



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

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Freedom Road

They should never be forgotten ones
The brave young daughters and young sons
Who gave their lives so long ago
While fighting those who were our foe.

The world has changed; the time has past
And to some the years have gone too fast
To totally erase the pain they found
When comrades fell on foreign ground.

Now those of us who they died for
Must continue to stand and keep the door
Open, to honour and to show respect
Not allowing ourselves to ever forget.

It was freedom road they did pave
So proclaim your thanks to those who gave
As our anthem plays, sing clear and loud
And on Remembrance Day, wear poppies proud.

*Jacqueline Black
Daughter of Ken and Ruby Thorne
Veteran and War Bride
Wife of Sgt. Bill Black (deceased)*

Prayer Concerns

Wild fire firefighters
The homeless
CBOQ Churches
Victims of world conflict
and injustice
Victims of flash floods

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by Helen Steiner Rice

Submitted by Brenda Silcox



EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Nov 2 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday service - Communion Sunday Daylight Saving Time ends
Nov 5 Wed 8:30 A.M.	Ladies After 8's Breakfast - Sunset Cafe
Nov 8 Sat 7:00 P.M.	Games Night in Oak Hall
Nov 09 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Remembering Sunday- Pastoral questionnaires to be returned not later than this date.
Nov 16 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday service - St. Thomas and Elgin Food Bank Sunday
Nov 21 Fri 9:30 A.M.	Setting up Oak Hall for the Bazaar
Nov 22 Sat 9:30 - 11:30	PLAINS CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Nov 23 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service
Nov 30 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Advent 1 - Finance Committee Soup and Sandwich Lunch - Proceeds to Christmas Care
Dec 07 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Advent 2 - Communion Sunday - Communion Offering goes for students and retired CBOQ Pastors, White gift Sunday
Dec 09 Tues 12:00 noon 1:00 P.M.	Pot Luck Lunch - Oak Hall - Guests (including men) welcome. Musical Entertainment - by local musician Brian May. Elgin Baptist Association ladies invited to join us.

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Hailey Noble	17 th	Tim Barrett	25 th	Nicholas Dale
6 th	Carolyn Plaunt	17 th	Leilah Sibley	27 th	Cameron Dale
6 th	Margaret Bell	18 th	Emma Greenslade	27 th	Liam Bradley
7 th	Faith Seabrook	18 th	George Lidster	29 th	Floyd Axford
9 th	Matthew McCarthy	20 th	Carter Ruddock		
9 th	Evan Plaunt	22 nd	Carol Maes		
15 th	Betty Lidster (80)	23 rd	Mary Lou Pearson		
16 th	Eric Plaunt	24 th	Pat Carroll		



On Sunday, October 2 Jo-Anne Cline-Schuit was welcomed into Plains Church membership by a letter of transfer from Centre Street Baptist Church.

Jo-Anne Cline-Schuit, Pastor Rob Spicer, Acting Deacon Carolyn Plaunt, Deacon Brenda Silcox, Acting Deacon Michael Sargeant, Deacon Dan Dale.



195 ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY - October 19, 2025

Our Guest speaker for the service was Rev. Dr. Deane Proctor. Deane and Annette were married by our own Rev. Malcolm Rust in 1989. Both of their children Cassidy and Joelle were dedicated at Plains. Both he and Annette were baptized by Reverend Margie Bell in 1995. Deane has served as deacon, chair of deacons and youth group leader at Plains. He received a certificate of recognition related to Ministry gifting and calling from Plains. He entered McMaster Divinity College in 1999. Deane began supply ministry to Dutton and Iona Baptist Churches in 2000. He officially graduated from McMaster in 2005 and was ordained at Dutton Baptist Church that same year. He Faithfully served Iona and Dutton for 9 years and his congregation in Brantford for 11 years. Deane now serves as Pastoral team leader at First Baptist Church Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, since 2021. He completed doctor of ministry in Christian leadership at Tyndale College in 2021.

Submitted by Wayne Dale



Rev. Dr. Deane Proctor

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 is available for sale for \$25.00

For those who had their pictures taken for it, the Photo Directory books are now available to be picked up at the church.

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 22, 2025

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Refreshments served in Oak Hall

Home made Crafts, Baby Quilts, Blankets, Books, Puzzles,
AtticTreasures, Home Baking, etc.

