



Dear Church Family,

Within this past month it has been one repairman after another at my home. A plumber, a furnace repairman, a Spectrum repairman, and a garage door repairman have made their way to my home with one still having to make a return trip. It does seem to happen that when one thing breaks so does another in a home, doesn't it?

It made me think of the very broken world we are living in right now. Wars in Ukraine and Israel, rise in hatred, confusion, loneliness, addictions, increased suicidal rates, broken families, grief, lack of civil discourse, what is wrong is considered right, and what is right is considered wrong, and the list can go on...and on. We live in a very broken world. The good news is as believers in Jesus Christ, we have the Greatest Repairman with us 24/7/365. So, if your heart is discouraged and saddened by much of what you see going on around you, take heart. Jesus Christ understands fully the brokenness. That is why He came - to heal the broken heart. He died on the cross for our hearts that are broken by sin and was resurrected granting us forgiveness of sin, new life each day, and the great promise of eternal life with Him. One day when He returns (which I believe is drawing closer and closer) all in the world will be made right. Until that time, we are to stand strong in the faith knowing He never leaves us or forsakes us. I am sharing some Scripture below. I would encourage you to memorize some, if not all, of these verses. When your heart becomes discouraged, claim the promises of God's Word.

HERE ARE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

John 14:1 Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 16:33 I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Psalms 34:18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalms 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

AND IN THIS SEASON OF THANKSGIVING...LET US TURN OUR HEARTS TO BEING THANKFUL, GLORIFYING, PRAISING, AND EXALTING THE LORD OUR GOD!! IN THE MIDST OF IT ALL, HAVING A THANKFUL HEART CHANGES US BY GIVING US STRENGTH AND HOPE!!

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Message from Pastor Alice continues...

Psalm 34: 1-7 I will **extol** the LORD at all times; His **praise** will always be on my lips. I will **glorify** in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. **Glorify** the LORD with me; let us **exalt** His name together. I sought the LORD, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.

Keep trusting in the Great Repairman, Jesus Christ!!

Love being your pastor! Thankful for each of you!

Blessings in Jesus!

Alice

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

Dave Watson
Arlene Perkins
Rosemary Anderson



- To the Women's Circle for organizing a community game night and to all who came and enjoyed the evening.

- Thank you to Steve Patterson, Chad Craney, Kim and Junior Moody for helping to transport tables, help set up and tear down our booth. Thanks to Nancy Patterson who provided a game and stayed the entire time. Thanks to Judy Brady who helped pass out candy. Thanks to Carolyn Gibeaut and Carol Burkhart for preparing bookmarks with church info on them. Thanks to all who contributed candy, prizes and financial help. We passed out candy to approximately 500 children.
- Thanks to Janell Wilcox and Carol Burkhart for helping set up the Children's Prayer Room. Thanks to Rosemary Anderson for working on putting some of the items together and to John Watson for helping to transport items.
- Thanks to Barb Berry's daughter for donating a play chalk board easel for the nursery and Bill and Vicky Pettibone for donating the wooden high chair or downstairs.



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to :

- The family and friends of Eleanor Roby who passed on October 20
- Richard and Willie Meeker upon death of brother-in-law, Lee Haberer.
- All the Watson family members in the passing of Paul Frye, brother-in-law and uncle to Jim and Karon Kaufman and family, Sharon Newell and family, and Dave Watson and family.



Upcoming Meetings

Board Meetings after worship:

Trustees—Sunday, November 12

Deacons— Sunday, November 19

Session—Sunday November 28

Community Christmas Basket Program - 2023

We are having the program this year but in a modified format. There will be no food collection/distribution. Our church will NOT be the home base for operations this year – there is no home base this year.



If you want to adopt a family you will be responsible for providing \$30 for a family gift card, buying any gifts for the children, and wrapping them. This year you have the option of arranging to deliver the gifts to the family, arranging to have them picked up by the family or bringing the gifts to our church and we will make sure they get to the family. You can bring the \$30/family to the Plain City Presbyterian Church on Monday, 11/20/2023 between 6 and 7pm and you will be given the family gift card and an index card that will contain the family information: Name, address, phone number, children's ages and gender (so you can purchase age appropriate gifts). We also have families that do not have any children so you would just give us the \$30 for the family gift card and then you have the option to contact the family to arrange for pick up or delivery of this gift card or you can leave it with us and we will make sure the family gets the gift card. If you choose to contact the family yourself to arrange for pickup or delivery of the gifts we ask that you contact the family by Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

If you would like to make a donation please make checks payable to “**Christmas Basket Fund**” and send them to the church:

Plain City Presbyterian Church
Christmas Basket Fund
231 E Main St.
Plain City, OH 43064

Please contact Dave McCray at 614-408-1617 if you have any questions or are interested in adopting a family.



