



THE PLAIN FACTS
a monthly newsletter of

**FIRST YARMOUTH
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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The March of Time

They march along to the beat of the band,
These are the vets who fought in a foreign land.
There are fewer today as time goes by,
Age catches up and they die.
Shoulders stooped, limps, canes and aching thigh,
These proud soldiers march with heads held high.
Their steps are spry as they pass through the crowd,
Young once, older now, but just as proud.
They know the meaning of "Lest We Forget."
As they remember comrades who paid the supreme debt.
On to the cenotaph rank and file,
To lay the wreaths in accustomed style.
It is a sight that pulls at the stout hearted,
As silence is observed for those who have departed.
I am grateful to these men and their mates,
"LEST US NOT FORGET" them, on this date.

Meager Compensation
They slowly gather into a group,
And discuss the past and the route.
They're older now and they are few,
You may ask, "What did they do?"
They are the brave, who survived the test,
With many giving lives at their best.
It is the time for us to say,
"Lest We Forget, It's Remembrance Day."
They proudly march to the cenotaph,
To take part and remember that,
They are the fortunate, who survived the fray,
So we may live in freedom today.
As time goes by the young don't heed,
Or give a thought of how they were freed.
They gave their lives without being dour,
Is it too much to give them, "JUST ONE HOUR?"

— by John D. Grant



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.

Karl Crocker	Mary Lou Pearson	Steve Walters	Wild fire firefighters
Jill & Gerry Coull	Carl Sanders	Anna & Ross Woodhouse	People of Turkey & Syria
Cherie Doyon	Shirley Griffin	Rev. Mike Nicholson	People of Ukraine
Floyd & Sharon Axford	Linda Hepburn	Gerald Vreman	People of Russia
Randy Greer	Malcolm Rust	Mabel Somerville	People of Israel & Gaza
Wendy Lessard	Ellen Brekelmans	Family of Marilyn Cartwright	Women of Iran
Pat Martyn	Toots Gillard	Family of Rev. Brian Sherry	The homeless
Family of Robert Gray	Family of Jean Lammiman		Mississauga Chinese
Zoey Chen & Regina Chen-Martyn		Family of Jim Rewbotham	Baptist Church

In sympathy

The Plains family extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Marilyn Cartwright (Kilgour) of Aylmer who passed away on October 9, 2023 at 83 years, in the care of Valleyview Home.

Wife of James Cartwright of St. Thomas, mother of Ken of London, and Dave (Bonita) of Medicine Hat, Alberta and grandmother to Graham, Danielle and Nadia. Marilyn attended Plains for several years when she and Jim moved from Aylmer to Port Stanley and later when they moved to Copenhagen. Marilyn's spiritual roots were formed at Springfield Baptist Church. She will be missed.

The Plains family offers our prayers to Dianne and the family of the late Rev. Brian Sherry of Langley, B.C. . Brian and Dianne were newly married in 1967 when Brian was called by the Sparta and Plains congregations to be student Pastor. He served here from October 1967 to February 1969. Brian is remembered as an enthusiastic person with a deep desire to serve God. Brian was in Christian professional pastoral ministry for 14 years. Over the past 30 years Brian made annual phone calls at Christmas to several of his former parishioners at Plains and Sparta. The Sherrys also enjoyed receiving our newsletters and they visited Plains one Anniversary Sunday when we recognized former pastors. Brian is survived by his loving wife, Dianne and their children Linda and Dennis . He is predeceased by a beloved grandson, Josiah.

The service to give thanks for Brian's life will be held on October 28 in Langley. Brian was 84 years.

“Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter now into the joy of your Lord.”

Margaret Bell

The Plains family extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Jean Lammiman who passed away on October 20, 2023 in her 100th year. Dear sister of the late William, Clare, Laura, Ivy and Irene. Predeceased by her husband, Earl Wilson and soulmate, Bill Keefer. Dearly loved mother of sons, Kenneth Wilson (Mary), John “Tubby” Wilson (Mary), late George Wilson (October 10, 1965), late Dennis Wilson (February 12, 2017) (Rona), and daughters, Elizabeth “Betty” Rewbotham (Charlie), and Diana O'Brien (Denny). Jean was so proud to have celebrated 5 generations of family legacy...6 children, 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren. She was a cherished and fun grandmother to Mark Wilson (Sandra), Alan Wilson (Kathryn), Brian Wilson (Renee), Jeff Wilson (Sue), Stan Wilson (Kim), Greg Wilson (Rachel), Janice Wood (Dan), Sherri Doner (John), Melanie Wilcox (Jeff), Sue Anne McCallum (Josh), Sharon Wilson, Scott Wilson, Tammy Tapsell (John), Lori-Ann McIntee, Rob McIntee (Heather), and Dawn Jones (Scott). Jean will also be missed by her dear friends and staff at Metcalfe Gardens, and especially Dina Krul.

