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Word from Pastor Alice



Dear Church Family,

This certainly will go down as one extraordinary November...a pandemic, a contentious political battle for the Presidency, racial tensions, anxiety and fear, and unrest in our inner cities. Amidst it all, we continue to be thankful to our Lord for His daily provisions, His peace that passes all understanding, the blessing of family and friends, warm homes on cold nights, and the list could go on and on. Although Thanksgiving Day will be much different this year for many of us, myself included, our Lord's faithfulness to us never changes. He is our Lord and Savior and our only hope! Keep trusting in Him... keep looking to Him...keep thanking Him. We can endure these difficult days if we keep our eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gary Wilburn writes...In 1636, amid the darkness of the Thirty Years' War, a German pastor, Martin Rinkart, is said to have buried five thousand of his parishioners in one year, an average of 15 a day. His parish was ravaged by war, death, and economic disaster. In the heart of that darkness, with the cries of fear outside his window, he sat down and wrote this table grace for his children:

*Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.*

It may sound familiar as they are words to the wonderful hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God". When you realize what was going on in the life of Martin Rinkart when he wrote the hymn, it certainly is a hymn of gratitude amidst tremendous strife. May our hearts and minds in 2020 resound with the same gratitude for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Love being your pastor!
Love and Blessings in Jesus!

Alice

Upcoming events:

NOV 1: All Saints Sunday will be on Nov. 1. We will remember and light a candle for members who died during the past year as well as those individuals associated with our church. We will also remember the faithful living saints in our midst who are 75 years of age and older.

NOV 2: Pre-Election Prayer Service NOON or 8:30 pm

The pastors of New California and Plain City Presbyterian Churches will join together for a prayer service on Facebook live at noon on Nov. 2. Tune in to the Plain City Presbyterian Church Facebook page at noon.

If you can't make it at noon: Check the recorded version on the New Cali Presbyterian Church page, the Plain City Church page, Earl Dunbar's Facebook page, or Alice Phillips' Facebook page. Also, Earl and Alice will have watch parties on their Facebook pages at 8:30 p.m.

NOV. 22 : Thanksgiving/ Stewardship Sunday will be celebrated on November 22nd during worship.



Set your clock back 1 hour on Saturday October 31 so you'll be on time on Sunday November 1.

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



- Janet Johnston
- Rev. Tom Phillips
- Dave McCray
- Bob Watson
- Richard Meeker
- Jack Mercer
- Brenda DeLeon



So
Sorry
for
Your
Loss

The church family shares our sympathy with :

Mark Bushong and family for the passing of his sister, Kathy on October 4.

Bob Schlitz and his family for the passing of his wife, Liz, on October 9.

Rest in peace, Liz and Kathy

Thank
You

Drew, Keitha, Tommy and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your cards, prayers and the outpouring of love you all have shown to us during this difficult time of loss. Malcolm enjoyed those of you that visited him at Edgewater and we

all appreciate each one of you.

Love, Sherline, Drew, Keitha and Tommy Lear.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you all for your kindness, prayers and cards during this difficult time. We truly appreciate all your thoughtfulness. We have moved back north to be closer to our family and grandchildren.

Grace and Peace, Jan and Dave Rozelle

New address: 16728 Co. Rd. M -2 Napoleon, OH 43545

Bible Study



Monday Night Prayer and Bible Study 6:30 pm. for November 2. If you would

like to join us for this one night Bible Study" DROP TO YOUR KNEES" . The link to the study is <https://www.annegrahamlotz.org/2014/11/16/drop-knees/> and the zoom link.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3304949823?pwd=Y3E2b0Nhai9FMnpTZ0RzZkliNStLUT09>
Meeting ID: 330 494 9823 Pass code: ppcmeets

Attention MEN! Attention MEN! ZOOM Bible Study on Saturday mornings is here! Please contact Bill Pettibone if you would like to join! billpsurvey@hotmail.com

MISSION UPDATE...WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

MISSION UPDATE IN THE COMMUNITY: THANK YOU TO SO MANY FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS TO THE MISSION FUND! Session decided to disperse \$500 per month to the PC Food Pantry which will take our giving to them through the winter months. We are also awaiting to hear what will happen with DNA in regards to possibly moving from their current building.



