



THE PLAIN FACTS
a monthly newsletter of

**FIRST YARMOUTH
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Jenny and family	Karl Crocker	Family of Myrna Myers	Jean Lammiman
Jill & Gerry Coull	Carl Sanders	Mary Lou Pearson	Maggie Shipley
Cherie Doyon	Shirley Griffin	Rev. Mike Nicholson	Gerry House
Floyd & Sharon Axford	Linda Hepburn	Don Sawyer	Brittany
Tiffany & family	Randy Greer	People of Ukraine	Women of Iran
Aleta Behie	Lori-Ann	People of Turkey & Syria	People of Russia
Pat Martyn	Sheila Greenslade	Plains Search Committee	The homeless
Shirley Dale	Toots Gillard	CBOQ Search Committee for Executive Minister	
Riley Stanfield	Steve Plaunt	Mississauga Chinese Baptist Church	
Kathy Alonso	Christine Mizon	Wendy Lessard	Charlotte Cosentino
Diane O'Brien	Jeremy	Kate Hannah	Briar Plaunt

Sunday Scripture Readings

April 02-Palm Sunday

Mark 11: 1-11

April 09-Easter

Mark 16: 1-8

April 16

Acts 1: 1-14

April 23

Acts 2: 1-21

April 30

Acts 2: 22-42

May 07

Acts 7: 55-60



The pastoral search committee would like to thank the congregation for the suggestion of posting the position for the full time pastor on the churches web site. Through the newsletter we would ask that if you know of somebody that may be interested in the position, that you refer them to the church's web site that will have all the information required to contact the committee.

Wayne Dale, Search Committee



FAMILY CAMP OUT 2023

at Springwater

The dates are

June 23, 24, 25, 2023

An increase in fees should be expected



Why did the bunnies go on strike? Because they wanted better celery.

What do rabbits say before they eat? "Lettuce pray."

Why don't you see dinosaurs at Easter? Because they are eggs-tinct.

EVENTS FOR APRIL 2023

Apr 02 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Communion Sunday-Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler Palm Sunday
Apr 07 Fri 10:00 A.M.	Good Friday Service
April 09 Sun 7:00 A.M.	Easter Sunrise Service - at the Old Cemetery across the road from the church, followed by a Light breakfast in Oak Hall
10:00 A.M.	Easter Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at Don and Suzanne Ferguson's on Fairview Road
April 11 Tue 1:30 P.M.	Ladies Aid Meeting
April 12 Wed 8:30 A.M.	Ladies After 8's at Sunset Cafe
April 16 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
April 22 Sat	Earth Day
April 23 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
April 30 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
12:00 noon	Congregational Meeting - bring a bag lunch
May 07 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Communion Sunday - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler Food Bank Sunday

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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

7 th Ryan Ruddock	18 th Diane O'Brien
8 th Brian Plaunt	19 th Lillian Hartford (85)
9 th Tiffany Graham	20 th Donna Limon
9 th Jean Palmer	26 th Evan Jackson
11 th Mary Smoke	26 th Troy Dale
13 th Madge Barrett	28 th Pauline Duffy
13 th Malcolm Rust	30 th Michael Johnson
18 th Jack Cummings	

ANNIVERSARIES

23rd Malcolm & Donna Rust (40)



How can you tell which rabbits are getting old? Look for the gray hares.

How do you know a rabbit is in a good mood? She's hoppy.



Donna Limon, Dr. John Hofhuis, Carolyn Plaunt

Dr. John Hofhuis from the St. Thomas/Elgin Hospice Committee was the guest speaker at the March Ladies Aid Meeting on March 14. Several guests attended to hear about the plans for and the function of the proposed Hospice which is to be built at the end of South Edgeware Street, at the top of the hill which descends into Waterworks Park. The plan is that “shovels will be in the ground” this Spring. This is a much needed facility in Elgin County and fund raising is the only source of income. Carolyn Plaunt presented Dr. Hofhuis with a cheque from the Ladies Aid and Donna Limon presented him with the cheque from the proceeds of the Pancake Supper which was held in February.

Knotty Quilters 2023

The knotty Quilters have finished their project for 2023, which was a quilt top created and assembled by Wendy Harris and donated to the Knotty Quilters.

The quilters included Madge Barrett, Nancy Millman, Beth Phoenix, Carolyn Plaunt, Rona Wilson and Sharon Axford who dropped in one morning with her sister in law Wendy Harris, and picked up a needle to help.

Crafters who attended with their needles and yarn were Vicki Houghton and Marion Maynard. Guests joining at lunch time one day were Marjorie Higgs and Shirley Griffin. Lillian Hartford was often present to prepare the coffee tray.

