



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) Plain City, Ohio

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### Word from Pastor Alice

Dear Church Family,

I hope you are doing well! Wanted to update you on a few things.

1. We continue with online worship. You can join us on our Church Facebook live page even if you are not on Facebook. Go to our church website at [www.plaincitypresby.org](http://www.plaincitypresby.org) and click on the blue and white Facebook logo at the bottom of the opening page. It will take you directly to our page. Join us and share the page with others. **SHARING THE PAGE** with others is a way of outreach to perhaps those who do not have an online service as well as to others who don't have a church home. It has a far reaching effect when you **SHARE** the page! I will begin a new sermon series on April 26, 2020 as we look at some gems in 1 Peter.
2. Bible Study is Monday tonight at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to join us, please send me an email at [revalp@neo.rr.com](mailto:revalp@neo.rr.com), and I will get info. to you. We are using a study, "Yes, Lord I Have Sinned, But I Have Several Excellent Excuses!" It is another study by James Moore. Nancy Patterson had this study so she will be providing copies to me, and I will forward to anyone interested. You can jump in at any time!
3. The elders continue to meet each Wednesday for prayer on Zoom. Should you have a prayer request you would like included, please email it to me at [revalp@neo.rr.com](mailto:revalp@neo.rr.com). I am not saying names at the current time on our live Facebook worship to protect confidentiality since this is a public page.
4. I continue to provide Scripture and Prayer live each evening on Facebook. (See way to connect in number 1 above). Please join me and share the page. **SHARING THE PAGE** with others is a way of outreach to perhaps those who do not have an online service as well as to others who don't have a church home. It has a far reaching effect when you **SHARE** the page!
5. Thank you for your continued financial support. Please make your checks out to the church and designate any special offerings for Suzanne to distribute to the appropriate accounts. In addition to meeting our budget last month, we sent \$625 to DNA from contributions to help with the ongoing need for those having a difficult time right now. Session has also looked at our other mission funds and will be distributing monies monthly to DNA and the PC Food Pantry depending on need. After contacting Ray Meister at the Food Pantry and Tamara Reed at DNA, the Food Pantry is in greater need right now and Tamara suggested we give all of our monthly donation this month to the Food Pantry. DNA will be facing a greater need at the end of the year as they will be moving from their current building. We will keep in constant contact with both ministries month to month to see what the needs are and how our funds will be distributed. Thank you for being a congregation that takes mission so seriously!
6. We are grateful Ailene Albrecht and her daughter Caitlyn Mackay have helped with music for the online services and have graciously said they will continue for the duration we are online. Their address should you want to send them a note of thanks is...2235 Hackney Ct., Hilliard OH 43026
7. I continue to call members on the phone, especially the sick, shut-ins, and those living alone!
8. VBS is on hold right now as we see how this all works out.
9. Pray for seniors graduating from high school and college. This is a tough situation for them. We remember high school seniors Travis Manring, Henry Walker, and Paige Erdman. Please see attached article. Also prayers for college grads Maddie Johnston from Mt. Vernon Nazarene and Keitha Lear from Otterbein.
10. Our church is partnering with St. Joseph's in taking care of the Pleasant Valley and Garden Apt. senior citizens. St. Joseph youth will be delivering food items to them. We will commit to pray for the seniors there as well as provide cards, etc. More information will be coming!
11. Session is beginning to look at the reopening of our church. At the present time, we have no idea when that will be, but we are looking at how things will be done differently when we do return to keep everyone safe and healthy! Plus, we will be looking at how we can continue with virtual services once we are back in the church, which means obtaining equipment to make that possible. It is definitely necessary for us to become more technologically current with the times.
12. Remember the Lord is in control. We must continue to keep our eyes on Jesus! If you are struggling spiritually, emotionally, financially, or physically, please **DO NOT HESITATE** to call me so we can help you. We are in this together!

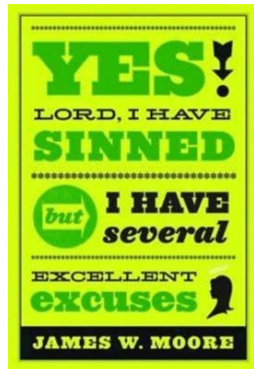
We will continue to keep you updated. I miss you dearly and love you lots!  
Love and Blessings in Jesus!

*Alice*

Keep these folks and their caregivers in your prayers for healing and recovery from hospitalization or recent illness.