(All refreshments and home baking prepared in home kitchens)



BAZAAR HELPERS:

Anyone available and interested in assisting behind the tables selling goods, in the kitchen preparing and washing up, serving goodies and coffee or clearing and setting tables for 1 hour or for 2 hours at this event are most welcome. A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the church sanctuary or contact Nancy Millman 519-775-2526 / anmillman@rogers.com

BAZAAR DONATIONS:

Donations of hand crafted and baked goods are welcome. Please package items like cookies and squares by the dozen or half dozen on new paper, styrofoam or plastic containers, and priced ready for sale.

Price lists will be made available at the back of the sanctuary for your convenience.

Donations of gently used children's clothing in clean and "good as new condition" welcome.

We ask that all other donations be clean and in working condition and not brought to the church before the morning of **Friday, November 21 at 9:30** when set-up takes place.

A NEW COMMITTEE NEEDS A NEW NAME

Your suggestions are invited.

Please direct any contributions for a new name to Donna Limon, Nancy Millman, or Margie Bell.

This is an organizational and working committee consisting of ladies of our church.

This new committee will combine the actions of the Ladies Aid and the Social Committee.

Some of those activities are: purchasing needs of the church such as kitchen supplies and equipment, special event items such as birthday cakes, food for receptions, gifts for new members, retirement gifts, support of the summer camp out, purchase of poinsettias at Christmas time, support to the General Fund when needed, financial support for church big ticket projects as needed, financial support to local community organizations and/or individuals where needed, etc.

Funds for these are realized through the Bazaars in May and November, church suppers, individual donations, and funeral luncheons provided for church families.



Pat Kennedy is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Erene Mifsud to Justin Vandongen. The ceremony was held October 11th at the Rose Chapel with reception at the Stoneridge Inn. Our Margaret Bell was delighted to officiate over the exchange of vows. Justin, Erene and Mateo now reside in the home they recently purchased in Thamesford.

Submitted by Pat Kennedy

Highlights of the Congregational Meeting, October 25, 2025

Clerk Mary Crosby called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M.

Pastor Rob Spicer opened the meeting with a devotional, and reading from Thessalonians, Chapter 3.

Wayne Dale, appointed by the Deacons, acted as Chairman.

The Agenda was approved, to include under Other Business a revision to the wording of the Traditional Land Acknowledgment, and three proposals from the Finance Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of May 25, 2025 were approved.

Reports were presented:

The Clerk's Report presented by Mary Crosby indicated that average weekly attendance is 65, with 90 attending on Anniversary Sunday.

Dan Dale reported for the Cemetery Committee that Melsa Winger and Pauline Duffy were the only burials.

He also reported that the Central Elgin ownership of the old cemetery has been clarified.

The Deacons have established a plan for notification in the event of inclement weather resulting in the cancellation of a Sunday service.

Margie Bell was thanked for her distribution of cards, flowers, gift cards, donations, etc. on behalf of the congregation, to suitable recipients within the church and community.

Pastor Rob Spicer reported on the activities of the Elgin Association of Baptist Churches.

Margie Bell presented the Ladies Aid Report, noting that the Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2025.

The Social Committee Report was presented by Nancy Millman, indicating that the free will donations at the Anniversary lunch will be included with the donation to Christmas Care in November.

Charlie Rewbotham presented the Trustees Report, outlining the maintenance projects which have been completed in recent months.

Shirley Dale presented the Treasurer's Report and Sherry Graham presented the Finance Committee Report.

The computers will be upgraded or replaced, using funds from the Future Projects Fund and Centre Street Baptist Church fund money and interest earned. Also Funds from Centre Street Baptist Church money will be used for a contribution to CBOQ General Budget and a contribution to Canada Red Cross Canadian Wildfire Relief Fund for persons across Canada who have lost their homes to wild fires. The Social Committee and the Ladies Aid will contribute to this donation as well.

Camping at Springwater has been booked for June 19-21, 2026, the 23rd year of camping there.

The wording of the Traditional Land Acknowledgment will be corrected to include *"The McKee Treaty 1790 between Alexander McKee on behalf of the Crown and the principal village and War Chiefs of the Ottawa, Chippewa, Pottowatamy and Huron Indians."*

Wording for the use of the Communion Funds will be put in writing, for future reference.