When completed, (binding applied) this quilt will be for sale. It is 73" x 80" – a double bed size.

The asking price is \$600.00. The project recipient yet to be decided.



Madge Barrett, Rona Wilson and Carolyn Plaunt

How does a rabbit throw a tantrum? She gets hopping mad.

Which side of the Easter Bunny has the most fur? The outside.



A cairn marking the treaty to obtain Crown title to southwestern Ontario, 1790.
Blenheim Memorial Park, Blenheim, Ontario

Traditional Land Acknowledgement

The First Yarmouth (Plains) Baptist Church acknowledges that it is located on the land of the McKee Treaty that was signed by the Wyandot and by Anishinaabe Nations, including ancestors of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation. It is also the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Attiwonderonk (Neutral) and Mississauga Nation. We acknowledge historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Metis and Inuit) endure in Canada and we accept responsibility as a religious institution to seek to correct miseducation and damaging stereotypes and to renew respectful relationships with Indigenous communities.

Background

The federal government's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) report of December 2015 contained 94 calls to action to further reconciliation between Canadians and Indigenous Peoples. It contains the government's commitment to a renewed nation-to-nation relationship with Indigenous Peoples based on recognition, rights, respect, co-operation and partnership. The TRC report spurred organizations, businesses and provincial and municipal governments across the country to parallel the federal government's commitment through a variety of initiatives that speak directly to their immediate communities.

Traditional land acknowledgement statements are increasingly being used in Canada by governments, schools, post-secondary institutions, non-governmental organizations, and other civil institutions as a practice of reconciliation to recognize the traditional or treaty territories of Indigenous Peoples.

The Haudenosaunee (hoed-eno-show-nee) are identified as having historical association to usage or occupancy of the lands where the Municipality of Central Elgin is now situated.

Treaties are defined by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada as solemn agreements that set out long-standing promises, mutual obligations and benefits for both parties.

The McKee Purchase includes the lands now comprising the Municipality of Central Elgin. The Treaty is the southernmost Upper Canada treaty.

“In May 1790, Alexander McKee, Deputy Agent of the British Indian Department and the principal chiefs of the Ottawa, Potawatomi, Chippewa and Wyandot negotiated a treaty whereby the British Crown acquired title to what is now southwestern Ontario. This treaty completed the process begun with Niagara treaties of 1781 and 1784, with the result that most of the Ontario peninsula was soon opened to British and Loyalist settlement.” Blenheim plaque. Canadian Encyclopedia

McKee’s Purchase of 1790 (also known as the McKee Treaty and Treaty 2) was an early land agreement between Indigenous peoples and British authorities in Upper Canada (later Ontario). It is the southernmost Upper Canada treaty and consisted of a large strip of territory from the southwestern shore of Lake Erie north to the Thames River and east to a point southwest of modern-day London, Ontario. This land was made available for settlement by Loyalists who were displaced by the American Revolution.

The treaty was signed “in consideration of the goodwill, friendship and affection” for Alexander McKee, “who has served with us against the enemy during the late war.” McKee’s mother was Shawnee and he had been raised in the hinterland in the ways of his mother’s people. McKee was born in what is now Pennsylvania around 1735. He worked as a fur trader and Indian Agent in the Ohio River area but supported the British in the American Revolutionary War. He died around 1799 in what is now Southwestern Ontario.

The land that McKee obtained for the British extended as far inland as the Thames River. The chiefs sold the land for goods worth 1,200 pounds. Among the items were 840 pairs of blankets, various kinds of cloth, ribbons and thread and a dozen black handkerchiefs, valued at 722 pounds; 240 plain hats, 60 guns, 20 rifles, ammunition, 2,000 flints, 360 mirrors, 144 scissors, 288 combs, 1,000 fishhooks and 272 kilograms of brass kettles, worth 290 pounds; and 39 gallons of rum, a bullock, 181 pounds of tobacco, 24 laced hats, 1,584 pipes and 288 knives, valued at 187 pounds. A few other items of lesser value were included. The impact for Indigenous communities was substantial including loss of hunting territory.

The surrender of 1790 legitimized the land transfers of 1784 and 1786 as well as many other private illegal sales of Indigenous land to settlers in the southernmost part of modern Ontario.

