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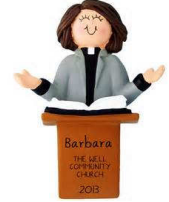
# PCPC PRESSing News

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## Word from Pastor Alice



Dear Church Family,

A New Year..a time when many attempt to make resolutions...usually doing things that will improve one's health, well being, and relationships. As we enter this New Year we have much to look forward to as the church...the body of Christ! There will be challenges as well as great joys, yet it is an incredible blessing to know Jesus and be part of a church family!

I love the following words from a poem written by British poet, Minnie Louise Haskins. There is no better way to start a year (actually every day) by putting your hand in the hand of God!

Could I encourage you to make the resolution this year to share your faith with at least one other person and to invite someone to church. Why not share the good news of Jesus and the security of walking hand in hand with Him!

Love being your pastor!  
Love and Blessings in Jesus!  
Alice

### *Helping with Worship for December*

- **Liturgist**– Come and See
- **Elder Greeter**– Doug Short
- **Head Deacons**– Linda Watson & Janie Collins
- **Ushering Team**– Michael George, Chris & Whitney Reed

### *Upcoming Meetings*



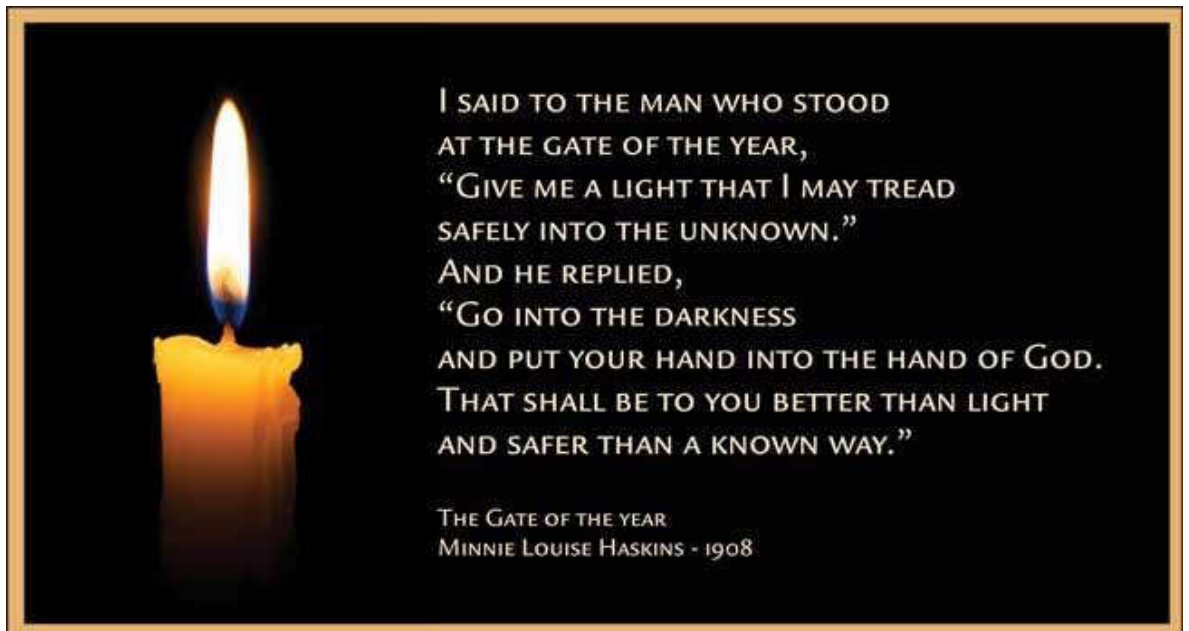
Trustees Sun Jan 14

Session Tues Jan 9  
7pm

Deacons Sun Jan 21



Keep Liz Schlitz, Jerry Smith, Art Warner, Janet Johnston, Elmer Collier, David Watson, Cindy Rickard Sankey, Sally Petznick, & Judy Walker in your prayers as they have been recovering from recent hospitalizations. Praying for a speedy, successful recovery!



I SAID TO THE MAN WHO STOOD  
AT THE GATE OF THE YEAR,  
“GIVE ME A LIGHT THAT I MAY TREAD  
SAFELY INTO THE UNKNOWN.”  
AND HE REPLIED,  
“GO INTO THE DARKNESS  
AND PUT YOUR HAND INTO THE HAND OF GOD.  
THAT SHALL BE TO YOU BETTER THAN LIGHT  
AND SAFER THAN A KNOWN WAY.”

THE GATE OF THE YEAR  
MINNIE LOUISE HASKINS - 1908



A Special Thank you to those who helped to make the Advent/Christmas Season much brighter!!

