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### Word from Pastor Alice

Dear Church Family,

During this Advent Season, I am sure many of you are getting ready those shopping lists of gifts to purchase for your loved ones and friends. Always looking for that special gift is part of the joy of the Christmas Season.

During this Advent/ Christmas time, I will be preaching a sermon series entitled Gift Giving. We will look at how our Lord has given to us these gifts and how we are called to share those gifts with others.

I hope and pray that during this busy time of the year you stop and pause to worship the One for whom we celebrate...Jesus...the reason for the season! It is also a great time to invite someone to church.

Love being your pastor!  
Blessings and Love in Jesus!  
Alice

**GIFT GIVING**  
12/2 - Family  
12/9 - Time  
12/16 - Joy  
12/23 - Love  
12/24 - Savior



#### Upcoming Meetings

- Trustees: Sun., 12/09
- Session: Tues., 12/11 at 7 pm
- Deacons: Sun., 12/16



#### **Helping with Worship during December**

##### Head & Assistant Deacons

**Judy Weeks**

**Whitney Reed**

Elder Greeter

**Harley Bondenber/ Jane Denhardt**

Liturgist

**Beth Beach**

Ushers

**Gary and Carolyn Gibeaut**

**Bill and Vicky Pettibone**

Nursery Volunteers

**12/2 Jane Denhardt and Judy Brady**

**12/9 Leanne and Travis Manning**

**12/16 Donna Rihl and Beth Rihl**



Plain City's 17th

# Christmas

UNDER THE CLOCK

Saturday, December 1

## 'Best Night Ever Walk Thru Experience'

Saturday December 1 5 - 8 pm

**Come to Christmas Under the Clock and make sure you walk down to the DNA lawn to see the real Christmas Story displayed for the community. Our very own Chris and Connor Johnston and Mark Bushong will serve as the Wise Men and passing out the gold "candy coins" that many of you have donated. Come support the local faith community as they try to remind the crowds about the events that are the Real Reason for the Season**

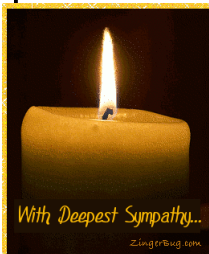


Come share in the study of God's word with each other.

- Our ever faithful **CHRISTIAN CONVERSATIONS** group meets every Sunday at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall outside the church offices. This group is led by Frank and Jerry Smith. Come join the conversation.
- **Ladies Sunday School Class** led by Rev. Alice Sundays at 9:15 am and will study **UNGLUED— Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotion** by Lysa Terkeurst.
- **MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING 6:30 pm & Bible Study 6:45 pm** on a study of **Philippians— What does Jesus Think? Having the Mind of Christ.** Rev. Alice will be sharing the materials and audio presented by Dr. Mark Yarbrough this summer at The Cove. **Our study will wrap up on Dec. 17 and take a break during Jan. and Feb.**

Let Rev Alice or the group leader know of your interest in participating in any of these studies.

Please keep these church members in your thoughts and prayers as they go through a time of loss for a dear family member or friend.



The entire Wilcox family for loss of Brittany Wilcox.

The Lear Family for the loss of General Sherman Nighbert, Sherline's father

Rosemary Anderson for the loss of her dear friend, Jeannine Furukawa.

Others unknown to us but dear to them.



Keep these folks and their caregivers in your prayers for healing and recovery from hospitalization during the month.

- Tara Becker
- Kathy Beach
- Johanna Keiser

- Thank you to everyone who helped in decorating the church for the holidays. Many hands do help to make light work!
- Thank you for those who help pack food during Legacy. Over 1000 meals were packed ready to be shipped out to the hungry world wide.
- Thank you to the donor of a coffee urn. It really perked us up!
- Thank you to the donor of the additional wheelchair in the parlor.
- Thank you to all who bought poinsettias and supported LIGHT and PWC. Come enjoy their beauty at the Christmas services.
- Thank you to the Deacons and church members who supplied food to the Wilcox funeral meal held at DNA.
- Thank you all who delivered cards and flowers to the Saints on All Saints Day.
- Johanna Keiser sends her appreciation to the Church Family for all the cards and calls during her recent illness.



Support our Troops- Keep your cards and care packages coming! Chris Reed and his fellow troops have been blessed by your cards and treats. The address has to be addressed **exactly** as shown.

