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## Word from Pastor Alice



Dear Church Family,

*Ahhh Springtime!!! It is my favorite season of the year. There is something about warmer temperatures as opposed to the frigid low temperatures, new life bursting through the once hardened ground, buds blooming and seeing green leaves on trees rather than barren branches, and the wonderful springtime smell of blossoms and fresh cut grass...all of which signifies an anticipated and long awaited change.*

*Life is full of changes! It's funny how we welcome some changes in life and absolutely refuse to want to welcome other changes. Yes, dare I even say, things do change at church! Remember, in order for anything to grow, there is change.*

In a devotional from the book Our Daily Bread, the writer says...

Change is the one thing we can be sure of in this life. Our relationships change as we move to new places, experience illness, and ultimately face death. Even the cells in our bodies are always in the process of change. When cells wear out, most are replaced by new ones. This is especially noticeable with our skin...we shed and regrow outer skin cells about every twenty-seven days. Yes, change is the one certainty in our world. Henry Lyte's melancholy line in his hymn, "Abide with Me" is true: "Change and decay in all around I see." But the hymn immediately adds, "O Thou who changes not, abide with me!"

By faith in Jesus Christ we can have a relationship with the unchanging God, who says of Himself in Malachi 3:6, "I am the Lord, I do not change." We can depend on God to be the same forever, as the psalmist says (Psalm 102:27). Hebrew 13:8 adds this reassuring testimony: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." He is our firm foundation, who can give us confidence and security in this changing world.

*As we look out and see the wonderful changes during this season of spring, let us remember all of life changes; but we have One who keeps us secure amidst the changes - His name is Jesus!*

*So, this spring enjoy the beauty all around you and most of all experience the delight of knowing Jesus in a world of change!*

*I can assure you one thing for me doesn't change...I love being your pastor!! ☺*

*Love and blessings in Jesus,  
Alice*

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**PALM SUNDAY – 10:00 a.m. worship.** Special music from the choir. Children's procession with palms. Palms distributed to all in attendance. Rev. Alice's message will be "And the Winner Is...Righteousness Instead of Popularity."

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – 7:00 P.M. worship.**

A special drama sermon around the Last Supper, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated, and there will be special music from the choir. Rev. Alice's message will be "And the Winner Is...Service Instead of Selfishness."

**GOOD FRIDAY – Noon** – Sponsored by the Plain City Church Fellowship. A Cross Walk in town beginning at the Presbyterian Church. We will carry a large cross through the center of town stopping periodically for prayer and Scripture of Jesus' last words on the cross.

**GOOD FRIDAY – 7:00 P.M.** Tenebrae Service of Worship. Rev. Alice Phillips will portray Mary, the Mother of Jesus, at the Cross. Area clergy will participate in the service. Special music.

**EASTER SUNDAY – BREAKFAST 9-9:30 A.M.** (arrive anytime during that half hour)

**10:00 A.M. WORSHIP** – Special music from the choir. Rev. Alice's message will be "And the Winner Is...Life instead of Death"

*Helping with Worship*

**LITURGIST for April is:**

Frank Smith

**ELDER GREETER for April is:**

Bill Pettibone

**HEAD DEACONS for April are:**

Vicky Pettibone and Mike George

**THE USHERING TEAM for April is:**

John and Kim Bodenbender  
Nick and Harley Bodenbender



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

**Friendship Circle**

Third Thursday, April 20  
@ 11:00 am Lunch

**Lena Robinson Circle**

Third Tuesday, April 18 6:30 pm at the Church  
Judy Brady and Jane Denhardt, Hostesses

**Semi Circle** Tuesday, April 18 @6:30pm, Cindy Watson-Bowen Hostess and Devotions

**MISSION TRIP TO PT. PLEASANT**

This year the mission team will be traveling to Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia. We will be working to restore, upgrade, or rebuild homes in a poverty-stricken area of West Virginia. Not only will we share our carpentry skills, but we will be able to share the love of Jesus Christ with the people of West Virginia. We will leave on Sunday, June 18, and return on Saturday, June 24. Please let Jim Kaufman know as soon as possible if you desire more information and are considering going.



**THANK YOU from Jean**

**Russell!** Thanks to everyone for helping me celebrate my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Your cards

and well wishes were much appreciated. I also want to thank my family for organizing the celebration and making my day so very special.

