



Dear Church Family,

Spring is my favorite time of year with fall being the next favorite...especially October. I love to see the vibrant colors emerge in October from all the trees at their peak. Take a drive or walk in a park and enjoy the beauty! It is wonderful to just view the beauty and give thanks to our Creator!

October is a special family time for us, as well, as we have six birthdays we celebrate in the month of October - a great joy! Give thanks for your loved ones in your family!

One of my favorite Sundays in the church is World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of October, as we gather around the table of our Lord with brothers and sisters throughout the world. The celebration of World Communion Sunday has its roots in the Presbyterian Church. It is a beautiful sight to be reminded the table of our Lord extends beyond our reach, and we are all made one in Him. We are strengthened and nourished spiritually to serve our Lord. As we partake of the Lord's Supper, may we be always reminded of our oneness in Jesus with Christians throughout the world. Together we can do great things for our Lord!! Give thanks for that oneness!

May October be a special time for you as well...and remember to give thanks! 😊!!

Love being your pastor!  
Love and Blessings in Jesus!  
Alice



**Upcoming Meetings**

**Board Meetings after worship:**

**Trustees**—Sunday, October 8

**Deacons**— Sunday, October 15

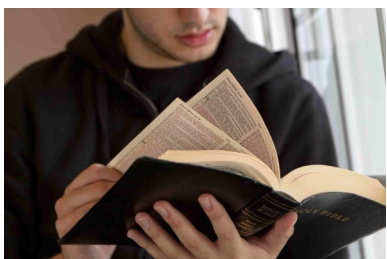
**Session**—Sunday October 22



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



Rosemary Anderson  
Jerry Smith  
Pam Scott  
Rev, Tom Phillip  
Susan Williams  
Karin Schneider



## 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, October 21 at 9 am. Men's Bible Study** led by Bill Pettibone here at the church. Please let Bill know if you have any questions.



Thank you note from Suzanne Merkle:

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful set of wind chimes set to the tune of "Amazing Grace". I enjoyed serving as the Church's financial secretary for 39 1/2 years. But all good things must come to an end and I know it was time. Your gift is just so perfect. We have a nice little balcony to put it on and it will sound beautiful. May God bless you all.

In Christian Love, Suzanne



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to :

- the family of Roger Scheiderer who passed away Sept. 20, 2023. Prayers for Barbie Scheiderer and her children
- The family of Bill Noteman, Sandy and family and cousin, Jack Mercer
- Richard and Willie Meeker in the passing of sister-in-law, Dolores Meeker, on September 12, 2023.
- Also, our Christian love and sympathy to Tamara Reed on the passing of her father, Alvin Troyer, the past owner of the Dutch Kitchen, on September 24,



# Community Game Night

Saturday,  
October 14  
7-9 pm.



Mark your calendars now and bring your friends, neighbors, and family for a night of fun, games and community.

New to area? This is a great opportunity to make connections with others in your community and have a fun evening, too.

Games and snacks will be provided but feel free to bring a favorite game, snack, or non-alcoholic beverage to share.

## 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



### Healing Service

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.



## Women's Circle

October Meeting will be on October 10 at 6:30 pm.

Judy Brady will be our leader and Elaine Wilcox will share refreshments. Come join in this time of fellowship and share in our upcoming events and outreach ideas. Prayer Partners for the year will be distributed.

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. We will begin collecting items like small toiletry items ( like the hotel samples you brought one from a trip) , wash clothes and hand towels ( new or usable used ones that are hiding in the back of your linen closet ), hand warmers, wet wipes, Chapstick, small first aid kits, toothbrush/paste, deodorant, band aids etc. 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**— until mid October. Will go to Presbytery collection for Columbus City School students in need. Leave on table by office.

2023  
Plain City

**FALL  
FEST**

Hayrides · Live Giant Pumpkin Carving · Archery · Axe Throwing  
Costume Contest · Food Trucks · Craft Vendors · Bounce Houses  
Trick-or-Treat Trail · Petting Zoo · Face Painting · Train Rides

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 4PM-7PM

Pastime Park  
370 N Chillicothe Street  
Plain City, Ohio, 43064

**Free Admission**

We will once again be participating in Plain City's Fall Fest. If you can be at the booth sometime between 4-7, please let Rev Alice know. **We will also need candy donations or monetary donations so candy can be purchased.** Any help is appreciated!

**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

**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 .**

**Church Treasurer Report for August 2023**

The general fund balance for the end of August was down slightly from last month due to lower donations during the month. Expenses were as expected.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance	
08/01/2023	\$ 21,762.67
Income	10,951.00
Expenses	(11,999.09)
Ending Balance	
08/31/2023	\$ 20,714.58

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

Best Regards,  
 Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer



*Happy Anniversary*

10/06	Kathy	Stapp
10/07	David	Bowen
10/08	Bill	Pettibone
10/11	Alice	Phillips
10/20	Cindy	Watson Bowen
10/26	Elaine	Meeker
10/26	Deidra	Hurley
10/27	Nicholas	Bodenbender
10/28	Dylan	Allman

- 10/04 Chic & Mindy Foust
- 10/27 John & Kim Bodenbender
- 10/28 Beth & Bob Beach



**A FAMILY FUN OUTING** is being planned for youth and families in October - be watching your email.



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



**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

**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.

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