



*Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner*



PANCAKE SUPPER
TUESDAY, Feb. 21, 2023
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

No advance ticket sales.
Pay at the door.

Adults - \$10.00

Children 6 - 12 years - \$6.00

Children under 6 years - no charge

Proceeds to ELGIN/ST. THOMAS HOSPICE FUND

Cash donations toward the purchase of
sausage, fruit, syrup, and groceries are welcome.
Contact Donna Limon, or Nancy Millman.

THE PLAIN FACTS
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Twice As Sweet

On Valentines Day, we show our love;
We express our deep affections.
Those who are important to us
Get cards and sweet confections.

But Christian love is not just for
The ones we hold most dear;
Jesus said "love everyone;"
He made that very clear.

For Christians, it is every day
We should care and love and serve
Everyone we meet in life,
Whether they do or don't deserve.

Let's follow Jesus' good command
To love everyone we meet.
Valentine's Day every day
Will make life twice as sweet.

By Joanna Fuchs





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	Plains Search Committee	People of Russia
Jill & Gerry Coull	Carl Sanders	Mary Lou Pearson	Women of Iran
Cherie Doyon	Shirley Griffin	Ryan Ruddock	Gerry House
Sharon Axford	Linda Hepburn	Don Sawyer	Rev. Mike Nicholson
Tiffany & family	Randy Greer	People of Ukraine	The homeless
Aleta Behie	Lori-Ann	Evelyn Crafts granddaughter	Brittany
Pat Martyn	Sheila Greenslade	Maggie Shipley	Jean Lammiman
Shirley Dale	Toots Gillard	CBOQ Search Committee for	Executive Minister
Marion Lammiman	Mississauga Chinese Baptist Church		Family of Daniel Stratford
Kathy Alonso	The Whiting family	Bohdi & Aria MacCallum	Riley Stanfield

Sunday Scripture Readings

Feb 05

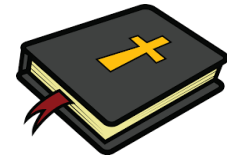
Genesis 50: 15-21

Feb 12

2 Kings 5: 1-15

Feb 19

Isaiah 62: 1-12



Feb 26

Mark 1: 1-11

March 05

Mark 2: 23-3:6

IN SYMPATHY

The Plains family extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Daniel Stratford who passed away on January 14, 2023. Daniel was partner of Amanda Dion and dearly loved father of Ty, Liam, Trezdn and Landon, brother of Stacey Appleman (Matt) and Tori Stratford (Jeromy). Daniel was the loved son of Nancy (Pearson) Stratford and the late James Frederick Stratford (2009), and dear grandson of Mary Lou Pearson. He will be sincerely missed.



Valentine Customs & Superstitions

On Valentine's Day, think of 5 or 6 names of people you might marry. As you twist the stem of an apple, recite the names until the stem comes off. You will marry the person whose name you were saying at that time.

EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2023

Feb 05	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Communion Sunday - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
Feb 06	Mon 9:30-3:00	Plains "Knotty quilters" quilting in Oak Hall.
Feb 08	Wed 8:30 A.M.	After 8's Ladies Breakfast - Sunset Café
Feb 12	Sun 10:00 A.M. 12:00 noon	Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler Annual Congregational Meeting - Bring a bag lunch
Feb 13	Mon 9:30-3:00	Plains "Knotty quilters" quilting in Oak Hall.
Feb 14		Valentine's Day
Feb 19	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
Feb 20	Mon 9:30-3:30	Plains "Knotty quilters" quilting in Oak Hall. Family Day
Feb 21	Tue 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.	Pancake Supper in Oak Hall. No Advance tickets. Pay at the door Proceeds to ELGIN/ST. THOMAS HOSPICE FUND
Feb 22		Ash Wednesday
Feb 26	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
Feb 27	Mon 9:30-3:00	Plains "Knotty quilters" quilting in Oak Hall.
Mar 03	Fri 1:30 P.M.	World Day of Prayer - at Plains Church - Everyone welcome.
Mar 05	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Communion Sunday-Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
Mar 14	Tue 1:30 P.M.	Ladies Aid Meeting



Plains Annual Congregational Meeting
After Worship (12:00)
Sunday, February 12, 2023

Bring a bag lunch. Drinks supplied.

We hope all members and adherents can remain for the meeting.
Pick up a Report book, read and bring it with you to the meeting!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 th	Shirley Dale	14 th	Steve Pettit
4 th	Donna Crocker	17 th	Ross Woodhouse
5 th	Randy Greer	19 th	Daxton Lessard
7 th	Dallas MacPherson	20 th	Brad Bastien
8 th	Pat Kennedy	20 th	Lexie Sawyer
9 th	William Chen-Martyn	23 rd	Bronwyn Ruddock
10 th	Laura Penner	24 th	Dominic Kisiel
11 th	Janice Burgess	25 th	Mary Crosby
12 th	Regina Chen-Martyn	25 th	Ava Sargeant
14 th	Ken Wilson	27 th	Nancy Millman

ANNIVERSARIES

14th Ron and Lynda Prong



On Sunday, January 22, 2023 two families took part in a Child Presentation - Parental Dedication Service.



