

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

**FIRST YARMOUTH  
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# JUNE 2023

## **Through the Ages**

Fathers and their families, throughout the ages,  
Have stood by each other, through life's many stages.  
From hunters and gatherers, to farmers and bakers,  
Fathers have always been there, through all the acres.  
Through war and peace, through times of feast and famine,  
Fathers have been our rock, our shelter and our captain.  
They have taught us to be brave, to stand tall and be strong,  
And to never give up hope, no matter what may go wrong.  
From generation to generation, their legacy lives on,  
A bond unbreakable, from dusk until dawn.  
Fathers and their families, a story that will never grow old,  
For their love and devotion, is worth more than gold.

*~ Nathaniel Kottmeyer*





## EVENTS FOR JUNE 2023

- 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 11:30 A.M. Ladies Aid Luncheon** joined by **Ladies After 8's**- Pinecroft Restaurant, Rogers Road, Aylmer. Guests welcome. Sign up required.
- June 18 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service** - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
- June 21 Wed Fathers' Day**
- June 23 June 25 (Friday-Sunday) Church Camp out** at Springwater
- June 25 Sun 10:30 A.M. Worship at Springwater beside the pond** - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler
- July 02 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler  
Canada Day Weekend



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Judy Jacklin        | 18 <sup>th</sup> Michelle Carnegie    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Michela Sargeant    | 19 <sup>th</sup> Jeremy Dale          |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Ryan Dunn          | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Lillie Penner        |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Gail McPhail       | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Emma Wilcox          |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Toots Gillard(95)  | 27 <sup>th</sup> Melanie Dunn         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> George Martyn (85) | 27 <sup>th</sup> Gerry Coull          |
|                                     | 28 <sup>th</sup> Anna Kristine Kisiel |



## ANNIVERSARIES

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> Floyd and Sharon Axford  | 20 <sup>th</sup> Phil & Cherie Doyon         |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> George & Betty Lidster   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jeff & Melanie Wilcox       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Stephen & Carolyn Plaunt | 26 <sup>th</sup> Sue Anne & Joshua MacCallum |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Doug & Mary Sawyer (60) | 28 <sup>th</sup> Gerry & Jill Coull          |
|  | 30 <sup>th</sup> Gary & Fran Somerville (50) |

**LADIES AID LUNCHEON** joined by **LADIES AFTER 8'S**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 11:30 A.M.**

Guests Welcome

**PINECROFT** 8122 Rogers Road

If you plan to attend please advise Nancy Millman by **Sunday, June 11, 2023**  
Individual orders and payment from the menu

**HELP WANTED:**

The PLAIN FACTS NEWS LETTER is in need of a PROOF READER. This requires someone with an eye for detail, an excellent speller, with correct grammar savvy. Some familiarity with the Plains family and the history of Plains Church would be an asset but not necessary. A computer and e-mail address are essential. A brief time at the end of each month is all that is required.

Contact the Editor Nancy Millman if interested. [anmillman@rogers.com](mailto:anmillman@rogers.com)





Deacons Pat Kennedy, Michael Sargeant, Donald Toth,  
Rev. Phil Butler

On Sunday, May 7 Donald Toth was received into membership at Plains Church. Don has come to Plains from Centre Street Baptist Church, following that church's closure.

We welcome Don and congratulate Don and his wife, Theresa on their retirement upon the closing of their store, Toth Jewelers, in St. Thomas.

On Wednesday, May 17 Oak Hall at Plains Church was buzzing with activity as the first Spring Chicken BBQ supper was held since May 2019. Appetites for good food, hospitality, community spirit and comradery were satisfied as the tasty meal was enjoyed by 200 people and the Social Committee was rewarded with a profit of \$3,200. A donation of \$1,000. has been made to the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital MRI fund.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported this event by purchasing tickets, those who sold tickets, donated financially, and to all the workers who prepared, delivered, set up, baked, cooked, served, washed dishes, cleaned up and did all the little things in between to make this a successful and worthwhile event.



Cutting up the cakes, Linda Willand and Diane O'Brien made sure that everyone got their choice.



Taking a break from serving baked potatoes and BBQ Chicken, John Doner and Murray Silcox cheerfully greeted hungry guests.

**For Sale:** Double Bed size - 73" x 80"  
 Hand quilted by Plains Church Knotty Quilters  
 Created and assembled by Wendy Harris  
 Contact Nancy Millman [anmillman@rogers.com](mailto:anmillman@rogers.com)  
 519-775-2526 519-872-3319  
 Proceeds to support Ladies Aid



Social Committee workers Donna Crocker, Donna Limon and Linda Cummings offer a selection of hostas to buyer Brenda Silcox.



Those arriving at the door received friendly greetings from John Gibbons and Jack Cummings .

The bake table is always the most popular, evidenced by the variety of cookies, pies, fruit loaves, squares, jams, tarts and muffins. Louise Sargeant and Madge Barrett made sure that everyone's sweet tooth was satisfied.

