

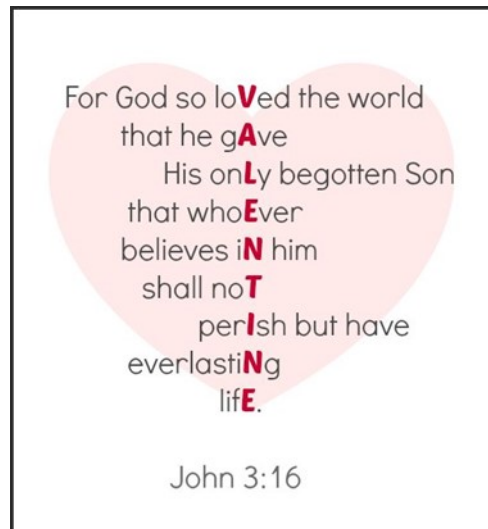


Dear Church Family,

It doesn't happen very often that Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday are on the same day. The last time was in 2018 and prior to that it was 1945, 1934, and 1923. The next time it will be 2029.

The Tennessean reports..."The Feb. 14 mashup reminds Christians that God's love is a key part of the penitent season meant to prepare believers for the Easter celebration, said the Rev. Benjamin Butler, associate pastor at St. Stephen Catholic church in Nashville. "Ironically, it can be a very appropriate way to start Lent," Butler said.

It is an appropriate way to start Lent as we remember that Jesus is the greatest valentine of all. His sacrificial love for us at the cross demonstrates a love far greater than any other.



We encourage you to start the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday) on February 14, 2024, with your church family as we focus on all that Jesus did for us on the cross. We will have a soup supper and a worship service around the tables including the celebration of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

Be forever grateful for the greatest Valentine of all...JESUS!

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.

Judy Bodenbender  
Janet Johnston  
Rick Kaufman



**Board Meetings after worship:**



**Trustees—Sunday, February 11**

**Deacons— Sunday, February 18**

**Session—Sunday February 28**



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to :

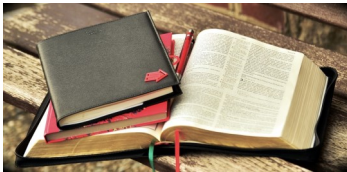
Pat and Larry Myers on the passing of Pat's brother-in-law, Don Isgrigg.



To Barb Holiday and Leanne Manning for serving as liturgists during January.

Thank you to everyone who turned in reports for the Annual Report. Your assistance was much appreciated.

**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 **February**

**10 and February 28** at 10 am here at the church..See Bill Pettibone for details.

Join together at the Plain City Presbyterian Church at 6:30 PM for a soup supper on Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2024). We will have worship around the tables including Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. If you would like to make soup, please let Alice know. So far we have 5 soup makers.



**ASH WEDNESDAY**



Congratulations to Katelyn and Cody on the birth of son Ryker Gene Vannatta on 1/26/24 7 lbs 11 oz 19 1/2

inches  
Congrats to grandparents Kim and Junior Moody and great grandmother Valerie Meredith.



Next Meeting of the PC Presbyterian Women's Circle will be on the first Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 pm. Carolyn Gibeaut will serve as moderator/devotions and Rosemary Anderson will provide refreshments. We will be working to assemble the blessing bags to begin their distribution into the community.

**EASTER 2024 FLOWER ORDER FORM Easter Sunday – March 31,2024**

**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 picking 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 Presbyterian Women’s Circle.

Lilies (\$15) \_\_\_\_ Tulips (\$10) \_\_\_\_ Daffodils (\$10) \_\_\_\_ Azaleas (\$15) \_\_\_\_

Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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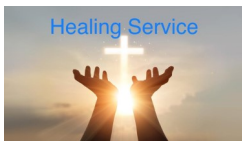
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**Payment can be cash or check payable to PCPC.** If you are attending worship in person, you can put your order form and payment in the offering or you can drop off or mail your order (with payment) to arrive **by February 25 . Our deadline for ordering is MARCH 1.**

**Total No. of plants:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_



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.

