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Word from Pastor Alice



Dear Church Family,

It is hard to believe that we are entering into the month of September. The last several months have been tough months as we have been dealing with the pandemic, a lot of violence and unrest in our inner cities, and now as we approach a tumultuous presidential election. The Plain City Church Fellowship has been working together to address all these issues before us in a church wide sermon series entitled The Way of Jesus: Kingdom Culture in a Fractured World. This series will begin on September 13, 2020. Each pastor will prepare and preach his/her own sermon based on a common theme. There will also be short video clips provided by area clergy that will be viewed during worship (hopefully our new screen will be up and running).

We are asking all of our churches to pray this prayer from Ephesians 3:14-21:

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family ¹⁶ in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen

Love being your pastor!
 Keep trusting in Jesus!

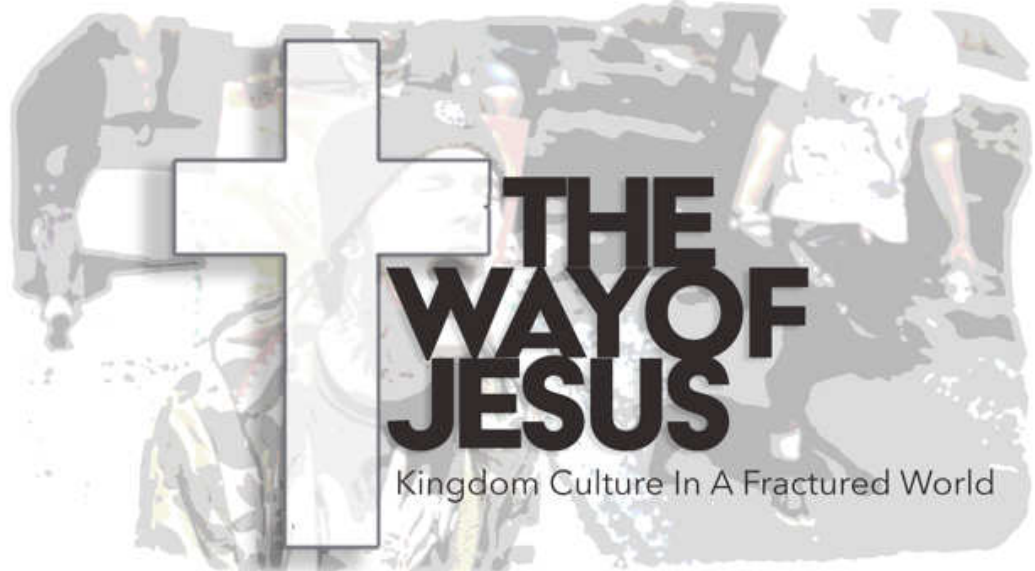
Blessings in Jesus!
 Alice



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



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

- Janell Wilcox
- Jane Warner
- Sharon Newell
- Willie Meeker
- Helen Watson
- Art Warner
- Bill Bowen
- Keitha Lear
- Liz Schlitz
- Meredith Foust



Welcome Home.. Church Remains Open

We invite you, should you have the desire to come to the church for worship, to join with us. We are fully aware that some of you are not able to come because of health issues or an uneasy feeling about it. **We respect your individual decisions. As stated before, there is a strict protocol that will be followed. ALL PEOPLE will be wearing masks except for Rev Alice when speaking (or Rosemary doing children's sermon), social distancing will occur, temps taken, and sanitizing will be practiced. Bring your emailed or mailed bulletin with you. None will be distributed at church. If you are not able to come just yet, you can join us online on Facebook and YouTube.**



The church family shares our sympathy with Judy Walker and family in the death of her cousin, Markie DesJardins on

August 15.



Fall Monday Night Prayer and Bible Study returns September 14 at 6:30 pm. Be on the lookout for more information

Attention MEN! Bill Pettibone began a Men's Bible Study on ZOOM on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to join them, please let Bill know. billpsurvey@hotmail.com



An Updated Church Directory is now available. They will be left outside in the tub by the Church Street door. Help yourself at your convenience. If you have changes/corrections, please don't hesitate to let Carolyn Gibeaut know. A church directory is always a work in progress.

