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A Word from Rev. Alice

Dear Church Family,

School is back in session now. For students and teachers, it's a fresh start. I remember those days very well when I taught school. Each year was something new to look forward to. There is something great about a fresh start at school; and more importantly, there is something beautiful about a fresh start in life itself. I recently read the following article about traveling light.



Every year, about 1500 thru-hikers set out to walk the entire Appalachian Trail in a single season. Only 10 percent complete the 2,160 miles of challenging terrain stretching from Georgia to Maine. One reason some people drop out early is that they haven't learned to travel light.

A friend of mine launched his thru-hike carrying a seriously overloaded backpack. He had a cassette player and six tapes of bird calls, an air pistol to keep the varmints away, a camera, a radio, and an alarm clock. If it ran on batteries, he said, I had one in my pack.

At his first stop, an experienced hiker helped him go through his pack and decide what to keep and what to send home. Each item was placed on a gram scale with the question, Is it worth it? Do you want to carry this for the next 2000 miles?

My friend discovered that his biggest problem was an accumulation of little things. Most of his extra weight was in ounces, not pounds. He didn't need half of what was in his first-aid kit nor the extra tube of toothpaste. His heavy multi-tool knife was replaced with one weighing only an ounce. A metal knife-fork-and-spoon set gave way to a single plastic spoon. He sent home 26 pounds of unnecessary weight.

How many of us are trying to walk the trail of faith in Christ weighed down by an accumulation of little things – anger, bitterness, worry, envy, jealousy, lust, and selfishness? (Editor, “Thru Hikers,” HousetoHouse.com)

One of my favorite Bible verses is **Lamentations 3:22-23. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.** What is weighing you down that you need to unload today? Why not give it to the Lord. With the Lord, each day can be new - a fresh start.

Love being your pastor!

Love and Blessings in Jesus!

Alice



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

Janet Johnston
Bob Merkle
Chris Hargis
Pat Jordan
Paula Williams



Thank You for the Summer.

- Thank you to Leanne Manning, Whitney Reed, Judy Brady, Sally Petiznick, Bill Pettibone, Richard Albrecht, Ailene Albrecht and Mindy Foust for participating in Worship in Song and Meditation Service.
- Thank you to the Deacons for coordinating the Free Lunch Give Away in June.
- Thank you to all who supported the school supply drive. Over 220 students were helped in the community.

Upcoming Meetings

Trustees meet Sunday September 11

Deacons meet September 18

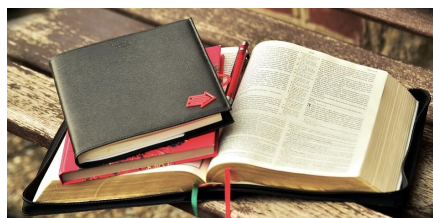
Session September 21 at 7 pm here

Women's Circle September 19 1:30 pm

J-Walkers September 25 at church



Meredith (Foust) and Riley Thompson welcomed their first child, Leighton Grace Thompson on August 5th. She arrived at 8.1 lbs. and 21 inches long. Congratulations to the entire Thompson, Foust and Reed families on their newest family member!



Fall Monday Night Bible Study

Begins Monday, **September 19** at 6:30 pm. We will study John's Gospel. See Rev .Alice for details.



Presbyterian Women's Circle Fall Kick Off Monday, September 19, at 1:30 pm-

We are trying out afternoon meetings this year.

Come join us. All are welcome!



Be watching for upcoming meeting details.

**Sunday
September 25
At the church**



WELCOME BACK SCOUTS!

Scouts are meeting here again. I've received the calendar for the CUB SCOUTS and they will be meeting regularly on Monday nights at 6:30 pm. Have a great year, Pack90!



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.

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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.

Volunteer Opportunity : A Call to Action: English as a Second Language Classes at DNA

If you have a heart for the immigrant, consider partnering with us at DNA as we begin a whole family ESL program. Classes will take place once a week for 10 weeks October - December and 10 weeks in January - March. While adults are in English classes, youth will have programming of their own including 30 minutes of homework help as well as other engaging and fun activities. A light meal will be served upon arrival so that families can come directly from work. There are MANY places to serve! Details on volunteer opportunities are available on the bulletin board in the parlor and on-line at DNA. This program will require many hands and is perfect for youth group and church engagement.

Informational meeting at DNA is on September 13th at 7:00 pm to discuss the program more fully. Come see where you can serve.

LIFEWISE UPDATE

PRAISE JESUS!!!

LIFEWISE ACADEMY - to begin in October!

