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## Word from Pastor Alice

### *Helping with Worship for December*

- **Liturgist**– Beth Beach
- **Elder Greeter**–
- **Head Deacons**– Michael George & Karon Kaufman
- **Ushering Team**– Gary and Carolyn Gibeaut & Bill & Vicky Pettibone



### *Upcoming Meetings*

Trustees Sun 12/10

Session Tues 12/12  
7pm

Deacons Sun 12/17



Keep Liz Schlitz, Arlene Perkins, Sue Alderman, Linda Erdman, Jerry Smith, Art Warner and Alan Patterson in your prayers as they have been recovering from recent hospitalizations. Praying for a speedy, successful recovery!

### ANGELS

There is a tremendous fascination with angels! Several years ago when the TV show "Touched By An Angel" was on the air, it brought more of an interest in angels. David Jeremiah in his book, *What the Bible Says About Angels*, writes...*"Suddenly in the 1990's you found angels everywhere—or rather you found them talked about everywhere, from major magazines and best selling books and popular TV shows to kitchen conversations and university seminars. Lots of people said they had actually seen or felt the presence of an angel. Never in history, I suppose, had so much mention been directed at these heavenly beings."*

People are eager to know more about Angels. Is it any wonder that Billy Graham's book on Angels is one of his best selling books which has been reprinted multiple times!

During this Advent Season we are going to look at what the Scriptures say about Angels and how they are a part of the Christmas story.



12/3 - Angels at Work

12/10 - Answered Prayers for Zechariah

12/17 - Testing the Obedience of Mary

12/24 - Giving Direction to Joseph

Christmas Eve - Changing Lives of Shepherd's

Please make every effort to join us in worship this Advent/Christmas season as we prepare to once again celebrate the birth of Jesus into the world and as we anticipate His coming again.

Love being your pastor!  
Love and blessings in Jesus!

Alice



## Mark your calendars now...you don't want to miss it!

Let your family members know. Three time Emmy award winning broadcaster "JB" James Brown, the studio host of The NFL Today on CBS Sports and Thursday Night Football on CBS Sports and NFL Network, as well as Special Correspondent for CBS News, will be in Plain City on April 7 & 8, 2018! On Saturday, April 7th he will be speaking at a dinner being held at Der Dutchman Restaurant. On Sunday, April 8th, he will be preaching at the Plain City Presbyterian Church. More information will be coming! Plan to join us. His life and message will inspire you!

<https://www.facebook.com/JBsportscaster/>



### L.I.G.H.T. ( Learning in God's House Together) Symbols of Christmas Begins December 3

After a short break, we will begin learning the Symbols of Christmas. Come learn about special meanings for the decorations we use during the holidays. They help us remember the real reason for the Season, the birth of Jesus. We'll begin on December 3 and wrap up on December 24. There are children bulletins and puzzle sheets on the back table for activity during our off-weeks while encouraging your children to experience worship.

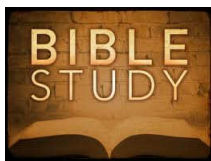
The schedule for the 2017-2018 school year is :

Dec 3-24 - **Advent**  
Off Dec 31 & Jan 7&14  
Jan 21-Feb 11 - **Job**  
Off Feb 18&25  
March 4-25— **Lent**  
Off April 1 & 8  
April 15– May 20—**Moses and Ten Commandments**  
Off June, July, and August.

### No December KUMJOINUS

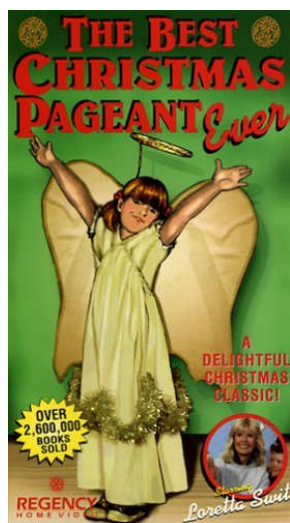
There will be no Kumjoinus in busy December but weather permitting, we'll meet again in January .

**Open the Word and it will feed your Soul!** We have several opportunities to study God's Word throughout the week. Come check them out!



