

EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH



SUMMER BULLETIN

July 2nd to July 30th inclusive

**IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME,
PLEASE RETURN IT TO AN USHER FOR RE-USE**

A : July 02, 2017	~	Rev. Mark Gibson
B : July 09, 2017	~	Rev. Mark Gibson
C : July 16, 2017	~	Rev. Mark Gibson
D : July 23, 2017	~	Josephine Braun
E : July 30, 2017	~	Rev. Mark Gibson

10:00 a.m.

THE PEOPLE GATHER...

...TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

**indicates where we stand in the service
(Feel free to remain seated if that helps you to worship better)*

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

(A time of greeting with signs and words of welcome and peace. When you hear the music start, we invite you to re-gather in the pews and prepare for worship.)

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.



We extend a special welcome to you today.

We're glad you are here. If you have any questions, please ask one of the ushers who handed you this bulletin, or use the yellow/white envelope in the pew.

2.

Call to Worship:

Reader of the Week

One: We joyfully gather together for our worship celebration, rejoicing that God's love is boundless.

All: The words of scripture remind us: "You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself."

One: We await God's Spirit, which renews and strengthens us, and enables us to be channels of Christ's love and compassion, within and beyond our church doors.

All: We await God's Spirit, which renews and strengthens us, and enables us to be the channels of God's love and compassion, within and beyond our church doors.

One: God whose community of faith goes beyond all space and time, is eternal hope to us as we worship. To know you, O God, is a joy, and to faithfully serve you is true delight.

...TO WORSHIP GOD

*Hymns:

A ~	Let Us Build a House	<i>MV #001</i>
B ~	When I Needed a Neighbour	<i>MV #600</i>
C ~	We Are Pilgrims	<i>VU #595</i>
D ~	<i>To be confirmed</i>	~~~~~
E ~	Come In, Come In and Sit Down	<i>VU #395</i>

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD...

Prayer of the Day (*Unison*):

The world's people were made in the image of God,
and the world is made beautiful by its rich diversity.

We hear the call to live in the world,
with strong faith and daring hope.

As people seeking to walk in ways that bring life,
may we learn to see God's image in the faces of our neighbours.

May we learn in ways that bring honour and acceptance
to the values and cultures that form the fabric of our great country.

Let us gather in the shelter of our prayer that peace may prevail,
and harmony and unity will shower our lives with abundant blessing.

May all be one in this hope. Amen.

3.

*Hymns:

A ~	Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing	VU #2234
B ~	When I Needed a Neighbour	VU #600
C ~	Would You Bless Our Homes and Families	VU #556
D ~	To be confirmed	~~~~~
E ~	Come In, Come In and Sit Down	VU #395

The Lord's Prayer

VU #960

Scripture Readings:

A ~	Psalm 13 (VU p. 734)	Janice Barretto
B ~	Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49	Marianne Bromley
C ~	Psalm 119: 105-112 (VU p. 841)	Don Spearin
D ~	To be confirmed	Warren McCrea
E ~	Psalm 128	Al Wright

Herein is Wisdom

Gospel Readings:

A ~	Matthew 10: 40-42	Janice Barretto
B ~	Matthew 11: 16-19; 25-30	Marianne Bromley
C ~	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	Don Spearin
D ~	To be confirmed	Warren McCrea
E ~	Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52	Al Wright

Herein is Good News

Message:

A ~	Embracing the Gracious Gift	Rev. Gibson
B ~	Come Unto Me	Rev. Gibson
C ~	Farming with Jesus	Rev. Gibson
D ~	To be confirmed	Josephine Braun
E ~	Treasures New and Old	Rev. Gibson

*Hymns:

A ~	What Does the Lord Require of You	VU #701
B ~	Will You Come and Follow Me	VU #567
C ~	Teach Me, God, to Wonder	VU #299
D ~	To be confirmed	~~~~~
E ~	Deep in Our Hearts	MV #154



4.

...GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Life and Work of East Plains
(Announcements, Minute Person(s), Mission Minutes)

Offering

Offering Response

Prayers for people and events both near and far, will be offered. Please be sure to add your intercessions to our prayer book at the back of the Sanctuary prior to the service.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME...

*Closing Hymns:

A ~	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	VU #626
B ~	Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life	VU #681
C ~	Sent Forth by God's Blessing	VU #481
D ~	To be confirmed	~~~~~
E ~	I Have Called You by Your Name	MV #161

Commissioning and Benediction

Musical Postlude

Assisting with the Service during July:

Welcoming Team	:	Golden Sun Team
Team Leader (s)	:	Tom and Marianne Bromley
Screen	:	As available
Readers	:	A ~ Janice Barretto B ~ Marianne Bromley C ~ Don Spearin D ~ Warren McCrea E ~ Al Wright



PRAYER CYCLE FOR THE CHURCHES IN HAMILTON CONFERENCE

As a Church, we have a ministry of intercessory prayer, a call to pray for each other and for the mission of the church in the world.

