



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

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196 YEARS, October 18, 2026



Prayer Concerns

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

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Submitted by Rev Rob Spicer

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2026

Oct 04	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Communion Sunday
Oct 07	Wed 8:30 A.M.	Ladies After 8's Breakfast - NOTE NEW LOCATION -
		Sunset Grill - First Ave & Redan Street in Shopping Plaza -
	1:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Group - in Oak Hall
Oct 11	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service
Oct 12		Thanksgiving
Oct 14	Wed 1:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Group - in Oak Hall
Oct 18	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - 196 Anniversary - Guest Speaker - Nora Sanders
Oct 21	1:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Group - in Oak Hall
Oct 24	Sat 7:00 P.M.	Music Jam Night - in Oak Hall
Oct 25	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Bring a bag lunch. Followed by
	12:00 P.M.	Congregational Meeting
Oct 28	1:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Group - in Oak Hall
Nov 01	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Communion Sunday Daylight Saving Times ends
Nov 15	Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Food Bank Sunday
Nov 21	Sat 9:00-11:30 A.M.	Christmas Bazaar 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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

8 th	Olivia Spicer	18 th	Judy Burgess
11 th	Laura Crocker	20 th	Bob Bell (97)
11 th	Dan Dale	21 th	Marion Maynard
11 th	Rona Wilson	21 st	Wendy Lessard
12 th	Julee Dale	22 nd	Briar Lynn Plaunt
14 th	Rylee Rickwood	24 th	Evelyn Kennedy
17 th	Simon Martyn Bradley	28 th	Mateo Mifsud

**ANNIVERSARIES**

3 rd	Michael & Louise Sargeant
4 th	Bill & Danielle Ralf
11 th	Rob & Melissa Spicer
11 th	Justin & Erene Vandongen
12 th	Denny & Diane O'Brien
13 th	Nicholas & Julee Dale
18 th	Jason & Michelle Carnegie
20 th	Dan & Shirley Dale
20 th	Todd & Kelly Ruddock (25)
21 st	Tom & Marion Lammiman
25 th	Pete & Janice Fedorko
28 th	Don & Theresa Toth (59)

What is worse than finding a worm in your apple? Finding half of a worm!

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

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	88,299.51	2,091.53	3,019.60	199.55	93,610.19
Expenses	<u>90,356.42</u>	<u>2,091.53</u>	<u>2,528.41</u>	<u>199.55</u>	<u>95,175.91</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	(-2,056.91)	0.00	491.19	0.00	(-1,565.72)
From Previous Years	<u>88,217.80</u>		<u>3419.56</u>		<u>91,637.36</u>
Totals	<u>86,160.89</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3910.75</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>90,071.64</u>

1. The General Fund shows a net loss as of the 30th of September, 2016 of (-\$2,056.91.)
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 Septmber 30th, 2026 totaled \$2,091.53 . That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ & CBM.
Missions amount is made up as follows: CBOQ General Budget \$1,072.50; CBM \$711.03;
Sharing Way, undesignated - \$168.00, and Sharing Way, Venezuela - \$140.00.
3. The Communion fund had a gain of \$491.19 as of the 30th of September, 2026. There are Communion funds left over from 2025 and previous years totaling \$3,419.56, leaving a balance in the Communion Fund of \$3,910.75.
4. The Sunday school received donations of \$199.55 to date. That amount has been 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



Thankful for What

by Edna Jacques

Not for the mighty world, O Lord, tonight,
Nations and kingdoms in their fearful might —
Let me be glad the kettle gently sings,
Let me be thankful just for the little things.

Thankful for simple food and supper spread,
Thankful for shelter and a warm, clean bed,
For little joyful feet that gladly run
To welcome me when my day's work is done.

Thankful for friends who share my woe or mirth,
Glad for the warm, sweet fragrance of the earth,
For golden pools of sunlight on the floor,
For love that sheds its peace about my door.

For little friendly days that slip away,
With only meals and bed, and work and play,
A rocking-chair and kindly firelight —
For little things let me be glad tonight.

Remembering, Giving Thanks, and Looking Ahead

October is a month of beautiful transitions. The leaves begin to turn, the days grow shorter, and the landscape reminds us that change is a natural part of life. Yet there is also something deeply comforting about this season. The colours of autumn remind us that even as one season comes to an end, God is preparing the way for another.

October is also a month filled with reasons for us to pause and give thanks.

On **October 12, we celebrate Thanksgiving**. While Thanksgiving is often associated with family gatherings, turkey dinners, and tables overflowing with food, the Christian practice of giving thanks goes much deeper. Gratitude is not simply something we express when life is going well. It is a way of seeing—recognizing God's goodness even in the midst of life's changing seasons.

Perhaps one of the greatest spiritual practices we can develop is the habit of noticing what we have been given.

A meal shared with others.

A friend who calls when we need it.

A child's laughter.

A beautiful autumn morning.

A congregation that gathers week after week.

The quiet assurance that, whatever the season, God remains faithful.

Thanksgiving invites us to stop long enough to notice these gifts.

Our Thanksgiving season leads us naturally into another important celebration: **our church anniversary on October 18**.

Anniversaries are about more than looking backward. Certainly, we should remember with gratitude those who came before us—the people who prayed, served, gave, dreamed, sacrificed, and helped build the congregation we are today. Their faithfulness is part of our story.

But an anniversary also invites us to ask, *What story are we writing now?*

Every generation receives something from those who came before and, in turn, has the opportunity to shape what comes next. We are not simply caretakers of the past. We are participants in God's ongoing work in this community.

As we celebrate another year together, may we give thanks for the people who have been part of our journey, for the ministries that have touched lives, for the friendships that have grown within these walls, and for the many ways God has been present among us.

And then, with gratitude for where we have been, may we look ahead with hope.

What might God be calling us to become?

Where might there be new opportunities to serve?

Who might be waiting to find a place of welcome and belonging among us?

How can we continue to be a community where Christ's love is lived as well as proclaimed?

Our **Church Business Meeting on October 25** gives us another opportunity to do just that. Business meetings may not sound particularly spiritual, but they are part of the faithful work of being a congregation. Decisions about ministries, finances, buildings, programs, and plans are ultimately decisions about how we will use the gifts God has entrusted to us. Faith is lived not only in worship, but also in the practical choices we make together.

As the leaves fall and the landscape changes around us, October reminds us that change does not have to be something we fear. Some things must be released so that new things can grow. Some seasons come to an end so that another can begin.

So this October, let us remember. Let us give thanks. Let us celebrate. And let us look forward with hope.

May we be grateful for the past without becoming stuck in it, faithful in the present without taking it for granted, and hopeful about the future without needing to know exactly what it will bring.

For through every season, one thing remains constant:

God has been faithful.

God is faithful.

And God will be faithful.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rob

