



THE PLAIN FACTS
a monthly newsletter of

**FIRST YARMOUTH
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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FEBRUARY 2024

PANCAKE SUPPER
TUESDAY, Feb. 13, 2024

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 Grace Café and
The Inn (Out Of The Cold)**

Cash donations toward the purchase of
sausage, fruit, syrup, and groceries are welcome.

Donations of condiments are welcome.

Contact Donna Limon, or Nancy Millman.



Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – and is traditionally a time of fasting.

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Feb 04 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Communion Sunday
Feb 07 Wed 8:30 A.M.	Ladies After 8's Breakfast at Sunset Café. All ladies welcome.
Feb 11 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service -
12:00 noon	Annual Congregational Meeting - Bring a bag lunch
Feb 13 Tues 4:30-6:30 P.M.	Pancake Supper in Oak Hall
Feb 14 Wed.	Ash Wednesday Valentines' Day
Feb 18 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service
Feb 19 Mon	Family Day
Feb 25 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service
Mar 03 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Communion Sunday
Mar 06 Wed 8:30 A.M.	After 8's Ladies Breakfast - Sunset Café
Mar 10 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service
Mar 12 Tues 1:30 P.M.	Ladies Aid Meeting

**Plains Annual Congregational Meeting
After Worship (12:00)
Sunday, February 11, 2024**

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 (80)

ANNIVERSARIES

14th Ron and Lynda Prong (66)



Why did the sheriff lock up the village valentines? They were stealing hearts.

During the service on Sunday, January 21, 2024 Rev. Rob Spicer and his family were welcomed into membership at Plains Church.



Olivia Spicer, Rev. Rob Spicer, Melissa Spicer and Deacons Carolyn Plaunt, Pat Kennedy, John Gibbons and Chair of Deacons Michael Sargeant presenting membership certificates.

The Service of Induction for Rev. Rob Spicer was held on January 28, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. It was followed by a pot luck supper in Oak Hall.



Rev. Spicer and Dan Dale, Moderator of the Elgin Association of Baptist Churches, read responsively the RITE OF INDUCTION



Rev. Phil Butler, friend of Rob Spicer and his family and also a friend of Plains, gave the Meditation.

The Rev. Cid Latty sent video greetings and prayer from CBOQ.



The congregation and choir also took part, responsively reading the RITE OF INDUCTION with Moderator Dan Dale and Rob Spicer.



Rob added his personal touch with special music, "Build Your Kingdom Here"



Chairman of Deacons Michael Sargeant, Olivia Spicer, Melissa Spicer, Rob Spicer and Margaret Bell

Margie Bell presented Rob with a gift, which was a box of Snickers chocolate bars. Apparently Rob has a sweet tooth! Rob and his family also received the arrangement of flowers (sitting on the table behind them.)

Personal Greetings from regional sister churches were extended to Rob and his family, from Rev. Tom Beecroft from Union United, Rev. Michel Belzile from Aylmer Baptist, Rev. Gerson Berthault from Dutton Baptist, Rev. Phil Butler from "The Living Room" and Rev. Dan Burkholder from New Sarum Baptist.

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt

FIRST YARMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
as of 31st of January, 2024

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	7,776.83	439.67	441.00	0.00	8,657.50
Expenses	<u>8,097.73</u>	<u>439.67</u>	<u>202.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,740.06</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	(-320.90)	0.00	238.34	0.00	(-82.56)
Balance end of 2023	<u>82,406.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,412.33</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>83,818.33</u>
Balance as at 1/31/2024	<u>82,085.10</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,650.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>83,735.77</u>

1. The General Fund shows a net loss as of 31st of January, 2024 of (-\$320.90.)
Monies from previous years in the General Fund total \$82,406.00, leaving us a net gain of \$82,085.10.
2. Missions income as at the 31 of January, 2024 totalled \$439.67. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$75.00; CBOQ Youth - \$200.00; CBM General Budget - \$146.67; and CBM Sharing Way - \$18.00.
3. The Communion fund had a net gain as of 31st of January, 2024 of \$238.34.
There was a balance from previous years of \$1,412.33, giving a total of \$1,650.67 in the Communion Fund.
4. Special Projects Fund has a balance of \$4,755.50 for future projects.

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



Advice from a farmer

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
Keep skunks, bankers, and lawyers at a distance.
Forgive your enemies. it messes up their heads.
Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
Every path has a few puddles.
When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
Always drink upstream from the herd.
Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
Life is simpler when you plough around the stump.
Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

Those who favour dark chocolate tend to be pragmatic problem solvers who are excited about the future.
Whereas those who prefer milk chocolate are romantic at heart and like to dwell on the past.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

First of all I wish to thank everyone who participated in and attended my Service of Induction on January 28th. It was a wonderful day, though tiring with two services, and a great affirmation of God's grace and provision. Melissa, Olivia and I are so blessed to be welcomed yet again by this remarkable family of believers. We love you all already and feel loved by you as well. Thank you for all of the cards and sweet treats. I will share those Snickers bars Margie, though it is a difficult thing you ask. The service is just the beginning of what I hope will be a long and blessed ministry together.

Love. We enter into this month and one of the images that often comes to mind is that of hearts and cupids as we look toward the 14th and Valentine's Day. I'm pretty sure it's not everyone's favourite Hallmark holiday but it can be fun. I remember as an elementary school boy giving out little paper cards to all the girls, sometimes with little candy hearts attached. It's supposed to be about love.

The 1984 Foreigner hit song "I Want to Know What Love Is," brings us the following lyrics:

I wanna know what love is, I want you to show me
I wanna feel what love is, I know you can show me (hey)

Though this and so many other songs are about romantic love (eros in Greek), it seems we humans all need to know what it is to love and be loved. I know that there have been studies on infants and children that tell us that we are healthier when we feel loved. But I am not sure the world needs more romantic love. No, as I look at the news and the world I see a need for a different love, a familial love (phileo in Greek). A love that recognizes each other as siblings with more in common than we are different. With so much violence, distrust, dissension and even hatred out there what we need is to learn to love each other. We need to start looking at each other and see ourselves in others. One of my new favourite Elvis Presley songs is called "Walk a Mile in My Shoes." It states:

If I could be you, if you could be me for just one hour
If we could find a way to get inside each other's mind, uh huh
If you could see you through my eyes instead of your ego
I believe you'd be, I believe you'd be surprised to see
That you've been blind, uh huh

Walk a mile in my shoes
Just walk a mile in my shoes
And before you abuse, criticize and accuse
Just walk a mile in my shoes

Maybe sometime soon I'll sing it for you all. Other verses talk about how when we strike out at others we truly are hurting ourselves. It's all true. Jesus calls us to love one another as he has loved us. To love our neighbours as ourselves. To love our enemies. It appears that the Beatles were right, "all we need is love."

A graphic with the word "LOVE" in large, red, block letters with a slight shadow. Below it, the word "ONE" is in smaller, blue, block letters. At the bottom, the word "another" is written in a red, cursive script.

There is one more type of love, unconditional love (agape in Greek). This is God's love. Sacrificial, humble, freely offered. It's our ultimate goal in learning to be like Christ. To be able to love like him. Now as humans I am not sure we can ever truly express this love, no I'm pretty sure we will always fall short. But this is our lofty goal to aspire too. Jesus loved us so much, even before we were formed in our mothers' wombs, that he freely gave up "Godhood" to live as a human and humbly follow God's plan that took him to the cross. That journey is what we reflect on during the period we call Lent. That forty day span the brings us to the cross. Starting this February 14th let us reflect of his journey to the cross and our own journey to be like him.

Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Pastor Rob Spicer

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.

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