



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

**FIRST YARMOUTH  
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# September 2026

The golden-rod is yellow;  
The corn is turning brown;  
The trees in apple orchards  
With fruit are bending down.

The gentian's bluest fringes  
Are curling in the sun;  
In dusty pods the milkweed  
Its hidden silk has spun.

The sedges flaunt their harvest,  
In every meadow nook;  
And asters by the brook-side  
Make asters in the brook ...



## Prayer Concerns

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

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Washing up after breakfast on Sunday morning were Donna Rust, Betty Rewbotham, Donna Limon and Diane O'Brien.



**TURNAUCKAS' OBSERVATION**-to err is human. To really foul things up takes a computer.

**In Sympathy:**

The Plains Church family extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Patricia Ann Hillman (nee Bastien) who passed away at Health Sciences North hospital in Sudbury at the age of 61.

She leaves behind her loving husband of 42 years Michael Hillman, her children Stephanie, Tommy (Maxime), Bradley, and her grandchildren Benjamin, Tessa, Kaelum and Rea.

She will be missed by her brother Brad Bastien, Patsy was a reiki healer and loved the outdoors and butterflies.

**EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026**

- Sept 02 Wed 8:30 A.M.**      **Ladies After 8's Breakfast - NOTE NEW LOCATION - Sunset Grill - First Ave & Redan Street in Shopping Plaza - Opposite Winners and Marks. Beside Firehouse Subs.**
- Sept 06 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service - Communion Sunday**
- Sept 09 Wed 1:00 P.M.**      **Ladies Prayer Group**
- Sept 10 Thur 7:30 P.M.**      **Choir practice begins - New members welcome.**
- Sept 13 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service - Grandparents Day**
- Sept 20 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service - Food Bank Sunday**
- 3:00 P.M.**      **Elgin Baptist Association AGM - Aylmer Baptist Church**
- Sept 26 Sat 7:00 P.M.**      **Musical Jam Night - Oak Hall**
- Sept 27 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service**
- Oct 04 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service - Communion Sunday**
- Oct 18 Sun 10:00 A.M.**      **Sunday Service - 196 Anniversary - Guest Speaker - Nora Sanders**

**Ladies Prayer Group:** Please contact **Vicki Houghton (519-633-8024)** if you are interested in participating. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9 at 1:00 p.m. Future dates and times to be decided then. The location will be determined when numbers are known. **Vicki Houghton - 6028 Fairview Road.**

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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

**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    |

**THE LEWIS LAW**-If your outgo exceeds your income, your upkeep will be your downfall.

## HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

Anna Woodhouse's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was on Friday, July 10. On Saturday July 11, a Birthday Open House for family and friends was held at the home of her son Scott and daughter-in-law Tanya at 34044 Lake Line, Port Stanley, Ont.

The party was given by my three children--Ross and Shannon, Scott and Tanya, and Lisa and Mark. It was a beautiful day, and I was totally surprised by the number of people that came-- friends, neighbours, church family from Plains, Dutton United, and former Fingal United, a lot of people whose kids I drove on the school bus, plus the kids (now adults) came to wish me *Best Wishes*. It was absolutely wonderful, the food was superb, and I thoroughly had a wonderful day.

I would like to thank my family for doing this, and also all who sent and brought cards, flowers and gifts, and for just helping me celebrate my 90th Birthday. You are all loved and very much appreciated.

All My Love *Anna*



Photo by Betty Rewbotham



Sharon Axford celebrated her 84<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday July 26 by sharing birthday cake with her Plains Church family and friends, following the service.

### NEW ADDRESSES:

Carol Maes - Caessant Care, 15 Bonnie Place, St. Thomas, ON N5R 5T8

Nancy Millman - #510 430 Wellington Street, St. Thomas, ON N5R 5R1

Alyssa Willand, Abe Kroecker, Noah, Oaklynn and Maisie -  
45399 Sparta Line, St. Thomas, ON N5P 3S8



**MURPHY'S DESIGN MAXIM**-Either the box is too small and won't work, or it's too big and won't fit.



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

|                     | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Missions</u> | <u>Communion Fund</u> | <u>Sunday School</u> | <u>Totals</u>    |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Income              | 78,485.18           | 1,936.86        | 2,772.60              | 199.55               | 83,394.19        |
| Expenses            | <u>81,142.80</u>    | <u>1,936.86</u> | <u>2,184.19</u>       | <u>85.00</u>         | <u>85,348.85</u> |
| Net Gain(Loss)      | (-2,657.62)         | 0.00            | 588.41                | 114.55               | (-1,954.66)      |
| From Previous Years | <u>88,217.80</u>    |                 | <u>3419.56</u>        |                      | <u>91,637.36</u> |
| Totals              | <u>85,560.18</u>    | <u>0.00</u>     | <u>4007.97</u>        | <u>114.55</u>        | <u>89,682.70</u> |

