



Dear Church Family,

Ken Davis shares the following humorous and beautiful story.



***The state was Ohio, I don't remember the city, but I will never forget the moment. I was about to speak to several hundred teenagers who had spent the day playing wild games at a [YFC Campus Life](#) event.***

***A local farmer plowed a football sized field next to the church then the fire department soaked it with thousands of gallons of water.***

***The result was the gooiest mess of sticky black slime I had ever seen. It was in this quagmire the teens were to compete in what Campus Life called a "Mud Bowl" - A series of athletic events designed to get them covered in mud from head to toe. Then immediately afterward they were invited to hear a band and my talk – inside a brand new church!***

***Do you see where this is going? My mind began to race. How were these adults going to deal with 200 mud-covered teenagers in a pristine new church? And WHY did they agree to this certain catastrophe in the first place. I remember meeting a youth leader who had been fired because one of his students had accidentally scratched a pew during a music concert.***

***I peeked into the church to discover that the leaders had covered every bit of floor and furniture with black plastic. How many hours did that take? These were people that loved kids. I felt a lump in my throat.***

***I stepped outside just as the games finished and noticed a mountain of towels that had been lent to the church by the YMCA. The fire truck had returned, and black plastic had been spread everywhere. The teenagers formed a long line and as each stepped forward an elderly deacon hosed them down with the fire hose and another handed each kid a towel.***

***No grumpy warnings or threats from these men with wrinkled faces and bent bodies, only broad welcoming smiles. I was so moved by the compassion and spirit of these guys that I had to ask the question stumbling in my brain.***

***I stepped up to the elderly deacon holding the fire hose. "Why do you do this?" I asked. "Why do all this work and take the risk getting your new church dirty? " He broke into a huge smile that pushed the wrinkles to the edge of his face.***

***"I don't know about the other guys," he said, "but I do it because deep in my heart I enjoy seeing this....." Then he opened the valve on the fire hose and blew the next teen in line 9 ft across the black plastic. I laughed until I hurt. Everybody laughed.***

***There were no OLD people at the church that day. Just a bunch of seventeen year old hearts, some of them wrapped in wrinkled packages and some with fresh young faces being blasted long the ground by a fire hose. So how young is your heart?***

***When was the last time you felt the heart of a seventeen year old beat inside your chest?***

***When was the last time an older person with a young heart touched your life?***

The story makes you stop and think that in a church family, the elderly are so important in the lives of our young people, and the young people are so important in the lives of the elderly. Much can be learned from both!

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.



Rev. Marion Stenner  
Leanne Manring

### Upcoming Meetings

Board Meetings after worship:

Session—Sunday May 28

Trustees—Sunday May 7

Deacons— Sunday May 7

Bible Study— Mondays 6:30 pm Zoom

**J Walkers - Watch for updates**



Thank you ❤️

...to John Watson and Jim Kaufman for fixing the handrail going to the basement .



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**May 28**- Mark your calendars , come catch the spirt and wear **RED!**



We share our condolences with Brynn Craney and Brandon Bradley and their entire families for the passing of their father, Bruce

Bradley on April 13. A Gathering to Celebrate his Life will be held on May 7 at 12 pm at the Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 55 Pasadena Ave. Columbus, 43228 ( New Rome Area)

**Monday Night Bible Study will continue through May 22 and then begin summer break.**

**Men's Bible Study will taking a break now through summer. Check back in the Fall for more details.**

We will gather to Celebrate the Life of our friend, Sally Petznick on



**Saturday, May 13 at 11 am here at the church.**

Come celebrate our memories of this dear member of the church. For the health of family members, please consider if possible, wear-

ing masks during the service.

**PANCAKE**  
BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER  
Saturday, May 13th

**8AM - 1PM**

**Lions Building**  
**Plain City Pastime Park**  
**Drive Up Only**



Donations  
Accepted &  
Appreciated

Proceeds benefit the  
Plain City Lions Club

**MENU**  
Pancakes  
Sausage  
Milk, Coffee  
Orange Juice



Next Meeting of the PC Presbyterian Women's Circle will be on **THURSDAY May 18 at 6:30 pm.** With later days, we are moving back to evenings to help with some scheduling conflicts. All women of the church are invited to attend.



