



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

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## Word from Pastor Alice



Dear Church Family,

There is just something wonderful about seeing all ages together in worship. I recently heard Bill Gaither, American singer and songwriter of Southern Gospel and contemporary Christian music, say the following:

*“As a kid I came to Christ not because I was afraid of going to Hell. I came to Christ by watching the old saints in our church on Sunday morning; and I knew some of the tough stuff that they had gone through...through the week. And yet they’d look towards heaven and sing those songs of praise. They’d sing it with conviction. And as a kid I would watch that; and I’d say I don’t know what that is, but I want some of that.”*

Scripture tells us, “For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:4-5

May we never forget the importance of each person, young and old alike, and the gifts each brings to the body of Christ!

And you older saints...sing out on Sunday am...someone may just be watching!!

Blessings in Jesus!  
Alice



Congregational Meeting—Sunday, Feb. 6

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on February 6, 2022 following worship. A Zoom link is

provided below so those worshipping on line can participate.

Topic: Congregational Meeting  
Time: Feb 6, 2022 11:15 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3304949823?pwd=Y3E2b0Nhai9FMnpTZ0RzZkliNStLUT09>

Meeting ID: 330 494 9823  
Passcode: ppcmeets

### Upcoming Meetings

Trustees Meeting: February 13 after worship

Session Meeting February 9 at 7 pm

Deacons Meeting February 20 after worship

Presbyterian Women’s Circle Meeting- February 15 at 6:30 pm

J-Walkers— Feb 6 at 6:40 pm

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

Dick Harper  
Paula Williams

We will also pray for individuals with Covid and you can send any names to email to Rev. Alice at [revalp@neo.rr.com](mailto:revalp@neo.rr.com).



## Church Treasurer Report for December 2021

The general fund balance for the end of December increased due to a number of large donations being made during the month. There were a number of larger expenses in addition to the normal monthly items. The quarterly insurance premium, numerous Christmas gifts, and the annual benevolences were paid.

### General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 12/01/2021	\$ 9,079.03
Income	31,147.70
Expenses	(27,167.65)
Ending Balance 12/31/2021	\$ 13,059.08

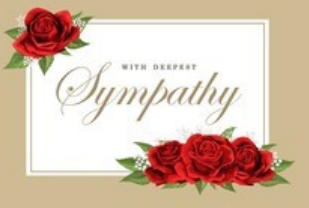
The following benevolences were paid: Plain City Food Pantry \$2,500; Daily Needs Assistance \$3,000; Plain City Ministerial Association \$300; Presbyterian Church General Mission \$750; Deacons \$50. In addition, the Session decided to tithe the general funds of \$2,184 for future local mission projects.

Donations were also received for Presbyterian Church Disaster Assistance to Kentucky tornado relief in the amount of \$1,500. \$110 was donated for the Christmas Joy offering.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Best Regards,

Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer



Our church shares our condolences and sympathy for the loss of several of our dear and faithful members.

**Ray Russell** passed away on December 30. A celebration of life service will be held on May 22, 2022 here at the church. Please keep Nancy and Rod and their entire families in your prayers at this difficult time.

**Helen Watson** passed away on January 27. Calling hours will be held on Friday, Feb. 11 at Ferguson's from 4—8 pm with funeral services on Saturday Feb. 12 at 10 am at the funeral home. Please keep Chris, Linda, and Kathy and their families in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their dear mother.

Though we mourn the loss of each person we find comfort that they have been reunited with their beloved spouses in heaven. Ray with Jean and Helen with Bob.

We also share our condolences to Whitney and Chris Reed and family as they mourn the loss of Chris' grandfather, **Richard Reed** who passed on January 29.

We also remember the family and friends of **Rev. Oluf Kongshaug**, who served as interim at our church, and who passed away on January 8. Should you wish to send a card here is Betty's address:

Westminster Thurber Towers  
645 Neil Ave. Apt. 1009  
Columbus, OH 43215



The entire church staff would like to express their sincere appreciation for your very generous Love Offering received this year. Your generosity is so very much appreciated by all.

