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Dear Church Family,

Adapting to change! That is certainly something we have all had to learn to do this Christmas Season! A blast of arctic air creating sub zero temps plus ice/snow was not what we were asking for Christmas!!! But life is full of changes, isn't it? From the time we are born, we are constantly changing. Just watch a newborn baby through his/her first year, and one can witness lots of changes (no pun intended!). Of course the Holy Family certainly had to adapt to changes that first Christmas when Christ was born! Just think of the Wise Men making their long journey adapting constantly to change.

So even though this Christmas may have been a disappointment to many. - cancelled family gatherings, flights cancelled, and difficulty getting to worship - we have decided to make a change and offer an Epiphany Candlelight Service on January 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM. Epiphany is a celebration of the Wise Men coming to see Jesus and is the last day of the Christmas Season! So why not worship in a unique way!!! You just may see some Wise Men. Special music will be provided by Ailene Albrecht and Nacrina Alvarez Blanco.

- * Plan to join us and bring a friend!
 - * Bring a canned good or hat/mittens for those in need!
 - * A time of fellowship will follow with special kingly refreshments!
- Hope to see you there!

Love being your
pastor!
Love and Blessings
Jesus!
Alice

Epiphany Candlelight
Service

January 6, 2023

6:00 PM

Plain City Presbyterian Church

in



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

- Nancy Patterson
- Elaine Wilcox
- Sally Petznick
- Pat Jordan
- Baby Dale Stapp

Upcoming Meetings

Trustees—Sunday January 8

Deacons— Sunday January 15

Session Wednesday January 11

Bible Studies— Mondays beginning January 2 at 6:30 pm Zoom

Saturday, Men's Bible Study— January 7



- Thank you to candle lighters
- Thank you to Ailene Albrecht, Ken McGuire, and choir for the Christmas Cantata
- Thank to Janell for leading singing each Sunday am and especially on

Christmas Eve and Christmas morning.

- Thank you to Ailene Albrecht, Janell Wilcox Gordon, Nacrina Alvarez Blanco, and Michele Kopiec for special music in December
- Thank you to Jim and Rick Kaufman and Matt Holliday for being our Wise Men at CUTC. Also thanks to the Deacons for buying the crafts and for putting together candy bags. Thanks to those who were at our booth - Carol Burkhart, Sharon Newell, Barbara Berry, Janell Wilcox Gordon, Judy Brady, and Rev. Alice. Thanks to Junior Moody for setting up and Roger Weeks for bales of hay.
- Thank you to all who bought poinsettias for the sanctuary and Carolyn and Gary Gibeaut for picking them up and displaying them.
- Thank you to PW and all who contributed to the hat/mitten tree
- Thank you to Dave McCray, Jim Kaufman, and Brenda DeLeon for all their work with the Christmas baskets.

Thank you ❤️

SYMPATHY-

We send our love and sympathy to families experiencing the loss of a loved one.



...to the Rihl families as they mourn the loss of Mary Lou Rihl on Sunday, December 18.

...to the Stenner family and friends who grieve the loss of Pat Stenner who passed away on December 4. Her Celebration of Life Service will be held on February 4 at the church.

...to the Thomas and Ferguson families on the passing of Marian Thomas on December 3.

...to the Schlitz family and friends as Bob Schlitz passed away on December 30. The arrangements are still pending at this time.

...to Sally Petznick and family in the passing of Sally's brother-in-law Gene McCrum

...to Carolyn and Gary Gibeaut in the passing of Carolyn's cousin, Bonnie Styer.

... to Betty Ferguson and family in the passing of Betty's niece, Sally Parilla.

Please keep all the families and friends of these dear faithful ladies in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of loss.

Thank you to Everyone who donated a Poinsettia for the benefit of the LIGHT Program and the Women's Circle! Your generosity was appreciated!



