



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

**FIRST YARMOUTH  
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# JULY/AUGUST 2024



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**EVENTS FOR JULY / AUGUST 2024**

**Pastor's Vacation:** Rob will be away for 2 weeks starting June 24 for vacation. He will be back in the office on July 8. The Deacons will be available for pastoral care while he is away.

- July 07 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday -  
Guest Preacher Rev. Margaret Bell, retired
- July 14 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service**
- July 21 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service**
- July 28 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service**
- Aug 04 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday - Civic Holiday weekend
- Aug 11 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service**  
**1:00-4:00 P.M. Celebration of the Life of Ross Woodhouse**  
Shedden Keystone Complex, Shedden, Ont
- Aug 18 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service**
- Aug 25 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service**
- Sept 01 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday - Labour Day Weekend
- Sept 04 Wed 8:30 A.M. Ladies After 8's Breakfast** - Sunset Café
- Sept 08 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service**
- Sept 10 Tues 1:30 P.M. Ladies Aid Meeting**

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bob Limon             | 14 <sup>th</sup> Wayne & Wynn Dale     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ashley Sawyer         | 16 <sup>th</sup> Greg Graham           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Michael Sargeant      | 17 <sup>th</sup> Dan Grant             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Jeff Wilcox           | 21 <sup>st</sup> Don Ferguson          |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Sherri Doner          | 25 <sup>th</sup> Wayne Higgs           |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Darrin Ralf           | 25 <sup>th</sup> Ellen Brekelmans (80) |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Gary Higgs           | 25 <sup>th</sup> Aria McCallum         |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Anna Woodhouse       | 26 <sup>th</sup> Sharon Axford         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Carolyn Chesterfield | 27 <sup>th</sup> Mike Jackson          |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Todd Ruddock         | 31 <sup>st</sup> Erene Mifsud          |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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| 6 <sup>th</sup> Karl & Donna Crocker         |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Mike Jackson & Amy Dale      |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> John & Sherry Doner          |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Tim & Cathy McCarthy        |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dave & Carolyn Chesterfield |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Andrew & Josseline Silaidis |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Bob & Donna Limon           |

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sue Anne McCallum    | 15 <sup>th</sup> Bodhi McCallum      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Kim Vanderberghe     | 16 <sup>th</sup> Ken Greenslade (91) |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Kolton Dale          | 19 <sup>th</sup> Ken Jacklin         |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Karen Cook           | 23 <sup>rd</sup> John Gibbons        |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Barbara Axford (89) | 25 <sup>th</sup> Tyler VanDuynhoven  |

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| 7 <sup>th</sup> Martin & Laura Penner        |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Brian & Tiffany Plaunt       |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Deb & Ramzi Afara           |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Zoey & Regina Chen          |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Steve & Jo-Anne Pettit (60) |

**You know you are Canadian when....**you eat chocolate bars instead of candy bars.



**After 8's Breakfast** on June 5 at the Kettle Creek Golf Club in Port Stanley



Around the table, Louise Sargeant, Pat Walker, Donna Limon, Nancy Millman, Linda Cummings, Marion Maynard, Margie Bell, Betty Rewbotham



Photos by Betty Rewbotham

Linda Cummings was presented with a package of TyPhoo Tea and a jar of marmalade.



On Tuesday, June 11 the Ladies Aid and guests enjoyed lunch at the Spartahouse Tea Room in Sparta. Some of those attending were:  
 Front Row-Marian Maynard, Barb Axford.  
 Second Row-Judy Jacklin, Madge Barrett, Betty Rewbotham, Louise Sargeant.  
 Back Row-Nancy Millman, Donna Limon, Margie Bell, Lillian Hartford, Sherry Graham, Carolyn Plaunt, Bonnie Melvin, Donna Crocker, Mary Crosby.  
 Absent for photo-Wendy Lessard, Jenny Graham and Layla.



**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the Fresh Start Baby Bottle campaign. The donations at the door of the Spring Bazaar, the filled bottles at the back of the sanctuary and the bottles taken off site for donations netted a total of **\$325.00** in personal cheques and **\$675.00** in change and bills. **\$1000.00** was turned in to **FRESH START** following Father's Day weekend.

**THANK YOU AGAIN** to this very generous congregation.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Betty Rewbotham who orchestrated the project.

**You know you are Canadian when....you drive on a highway instead of a freeway.**



Pianist- Sherry Graham



Amy Dale- pianist, choir leader, vocalist

**MUSIC** is a integral part of worship services at Plains Church and we are so fortunate to have a dedicated choir and the talented and dedicated musical leaders in Sherry Graham, Wendy Lessard and Amy Dale. **THANK YOU ALL**



Pianist Wendy Lessard



**The Choir:**

- Front: Amy Dale, Choir Leader
- First Row: Marian Lammiman, Carolyn Plaunt, Marjorie Higgs, Pat Kennedy
- Second Row: Phyllis Huffman, Brenda Silcox, Margie Bell, Donna Limon
- Back Row: Gary Higgs, Wayne Dale, Dan Dale
- Absent: Gaby Charlong

*You know you are Canadian when....*you talk about the weather with both strangers and friends.



