



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

**FIRST YARMOUTH  
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# MAY 2026

**Of all the special  
joys in life,  
The big ones  
and the small,  
A mother's love  
and tenderness  
Is the greatest  
of them all.**

**The Special Easter Offering will be divided evenly between the General Fund and CBOQ Missions. Special Easter Envelopes are in the church pews or you can include your EASTER OFFERING on the "other" line of your regular giving envelope or include in PAR.**

**NOTE:** It stands open until the Spring Business Meeting, May 24.



**EVENTS FOR MAY 2026**

- May 03 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday -  
Guest Speaker Rev. Margaret Bell
- May 06 Wed 8:30 A.M.**      **Ladies After 8's Breakfast** - Sunset Café
- May 09 Sat 7:00 P..M.**      **Music Jam Night** - Oak Hall
- May 10 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service** - Child Dedication of Noah-James Willland, Oaklynn  
and Maisie Kroecker - Happy Mothers' Day
- May 17 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service - Food Bank Sunday**
- May 22 Fri 9:30 A.M.**      **Setting up Oak Hall for Bazaar**
- May 23 Sat 9:30-11:30 A.M.** **Spring Bazaar and Plant Sale**
- May 24 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service - Pentecost Sunday** - wear bright colours...  
followed by.....(bring a bag lunch)
- 12:00 noon**      **Spring Congregational Meeting**
- May 31 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service**
- June 3 Wed 8:30 A.M.**      **Ladies After 8's Breakfast**
- June 7 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday
- June 10 Wed 11:30 A.M.**      **Ladies Aid Finale Luncheon** - Wayside Inn, Talbotville  
Guests Welcome

**PLAINS SPRING BAZAAR AND OUTDOOR PLANT SALE****SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026****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 22**, and/or serving on the day  
 of the Bazaar, contact **Nancy Millman - 519-775-2526**

[anmillman@rogers.com](mailto: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.



**Coffee, tea and muffins served in Oak 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.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Brenton Carnegie	18 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda Sawyer
1 <sup>st</sup>	Erin Chesterfield	19 <sup>th</sup>	Max Cosentino
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maureen Greer	20 <sup>th</sup>	Kayla Carnegie
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Don Toth	20 <sup>th</sup>	Mandy Penner
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Suzanne Ferguson	21 <sup>st</sup>	Bonnie Melvin
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary Sawyer	24 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica Hepburn
7 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Cook-Noble	26 <sup>th</sup>	Cherie Doyon (70)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Brent Crocker	26 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Penner
7 <sup>th</sup>	Oaklynn Kroecker	26 <sup>th</sup>	Rob Spicer
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ellis Graham	29 <sup>th</sup>	Tori Noble
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jordan Wilson	30 <sup>th</sup>	Fran Somerville
14 <sup>th</sup>	Marjorie Higgs (80)	30 <sup>th</sup>	Clare Kisiel
15 <sup>th</sup>	John Doner	31 <sup>st</sup>	Jamey Dale
15 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Johnson	31 <sup>st</sup>	Heather Limon
17 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Rust	31 <sup>st</sup>	John Hepburn
18 <sup>th</sup>	Cathy McCarthy		

**ANNIVERSARIES**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Randy & Maureen Greer(50)
9 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce & Barb Green
10 <sup>th</sup>	Todd & Kathy Noble
16 <sup>th</sup>	Kim & Sherry Graham
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mike & Rosemary Barrett
31 <sup>st</sup>	Murray & Brenda Silcox

**PLAINS CHURCH CAMPING AT SPRINGWATER 2026**

Springwater Conservation Area South Pavilion, "Day Use Area"

Friday, June 20th to Sunday, June 22nd, 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 Un-serviced Site

\$ 5.00 per night for hydro, if available

Extra Vehicle \$16.00 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, 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].





Again this year Ryse Rickwood is taking part in a theatre presentation.  
His performance dates are  
    May 23 at 1:00 and 7:00  
    May 24 at 1:00 and 4:00.  
The tickets are \$15 each at the  
**West Elgin Dramatics Society Theatre in Dutton.**  
The link for anyone looking to purchase tickets is:  
  
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/seussical-jr-8>

At the West Elgin Dramatics Society (WEDS) Theatre, Dutton

Dutton Baptist Church, Celebrates **150 years**

A blue poster for 'The Chapelaires' concert. It features a photo of four people in formal attire. The text includes the church name, the group name, the date and time, and details about the event and food collection.