The Plains family extend our sincere sympathy to Charlie and Betty Rewbotham on the passing of Charlie's brother Jim on October 27, 2023 at his home in Fort St. James, British Columbia. He was loving husband of Diane, father of Tricia, Lynette, Berry, Diana, Cory and Tiffany and Grandfather to 14 grandchildren. Jim grew up in Sparta, Ontario with his brother Charlie (Betty), his sister Mary (John -“Tubby” Wilson) and their sister Karen (November 2009). A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

- Nov 01 Wed 8:30 A.M.** **After 8's Ladies Breakfast** - Sunset Café. All ladies welcome
- Nov 05 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday - - Rev. Robert Spicer
Remembrance Sunday
2:00 A.M. Daylight Savings time ends.
- Nov 12 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** - Rev. Robert Spicer
FOOD BANK SUNDAY
- Nov 19 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** - Rev. Robert Spicer
- Nov 25 Sat 9:00-11:30 a.m.** **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** in Oak Hall
- Nov 26 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** - Rev. Robert Spicer
- Dec 01 Fri 6:00 P.M.** Elgin Baptist Women Ladies Christmas Pot Luck Dinner at
Plains Baptist Church
- Dec 03 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday - Rev. Robert Spicer
- Dec 10 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** - Rev. Robert Spicer
- Dec 12 Tues 12:00 A.M.** **Ladies Aid Pot Luck Lunch** in Oak Hall - Guests and men welcome
1:00 P.M. Musical Entertainment - Some members of the "No Worries Band" Ukelele
group with Pat Kennedy and Wendy Lessard at the piano.

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 25, 2023

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Refreshments served in Oak Hall

Home made Crafts, Baby Quilts, Blankets, Books, Puzzles,
Attic Treasures, Home Baking, etc.

(All refreshments and home baking prepared in home kitchens)

**BAZAAR HELPERS:**

Anyone available and interested in assisting behind the tables selling goods, in the kitchen preparing and washing up, serving goodies and coffee or clearing and setting tables for 1 hour or for 2 hours at this event are most welcome. A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the church sanctuary or contact Nancy Millman 519-775-2526 / anmillman@rogers.com

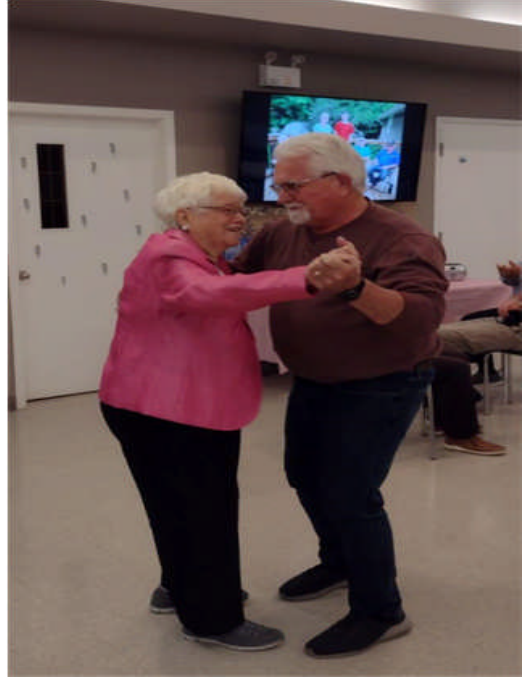
BAZAAR DONATIONS:

Donations of hand crafted and baked goods are welcome. Please package items like cookies and squares by the dozen or half dozen on new paper, styrofoam or plastic containers, and priced ready for sale.

Price lists will be made available at the back of the sanctuary for your convenience.

Donations of gently used children's clothing in clean and "good as new condition" welcome.

We ask that all other donations be clean and in working condition and not brought to the church before the morning of **Thursday, November 23** when set-up takes place.

HAPPY 99TH BIRTHDAY JEAN LAMMIMAN October 6, 2023

Mom had an absolutely great 99th birthday!