- Richard Meeker
- Art Warner
- Pat Stenner
- Olivia Reed



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Congrats to Connor and Krista Johnston on the birth of baby girl, Charlotte Rose born April 21  
8 lb. 8 oz.  
21.5 inches long. Thanks for bringing joy into our world right now!! Congratulations!

## **OUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT...WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!**

During this crisis...we are working together with St. Joe's in helping the seniors. Food and supplies from our community will be taken to seniors at Pleasant Valley Colony Apts. and Garden Apts. twice a month by St. Joseph's youth.

Our church is responsible for making notes of encouragement, cards, bookmarks, coloring pics, stickers, etc. to be placed in each of the bags of food and supplies given.

This is a joint effort so each note would be signed in the following way:

*Love in Jesus,*

*Plain City Presbyterian Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church.*

There are 73 units so we would need 73 notes of encouragement...they can all be the same or different. You can print on your computer printer 4-8 per page. Get the whole family involved. Please drop them off by Monday of the week you are assigned. Take them to St. Joe's parish hall (the big building) off of West Main. There is a drop box at their door. Place them in there.

This is a project that can be done at home with no personal contact. You can work with someone else also to split up the amount. The current dates are filled, but there may be more dates to come...so if you are interested I will put you on a list. Please contact me by email at [revalp@neo.rr.com](mailto:revalp@neo.rr.com)

First Distribution - Week of April 27 (Whitney Reed)

### May Distributions

1st Distribution Week of 11th (Rev. Alice)

2nd Distribution Week of 25th (Beth Beach and granddaughters)

### June Distributions

1st Distribution week of 8th (Rita McCray and Betty Ferguson)

2nd Distribution week of 22nd (Rosemary Anderson, Suzanne Merkle and Gladly)

## Church Treasurer Report for March 2020

The finances of the church held up fairly well for the month of March, with all expenses being paid. There was a small negative balance in the general fund for the month and this was mostly due to the building insurance premium, which is paid each quarter.

### General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 03/01/2020	\$ 692.21
Income	11,819.00
Expenses	<u>(12,678.47)</u>
Ending Balance 03/31/2020	\$ (167.26)

Tithes to the church or other donations should be mailed directly to the Financial Secretary Suzanne Merkle. If needed, please provide specific details for any separate donation amounts if they are included in one check so Suzanne can deposit appropriately. The Merkle's address is below. If you have offering envelopes, please place inside a U.S. mail envelope and then mail. Most financial institution's online account websites also have the option to set up payments to be mailed directly from your bank. These can even be set up as periodic payments, this way you can have your tithe automatically sent each month, or whatever period you set up.

Best Regards,  
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

Bob and Suzanne Merkle  
13200 Hickory Ridge Rd  
Plain City OH 43064

## FEED MY SHEEP FOODBANK INFO...

Due to the Covid -19 crisis, the weekly Saturday Feed My Sheep has been suspended. The food stored in the church basement has been taken to DNA and the PC Food Pantry for distribution. Thank you for your past donations that allowed for the present giving !!



**MISSION TRIP:** Thank you to everyone who pitched in to do the annual road clean up fundraiser. Funds may be used to support local missions such as DNA or the Food Pantry if the annual trip is cancelled.

**UPPER ROOMS AVAILABLE-** The May/June Upper Rooms have arrived. They are outside the church entrance in a metal container marked Upper Room. Don't leave any donations in there. If you wish you can contribute when we are back in worship.



In our current world, our graduating seniors are having a far from normal senior year and graduation experience. Until we can gather together to celebrate with our usual Senior Tea, let's remember our graduating seniors with a shower of congratulation cards !

### Our High School Seniors this year are:

Travis Manring

Paige Erdman

Henry Walker

### Our College Graduates are

Madelyn Johnston from Mt Vernon Nazarene

Keitha Lear from Otterbein

**Good Luck and Best Wishes  
to our Graduates!!!**



Happy Belated April and Upcoming May Birthdays and Anniversaries !!!!



