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Word from Pastor Alice

Dear Church Family,

I remember several years ago hearing Rev. Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie at The Cove. Lloyd was a Presbyterian pastor and Senate chaplain and author of numerous books. He went home to Jesus a couple years ago. His seminar was devoted to the "He is able" passages in Scripture.

In the midst of all the confusion we are living in today, perhaps you and I need to be reminded that God is still on the throne and God is able!

God is able to provide for you:

"And God is ABLE to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work" (2 Cor. 9:8).

God is able to do more than you can ask or imagine:

"Now to Him who is ABLE to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (Eph. 3:20-21).

God is able to deliver you:

"For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is ABLE to aid those who are tempted" (Heb. 2:18).

God is able to keep what you have committed to Him:

"For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is ABLE to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day" (2 Tim. 1:12).

God is able to establish you:

"Now to Him who is ABLE to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began" (Rom. 16:25).

God is able to keep you from falling:

"Now unto him that is ABLE to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen" (Jude 24-25).

God is able to save you to the end and intercedes for you:

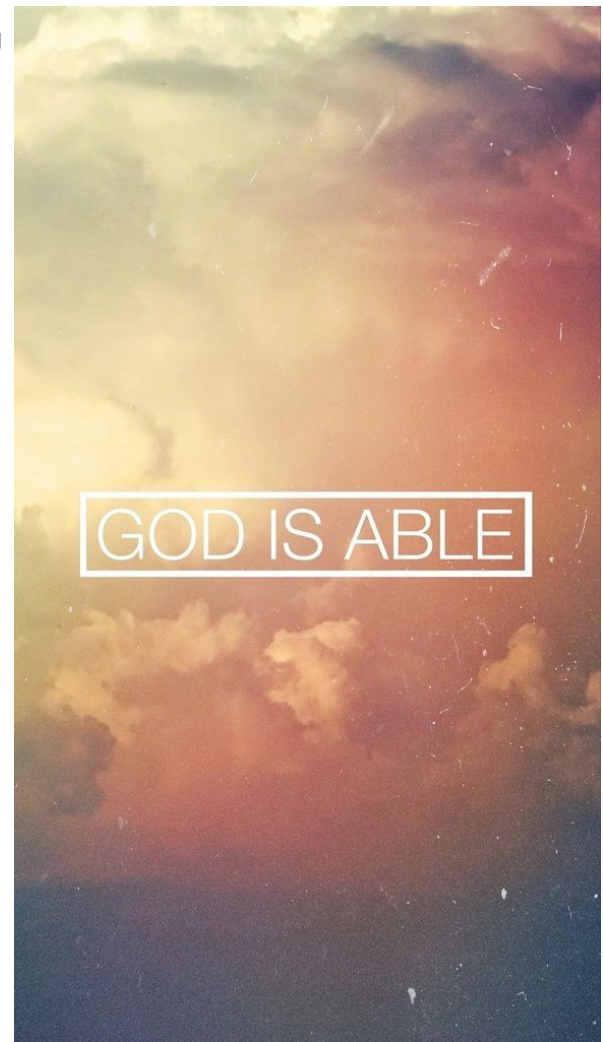
"Therefore He is also ABLE to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25).

KEEP TRUSTING IN THE ONE WHO IS ABLE!

Love bring your pastor!

Love and blessings in Jesus!

Alice

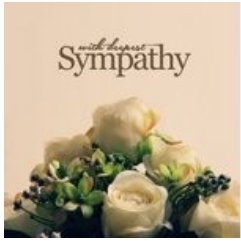


Keep these folks and their caregivers in your prayers for healing and recovery from hospitalization or recent illness.

- Larry Myers
- Kathy Wilson
- Bob Watson
- Willy Gordon
- Marilyn Strayer
- Dee Dee Hurley



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



Our church family shares our sympathy to the Lears in death of cousin, Jim Hastings and to the Fousts in death of cousin, Nancy Alexander



Thank you to Whitney Reed and Carol Burkhart for helping Rev Alice put together the Valentine bags for shut-ins! Also thanks to those who helped deliver the bags: Mindy Foust, Whitney Reed and Jim and Karon Kaufman.

THANK YOU to Rita McCray and Jim and Karon Kaufman for helping Rev Alice deliver communion kits to shut-ins and those who have no internet access.