Ailene and Richard Albrecht
All Cardiac Kids & Adults

Harley and Judy Bodenbender
In memory of our parents: John and Ruth Bodenbender and Bill and Florence Kobel
In honor of our children and grandchildren
In memory of Maggie Myers, Judy Robinson, Dr. and Margaret Karrer and Eva and Leo Wilcox

Judy Brady
In memory of Jack Brady

Carol Burkhart
In memory of Sarah Ross and Alayne Payne
In memory of Jack Burkhart and Harry & Edith Burkhart

Brenda DeLeon
In memory of Fred DeLeon

Jane Denhardt
In memory of Ralph Sr., Marguerite, Ralph Jr., and Nancy Nettles
In honor of Bob and Alice Denhardt

Betty Ferguson
In memory of Charles Ferguson & our parents
In honor of Rita and Dave McCray & family
In honor of Johna and Rich Stahl & family
In honor of Jay and Paula Ferguson & family

Gary and Carolyn Gibeaut
In honor of the people of Ukraine

Joan Irish
In memory of Roger and Steckie Cary
In memory of Lank and Gay Cary

Jim and Karon Kaufman
In memory of our parents: David and Marjorie Watson, Henry and Charlotte Kaufman Boerger and Robert Boerger
In honor of Grandchildren: Payton, Maia and Aidan

Dave and Rita McCray
In honor of our family
In memory of Charlie Ferguson

Valerie Merideth
In memory of Russell Merideth
In memory of Charlotte and Shorty Kaufman and Robert Boerger
In memory of Maxine White, Vivian Lester, and Tara Becker

Bob and Suzanne Merkle
In honor of our children, Jennifer and Bill, Rob and Heather
In honor of our grandchildren, Megan, Ethan and Evan

Larry and Pat Myers
In honor of our children and grandchildren
In memory of Maggie Myers and Howard Thomas

Sharon Newell
In honor of all Mobile Meals Clients
In memory of Bob and Helen Watson

Steve and Nancy Patterson
In honor of Chad, Brynn, Morgyn, Brandon, Liz and Elliott
In memory of Ray and Jean Russell, Melvin Patterson and Bob & Frances Patterson

Rev. Alice Phillips

In honor of Carol Burkhart, sister Helen Short, nieces, great nieces and great nephews
In memory of Thomas and Grace Phillips, Larry and Helen Hilldoerfer, Rev. Chuck & Pat Stenner, Rev. Don Patchel, Rev. Hugh Berry, Rev. Don Bartow, and Jack Burkhart

John and Linda Watson
In honor of Dave (Buzzy) Watson
In memory of Shirley Watson

Kathy and Dick Wilson
In honor of our children, Cindy, Pam, Brad & Brian
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Judd Cormany
Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp and Cheryl, Joe Wheeler, Orville Wilson

Paula Williams
In honor of my family



HOLY COMMUNION
We will celebrate communion on the Baptism of the Lord on January 8th.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS
If you are in the hospital or a loved one is and want a visit...please call or text Rev. Alice 740-391-2531

A NOTE OF THANKS:

Thank you so much for all of your prayers for our mother, Marian Thomas, during her brief illness and passing. We appreciate all of the cards, food provided by the congregation and Deacon's support and providing a meal following her services. Our family was touched by all of the condolences and hearing your wonderful memories. Special thanks to Rev. Alice for her support and meaningful service.

Sincerely,

Andy and Paula Thomas and families
and Paula and Jay Ferguson and family

Church Treasurer Report for November 2022

The general fund balance for the end of November again ended with a much higher balance due to a generous amount of donations being made during the month. Per capita donations started to come in along with additional designated donations. There were no extraordinary expenses during the month.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance	11/01/2022	\$ 9,899.31
Income		22,190.00
Expenses		<u>(14,395.98)</u>
Ending Balance	11/30/2022	\$ 17,693.33

If there are any questions about the financial information of the church, please let me know.

Best Regards,

Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

Church Treasurer Report for December 2022

The general fund balance for the end of December ended with a much higher balance due to a number of generous donations being made during the month. This will be helpful getting us through the first half of the year since those are usually low giving months. During the month there were numerous large payments made including quarterly insurance premiums, per capita fees (\$5,000), and all the budgeted benevolences were also paid. The Session also approved a \$500 donation to Hope's Lantern, which is the organization that the Church sends the Centsibility donation to.