### Bible Study Opportunities:



#### **Weekly Monday night prayer and**

**Bible study continues . We would**

love for you to **join** us at 6:30

P.M. on Zoom. We continue our

study of Romans on . All are welcome to join us. If you are interested in joining us, send an email to [revalp@neo.rr.com](mailto:revalp@neo.rr.com).

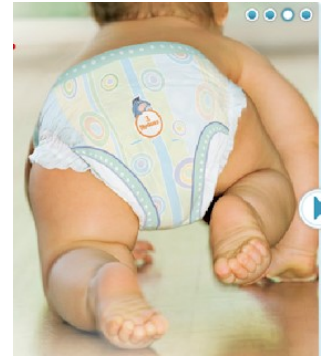
**Men's Bible Study** The members will meet Saturday mornings at the church. They will be studying 8 Verses Showing Jesus Lives .Contact Bill Pettibone for more information. All men are welcome to join them.



**J (esus) Walkers will meet Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 6:40 pm.**



The Presbyterian Women's Circle will be meeting on February 15. Rev Alice will lead the devotions and provide refreshments. Come join other women of the church in fellowship . We will also be hosting a diaper drive during February and March. For families in need with young children , diapers are an expense and also a necessity not only for the healthy of the child but also for using daycare to work outside the home. We will collect adult diapers as well. Don't know what size to buy? One website suggested Size 4 seems to fit the most kids for the longest time but all sizes will find a bottom in need. Drop box is on the way into the sanctuary.



### A Request from Rev Alice- STORIES OF FORGIVENESS -

Lent will begin on March 2nd in 2022. As I was writing a lenten devotional for Pittsburgh Seminary, I was beginning to think about what my Lenten sermon series might be. I think it is going to be forgiveness passages/stories in Scripture. I was also thinking wouldn't it be great if we could share stories from our own lives where we extended forgiveness to another we may have hurt or where we had to accept forgiveness from someone who hurt us. We can learn a lot from one another! So if you are willing to share, please comment below, and I will pm you an email address. It might be a great idea to put them together in a booklet for all to have...or maybe some might make it into a sermon during Lent. **If you don't want your name attached but can send a story, I will respect anonymity!**



**College Addresses-** If you would like to drop a note of encouragement to one of our college students, here are addresses :

Travis Manring  
Marianist Hall W241  
College Park  
Dayton, OH 45469

Paige Erdman  
734 Woodlawn Ave  
Wittenberg University  
Box 1645  
Springfield, OH 45504

Olivia McCoy  
310 Morgens Hall  
2931 Scioto Lane  
Cincinnati, OH 45219

Henry Walker  
95 Richland Ave  
Room 311  
Athens, OH 45701



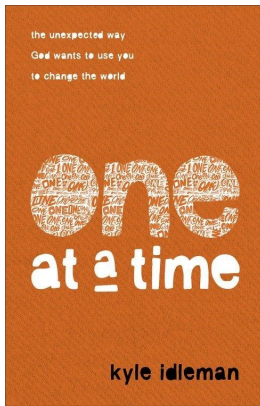
### LOOKING FOR A SAFE WAY TO SERVE THE CHURCH DURING THIS TIME? CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE AV TEAM.

The AV Team needs **MORE** volunteers. Dave McCray, Jim Kaufman Don McKelvey, and John Rihl have been our ever faithful camera men for **YEARS** now. They are need of some more volunteers to train. Please consider helping with this important service to the church family. Contact Dave or Jim if you are willing to learn and help.



### Blanket Sunday February 13

Give \$10 donation to honor or to remember someone and also help Church World Services provide a warm blanket to someone in need due to a natural disaster, homelessness, a fire, or civil unrest. Let's once again fill up our blanket with hearts.



## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY-

**Beginning March 6 - Sundays 9:10 until 9:50 am**

Learn how Jesus changed the world one person at a time and how you can too! During Lent...**March 6, 2022 - April 10, 2022**, I will be leading a **six week Bible Study on Sunday a.m. from 9:10-9:50**. All are invited to join! Each session has a short video (10-15 min) along with discussion based on a Scripture passage.