- Our ever faithful **CHRISTIAN CONVERSATIONS** group meets every Sunday at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall outside the church offices. This group is led by Frank and Jerry Smith.
- **LADIES BIBLE STUDY The Ladies Study**, led by Rev. Alice, begins **Sunday** at 9:15 am in the church library . They are currently using the **not a fan** Bible Study.
- **SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on the 1st Sunday, December 2 but will NOT on the 3rd (December 16) Saturday at **8 am** here at the church. Bill Pettibone leads this study and they are using **not a fan** Bible Study.
- **MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING 6:30 pm. (Note time change)** We invite you to join us as we uplift before the Lord in prayer... family, church family, friends, community, country, and world.
- **MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** will gather together on Mondays at **6:45 pm** following Monday Night Prayer group. They started a DVD study and discussion of **Romans— The Letter that Changed the World . Christmas Party will be Dec. 11 and they'll break until Jan. 8.**

If you are interested in joining any group, please feel free to contact the leader or church office for more info.



**LEGACY— Pizza and Christmas  
Movie Night**  
**December 10 at 4 pm**

We're going to enjoy the holiday movie, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, on the big screen. It's an event for everyone. Invite your friends and neighbors. We'll enjoy delicious pizza and fun fellowship. We'll meet at 4 pm and will be wrapped by 6 pm. Bring your family and enjoy Pizza and fun! You don't have to cook that night!! This is a great environment to invite someone new to join us in the small group setting, especially a family with children. **GET EXCITED FOR THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!**

For planning, just give the church office a call at 614-873-5011 or sign up on the display in the parlor to RSVP.



**COAT DRIVE:** The Mission Committee and the Presbyterian Women's Circle want to thank everyone who donated coats, hats, or mittens for the coat drive. 26 coats plus bags of mittens and hats were donated to the Westside Urban Ministry (WUM). They are expecting to distribute over 1000 coats through the west side schools to kids in need.

The **Cowboy Bucks Holiday Store** project continues **until December 17**. 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 so. It is a wonderful, successful project. The Holiday Store is then open December 18-22 in West High School. Barbara George will be taking this down on **December 17**. Anyone also interested in participating can contact her. There is a bin in the parlor to collect goods for this project. This is not intended to compete with the Christmas Basket Program but gives us one more opportunity to share God's love beyond the borders of Plain City. **A list of favorites are listed below.** \*Headphones and ear buds \*portable charges, wireless speakers, phone chargers for iphone and android \* mechanical pencils, \*color sharpie markers \*jump drives \*Gum (juicy fruit, starburst, select 5, etc.) \*Candy bars, chocolate Santas, candy canes... \*hats, gloves and scarves (all sizes) \*Holiday decorations (ornaments, candles, garland, etc.) \*coffee mugs, photo frames, etc. with "Mom- Grandma- Dad- Grandpa- Family and/or Friends" on them \*small photo albums and frames \*toys and games for younger siblings \*mindfulness coloring books and colored pencils \*hats, gloves and scarves \*bath & body works products (lotions, hand sanitizers, lip balms, body sprays) \*perfumes and colognes \*men's cologne \*work gloves, flashlights (with batteries)\*baby items for our pregnant/parenting teens \* OSU Gear (shirts, hoodies, hats, gloves, scarves, flags, lanyards, etc.) \*Cleveland Browns, Cavs and Indians Gear \*Columbus Blue Jackets Gear \*Columbus Crew Gear



**Presbyterian  
Women's Circle  
Christmas Exchange  
and Brunch**  
**Sat. Dec 9 at 10 AM**

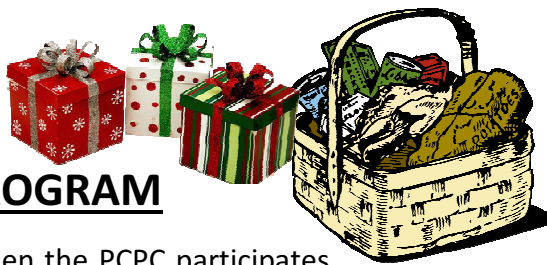
The Women's Circle group will meet at the church on Saturday, December 9 at 10 am for the Christmas brunch and gift exchange. It is always a joyous time, especially this year. Take a moment to enjoy laughter, good friends and relax. Members can bring a small gift (\$10 limit) and enjoy a delicious brunch. Jane Denhardt, Judy Brady and Judy Weeks are our hostesses.