Three things she had hoped for; to see family and friends that she hasn't seen for awhile, to have a piece of chocolate cake and to have a dance--a waltz by Lawrence Welk!

Well she was well Blessed.

Family came from near and far. She had her delicious chocolate cake, and she had her 99th birthday dance with her special nephew, Tom Lammiman . God is good !

Submitted by Betty Rewbotham

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Hailey Noble	17 th	Tim Barrett	23 rd	Mary Lou Pearson
6 th	Carolyn Plaunt	17 th	Leilah Sibley	25 th	Nicholas Dale
6 th	Margaret Bell	18 th	Emma Greenslade	27 th	Cameron Dale
9 th	Matthew McCarthy	18 th	George Lidster (80)	27 th	Liam Bradley
9 th	Evan Plaunt	20 th	Carter Ruddock	29 th	Floyd Axford
15 th	Betty Lidster	22 nd	Carol Maes		
16 th	Eric Plaunt				



Don't let yesterday take up too much of today.

On Friday, October 20, 2023 Dan and Shirley Dale celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. On October 22, following the Sunday Service, cake from their family was shared in Oak Hall.



Highlights of the Congregational Meeting, October 22, 2023

Clerk, Mary Crosby called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Pastor Rob Spicer opened the meeting with a devotional entitled, “Stop, Look and Listen”.

Dan Dale was nominated as Chairperson.

The Agenda was approved as circulated, with the exception of an addition to the “New Business”. The minutes of the meeting of April 30, 2023 were approved as circulated.

Business:

The adoption of our Theological Statement as printed in the July/August Newsletter was approved.

Reports: Reports were presented by the committees, outlining their activities and contributions to Plains Church. The Deacon’s report was noted to be lengthy, as was the Finance Committee Report as this has been a busy period of time in the life of our church.

It was noted that camping at Springwater has been booked for June 21 to 23, 2024.

It was reported that three members of the Social Committee- Donna Limon, Marion Lammiman and Diane O’Brien- have earned the Food Handler’s Certification.

Trustees reported that the electronic sign is up and running and that the new tables in Oak Hall are in use.

A website policy will be created for the website to establish a more structured way for it to be administered.

The current address for submitting material to the webmaster is plainswebrequest@gmail.com

New Business:

Marjorie Higgs volunteered to serve as the Member at large for the Nominating Committee.

In recognition of Rev. Phil Butler’s outstanding commitment during his part-time employment, it was agreed to offer him \$500.00 for an RRSP or to be directed to funding his current church work through CBOQ.

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 12:00 noon

Pastor Rob Spicer closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

You learn more from failure than from success



To My Plains Family:

Thank You for the beautiful vase of bright yellow sunflower with blue and pink Gerber Daisies and red and purple Roses delivered by Margie for my 85th birthday. They look lovely on my kitchen table. **Thank you** also for the cards and birthday wishes. I am so blessed to have a great Church Family. God bless you all.
Marion Maynard

\$500 RRSP Contribution for Phil

Thank you so much. This is a very kind and practical gesture. Anne and I accept it with gratitude and with very fond feelings and memories of the time we spent together and of the times we will have to visit in future as well. Please pass along our heart-felt thanks to the congregation.

Life is going well. My new job is exciting and challenging and full of good people (again). Our ministry is also progressing well. This past weekend we gathered 23 people to volunteer at Harvest Hands. Together we bagged close to 500 bags of potatoes plus carrots and beets, then headed to our place for a pizza lunch and some amazing conversations. Some of those who took part are interested in being part of our "Living Room" gathering in the New Year.

Again, **thank you**, and we have been and will continue to hold you all up in prayer.

In Christ, Phil



ELGIN BAPTIST WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER
Friday, December 1, 2023 6:00 p.m. at PLAINS CHURCH
POT LUCK DINNER

Please advise LOUISE SARGEANT - mgsel@execulink.com or 519-769-2670 if you plan to attend, **BY Monday, November 27**
Bring a "gift in a bag" to be sold for \$5.00- Proceeds to CBWOQ.



THE SMILE STARTER

Smiling is infectious;
You catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner,
and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized
I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile,
then I realized its worth.



A single smile just like mine, could travel around the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected.