**SESSION MEETING –Note date change due to Holy Week**

7:00 pm Tuesday, April 4

**TRUSTEES MEETINGS**

11:15 am Sunday, April 9

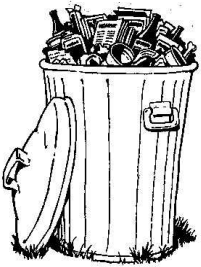
**DEACONS MEETINGS**

11:15 am Sunday,  
April 23



**Darby Township Roads  
Trash Pick-Up SATURDAY,  
APRIL 8**

The Mission Trip fundraiser of picking up trash along some of the Darby Township roads is **planned for Saturday, April 8**. We will meet at the church at 9 a.m. Bill Pettibone will provide donuts, coffee and milk before the clean-up



begins. This service project adds \$1,000 to our Mission Trip Fund, thanks to the Darby Township Trustees. Please let Bill know if you will be able to help. Thank you!

**KUMJOINUS has MOVED**

**DATES!!** Kumjoinus is now the **second** Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm. This will help coordinate better with other Saturday activities. The next fellowship is **Saturday April 8** with Larry and Pat Myers hosting at the church. Bring a dish to share and your own table service & drink. Come join us



for a fun, relaxing time of fellowship and GOOD FOOD!



*Please keep the family and friends of **Hope North and Jack Burkhart** in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the Lord grant them the peace that passes all*

*understanding.*

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE  
EASTER FLOWER  
SALE**

**Our youth and Presbyterian Women sponsored the annual Spring Flower Sale.** Thank you to everyone who has ordered a flower to decorate the sanctuary. COME AND ENJOY THEM ON EASTER SUNDAY!!

**Please take your flower home following the Easter service.**





### Upcoming Plain City Lions Club Events:

Come support your local Lions club. This organization meets monthly at our church and annually financially supports many local charities.

Mark your calendars to attend the **Annual P.C. Lions Club All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast SATURDAY APRIL 8** from 7 am until 10:30 am \$6.00 (age 6 to adult). Bring your empty belly and fill it up while supporting a



good cause.



The Plain City Lions Annual Dinner & Auction will be on Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 pm at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City. Tickets are \$17 and include meal, dessert and drinks and are available for purchase at True Value Hardware and the Plain City Druggist or from Lions members.



Prayer Chain Update- The Prayer Chain is an important service for our church members and others in need of prayer. Once a request is made, each person calls the next person on the chain to pass the request. For those who can receive text

messages, we are working to streamline the process by sending one text to those who can receive it. We will continue to have the phone call chain as well. If you can receive text messages and would like to be added to the Prayer Chain list, please let Rev. Alice or the office know and we'll be glad to include you in the update. The process will remain the same until the new list is complete.



**American Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE COMING THIS SUMMER-

The Deacons are planning a blood drive for Saturday, August 19 8 am to 2 pm. In order to finalize the scheduling, we need to have 45 people sign up. So help recruit your friends and family members. Please check out the sign up and information sheet in the parlor.

### Schedule Update Upcoming Vacation:

Rev. Alice will be on vacation on April 17 through April 23. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact the church office at 614-873-5011. If it is an emergency, please call Carolyn Gibeaut on her cell at 937-597-0963. Rev. Tom Phillips, Alice's cousin, will be bringing our message during worship on April 23.



Monday night Bible Study-Due to Holy Week and Rev, Alice's vacation, there will be NO Monday night Prayer or Bible Study meetings on April 10 and April 17. Come join us again on April 24.

Ladies Sunday School Class- There will be no Ladies Sunday School class on Sunday April 23.



**LEGACY** will be meeting **Sunday, April 23, 2017** at 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Our theme for April is "For the Birds". Come join us for fellowship, a meal, fun, Bible study and activities! **Legacy is for youth and families and every one of all ages!** Please let the church office know if you are planning on attending to help in the meal preparation.



Rev. Alice is leading our local Plain City **National Day of Prayer** services. Please mark your calendars to join with others in the community to pray for our nation and the world. Services begin at **noon** at the gazebo at Pastime Park on **May 4**. In case of inclement weather, we will meet inside the Youth Building.

## FEED MY SHEEP FOODBANK UPDATE...

The PCPC Food Bank "Feed My Sheep" continues to grow and thrive as an important mission of our Church. We have truly been blessed with an **amazing "crew" of volunteers** who come faithfully each week to help unload, sort, display and joyfully distribute food to a growing group of people in need.