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

At the time of writing this email we have 80 students enrolled so far... and the registrations continue to come in!!

♡ It has been a great joy for Rev. Alice to serve on the Jonathan Alder LifeWise board with a great group of dedicated, hard working Christians wanting to reach children with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ! ♡

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.

Link to volunteer and contribute: <https://www.lifewiseacademy.org/nearlaunch/3904826/jonathan-alder-local>



VBS was GREAT!! June 27– July 1



We had 31 children registered this summer- almost twice as many as last year! They were divided into three groups- the Biscuit Buddies (leader, Mrs. Foust), the Choccolateers (led by Mrs. Burkhart) and the Taco Team (leader, Mr. McKelvey).

Each day we learned about a different time when God fed God's people, and how we can carry on God's work by sharing what we have with others. We collected food for our "Little Free Pantry" as one way of sharing. Our five Bible stories were manna from heaven, Elisha and the widow, Daniel and his friends refusing the king's food, Jesus feeding the 5000 and Jesus feeding the disciples after his resurrection.

Every morning we began with our Opening Assembly, led by "Top Chef", Rosemary Anderson and her Special Sous Chef, Gladly, with music led by Mrs. Craney. Then Rev Alice brought us our Bible story of the day.

After that, the teams rotated through our three stations: Games, led by Ian Reed; Crafts with Aggie Hall; or Snacks, handled by Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. McKelvey. The morning ended with our Closing Assembly and more music.

Donna Rihl and Judy Brady were roving assistances, and Carolyn Gibeaut was our photographer. Kim Moody and the Rihl family kindly provided our tents.

You cannot have a "Food Truck Party" without food trucks, and we were able to have "Biscuit Boss" visit us on Tuesday (along with local police and fire departments, which was a big thrill for the children!) (Thank you to Foust Plumbing and Heating for their sponsorship of this event.). Miller's Olde Fashioned Ice Cream came for a visit on a very hot Friday. Although they don't have a food truck, Der Dutchman donated cookies and donuts for our Wednesday snack.

Many, many thanks for all our volunteers and to all who donated supplies and funds. This was one of our most successful programs- we were definitely "On a Roll with God!".

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-shoebox-suggestions/>



Women's Fall Retreat

October 7-9, 2022

John XXIII Pastoral Center
Charleston, WV

The retreat is open to church members, friends of the church, and any lady interested in going. High school teens are welcome as well.

A final count will be given to the Center on September 30! Should you cancel prior to September 30th your deposit will be returned. **If you cancel after September 30th, your deposit will not be returned as meals and meeting space fees will still be charged by the Center.**

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!

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



Our Shut-ins

Address Updates: Over the summer **Mary Lou Rihl** has a new room #. Her address is now: Mary Lou Rihl c/o Glenwood 6355 Emerald Parkway **Room 17**, Dublin, OH 43016

Bob Schlitz has moved in with his daughter, Erin. His address is now: 8253 MV High., Plain City, OH

Church Treasurer Report for July 2022

The general fund balance for the end of July remained close to the beginning balance due to five weeks of donations being made during the month. There will be additional expenses hitting in the next couple months and with August and September normally being slow donation months, the general fund will remain tight.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 07/01/2022	\$ 2,259.60
Income	10,747.00
Expenses	<u>(11,158.29)</u>
Ending Balance 07/31/2022	\$ 1,848.31

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 October.

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



09/02	Banwo	Longe
09/02	Steve	Patterson
09/07	Elmer	Collier
09/08	Bob	Merkle
09/09	Evee	Wilcox
09/09	Richard	Harper
09/09	Carol	Burkhart
09/11	Henry	Walker
09/11	Sara	Gordon
09/12	Dick	Wilson
09/13	Brynn	Craney
09/14	Pat	Stenner
09/15	Mindy	Foust
09/20	Janet	Johnston
09/21	Paige	Erdman
09/22	Jerry	Smith
09/27	William L.	Wilcox
09/27	Trina	Stone
09/29	Morgyn	Craney
09/29	Nancy	McKelvey

09/05	Angie & Keith	Lester
09/09	John & Beth	Rihl
09/13	Richard & Elaine	Meeker
09/15	Connor & Kristen	Johnston
09/17	Bill & Vicky	Pettibone
09/23	Gary & Carolyn	Gibeaut
09/24	Deidra & Jerry	Hurley
09/25	Stewart & Sonia	Walker
09/27	Randy & Janie	Collins

Card donations

Do you have unused and unwanted greeting cards laying around? Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking of you, or Blank ones. We can put them to good use. Drop off on the table by the offices. Thank you!

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