



THE PLAIN FACTS
a monthly newsletter of

**FIRST YARMOUTH
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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MAY 2024



Thank you from the heart
For all you've done for me
I bless the Lord for giving me
The best mother there could ever be.

EVENTS FOR MAY 2024

- May 01 Wed 8:30 A.M.** **Ladies After 8's Breakfast** - Sunset Café
- May 05 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** - Guest Speaker - Rev. Stephen Jones, retired
Communion Sunday - **Food bank Sunday**
- May 12 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** - Mothers' Day
- May 19 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** - Victoria Day weekend
- May 24 Fri 9:00 A.M.** **Setting up for the Bazaar**
- May 25 Sat 9:30-11:30 A.M.** **Spring Bazaar and Outdoor Plant Sale**
- May 26 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** -
- June 02 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday
- June 11 Tues 12:00 A.M.** **Ladies Aid Luncheon-Sparta House Tearoom**
Guests welcome. Sign up is required.

NOTE: Rev. Spicer will be away from April 22 to May 12. During this time the Deacons—Dan Dale, John Gibbons, Carolyn Plaunt or Brenda Silcox -- may be contacted regarding church concerns.

PLAINS SPRING BAZAAR AND OUTDOOR PLANT SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024
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 24**, and/or serving on the day of the Bazaar, contact **Nancy Millman - 519-775-2526**

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.



Kids' klean clothes: Donations will be accepted of children's clothing, 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.

Somebody said, you don't need an education to be a mother.
Somebody never helped a fourth grader with her math.



NEWS ITEM:

Harrison Pensa LLP is opening an office in St. Thomas, led by Amy Dale who joins them as a Partner to the Law Firm. Amy is a highly respected legal professional in the community and brings a wealth of experience and local knowledge to their team. Congratulations Amy!

Highlights of the Business Meeting of April 14, 2024

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

A brief devotion was given by Rev. Rob Spicer.

Wayne Dale was nominated as Chairperson.

The minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2024 were accepted as circulated.

The Agenda for the meeting of April 14 was approved as printed, with 2 additions to New Business—Delegate(s) to the CBOQ Conference in June, and a replacement on the Finance Committee following the passing of Pat Martyn.

Committee Reports were read by committee leaders, and were approved at the end of the full presentation.

Phyllis Huffman addressed the Trustees' Report of planned projects for 2024 concerning a new dais for the sound system and a new sound board, expressing the need for both items. Approval of the congregation was given for both of these projects to proceed, along with the purchase of a new headset for the preacher. Phyllis also noted that help was needed in the sound system area, requesting that someone be found to operate the sound board for an hour each Sunday, asking if anyone knew of anyone with expertise in this area, noting that it would probably have to be a paid service.

A plaque will be purchased and installed, to recognize the financial support from Centre Street Baptist Church and its members.

The need for a up-to-date Church Photo Directory was noted, with the suggestion that planning for this begin now, in order for it to be a project in 2025 for the church's 195 Anniversary.

Louise Sargeant agreed to be the Plains Church delegate at the CBOQ convention June 13-15, 2024 in Toronto, with the opportunity for one other person to also attend. Anyone interested should contact the church, Shirley Dale or Louise Sargeant before the registration deadline of May 8, 2024

Marion Lammiman will join the Finance Committee as a member at-large.

The date of the next meeting will be October 27, 2024 at 12:00 noon.

Pastor Rob Spicer closed the meeting with prayer.

Somebody said a mother can find all the answers to her child-rearing- questions in the books.
Somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose or in his ears.

On Wednesday, April 17 Oak Hall at Plains Church was buzzing with activity for our Annual Spring Chicken Barbeque Supper. 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 bank deposit of \$3211.35 From this, a donation of \$1,000. was presented to Joe Richards from Pearce Williams Christian Camp in Fingal when he was the guest speaker at our service on Sunday, April 28.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported this event by purchasing tickets, to those who did an excellent job selling 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, while still having some fun.



Tom Lammiman, Donna Limon, Nancy Millman, Linda Cummings, Marion Lammiman, Jo-Anne Pettit



Scrubbing potatoes-Diane O'Brien, Linda Cummings, Marion Lammiman, Donna Limon.



Potato server Charlie Rewbotham, chicken server Murray Silcox.



Bean server Brenda Silcox, cole slaw server Mary Sawyer

Photos by Betty Rewbotham



Cake server Margie Bell

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].

June 11 Tues 12:00 A.M. Ladies Aid Luncheon-Sparta House Tearoom

Guests welcome. Sign up required.

Menu Choices include:

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| A. | Homemade Quiche (Ham and mushroom OR Cheese and onion) with salad and bun | \$15.95 |
| B. | Pot Pie (Steak & Kidney OR Chicken OR Vegetarian) with salad and bun | \$19.95 |
| 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 \$13.50

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.

Fresh Start will provide empty baby bottles and our task will be to fill them with money-coins, bills, or cheques. They will be available at the back of the sanctuary, and also on a table in Oak Hall at the Spring Bazaar.

We will have one month (May 12 to June 16) to fill these bottles, hopefully more than once.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

During the children's story time, our guest speaker Joe Richards entertained the Sunday School children, as well as the adults, with his yo-yo tricks, juggling, and cigar box tricks. He told us some of the history of Pearce Williams Summer Camp and of his history with summer camps, including Pearce Williams. He shared some of the benefits to children of attending summer camp. He was presented with a cheque for \$1,000.00 from the Social Committee, from the proceeds of the Spring Chicken Barbeque held on April 17.



Photos by Betty Rewbotham



Donna Limon, Joe Richards and Nancy Millman

Somebody said if you're a good mother, your child will 'turn out good'.
Somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee

FIRST YARMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
as of 30th of April, 2024

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	30,961.77	1,802.68	1,178.00	0.00	33,942.45
Expenses	<u>33,036.47</u>	<u>1,802.68</u>	<u>1,564.89</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>36,404.04</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	(-2,074.70)	0.00	(-386.89)	0.00	(-2,462.59)
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 2024-04-30	<u>80,352.61</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,025.44</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>81,378.05</u>

1. The General Fund shows a net loss as of the 30th of April, 2024 of (-2,074.70.) 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.

The Easter Offering to date for the General Fund totals \$170.00.

2. Missions income as at the 30th of April, 2024 totalled \$1,802.68. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$515.00; CBOQ Youth - \$800.00; CBM General Budget - \$413.68; and CBM Sharing Way - \$74.00.

The Easter Offering to date for CBOQ Missions totals \$170.00.

3. The Communion fund had a net loss of (-386.89.) Funds left over from previous years of \$1,412.33 helps to cover that deficit and leaves a balance of \$1,025.44 in the Communion Fund.

4. The Special Projects Fund has a balance of \$7,090.75 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.

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

DUST IF YOU MUST

Dust if you must,
But wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture or write a letter,
bake cookies or a cake and
lick the spoon, or plant a seed,
Ponder the difference between
want and need?

Dust if you must,
but there's not much time
with coffee to drink
and mountains to climb.
Music to hear and books to read,
Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must,
but the world's out there
With the sun in your eyes,
the wind in your hair.
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain.
This day will not come around again.



Dust if you must,
but bear in mind
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go, and go you must,
You yourself will make more dust.
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