



**THE PLAIN FACTS**  
*a monthly newsletter of*

**FIRST YARMOUTH  
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**First my  
mother,  
forever my  
friend.**

*Handmade*

## MAY 2023

**PLAINS CHURCH SPRING CHICKEN BBQ**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

**4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

**Advance Ticket Sales ONLY**

**NO tickets sold at the door**

**OVER 12 YEARS AND ADULTS - \$20.00**

**CHILDREN (6 years - 12 years) \$8.00**

**(under 6 years) free**

**PHONE 519-775-2526 519-631-4069  
for tickets**

**MENU**

**Quarter chicken, Baked beans, Baked  
Potatoes, Rolls, Cole Slaw, Cake,  
Juice, Tea & Coffee**

*Cash donations toward purchase of chicken and  
condiments are welcome. Please see Nancy Millman*





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	Family of Sheila Greenslade	
Jill & Gerry Coull	Carl Sanders	Anna & Ross Woodhouse	
Cherie Doyon	Shirley Griffin	Rev. Mike Nicholson	
Floyd & Sharon Axford	Linda Hepburn	Don Sawyer	
Randy Greer	Jeremy	Brittany	Plains Search Committee
Lori-Ann	Adam Rust	Wendy Lessard	Women of Iran
George & Pat Martyn	Doug Sawyer	Jean Lammiman	People of Turkey & Syria
Toots Gillard	MacKenzie DeSilva	Mary Lou Pearson	People of Ukraine
Riley Stanfield	Maggie Shipley	Elsie Walker	People of Russia
Kathy Alonso	Marjorie Higgs		The homeless
Nathan Zinn	Christine Mizon		Mississauga Chinese Baptist Church

### Sunday Scripture Readings

**May 07**

Acts 7: 55-60

**May 14-Mothers' Day**

John 14: 15-21

**May 21**

Ephesians 1: 15-23

**May 28**

Rev. Stephen Jones preaching

**June 04**

Matthew 22:34-40



On behalf of my late Mother-in-law Myrna Meyer and family I want to thank our Plains family for your thoughts and prayers during her journey with pancreatic cancer and her passing on March 11. Great comfort was felt knowing all of you held us all in your thoughts. With kind regards Wynn Dale

On behalf of Hospice of Elgin, we want to extend our heart-felt thanks and appreciation to you for your generous donation of \$1,500.00 Your donation will help us realize a Hospice for Elgin County Your support will have a lasting impact for many families in our community. We hope you will join us, along with our donors and community in celebrating this important project when doors open.

*Dr. Bob Jones, Campaign Chair, Hospice of Elgin*

To my Plains Family -

Thank you for the gift card from Sherry's Women's Apparel store in St. Thomas, and the well-penned poem by Margaret Anne Bell included in the appreciation card presented to me in a surprise moment after our April 22 church service. It has been an honour to remember members of our church family on your behalf as they experience life's varied occasions. The 55 years part just sort of happened as time moved along for all of us. It was apparent to me that it was time to step down from the various positions that I held, and I thank you deeply for the love you have shown to me.

As Keith would say, "God bless!"

*Barb Axford*

## EVENTS FOR MAY 2023

- May 07 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler  
**Food Bank Sunday**
- May 10 Wed 8:30 A.M.**      **Ladies After 8's Breakfast** - Sunset Café  
**Sat 13 Sat 9:00 A.M.**      **Spring Yard clean up** - Helpers welcome
- May 14 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service** - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler  
**Mothers' Day**
- May 17 Wed 4:30-6:30**      **Spring Chicken Barbeque** - Oak Hall
- May 21 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service** - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler  
**May 27 Sat 9:30 - 11:30 A.M.** **Spring Bazaar and Plant Sale**
- May 28 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service** - Guest Preacher - Rev. Stephen Jones
- June 4 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
- June 11 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service** - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler  
**June 13 Tue 12:00 Noon**      **Ladies Aid Luncheon** - Pinecroft Restaurant, Aylmer.  
Guests welcome. Sign up required.
- June 14 Wed 8:30 A.M.**      **Ladies After 8's Breakfast** - Sunset Café