1. The General Fund shows a net loss as of the 31st of August, 2026 of (-\$2,657.62.)  
The Finance Committee, at its July 2026 meeting, unanimously approved moving \$5,000 from Reserve Investments with iA Private Wealth to General Fund Income, due to the deficit position of the General Fund at the end of the second quarter.  
Grass cutting has been paid up the end of June, 2026.
2. Missions income up to August 31st, 2026 totaled \$1,936.86 . That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ & CBM. Missions amount is made up as follows: CBOQ General Budget \$992.50; CBM \$644.36; Sharing Way, undesignated - \$150.00, and Sharing Way, Venezuela - \$140.00.
3. The Communion fund had a gain of \$588.41 as of the 31st of August, 2026. There are Communion funds left over from 2025 and previous years totaling \$3,419.56, leaving a balance in the Communion Fund of \$4,007.97.
4. The Sunday school received donations of \$199.55 to date. The balance of \$114.55 will be paid to the Treasurer of the Sunday School, Sherry Graham, at the end of the third quarter.
5. A balance of \$1,833.79 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, as well as a \$50 donation in June leaves a balance in the Special Projects Fund of \$2,145.04.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shirley E. Dale, Treasurer

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to Erin Chesterfield on her new position as the Emergency Management Program Coordinator for Elgin County.

**AN ODE TO MY GRANDMA** (*Pearl Tansley*)

She likes to talk of times gone by when she was but a child.  
She tells about the miles she walked, and of the wood she piled.  
She laughs about the old black mare—the one she rode to school—  
That little one-room building where she learned the golden rule.  
She's my Grandma.  
She has known of the simple joys that a life-time offers.  
She knows that a person's wealth is not measured just by coffers.  
She understands the varied needs of everyone she meets.  
She sets a dinner table laden with homemade sweets.  
She's my Grandma.  
She remembers when the times were hard, but never speaks of those.  
Instead, her tales are happy ones, about the styles in clothes.  
She is always there to listen to the things I have to say.  
And I am certain that she grows younger every day.  
She's my Grandma.

Nancy (Tansley) Millman 1960

**Happy Grandparents' day**

# *Returning and Beginning Again*

September is a month of transitions.

The long, relaxed days of summer begin to give way to familiar routines. Children and teachers return to school. Vacations come to an end. Calendars begin to fill once again, and there is a sense that life is beginning to move at a different pace.

For some, September feels like a fresh start—perhaps even more than January. There is something about the beginning of a new school year, the changing of the seasons, and the return to familiar rhythms that invites us to begin again.

And perhaps that is one of the gifts of faith: **we are always invited to begin again.**

The summer months may have given us opportunities to rest, travel, and discover what the Celtic Christians called “*thin places*”—those moments when the distance between heaven and earth seems especially small. Perhaps we found them beside the water, around a campfire, beneath a star-filled sky, or in the simple joy of being with people we love.

But as September arrives and life becomes busier again, the invitation to notice God does not disappear.

In fact, perhaps one of the most important spiritual practices we can carry with us into the fall is learning to recognize God's presence in the ordinary routines of life. The thin places are not limited to mountaintops, lakeshores, or summer sunsets. They can also be found in a quiet morning before the day begins, in a conversation with a friend, in the laughter of children, in an unexpected act of kindness, or in the familiar rhythm of gathering together for worship.

God is present in the new and the familiar—in beginnings and endings, in busy seasons and quiet ones.

September is also a time when our church begins to find its rhythm again. Ministries and activities resume. New plans take shape. We reconnect with people we may not have seen as often over the summer. There is energy in coming together again and asking, *What might God have in store for us in this new season?*

As we begin this fall together, perhaps we can resist the temptation simply to fill our calendars. Instead, let us ask how we might make room for what truly matters. How can we make time for prayer? How can we strengthen

our relationships? How can we serve our neighbours? How can we remain attentive to the movement of God's Spirit in our lives and in our community?

The changing season reminds us that life is made up of beginnings and endings, growth and rest, letting go and starting anew. And through every season, God remains faithful.

So, as we turn the page from summer into autumn, may we do so with gratitude for the moments that have refreshed us and hope for all that lies ahead. May we return to our routines with renewed hearts. May we welcome new beginnings with courage. And may we continue to find God's presence—not only in the extraordinary moments, but in the sacred, ordinary days we share.

Whatever this new season brings, we do not enter it alone.



God goes before us.  
Christ walks beside us.  
The Spirit moves within us.  
And together, we begin again.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Rob*

**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.