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Word from Pastor Alice

Dear Church Family,



One of my favorite Sundays in the church year is World Communion Sunday. I remember as a young person in my home church in Pittsburgh being fascinated that people around the world were taking communion together on that first Sunday in October.

I thought you might like a little background on World Communion Sunday that I found on a Presbyterian website:

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

John A. Dalles, a PCUSA pastor who has researched the history of World Communion Sunday notes this in his blog entry, reprinted from the October 7, 2002, issue of Presbyterian Outlook:

Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. When I asked Donald Kerr how the idea of World Communion Sunday spread from that first service to the world wide practice of today, this is what he replied,

"The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world.

When I read that I thought of how one small act of encouraging others to partake of the Lord's Supper on one particular Sunday spread throughout the world. It is Jesus who unifies believers everywhere. In Donald Kerr's words... *World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*"

That also made me think – Can you think of one small act you and I can do that will unify believers in our church, in our community, and in our world? Can you imagine the ripple effect that would have upon the church...upon the world?

So what is one small act that you can do that will unify believers?

Love being your pastor!
Blessings in Jesus!
Alice



Upcoming Meetings:

October 2 - 9 am
Men's Bible Study at the church

October 10- Trustees Meeting Directly following worship

October 17- Deacons meeting following church

October 19- 6:30 pm Women's Circle at church

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

- Don McKelvey

We will also pray for individuals with Covid and you can send any names to email to Rev. Alice at revalp@neo.rr.com.



Sharing Love and Sympathy:



Please remember those who have recently lost loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

Please keep Bob and Suzanne Merkle and their entire family in your prayers and they mourn the loss of Bob's sister, Gertrude.

We share of sympathy with Helen Watson and her entire family as they grieve the loss of Helen's sister, Mary Pancost.

Christian love and Sympathy to Roy and Lisa Woods in the death of Roy's mother Norma Woods and sympathy to Judy Walker and family (sister-in-law and aunt).

Bible Study Opportunities:

Weekly Monday night prayer and Bible study



will be on break on October 4 and October 11 but will resume on October 18. If you are interested in joining us,

send an email to revalp@neo.rr.com

Men's Bible Study continues Saturday, October 2 at 9:00 am at the PCPC. All men of the church and/or friends are invited to join the group. For more info. contact Bill Pettibone.



LOOKING FOR A SAFE WAY TO SERVE THE CHURCH DURING THIS TIME? CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE AV TEAM.

The AV Team needs **MORE** volunteers. Dave McCray and Jim Kaufman have been our ever faithful camera men for **YEARS** 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 August 2021

The general fund balance for the end of August remained well positive. Donations for the month included five Sunday. In addition to normal monthly expenses paid, August had an additional expense for repairs and parts for the back door.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 8/01/2021	\$ 10,261.37
Income	10,157.00
Expenses	<u>(10,754.09)</u>
Ending Balance 8/31/2021	\$ 9,664.28

If there are any questions, please let me know.
Best Regards,
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer



Thank you to the young families in the church for brain storming with Rev Alice for outreach ideas. Your input is very valuable and much appreciated.

Thank you to Whitney Foust and Foust Plumbing and Heating for arranging and supporting for our participation in the Plain City Fall Fest on October 16 and Trunk or Treat on October 27.

Upcoming Women's



Circle Meeting

October 19 at 6:30 pm at the church.

Donna Rihl and Carolyn Gibeaut will be hostesses and Judy Brady will lead the devotions. All the women of the church are invited

to attend this time of fellowship and service. **THANK YOU** to everyone who had donated supplies for the Clean Kid Kits so many months ago - pre-pandemic. We assembled 16 kits which were returned to the Clothes Closet which coordinates their delivery .

Vacation and Study Leave

Rev Alice will be leaving after worship on Oct. 3 for a week of Study Leave and then a week of vacation. Rosemary Anderson will be filling the pulpit on Oct. 10th and Rev. Marion Stenner will fill the pulpit Oct. 17th. If you have a pastoral emergency during her time away, please contact the church office at 614-873-5011 or Carolyn's cell 937-597-0963.

Plain City Pastime Park

Fall Festival

October 16, 2021 - 5-8 PM

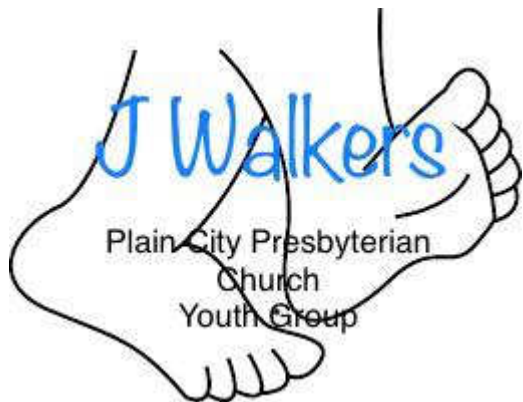
FALL FEST - We will be making a big presence known at the PC Fall Fest . We will be providing bounce houses, face painting, games and prizes by utilizing the services of Awesome Family Entertainment. The cost is \$1800. If you wish to contribute financially it would be greatly appreciated!

