



THE PLAIN FACTS
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**FIRST YARMOUTH
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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He never looks for praises.
He's never one to boast.
He just goes on quietly working
for those he loves the most.

EVENTS FOR JUNE 2024**June 02 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service - Communion Sunday****June 05 Wed 9:30 A.M. After 8's Breakfast - Season Final (Note new time) Guests welcome
KETTLE CREEK GOLF COURSE, Port Stanley (behind the arena)****June 09 Sun Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service****June 11 Tues 12:00 A.M. Ladies Aid Luncheon-Sparta House Tearoom**
Guests welcome. Sign up is required.**June 16 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service - Fathers's Day****June 21 Friday to Sunday - Church Camp at Springwater****National Indigenous Peoples Day****June 22 Sat 5:30 P.M. Pot luck barbeque supper at Springwater****June 25 Sun 9:30 A.M. Breakfast at Springwater**
10:30 A.M. Worship at Springwater beside the pond**June 30 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service**
July 1 weekend**July 07 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service - Communion Sunday****JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

1 st Judy Jacklin	18 th Michelle Carnegie
9 th Michela Sargeant	19 th Jeremy Dale
9 th Charlotte Cosentino	23 rd Lillie Penner
10 th Ryan Dunn	23 rd Emma Wilcox
10 th Gail McPhail	27 th Melanie Dunn
11 th Toots Gillard(96)	27 th Gerry Coull
15 th George Martyn (86)	28 th Anna Kristine Kisiel

**ANNIVERSARIES**

3 rd Don & Jenny Lee Grant	20 th Phil & Cherie Doyon
4 th Floyd & Sharon Axford	23 rd Jeff & Melanie Wilcox
5 th George & Betty Lidster	26 th Sue Anne & Joshua McCallum
6 th Stephen & Carolyn Plaunt	28 th Gerry & Jill Coull
15 th Doug & Mary Sawyer	30 th Gary & Fran Somerville

LADIES AID MEMBERS, and GUESTS - 2024**Ladies Aid Luncheon at SPARTA HOUSE TEAROOM ON Tuesday, June 11 at 12:00 p.m.**

- A. Homemade Quiche (Ham and mushroom **OR** Cheese and onion) with salad and bun
- B. Pot Pie (Steak & Kidney **OR** Chicken **OR** Vegetarian) with salad and bun
- C. Gluten Free (Garden Salad plate **OR** Caesar Salad with chicken instead of croutons)
- D. **Or** order from the menu

Dessert - CREAM TEA - 2 raisin scones, preserves, cream, fruit, tea or coffee

My dad said he wanted something groundbreaking for Father's Day, so I got him a shovel.



On Sunday May 19, 2024 birthday cake was provided at coffee and tea time in Oak Hall following the service, in celebration of Donna Rust's 80 birthday.



On Sunday, May 26, 2024 cake was served in Oak Hall following the service in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Brenda and Murray. Silcox.

A southern preacher divided his church members into five types of bones.....

1. Wish bones—Folks always wishing for better things, but never willing to work and pray for them.
2. Jaw bones—The gossiping kind that keep the church in turmoil.
3. Funny bones—like the bone in the elbow that throws a person into a tizzy when it is hurt. They are touchy, wear their feelings on their sleeves, and are always talking about leaving the church.
4. Dry bones—Orthodox but dead as fossils.
5. Back bones—The spiritual support of the church that keeps the body standing.

The **LADIES AID** will be taking part in the 2024 Baby Bottle Drive, run by Fresh Start Support Services, and we are asking for the participation of the congregation in order to make this a meaningful project.



FRESH START Support Services "Baby Bottle Drive" runs from **Mother's Day (May 12) to Father's Day (June 16)**.

The mission of Fresh Start is to share Christ's love with women and children, providing a safe environment and wrap-around support to pregnant and parenting women.

My dad's computer caught a cold. He must have left a window open

The Ladies Aid Spring Bazaar was held on Saturday, May 25 under cloudy skies, and amid thunder, lightening, a dark sky and pouring rain. Although attendance was down the mood was enthusiastic. The Ladies Aid cleared \$1,518.20 (this includes the sale of a quilt), the Social Committee's outdoor plant sale which was held under the canopy at the front door made \$266.50, and \$ 216.00 was donated at the door to the Fresh Start Bottle Drive which Plains Church is supporting.

Barbara Axford won the draw for the ceramic bird bath and Shannel Taggart won the watermelon picnic kit.

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



Guests were cheerfully greeted by Jack Cummings and Marion Maynard.



Donna Limon and Linda Cummings sold plants outside.



Diane O'Brien sold books and puzzles, always popular items.

Browsing through the endless items for sale, and sitting to enjoy a cup of tea, coffee and muffin while catching up with neighbours and friends, is a big part of the reason for attending the Plains Church Bazaars.



The kitchen crew consisted of dish washers Murray Silcox and George Lidster, while Betty Lidster kept the muffins warm and available for serving.