...to Judy Walker, the choir, and the cast of the 69th Annual Christmas Pageant:

Beth Beach ( director), Harley Bodenbender, Alexis Rihl, Ian Reed, Morgan Craney, Henleigh Reed, Olivia Reed, Sarah Gordon, Katelyn Rihl, Matthew Sperling, Gary Gibeaut, John Rihl, Willy Gordon, Chic Foust, Mike George, Danny and Chad Sperling (lights)

...to Advent wreath readers/candle lighters The Gibeauts, The McKelveys, The Reeds, The Shorts and The McCoys and Paula Berge

... to those who bought Poinsettias, supporting the PCPW and LIGHT while beautifying the church

...to those who helped pack Christmas food baskets for families and gifts for children. Thanks to all who came to help on the packing morning! Special thanks to Jim Kaufman and Doug Short for organizing the food, Dave McCray for organizing the families and making numerous phone calls, Beth Beach for organizing the children's gifts, Judy Weeks for organizing the food, and Brenda DeLeon, the treasurer! Thanks to those who donated food, donated financially, and who helped to pack! What an incredible blessing!

... to those who assisted with the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Communion

... to the entire congregation for the generous Love Offering provided to the church staff members. THANK YOU!

... to Rosemary Anderson for bringing the message on December 31

... to all who stayed to help decorate and undecorate the church for the holidays and donated storage totes!



**Mark your calendars now...you don't want to miss this opportunity!!! TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE APRIL 7 EVENT !** 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 at 6:30 pm. On Sunday, April 8th, he will be preaching at the Plain City Presbyterian Church. Tickets will be \$20 for Students and \$25 for Adults for the event and a complete meal. **They will be available after church in the parlor or stop by the church office in the mornings to purchase during the week.** This is a great outreach event to invite friends and neighbors to attend. Check out his website: <http://jbjamesbrown.com/my-story/>



**LEGACY— Peace**  
**January 14, 2018 4– 6 pm**

Warm up with fun fellowship in the cold of January by coming to Legacy. We'll be having some

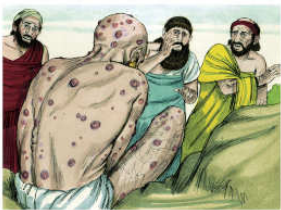
fun activities, games and discussion. It's an event for everyone. Invite your friends and neighbors. We'll enjoy a meal and will be wrapped by 6 pm. Bring you family and enjoy! You don't have to cook that night!! This is a great environment to invite someone new to join us in the small group setting, especially a family with children. For planning, just give the church office a call at 614-873-5011 or sign up on the display in the parlor to RSVP.



Thank you so much for the very generous Christmas gift, cards, gifts and words of appreciation. I love being your pastor. You are a wonderful church family.

Love and Blessings in Jesus!

Alice



**L.I.G.H.T. ( Learning in God's House Together)**  
**Learning the Faith of Job Begins January 21**

After a short break, we will begin learning about the life of Job. Come learn about his life, troubles, and most importantly, his faith. There will be 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 :

Off January 7 & 14

Jan 21-Feb 11 - **Job**

Off Feb 18 & 25

March 4-25— **Lent**

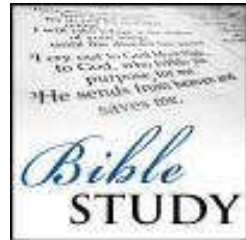
Off April 1 & 8

April 15– May 20—**Moses and Ten Commandments**

Off June, July, and August.

If you'd like to help with our LIGHT program, we'd love your assistance. Contact Carolyn Gibeaut, Rosemary Anderson or Rita McCray for details.

**Grow in your knowledge of the Word in 2018!! Has improving your Bible study efforts been on your to-do list? Then check out these opportunities.**



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.
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- **SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on the 1st Sunday, January 6 and on the 3rd (January 20) Saturdays at **8 am** here at the church. Bill Pettibone leads this study and they are using **not a fan** Bible Study.
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- **MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING 6:30 pm. Begins again January 8** 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 beginning January 8. They are working on a DVD study and discussion of **Romans—The Letter that Changed the World** .

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



**KUMJOINUS— January 13** Come out of your winter hibernation and join the fellowship of Kum-joinus on **Saturday, January 13 at 6:30 pm.** A gathering of fun folks come together to enjoy Pizza and a good time. Sally Petznick will be the host. We'll be ordering Pizza so just bring your drinks and some \$ for Pizza. If you are coming , please tell Sally at 614-873-4506 or the church office (614) 87.-5011 to help in the Pizza ordering.