Dutton Baptist Church *presents*  
**The Chapelaires**  
IN CONCERT [www.chapelaires.com](http://www.chapelaires.com)

**Saturday  
MAY 23  
7:00 PM**  
Dutton  
Community  
Centre

Join us to celebrate 150 years of God's faithfulness.  
**All are welcome!**  
We'll be collecting non-perishable food donations for our local food bank at the door.

**Doors open at 6:30**  
Coffee and snacks following the show.

**FIRST YARMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
as at 30th of April, 2026**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	34,936.92	1,100.18	1,528.15	75.00	37,541.25
Expenses	<u>37,896.71</u>	<u>1,100.18</u>	<u>1,227.49</u>	<u>70.00</u>	<u>40,195.38</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	(-2,959.79)	0.00	300.66	5.00	(-2,654.13)
From Previous Years	<u>88,217.80</u>		<u>3419.56</u>		<u>91,637.36</u>
Totals	<u>85,258.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3720.22</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>88,983.23</u>

1. The General Fund shows a net loss as of the 30th of April, 2026 of (-\$2,959.79.)  
The steeple, soffit, fascia and shed were pressure washed by an outside company for a cost of \$565.00.  
The Special Easter Offering generated \$622.50 for the General Fund.
2. Missions income to the 30th of April, 2026 totaled \$1,100.18. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM.  
Missions amount is made up as follows: CBOQ General Budget \$702.50; CBM \$323.68; and Sharing Way - \$74.00.  
The Special Easter Offering generated \$402.50 for CBOQ.
3. The Communion fund had a gain of \$300.66 at the end of April, 2026. There are Communion funds left over from 2025 and previous years totalling \$3,419.56, leaving a balance in the Communion Fund of \$3,720.22.
4. The Sunday school received donations of \$75.00 to date. The balance of \$5.00 will be paid to the Treasurer of the Sunday School, Sherry Graham at the end of the second quarter.
5. A balance of \$1,834.00 remains in the Special Projects Fund from previous years. Donations in Memory of Noreena Satchell total \$216.25 and in Memory of Toots Gillard \$45.00.  
That leaves a balance in the Special Projects Fund of \$2,095.25.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shirley E. Dale, Treasurer



**I WOULD LIKE TO WRITE**

I would like to write a rainbow,  
or perhaps a sunny day.  
The kind of words that one could read,  
to chase their blues away.  
If I could write a rainbow,  
meant to heal a broken friend,  
I would write a pot of kindness,  
there at the rainbow's end.  
I would like to write a gentle rain,  
to wash away all fears,  
Or sooth your heart, each time you cry,  
those melancholy tears.  
I would like to write a happy life,  
where all is well and good,  
I would write a world of peace and love,  
If only I could.

By Joanne VanDam

## Growing into Grace.

May feels like a deep breath after a long winter. The world around us seems to awaken almost overnight—trees unfurl their leaves, gardens begin to bloom, and the air itself carries the promise of new life. It is a season of growth, and that makes it a fitting companion to the Easter season.

Easter is not just a day we celebrate and then tuck away until next year. It is a season—a fifty-day invitation to live in the reality of resurrection. In May, as spring flourishes around us, we are reminded that resurrection is not only something God has done; it is something God continues to do. New life is always emerging, often quietly, often gradually, but always persistently.

Growth, however, is rarely dramatic. Most of the time, it happens beneath the surface. Roots deepen before blossoms appear. Seeds break open in darkness before they reach toward the sun. The same is often true in our spiritual lives. We may not always notice how God is shaping us, but grace is at work nonetheless—nurturing patience, deepening compassion, and calling forth new possibilities within us.

As a church community, May invites us to pay attention to these signs of growth—both around us and within us. Where have you noticed new life lately? Perhaps in a renewed sense of hope, a restored relationship, or a fresh willingness to serve. Perhaps simply in the quiet assurance that God has not finished with you yet.

This month also brings occasions to celebrate the people who nurture life in others. Mother's Day offers an opportunity to give thanks for mothers, grandmothers, and all those who have embodied care, wisdom, and steadfast love. We honour not only biological mothers, but all who have offered the gift of nurturing presence in our lives and in our community.

As we continue through the Easter season, our worship will keep drawing us into the life of the risen Christ—a life marked by peace, generosity, and courageous love. Resurrection is not merely about what happens after death; it is about how we live now. It is about becoming people who reflect Christ's hope in a world hungry for healing.

Thank you for the many ways you help this congregation grow. Through your kindness, your service, your prayers, and your faithful presence, you contribute to the flourishing of this community. Like a garden lovingly tended, the church grows through the care of many hands.

May this month fill you with wonder at the beauty of God's creation and confidence in the quiet work of grace. And may you continue to grow—rooted in love, reaching toward the light.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Rob*