# Vacation Bible School

Save the dates June 26-30 -10 am –noon



VBS will be for ages 3-sixth grade and will be held outside.. More details on supplies needed to come later but we will need tents and volunteers to be group assistants and general assistants. See Rosemary Anderson if you can help out in any way!

Twists and Turns Vacation Bible School is a **fantastical celebration of how following Jesus changes the game**. Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win!

## Senior Recognition Sunday– May 21

Come join us in celebrating the graduation of **Alexis Rihl and Logan Beach**. The Women's Circle will provide refreshments and a gift to help celebrate their accomplishments. Come wish these two wonderful young women good luck on their future adventures!



Logan Beach is a 2023 Senior at the Jonathan Alder High School. She has lettered in basketball & in marching band. She has been a leader of the cymbals in the percussion section. After graduation she plans to take art design and photography classes at Columbus State and study Digital Photography. Her dream is to attend the Columbus School of Art and Design to continue further studies.

Alexis has been a good academic student throughout her school career. She is graduating with a 3.81 GPA. Her future plans are undecided, but she plans on attending Columbus State in the fall while exploring her options. She loves Marvel movies, doing her nails, shopping, and hanging out with her beloved dog, Piper.

# 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!

## 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!

Bruce Keiser—Dublin Retire Village Assisted Living  
Bob and Suzanne Merkle— Dublin Retirement Village



Chuck Stoker—Home  
Bryan Becker—Home  
Arlene Perkins, Paul and Donna Gibson—  
Walnut Crossing Assisted Living,  
Marysville

**Our Shut-ins**

Charlotte Lambka— Edgewater

Jack Mercer— Bluebird Marysville

### New Addresses:

**Bob and Suzanne Merkle-** Dublin Retirement Village Apt 222

6470 Post Road

Dublin, OH 43016

Suzanne's cell 614-530-0976

Bob's cell 614-530-0978

**Jack Mercer—** Bluebird Retirement

145 Colemans Crossing Blvd Room 101

Marysville, OH 43040

614-582-4801



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

ed? 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 .**

## Church Treasurer Report for March 2023

The general fund balance for the end of March ended up from last month due to some additional one-time donations during the month. Expenses were mostly as expected.

### General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 03/01/2023 \$ 32,509.12

Income 20,501.38

Expenses (15,825.04)

Ending Balance 03/31/2023 \$ 37,185.46

Additional special donations included \$815.00 for Presbyterian disaster relief for Turkey and Ukraine. The total for the Blanket Sunday project was \$710.00.

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 to learn and help.





05/22 Don & Nancy McKelvey  
 05/26 Drew & Sherline Lear

05/01	Elliott	Bradley
05/01	Jerry	Hurley
05/07	Judy	Bodenbender
05/07	Austin	Hurley
05/07	Sherline	Lear
05/11	Jim	Berry
05/11	Justin	Erdman
05/11	Madelyn	Cook
05/15	Austin	Lester
05/16	Kim	Bodenbender
05/16	Michael	George
05/17	John	Jordan
05/19	Leonard	Rihl
05/21	Olivia	Reed
05/30	Mark	Bushong
05/30	Linda	Watson
05/31	Richard	Meeker



Join churches all across Plain City for CommUNITY Night of Worship and Prayer. Our heart is unity. One kingdom, one Church, one Savior. We are better together.

So wherever you find yourself with faith, come worship with us. Welcome the Holy Spirit with us through song, rest in the presence of God through prayer, and make room to let yourself be loved by Jesus. Come and see.

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life." -Matthew 11:28

**SPRING L.I.G.H.T. SCHEDULE: THE PARABLES OF JESUS**

- April 16 - What Are Parables?
- April 23 - The Prodigal Son
- April 30 - The Lost Sheep
- May 7 - The Good Samaritan
- May 14 - MOTHERS' DAY - NO

**CLASS**

- May 21 - The Talents
- May 28 - The Mustard Seed / Treasure / Pearl / Net

**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



Be watching for Summer Family Fun Events!