Thank you Rural King for your \$100 donation

On behalf of Rural King and our associates, we would like to thank you for your

participation in Church Week 2020. We know this year has been filled with much uncertainty and unprecedented times, but we are grateful for the continued Kingdom work that you, as Christian leaders, are doing. It is a privilege to partner with you in giving back to the communities you serve. We know it is because of your dedicated patrons, who took the time to register and make a purchase, that this support is given to you and your mission. We hope you receive this donation from your community members, and an additional contribution from us, totaling \$100, as it brings joy to your organization and those you serve.

Sincerely and God Bless,
Alex and Meghan Melvin

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

AV Team needs more volunteers. Dave McCray and Jim Kaufman have been our ever faithful camera men for weeks 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 September 2020

For the month of September, donations for the church's general fund were down from prior months while expenses were higher. There was a quarterly payment during the month for the church's insurance in the amount of \$1,919.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 09/01/2020	\$ 3,861.50
Income	8,505.00
Expenses	(11,615.19)
Ending Balance 09/30/2020	\$ 751.31

The audio/visual technology fund paid expenses of \$6,832 during the month, which left an ending balance of \$1,648.20.

The Judy Walker Scholarship fund received additional donations of \$650, so the balance is now \$2,604.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Best Regards,
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

Guest Minister- November 8 and 15. Rev. Alice is planning on taking well deserved time off and Rev. Marion Redding Stenner will be bringing the Sunday message.

REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

Being shut-in these past few months 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 Retire 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- Edgewater Assisted Living

Georgianna Rymer- daughter's home



Our Shut-ins

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.



Two Coat Drives : Westside Urban Ministry and DNA

There will be two opportunities to provide a coat to a child in need this winter. First is the annual Westside

Urban Ministry (WUM) Drive sponsored by our Presbytery. For November, any coats dropped off at the church before by November 9 will be taken to the Covenant Presbyterian Church on Saturday November 10. More information on this ministry is below.

The Presbytery's Westside Urban Ministry (WUM) is once again providing winter jackets (and hats and mittens) to Columbus City Schools' kids. WUM collects new or gently-used winter gear from our Presbytery Churches (P.C.), the Harmony Project, and others, and then distributes about 20 coats to a school's nurse or counselor for them to give to a child when she/he comes to school with no coat, hat or mittens. Last year we were able to supply coats to 66 schools! We are often asked, "What sizes do you need?" We need mostly elementary and middle school size jackets. But we can also use lined or heavy hooded sweatshirts for the high school kids.

In early December DNA will also especially need new children's coats for Christmas. They will also be accepting good used coats for the Kids Closet program. Any coats provided after November 9 will be given to DNA. You are welcome to drop coats off on Sunday or you can stop by during office hours, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday mornings 9 until 1. Give the office a call 614-873-5011 to let Carolyn know you are stopping by.

WHAT'S IN THE TUB.... There is a plastic tub outside the Church Street door which you can stop by anytime and get: **UPPER ROOMS AVAILABLE-** The **November/December Upper Rooms** have arrived. **UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY-** If you have changes/corrections, please don't hesitate to let Carolyn Gibeaut know. A church directory is always a work in progress.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee for 2020* will be meeting soon to prepare the slate of officers for our church. We would appreciate your willingness to serve on a board by letting us know which positions you would consider, and also your recommendations for other members that you feel have a gift for any particular board.

We will be electing: **3 members to the Board of Elders**
 4 members to the Board of Deacons
 3 members to the Board of Trustees

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

SESSION

Class of 2020

Shane Manning
Chris Johnston
Bob Merkle

Class of 2021

Judy Brady
Betty Ferguson
Pat Myers

Class of 2022

Bill Pettibone
Rita McCray
Mindy Foust

DEACONS

Class of 2020

Connor Johnston
Sharon Newell
Whitney Reed
Judy Weeks

Class of 2021

Don McKelvey
Nancy McKelvey
Paula Williams
Trina Stone

Class of 2022

Carol Burkhart
Kathy Wilson
Valerie Merideth
Barbara Berry

TRUSTEES

Class of 2020

Gary Gibeaut
Steve Patterson
Donna Rihl

Class of 2021

Norm Troyer
Jim Kaufman
Frank Smith

Class of 2022

John Rihl
Larry Myers
Nancy Patterson

The Class of 2020 will retire as of 12/31/20 . You will be nominating individuals for the class of 2023. All members serve a 3-year term.