The first Ladies Aid Spring Bazaar in three years was held on Saturday, May 27 under sunny skies. Although attendance was low the mood was high and the financial benefits were not disappointing. The Ladies Aid cleared \$1,184.35 and the Social Committee's outdoor plant sale which was held under the canopy at the front door made \$496.00

**THANK YOU** to everyone who decorated, donated items for selling, who helped with setting up, baked, served, cleared, washed, cleaned up and put away!



The new round tables and the new rectangular tables made setting up and serving a pleasure with lots of room for visiting with neighbours and friends.





## 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.)

### NOTE:

**Registration (licence plate numbers and names of campers) and Payment DUE no later than June 11th! After that, still welcome to come camp, but will need to go across the road to the Visitors Centre and register first before entering Day Use area.**

**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].

The RED CROSS WILD FIRE RELIEF ALBERTA fund is providing cots, blankets, water, and emergency shelter for misplaced persons who are victims of the wild fires in Alberta.

Donations will be matched by the government until June 3.

The Plains Church Ladies Aid and the Plains Church Social Committee has each sent \$1000.00 to this worthwhile cause.



Happy Father's Day to the dads who were smart enough to teach their children how to mow the lawn so they wouldn't have to.

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

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	39,954.72	3,300.85	1,802.00	0.00	45,057.57
Expenses	<u>32,740.86</u>	<u>3,300.85</u>	<u>1,697.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>37,738.96</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	7,213.86	0.00	104.75	0.00	7,318.61
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 05/31/23	<u>75,582.68</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>856.62</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>76,439.30</u>

1. The General Fund shows a net gain as of 31st of May, 2023 of \$7,213.86
2. Missions income as at the 31st of May, 2023 totalled \$3,300.85. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$992.50; CBOQ Youth - \$1,075.00; CBM General Budget - \$383.35, Sharing Way - \$90.00, CBM Ukraine - \$140.00, CBM Turkey Earthquake \$520.00, & Turkey and Syria Foodgrains Bank - \$100.00.
3. The Communion fund had a net gain of \$104.75. There was a balance in that fund from previous years of \$751.87, leaving a balance of \$856.62 in that fund.
4. The new tables and chairs for Oak Hall have been purchased and the new electronic sign is in production.
5. 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



Hi Malcolm and Donna:

Hope all is well with you. I am doing well. I quit my job at the daycare and am now working full time at the hotel. My best decision to date. The weather here has been very hot and yes, smokey. I've never really experienced that smell so close before. It's awful. Today is much cooler and there is no smoke for now. I was in Whistler for a few days last week visiting Simon. He is doing well, really enjoying life and working hard. He has taken on a new role as an irrigation tech. Learning some new skills. Em and Kevin are doing well, they have a logging truck business which they are both involved in. I miss everyone there but am settled and very happy in Cochrane, Talk soon.

Love Hazel (Brekelmans)

*Submitted by Malcolm Rust*

## *What's Needed for the Journey*

For some people the winter is the time to travel. For our family, summer is when we pack up and go on road trips and vacations. It's a time we look forward to and there are certain destinations that we repeat year after year. Unfortunately, part of the experience is packing before we leave. We may have it down to a science but it's still a lot of work. We try to think of every possible weather condition (hot, cold, rain, wind...), every possible adventure to dress for (swimming, hiking, going to a nice restaurant...). We pack for leisure time (books, games...), we pack for illness (allergy medications, Tylenol...). We get prepared!

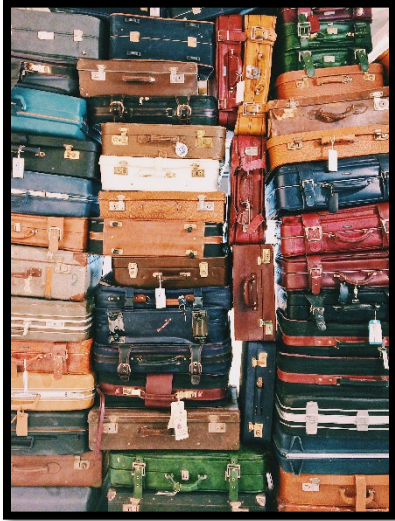


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Then I stop and think about people who have to pack with NO time and no capacity for all the extras. Refugees, whether due to war, famine, earthquake..., who have to run for their lives with only what matters most and what they can carry. If I were in their situation, what would I take? What would I leave behind? What matters most?

Early in his ministry, Jesus sent out his disciples to share the news of the coming Kingdom of God. He told them:

*“Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt.” (Luke 9:3)*

Imagine that! Take NOTHING with you. Could *you* do that? I know *I* would struggle with it. I prefer to have my own plan for all eventualities. But the disciples came back from that trip amazed at what God had done for them and through them. It was a chance for them to learn, in a practical way, that what matters most is *God*.

We do need to note that later, Jesus told them that they SHOULD pack and be prepared:

*Then Jesus asked them, “When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?”*

*“Nothing,” they answered.*

*He said to them, “But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. (Luke 22:35-36)*

Jesus is not asking us to live with nothing but him, he’s asking us to *depend* on nothing but him! When we recognize God’s great provision for us, it allows us to stop over-packing, stop stockpiling and instead to be generous, extravagantly hospitable, at peace, unworried. THAT would be even better than a vacation!

*Phil*