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A Word from Rev. Alice

Dear Church Family,

Ron Hutchcraft writes... *A transformer makes power accessible so it can make a difference where you need it to make a difference. In heaven, God's unlimited power is made available to you through prayer. Maybe today you are facing a situation or you have a need that desperately needs the touch of God's unlimited power. How do you get that unlimited power to meet your need, your hurt, your situation, or the miracle you need? The transformer of God is called prayer. By God's grace, this incredible transformer takes all the unlimited power of God and brings it down to what you're facing in your day and where you are right now. All over the world, Christians can pray at the same time. What an ultimate transformer!*



Churches within the Plain City Church Fellowship will be participating in a series PRAY FOR PLAIN CITY! It will be a community wide focus on prayer. Each week from Oct 23-Nov. 20 there will be a certain focus in the sermons. Each pastor will write his/her own sermon but we will focus on a common theme and Scripture.

I will be leading a 30 Day Prayer Pilgrimage beginning Sunday, Oct. 23 for our church family. You will be given materials to follow, and it involves about 30 minutes of devotional time each day. We will then meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 to discuss and share how the week went for you during the pilgrimage.

The first meeting will be Oct. 23 where I will distribute materials.

My hope and prayer also is that we can transform the front office (Chuck's office) into a prayer room for our church very soon!!

Prayer Covenant: Another focal point of this focused season of prayer will be invited followers of Jesus in our community to join in a prayer covenant together so that we are agreeing in prayer together throughout the five weeks (and beyond).

Tentative Message Themes and Scriptures:

1. **Life for PC - Christ Centered Gospel** 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
2. **Awakening for PC - Spiritual Awakening** Ezekiel 37:1-14, Ephesians 3:14-21
3. **Peace for PC - Peaceful Blessing** Jeremiah 29, Matthew 6:9-10, 33
4. **Passion for PC - Generational Change** Luke 1:11-17, Deuteronomy 6:1-9
5. **Unity for PC - United in Love for Christ** Philippians 2, John 17:20-26

Community 24/7 Prayer Room: Sunday November 13 @ 6pm - Sunday November 20 @ 6pm in the 1st floor of the clock tower building

There will be prayer videos taken at different locations in town for to be shown in worship Sunday am.

Also "the power of prayer" testimonial videos of individuals in the community will be shown as well in worship. If you would like to share about the power of prayer in your life, please let me know.

May this Season of Prayer transform all of our lives and our community and beyond!
Love being your pastor!

Blessings in Jesus!
Alice



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

Arlene Perkins
Rev. Alice Phillips
Judy Weeks
Carol Burkhart
Elaine and Bill Wilcox

Upcoming Meetings

Trustees—Sunday October 9

Deacons— Sunday October 16

Session Wednesday October 14

Women's Circle

Monday October 17 1:30 pm

J-Walkers October 9 at 6:30 pm at church

Cub Scouts—Meeting most Mondays at 6:30

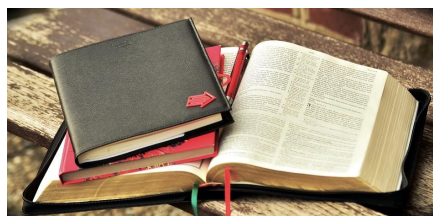


Thank You

- Thank you to **Dave McCray** for donating and setting up new wi-fi router in the office and for downstairs.
- Thank you to **Rosemary Anderson** and **Charlie Stenner** for filling in for Rev. Alice during her battle with Covid. Thank you to **Richard Albrecht** for serving as liturgist too.
- We thank **Dr. Luck Schweiss** and his practice for covering the cost of resurfacing the parking lots. If you are a patient, let them know your appreciation! Thank you to John **Watson** for coordinating the project.
- Thank you to the family of Ray and Jean Russell for assisting with the expense of the outside and inside lighting in memory of their parents. It was much appreciated.



Next Meeting
October
9 at 6:30 pm
at the
church.



Fall Monday Night Bible Study Will

resume October 3, 2022. We will begin studying John's Gos-

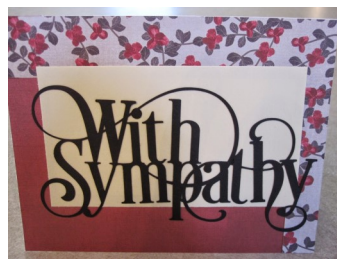
pel. All are welcome to join us. We meet on Zoom! See Rev Alice for information.

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you for your prayers. Thank you to those who have dropped food off and who have gone to the store to pick up items for me.

My doctor told me this covid can last a couple hours to a few weeks...just depends on the individual. Unfortunately, I am on the longer end of that spectrum. I slept 5 hours straight last night without coughing - first time in a week - for which I am grateful. I still have coughing bouts and my voice is rather low. Still can't talk very much without coughing. Many of the other symptoms I had initially - which were pretty much the whole gamut - are gone. So I'm on the mend! Praise Jesus! I will not be in church this Sunday and will see where things are after that. Hopefully, I will soon test negative, be symptom free, have renewed strength, and be able to be among the living again!

Blessings in Jesus! Alice



SYMPATHY-We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Richard and Willie Meeker in the death of Richard's brother **Jim Meeker** who entered eternal life

on September 19.