**Bargain Bingo– Sunday February 18**

**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 February 18 from 3 until 5 pm. The kiddos and some of you have Monday off so 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



**Feb 3 - Church officer training** All new and present officers serving on the Church Boards are asked to attend Officer training on Saturday, Feb. 3. from 10 am until 2 pm. Lunch will be provided.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be February 4, 2024, immediately after prayer time. **Officers will be installed Sunday, February 4, 2024.**

**New Officers**

**Session class of 2026:**

Rosemary Anderson  
Janell Wilcox-Gordon

**Session class of 2025**

Kim Moody (to fill a vacancy)

**Trustees class of 2026:**

John Watson  
Nancy Patterson

**Deacons class of 2026:**

Paula Williams

**Music & Worship: Brenda DeLeon (2026)**

Currently Serving: Nancy Patterson (2025)  
Judy Bodenbender (2024)

**Audit Committee:** Steve Patterson (2026)

Currently Serving: Chad Craney (2025) Elaine Wilcox (2024)

**Thank you for answering the call to serve. Your service is much appreciated!**

**Boards for 2024**

**Session class of 2026:**

Rosemary Anderson  
Janell Wilcox-Gordon

**Session class of 2025**

Kim Moody  
Shane Manring

**Session class of 2024**

Leanne Manring  
Linda Watson  
Judy Brady

**Deacons class of 2026:**

Paula Williams

**Deacons class of 2025**

Barbara Berry  
Carol Burkhart  
Valerie Merideth

**Deacons class of 2024**

Nancy McKelvey  
Vicky Pettibone  
Donna Rihl

**Trustees class of 2026:**

John Watson  
Nancy Patterson

**Trustees class of 2025**

John Rihl  
Jim Kaufman

**Trustees class of 2024**

Don McKelvey  
Norm Troyer

**Thank you** to Karon Kaufman, Sharon Newell, and Kim Moody who completed their service as Deacons. Thank you to Kim Moody for moving to Session to fill a vacancy. Thank you to Chic Foust for his service as Trustee. Thank you to John Watson who served on Trustees and has agreed to serve another term. Thank you to Judy Brady and the nominating committee, Valerie Merideth (Deacon), Norm Troyer (Trustee), Rosemary Anderson, Jane Denhardt (at-large) for their work on filling these positions.



**MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY:** If you are interested in going on the mission trip to Point Pleasant June 22-26, please contact Jim Kaufman by March 1.



**The First Sunday of the month is donation Sunday so February 4 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 . This is being used more frequently so the need is there.**

## Church Treasurer Report for December 2023

The general fund balance for the end of December decreased a good amount due to a number of large expenses during the month, which is similar to past year's expenses. However, donations were down a good deal from last year.

### General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 12/01/2023 \$ 33,248.75

Income 11,891.50

Expenses (17,715.23)

Ending Balance 12/31/2023 \$ 27,425.02

Note that the ending balance does not include any budgeted benevolences for 2023. The Presbytery Per Capita fees were paid in full.

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

Best Regards, Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer.

## REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS



### 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

## NURSERY



Calling all individuals who would enjoy volunteering in the nursery on Sunday's during worship service.

vice.

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!



No Anniversaries this month

- 02/04 Barbara Berry
- 02/05 Kathy Wilson
- 02/11 Norman Troyer
- 02/14 Carolyn Gibeaut
- 02/14 Valerie Merideth
- 02/15 Don McKelvey
  
- 02/17 John Bodenbender
  
- 02/17 Barbie Scheiderer
- 02/25 Pat Jordan

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

**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.

**Upcoming Musical Events.....**

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** will be at the historic Palace Theater. Tickets start at \$10 and can be can be purchased through CAPA box office or by calling directly at 614-469-0939. Proceeds from the production benefit the Hospice and Palliative Care Program at Nationwide Children's Hospital.  
 Ailene will be playing in the orchestra pit.  
 March 1 - Friday - 7 pm  
 March 2 - Sat - 1 pm and 5:30 pm  
 March 3 - Sunday at 1 pm  
 And  
 Greater Columbus Community Orchestra - Free - Sunday Feb 18 - 7 pm at Hilliard Presbyterian Church

**LAY LITURGIST NEEDED** During Covid we had disbanded lay liturgists. 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.

**LIFEWISE UPDATE**

- We raised what we needed to purchase a used 14-passenger shuttle van!
- We continue to grow! Serving 295 students to date.
- Benefit Breakfast - March 9 – Der Dutchman banquet rooms – Ryan Dobson Keynote Speaker Details are coming together. Pray for each seat to be filled with patrons eager to support the mission!
- So many students were sad to miss LifeWise over break... it was encouraging to hear how much they love coming, and we can't wait to start again this week
- We have interest in our open Substitute Teacher position
- Professional filming of LWA JA promotional.