- A ~ Sydenham Street, Brantford (Erie Presbytery)
- B ~ Thorold South/Allanburg (Niagara Presbytery)
- C ~ Trillium (Waterloo Presbytery)
- D ~ Trinity, Elmira (Waterloo Presbytery)
- E ~ Underwood-Wesley (Bruce Presbytery)

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

- A ~ Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda
- B ~ Eritrea, Ethiopia
- C ~ Djibouti, Somalia
- D ~ Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda
- E ~ Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe

STEWARDSHIP SECONDS – JULY 2017

- A ~ Sow monetary seeds through Mission & Service to offer Jesus' love and compassion
- B ~ According to Paul, as children of God, we can count our chickens before they hatch!
- C ~ The gifts we present are redeemed as ministry in God's economy.
- D ~ Stewards recognize and use the gifts they have.
- E ~ When did the church of Christ begin to think that it was made up of underdogs and wimps? The Bible says, "If God is for us, who is against us?" (Romans 8:31)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ 2017
July 31 to August 4, 2017 – 8:30 am to Noon
Senior Kindergarten to Grade 6

To register and for additional information,
please visit our website

www.eastplainsunitedchurch.com

SABBATICAL / VACATION / OFFICE NEWS

Rev. Alison will be away on the following dates:

Vacation: July 1 to July 31

**Sabbatical: August 1 to October 31 inclusive,
returning on November 1**

FUNERALS AND PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

July ~ Rev. Francis Chisholm

August ~ Rev. Phillip Gardner

**Rev. Alison's Voice Mail message will provide contact details
for both Rev. Chisholm and Rev. Gardner.**

Please call in to her office 'phone NOT her cell 'phone.

WORSHIP SERVICES ~ JULY

July 02 ~ Rev. Mark Gibson

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WORSHIP SERVICES ~ AUGUST

**Worship Services during the month of August will be held at
WEST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH ~ Service at 10:30 a.m.**

Everyone is welcome!

**Your envelope offerings be will be collected at West Plains, but
cash offerings (no envelopes) will be left with West Plains.**

OFFICE

**Alyson Atkinson, our Church Administrator, has commenced
an extended vacation period, effective June 26 until September 7.**

**The Church Office will be closed during this period, but
telephones, e-mail and regular mail will be monitored daily.**

July 3 to July 31, 2017 AT EAST PLAINS

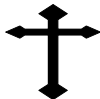
Mondays	8.45 am All Day	Men's Coffee Hour STEM CAMP	Campbell Room Rooms 9/10/11
Tuesdays	All Day	STEM CAMP	Rooms 9/10/11
Wednesdays	All Day 7:30 pm	STEM CAMP Alcoholics Anonymous	Rooms 9/10/11 Fellowship Hall
Thursdays	All Day 7:30 pm	STEM CAMP Steps to Freedom (N.A.)	Rooms 9/10/11 Rooms 10/11
Fridays	All Day	STEM CAMP	Rooms 9/10/11
Saturdays	NO EVENTS BOOKED		
Sundays	10:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary



TODAY, July 2, 2017 is the final order date for this summer. Plan to stock up on enough grocery and other cards until our fall order dates, which are September 3 & 17. Order forms are in the Gathering Place. If you cannot be in Church on that day, call (905-632-3525) or email Gayle Burnison with your order. Delivery will be the following week, or earlier by alternate arrangement. You can follow our success on the Vista Thermometer in the Gathering Place. New Supporters are always welcome.

Welcome to East Plains United Church!

“At East Plains, we like to believe that strangers are friends we have yet to meet.”



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“As a community in Christ, we celebrate God with us and all creation, and commit ourselves to sharing the work of the spirit with our families, our neighbours and our world.”

~ Who Some of Us Are ~

Minister	:	Rev. Alison Nicholson
Chair of the Board	:	Jim McMaster
Music Director	:	Sabatino (Sam)Vacca
Church Custodian	:	Ken Pelletier
Church Administrator	:	Alyson Atkinson

SERVICES AVAILABLE



A nursery is available for your babies and toddlers. The nursery is located in the Christian Education wing of the Church. Please ask for assistance.



An elevator is available for your convenience, and can be accessed from the Plains Road parking lot.



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We would ask if you could avoid using any scents at Church, and thank you for helping others to worship better and breathe more easily.