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Word from Pastor Alice

Dear Church Family,

As this pandemic continues on, and perhaps you are weary of dealing with it as most of us are, I would like to share the following little devotion I found in the book, Coffee Break with God.

Scottish explorer Mungo Park made quite a name for himself, though he lived only 35 years in the late 1700's. During his short stay on earth, he managed to have the kind of adventures from which legends are made.

Ernest Hemingway eventually retold one of Park's stories. Park was lost and alone in the African desert and had resigned himself to die. Then he saw it: a beautiful moss-flower. The plant was only as big as one of his fingers, Park said, but he was overcome with admiration for its symmetry.

"Can the Being who planted, watered, and brought to perfection, in this obscure part of the world, a thing which appears of so small importance, look with unconcern upon the situation and suffering of creatures formed after His own image?" he asked. "Surely not."

Thus encouraged, putting aside his hunger and fatigue, Park rose and made his way to relief. We can draw inspiration from his example. He was a man who knew when to push ahead, when to rest, and how to appreciate the simple things in life—and their Creator—along the way.

Those are some good things for all of us to think about right now!

***See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.***

***Matthew 6:28-29***

Love being your pastor!

Love and Blessings in Jesus!

Alice

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

- Liz Schlitz
- Marion Redding Stenner
- Andy Weeks
- Jessica Johnston
- Barbara Berry
- Helen Watson
- Art Warner
- Bill Bowen
- Scott Bodenbender



## Welcome Home.. Church Re-opened on July 19

We invite you, should you have the desire to come to the church for worship, to join with us. We are fully aware that some of you are not able to come because of health issues or an uneasy feeling about it. **We respect your individual decisions. As stated before, there is a strict protocol that will be followed. ALL PEOPLE will be wearing masks except for Rev Alice when speaking (or Rosemary doing children's sermon), social distancing will occur, temps taken, and sanitizing will be practiced. Bring your emailed or mailed bulletin with you. None will be distributed at church. If you are not able to come just yet, you can join us online on Facebook and YouTube.**

**Attention MEN!** Bill Pettibone began a Men's Bible Study on ZOOM on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to join them, please let Bill know.

[billpsurvey@hotmail.com](mailto:billpsurvey@hotmail.com)

**Monday Night Bible Study** will be taking a short summer break until Monday Sept. 14.



We share our condolences and prayers for the family and friends Allan Mello who died in local car accident July 26.



- Kin Bodenbender and Judy Brady for assisting with the July Food delivery.
- Dave McCray and Jim Kaufman for the weekly live streaming. Thank you Dave for assembling a detailed manual to guide us through the process.
- Rita McCray and Carolyn Gibeaut for weeding the flower beds
- The Elders who are faithfully meeting each week and helping greet and screen those attending our weekly services.

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

### Der Dutchman Partnership for Food Distribution Third Monday of Each Month

We are also working together with St. Joseph's in providing milk, eggs, and bread to the seniors the third Monday of each month. Der Dutchman delivers these items for us. I helped them get the food items to the seniors' doors for the first time along with the activity coordinator. It went smoothly, and the seniors were most appreciative! If you are interested in helping in a no contact delivery outside with safety protocols in place, let me know. NEXT DELIVERY IS August 17 at 8:45 a.m. Each church will pay half the cost which will be around \$288. We will be using money from our mission fund to cover our share of the cost.

## WANTED!

### LOOKING FOR

Extra helpers are needed for live streaming the weekly service. Please see Dave McCray or Jim Kaufman if you are interested. Training and detailed instruction manual will be provided.

# THANK YOU, JUDY WALKER, FOR 54 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE!



In July, Judy resigned as church organist. She has faithfully served our church for over 54 years. Always prepared, her music inspired us each Sunday as we gathered to worship. She has shared her talents in many ways, directing the choir and organizing and performing in the annual Christmas pageant and Christmas Eve services for many years. In the community she was an accompanist for school musicals and graduations. She has played for many weddings and funerals (and she will continue when requested by a family). She will be greatly missed at the organ each Sunday. Judy expressed her gratitude when we celebrated her 50th anniversary and does not want any additional celebrations. However, as a church family, let us shower her with our thanks through our cards and well wishes. Her address is 133 Park St, Plain City, OH 43064.

*Thank you, Judy! You will be missed!!*

## Church Treasurer Report for June 2020

For the month of June, donations for the church's general fund were higher than in prior months, due mostly to June having five weeks of deposits.

### General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 06/01/2020	\$ 1,271.78
Income	11,722.00
Expenses	<u>(11,150.76)</u>
Ending Balance 06/30/2020	\$ 1,843.02

The technology fund received \$6,160 of donations, and payments made in the amount of \$4,224.82, which left an ending balance of \$4,292.19. If there are any questions, please let me know.

Best Regards,  
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

## FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY



During this time of the pandemic, we need to make some changes regarding the flowers in the sanctuary. Should you desire to place flowers in memory or in honor of someone, we are asking that you make direct contact with Karen at the flower shop. Please notify Carolyn by Tuesday if you plan to have flowers and for whom they are in memory/honor. Only order flowers if you plan to be in worship as flowers will need to be taken home with you as they will not be able to be delivered to anyone.

## 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



## Our Shut-ins

Liz and Bob Schlitz—Home

Connie Zimmerman—Arizona home

Dick Harper—Home

Fred DeLeon - Home

Marian Thomas & 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



Congratulations to the Madelyn Johnston and Kyle Cook who were wed on July 11. We wish you many years of great happiness. Best wishes and many blessings!!

**PRAYER ON FACEBOOK** -Rev Alice has a Scripture, mini meditation, and prayer each evening on Facebook Live which is then posted on her Facebook page and the church's Facebook page. Tune in for evening prayer.

**UPPER ROOMS AVAILABLE**- The July/August 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

Happy



08/01	Kim	Moody					
08/04	Connie	Zimmerman					
08/06	Angie	Lester					
08/06	Daniel	Sperling	08/03	Chad	&	Brynn	Craney
08/09	Henleigh	Reed					
08/11	Fred	DeLeon	08/10	Richard	&	Joyce	Harper
08/11	Beau	Stapp					
08/12	Roy	Woods	08/17	Chris	&	Mike	Hargis
08/12	Austin	Beltz					
08/13	Keitha	Lear	08/27	Bob	&	Helen	Watson
08/13	Paula	Ferguson					
08/14	Bob	Watson	08/31	Kim	&	Junior	Moody
08/17	Rich	Stahl					
08/19	Stewart	Walker					
08/19	Nathan	Ferguson					
08/21	Willie	Gordon					
08/23	Sally	Petznick					
08/24	Frank	Smith					
08/29	Suzanne	Merkle					
08/31	Connor	Johnston					
08/31	William A	Wilcox					
08/31	Paula	Williams					
08/31	Connor	Johnston					



**THANK YOU** to the following individuals for providing music each Sunday. Session has decided to send them monthly gift cards from our church family in appreciation. If you would like to send a note of thanks to them, here are their addresses.

**DR. AILENE ALBRECHT**

2235 Hackney Ct  
Hilliard 43026

**CAITLYN MACKAY**

2235 Hackney Ct  
Hilliard 43026

**DIRK AHLGRIM**

139 N Powell Ave  
Columbus, OH 43204

Note: This is the correct address for Dirk.