



THE PLAIN FACTS
a monthly newsletter of

**FIRST YARMOUTH
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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To celebrate the 195th Anniversary of Plains Baptist Church, Rev. Margaret Bell has compiled a collection of sermons, ***"In Every End, A New Beginning"***.

This, her second book, offers a selection of sermons preached at the Plains between 2010 and 2022.

It will be available for sale for the church anniversary service in mid-October 2025.

Prayer Concerns

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The Plains Church family extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Ed Somerville who passed away on Thursday, August 14th, 2025, at his late residence, at the age of 62. Beloved husband of the late Susan Anne (Tuplin) Somerville (2022) and dearly loved father of Luke Prevett (Ashley) and Alyssa “Dewey” Prevett. Cherished grandfather of Mya and Caleb. Dear brother of Gary Somerville (Frances), Barbara Bondi (Chuck), Michael Somerville (Kathy), Pat Stilitano (Doug), Eugene Somerville (Patti), Roger Somerville (Carole) and Paul Somerville (Tracey). Sadly missed by a number of nieces and nephews. Ed was born on February 1st, 1963, the son of the late Leslie and Catherine (Parker) Somerville. He will be greatly missed.

## EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

|                        |                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept 03 Wed 8:30 A.M.  | <b>Ladies After 8's Breakfast</b> - Sunset Café                                                                                                        |
| Sept 04 Thur 7:30 P.M. | <b>Choir practice begins</b> - New members welcome                                                                                                     |
| Sept 07 Sun 10:00 A.M. | <b>Sunday Service</b> - Communion Sunday<br>Grandparents Day                                                                                           |
| Sept 09 Tue 1:30 P.M.  | <b>Ladies Aid Meeting</b> - Guest Speaker Sally Martyn -<br>Topic- Sparta Historical Society, with artifacts. Guests,<br>Including gentlemen, welcome. |
| Sept 11 Thur 7:30 P.M. | <b>Choir practice</b> - New members welcome                                                                                                            |
| Sept 14 Sun 10:00 A.M. | <b>Sunday Service</b><br><b>Sunday School restarts</b> - All children welcome                                                                          |
| Sept 18 Thur 7:30 P.M. | <b>Choir practice</b> - New members welcome                                                                                                            |
| Sept 21 Sun 10:00 A.M. | <b>Sunday Service</b> - Food Bank Sunday                                                                                                               |
| Sept 25 Thur 7:30 P.M. | <b>Choir practice</b> - New members welcome                                                                                                            |
| Sept 28 Sun 10:00 A.M. | <b>Sunday Service</b>                                                                                                                                  |
| Oct 01 Wed 8:30 A.M.   | <b>Ladies After 8's Breakfast</b> - Sunset Café                                                                                                        |
| Oct 02 Thur 7:30 P.M.  | <b>Choir practice</b> - New members welcome                                                                                                            |
| Oct 05 Sun 10:00 A.M.  | <b>Sunday Service</b> - Communion Sunday                                                                                                               |
| Oct 07 Tue 1:30 P.M.   | <b>Ladies Aid Meeting</b>                                                                                                                              |
| Oct 12 Sun 10:00 A.M.  | <b>Sunday service</b>                                                                                                                                  |
| Oct 19 Sun 10:00 A.M.  | <b>Sunday Service - 195 Anniversary</b> - Guest Preacher Rev.<br>Deane Proctor, followed by a pulled-pork-on-a-bun lunch in Oak<br>Hall.               |

**Want a visit from Pastor Rob?**

Give him a call at the office **519-633-2883**, or on his cell phone **519-873-0972**.

Or if you're passing by the church, stop in for a chat, Monday-Thursday 9a.m. to 4p.m.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

|                                   |                                           |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Katheryn Dale     |                                           | 24 <sup>th</sup> Dave Chesterfield |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Matt Ferguson     | 14 <sup>th</sup> Eric Tucker              | 27 <sup>th</sup> Karl Crocker      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Simon Brekelmans | 16 <sup>th</sup> Gary Somerville          | 29 <sup>th</sup> Alyssa Carnegie   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Todd Noble       | 20 <sup>th</sup> Charlie Rewbotham        | 30 <sup>th</sup> Alyssa Willand    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Bond Ruddock     | 20 <sup>th</sup> Rebecca (Carnegie) Break |                                    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Louise Sargeant  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Tom Lammiman             |                                    |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

|                                         |                                            |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Greg & Tiffany Graham   | 17 <sup>th</sup> Ken & Judy Jacklin        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Gary & Marjorie Higgs   | 20 <sup>th</sup> Charlie & Betty Rewbotham |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Dennis & Louise Angyal | 21 <sup>st</sup> Jamey & Heather Dale      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Geoff & Julie Robins   | 29 <sup>th</sup> Matt & Tesha Cosentino    |

Why was the robot couple's anniversary in the fall? They were autumn mated.



