

# PPC PRESSing News

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## Word from Pastor Alice



Dear Church Family,

We flip the switch so much that we don't even give it a second thought....that is until there is a power outage. Usually the power is restored and lights come back on within a few hours. I remember several years ago when I lived in another community we had a storm in the summer (which is the best time to have a power outage) that lasted more than a few hours. I remember playing cards by candlelight late at night with friends! After that storm, it really helped us to appreciate the electric that provides lighting in our homes. Let me ask you... When there is a power outage have you gone automatically to the light switch and flipped the switch? Most of us laugh as we realize after we have done it...there is NO power! Light is so essential in our every day living! Imagine living without light! More importantly imagine living in the darkness of sin with no escape. Our Lord Jesus Christ came into a dark world that all might come to know the Savior...the One True Light...who dispels the darkness of our sins. During this Advent Season, my sermon series will be Following the Light.

### FOLLOW THE LIGHT

- 12/1 ...in the beginning
- 12/8 ...in the wilderness
- 12/15 ...in the furnace
- 12/22 ...in the Word
- 12/24 ...in the flesh
- 1/5 - Daily Reflecting the Light

Love being your pastor! Looking forward to seeing you during this most wonderful time of the year as we remember and joyfully celebrate the coming of our Savior into the world and as we anticipate with great hope His coming again!

Blessings in Jesus!  
Alice



### Upcoming Meetings

- Trustees -December 8
- Session: Tues, December 10 at 7pm
- Deacons: December 15

### DECEMBER

### WORSHIP

#### Head & Assistant Deacons

Trina Stone and Paula Williams

#### Elder Greeter

#### Liturgist

Beth Beach

#### Ushers

Bill and Vicky Pettibone  
Whitney Reed and Family

#### Nursery

Dec 1 Thanksgiving Weekend  
Dec 8 Mindy Foust and Whitney Reed

Dec 15 Nancy Patterson and Barb Berry


Dec 22 Judy Bodenbender and Beth Beach

Dec 29 Rita and Dave McCray

#### Acolytes

Dec 1 Katelyn Rihl and Sara Gordon

Dec 8-Dec 29 Sara Gordon and Sophia Manring



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

- Tara Becker
- Chris Johnston
- Charlotte Lambka
- Pat Myers

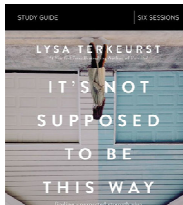


**Widowed and Single Ladies of the Congregation-** Are you interested in meeting with a group of your peers for a monthly get together that requires no program planning, no fund raising, no officers, no hosting? Would you enjoy meeting locally for a cup of coffee, brunch you desire, and an hour or two "just because"? If you have ideas, thoughts or need a ride, give Gladys McCabe a call at 937-243-6036. **Let's start the Holiday Season at 10 am on Tuesday, December 10 at the Der Dutchman.**

## Opportunities for Group Bible Study



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 on Sundays at 9:15 a.m in the library. Come join us for Bible Study by Lysa Terkeurst on finding unexpected strength when disappointments leave you shattered.

MAX LUCADO



BECAUSE OF *Bethlehem*  
LOVE IS BORN  
HOPE IS HERE

**MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY** meets on **Mondays** at 6:30 p.m. for a time a prayer prior to the study starting at 6:45 p.m. We will be using the study...Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado for the 4 Mondays....11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9 and have a Christmas party on 12/16. Please plan to join us and invite someone, too



**The Presbyterian Women's Circle** would like to express their appreciation for your support for the Fall Feast. Thank you to all who donated funds, the meal ingredients and desserts. Thank you to the many hands that worked to decorate, to prepare, to serve and to clean up. Your generous donations of \$621 will help the Women's Circle continue their support of local projects for our own church like the flowers as well as the Presbyterian Women's Association that serves needs statewide, nationally and worldwide. Thank you for the donations received during the Thank Offering Service that will be used to make grants for health and human services needs throughout the world. Thank you to Nancy Patterson, Nancy McKelvey, Carolyn Gibeaut, Sally Petznick, Barbara George, Donna Rihl, Rosemary Anderson, Whitney Reed, and Linda Watson for contributing to the Thank Offering worship service on 11/ 24.