**PLAINS SPRING BAZAAR AND OUTDOOR PLANT SALE**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023**  
**9:30 TO 11:30 A.M.**



Baked goods, books, baby quilts, crafts, children's clothing, etc.  
*Donations of baked goods, crafts and child's clothing are welcomed.*

If you are able to help with setting up on May 16, and/or serving on the day of the Bazaar, contact **Nancy Millman - 519-775-2526**

[anmillman@rogers.com](mailto:anmillman@rogers.com)

**Perennial Plants for Sale.** If you have any plants or pots to donate for the plant sale you may bring them to the church or contact

**Donna Limon - 519-631-9455**

Please consider digging your plants well before the sale so they look fresh and saleable, and providing labels to identify your plants.

**Coffee, tea and muffins served in Oak Hall**



**Kids' klean clothes:** Donations will be accepted of children's clothing, size new born to size 12 to be sold at the Spring Bazaar. We ask that items be clean, and in "almost as good as new" condition.

My mother taught me about **JUSTICE**. "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"  
My mother taught me **LOGIC**. "Because I said so, that's why."

**For Sale:**

Double Bed size - 73" x 80"

Hand quilted by Plains Church Knotty Quilters

Created and assembled by Wendy Harris

\$600.00

Contact Nancy Millman [anmillman@rogers.com](mailto:anmillman@rogers.com)

519-775-2526 519-872-3319

Proceeds to support Ladies Aid



**HE IS RISEN:** On Sunday morning April 9 at 7:00 A.M., several members of the Plains Church family gathered at the Old Cemetery across the road from Plains Church for a quiet Sunrise Service celebrating the Risen Jesus.

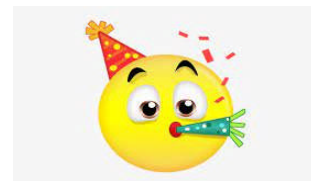
A light breakfast of coffee, bagels, muffins, hot cross buns and fruit were enjoyed in Oak Hall following the brief service. Thank you to all who contributed, prepared and cleaned up afterwards.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Brenton Carnegie	18 <sup>th</sup>	Cathy McCarthy
1 <sup>st</sup>	Erin Chesterfield	18 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda Sawyer
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maureen Greer	20 <sup>th</sup>	Kayla Carnegie
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Suzanne Ferguson	21 <sup>st</sup>	Bonnie Melvin
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary Sawyer	24 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica Hepburn
6 <sup>th</sup>	Louise Angyal	26 <sup>th</sup>	Cherie Doyon
7 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Cook-Noble	26 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Penner
7 <sup>th</sup>	Brent Crocker	29 <sup>th</sup>	Tori Noble
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ellis Graham	30 <sup>th</sup>	Fran Somerville
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jordan Wilson	30 <sup>th</sup>	Clare Kisiel
14 <sup>th</sup>	Marjorie Higgs	31 <sup>st</sup>	Jamey Dale
15 <sup>th</sup>	John Doner	31 <sup>st</sup>	Heather Limon
15 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Johnson	31 <sup>st</sup>	John Hepburn
17 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Rust		

**ANNIVERSARIES**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Randy & Maureen Greer
9 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce & Barb Green
10 <sup>th</sup>	Todd & Kathy Noble
16 <sup>th</sup>	Kim & Sherry Graham
24 <sup>th</sup>	Tim & Sara Barrett
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mike & Rosemary Barrett



## PLAINS CHURCH CAMPING AT SPRINGWATER 2023

Friday, June 23rd to Sunday, June 25th, at noon

Springwater Conservation Area South Pavilion, "Day Use Area".