On Sunday August 17 we were honoured by a visit from Elsie Walker and her daughter Mary Ellen. They had been visiting relatives in the area in the previous days, and included their Plains Church family among their stops, before returning home to Ottawa. Elsie and Margie Bell share smiles and hugs.

Photo by Betty Rewbotham

**195 ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY - October 19, 2025**

**10:00 A.M.**

GUEST SPEAKER - Rev. Deane Proctor

Followed by a pulled-pork-on-a-bun lunch in Oak Hall

Pulled-pork-on-a-bun, brown beans, cole slaw, anniversary cake, squares, cookies,  
juice, coffee, tea

For Sale: *In Every End, A New Beginning*, book of sermons by Rev. Margaret Bell

Morley J. Reid, a long time colleague of Charlie Rewbotham and a dear friend of Charlie and Betty, wrote a poem featuring Plains Church as a special gift for his friends. While seeking photos on the church property to accompany his creation, Pastor Rob Spicer, Morley and his wife Sharron became acquainted.

As a result, a copy of this special gift to his friends, was presented to Pastor Rob and Plains Church by Morley Reid, on Sunday August 10, 2025



Photo by Betty Rewbotham

Why shouldn't you tell a secret in a cornfield? Because the corn has ears.



The Plains family mourns the passing of the late Pauline E. Duffy on August 9, 2025. Pauline joined the Plains family in the early 1960's. Barb Axford remembers Pauline from that time: "Memories of Pauline are always of her smile, her love for her family, her participation in the music events at Plains, her ever helpfulness with family history questions and many Tupperware parties." Pauline McQuiggan was born in Calton, Ontario and attended the Baptist Church there. She and her sisters performed gospel music in their church and in other churches in the area. A common joke that she and I shared was that Pauline was "related to everyone in the area". That was proved true many times over the years. In more recent years, Pauline was a member of the Plains Social Committee. She kept the books and took the tickets at our social events and suppers. During Covid, Pauline was a weekly listener to our weekly Zoom meetings. Pauline will be missed by her sister June, her children, Cathy, Debra (Danny) June and James, her 10 grandchildren, her Plains friends and all who knew her.



Submitted by Rev. Margie Bell



On August 15 Barb Axford celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! On Sunday August 17 Barb and her daughter Allin shared birthday cake and cupcakes with the congregation during coffee time following the service.



**Edith Norton** is moving to  
Champlain Manor.  
65 Fitton's Road, West,  
Orillia, Ontario L3V 3V2  
Phone #is the same 1 705 259 6741

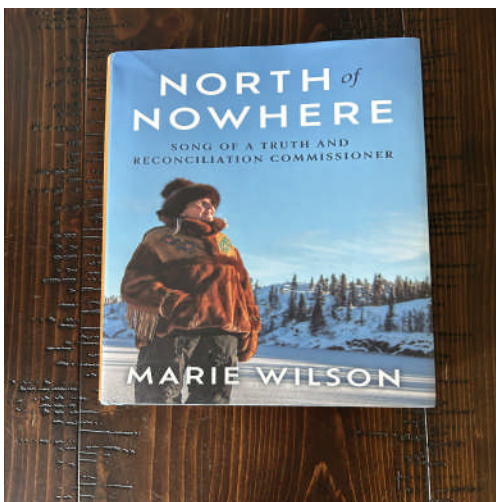
Why did the scarecrow win a Nobel Prize? He was outstanding in his field.