- A Note of Thanks from the Family of Charlene Smith- We would like to thank you for all your kindness that you showed our mom and our family during this trying time. Lori and Brent and the Family of Charlene Smith.

**The PCPC Youth Group (J Walkers)** **INVITES THE CHURCH FAMILY to their trip to Wildlights at the Columbus Zoo this Sunday.** We will leave the church at 5 P.M. Discounted tickets at Kroger's are the following: Ages 3-9 \$9.00, Ages 10-59 \$14.00, Ages 60+ \$9.00



**IF YOU PLAN ON GOING WITH US, YOU CAN PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AT KROGERS OR DROP YOUR MONEY OFF TO ALICE ON SATURDAY (during Feed My Sheep hours) OR SUNDAY A.M. AND SHE WILL PICK UP TICKETS.**

**please email Alice if you are going (even if you get your own tickets) so we can arrange rides and permission slips for invited youth whose parents will not be with them.**

- Thank you to everyone who has donated to the window fund. Your generosity will help these windows be a blessing and inspiration for many years to come.
- Thank you to everyone who ordered Poinsettias for the holidays. Proceeds will benefit LIGHT and Women's Circle plus will be enjoyed during the holidays.
- Thank you to the many hands that helped decorate the church for the holidays. Your time and effort was much appreciated!
- The J Walkers want to thank everyone who participated in the Operation Christmas Child. 25 boxes were stuffed and given to be delivered to a child in need somewhere in the world. Thank you to Rev. Alice and the youth for organizing the event and to Tom Verne for helping with the delivery

### Window Restoration Progressing....



Jim Kaufman, Steve Patterson, Bob Merkle and Gary Gibeaut took a trip to Canton to see how the windows are progressing. They look wonderful and are still anticipated to be back in by Christmas. After the cleaning there are details appearing that no one ever noticed before. Photos are out in the parlor, on the church's Facebook and website. Check them out! **We are excited and looking forward to seeing those windows installed again. Thank you for all the support with this project.**



### **KATHY WILSON-Awarded Honorary Membership on November 24**

Rita McCray, on behalf of the Presbyterian Women's Circle, presented Kathy Wilson with a Presbyterian Women's Honorary Membership during worship. Kathy has been a faithful member and supporter of the Women's Circle and the entire church in many, many ways for many years. Kathy joined our church in 1962 and has served on Boards of Deacons and Trustees and is willing to do so again! She has been a youth advisor, helped with many programs and many meals all while working outside the home and raising four active children. We thank and honor Kathy for her commitment to Christ and her faithful service to the missions of this church.



### *Deacon's Hosting Holiday Gathering Friday, December 13*

*from 5 until 8 pm*

We'll start with a gingerbread house decorating competition, followed by pizza and a Christmas movie. All of the church is invited. This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to join you.

To help us in planning this new event, please sign-up in the parlor for how many people are attending (for pizza) and if they plan on decorating a gingerbread house (on their own or with a "team"). Check out the clothesline for needed donations of icing and decorations items

The Deacons will provide the pizza, pop, salad, and dessert. Any unclaimed gingerbread houses will be taken to shut-ins. **COME OUT AND ENJOY A FUN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP DURING THE HOLIDAYS!**



The next meeting of the Women's Circle will be **Saturday, December 14 at 10 am here at the church for the annual Holiday Brunch and Gift Exchange (\$10 limit)** Everyone is asked to bring a breakfast/brunch item (such as juice, donuts, muffins, egg casserole etc). Part of the fun will be seeing the variety of foods we will have. Always a fun way to kick start the holidays season!

## CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM



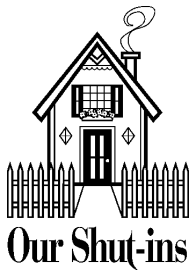
It's that time of the year again when the PCPC participates in the Community Christmas Basket Program. This program provides food for needy families that live within the Jonathan Alder school district. Gifts are also provided for the children in each family. This is truly a community effort which offers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

- 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**.
- 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**.
- You can help pack the baskets on the morning of Saturday, December 21st. Coffee, juice and donuts will be provided at 8am and the packing will begin at 9am.
- You can help deliver the baskets and gifts to the families on Saturday, December 21st. 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 21st.

