



**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

THE PLAIN FACTS
a monthly newsletter of

**FIRST YARMOUTH
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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He Never Told Me

He never told me how to live,
He simply lived, and let me watch.
He never scolded, rarely preached,
Just answered questions I would botch.

He didn't push, but showed the path,
And held the lamp when dark the road.
He never once asked for my thanks,
He simply bore the quiet load.

His lessons linger in my mind,
Long after he is gone from view.
I never said how much he meant—
So now, these lines will have to do.

~ Anonymous,



EVENTS FOR JUNE 2026

- June 3 Wed 8:30 A.M.** **Ladies After 8's Breakfast - at STACKED PANCAKE HOUSE**
(opposite the Walmart Plaza)
- 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, Sign up requested
- June 14 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service**
- June 19 Friday** Church camping at Springwater
- June 20 Sat 5:30 P.M.** Pot luck barbeque supper at Springwater
7:00 P.M. Music Jam Night
- June 21 Sun 9:30 A.M.** Breakfast at Springwater
10:30 A.M. **Worship at springwater beside the pond**
- June 28 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service**
- July 05 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service - Communion Sunday**

NOTE: Pastor Rob will be away from June 30 to July 26
The Deacons will be available for pastoral care while he is away

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Judy Jacklin	18 th	Michelle Carnegie
9 th	Michela Sargeant	19 th	Jeremy Dale
9 th	Charlotte Cosentino	23 rd	Lillie Penner
10 th	Ryan Dunn	23 rd	Emma Wilcox
10 th	Gail McPhail	26 th	Abe Kroecker
15 th	George Martyn	27 th	Gerry Coull
17 th	Murray Silcox	27 th	Melanie Dunn
		28 th	Anna Kristine Kisiel

**ANNIVERSARIES**

3 rd	Dan & Jenny Lee Grant	20 th	Phil & Cherie Doyon
4 th	Floyd & Sharon Axford (66)	23 rd	Jeff & Melanie Wilcox
5 th	George & Betty Lidster	26 th	Sue Anne & Joshua McCallum
6 th	Stephen & Carolyn Plaunt(45)	28 th	Gerry & Jill Coull
6 th	Steve & Janet Gibson (50)	30 th	Gary & Fran Somerville
15 th	Doug & Mary Sawyer		

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.

I took my dad camping for Father's Day. It was in tents

PLAINS CHURCH CAMPING AT SPRINGWATER 2026

Springwater Conservation Area South Pavilion, "Day Use Area"

Friday, June 19 to Sunday, June 21, 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

Music Jam Night following supper

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].



A Service of Presentation and Dedication was held on Mothers' Day, May 10 for the children of Alyssa Willand and Abe Kroecker.

Noah-James Willand and Oaklynn and Maisie Kroecker received gifts from the congregation, presented by Rev. Rob Spicer. The parents and the congregation made pledges of commitment of love and support for the children.

The Spring Bazaar was held on Saturday, May 23. It was a cold and rainy day. The Social Committee made \$2,042.30, including the outdoor plant sale which was held under the canopy at the front door and made \$422.00. The highest intake was at the bake table which took in \$954.00. The donations at the door for the Kettle Creek School Student Nutrition Program were \$275.00. Thank you for your support.

Our neighbour Beth Phoenix and Joyce Cuttler from Port Stanley were the winners of the draws for the gorgeous hanging plants, which were donated by Family Flowers.

THANK YOU to everyone who decorated, donated baking and items for selling, who helped with setting up, selling, baking, serving, clearing, washing, cleaning up and putting away.



The Kitchen crew consisted of Betty Lidster, Murray Silcox and Stephen Plaunt washing dishes, and Nancy Millman



Marion Maynard and George Lidster greeted folks at the door, Through the generous donations of the community, \$275.00 was collected for the Student Nutrition Program at Kettle Creek Elementary School in Port Stanley



Donna Crocker and Donna Limon sold plants under the canopy outside



Wendy Lessard and Rob Spicer sold books and puzzles inside



Donna Rust buys tickets from John Gibbons, hoping to be the lucky winner of one of the gorgeous hanging baskets, donated by Family Flowers



Carolyn Plaunt and Linda Willand wait for customers at the table featuring crafts and kids clothing.



Jo-Anne Pettit, Marjorie Higgs and Brenda Silcox were kept busy selling home made goodies at the bake table.



The beautiful centre pieces on the tables were created by Donna Crocker who dyed the paper and made each of the flowers. Donna Limon assisted her with the individual arrangements.

June 10 WED. 11:30 A.M. Ladies Aid Finale Luncheon - Wayside Inn, Talbotville
 Guests welcome. Please sign up, to provide a number count planning to attend.