October 27, 2021 5:00-6:30 P.M.



Plain City Presbyterian Church
Parking Lot

TRUNK OR TREAT...we need you and your car!
Please register by emailing Rev Alice or calling the church 614-873-5011! So far we have 8 cars! Let's fill that parking lot!



J WALKERS YOUTH GROUP

Will be meeting again in October... watch for announcements!

FRONT



BACK



TEE SHIRTS

If you would like a CHURCH TEE SHIRT - please respond by email or call the church by OCTOBER 3! Since we have a large order, the cost has been reduced. Cost is \$13.75 for both youth and adult regular sizes S-XL and \$15.75 for 2XL and \$16.75 for 3XL.

Money needs to be turned in by Oct. 10th.

Beth and John Rihl will pick up shirts on Oct. 11. They will organize the order for you to pick up at the church Oct. 12, 13, 15 when Carolyn is in the office or on Sunday, Oct. 17th. They will be on the tables outside the office with your name on your order.

SAFETY GUIDELINES!

1. No longer will temps be taken at the door. If you are not feeling well or have been exposed to Covid, please stay home and watch online.
 2. All vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks. **Due to the rise in the delta variant The Scioto Valley Presbytery in their weekly news today said: *It is very strongly advised by our Presbytery Coordinating Team that masks be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status.* The Elders of Plain City Presbyterian Church are strongly advising all to wear masks on Sunday morning. This is NOT a mandate. We are leaving the decision up to each individual.**
 3. Sanitizing will still continue.
- We will continue to revisit this as things change. Session approved reopening of our building this fall to outside groups with appropriate restrictions.

Hospital Visitation Updates

1. A pastor can visit if he/she is listed as one of the two visitors (that is all any patient is allowed) on the patient's chart. Most likely this will not be the case as family members are usually the two listed.
2. If patient or family requests the pastor to visit, a contact is made through the chaplain's office. The pastor is contacted by the office for a one time visit.
3. If someone is terminally ill, this is an exception...however, visits must still be cleared through the nursing staff.

PLEASE KNOW SHE WILL VISIT ANY CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MAKE A REQUEST. DURING THIS COVID MESS THAT IS THE ONLY WAY – SHE CANNOT JUST FREELY WALK INTO A HOSPITAL AS IN THE PAST PRIOR TO COVID.

This makes her heart sad as she believes pastoral calling is an essential part of ministry...but this is the way it is for now. But please know that she will gladly pray on the phone with hospitalized individuals as she has been and will continue to do. She will also gladly visit you at home before surgery to pray in person.



REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

Being shut-in this past year 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

Mary Mitchell— Prestige Gardens Marysville
Bob Schlitz—Home
Connie Zimmerman—Arizona home
Dick Harper—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, Paul and Donna Gibson— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville
Ray Russell, Charlotte Lambka, - Edgewater Assisted Living
Georgianna Rymer- daughter's home
Helen Watson- Darby Glen Rehab Hilliard
Mary Lou Rihl- Glenwood

NEW ADDRESSES:

Mary Lou Rihl has a new address
c/o Glenwood
6355 Emerald Parkway Room 14
Dublin, OH 43016

Please update your directory and feel free to drop her a card.

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



10/06	Kathy	Stapp	10/04	Chic & Mindy	Foust
10/07	David	Bowen			
10/08	Bill	Pettibone	10/27	John & Kim	Bodenbender
10/11	Alice	Phillips	10/28	Beth & Bob	Beach
10/20	Cindy	Watson Bowen			
10/26	Deidra	Hurley			
10/26	Elaine	Meeker			
10/27	Nicholas	Bodenbender			
10/28	Dylan	Allman			

REMINDER OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR OF 2021-

Here is a reminder of our current board members.

SESSION- Judy Brady Clerk of Session

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Judy Brady	Bill Pettibone	Sally Petznick
Betty Ferguson	Rita McCray	Whitney Reed
Pat Myers	Mindy Foust	Harley Bodenbender

DEACONS- Kim Moody Moderator Barb Berry Treasurer Carol Burkhart Secretary

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Don McKelvey	Carol Burkhart	Karon Kaufman
Nancy McKelvey	Kathy Wilson	Sharon Newell
Paula Williams	Valerie Merideth	Kim Moody
Trina Stone	Barbara Berry	

TRUSTEES- Jim Kaufman -Moderator

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Norm Troyer	John Rihl	John Watson
Jim Kaufman	Larry Myers	Chic Foust
Frank Smith	Nancy Patterson	

Committees

Congregational Life: Mindy Foust, Whitney Reed, Sharon Newell

Mission & Evangelism: William Pettibone, Karon Kaufman

Music and Worship: Rita McCray, Betty Ferguson, Janet Johnston, Roy Woods, Janell Wilcox,
Rev Phillips

Personnel: Pat Myers, Harley Bodenbender, Kim Moody, Larry Myers

Resources: Sally Petznick, Barbara Berry, Chic Foust