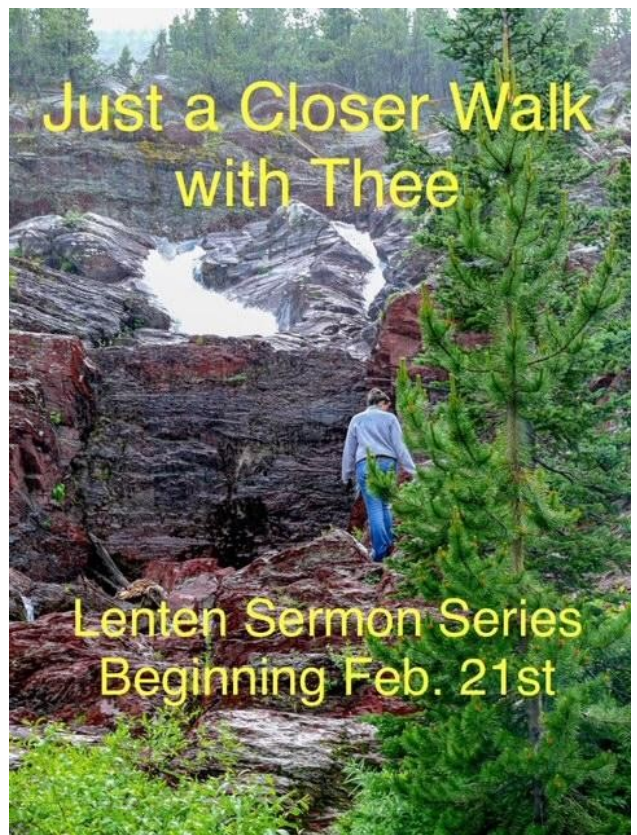


Monday Night Prayer and Bible Study began a new study on **Romans** on January 11. If you would like to join us, please let Rev Alice know and she will send the Zoom connection.

Attention MEN! ZOOM Bible Study on Saturday mornings is here! The group currently meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Please contact Bill Pettibone if you would like to join! billpsurvey@hotmail.com

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE - Why not take the challenge for 2021! There are many plans available online as well as many apps.

Here is a link to a chronological reading of the Bible.
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/10819-the-one-year-chronological-bible>



THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP.

Several in our church expressed the desire to be able to come and worship in person. We looked at other factors as well. Session decided it was time to re-open the church **WITH THE SAME VERY STRICT PROTOCOLS AS BEFORE!** All will wear masks (except those speaking up front), no singing, temps taken at door, using hand sanitizer, and sanitizing church afterwards. Should you have been exposed to COVID or are not feeling well...please **DO NOT** come in person. Also, we ask that each person make his/her own decision as to what is comfortable to each regarding attending in person.

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 and Jim Kaufman have been our ever faithful camera men for **MONTHS** 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 January 2021

The general fund for the month of January ended with a strong balance, with expenses being within normal for the month, and having a strong carryover from December. An additional contribution of around \$6,000 was credited for 2020. While the weekly average donations were down from the end of last year, the month also had five weeks of donations so donations matched closely to expenses.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 1/01/2021	\$ 16,877.69
Income	10,331.32
Expenses	(10,476.86)
Ending Balance 1/31/2021	\$ 16,732.15

For the month, \$500 was sent to the Plain City Food Pantry. If there are any questions, please let me know.

Best Regards,
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON AT THE CHURCH AND ON ZOOM ON MARCH 14, 2021 at 11:15 AM

Here is the connection if you cannot make it in person. Click on the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3304949823?pwd=Y3E2b0Nhai9FMnpTZORzZklnStLUT09>

Meeting ID: 330 494 9823

Passcode: ppcmeets

If you cannot make it in person and cannot connect on Zoom but have a question, please email Rev. Alice at revalp@neo.rr.com.

Where to send your offering? For now keep sending your tithes directly to Suzanne Merkle or to the church: Suzanne will continue as financial secretary until things ease up with the pandemic when meeting to discuss her job would be easier. For those using offering envelopes, they are here at the church to pick up if you are attending or give the office a call and we will get them to you or arrange a pick up.



Thank you to everyone who donated blankets for Church World Services. Your gifts provide a comfort-

ing warm blanket for a person in need.

SPRING ROAD CLEAN -UP

Help the environment and help the mission trip fund at the same time. The Darby Township Trustees have again graciously approved the church's request to clean up the township roadsides for funds for future mission trips. Great activity for families and young people. If you are willing to help out, please contact Jim Kaufman at 937-243-1653 or jnkkaufman@gmail.com.



Daylight Savings Time begins **March 14**. Remember to spring forward your clocks on Saturday night so you won't be an hour behind on Sunday.