Please prayerfully consider being on a Board. You know your strengths and the strengths of your neighbor! Remember to thank all of those who have given of their time and talents and have been faithful servants for 3 years.



The J-Walkers (Jesus Walkers) Youth Group will once again be coordinating Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

There are 2 options this year!

1. Traditional way of filling a shoebox with items. If you would like to participate, please let me know. I have some plastic shoeboxes that can be used or you can fill a regular shoebox.
2. Fill a shoebox online. Go to the site and pick what you place in your shoebox and pay online.

Here is our church link:

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspur.org/view/ec027ab6-7c97-4871-9f72-0b819e41f66f>

All boxes must be returned by Nov. 22nd. They will be dedicated In worship on Nov. 22.

Return to Judy Brady, chairman, via email at jjabrady@aol.com or mail to 4083 Plumwood Ct. Plain City 43064, or send/drop off at the church.

*Members of the 2020 Nominating Committee are: Judy Bodenbender, Jerry Smith, Linda Watson, Brenda DeLeon, Mindy Foust Alternate: Beth Beach, Jane Denhardt

I recommend the following persons for consideration as church board members:

Elders (3 to be elected)

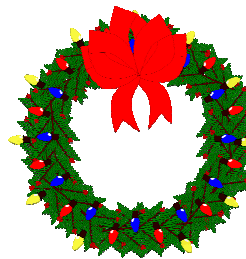
Deacons (4 for 2023)

Trustees (3 to be elected):

Worship and Music Committee (1 to be elected): Currently serving: Suzanne Merkle (2020) Janell Wilcox (2021) Roy Woods (2022)

Audit Committee (1 to be elected): Currently serving: Harley Bodenbender (2020) Elaine Wilcox (2021), Sally Petznick (2022)

Nominating Committee for 2020– From Congregation-at-Large (5 + 2 Alternates to be elected)



Advent is coming - even in the year of COVID19

The First Sunday of Advent is November 25 so we'll need some extra hands to help decorate the church during the week of November 22. This year in an effort to limit contact, if you are interested in helping decorate, we'll complete the work during the week a little at a time and mainly the sanctuary and doors. If you are interested in helping during office hours that week, please let Carolyn know. We'll have the decorations staged and you can work alone or with someone. Be sure to wear your mask.



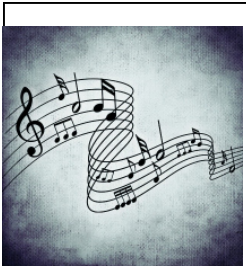
11/01	Joey	Walker
11/03	Diana	McCoy
11/09	Lisa	Nelson-Woods
11/12	Matthew	Schlitz
11/15	Christopher	McCoy
11/17	Chris	Johnston
11/19	Olivia	McCoy
11/19	Nicholas	McCoy
11/20	Kyle	Moody
11/25	Rachel	Ferguson
11/28	Larry	McCoy
11/29	Chad	Craney

11/04	Nick	&	Kathy	Stapp
11/10	Norman	&	Renee	Troyer
11/11	Shane	&	Leanne	Manning
11/29	Chad	&	Molly	Sperling



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 worshiping 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.



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.

DR. AILENE ALBRECHT & CAITLYN MACKAY

2235 Hackney Ct
Hilliard 43026

DIRK AHLGRIM

139 N Powell Ave
Columbus, OH 43204



Welcome Home.. Church Remains Open

We invite you, should you have the desire to come to the church for worship, to join with us. We are fully aware that some of you are not able to come because of health issues or an uneasy feeling about it. **We respect your individual decisions. As stated before, there is a strict protocol that will be followed. ALL PEOPLE will be wearing masks except for Rev Alice when speaking (or Rosemary doing children's sermon), social distancing will occur, temps taken, and sanitizing will be practiced. Bring your emailed or mailed bulletin with you or watch it on the screen. No bulletins will be distributed at church. If you are not able to come just yet, you can join us online on Facebook and YouTube.**