## CAMPING WEEKEND JUNE 21-23rd, 2024



The 28th Annual Camp Out was another success with the weekend being very HOT! This was our 22nd year at Springwater. We enjoyed a new family camping with us - The Spicer's! Hopefully, their new trailer camping experience with their church family was a positive time for them and they got to learn more about their church family. We loved having them and Reverend Rob adapted well to last minute venue changes for the church service, even though the wind just about blew us away. Thanks to Ferguson RV World, and Don and Suzanne Ferguson for donating the trailer and for Dan and Shirley Dale for thinking of the idea and getting the trailer delivered to the campground. The number of camping units and people who attended throughout the weekend is getting closer to pre-covid times. There were 10 trailers and a total of 66 people. 2019 we had 9 trailers and 2 tents and a total of 89 people. This year we had 24 campers. This included 6 children who enjoyed playing together once again and 2 children who visited Saturday and baby Layla on

Sunday for a total of 9 children. There were 44 people at the BBQ/potluck Saturday night (37 last year) and 42 people at the breakfast (49 last year) before church on Sunday.

Thank you for the financial assistance from the Ladies Aid and Social Committee, once again! Also, thank you to all who assisted in the preparation, cooking and cleanup of the meals. A special thanks to Donna Limon who hauled all the food and supplies from and to the church. We also thank Charlie Rewbotham for bringing the BBQ, frying pan and his generator and to Gary and Marjorie for cooking the hams at home. Thank you to Louise and Michael Sargeant for taking the extra breakfast food to the people outside of Inn Out of the Cold. Submitted by Sherry Graham

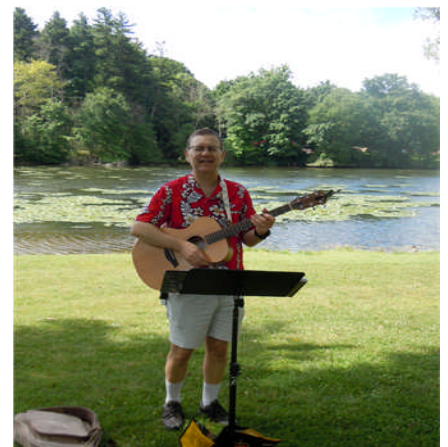


-Greg and Kim Graham cooking hamburgers.

-John Gibbons, Tom Lammiman and Gary Somerville enjoying a cup of coffee.

-Donna Limon, Donna Rust and Cheryl Brocato from Owensville Missouri washing dishes. Gary Higgs is watching.

-Pastor Rob preaching by the lake.



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

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	46,596.96	2,391.02	2,362.75	0.00	51,350.73
Expenses	<u>53,336.89</u>	<u>2,391.02</u>	<u>2,274.92</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>58,002.83</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	(-6,739.93)	0.00	87.83	0.00	(-6,652.10)
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 2024-06-30	<u>75,687.38</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,500.16</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>77,187.54</u>

1. The General Fund shows a net loss as of the 30th of June, 2024 of (-6,739.93.) 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. Camp out was held in June and income is always lower on that date. Moving expenses are included in this quarter (\$2,732.02.) Note we have not received any grass cutting bills to date.
2. Missions income as at the 30th of June, 2024 totalled \$2,391.02. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$775.00; CBOQ Youth - \$1,000.00; CBM General Budget - \$504.02; and CBM Sharing Way - \$112.00.
3. The Communion fund had a gain of \$87.83. Funds left over from previous years of \$1,412.33 gives a balance in the Communion Fund of \$1,500.16.
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

### **CBOQ ASSEMBLY 2024** Submitted by Louise Sargeant

"All Hands On Deck" was the theme for the 136th assembly of Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec held June 13–15, 2024. Over 500 delegates and visitors were in attendance, representing over 300 churches, speaking 28 different languages.

The plenary sessions all had nautically based themes including "How Strong Are Our Ropes", "Hoist the Sails With Us" and "Lets Sail" – all rallying cries to join in mission together to do God's Kingdom's work.

On Friday Canadian Baptist Ministries held a 150<sup>th</sup> celebration luncheon at which a number of former and current missionaries were recognized. An assembly wide dinner was held providing a time of fellowship and good food. Seven wonderful Learning Sessions were offered.

Always an important part of Assembly, music was once again wonderful, especially the swell of voices as we sang "How Great Thou Art".

Just a few statistics - 18 new and transferred ordinands were welcomed; 1 new church received into membership; 5 churches resigned from CBOQ; 2 churches closed; 56 churches received total grants of \$400,000; 866 youth attended retreats; 40 churches planted; there are more than 600 accredited pastors in CBOQ.

My copy of the 2024 Assembly Book of Business is available to anyone wishing further information. A sincere thank you for the privilege of representing Plains at Assembly.

# God Keep Our Land...

Happy birthday Canada! July starts us off celebrating the nation in which we live. It's been 157 years since confederation. Years filled with some good things and some not so good. But that shouldn't surprise us. History is full of nations that have good and bad times. We don't erase or change our historic events, hopefully, we learn from them so we don't repeat them.

Unfortunately, history seems to be filled with repeated tragedies and atrocities. Humans treating creation badly. Humans treating humans badly. Greed. Lust for power, land and profit. What have we done to all that God made good? As I look at the news these days things don't seem too encouraging. There are wars, and rumours of war. Disasters, diseases and injustice everywhere. I recently saw a news item about Russia and North Korea forging an agreement that doesn't sound promising. What are we, as Christ followers, to do with all this negative stuff. How can we celebrate our nation's birthday in light of current world dynamics and historical tragedies?

We seek God. We pray. Our national anthem is really a prayer set to music. I am not sure if it is the only anthem that is like this but it certainly makes it poignant.

O Canada, our home and native land  
True patriot love, in all of us command  
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land. That's our true prayer. That God would watch over our country and all of us who dwell in the Dominion of Canada. Keep our land glorious and free. Make it a land where all are free to worship (whatever they chose). Make it a land where all are safe from violence and hate. Make it a land that resembles your kingdom, God. And may we be instruments and architects in its development.

*Pastor Rob Spicer*