The date of the next meeting will be February 8, 2026 at 12:00 noon.

Pastor Rob Spicer closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Janice Burgess (daughter of Judy Burgess)
and Pete Fedorko were married at Plains
Church on October 25, 2025.
Rev. Rob Spicer officiated.

Melissa Spicer, Janice and Pete Fedorko, and
Pastor Rob Spicer.



**First Yarmouth Baptist Church
Financial Statement
31st of October, 2025**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	90,563.29	4,703.70	4,199.25	635.00	100,101.24
Expenses	<u>91,217.92</u>	<u>4,703.70</u>	<u>2,741.15</u>	<u>565.00</u>	<u>99,227.77</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	(-654.63)	0.00	1458.10	70.00	873.47
From Previous Years			<u>2409.68</u>		<u>85,601.24</u>
Totals	<u>(-654.63)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3867.78</u>	<u>70.00</u>	<u>86,474.71</u>

1. The General Fund shows a net loss of (-654.63) as of the 31st of October, 2025.
Grass cutting is paid up until the 31st of August, 2025.
2. Missions income up to the 31st of October, 2025 totals \$4,703.70. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. The total is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$3,310.00; CBOQ - Youth - \$200.00; CBM - \$997.70, and CBM, Sharing Way - \$186.00, plus Crisis Response \$10.00. An amount of \$1,000.00 has been used from the high interest savings Centre Street funds and sent to CBOQ.
3. The Communion fund had a gain of \$1,458.10 at the end of October, 2025. There are Communion funds left over from 2024 and previous years totalling \$2,409.68, leaving a balance in the Communion Fund of \$3,867.78.
4. The Sunday school received donations of \$635.00 to date, and the balance of \$70.00 will be given to the Treasurer of the Sunday School at the end of the fourth quarter.
5. A balance of \$6,269.75 remained in the Special Projects Fund from previous years.
An amount of \$200.00 in memory of Mark Wilson, \$100.00 in memory of Ed Somerville, \$70.00 in memory of Pauline Duffy, and \$165.00 to that fund were donated in 2025, giving a total of \$6,804.75.
To date, \$5,597.66 was spent from the Special Project Fund.
That leaves a balance of \$1,207.09 in the Special Projects Fund.
6. It was approved at the Fall Business Meeting on October 26, 2025 to send \$2,000 to Canadian Red Cross Wildfire Relief to help families who lost their homes during the wildfires. The Ladies Aid and the Social Committee each donated \$500.00 to the cause, and \$1,000 was used from the high interest savings account Centre Street.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley E. Dale, Treasurer



SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH
Sunday, November 30 at 11:30 A.M.
(Following Sunday Service)

ALL PROCEEDS from your donations for lunch will go to **CHRISTMAS CARE.**





Remembering and Honouring

November is a month that invites us to remember. The bright colours of autumn begin to fade, and the fields have fallen quiet. The air grows cooler, and our days grow shorter. It's as though the land itself takes a deep breath and pauses — inviting us to do the same.

Each year, on **November 11**, Canadians pause to remember. We stop, for a moment of silence, to honour those who served and sacrificed in times of war and conflict. We remember the lives lost, the families forever changed, and the courage of those who stood for peace and freedom.

When we see the **poppy**, we remember not only the cost of war but also the hope of peace — a hope that continues to call us as followers of Christ. Jesus said, *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God”* (Matthew 5:9). As His people, we are called not simply to remember the peace others fought for, but to live as peacemakers ourselves — in our homes, in our community, and in our world.

To remember well is to commit ourselves to the kind of world that reflects God's kingdom — a world where love overcomes hatred, where reconciliation replaces division, and where mercy triumphs over judgment. In a time when voices of anger and fear seem to grow louder, the church's call is to embody a different story: the story of Christ's peace.

So as we wear the poppy, let it be more than a symbol. Let it be a prayer — for those who still serve, for those who grieve, and for those who long for peace. And let it be a reminder that our faith leads us to honour others, to serve humbly, and to walk in the way of Jesus, who gave Himself for the sake of love.

May this season of remembrance renew in us a spirit of gratitude, compassion, and peace. And may we, as a church family, continue to be a community where Christ's peace is both spoken and lived.

With hope and remembrance,

Pastor Rob