In recent weeks we've seen MORE clients from our local community. We're always in need of **quart zip lock bags, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and sauce, and peanut butter.** Your generous donations of food, supplies and money helps keep our pantry filled so we can fill

the gap when we have a light week of store donations. Plus they give us enough operating capital to continue this work. **Thank You Very Much!**

If you would like to volunteer, or just see "what's going on" or "how it works" please stop by Church any Saturday afternoon. The food arrives around 4:45 PM and we are cleaning up and heading home a little after 6:00 PM. **"It is a blessing to all of us to be able to do this work and only the support of our congregation has made this mission possible."**

Michael George



*Spiritual Support for Cancer Patients and Their Families*

A new support group for cancer patients and their families will be beginning soon. Rev. Alice will be leading this but needs some help. If you feel led to help in this ministry, please let her know. The meetings will be the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m beginning **May 4**. There will be a light supper donated by Der Dutchman, time of sharing, fellowship, a short Biblical meditation, and prayer.

### Who/what is needed:

Someone to help set up/clean up the meal. Food will be provided...need someone to set up and clean up.

Someone to interact with individuals who come to the group.

Someone to provide a dessert.

Someone willing to pray with individuals who come.

## L.I.G.H.T. YOUTH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

School Year 2016-2017

**Lent/Easter** April 2, 9, 23, 30  
Off May 1, 7

**Psalm 100** May 21, 28, June 4  
(Make a Joyful Noise) Off – June, July, August

If you would like to volunteer with the L.I.G.H.T. program, please contact any of the following: Rosemary Anderson, Carolyn Gibeaut, Rita McCray, or Jerry Smith. Thank you for your consideration in this ministry for our youth.

### SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2017

**Congregational Life: Co-Chairs,**  
**Nancy Patterson, Doug Short,**  
**Roy Woods**

*Deacon Rep:* Mindy Foust

**Mission and Evangelism:**  
**Co-Chairs, Cindy Watson Bowen,**  
**Barbara George**

*Deacon Rep:* Janet Johnston

### **Music and Worship:**

**Chair, Roy Woods,**  
**Cindy Watson Bowen**  
**Judy Walker, organist**

**Rev. Alice Phillips, pastor**

*Members from Congregation:* Beth Rihl (2019), Charlene Smith (2018), Janell Tuller (2017)

### **Personnel:**

**Chair, Harley Bodenbender,**  
**Bill Pettibone**

*Deacon Rep:* Mike George

*Trustee Rep:* Whitney Reed

### **Resources/Gifts/Memorials:**

**Chair, Bill Pettibone,**  
**Barbara George, Doug Short**

*Deacon Rep:* Judy Brady

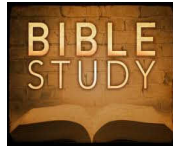
*Trustee Rep:* Bill Bowen

*Treasurer:* Sally Petznick

### **Nominating: Chair, Shane Manring**

*Deacon Rep:* Karon Kaufman

*Trustee Rep:* Gary Gibeaut



**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:**

**SUNDAY**

***CHRISTIAN CONVERSATIONS***

Every Sunday morning beginning at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall outside of the offices (led by Frank and Jerry Smith).

***LADIES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS***  
**BIBLE STUDY AT 9:15 am in the library**

Are Studying A Seven Part DVD  
Study & Discussion on *Grace*

**SATURDAYS – FIRST & THIRD**

**8:00 -9:00 AM at the church**

***MEN'S BIBLE STUDY***

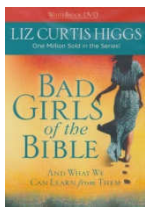
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**Come join us!! (Please let Rev. Alice or Bill Pettibone know if you will be attending.) Discussion booklets will be provided free.**

**MONDAY**

**PRAYER MEETING 6:00 p.m.**

We invite you to join us as we uplift before the Lord in prayer... family, church family, friends, community, country, and world.



**BIBLE STUDY 6:30 P.M.**  
***Starting a NEW study on April 24- Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs***

With her beloved combination of trademark humor and biblically based teaching, Higgs explores truths learned from women like Eve, Delilah, Jezebel, and others whose experiences have surprisingly contemporary relevance. Her engaging approach to each story is sure to draw her audience in. **COME JOIN US FOR A NEW SERIES! Books will be available for around \$3.00. The study will last 6 weeks, ending in early summer. If you've not attended before, now is a great time to join.**

**DAVID RING IS COMING HERE VERY SOON!!!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS LOCAL EVENT.** It promises to be an evening of inspiration and renewal. **Use this as an opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to come with you.**

**Monday, May 1 at 7:00 pm. DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 pm. Come Early. We hope to have a very full house to hear this message. A free will offering will be taken.**



**David Ring- A Cerebral Palsy victim shares how he became Cerebral Palsy VICTOR! One Night LIVE Inspirational Worship Service A love offering will be received.** From his website, <http://www.davidring.org> , we learn.....