Benevolence donations from general fund for 2022

Deacons Fund	\$ 500.00
Presbytery Missions	750.00
Plain City Food Pantry	2,500.00
She Dreams Again	2,500.00
Hopes Lantern	500.00
PC Pastors Fellowship	300.00
DNA - Daily Needs Assistance	3,000.00
Benevolences Total	\$10,050.00

In addition, the Church also received designated anonymous donations to the following organizations:

Deacons Fund	\$ 2,000.00
PC Presbyterian Womens Assoc	500.00
Christmas Basket Fund	500.00
She Dreams Again	5,000.00
LifeWise Academy	5,300.00

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 12/01/2022	\$ 17,693.33
Misclassified donation adjustment	(35.00)
Income	44,808.46
Expenses	<u>(26,340.92)</u>

Ending Balance 12/31/2022 \$ 36,125.87

If there are any questions about the financial information of the Church, please let me know.

Best Regards,

Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

NURSERY



Calling all individuals who would enjoy volunteering in the nursery on Sunday's during worship service. As a volunteer, we ask that you arrive in the nursery no later than 9:45AM on your Sunday. If there are no "little ones" to care for, you may join worship service at 10:10AM. If you are willing to volunteer, try to secure a buddy, as we need 2 adults for every service. If you are unable to find a partner, I will pair you with another volunteer. Let me know if you would like to serve in this way and what Sunday that would be convenient for you. The Christian Education Committee thanks you for considering this request!

Rita McCray text: 614-634-8197
email: teawithrita@yahoo.com

REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

Being shut-in during the pandemic 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!

Dick Harper—Home
Bruce Keiser—Dublin Retire Village Assisted Living
Chuck Stoker—Home
Bryan Becker—Home
Arlene Perkins, Paul and Donna Gibson—Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville



Our Shut-ins

Sally Petznick- Mill Run
Charlotte Lambka- Edgewater

Upcoming Events

Jan. 22 - congregational meeting to elect officers
Feb. 5 - ordination/installation of officers
Feb. 5 - annual congregational meeting
Feb. 11 - Church officer training
January 21 - Scioto Valley Presbytery P.I.E.

J Walkers - be watching for announcements

Deadline for Annual Report Submissions is January 22

If you've been asked for a submission to the Annual Report, please try to submit as soon as you can or at the latest, January 22 . Make your church secretary's day and submit soon! Thank you!

Sunday, February 5 is donation Sunday. Drop off in boxes on the way to the sanctuary.



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.

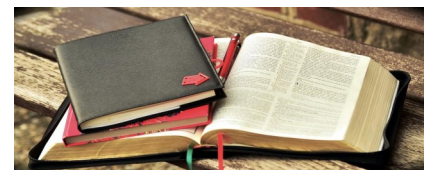
In need of : SOUPS, PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA, AND PASTA .

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE THE CHURCH ? CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE AV TEAM.

The AV Team needs **MORE** volunteers. Dave McCray, Jim Kaufman Don McKelvey, Ian Reed and John Rihl have been our ever faithful camera men . 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.

Monday Night Bible Study resumed January 2 as they journey through John. See Rev. Alice for Zoom link.

The Men's Bible Study will be resume Saturday mornings on January 7.





01/02	Jeff	Denhardt
01/03	Jim	Mitchell
01/04	Bryon	Smith
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

Jack Mercer's **90th** birthday is rescheduled for THIS SUNDAY

January 8, 2023, from 2-4 p.m.

This will be at the Pleasant Valley Located at 390 Allgyer Dr. Plain City, OH 43064. Your presence is the only gift necessary (plus a few memories and laughs ;))

LIFEWISE ACADEMY

PRAISE JESUS!!! LifeWise is now serving over 130 children from PC Elementary!

HOW CAN YOU HELP??
PRAY
GIVE
VOLUNTEER

Link to volunteer and contribute: <https://www.lifewiseacademy.org/nearlaunch/3904826/jonathan->



A Note from Bill Pettibone, Church Financial Secretary

The 2022 year-end donations tax statements will be available for pickup at church on Sunday January 29, 2023.