**Friendship Circle to meet  
Thursday December 21**

The ever faithful members of the Friendship Circle will continue to meet the third Thursday of each month for lunch. Members will be in touch to decide on a location.



**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, \$443 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. 19—Nancy Patterson, Kathy Verne, Judy Bodenbender, Rita McCray, Judy Brady, Donna Rihl and Jane Denhardt.**



## Gentle Spirit - December 7 at 6 pm

## 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 16th. 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 16th. The delivery timeframe is from 10:30am until 1:00pm (or until done – most likely before 1:00pm).

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. The next gathering is Thursday, December 7 at 6 pm

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**Thank you** to everyone who purchased a Poinsettia. Over 89 were ordered. They will decorate our sanctuary from Dec 17 through Christmas Eve service. Following the Christmas Eve service those who ordered are asked to please take your Poinsettia home to enjoy for your own Christmas celebration.



**UNDERWEAR DRIVE:** Presbyterian Women will also be collecting underwear to be donated to the DNA Kid's Kloset Free Store in February 2018. All adult and teen sizes are needed. Underwear, briefs, t-shirts and tanks are needed. **Since there should be sales during the holidays we wanted to let you know now to keep an eye out for specials.** *Kid's Kloset Free Store provides a friendly environment to shop for gently used clothes. Families are welcome to shop on Saturday mornings and in the afternoon of Community Meal Saturday. Families are allowed 6 items per child up to 24 items per family in the span of one month. All items are free. Donations of new underwear for teen boys and teen girls are greatly needed.*

## Clean Kid Kits Project

The PW Women are going to be filling Clean Kid Kits during the month of January. From the local Clothes Closet, which works with the Mennonite Central Committee, we have 14 cloth bags to be filled with hygiene items and then returned to the Clothes Closet who will do the shipping and delivery. The specific items needed for the kits are:

- 1 Adult size toothbrush
- 1 Large bar of bath soap
- 1 fingernail clipper ( Good Quality)
- 1 hand towel (Dark Color)

Items should be NEW and in their original packaging. Keep an eye out for cards on the parlor's clothesline later in December. Grab some and bring them back in January. Let's team together to do the Lord's work.

From the website, " Keeping clean is an important part of remaining healthy, but families who have fled their homes because of a disaster or war often struggle to afford these necessary supplies. Hygiene kits are also given through schools or orphanages to encourage healthy habits in children. **55,115** hygiene kits shipped last year to Jordan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Korea, Ukraine, Iraq, Canada, and the United States."



## Calling for Nursery Volunteers



Our church wants to be attractive to new, young families moving into the area!! In providing the best care possible for potential new members who have small children, we are setting up a nursery to be available for Sunday morning worship. **What does it involve???**

1. Report to the nursery at 9:45 a.m. on your assigned Sunday
2. Be with any children/babies that parents bring...provide a safe place where children can play, take a nap, etc.
3. If no children show on your assigned day by 10:10...you are free to come into church and worship. Please consider participating in this ministry. Volunteer sheet is on the bulletin board in parlor.



The 2018 Flower Chart is up and waiting for your to sign up to honor or memorialize a special event or person. You may sponsor one or both bouquets in honor of or in memory of someone. Checks should be made out to Presbyterian Women for \$15 each. Please give to Elaine Wilcox PWC Treasurer. The PWC appreciates your support.

Did you know that the local DNA ( Daily Needs Assistance) provided:  
 22,000 personal hygiene items not covered by govt. assistance  
 18,000 articles of free kids clothing provided through KID's KLOSET  
 9,800 volunteer hours yearly poured out into various ministries happening at DNA?



### New this year: A Mitten Tree

Please bring new mittens, hats and scarves of all sizes and hang on the PW Association mitten tree in the parlor. Donations will be distributed between the PC Food Pantry and our Feed My Sheep. Thank you to Donna Rihl for donating the tree.



Thank you to the many hands that pitched in to decorate the church for the holidays!

Many hands do make light work! Take a moment to enjoy and be thankful for the beauty of the church.

We are also looking for some plastic tubs to help organize and better store the decorations. If you see a bargain on a 20 +gal plastic tote with a lid, considering getting it for the church. Cards are on the clothesline for this donation.