**Presbyterian Women's Circle**  
**No Meeting in January. Stay in and stay warm. Mark your calendars for February 20 6:30 pm..**

## 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 and they 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. Donation Cards for needed items are now on the clothesline in the parlor. Please return your donations by **Sunday, January 28**. There are donation tubs in the parlor. 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."

## Thank You to the those accepting the Call to Serve

The following church member were asked to serve on a board or committee and have heeded the call. Thank you for say "Yes". We have much to be done here at Plain City Presbyterian Church and beyond and our lives are all busy but your willingness to help is truly appreciated. We will be electing our officers on Sunday, January 7. Training will be on January 20 and Ordination and Installation services will be help during worship on Sunday, January 21.

Board of Elders – Class of 2020 : Chris Johnston, Shane Manring, Bob Merkle, Jane Denhart to fill the position of Doug Short in the Class of 2019

Board of Deacons – Class of 2020 : Connor Johnson, Sharon Newell, Whitney Reed, Judy Weeks, Nick Bodenbender to fill the position of Jan Short in the Class of 2018

Trustees – Class of 2020 : Gary Gibeaut, Steve Patterson, Donna Rihl

Worship and Music Committee: Suzanne Merkle (2020)

Audit Committee : Harley Bodenbender 2020

Nominating Committee for 2018: Rosemary Anderson, Judy Bodenbender, Brynn Craney, Donna Rihl, Paula Williams

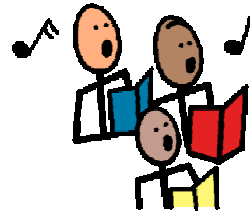
2 Alternates: Sally Petznick, Trina Stone



## Gentle Spirit - January 11 at 6 pm

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. **Due to the extreme weather, the meeting was moved to Thursday, January 11 at 6 pm**

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The Choir will be taking a break during the month of January. They will return in February after a much needed rest!

## 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.

## **FEED MY SHEEP FOODBANK**

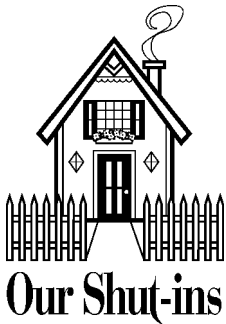


The PCPC Food Bank “Feed My Sheep” continues to grow and serve an important mission of our Church. We have truly been blessed with an **amazing “crew” of volunteers** who come faithfully each week to help unload, sort, display and joyfully distribute food to a growing group of people in need. Here are 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!**

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. **“It is a blessing to all of us to be able to do this work and only the support of our congregation has made this mission possible.”**



## REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

I received a suggestion that I think will be very helpful. We’ll be adding a list of our shut-ins in the newsletter and where they are living. 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— Heartland Marysville

Liz Schilitz—Willowbrook Rehab, Delaware

Betty Mayer— Home

Connie Zimmerman—Home—Winter Snowbird

Dick and Joyce Harper—Home

Marian Thomas- Dublin Retirement Village Independent Living

Pat Stenner—Dublin Retirement Village Assisted Living

Pat & Chuck Stoker—Home

Alice Shalosky— Home

Tara and Brian Becker—Home

Arlene Perkins— Home

Alice Shalosky— Home

Jean & Ray Russell, Doris France, Emily Baker- Edgewater Assisted Living



**Thank you to all who helped fill our Mitten Tree**

Thank you for filling the tree and donation boxes this year. Donations were distributed between the PC Food Pantry and our Feed My Sheep. We'll do again next year so keep an eye out for year end clearance sales and stock up. Hats and mittens don't have an expiration date.



The 2018 Flower Chart is up and waiting for you 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. There are many blanks in January and February so let's fill it up!

**Max & Erma's- Waiting on new coupons for the 2018 Fund Raising. Stay tuned. I hope to receive them in time for February.**

Pastor Alice will be out until January 4. 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-

**DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSIONS: Make the church secretary's day. Have your annual reports in by Sunday January 21st so the combined reports can be assembled by the Congregational Meeting on January 28.**

**Challenges for 2018:** As the new year begins, it's a chance to try something new or to try something again. Here's a few ideas for 2018:

1. Visit a shut-in. Just give them a call and stop by. The winter days are long and a visit means a lot. Don't make it a big production or worry what to bring. Bringing yourself will be the most valuable thing of all.
2. Come back to church. Has life covered up your Sunday Mornings with events and obligations? Mark an appointment with God on the calendar and come back. We miss you!
3. Invite someone to come with you to church. What do you enjoy about Sunday? The study, the music, the sermon, the traditions, the friendly faces, the food. Whatever it is, tell them and invite them to share it with you. Then take them out to lunch.
4. Try something new. Never listen to contemporary music? Or heard it and did not like it? Find a radio station and give it a try. Or listen on the Internet. Never read Presbyterian Today? There are many back issues under the parlor bulletin board. Pick one up. They don't bite!!
5. Interested in checking out the Food Bank and just never have? Mark a Saturday on your calendar and come at 4:30 pm to help. We're there every Saturday and you are always welcomed.
6. Check out a Bible Study. We offer several here at the church. There are many free one's on-line.
7. Take time to disconnect from your electronics and use that time to reconnect with God, friends, and family.