**CAMPING COSTS:** \$16.00 per adult per night, \$9.00 per Child (17 and under),  
\$5.00 per night for hydro, if available.

**NEW** - The Day Use Area will have a gated entrance using a bar code for entering the area.

**REQUIREMENT** - Registration and payment will be required 2 weeks prior to Camp Out with campers names and Licence plate numbers of vehicles to Sherry Graham. That way Springwater will issue me the Gate Passes so you can get into the Day Use Area without going over to the Visitor's Centre.

(Require minimum of 20 campers per night so it is important to register early, so I know we have the minimum required.)

**DAY USE:** \$10 per vehicle per day, no matter the number of people

**NEW** - payable to Springwater at the Day Use Area Gate. At that time a barcode will be printed for you to use if going in and out.

Cash donations will be accepted for the purchase of wood, food and the use of the pavilion. See Sherry Graham. Come for all or for part of the weekend!



Friday night - hot dogs, marshmallows, pie irons provided. (Bring your own beverage)

Saturday - Breakfast and lunch on your own

Saturday Supper - hamburgers and beverage provided: You bring a salad or dessert

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast provided

10:30 a.m. Worship beside the pond, weather permitting

**WHAT TO BRING:** Life jackets if you want to canoe, pie irons, fishing poles, guitars, bicycles, etc.

### PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY:

It is understood that at church events or activities parents are responsible for the supervision of their child/children and any other child/children who have been entrusted to their care. If parents leave the event/activity, it is their responsibility to delegate the responsibility for the child/children to another adult.

[Plains Baptist Church Safe Policy, Page 4].

### Highlights of the Congregational Meeting of April 30, 2023

Clerk Mary Crosby called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Michael Sargeant gave the devotional.

On the recommendation of the Deacons, Michael Sargeant was elected to act as Chairperson.

The Agenda was approved, following one addition.

The minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2023 were approved as circulated. The Territory Acknowledgment as circulated was discussed. It was agreed that this statement was ready for confirmation and it was adopted as printed. The date of April 2023 and a QR code will be added. It is to be printed in plaque format similar to the history of the church plaque on the East end of the church. A donor has offered to pay for this to be done by McBain Graphics, and it will be mounted on the front exterior of the church.

### Reports:

**Clerk** - Mary Crosby reported that the weekly attendance at services is 55 - 60.

**Finance Committee** - by Sherry Graham, noted that finances are on budget. It was noted that there are some changes to the Springwater camping fee process and the day visitor participation. Passes will be required and visitors will be required to pay at the gate.

**Sunday School Finance Report** - By Sherry Graham. Leena Sibley was commended on the work she is doing with the Sunday School children.

**Trustees Report** - prepared by John Doner and read by Charlie Rewbotham. It was agreed that 30 new black chairs will be purchased for Oak Hall. It was also agreed that 20 6- foot rectangular tables and 10 5- foot round tables will be

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**FIRST YARMOUTH (PLAINS) BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Financial Statement as of 30th of April, 2023**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	33,032.89	2,751.18	1,325.00	0.00	37,108.89
Expenses	26,847.81	2,751.18	1,329.59	0.00	30,928.40
Net Gain(Loss)	6,185.08	0.00	(-4.59)	0.00	6,180.49
Balance end of 2022	68,368.82	0	751.87	0.00	69,120.69
Balance as at 04/30/23	74,553.90	0.00	747.28	0.00	75,301.18