PLAINS CHURCH CAMPING AT SPRINGWATER 2024

Springwater Conservation Area South Pavilion, "Day Use Area"

Friday, June 21st to Sunday, June 23rd, at noon

ALL FEES PAID TO SPRINGWATER BY CASH, DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD**CAMPING COSTS:****GROUP CAMPING AREA** \$16.00 per adult per night,

\$9.00 per Child (17 and under),

\$52.00 Unserviced Site

\$5.00 per night for hydro, if available

Extra Vehicle \$16 per night

**REQUIREMENT:** (Require minimum of 20 campers per night so it is important to advise Sherry if you plan to camp, so I know we have the minimum required.)**DAY USE:** \$10 per vehicle per day, no matter the number of people**NEW** - The Day Use Area will have a gated entrance using a bar code for entering the area.

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].

Sunday, May 26 the Sunday school children, led by Leena Sibley and Olivia Spicer, treated the congregation to a musical documentary review of what they have been learning over the past few months during their Sunday School.

They also presented their Christmas Pageant, as they had been unable to do so in December because of illnesses.

This proved to be an entertaining, informative, and delightful treat for the congregation.

THANK YOU Leena and Olivia, and

THANK YOU to the children taking part.



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

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	37,938.40	2,012.35	1,508.00	0.00	41,458.75
Expenses	<u>42,024.47</u>	<u>2,012.35</u>	<u>1,962.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>45,999.32</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	(-4,086.07)	0.00	(-454.50)	0.00	(-4,540.57)
Balance end of 2023	<u>82,427.31</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,412.33</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>83,839.64</u>
Balance as at 2024-05-31	<u>78,341.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>957.83</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>79,299.07</u>

1. The General Fund shows a net loss as of the 31st of May, 2024 of (-4,086.07.) The church was closed on Sunday, February 4, 2024 due to illness in the congregation, and could be part of the reason for the net loss. There were also 7 pay Sundays in the first quarter, which is part of the reason for the deficit. There would normally be 6 pay periods.
2. Missions income as at the 31st of May, 2024 totalled \$2,012.35. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$590.00; CBOQ Youth - \$900.00; CBM General Budget - \$430.35; and CBM Sharing Way - \$92.00.
3. The Communion fund had a net loss of (-454.50.) Funds left over from previous years of \$1,412.33 helps to cover that deficit and leaves a balance of \$957.83 in the Communion Fund.
4. The Special Projects Fund has a balance of \$7,530.75 for future projects. A total of \$2,284.75 in memory of Pat Martyn has been received, as well as \$25.00 in memory of Jim Rewbotham and \$25.00 in memory of Jean Lammiman. We have also received \$320.00 in memory of Ross Woodhouse. There was also a donation to the Special Projects fund of \$120.00 in May of 2024. There is a balance of \$4,756.00 from previous years in the Special Projects fund.

***For Your Information--The Communion Fund provides greeting cards, gift cards and floral arrangements on special days in the life of the Plains family and extended family. This is a special outreach ministry that has been carried out at Plains for many years. The Communion Fund collection on the first Sunday of each December is sent to CBOQ for retired pastors, pastors widows and widowers, and seminary students.

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.

Shirley E. Dale
Treasurer



Ode'imini-giizis – Strawberry Moon

June is National Aboriginal History month among other things. For the Ojibwe, Algonquin, Dakota, Lakota, Chippewa, Oneida and Sioux it is Strawberry Moon. Other Indigenous groups like the Shawnee use Raspberry Moon or the Haida of BC who call it Berries Ripen Moon. Are you hungry yet? These names of course recognize the time of year when the berries are ready for picking and eating. The Ojibwe sometimes also refer to it as Flowering Moon or Gardening Moon in recognition of the blooming and time of planting we have for gardens.

Growth and maturity seem to be the theme. It's appropriate that we also see the end of the school year in June and for some the time of graduation or commencement. We should always be graduating and commencing shouldn't we. Growing, learning, moving forward in our understanding, knowledge and, as Christians, love.

We can never grow too much in love. At least I don't believe it is possible. God's greatest commandments both centre on love. Love for God and love those around us.

June is also PRIDE month. More specifically 2SLGBTQI+ Pride month, but I don't like labels. I think they are used more for discrimination than for identification. I think it is important though that we all, regardless of sexual identity or orientation, have the chance to be proud of who God has made us to be. The first and most important principle in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Code of Values and Ethics is this:

1. Respect the dignity of all persons

At all times and in all places, DND employees and CF members shall respect human dignity and the value of every person by:

- Treating every person with respect and fairness.
- Valuing diversity and the benefit of combining the unique qualities and strengths inherent in a diverse workforce.
- Helping to create and maintain safe and healthy workplaces that are free from harassment and discrimination.
- Working together in a spirit of openness, honesty and transparency that encourages engagement, collaboration and respectful communication.

In spite of the fact that many would believe that the CAF, the government and even the country is becoming less Christian, I feel that this principle is something that very much aligns with the second greatest commandment of loving our neighbours as ourselves. As we continue to grow in love may we also respect the dignity and lives of all persons we encounter as we continually follow Jesus our teacher and saviour on the path to God's kingdom.

Pastor Rob Spicer

