

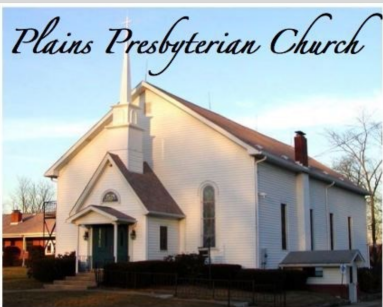
THE PLAIN TALK



2018

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A Word from Rev. Derek:

I would like to share with you the story of Andrei Tarkovsky's film, *Stalker* that I read about this week. The plot, such as it is, follows three individuals on a journey: Professor, Writer, and Stalker. It is Stalker who is their guide in this post-apocalyptic type of movie leading them through what can only be judged to be a post-Chernobyl world. As the movie opens the destination is shrouded in a hazy mystery as Professor and Writer do not comprehend where they are going. Eventually we learn that Stalker is leading these two to the Zone. More specifically he is leading them to the Room within the Zone. For in the Room, he tells them, they will achieve their heart's desire. In the Room their dreams come true. In the Room you get exactly what you want. Which is why, when these three characters stand at the doorway to the Room, they begin to get "cold feet." Professor and Writer hesitate because it dawns on them: What if I don't know what I want? —which is a fair question for any of us.

The response to their plight can be summed up clearly by a film critic named Geoff Dyer's reflection on this film. He says, "Well, that is for the Room to decide. The Room reveals all: what you get is not what you *think* you wish for but what you most *deeply* wish for." As Professor and Writer stand before the entrance to the Room a disturbing feeling comes over them: What if the desires they are conscious of —the ones they've "chosen" at that exact moment —are not their inner most longings, their deepest wishes? What if, in some sense, their deepest longings are humming under the consciousness? What if, in effect, they are not who they *think* they are? Dyer finishes his commentary with these words that are applicable to us: "This is one of the lessons of the Zone: sometimes a man doesn't *want* to do what a man thinks he *wants* to do."

It is at this point a theological crisis begins to take shape as we think about this movie and its meaning for us. What do we want from God? If God were present in our private lives, what would we tell God is our deepest desire? Evangelistic growth? The restoration of the church's cultural supremacy? Prosperity and Peace? The courage to share the gospel?

All good things to ask of God, but often things we think we want but do not actually want. Instead *Stalker* invites us to consider that maybe, just maybe, we are more selfish in desires and prayers to God than we think. Maybe we would be surprised if God placed us at the gateway to the Room and told us we were given our heart's desire.

Personally, I want my children to prosper and be happy in life (and there is nothing wrong with that). But in the same breath I should confess that I wouldn't mind if some people are trampled on, so they can achieve their goals. I want what blesses me but give little thought to what blesses God or is God's mission in Cranberry. My deepest yearnings are for my success and not always involve God's will.

What is it you think you want from God? Ask him; then be ready for him to show you where your passion lives. You will have the opportunity to re-shape your life in accordance with his will. Will you and I have the courage to do so?

Blessings,
Rev. Derek

Elder of the Month

Tom Lunney

Deacon of the Month

Kathy Robinson

Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders

02 Frank Aloï
09 Tiffany Aloï
16 Tim Rausch
23 TBA
30 Tim Roscoe

Greeters

02 Denny Robinson & Tom Lunney
09 Joann Bark & Denny Robinson
16 Tim & Amy Roscoe
23 Jay & Bonnie Carmichael
30 Roberta Lemon & Jennifer Marotta

Nursery Workers

02 Julie Young
09 Ann Lunney
16 Cathy Stafford
23 Melissa Holcomb
30 Erika Stafford



Worship Schedule

September 2

10:00 am Worship Service

September 9

8:30 am Breakfast
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Installation of Teachers

September 16

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Coffee Connection

September 23

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

September 30

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service



September 1 Julie Raatz
September 3 Bill Stafford Jr.
September 3 Robert Young
September 4 Nancy Jones
September 5 Ella Lunney
September 10 Emma Marotta
September 18 Janet Duncan
September 18 Richard Magill
September 18 Susan Roscoe
September 20 Chase Leisie
September 25 Martha Malone
September 29 David Sturrock
September 30 Betty Budney



September 3 Burt & Nancy Duerring
September 30 John and Nina Finlay



Coffee Connections
Sunday, September 16th
Hosted by Property Committee

We rejoice in the ability we have as Christians to lift up our prayers and petitions, our joys and our concerns to God together.