Our Loss is Heaven's Gain.

A Great Man

God's Instrument to Helping Many.

Rev. Charles Stenner—1926—2017

Our sympathy and prayers goes out to Pat and the entire Stenner Family during this most difficult time.

Rev. Stenner's dedicated years of services to our church and the countless lives he touched will long be remembered.

Rest in Peace

Rev. Stenner

Rev. Dr. Charles Edwin "Chuck" Stenner, age 91, of Plain City, Saturday, December 16, 2017 at Dublin Retirement Village Assisted Living. Born on October 26, 1926 in Detroit Michigan. [Army](#) Veteran of [WWII](#) stationed in Tokyo at General McArthur's Headquarters. Attended the following: Eastern Michigan University, Wayne State University, [University of Michigan](#), Princeton Theological Seminary, Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio to obtain his BA, MS, MDIV, DMIN. Retired Teacher, Administrator and Pastor. Served 27 1/2 years as Pastor of Plain City Presbyterian Church, 6 interims in Marion, Dublin, Columbus and Delaware. Member of Plain City Presbyterian Church, Plain City Lions Club, Columbus Singing Buckeyes, Presbyterian of Scioto Valley, Board President of Mortgagee Board of Pleasant Valley Colony, Secretary of Board of Trustees Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Choir member of Worthington Presbyterian Church. Married Patricia Mae ([Smith](#)) Stenner on September 2, 1949 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Michigan. Parents: late Alfred Jackson Stenner II and Katherine Ann (Schwesinger) Stenner, children: Lieutenant General Charles (Diedra Rice) Stenner, Jr. (Retired) of Centerville, GA, David (Lisa Dunson) Stenner of Union, KY, Timothy (Vickie McCabe) Stenner of Mars, PA; grandchildren: Jill (James) Kaufman, Eric (Jackie Parker) Stenner, Kelly (Clayton) Johnson, Nathan Stenner (Jared Gregoire), Trevor Stenner, Katherine (Jon) Bradstreet, Mark (Rio Friday) Stenner, Molly (Trey) Halbrooks; great-grandchildren: McKenna Kaufman, Riley Kaufman, Conner Kaufman, Arran Kaufman, Maddie Stenner, Charlie Stenner, Kevin Johnson, Darcy Johnson, Chloe Johnson, Brady Johnson, Wren Stenner, Edwin Stenner, Corinne Bradstreet; brothers: Rev. Dr. Alfred Stenner of Chapel Hill, NC, Rev. Henry (Gertrude) Stenner of Goodyear, AZ, Rev. Richard (Mary Lou) Stenner of Indianapolis, IN. Memorial Services will be held 11 AM Friday, December 29, 2017 at Plain City Presbyterian Church, 231 E. Main Street (Rt. 161W), Plain City, with Rev. Alice Phillips officiating. Burial of Cremated Remains at a later



# January 2018

**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
- 11:15 Fellowship in Parlor

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!	2 7pm Boy Scouts	3	4	5	6 8 am Men's Study 4:30 pm Food Bank
7 Election of Officers	8 6:30 pm Prayer 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Cubs	9 7 pm Session Meeting 7pm Boy Scouts	10	11 6 pm Gentle Spirit 7 pm PC Lions	12	13 4:30 pm Food Bank 6:30 pm Kumjoinus
14 Trustee Meeting Legacy 4-6	15 6:30 pm Prayer 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Cubs	16 7pm Boy Scouts	17	18 Girl Scouts 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm	19	20 Officer Training 4:30 pm Food Bank
21 Deacon Meeting Installation of Officers	22 6:30 pm Prayer 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Cubs	23 7pm Boy Scouts	24	25 7 pm PC Lions	26	27 4:30 pm Food Bank
28 Congrega-tional Meet-ing	29 6:30 pm Prayer 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Cubs	30 7pm Boy Scouts	31			



01/02	Jeff	Denhardt
01/03	Jim	Mitchell
01/04	Bryon	Smith
01/05	Helen	Watson
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
01/25	Emily	Baker
01/26	Eric	Manring
01/27	Molly	Sperling
01/28	Pat	Myers
01/28	Beth	Rihl
01/29	Avery	Salyer
01/29	Donna	Gibson



01/21	Chris & Whitney	Reed
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