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Word from Pastor Alice

Dear Church Family,

I recently listened to a sermon Bob Russell preached. He spoke about the prophetess Anna and how she waited at the temple year after year in anticipation of one day seeing the Messiah. Within his sermon Bob shared the following...

She could have said that morning...I'm 84, I've been through the routine before...I'll just watch online today and send in my offering. She would have missed the most significant moment of her life.

Online church is for the shut-in. Online church is for the vulnerable. If you can go to the grocery store, if you can go to the ball games, you can come to church. Online church is not church...it is a good front porch but not the living room. Would a lover be satisfied to Facetime his fiancée rather than be with her in person? I think not! In the Bible the church is a connected body with ligaments that join together not a bunch of bones scattered in the field. It is a building of blocks that are cemented together. It is not blocks that are in the weeds.

He continued to share of how when visiting his son's church in Florida, he needed a haircut. His son sent him to a salon that a Puerto Rican woman owned. He struck up a conversation with her while she was cutting his hair. He asked how she started coming to New Day Church.

She said years ago, I was going through a tough divorce, and I needed something. I heard about the church so I wandered in a little late. The place was packed and there was only one seat I could see near the back. I scooted in beside this older woman. She smiled at me. We started the service; and the music was so moving and the Holy Spirit so present, I just couldn't quit crying. And this older woman reached over her hand and patted me on the knee and said, "You've come to the right place." Next Sunday I went back and thought I wish I could sit with that older woman again as she was so kind to me. I walked in and the same seat was available. I sat beside her, and she greeted me warmly. As we worshiped, I thought I wish I had this woman's phone number. She seems like somebody I could talk to, and I really need to talk to somebody. At the end of the service, the elderly woman handed me a scrap of paper and said, "Here's my number if you ever need to call me, give me a call." That led to a luncheon, and a friendship, and this girl giving her life to Christ. Let me tell you,

I don't think that happens online. If you are focusing on the owner of the hair salon, I want you to focus on that older woman. She could have said, I can get just as much out of it watching on TV. But she didn't come to church for what she received, she came for what she could give. And that doesn't happen if you aren't hanging around church with expectancy.

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

We need one another to stand firm and be reaffirmed to faithfulness.

I thought Bob's words were so fitting for today. I encourage you to start the year off right and be at church. I know these are trying times, and I know COVID is at a high. We are keeping the church as safe as possible with masks and sanitizing. It is just as safe, if not safer, than the grocery stores, Walmart, ball games, and other outings.

We need one another during these difficult days! Seek to worship the Lord together with your church family in the sanctuary as we anxiously await His return. Don't miss out on the ways in which the Lord may touch your life or the ways in which you may touch the lives of others as we seek to be the united body of Christ.

Love being your pastor!

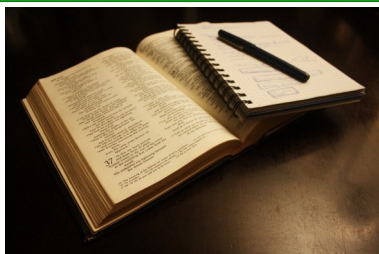
Love and Blessings in Jesus!

Alice

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

- Chic Foust
- John Jordan

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



Bible Study Opportunities:

Weekly Monday night prayer and Bible study continues on January 3. 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.

Men's Bible Study will begin again in January . The members will meet Saturday mornings, Jan 15 and 29 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.

Upcoming Meetings

Trustees Meeting: January 9 following worship

Session Meeting January 11 at 7 pm at the church

Deacons Meeting January 16 after worship

No Women's Circle in January

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, and Don McKelvey 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.



Church Treasurer Report for November 2021

The general fund balance for the end of November increased due to additional donations being made during the month. Therefore, donations were more than sufficient to cover expenses paid in the month.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 11/01/2021	\$ 6,237.48
Income	13,927.00
Expenses	<u>(11,085.45)</u>
Ending Balance 11/30/2021	\$ 9,079.03

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Best Regards,
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer



THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING MUSICIANS WHO MADE THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 12TH EXTRA SPECIAL: Ailene Albrecht, Janell Wilcox Gordon, Nacrina Alvarez Blanco, Lexi and Katelyn Rihl, Morgyn Craney, and James Pre-

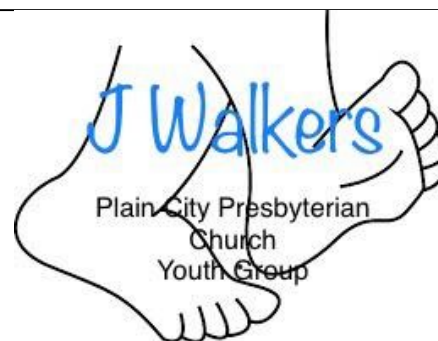
dovich. And to our AV guys Don McKelvey and Dave McCray.

THANK YOU to Carolyn and Gary Gibeaut, Steve and Nancy Patterson and John Rihl for delivering and arranging the Christmas Poinsettias. Thank you to all those who purchased one. Proceeds benefit Women's Circle and LIGHT. **THANK YOU!**

THANK YOU Advent wreath candlelighters: Don and Nancy McKelvey, Carol Burkhart and Sharon Newell, Nancy and Steve Patterson, Whitney, Chris, Ian, Henleigh, and Olivia Reed, John, Beth, Lexi, and Katelyn Rihl.