- The General Fund shows a net gain as of 30th of April, 2023 of \$6,185.08.  
 Snow plowing and salting invoices for November & December 2022 & January, February & March 2023 were received in April 2023 and have been paid in April with a cost to the church of \$3,773.03.  
 The Special Easter offering for the General fund totalled \$427.50.
- Missions income as at the 30th of April, 2023 totalled \$2,751.18. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$917.50; CBOQ Youth - \$875.00; CBM General Budget - \$306.68, Sharing Way - \$72.00, CBM Ukraine - \$60.00 & CBM Turkey Earthquake \$520.00.  
 The Special Easter offering for CBOQ General Budget totalled \$557.50.
- The Communion fund had a net loss as of the 30th of April, 2023 of (\$-4.59.) There was a balance in the Communion fund from 2022 of \$751.87, leaving a balance of \$747.28 in that fund.  
 April 2023 was a very busy month for the Communion fund.
- The Special Projects fund had a donation of \$100.00 in April, 2023.
- A very generous further donation from the closure of Centre Street Baptist Church has been received in the amount of \$30,900, as well as the \$65,000 received in 2022. Special thank you to the wonderful people of Centre Street for their kind donations to help further God's work in this community at Plains!

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

**A BIT OF ADVICE**  
 By Joanne VanDam

If your day did not go as you planned, don't let that cause you sorrow.  
 Pull up your "big girl panties" dear, and try again tomorrow.  
 Don't be a "people pleaser". Do what is right for you.  
 Be a little wee bit selfish, if that helps to get you through.

Not everyone will love you. That fact, my dear, is fine.  
 Just be happy with yourself. Let no one steal your shine.  
 If you find you feel frustrated, and your patience all have flown,  
 Give yourself permission to spend some time alone.

If your hard work goes unnoticed, and your feelings get all messed.  
 Pat your own self on the back and know, you've done your best.  
 If someone disappoints you, as some people often do.  
 Don't let that feeling break you. The one to please is YOU.

If someone makes you doubt yourself, don't let them bring you down.  
 Take a deep breath, throw your shoulders back, and rearrange your crown.  
 Do the best you can each day. Put your worries on a shelf.  
 And most importantly my friend, be sure to love yourself.



I can honestly say that my mom is one of my heroes. At the age of 12 she contracted polio, spent a year in hospital, another year at home, lived with a paralyzed leg, learned to walk with crutches, caught up with schooling, and went on to be the first in her family to go to university. She married, raised four (adorable☺) children and usually seemed to be calm and ready to listen or give a hug. Her faith has also, always inspired me. Even though she suffered such a devastating blow at that young age, she followed Jesus and trusted him to carry her through her hardships. She is an example to me of a steadfast faith in Christ.

But I was surprised, years ago, to hear that her father, a steady, church-going believer, nearly lost his faith when she was first sick. The story goes that he stopped going to church while his little girl was going through her ordeal. That was not the grandpa I knew. I would never have guessed it. I know that we all react differently when a crisis hits. But it is interesting that some will lean on God in those times while others push God away.

It reminds me of a friend of mine who once said “I can’t believe in God, not with all the suffering that’s in the world.” I have heard statements like that before, so it did not surprise me, but it did make me ponder “then why do so many who *are* suffering believe *so* strongly in God?” Maybe it’s because it can be harder to *watch* someone suffer than to bear suffering yourself? Perhaps it’s because our unspoken suffering gets in the way of communing with God?

But it isn’t fair for me to suggest that you *either* lean into God *or* run from God in hardships. Most of us do both: we run away and then return or we lean into God and then step back and yell at him for a while (or at least pout and refuse to talk). And I suppose that must hurt God, that we would distrust *him* when things aren’t going well for *me*.

Here is what I do know: my mom had hardship and became a more kind, trusting, faithful person because of it. I suppose that was a choice she made and, probably, struggled with at times. But in choosing to aim for faithfulness, she has been a reflection to me of the God who suffered and came back from that suffering with grace and mercy and patience. The Prophet Isaiah described Jesus in this way:

*He was despised and rejected,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. (Isaiah 53:3)*

This is the same God who aches today when I accuse him of not caring, and yet he continues to care for me anyway! I worship the God who understands suffering, but doesn’t spare me from my own sufferings. He does, however, promise that he is with me and loves me and, when I trust him, can use those hardships to shape me more into His image.

*Phil*