Sources: -

- Municipality of Central Elgin’s Traditional Land Acknowledgement and Policy.
- The Canadian Encyclopedia (TCE; French: L’Encyclopédie canadienne) is the national encyclopedia of Canada, published online by the Toronto-based historical organization Historica ... [Wikipedia. Article/Mckee-s-purchase.](#)
- Traditional Lands Statement, Westview Baptist Church, London, Ontario

March 2023

Submitted by Malcolm Rust

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

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	23,524.56	1,715.01	991.00	0.00	26,230.57
Expenses	<u>16,215.92</u>	<u>1,715.01</u>	<u>797.13</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>18,728.06</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	7,308.64	0.00	193.87	0.00	7,502.51
Balance end of 2022	<u>68,368.82</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>751.87</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>69,120.69</u>
Balance as at 03/31/23	<u>75,677.46</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>945.74</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>76,623.20</u>

1. The General Fund shows a net gain as of 31 of March, 2023 of \$7,308.64.
 There have been no invoices for snow plowing and salting to date.
2. Missions income as at the 31st of March, 2023 totalled \$1,715.01. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$275.00; CBOQ Youth - \$600.00; CBM General Budget - \$208.01, Sharing Way - \$52.00, CBM Ukraine - \$60.00 & CBM Turkey Earthquake \$520.00.
3. The Communion fund had a net gain as of 31st of March, 2023 of \$193.87. There was a balance in the Communion fund from 2022, leaving us a balance of \$945.74 in that fund.
4. Just a note that the Pancake Supper raised \$1,500 for Hospice of Elgin St.Thomas and that money was handed to Dr. John Hofhius at the Ladies Aid meeting in early March.

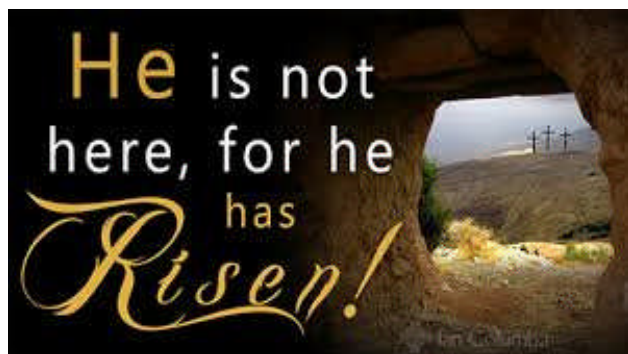
Once again, I would like to personally thank the wonderful people of Plains who continue to make their donations via the offering plate at the church, mailing or delivering them to my home office, using PAR (preauthorized remittance through their bank), or by etransfer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Shirley E. Dale
 Treasurer



This Life on Earth

Easter means that this life on earth is not all there is. Jesus went "to prepare a place for us" in His Father's heavenly mansions for all eternity. Jesus died for our sins, paying our penalty, so that we could be forgiven. He was resurrected, to prove that death has no hold on those who repent and accept Him as Savior. This life on earth is a prelude to eternal joy with our Lord. Easter is a celebration of our eternal destiny.



By Joanna Fuchs

There is something about candles. We light them for birthdays, they are associated with romantic dinners and cozy evenings at home. They can remind us of Advent and the anticipation of Christmas. They can also be a source of nice smells...the scented candle industry being a quite prolific! And of, course they are good to have around in the event of a power outage.

Since the beginning of Lent we have been *extinguishing* candles. Rather than the light growing, as it does during Advent, the light has been growing dimmer, reminding us that Jesus was making his way “resolutely” to Jerusalem and to his death. What is ironic is that he allowed what he would never do. God had spoken through the prophet Isaiah about Jesus, saying:

*“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.
² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
(Isaiah 42:1-3 NIV)*

Jesus’ life and ministry fulfilled that prophecy. He never extinguished the last bit of hope or faith in a person’s life, nor would he rob them of their last shred of dignity. Instead, he would fan glimmers of hope and faith into flame and restore God-given dignity. He did this as he forgave people who were sorry for their sins, as he touched the untouchables, as he spoke with respect to women and allowed children the time and attention to be blessed by him. This is even what he was doing as he rebuked the arrogant to remind them of proper humility in the presence of God and their fellow human. Jesus did not extinguish smoldering wicks, but we extinguished him!

But that did not stop him. This is what makes the celebration of Easter so very great: we are celebrating the God who restores what is weak and broken BECAUSE his love and power are greater than our attempts to break him. He will remain the God of grace and truth, the giver of new life, the restorer of what is broken, no matter what we do to him.

As we approach the great celebration of Easter consider the brokenness in your life that God has restored, or is restoring, or wants to restore. Consider the One who will not extinguish your last hope, but who will fan it into flame if you give it into his faithful hands. And let the joy of his gift to you of forgiveness and new life be the source of your praise as we celebrate his power over sin and death.

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Phil