We also give condolences to the family of **Georgianna Rymer**. She was a former Methodist minister who had attended here. The memorial service for Georgianna Rymer, who passed on September 16, will be held at Riverside United Methodist Church, 2701 Zollinger Road on Friday, October 28, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

Per Capita Giving Time

Presbytery has advised the **2022 Per Capita is \$40 per member**. Per Capita is collected by Presbytery and is distributed as shown below. This is how we fund the denomination and has been a part of denomination history for over 275 years.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley :	\$27.80
Synod of the Covenant :	\$ 3.25
General Assembly	<u>\$ 8.95</u>
Total:	\$40.00.

The Church is responsible to pay the Per Capita for our membership reported in 2020. Session's request to the Congregation is for every member to pay their portion of Per Capita. This will relieve pressure on our General Fund. We would like to request it be paid by October 31, 2022. You can put it in the offering plate or mail to the Church.



GETTING MUSIC READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

Music and Worship met after church on Sunday, and Ailene has chosen music for **a Christmas Musical for Dec. 18, 2022, during morning worship**. If you like to sing, why not join us? A recording of the music will be provided for each individual so you can become familiar/practice with the music at home. Several practices will take place in the fall in the evening (to be announced) with the final practice on Dec. 17th at 9:00 am.

So if you like to sing and may be thinking you don't have time for a weekly commitment of choir practice, this is ideal!

Why not join us and sing to the Lord! If you are interested, please let Rev. Alice know.

LIFEWISE ACADEMY UPDATE

PRAISE JESUS!!!

LIFEWISE ACADEMY - to begin in October 4!

Tuesday– Friday 9 am until 3:20 pm 7 classes daily.

At the time of writing this email we have 100 students enrolled so far...and the registrations continue to come in!!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?? **PRAY**...for scheduling with the school to get finished!...for the board as we hire staff - teachers, subs, bus drivers ... for protection, safety of all...for children to know and love JESUS!

GIVE...we are in the midst of our financial campaign. Every gift helps!! Consider sponsoring a student @ \$20 per month.

VOLUNTEER...there are volunteer opportunities available. All workers must be background checked.





Come out and join us for the annual
Plain City Fall Festival out at Pastime Park!

October 22, 2022 from 4-7 pm

The church will participate in this community event. Our very own Drew Lear will create a new game and we will have a table next to him giving away trinkets and candy. If you would like to help at the table or give financially to help purchase items, please let me know.

Other Activities available include Food Trucks, Craft Vendors, Hayrides, Costume Contests, Trick or Treat, Bounce Houses, Axe Throwing, Archery, Face Painting, Gus the Giant Squash Carver and more!



Presbyterian Women's Circle

Monday, October 17 at 1:30 pm Carolyn Gibeaut is covering refreshments and Nancy Patterson is doing our devotions. Come join us. All are welcome! Your prayer buddy from last year will be revealed!

MAJOR CHURCH IMPROVEMENT FUND



Our major church improvement fund is depleted largely due to the stucco replacement on the outside of our building. There are various projects throughout the church that need attention. If you are willing and able to contribute to this fund, it would be greatly appreciated! Please

mark your check or envelope designating MCIF.

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 me 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!

Rita McCray text: 614-634-8197
email: teawithrita@yahoo.com

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 Schlitz—At his daughter Erin's 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

Bryan Becker—Home

Arlene Perkins, Paul and Donna Gibson— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

Charlotte Lambka, - Edgewater Assisted Living

Mary Lou Rihl- Glenwood

Church Treasurer Report for August 2022

The general fund balance for the end of August increased a good amount due some large donations being made during the month. Upcoming expenses will include the quarterly church insurance premiums and continuing pastor education expenses in early September. Funds for the Per Capita fees for the Presbytery will also be coming due later this year.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 08/01/2022	\$ 1,848.31
Income	16,558.06
Expenses	<u>(12,361.33)</u>
Ending Balance 08/31/2022	\$ 6,045.04

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Best Regards, Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE THE CHURCH ? CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE AV TEAM.

The AV Team needs **MORE** volunteers. Dave McCray, Jim Kaufman Don McKelvey, Ian Reed 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 Dave or Jim if you are willing to learn and help.



We've have been blessed by your past giving. Let's use up more of the supplies this month. Hold off donations until November

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. PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO CHURCH AND LEAVE IN BOXES ON THE WAY INTO THE SANCTUARY.

For example: Canned goods - vegetables/fruit
Peanut butter, Jelly, Crackers
Cereal (small box ...or individual serving)
Spaghetti and sauce, Pouch size tuna
Rice, Granola bars, Box macaroni and cheese
Soap/shampoo, Baby wipes



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

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS
 Things are opening up for clergy... finally! So if you are in the hospital or a loved one is and want a visit...please call or text Rev. Alice 740-391-2531

So many of you have participated in Operation Christmas Child!
 Here's an idea! Why not start packing your Operation Christmas Child box early rather than during the Christmas rush? You might see items on sale this summer. (i.e. summer toys).
BOXES ARE HERE!!! We have some children's crafts and other items from Barbara Berry's daughter Jill that you can also add to your box. You can pick them up at church!
PLEASE NOTE: FILLED Boxes will not be turned back in until the beginning of November!
 LISTS OF GIFT SUGGESTIONS BY AGE AND GENDER ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE PARLOR AND ARE AVAILABLE AT <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoobox-suggestions/>



Prayer Partners- Would you would be willing to pray for someone and drop them a supportive note now and then and would you enjoy someone doing the same for you? **Then sign up for Prayer Partners by dropping your name and birth date in the box on the side table or by calling the church office by the end of October.** If you had a prayer partner last year, we will reveal them at the PWC October meeting. If you're not at the meeting, Carolyn will notify you.