FIRST YARMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
as of 31st of October, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	84,671.07	5,892.20	4,255.13	20.00	94,838.40
Expenses	<u>68,843.73</u>	<u>5,892.20</u>	<u>3,439.98</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>78,185.91</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	15,827.34	0.00	815.15	10.00	16,652.49
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 10/31/2023	<u>84,196.16</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,567.02</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>85,773.18</u>

- The General Fund shows a net gain as of 31st of October, 2023 of \$15,827.34.
Grass cutting invoices are paid up and including August 31, 2023.
- Missions income as at the 31st of October 2023 totalled \$5,892.20. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$1,852.50; CBOQ Youth - 1,975.00; CBM General Budget - \$920.70; CBM Sharing Way - \$184.00; Sharing Way - Ukraine - \$340.00; Sharing Way - Turkey - \$520.00, & Turkey & Syria Foodgrains Bank - \$100.00.
Included in the \$1,852.50 to CBOQ General Budget was a \$200 donation to honour our anniversary guest speaker, the Rev. Leanne Friesen, Executive Minister with CBOQ.
- The Communion fund had a net gain as of 31st of October, 2023 of \$815.15.
There was a balance from previous years of \$751.87, giving a total of \$1,567.02 in the Communion Fund.
- Donations totalling \$20.00 have been received for the Sunday School. The balance will be paid to the Sunday School Treasurer, Sherry Graham at the end of the 4th quarter.
- Special Projects Fund --Carried forward from 2022 - \$3,119.00; Memorial Funds in 2023 - \$490.00; Other Donations - in 2023 - \$100.00, Centre Street Baptist funds for Electronic Sign - \$24,558.00, and Centre Street Baptist Funds for Tables and Chairs - \$6,659, for a total of \$34,926.34. Expenses in 2023 totalled \$31,217.34, leaving a balance of \$3,709.00 in the Special Projects Fund.

Thank you to all the Plains Family who continue to help this church on the corner of the Oak Plains remain a thriving community of believers, spreading God's word to all.

Shirley E. Dale
Treasurer



REV. ROBERT SPICER:

As Rev. Rob Spicer is currently residing a distance away in Arkona, initially he will work from home on Mondays and Wednesdays, and work from the Church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Friday will be his day off.
Cell number for contacting Rob (519-873-0972) for pastoral concerns.
Church phone is 519-633-2883



If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed.

As we leave October and move into November our thoughts move from Thanksgiving to Remembrance, or at least mine do. Remembrance Day has always played an important part of my life from an early age. Perhaps it was because I know my maternal grampa, Robert Hall Dobbie (Robin), served as a corporal or bombardier in the Royal Artillery during WW1, it certainly had more impact when I grew older and had seen historical depictions of the battle fields.

Then as a teenager I joined Royal Canadian Air Cadet 741 Elgin Squadron and started parading at ceremonies every year in Port Burwell, Springfield and Aylmer. That brought new meaning and significance. Now, of course, I am a serving member of the Canadian Armed Forces so that brings even more meaning and feelings. Now, I know living people who are serving in dangerous places and in dangerous situations. I have talked with sailors and soldiers who have endured conflicts in Afghanistan and other theatres of operation. I see news stories about our ships being shadowed by Chinese ships and worry about the chaplain friends I know serving aboard.

Maybe you feel that the church shouldn't recognize or have Remembrance Day type ceremonies? That's ok. But I think it is very appropriate that we remember all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the services. "No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends," says Jesus in John 15:13. We don't like war or violence and would always seek peace first but sometimes there is no alternative. Some might argue that there is always a choice, maybe, but I am not sure. In the 2011 film "Captain America: The First Avenger," there is a scene where Steve Rogers (Cpt America) is asked by the German doctor doing his medical exam, "Do you want to kill Nazis?" Steve replies, "I don't want to kill anyone. I don't like bullies; I don't care where they're from." I think many veterans would agree.

Jesus, knows self-sacrifice. He knows what it means to put others ahead of self. That is why he came. To do battle. To fight for our lives. Jesus laid down his life for the sinners of the world. So that's everyone. He died so we could have life, abundant life. It's fitting that often Remembrance Sunday corresponds with Communion Sunday for us Baptists. Not only do we remember veterans of our earthly wars and conflicts but we remember Christ's sacrifice, the greatest example of love.

So yes, we move from Thanksgiving to Remembrance as we transition from October to November, but really, we don't, because in remembering we are also giving thanks in recognizing what others have done for us. May we use these times of remembrance to learn and grow in our understanding of what it means to love others... even our enemies... with all our hearts, souls, minds and strengths.

Lest we forget!

Pastor Rob Spicer