**FIRST YARMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
as at the 31st of August, 2025

|                     | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Missions</u> | <u>Communion Fund</u> | <u>Sunday School</u> | <u>Totals</u>    |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Income              | 74,012.63           | 2,774.36        | 3,584.05              | 455.00               | 84,445.77        |
| Expenses            | <u>72,805.25</u>    | <u>2,774.36</u> | <u>2,067.32</u>       | <u>285.00</u>        | <u>77,931.91</u> |
| Net Gain(Loss)      | 1,207.38            | 0.00            | 1516.73               | 170.00               | 6,513.86         |
| From Previous Years | <u>82,584.10</u>    |                 | <u>2409.68</u>        |                      | <u>84,993.78</u> |
| Totals              | <u>83,791.48</u>    | <u>0.00</u>     | <u>3926.41</u>        | <u>170.00</u>        | <u>91,507.64</u> |

1. The General Fund shows a net GAIN as at the 31st of August, 2025 of \$1,207.38!  
Grass cutting is paid up until May 31, 2025.
2. Missions income up to the 31st of August, 2025 totalled \$2,774.36. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. The total is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$1,655.00; CBOQ - Youth - \$200.00; CBM - \$749.36, and CBM, Sharing Way - \$130.00, plus Crisis Response \$10.00.
3. The Communion fund had a gain of \$1,516.73 at the end of August, 2025. There are Communion funds left over from 2024 and previous years totalling \$2,409.68, leaving a balance in the Communion Fund of \$3,926.41
4. The Sunday school received donations of \$455.00 to date, and the balance will be forwarded to the Treasurer at the end of the third quarter.
5. A balance of \$6,269.75 remained in the Special Projects Fund from previous years, and \$65.00 has been donated in 2025, giving a balance in that fund of \$6,334.75. An amount of \$200.00 was donated in memory of Mark Wilson, \$100.00 in memory of Ed Somerville, and \$70.00 in memory of Pauline Duffy, giving a balance in the Special Projects Fund of \$6,704.75.  
To date, \$498.93 was spent on an office chair, \$4,476.12 on the sound booth renovations, and \$622.61 for a laser printer for the pastor's office.  
That leaves a balance of \$1,107.09 in the Special Projects Fund.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shirley E. Dale, Treasurer



Baptists across Canada are being encouraged to read a new book: **NORTH OF NOWHERE** by Marie Wilson, one of the three commissioners who formed the Truth and Reconciliation Commission whose Calls to Action were published in 2015. (Marie is a friend of Nora Sanders, our guest preacher at Plains 13 July 2025.)  
p.332 "I know in my heart that what we did has illuminated and changed this country for ever".

Malcolm has read his copy and offers to loan it to any readers in our congregation.

Submitted by Malcolm Rust

***“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”***

***(Isaiah 43:19)***

As September arrives, the air begins to change. The mornings carry a hint of crispness, fields are heavy with harvest, and the maples prepare to display their brilliant colours. This month always feels like a turning of the page. Children and teachers return to classrooms, families shift from summer holidays back into routines, and we re-gather after the slower pace of July and August.

In the life of the church, September is also a season of new beginnings. Programs restart, choirs and study groups gather again, and we set our hearts toward worship and ministry in the months ahead. This is a wonderful opportunity to re-root ourselves in God's promises and ask: *What new thing might God be doing among us this fall?*

September also marks the beginning of the **Season of Creation**, observed by many Christians worldwide. As the land around us offers its abundance, we are reminded of God's generosity in creation. We are also reminded of our responsibility to care for the earth—not only as good citizens but as faithful disciples of Jesus. Just as farmers tend the soil so that future generations may harvest, we are called to be stewards of God's creation for the sake of those who come after us.

It is also a season of gratitude. As farmers gather in their crops, gardeners fill baskets with vegetables, and markets overflow with local produce, we are reminded that “every good and perfect gift is from above” (James 1:17). In the coming weeks, may we take time to thank God not only for food and harvest, but for the people who enrich our lives, the opportunities to learn and grow, and the gift of community here in our church.

Of course, September can also be a time of anxiety. For students starting school, for teachers balancing heavy workloads, for families adjusting schedules, and for many facing uncertain times in our world, this month can feel overwhelming. If that's where you find yourself, remember Paul's words in Philippians 4:6–7: *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

My prayer for you this September is that you may experience both **renewal and peace**. Renewal, as God invites you into fresh rhythms of worship, service, and fellowship. Peace, as you entrust your concerns to the One who promises to be with us in every season.

Let us step into this new church season with open hands and hopeful hearts. May we be a community where God's love is known, where gratitude flows freely, and where creation and neighbour alike are cherished as gifts from our generous Creator.

*Pastor Rob Spicer*