Kyle Idelman, Pastor at Southeast Christian Church (where Bob Russell was pastor) has written this study. Remember he wrote the very popular study we used several years ago...Not a Fan. Hope you can join us as we learn how we can make a difference in the world one person at a time.

If you would like to join us, please let Rev Alice know. Materials will be distributed at the end of February.

**LADIES RETREAT:** Are you tired and weary...need your battery recharged?? Do you feel the need to pull away and retreat and be spiritually strengthened???

I am thinking about leading a retreat for women. It would be at John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, WV. Why so far away and at a Catholic Center??

1. The idea of a retreat is to get away
2. I know this facility and have stayed there numerous times. They are so hospitable to all Christian groups. It is extremely clean and comfortable. The cost is very reasonable. It is in a beautiful setting.

I am thinking the earliest would be the end of April as you never know what the winter months bring as far as weather. Just to note: Everyone can have their own private room with bathroom. Let Rev Alice know if you are interested in attending.



### Our Shut-ins

## REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

Being shut-in this past year 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!

Bob Schlitz—Home

Connie Zimmerman—Arizona home

Dick Harper—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, Paul and Donna Gibson— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

Charlotte Lambka, - Edgewater Assisted Living

Georgianna Rymer- daughter's home

Mary Lou Rihl- Glenwood



**The Little Food Pantry on our property** needs some help! Lisa and Joe Ross (who placed it there) have been filling it each week, and it is almost immediately depleted! So they need some help!

What is needed? All packaged food in boxes, cans, or pouches. **NOTHING** that needs refrigeration! Also remember this is a small area to fill so small boxes are good. If you bring the food/items, we will get it in the pantry.

**PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO CHURCH AND LEAVE ON TABLE OUTSIDE OFFICES.**

For example: Canned goods - vegetables/ fruit

Peanut butter, Jelly, Crackers

Cereal (small box ...or individual serving)

Spaghetti and sauce, Pouch size tuna

Rice, Granola bars, Box macaroni and cheese

Soap/shampoo, Baby wipes



02/04	Barbara	Berry
02/04	Kristen	Johnston
02/05	Kathy	Wilson
02/07	Joyce	Harper
02/10	Jonna	Wilcox
02/11	Norman	Troyer
02/14	Carolyn	Gibeaut
02/14	Valerie	Merideth
02/15	Don	McKelvey
02/17	John	Bodenbender
02/25	Pat	Jordan
02/27	Carolyn	Mitchell

No Anniversaries in February!

**PWP PRAYER BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOUR HOUSE IN THE MORNING**  
**P - PROTECTION**  
**W - WORD - a verse of Scripture (see below)**  
**P - PURPOSE**

Pray for protection, pray God's Word of Scripture, pray for The Lord to show you His purpose for the day

Here is the link to 52 Bible verses...one a week. Say it aloud as part of the prayer.

<http://storage.cloversites.com/.../52-Bible-Verses-to...>

**UPDATED WEBSITE** - We have hired Charlie Russell to update our website. So stay tuned! We need short video clips of members expressing why you love PCPC. If you are willing to be videoed, please let Rev Alice know.

***SAFETY GUIDELINES!***

1. No longer will temps be taken at the door. If you are not feeling well or have been exposed to Covid, please stay home and watch online.
2. **THE ELDERS OF PLAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ARE REQUIRING ALL TO WEAR MASKS UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING. WE WILL RE-EXAMINE THIS POLICY AFTER THE WINTER MONTHS.**
3. Sanitizing will still continue.  
We will continue to revisit this as things change. Session approved reopening of our building this fall to outside ups with appropriate restrictions.

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS**

**\*Update\* - Marysville Hospital is allowing clergy to visit!!!**

PLEASE KNOW REV ALICE WILL VISIT ANY CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MAKE HER AWARE AS WELL AS MAKE A REQUEST TO THE HOSPITAL STAFF. DURING THIS COVID MESS THAT IS THE ONLY WAY - SHE CANNOT JUST FREELY WALK INTO A HOSPITAL AS IN THE PAST PRIOR TO COVID.

But please know that she will gladly pray on the phone with hospitalized individuals as she has been and will continue to do. She will also gladly visit you at home before surgery to pray in person.