Life was worse than hopeless to him until his relationship began with Jesus Christ who taught him self-respect and acceptance of his physical challenges. To most, physical challenges of this magnitude would prove to be a tombstone. For David Ring, this coming of age was and remains a milestone. You've never heard a speaker quite like David Ring. Although difficult to understand at first, you will soon find yourself captured by his quick wit and warm personality.

Whether giving a motivational message at a sales convention, or inspiring church leaders, David always focuses on an individual's need to conquer the personal challenges and adversities of life. As you hear David Ring, you will laugh...and cry. You will be amazed at his triumph over odds. You will be moved to consider your own life. As one who has not been stifled by his physical limitations, he clearly stakes his challenge to everyone. "I have Cerebral Palsy—what's your problem?"

As a nationally known speaker since 1973, David shares his story with over 100,000 people each year at churches, conventions, schools and corporate events. He has been featured on numerous occasions on several nationally televised programs

**SAVE THE DATES!!!!**  
**Invite your family and friends.**

**Sat June 10 and Sunday June 11- Pastor Bob Russell is Coming!!!**

We are excited to be able to bring Pastor. Bob Russell to Plain City for renewal weekend. The Monday night Bible has enjoyed his ministry through his DVD study series but now we can all learn from him **LIVE!** From his website, <http://www.bobrussell.org>, we learn more about his life....

During his senior year of high school, however, Bob realized a desire in his heart to enter the ministry. Soon thereafter, he enrolled in Cincinnati Bible Seminary where he graduated in 1965. At just twenty-two years of age, Bob became the pastor of Southeast Christian Church. That small congregation of 120 members became one of the largest churches in America, with 18,000 people attending the four worship services every weekend in 2006 when Bob retired. Now through Bob Russell Ministries, Bob continues to preach at churches and conferences throughout the United States, provide guidance for church leadership, mentor other ministers and author Bible study videos for use in small groups. Bob's gift of humor and insight, along with his unyielding commitment to honesty and integrity, will inspire the hearts of those who listen to consider Biblical truths as they relate to life in contemporary culture.

**SUNDAY AUGUST 20 WORSHIP SERVICE-**  
**HIS BRIDGE BUILDERS QUARTET from Shreve, OH-** "His Bridge Builders" was formed in 2009 by a group of men whose desire was "to help bring Jesus Christ into and through people by utilizing His gifts of music, worship and witness." "His Bridge Builders" sings a variety of gospel hymns, current southern gospel, men's choral harmony, and some barbershop styles. A love offering will be received.



**APRIL**

- 3 - Lauren Erdman
- 8 - Jim Kaufman
- 10 - Matt Brown
- 14 - Elaine Wilcox  
Meredith Foust
- 17 - Brian Erdman  
Natalie Walker
- 18 - Brandon Bradley
- 19 - Brian Beach
- 20 - Logan Beach  
Katelyn Rihl
- 22 - Briar-Rose Wilcox
- 24 - Beth Beach
- 26 - Liz Schlitz
- 27 - Mary Lou Rihl
- 28 - OluBunmi Longe
- 29 - Sarah Ferguson  
Shane Manring
- 30 - Larry Myers



**APRIL**

- 3 - Steve & Laura Lamphear
- 8 - Jay & Paula Ferguson
- 19 - Roy Woods & Lisa Nelsen-Woods
- 20 - Dave & Rita McCray



## MAX & ERMA'S FUNDRAISER

Enjoy a meal at Max & Erma's on **Thursday, April 6** and 20% of your bill will be returned to the Church for our Mission Trip Fund. The voucher for the fundraiser is included below in this newsletter, print it out and take it with you

***Gather up your friends and family, and go hungry for lunch or supper! See you there!!***

### **New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers' Annual Walk4Life 2017**

As our ministry continues to shine the light of the gospel and ask the LORD to "Let light shine out of darkness", we are hosting ONE walk at ONE location as ONE family this year.

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
@ Marmon Valley Farm  
7754 State Route 292 S,  
Zanesfield, OH 43360**

**9:30 Walk Registration**

**10:30 Lunch & Games after the Walk**

**Registration will go live on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>!!**

**Walkers can register on our website:**

**[www.newpathprc.com](http://www.newpathprc.com)**

**ALL walkers who register by April 6<sup>th</sup> will receive a FREE t-shirt!**

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