### **If you have adopted a family with children please follow these guidelines for wrapping/bagging the gifts:**

1. Wrap and label each gift with the family number and age and sex of child – We suggest about \$25 per child but some people spend more as this may be only gifts the children receive.
2. Bring all gifts to church for the family in a large garbage bag with the family number on it.
3. Please do not use staples and do not tie bags together if you happen to have more than one bag. Also do not tie your garbage bags so tightly that they cannot be opened. I go through every bag to check to make sure that there are gifts for each child listed. It's the busy season and people get sidetracked. Sometimes there are gifts missing. Sometimes children in one family haven't gotten equal gifts – maybe different people had each child. So we often add to the bags. We do get separate gifts sometimes and that helps us add when needed. We have even opened suspicious gifts if they look light.
4. We also get miscellaneous gifts such as mittens, crayon, books, etc that we need to add to bags.
5. If you get teenagers and want to purchase a gift certificate as the gift (not in lieu of the \$30 certificate), please mark the amount on the outside of the gift card or box. I can take the label off but we need to know how much the gift card is for. Gift certificates to Wal-Mart or Meijer for example buy more, but that is up to your individual preference. Hats, ball caps, gloves, hair bobbles, scarves, gift cards to McDonalds or pizza shops, Bath and Body works, wallets - those are nice gifts for teenagers. I would not get a gift certificate for a child under 12. Sometimes this is all the children get.



## 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  
Connie Zimmerman—Home - Summer AZ- Winter

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 and Tara Becker—Home

Arlene Perkins— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

Ray Russell, Emily Baker, Malcolm Lear, Georgianna Rymer, Mary

Lou Rihl- Edgewater Assisted Living

## FEED MY SHEEP

### FOODBANK INFO...

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.



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

- Quart Zip Lock Bags (especially needed), Macaroni and Cheese, Box Cereals, Spaghetti and Sauce, Peanut butter, Plastic grocery bags, Plastic containers (like used Cool Whip containers)

Thanks again for all you do!

Michael & Barbara



**DON'T FORGET TO INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

**DEC 8-**For the past few weeks there has been an envelope containing an invitation to send to or to give to someone asking them to join you in worship on December 8. The holidays are a wonderful time to reach out to someone and welcome them to our church. Start thinking of your friends, neighbors, family members and strangers that you could welcome here and then take a leap of Faith and JUST DO IT! Extra invites are available on the back table or give the office a call 614-873-5011. On Dec 8 make sure you greet as many new faces as you can! Let's show our warm PCPC welcome!

**Mark your Calendars today!  
71st Annual Christmas Pageant!**

*Sunday, December 22 .  
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!*

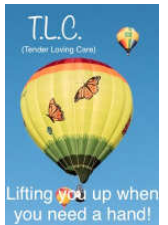


**LIGHT- Learning in God's House Together Children's Education**  
Rosemary Anderson will be leading the Manger Tales beginning on December 8th through Dec 22.

The Junior High LIGHT will be meeting as well during those weeks.

If you are interested in being a helper, please tell Carolyn Gibeaut.

TLC- This ministry is for ALL the members and friends of our church family who may need some extra help at different times in life.



**Rev. Alice will be coordinating the team and can share the specifics. If you have a need, call her on her cell phone 740-391-2531 for more details.**



**LOV (Local Outreach Volunteer)** They posted some items that they need: AAA and AA batteries, Chapstick, Hand sanitizer, Ladies deodorant, Razors, Tampons, Dog and cat food, Matches and lighters, Purses (large enough for a gallon zippy bag completely full), Athletic shorts for both men and woman, Men's boxers and boxer briefs, Woman's underwear, Paper towels, Toilet paper. Donation box is by church offices.

**Kumjoinus-** Next Meeting will be on Jan 11. Let's mark our calendars for Saturday, January 11 to let the fun and fellowship brighten up our winter evening.

**One Year in the Bible: A Reading Plan for Families.** For December, the week of: Dec 1 Rahab's Story Joshua 2, Dec 8 Joshua's Story Joshua 6, Dec 15 Deborah's Story Judges 4, Dec 22 Gideon's Story Judges 6-7, Dec 29 Ruth's Story Ruth 1-2

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. VISIT MAXANDERMAS.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION.