I was going to tell my dad a pizza joke for Father's Day. But I decided it was too cheesy.

FIRST YARMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
as at 31st of May, 2026

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	45,049.30	1,328.85	1,844.85	85.00	48,308.00
Expenses	<u>48,978.62</u>	<u>1,328.85</u>	<u>1,361.43</u>	<u>70.00</u>	<u>51,738.90</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	(-3,929.32)	0.00	483.42	15.00	(-3,430.90)
From Previous Years	<u>88,217.80</u>		<u>3419.56</u>		<u>91,637.36</u>
Totals	<u>84,288.48</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3902.98</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>88,206.46</u>

- The General Fund shows a net loss as of the 31st of May, 2026 of (-\$3,929.32.)
Some expenses in June ie. Assembly registration for 2 people, Liability insurance, cleaning rugs and pews, guest speakers, as well as increased hydro costs account for some of the deficit.
- Missions income up to May 31, 2026 totaled \$1,328.85. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ & CBM.
Missions amount is made up as follows: CBOQ General Budget \$802.50; CBM \$432.35; and Sharing Way - \$94.00.
- The Communion fund had a gain of \$483.42 at the end of May, 2026. There are Communion funds left over from 2025 and previous years totalling \$3,419.56, leaving a balance in the Communion Fund of \$3,902.98.
- The Sunday school received donations of \$85.00 to date. The balance of \$15.00 will be paid to the Treasurer of the Sunday School, Sherry Graham at the end of the second quarter.
- 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

The Oyster



There once was an oyster whose story I tell,
Who found that some sand had got into his shell.
It was only a grain, but it gave him great pain,
For oysters have feelings although they're so plain.
No, did he berate the harsh workings of fate
That had brought him to such a deplorable state?
Did he curse at the government, cry for election,
And claim that the sea should have given him protection?
'No', he said to himself. 'Since I cannot remove it,
I will work in my shell, YES, I will try to improve it.'
Now the years have rolled around, as the years always do,
And he came to his ultimate destiny....stew.
And the small grain of sand that had bothered him so
Was a beautiful pearl all richly aglow.
Now the tale has a moral, for is it not grand
What an oyster can do with a morsel of sand?
What couldn't we do if we would only begin
With some of the things that get under our skin.

Author unknown



Ordinary Time, Extraordinary Grace

June arrives with warmth, colour, and a noticeable shift in rhythm. School years wind down, gardens begin to flourish, and many of us find ourselves looking forward to summer gatherings, vacations, and moments of rest. After the intensity of spring, June often feels like an invitation to exhale.

In the church calendar, we now settle into what is known as *Ordinary Time*. At first glance, the name can sound a little uninspiring—as though the great celebrations are behind us and we are entering a quieter, less meaningful season. But “ordinary” in this sense does not mean unimportant. It refers to the steady rhythm of discipleship: the day-by-day practice of following Jesus in the ordinary moments of life.

And perhaps that is where faith matters most.

Most of our lives are not lived in dramatic mountaintop experiences. They unfold in everyday moments: preparing meals, caring for family, working hard, checking in on neighbours, tending gardens, sharing laughter around a table, or offering kindness when no one else notices. These small acts may seem ordinary, but they are often the very places where grace takes root.

Summer can tempt us into constant activity, filling every free moment with plans and obligations. Yet it can also become a spiritual gift—a season to slow down enough to notice God again. The beauty of creation around us can become a kind of prayer: birdsong in the early morning, evening light stretching across the sky, the smell of rain on warm pavement, the joy of children playing outside. These moments remind us that God is not only present in sanctuary worship, but woven throughout daily life.

One of the joys of June in the life of our church is our annual camping weekend and outdoor worship service. There is something special about gathering together beyond the church walls—sharing meals, stories, campfires, laughter, and worship surrounded by creation. These moments remind us that church is not simply a building we enter, but a community we belong to. Whether you are camping for the whole weekend or simply joining us for the outdoor service, I hope you will come and be part of this meaningful time together.

As a congregation, June is also a season of gratitude. We give thanks for teachers and students completing another year, for volunteers whose quiet work keeps ministries alive, and for all those who offer their time, compassion, and care behind the scenes. The church is built not only through big events or public moments, but through countless acts of faithful service that often go unseen.

This month, my prayer is that we would resist the pressure to rush through life and instead learn to be present within it. Faithfulness is rarely flashy. More often, it is steady. Patient. Rooted. It grows over time through simple practices of love, prayer, generosity, and community.

As summer begins, may you find space to rest, reconnect, and renew your spirit. May you notice God’s presence in ordinary places and everyday conversations. And may we continue, together, to become a community shaped not only by what we believe on Sundays, but by how we live each day.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rob