## **FEED MY SHEEP FOODBANK**



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
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Box Cereals
- Spaghetti and Sauce
- 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!**



### **REMINDER:**

Christmas under the Clock is **SATURDAY DECEMBER 2** beginning at 5pm until 8 pm.

Come support a local event, enjoy lots of yummy food, enjoy the sounds of the season, and meet Old Saint Nick at Yoder's Hardware store.



**Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 69th Annual Christmas Pageant!!**  
**Sunday, December 17 .**  
**Music 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!**

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.

**Support our Mission Trip by enjoying Max and Erma's on December 7**

Enjoy a meal at Max& Erma's on **Thurs day, December 7** and 20% of your bill will be returned to the Church for our Mission Trip Fund. The voucher for the fundraiser is included 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!!**

Join Us For A  
**FUNdraiser**



**Dublin & Plain City  
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 Thursday, 12/07/17, ALL DAY**  
 Max & Erma's Dublin  
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Present this flyer to your server and a percentage of your food sales will be donated back to the organization

VISIT [MAXANDERMAS.COM](http://MAXANDERMAS.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

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## NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee for 2017 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 and 3 members to the Board of Trustees**

### CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

#### Class of 2017   Class of 2018   Class of 2019

#### SESSION

Frank Smith	Harley Bodenbender	Doug Short
Shane Manring	Nancy Patterson	Barbara George
Cindy Watson Bowen	Bill Pettibone	Roy Woods

#### DEACONS

Jane Denhardt	Kim Moody	Janet Johnston
Judy Brady	Janie Collins	Linda Watson
Mike George	Mindy Foust	Brenda DeLeon
Vicky Pettibone	Jan Short	Karon Kaufman

#### TRUSTEES

Larry Myers	Chic Foust	John Rihl
Whitney Reed	Bill Bowen	Leanne Manring
Gary Gibeaut	Jim Kaufman	John Watson

The Class of 2017 will retire as of 12/31/17. You will be nominating individuals for the class of 2020. 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.

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: Janell Wilcox (2017) Charlene Smith (2018) Beth Rihl (2019)

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

Currently serving: Pat Myers (17) Chad Craney (2018) Johanna Keiser (2019)

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**Nominating Committee for 2018**– From Congregation-at-Large (5 + 2 Alternates to be elected):

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Please return to the church office or give to Shane Manring, committee chairman.



# December 2017

Sunday Schedule:

9:15- Christian Conversations - Outside Offices

9:15 Ladies Bible Study-Library

10:00 Worship

LIGHT after Children's Sermon based on Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8 am Men's Bible Study 4:30 Food Bank
3 Afternoon Eagle Scout	4 6:30 Prayer 6:45 Bible Study 7 pm Cubs	5 7 pm Boy Scouts	6 7 pm Choir	7 6 pm Gentle Spirit	8	9 10 am PWC Christmas 4:30 Food Bank
10- <b>Trustees</b> 4- 6 pm Legacy Movie Night & Pizza	11 6:30 Prayer 6:45 Bible Study Christmas Pty 7 pm Cubs	12 7 pm <b>Session</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	13 7 pm Choir	14 6pm Gentle Spirit 7 pm PC Lions Xmas Jerome Twp Hall	15	16 8 am Christmas Basket Packing 4:30 Food Bank
17- <b>Deacons</b> 7 pm Christmas Pageant	18 7 pm Cubs	19 7 pm Boy Scouts	20 7 pm Choir	21 Lunch Friendship Circle	22 5:30—7:30 Girl Scouts	23 4:30 Food Bank
24 7 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 <b>Merry Christmas!!!</b>	26 7 pm Boy Scouts	27 7 pm Choir	28	29	30 4:30 Food Bank
31 Rosemary Anderson Shares Message	<b>Rev Alice on Vacation from 12/25 through 12/31.</b>					



12/03	Tom	Stapp
12/06	Brittany	Wilcox
12/06	Samuel	Stapp
12/07	Judy	Weeks
12/08	Tommy	Lear
12/09	Marian	Thomas
12/10	Carol	Karrer

12/17	Keith	Lester
12/17	Harmony	Hargis
12/20	Janie	Warner
12/21	Brian	Pettibone
12/24	Alice	Shalosky
12/25	Hannah	Beach
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