Hanna and Michael Patrick presented their infant son Finn Patrick.



Tesha and Matthew Cosentino presented their infant son Maximus Cosentino.

Age is a funny thing!



Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you are less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. "How old are you?" "I'm 4 and a half". One is never 36 and a half-but we can be 4 and a half going on 5!

Then you get into your teens, now there's no holding you back. You jump to the next number. "How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16". You could be 14, but you're gonna be 16. And then the greatest day of your life happens: You become 18! Even the words

sound like a ceremony.

But then you turn 30. Ouch! What happened there! Makes you sound like bad milk. He "turned", so we had to throw him out! There's no fun now. What's wrong? What changed?

Then you're "pushing" 40. Stay over there...it's all slipping away. Then you "reach" 50 and next you "make" it to 60. You didn't think you would make it, right! Now you build up so much speed you "hit" 70. And after that it's a day by day thing. From there you hit Wednesday, then Thursday. When you get into your 80's you "hit" lunch time. You turn 4:30.

And it doesn't end there. Into the 90's you start going backwards. "I was just 92." Finally a strange thing happens. If you make it over 95 you become a little kid again and say, "I'm 95 and a half".



Valentine Customs & Superstitions

Some believe that on Valentine's Day, you should cut an apple in half and count how many seeds are inside to tell you how many children you will have.



FIRST YARMOUTH (PLAINS) BAPTIST CHURCH
Financial Statement as of 31 January, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	8,171.83	438.67	380.00	0.00	8,990.50
Expenses	5,821.54	438.67	293.19	0.00	6,553.40
Net Gain(Loss)	2,350.29	0.00	86.81	0.00	2,437.10
Balance end of 2022	68,368.82	0	751.87	0.00	69,120.69
Balance as at 01/31/23	70,719.11	0.00	838.68	0.00	71,557.79

1. The General Fund shows a net gain as of 31st of January, 2023 of \$2,350.29. There have been no invoices for snow plowing and salting to date.
2. Missions income as at the 31st of January, 2023 totalled \$438.67. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$80.00; CBOQ Youth - \$250.00; CBM General Budget - \$88.67, and Sharing Way - \$20.00.
3. The Communion fund had a net gain as of 31st of January, 2023 of \$86.81. There was a balance in the Communion fund from 2022, leaving us a balance of \$838.68 in that fund.

Once again, I would like to personally thank the wonderful people of Plains who continue to make their donations via the offering plate at the church, mailing or delivering them to my home office, using PAR (preauthorized remittance through their bank), or by etransfer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Shirley E. Dale, Treasurer

PRICELESS THINGS

Life holds so many priceless things,
 The falling rain—the wind that sings.
 Each star on high—a big full moon,
 And music playing a familiar tune.
 The river as it rushes on,
 A sunset when the day is gone.
 No wealth can buy a mountain tall.
 These priceless things belong to all.
 Autumn tree lends beauty rare
 With leaves piled deep most everywhere.
 As nature wears a glowing smile
 To make each day a day worthwhile.
 Could anything be quite as dear
 As laughing children that we hear?
 The gift of friendship that is ours,
 The miracle of growing flowers.
 Each magic moment—treasured things
 Birds floating by on outstretched wings.



Valentine Customs & Superstitions

In the middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve meant that it was easy for other people to know how you were feeling.

Anne and I are on an adventure right now. While I have been serving you as interim pastor, God has quietly and persistently been refining his calling on our lives. We resisted it at first because it seemed quite foreign to us and, frankly, a bit suspect. But God has laid it on our hearts to plant a house church! This is a whole new world for us and has required us to learn and work hard and get connected to a new network of people who have also heard the call of God to plant a church. In meeting these good folks we have caught glimpses of an incredible variety in what “church” can look like:

- There’s the pastor who feels a calling on her life to reach out specifically to women;
- There are the grandparents who left their home country to come to Canada to pastor a church and ended up planting a network of churches focused on people of their country;
- There’s the pastor who leads a small, established church in the CBOQ and she is leading her church to “re-plant” themselves, essentially starting over to allow God to create something fresh;
- There’s the couple who are planting an on-line church with people joining in from around the world;
- There’s the established church that is intentionally planting new churches in their community in order to extend the reach of the Good News....

And there are more. Anne and I are humbled to be stepping into this world, which is new to us but not at all new:

“On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.... Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.” (Acts 8:1, 4)

“Now in the church at Antioch....while they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.” [to preach the Good News and plant churches]. (Acts 13:1-3)

“For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!” (Acts 28:30-31)

“...to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home....” (Philemon 1:2)

God calls, God sends, God plants so that the news, the GOOD news that God has made a way for us to him through Jesus, may continue to go out to those who have never heard it.

How does God want to use YOU in an unexpected way to reach a new generation or demographic or people-group? What are you willing to risk so that you may be part of what God is doing to let others know about the Good News of Jesus? What does Plains need to do to re-fresh or re-plant itself to be ready for God’s purposes in Jesus Christ?

Phil