Women's Circle November Meeting -November 14 at 6:30 pm

Judy Brady will be our leader and Donna Rihl will share refreshments. Come join in this time of fellowship and planning to help in God's work.

Reminder these are some of our outreach ideas for the year we are working on....

- **Blessing Bags** which hold care items in a plastic bag that you can share when your path crosses someone in need. A list of suggested items will be on the parlor bulletin board. A donation box will be in the parlor as well.
- **Diaper Collection**—Due to a continual need, we will be collecting diapers of all sizes for children and adults. They will be given to DNA .
- **Winter Coat Collection— now** until December
1. Will go to local DNA for those in need. Leave on table by office.

CHRISTMAS UNDER THE CLOCK - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

We will once again be having a booth at Christmas Under the Clock along with our Wise Men passing out bags of goodies!

WHAT WE NEED: (for approximately 300-500 kiddos)

1. Individually wrapped candy
2. Financial donations to buy crafts
2. Chocolate gold coins
3. Volunteers to bag candy/crafts on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 at 6:30 PM**

If you can help, it would be appreciated!



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.

Per Capita...\$40 Per Member

Presbytery approved \$40 Per Capita for 2023. The 2023 Per Capita is based on the congregations' reported membership for December 31, 2021.

Scioto Valley Presbytery's \$40 Per Capita for 2023 is made up of:

- Presbytery of Scioto Valley – \$26.90
- Synod of the Covenant – \$ 3.25
- General Assembly – \$ 9.85

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!



Our Shut-ins

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

LAY LITURGIST NEEDED

During Covid we had disbanded lay liturgists. Rev Alice would like to start having a lay liturgist again. If you are interested, please let Rev Alice know .



The First Sunday of the month is donation Sunday so November 5 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 September 2023

The general fund balance for the end of September was down significantly from last month due to lower donations during the month. Plus expenses were higher due to the quarterly insurance premium and tree removal expense.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance

09/01/2023 \$ 20,714.58

Income

6,241.15

Expenses

(14,488.72)

Ending Balance

09/30/2023 \$ 12,467.01

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

Best Regards,

Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer



Happy Anniversary

11/01	Joey	Walker
11/15	Nancy	Sponseller
11/17	Chris	Johnston
11/20	Kyle	Moody
11/25	Rachel	Ferguson
11/29	Chad	Craney

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



BIBLE STUDIES are up and running!

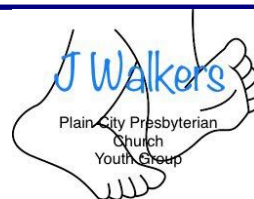
- **Monday night Bible Study at 6:30 pm** via Zoom. The group will continue their journey through John. Please contact Rev. Alice for more information and the Zoom link.
- **Saturday, November 4 and November 18 at 9 am. Men's Bible Study** led by Bill Pettibone here at the church. Please let Bill know if you have any questions.



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!

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



Youth Group (for all ages) will meet Sunday, November 26 at 6:00 PM. Snacks will be provided (eat dinner before you come). We will put together Advent bags for our shut ins, have devotions, and play some games. Be watching for a family fun event in December!!!

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 in 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.

2023 Christmas Poinsettia Order Form



Your name: _____

In honor of _____

In memory of: _____

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In memory of: _____

*Payment can be cash or check payable to the church and marked for "poinsettias" on the memo line. Money collected will be used to support The Presbyterian Women and our L.I.G.H.T. Youth Program. **Cost is \$10.00 per plant.** Place your order form and payment in offering plate by **Nov 19** or you may call the church office at 614-873-5011 to place your order. Just leave on answering machine if no one answers. You may also mail your order, with payment, to the church, 231 E. Main St., Plain City OH 43064. **Mailed orders must be received at the church by Nov 19. You will be able to take home your flowers following the Christmas Eve Service.***

Total No. of plants: _____ Amount: _____ Paid: _____



LIFEWISE ACADEMY
Current total enrollment - 231
Please Pray, Volunteer, and
help financially