Chris Reed  
379 ESFS/S3B  
Unit 61220  
APO AE 09309-1220

**No Kumjoinus for December- Come join us there! Kumjoinus will kick off again in the new year!**



# LEGACY Christmas Movie

## And PIZZA Night

**Sunday Dec. 9 4- 6 pm**

**Invite a friend to join you**

**for pizza and a movie to get**

**you into the Christmas Spirit. Continuing**

**the theme of Gift Giving, this movie reminds**

**us there was a time when a gift of an Or-**

**ange was very special on Christmas morn-**

**ing. Come share your memories of Christ-**

**mas past with our younger generation this**

**month.**

### “His Bridge Builders” Express their Gratitude:

Dear Pastor Alice and PCPC,

On behalf of “His Bridge Builders”, we want to thank you for your kindness and generous offering- both “over the top” in Christ’s love. We sense Jesus’ Presence through His Holy Spirit during the music and worship. We saw His Love and Presence in your faces, too, during Worship. You helped us feel “right at home” on our return ministry on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018. Your delicious meal was superb!

Your generous offering has helped us give an “extra- blessing gift” to each of our Campus Mission Leaders at Univ. of Akron and OSU Main Campus. Thank you so much! These faithful saints are serving Jesus through the H2O church movement. We are “blessed to be a blessing!”

We ask for your prayers, too, as Jesus is leading us through a transition time. We are claiming His promises in our HBB call: Exodus 19:5-6 and I Peter 2:9. In addition we are following His guidance as promised in Psalm 32:8 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you shall go. I will guide your with My eye.” Therefore, we are staying focused upon Jesus’ face.

From our hearts to your hearts, we celebrate with you. [Romans 15:13]

Rev. Dennis Rinehart, “HBB”



**Presbyterian Women’s Association say “THANK YOU” for your generosity. From the Fall Feast, you supported our missions with \$500 in donations and with the Thank Offering, \$351 was raised for PW missions world wide. Thank you for your faithful support.**

**Thanks to the women who participated in the Thank Offering Service on Nov. 18—Nancy Patterson, Kathy Verne, Jerry Smith, Nancy McKelvey Judy Brady, Donna Rihl, Linda Watson and Jane Denhardt.**



**PC Presbyterian Women’s Circle  
Brunch and Christmas Exchange**

Saturday, December 8 at 10 AM  
Gift Limit - \$10

Come enjoy great fellowship, good food and the spirit of the Season. Nancy Patterson, Judy Weeks and Nancy McKelvey are hosts here at the church.

### **Congratulations to Judy Brady for being honored with the Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Award.**

Judy has been a faithful servant here at PCPC. She has served on boards, helped weekly at Feed my Sheep, helped with Logos , taken leadership roles with the PC Women’s Circle serving many years as treasurer and secretary, a willing baker when goodies are needed, and more. She is the quiet hands that get much done. A well deserving recipient!! Thank you to the selection committee- Jerry Smith, Rosemary Anderson, and Judy Weeks for your excellent choice and Elaine Wilcox for arranging for the award.



Keep bringing your pop tabs to church. Let’s get that collection container in the parlor filled. They will go to the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus for their work in supporting patients and families.

### CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM



It's that time of the year again when the PCPC participates in the Community Christmas Basket Program. This program provides food for needy families that live within the Jonathan Alder school district. Gifts are also provided for the children in each family. This is truly a community effort which offers several ways for those wishing to assist:

- 1) You can donate money that will be used to buy the food and gifts for the families. Please make checks payable to: **Christmas Basket Fund**.
- 2) You can adopt a family in need which means you buy the children's gifts (suggested amount per child is \$20-\$25) and also provide \$30 for a family gift certificate which is purchased from a local merchant. Please make checks payable to: **Christmas Basket Fund**.
- 3) You can help pack the baskets on the morning of Saturday, December 22nd. Coffee, juice and donuts will be provided at 8am and the packing will begin at 9am.
- 4) You can help deliver the baskets and gifts to the families on Saturday, December 22nd. The delivery timeframe is from 10:30am until 1:00pm (or until done – most likely before 1:00pm).

You can help by doing any combination of the above items that you are comfortable with. Any help will be greatly appreciated and remember... you are helping people that live in your own community! Please contact Dave McCray (614-408-1617) to donate money or to adopt a family. If you wish to help pack the baskets or deliver them (or both) then you can simply be at our church at the appropriate time on Saturday, December 22nd.



LIGHT will begin learning about the Christmas Season from the Angels Point of View on December 2. Rosemary Anderson will lead us through Advent Season ending on December 23. Come see what the Angels saw on that very special night.