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**Max & Erma's-** Come support the mission trip and enjoy a meal out on Thursday, December 5, the first Thursday of each month. Just share the coupon with your server to give our church credit.

# NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee for 2019\* will be meeting soon to prepare the slate of officers for our church. We would appreciate your willingness to serve on a board by letting us know which positions you would consider, and also your recommendations for other members that you feel have a gift for any particular board.

We will be electing: **3 members to the Board of Elders, 4 members to the Board of Deacons, 3 members to the Board of Trustees**

## CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

### Class of 2019

#### SESSION

Jane Denhardt  
Barbara George  
Roy Woods

### Class of 2020

Shane Manring  
Chris Johnston  
Bob Merkle

### Class of 2021

Judy Brady  
Drew Lear  
Pat Myers

#### DEACONS

Janet Johnston  
Linda Watson  
Brenda DeLeon  
Karon Kaufman

Connor Johnston  
Sharon Newell  
Whitney Reed  
Judy Weeks

Don McKelvey  
Nancy McKelvey  
Paula Williams  
Trina Stone

#### TRUSTEES

John Rihl  
Leanne Manring  
John Watson

Gary Gibeaut  
Steve Patterson  
Donna Rihl

Norm Troyer  
Jim Kaufman  
Frank Smith

The Class of 2019 will retire as of 12/31/19. You will be nominating individuals for the class of 2022. All members serve a 3-year term. Please prayerfully consider being on a Board. You know your strengths and the strengths of your neighbor! Remember to thank all of those who have given of their time and talents and have been faithful servants for 3 years.

Turn into Judy Brady, chairman or to the church office or put in offering plate.

\*Members of the 2019 Nominating Committee are: Vicky Pettibone, Beth Beach, Kim Bodenbender, Mindy Foust, and Rita McCray with Alternates: Nancy Patterson and Rosemary Anderson

I recommend the following persons for consideration as church board members:

**Elders** (3 to be elected): \_\_\_\_\_

**Deacons** (4 to be elected): \_\_\_\_\_

**Trustees** (3 to be elected): \_\_\_\_\_

**Worship and Music Committee** (1 to be elected):

Currently serving: Beth Rihl (2019) Suzanne Merkle (2020) Janell Wilcox (2021)

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**Audit Committee** (1 to be elected):

Currently serving: Johanna Keiser (2019) Harley Bodenbender (2020) Elaine Wilcox (2021)

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**Nominating Committee for 2020**– From Congregation-at-Large (5 + 2 Alternates

to be elected): \_\_\_\_\_



Sunday Schedule:

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Advent Begins Communion Served 5pm J Walkers WildLights	2 6:30 pm Prayer Bible Study 7 pm Cubs	3 7pm Scouts	4 7pm Choir	5	6	7 4:30 Feed My Sheep 5-8 Christmas under the Clock
8 Invite Someone to Church Sunday <b>Trustees Meeting</b>	9 6:30 pm Prayer Bible Study 7 pm Cubs	10 10 am Der Dutchman Sisters 7pm Scouts 7pm <b>Session</b>	11 7pm Choir	12 Cub Scout District Training 6-9 pm PC Lions Christmas Jerome Township Hall	13 5-8 pm Holiday Get Together	14 10 am Women's Circle Brunch and Exchange 4:30 Feed My Sheep
15 Healing Service <b>Deacons Mtg</b> 1pm JWalkers Caroling	16 6:30 pm Bible Study Christmas Party 7 pm Cubs	17 7pm Scouts	18 7pm Last Choir Practice until February	19	20	21 8-12 Christmas Box Packing 4:30 Feed My Sheep
22 7 pm Recital 7:30 Pageant	23	24 7 pm Recital 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28 4:30 Feed My Sheep
29 Rosemary Anderson brings message.	30	31	Rev Alice on Vacation Dec 26- Jan 1			

12/03	Tom	Stapp
12/04	Jack	Mercer
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	Julie	Thomson
12/25	Maggie	Stahl
12/25	Hannah	Beach
12/25	Holly	Collins
12/25	Ayodele	Longe
12/28	Elizabeth	Bradley
12/30	Rosemary	Anderson



12/16	Bob & Liz	Schlitz
12/21	Harley & Judy	Boden-