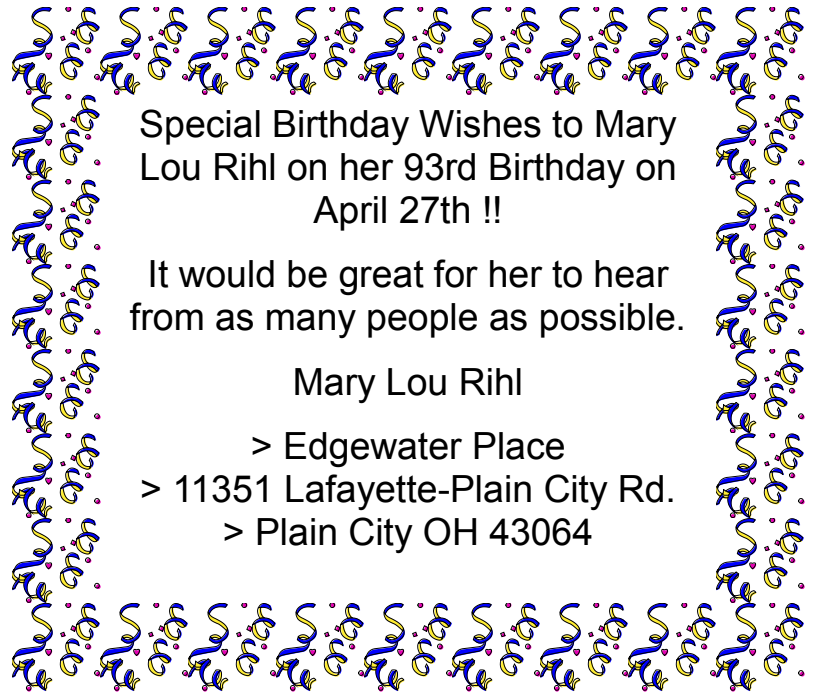
3-Apr	Lauren	Erdman
8-Apr	Jim	Kaufman
14-Apr	Meredith	Foust
14-Apr	Elaine	Wilcox
16-Apr	Renee	Troyer
17-Apr	Natalie	Walker
17-Apr	Brian	Erdman
18-Apr	Brandon	Bradley
19-Apr	Gerry	King
19-Apr	Ian	Reed
19-Apr	Brian	Beach
20-Apr	Katelyn	Rihl
20-Apr	Logan	Beach
22-Apr	Tom	Verne
22-Apr	Briar Rose	Wilcox
24-Apr	Beth	Beach
26-Apr	Liz	Schlitz
27-Apr	Mary Lou	Rihl
29-Apr	Shane	Manring
29-Apr	Sarah	Ferguson
30-Apr	Larry	Myers
1-May	Elliott	Bradley
1-May	Jerry	Hurley
4-May	Josh	McCray
7-May	Sherline	Lear

5-Apr	Brandon	&	Elizabeth	Bradley
8-Apr	Jay	&	Paula	Ferguson
19-Apr	Roy	&	Lisa	Woods
20-Apr	Dave	&	Rita	McCray
26-May	Drew	&	Sherline	Lear



**Our Shut-ins**

7-May	Judy	Bodenbender
7-May	Austin	Hurley
11-May	Madelyn	Johnston
11-May	Jim	Berry
11-May	Justin	Erdman
15-May	Mary	Mitchell
15-May	Austin	Lester
16-May	Michael	George
16-May	Kim	Bodenbender
17-May	John	Jordan
19-May	Meghan	Andrews
19-May	Leonard	Rihl
20-May	Jan	Short
21-May	Ray	Russell
21-May	Olivia	Reed
22-May	Tara	Becker
30-May	Linda	Watson
31-May	Richard	Meeker



Special Birthday Wishes to Mary Lou Rihl on her 93rd Birthday on April 27th !!

It would be great for her to hear from as many people as possible.

Mary Lou Rihl

> Edgewater Place  
 > 11351 Lafayette-Plain City Rd.  
 > Plain City OH 43064

**REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS**

Being shut-in these past few weeks, should have given us a better appreciation for those on our shut-in list. Please take a moment to remember our shut-ins.. Drop them a card or give them a call!

- Mary Mitchell— Prestige Gardens Marysville
- Liz and Bob Schlitz—Home
- Connie Zimmerman—Home - Summer AZ- Winter
- Dick Harper—Home
- Fred DeLeon - Home
- Marian Thomas- Dublin Retirement Village Independent Living
- Pat Stenner & Bruce Keiser—Dublin Retire Village Assisted Living
- Chuck Stoker—Home Pat Stoker- Bluebird Retirement, Marysville
- Alice Shalosky— Home
- Bryan Becker—Home
- Arlene Perkins— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville
- Ray Russell, Emily Baker, Malcolm Lear, Mary Lou Rihl- Edgewater Assisted Living
- Georgianna Rymer- daughter's home
- Pat Myers- Recuperating at home
- Richard Meeker- The Gables