We'll have a break December 30 and January 6. There are children bulletins and puzzle sheets on the back table for activity during our off-weeks while encouraging your children to experience worship.

We'll kick off the New Year on January 13 learning about the adventures of the Prodigal Son.

### A Mitten, Hat, Gloves and SOCKS Tree



Please bring new mittens, hats, scarves and, new this year, socks of all sizes to hang on the PW Circle mitten tree in the parlor. Donations will be distributed to the PC

Food Pantry. Thank you to Nancy McKelvey for heading up this mission.



Pastor Alice will be gone on Vacation from December 25– December 31. If you have an emergency and need pastoral assistance, please contact the church office at 614-873-5011 or Carolyn's cell phone at 937-597-0963. Rosemary Anderson will be bringing our message on December 30.

### REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

If you know someone is at a facility, take the time to stop by and say hi. Driving by the home bound? A quick visit always makes the days go faster.



Mary Mitchell— Prestige Gardens Marysville  
 Liz and Bob Schlitz—Home  
 Betty Mayer— Home  
 Connie Zimmerman—Arizona Winter Snowbird  
 Dick Harper—Home  
 Fred DeLeon - Home  
 Marian Thomas- Dublin Retirement Village Independent Living  
 Pat Stenner—Dublin Retirement Village Assisted Living  
 Pat & Chuck Stoker—Home  
 Alice Shalosky— Home  
 Bryan Becker—Home Tara- Specialty Hospital Columbus  
 Arlene Perkins– Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville  
 Jean & Ray Russell, Doris France, Emily Baker, Malcolm Lear- Edgewater Assisted Living



*Come celebrate the*  
**70th Annual Christmas Pageant!**  
*Sunday, December 23 .*  
**Organ Recital begins at 7 pm.**  
**Pageant starts at 7:30 pm.**  
*Come enjoy the beautiful music of our choir and*  
*the excitement of the children in the Pageant!!*  
**Many thanks to Judy Walker and Beth Beach for**  
**bringing this all together for all to enjoy!**



**Gentle Spirit -**  
**December 6 at 6 pm**

Are you or a family member struggling emotionally with cancer and its treatments or life after treatment? Come join Gentle Spirit, a Christian emotional and spiritual support group for help during this difficult time. Rev. Alice and Beth Beach, both cancer survivors, are co-facilitating this group at the monthly meeting. With the generous support of Der Dutchman, each gathering begins with a light meal, followed by a Scripture meditation, sharing and prayer. Please let the church office or Rev. Alice know if you plan to attend.

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**Coat Ministry Does Touch Lives - See thank you**

"I wanted to reach out and thank you, and Westside Urban Ministry, for the generous donation of coats, hats, and gloves to Highland Elementary! We have many students who are in need of winter clothing, and they benefit greatly from your support. Thank you for partnering with us to serve our families! "

Barbara George will again head up our donations to the **Cowboy Bucks Holiday Store** project . This will continue **until December 16**. As an incentive for students to attend school, get their work done and participate in the classroom in a positive manner, students are given "cowboy bucks" for good behavior. This "money" then can be used to "purchase" goods in the Holiday Store. It enables students to buy gifts for their parents and siblings when otherwise they may not have the means to do. Your small gift donations help make this possible. There is usually is a shortage of gift items for men. Things like tape measure, work gloves, a pair of warm socks etc. Other suggestions are packages of markers etc., nail polish, ear buds, gum, lotions, lip balm etc. Drop your donations in the green tub in the parlor. Thank you!

Join Us For A  
**FUNdraiser**  
 at **MAX & ERMA'S**  
  
**Dublin & Plain City Presbyterian Churches**  
**The First Thursday of every**  
 Max & Erma's Dublin  
 411 Metro Place North  
 Dublin, OH 43017  
 614-889-8111  
 Present this flyer to your server and a percentage of your food sales will be donated back to the organization  
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**Max & Erma's**  
 Come support the mission trip and enjoy a meal out on **Thursday, December 6**, the first Thursday of each month. Just share the coupon with your server to give our church credit.

# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.