(Please submit a new prayer card or contact the church office with any updates or to keep a name on the list.)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MISSION TRIP:

Interested in going on the
International Children's Network Mission Trip?
Contact Julie Raatz

Updating Volunteer List:

Please contact Norah Collins or Janet Duncan to add your name to a call list to assist for bereavement meals. Assistance is needed towards food donations, cooking, setting-up, serving, and cleaning.
Your time is greatly appreciated.

Plains Book Club:

The Book Club just loves to get together to share our readings with each other. So we invite you to join us. Even if you find that you cannot read all or any of the book, come for the insightful discussions.

Meetings occur on the first Thursday of each month at 10am in the Church's basement.



Please keep our Elders & Deacons in your prayers as they lead Plains into the future.

We also ask for prayers for the following :

- Corina Taylor
- Karl Koebler
- Eileen– Joann's sister
- Tim Rausch's father
- Betty– Sue's mother
- Bill– Betty's brother
- Charlotte Glaspey
- Yvette-Tiffany's sister
- Dean Lavender
- Jack-Maggie's brother
- Helen Sprout
- Matt Protzman

- Our friends who are in assisted living: Martha Malone, Helen Sproat & Betty Budney

Calendar of Events

September 6th– Book Club

September 7th– Session Meeting

September 9th- Rally Day &
Installation of Teachers

September 16th-Coffee Connection

The Fall Worship Schedule:

Starting Sunday, September 9, 2018

Sunday School at 9:45AM

Worship at 11:00am



RALLY DAY-SEPTEMBER 9th

The Church Office will be closed on
September 3, 2018



HISTORY CORNER:

Sept. 27, 1872 Session Minutes

This meeting was held in the newly built parsonage with elders and their wives present. The parsonage was occupied by the Rev. Levi Risher as of July 2, 1872. Neat, comfortable and pleasantly situated, we believe it to be worth mentioning as part of our history and look upon it as an evidence of healthy progress and trust that it is a promise of liberal things for the future.

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CNS Update

Another year will begin for Cranberry Nursery School on Wednesday, September 5th. This year will bring many new families, as well as familiar faces. The first week is shortened and split into two groups to help the kids get oriented.

We have a few spots available in both the PM Nursery and PM Pre-K classes. If you know of anyone that is interested, please send them our way. All of our wonderful staff will be returning in the roles they had last year with the exception of a new Aide for the Half-Pints class. Although we will miss Mrs. Reese, we are excited to have new Aide and former parent, Diana Beaudoin.

For those of you that are new to the community, our staff is as follows:

Half~Pints Teacher– Komal Dietz; Aide– Diana Beaudoin

Nursery Teacher– Jonee Mascellino; Aide– Darlene Grieco

Pre-K Teacher– Amy Zugell; Aide– Lisa Bender

Director– Angela Kushner

We are looking forward to a fun year of learning, growing and making new friends!





CNS News

First Day of School

September 5th

Registration process for 2018-2019 school year has begun. If you know of anyone that is looking to enroll a child in pre-school please call 724-538-8785 or e-mail CNS directly at cnsoplains@zoominternet.net

CNS FUNDRAISER:

CNS is collecting Chick-fil-A receipts. An envelope on the bulletin board in the CNS hallway is where they will be collected.

CNS has a new website.

<http://cranberrynurseryschool.com/>

Cranberry Nursery School

of Plains Presbyterian Church - Over 35 Years in Business!

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CRAFT FAIR/ FLEA MARKET

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Plains Craft Fair & Flea Market

The event was a success!

Thank you to all the vendors and volunteers that made this possible.

Please return any road signs advertising the craft fair and flea market to the church office so we can use them again.



Please use the CNS entrance or Martha's door to enter and exit the Church sanctuary while construction is in progress on the church steps.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK



Worshipping with Crestview

Our annual worship in the park was held on August 26, 2018.






Reverend Derek Marotta
Plains Church

Reverend Bob Goossen
Crestview Church



Enjoying food and fellowship

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			2018			1
		SEPTEMBER				
2 Worship at 10am	3  Labor Day Office Closed	4 Healthy Women's Group Meeting at Panera 7pm	5  CNS first day of school	6 Book Club Meeting 10am	7	8
9  Rally Day Breakfast -8:30am Sunday School-9:45am Worship-11:00am	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Sunday School-9:45am Worship-11:00am Coffee Connection- Property Committee	17 Session Meeting 7pm	18	19	20	21	22
23 Sunday School-9:45am Worship- 11:00am	24	25	26	27 Men's Group Meeting NPL at 7pm	28	29
30 Sunday School-9:45am Worship-11:00am						



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“As disciples of Christ, we share the gospel with one another and the community.

We are committed to growth in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through worship, study, teaching, and fellowship.”

