



Dear Church Family,

I love Holy Week...probably my most favorite time in the church year! When I was in high school/college, although Presbyterian, I remember going to a local Lutheran Church for their continuous 3-hour Good Friday Service from noon until 3:00 p.m. One could come and go throughout that time as it was divided into segments, or one could stay the entire three hours. Each segment had singing, prayer, and a meditation with different people being involved in leadership. The end of the service concluded with the pastor carrying the cross lifted high and the congregation singing "Lift High the Cross." That was the most moving part of all. I hope you look forward to Holy Week with great anticipation as well!



Holy Week will be celebrated the last week of March this year. We will have services on Palm Sunday and Easter at the usual times of 10:00 A.M.

Palm Sunday – special music, distribution of palms and parade

Maundy Thursday – Messianic Seder Meal with soup supper prior to the seder beginning at 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy the fellowship with one another around the table, understand our roots, and celebrate Holy Communion.

Good Friday – Tenebrae (service of darkening lights) beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Easter – special music, joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection! Continental breakfast prior to worship in the parlor.

I hope you make every effort to be in worship for each of these services during Holy Week as we draw close to the cross of Christ and all that Jesus did for us by dying for our sins. Celebrate with great joy on Easter morning as we rejoice in the resurrection, knowing through faith in Jesus we can live as free, redeemed people and with hope of the assurance of our eternal home with the Lord.

My sermon series, **JESUS is my V.A.L.E.N.T.I.N.E.** – knowing Jesus' love continues...

2/18 **V** – vine

2/25 **A** – almsgiving

3/3 **L** – love one another

3/10 **E** – no Eye nor Ear

3/17 **N** – name above all names

3/24 (Palm Sunday) **T** – Thanks and Truth

3/28 (Maundy Thursday) **I** – Invitation

3/29 (Good Friday) **N** – Night/darkness

3/31 (Easter) **E** – Eternal Life

Looking forward to seeing you in worship! 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 including Covid.

Dick and Kathy Wilson



Board Meetings after worship:

Trustees—Sunday, March 10

Deacons— Sunday, March 17

Session—Sunday March 24



BIBLE STUDIES

Monday night Bible Study at 6:30 pm

via Zoom. The group will continue their journey through John. Please contact Rev. Alice for more information and the Zoom link.

MEN'S Study is BACK. Upcoming dates are here at the church. See Bill Pettibone for details. Upcoming dates are March 9 and 23 and April 6 and 20

Thank You To Barb Holliday, Leanne Manring, and Michele Kopiec for serving as liturgists during February.

Thank you to Donna and Beth Rihl, Janell and Elaine Wilcox, Jim and Karon Kaufman and Judy Brady for making soup for the Ash Wednesday Service. Thank you to Sharon Newell for bringing bread and also to those who brought cookies for dessert.

Thank you to all who donated blankets during February . A total of \$420 was collected for 42 blankets.

Thank you to the J (Jesus) Walkers Youth Group for putting together the Lenten/Valentine bags for shut-ins.T

Thank you to Carol Burkhart for helping Rev. Alice put together the Lent in a Bag devotional.

SYMPATHY

We share out condolences with

- Chris and Janet Johnston for the passing of his brother, Rob on Feb 19.
- Valerie Meredith and Jim and Karon Kaufman and families in the passing of cousin, Blake Gorton.

LAY LITURGIST NEEDED Rev Alice would like to start having a lay liturgist again. She is putting together a schedule for lay liturgists for 2024. So far she has Leanne Manring, Michele Kopiec, and Barb Holliday who have expressed interest. (Hopefully, she didn't miss someone). If she did, please let her know. Or if you have been thinking about it and would like to do it...please respond here or text her at 740-391-2531 asap.



Next Meeting of the PC Presbyterian Women's Circle will be on the first **Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 pm.** Nancy McKelvey will serve as moderator/devotions and Janell Wilcox Gordon will provide refreshments. Come join us for a night of good fellowship. **We will be rescheduling our assembly of the grief blankets for later in the spring.**

Bargain Bingo– Sunday March 10

From 3 pm to 5 pm



We know some of you have been looking for local BINGO opportunities. Come join us for Bargain Bingo at the Plain City Presbyterian Church (231 E Main) on Sunday March 10 from 3 until 5 pm. Come out and enjoy your Sunday. The Bingo is FREE and we'll have a prize table for you lucky winners. Come on out and enjoy some good company and good fun! Snacks will be provided but you're welcome to bring along your favorite to share. Hope you to see you there.