December 1 - box of cereal  
December 2 - peanut butter  
December 3 - stuffing mix  
December 4 - boxed potatoes  
December 5 - macaroni and cheese  
December 6 - canned fruit  
December 7 - canned tomatoes  
December 8 - canned tuna  
December 9 - dessert mix  
December 10 - jar of applesauce  
December 11 - canned sweet potatoes  
December 12 - cranberry sauce  
December 13 - canned beans  
December 14 - box of crackers  
December 15 - package of rice  
December 16 - package of oatmeal  
December 17 - package pasta  
December 18 - spaghetti sauce  
December 19 - chicken noodle soup  
December 20 - tomato soup  
December 21 - can corn  
December 22 - can mixed vegetables  
December 23 - can carrots  
December 24 - can green beans

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We are encouraging our church family to consider doing this **Reverse Advent Activity** this holiday season. Simply take a box and begin collecting these non-perishable items as listed above on the days leading up to Christmas. Then bring the box in by January 13 and they can be distributed to our Feed my Sheep Food Bank families the week of January 19 or 26<sup>th</sup>.

If you need help transporting them in, let the church office know and we'll stop by and pick them up. If it would be easier for you to transport the items weekly, we'll have several collection boxes in the parlor and you can deposit them as you go. Our goal is 35 boxes as our attendance at Feed my Sheep is growing.

## FEED MY SHEEP FOODBANK INFO...

The PCPC Food Bank "Feed My Sheep" continues to grow and serve 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.

Here are a list of items that we can always use as donations:

- **Quart Zip Lock Bags (especially needed)**
- **Macaroni and Cheese**
- **Box Cereals**
- **Spaghetti and Sauce**
- **Peanut butter**
- **Plastic grocery bags**

**NEW!** During your holiday season, save your clean empty Cool Whip Containers and lids and bring them in. We use these to share the food provided by the Der Dutchman.

### 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

### Double Donation Day,

Friday, December 7 -

Meijer at Coleman's Crossing in Marysville to help support the Plain City Food Pantry

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 7 and go to Meijer in Marysville. The "SIMPLY GIVE CAMPAIGN" asks customers to purchase a \$10 Meijer Simply Give



Card to benefit the Plain City Food Pantry and on this "Double Match Day", Meijer in Marysville will donate an additional \$20 to the Plain City Food Pantry to help feed those in need.

Did you know that during the month of October the PC Food Pantry served over 480 households representing 1010 people and provided 30,300 meals? They are also always in the need of additional volunteers to help feed the hungry in our own community.



9:15- Christian Conversations - Outside Offices/ Ladies SS Library

10:00 Worship

LIGHT after Children's Sermon based on Schedule

11:15 Fellowship in Parlor

# December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 4:30 Feed My Sheep 5-8 Christmas under the Clock
2 Communion	3 6:30 Prayer 6:45 Study 7 Cubs	4 7 pm Scouts	5 7 pm Choir	6 6pm Gentle Spirit PC Lions Christmas Jerome Twnshp	7 Meijer Marysville Double Match Day	8 10 am PWC Brunch/Gift 4:30 Feed My Sheep
9 Trustees Mtg Legacy Movie Night 4-6 pm	10 6:30 Prayer 6:45 Study 7 Cubs	11 Session 7 pm 7 pm Scouts	12 7 pm Choir	13	14	15 4:30 Feed My Sheep
16 Deacons mtg	17 6:30 Prayer 6:45 Study 7 Cubs	18 7 pm Scouts	19 7 pm Choir	20 Gift Sorting for Christmas Baskets See Beth Beach	21 Gift Sorting for Christmas Baskets See Beth Beach	22 <b>Christmas Basket Day</b> 8 am Donut 9 am Packing 4:30 Feed My Sheep
23 <b>70th Christmas Pageant</b> 7 pm Music 7:30 pm Pageant Begins	24 <b>Christmas Eve Candle-light Service</b> 7 pm Music 7:30 pm Service with Communion	25 Christmas Day	26 No Choir until February	27	28	29 4:30 Feed My Sheep
Rev. Alice on Vacation 12/25- 1/1						
30 Rosemary Anderson brings mes-	31					

12/03	Tom	Stapp
12/06	Samuel	Stapp
12/07	Judy	Weeks
12/08	Tommy	Lear
12/09	Marian	Thomas
12/10	Carol	Karrer
12/17	Harmony	Hargis
12/17	Keith	Lester
12/20	Janie	Warner
12/21	Brian	Pettibone
12/24	Alice	Shalosky
12/25	Hannah	Beach
12/25	Julie	Thomson
12/25	Holly	Collins



12/25	Maggie	Stahl
12/25	Ayodele	Longe
12/28	Elizabeth	Bradley
12/30	Rosemary	Anderson



12/16	Bob &	Liz	Schlitz
12/21	Harley&	Judy	Bodenbender