The Judy Walker Music

Scholarship Still Collecting Donations

Judy Walker has faithfully served our church as organist for the past 54 years. The Session has wanted to find some way to honor Judy for her many years of service and decided to establish the Judy Walker Music Scholarship Fund. Each year a graduating student will be chosen. The amount given each year will be determined by the funds that become available. Please mail your gift to Suzanne Merkle; or if you are worshipping in person, you may bring your gift to the church. **PLEASE** designate on your check/envelope that it is for the Judy Walker Music Scholarship Fund.



Update on Number of Board Members:

Session decided to change the number of board members beginning with the class of 2021. This decision was made realizing the number of board members for the size of our church seemed out of balance along with the fact that people were serving many years without a break. So beginning in 2021, we will be electing two trustees and three deacons. This will continue each year until the number of board members by 2023 will be six instead of nine trustees, and the number of deacons will be nine instead of twelve. The Elders will remain the same at nine members.

Shut in Visitation If you are shut-in and would like a visit, or if your family member is shut-in and you would like Rev Alice to visit him/her, please let her know.

For the protection of everyone, she will only visit outdoors at nursing homes, assisted living places, or homes with everyone wearing a mask and social distancing. No home communion at this time, unless you or family has the communion elements available and already there for his/her loved one.

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021 FLOWER ORDER FORM

L.I.G.H.T and Presbyterian Women are sponsoring the annual Spring Flower Sale to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Plants are priced individually as indicated. **Please plan on taking them after the Easter Service if you are attending in person or plan on making arrangements to pick up during office hours the following week.** Please fill in the blank below with the number of flowers you wish to order and specify honorarium or memorial. Proceeds will be divided between the L.I.G.H.T program and the Pres. Women.

Lilies (\$10) _____ Tulips (\$10) _____ Daffodils (\$10) _____ Azaleas (\$12) _____

Ordered by: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

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Payment can be cash or check payable to PCPC. If you are attending worship in person, you can put your order form and payment in the offering or you can drop off or mail your order (with payment) to arrive **by March 12.**

Our deadline for ordering is MARCH 15.

EVENTS FROM OUR PRESBYTERY: Global Mission Event Mission Engagement 101 White Paper

Dates/Time: All sessions will be held on Saturdays [from 10:30 a.m.](#) to noon via Zoom . Registration: Email Les Sauer at lessauer@hotmail.com to receive a Zoom link before each

****Session 3 (March 20) – “Power and Money in Mission, historically and today”** Conversation with Jed Hawkes Koball and Jenny Valles Koball, serving in Peru

****Session 4 (April 17) – “What is Presbyterian about doing mission? How do congregations plug in?”** Conversation with Victor Makari and Doug Dicks, serving in Israel and Palestine

****Session 5 (May 15) – “Next steps--where do we go from here? Growing engagement in global mission in your congregation”** Conversation with Dan and Elizabeth Turk, serving in Madagascar



03/02 Katelyn Moody
 03/05 Jay Ferguson
 03/05 Betty Ferguson
 03/08 Alexis Rihl
 03/11 Sonia Walker
 03/15 Drew Lear
 03/16 D.J. McCray
 03/16 Arlene Perkins
 03/18 Whitney Reed
 03/21 Mackenzie Beltz
 03/21 Kathy Verne
 03/23 Janell Wilcox
 03/28 Chris Reed
 03/31 Bruce Keiser

03/06 Fred & Brenda DeLeon
 03/16 Barbara & Jim Berry
 03/17 Larry & Pat Myers
 03/21 Michael & Barbara George
 03/24 Tom & Kathy Verne
 03/25 John & Linda Watson



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!

Mary Mitchell— Prestige Gardens Marysville

Bob Schlitz—Home

Connie Zimmerman—Arizona home

Dick Harper—Home

Fred DeLeon - Home

Marian Thomas & Pat Stenner & Bruce Keiser—Dublin Retirement Village Assisted Living

Chuck Stoker—Home Pat Stoker- Bluebird Retirement, Marysville

Alice Shalosky— Home

Bryan Becker—Home

Arlene Perkins— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

Ray Russell, Emily Baker, Mary Lou Rihl. Merilyn Strayer-Edgewater Assisted Living

Georgianna Rymer- daughter's home

THANK YOU to the following individuals for providing music each Sunday. Session has decided to send them monthly gift cards from our church family in appreciation. If you would like to send a note of thanks to them, here are their addresses.

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