Thank you to all who participated in delivering the poinsettia and goodie bags to our shut-ins.

Thank you to John Rihl for work in updating the office Computer.



The J Walkers' next meeting will be in January. Watch for an email from Rev Alice for details



This picture is what remains of the First Presbyterian Church of Mayfield, KY. The 100 year old church was destroyed during the tornado outbreak of December 10.

DISASTER RELIEF We will be responding in two ways:

A. Financial gifts through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - make checks payable to our church with designation. We will send on in one check.

B. Hygiene kits (J Walkers Youth and Mission and Evangelism Committee will put together).

Items needed: Hygiene Kits - \$2.00 processing fee

1 — hand towel (approximately 16" x 28", no fingertip or bath towels)

1 — washcloth

1 — wide-tooth comb (remove from package)

1 — nail clipper (UPDATE: nail clippers with metal files or emery boards attached are now accepted; remove from package)

1 — bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

10 — Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips

1 — toothbrush (in original packaging).

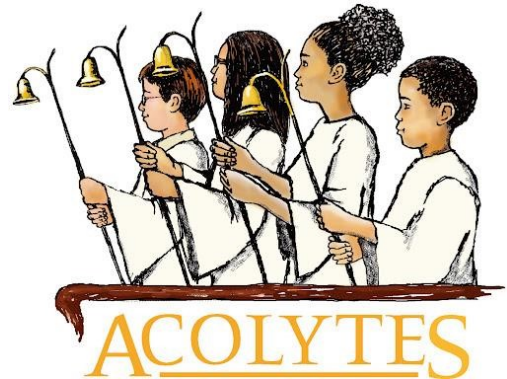
NO TOOTHPASTE!!!!



Thank you to all who donated Used Coats. We took all the coats that were left behind in the lost and found and combined we delivered 17 coats to DNA along with 15 hats and 10 set of gloves before the holidays. Thank you to all who participated in helping someone stay warm this winter.

We will also be delivering the remaining hats, gloves and socks donated to DNA and the Food Pantry in January. As of this writing, this will be an additional 16 hats, 28 pairs of gloves, 1 scarf and 38 pairs of socks. Thank you to everyone who participated this year.

Keep your eyes open for sales later this month and you can stretch your \$ and provide even more next year!



On December 19 we installed our new acolytes, Henleigh Reed and Morgyn Craney. Thanks to outgoing acolytes, Katelyn Rihl, Sophia Manring, and Sara Gordon for their service.

January 16

Dedication Sunday for 2022 Pledges

The Resource Committee has prepared the annual Stewardship letter and pledge cards. Please prayerfully consider returning a pledge this year. We will hold a dedication service on January 16 for our commitments.

Thank you for your continued generosity for supporting the operation of this church and for providing aid to folks in our community, in Central Ohio and throughout the world.

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve on a board for the upcoming year. Your service is very much appreciated. Watch for emails regarding upcoming installation and officer training opportunities.

SESSION

Class of 2022

Bill Pettibone
Rita McCray
Mindy Foust

Class of 2023

Sally Petznick
Whitney Reed
Harley Bodenbender

Class of 2024

Leanne Manning
Linda Watson
Judy Brady

DEACONS

Class of 2022

Carol Burkhart
Kathy Wilson
Valerie Merideth
Barbara Berry

Class of 2023

Karon Kaufman
Sharon Newell
Kim Moody

Class of 2024

Nancy McKeivey
Vicky Pettibone
Donna Rihl

TRUSTEES

Class of 2022

John Rihl
Larry Myers
Nancy Patterson

Class of 2023

John Watson
Chic Foust

Class of 2024

Don McKeivey
Norm Troyer

Music and Worship Committee: Roy Woods (2022) Janet Johnston (2023) Judy Bodenbender (2024)

Audit Committee: Sally Petznick (2022), Chris Johnston (2023), Elaine Wilcox (2024)

Nominating Committee for 2022 from Congregation At- Large - Jim Kaufman, Paula Williams (1 yr.)



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
Helen Watson- Darby Glen Rehab Hilliard
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

01/02 Jeff	Denhardt
01/03 Jim	Mitchell
01/04 Bryon	Smith
01/05 Helen	Watson
01/08 John	Bowen
01/11 Dave	McCray
01/12 Spencer	Beltz
01/14 Karon	Kaufman
01/14 Sharon	Newell
01/15 Barbara	George
01/15 Bob	Beach
01/16 Brenda	DeLeon
01/19 Travis	Manring
01/20 Matthew	Sperling
01/20 Judy	Brady
01/26 Eric	Manring
01/27 Molly	Sperling
01/28 Pat	Myers
01/28 Beth	Rihl
01/29 Donna	Gibson
01/29 Avery	Salyer



01/21 Whitney & Chris Reed

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 Visitation Updates

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

1. A pastor can visit if he/she is listed as one of the two visitors (that is all any patient is allowed) on the patient's chart. Most likely this will not be the case as family members are usually the two listed.
2. If patient or family requests the pastor to visit, a contact is made through the chaplain's office. The pastor is contacted by the office for a one time visit.
3. If someone is terminally ill, this is an exception...however, visits must still be cleared through the nursing staff.

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

This makes her heart sad as she believes pastoral calling is an essential part of ministry...but this is the way it is for now. 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.