Come join us on **Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.** at the Plain City Presbyterian Church for a Messianic Seder. Come learn of our Jewish roots in the Passover Seder and how we can see Jesus the Messiah in the Seder. Holy Communion will be served as part of the Seder. This is not a full meal...but we will have a soup supper right before. **SO WE NEED SOME SOUP MAKERS!** If you can make soup, please let me know. Also, help will be needed in setting up the Seder. If you can help, please let me know. Also, please let us know if you are planning to attend so the appropriate number of tables can be prepared. Invite a friend!

FROM DNA The Learning Café The Church & The Poor Understanding God's Heart for the Vulnerable DNA Outpost 5103 Main St NE, London, OH 43140) Plum-wood

Our church has signed up for Wednesday, April 17 for dinner and a one-time workshop to grow in your understanding of God's heart for the poor

The 1.5-hour presentation talking about the following:

- The Biblical mandate to care for the poor
 - * What Biblical justice really means
 - * What it means to "walk with people towards Christ"
 - * Poverty in the context of our community
 - * Tools for taking our 30 day compassion challenge



The First Sunday of the month is donation Sunday so April 7 is the next fill up Sunday. But you can drop off in boxes on the way to the sanctuary any time. 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 .

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!

Bob and Suzanne Merkle— Dublin Retirement Village

Chuck Stoker—Home

Bryan Becker—Home

Arlene Perkins, Paul and Donna Gibson— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

Charlotte Lambka— Edgewater

Jack Mercer— Bluebird Marysville

Dick and Kathy Wilson— Monarch Skilled Nursing

Church Treasurer Report for January 31, 2024

The general fund balance for the end of January decreased due to lower donations being received. Please note that benevolences for 2023 were paid and are shown below in a final adjusted balance for December 31, 2023.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 12/31/2023	\$ 27,425.02
Benevolences	<u>(9,100.00)</u>
Final adjusted Bal 12/31/2023	\$ 18,325.02

Income	8,010.00
Expenses	<u>(11,976.28)</u>
Ending Balance 1/31/2024	\$ 14,358.74

2023 Benevolences Paid

Daily Needs	\$3,000.00
She Dreams Again	\$2,500.00
PC Food Pantry	\$2,500.00
Presbyterian Missions	\$750.00
FOR Plain City	\$300.00
Deacons	\$50.00

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

Best Regards,
 Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

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

The AV Team needs **MORE** volunteers. Jim Kaufman Don McKelvey, 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 Jim if you are willing

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations on your 7th Wedding Anniversary!

03/02	Katelyn	Moody	03/16	Barbara &	Jim	Berry
03/05	Betty	Ferguson	03/17	Larry &	Pat	Myers
03/05	Jay	Ferguson	03/21	Michael &	Barbara	George
03/08	Alexis	Rihl	03/25	John &	Linda	Watson
03/15	Drew	Lear				
03/16	Arlene	Perkins				
03/19	Barb	Holliday Wilcox				
03/23	Janell	Gordon				

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

Monthly Healing Services with the anointing of oil and laying on of hands will return again since we discontinued at the time of Covid. The healing service will be during our prayer time after the livestream. If you or someone you know needs this ministry, plan to be present on **the first Sunday of each month.** Remember you can stand in for someone who can't be here.



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 Rev. Alice 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!

LIFEWISE UPDATE

- Praises:
- New substitute teacher – Leanne Weeks
 - Successful pancake breakfast raising \$14,000 toward next school year
 - Enrollment increasing weekly – now serving nearly 300 1st-6th graders
 - Continued unity and partnership within our team and with our community



Benefit Breakfast - March 9 – Sharon Mennonite Church 8:30 am—11 am Ryan Dobson Keynote Speaker Pray for each seat to be filled with patrons eager to support the mission!