every good and perfect gift. But have you ever stopped to consider an “unusual” Thanksgiving list? Let me try to explain what I mean with a story.

Over the course of nine years, I experienced four episodes of a very alarming form of tachycardia (racing heart). The attacks were few and far between but they left me and Anne feeling nervous about travelling or about being with family at places far from medical care. Finally, in 2018 I was scheduled for a procedure to correct the problem and I was so relieved and excited!

The week before the procedure I went to the hospital for my pre-op appointment. In the midst of their testing, they noticed something that they (and I) had never noticed before: a hole in my heart. The nurse practitioner explained the situation to me and said that it would probably need to be corrected. She also suggested that I speak to the cardiologist about it the next week when I came in for my procedure.

I drove home from that appointment *very* frustrated and angry! I thought that this life-inhibiting situation was about to be resolved, only to find out that I had ANOTHER big problem to be dealt with sometime, somehow. God and I had words...and not grateful ones.

The following week as I was being prepared for my procedure, the doctor came by, and I asked him about the hole in my heart. He was very dismissive of it and, when I asked again, he said emphatically: “that has nothing to do with what we’re doing here today, and I don’t want to waste time talking about it.” End of discussion. They wheeled me in, and the procedure began.

About hour in it was becoming clear that something wasn’t going well. The staff had a quiet discussion at the other end of the room before the doctor came over to me and said: “You know how I said that the hole in your heart had nothing to do with what we’re doing today? Well, turns out I was wrong.” (Good for him for admitting it). He went on: “we can’t access the part of your heart where the problem is by the usual way. But we think if we go into your heart from the other side, go *through* the hole in your heart, we’ll have direct access to the problem.”

They rejigged my set-up, did what they proposed and voila! A successful procedure (and no racing heart since).

Why the story? Because, while I was angry at first (it sure seemed like things were getting worse), I was suddenly very grateful to have a hole in my heart! And it turns out that it’s a completely benign hole that needs no repair. Was God giving me a good gift? Yes! Did I realize it at first? NO! Do I give thanks for the hole in my heart today? You bet I do.

So, here’s my question: what is your unusual note of thanks to God this Thanksgiving? What is something that no one would expect you to be grateful for, but that God has used for good in your life?

Phil

(Interim Pastor)