- Kim Bodenbender assisting with the August Food delivery and Suzanne Merkle for making the inspiration cards.
- Dave McCray and Jim Kaufman for the weekly live streaming.
- The Elders who are faithfully meeting each week and helping greet and screen those attending our weekly services.

MISSION UPDATE...WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

- We continue to give a monthly donation to the Plain City Food Pantry. DNA at this time is doing okay but needs are greatly increasing due to people losing jobs because of Covid-19. Session will reevaluate distribution of mission giving. DNA is also having **increased needs for transitional housing** for folks who are in need. If you know of any house that could be used for transitional housing or you have some property to be used to build transitional housing, please let Rev. Alice know.
- Delivery of eggs, bread and milk was made on August 17th to Pleasant Valley. Next delivery will be the third Monday, September 21. If you can help, let Rev Alice know.
- Finances for these mission opportunities to our community come from mission money we have in our budget plus the generous donations from the congregation. **OUR FUNDS ARE RUNNING LOW. After mission money is sent this month to the Food Pantry and to Der Dutchman for the Pleasant Valley distribution, we will have around \$500 left. If you are able to give to the mission fund it would be greatly appreciated!**

WANTED!

LOOKING FOR

Extra helpers are needed for live streaming the weekly service. Please see Dave McCray or Jim Kaufman if you are interested. Training and detailed instruction manual will be provided.

The Judy Walker Music Scholarship



Judy Walker has faithfully served our church as organist for the past 54 years. We are so grateful for her faithful commitment to our church and the Lord Jesus Christ! The Session has wanted to find some way to honor Judy for her many years of service. Judy did not want a celebration as she is grateful for and was still reminiscing over the 50th celebration we had at the church. The Session has decided to establish the Judy Walker Music Scholarship Fund. As you know, Judy was also very involved in the Jonathan Alder Schools as a teacher as well as pianist for musicals and graduations for many years. We thought this was a great way to honor her musical gifts at both our church and at the school. This scholarship would also encourage future generations of students in music. Each year a graduating student will be chosen. The amount given each year will be determined by the funds that become available.

The Session established the scholarship by moving \$1,000.00 from the music fund to the Judy Walker Music Scholarship Fund. Should you like to contribute to this fund in honor of Judy's many years of faithful service to our church as well as encourage a future music student, please mail your gift to Suzanne Merkle; or if you are worshiping in person, you may bring your gift to the church. **PLEASE** designate on your check/envelope that it is for the Judy Walker Music Scholarship Fund.

Church Treasurer Report for July 2020

For the month of July, donations for the church's general fund were good and expenses, especially the utilities, were low.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 07/01/2020	\$ 1,843.02
Income	11,456.77
Expenses	<u>(9,687.13)</u>
Ending Balance 07/31/2020	\$ 3,612.48

The audio/visual technology fund received \$3,710 of donations, and no expenses during the month, which left an ending balance of \$8,002.19.

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

REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

Being shut-in these past few weeks, 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!

Mary Mitchell— Prestige Gardens Marysville
Liz and Bob Schlitz—Home
Connie Zimmerman—Arizona home



Our Shut-ins

Dick Harper—Home
Fred DeLeon - 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— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville
Ray Russell, Emily Baker, Malcolm Lear, Mary Lou Rihl- Edgewater Assisted Living
Georgianna Rymer- daughter's home

Shut in Visitation

If you are shut-in and would like a visit, or if your family member is shut-in and you would like Rev Alice to visit him/her, please let her know.

For the protection of everyone, she will only visit outdoors at nursing homes, assisted living places, or homes with everyone wearing a mask and social distancing. No home communion at this time, unless you or family has the communion elements available and already there for his/her loved one.

UPPER ROOMS AVAILABLE- The September/October Upper Rooms have arrived. They are outside the church entrance in a plastic tub marked Upper Room. Please don't leave any donations in there.



09/02 Banwo Longe
 09/02 Steve Patterson
 09/05 Zach Pettibone
 09/07 Elmer Collier
 09/08 Bob Merkle
 09/09 Eeve Wilcox
 09/09 Carol Burkhart
 09/09 Richard Harper
 09/11 Sara Gordon
 09/11 Henry Walker
 09/12 Chris Hargis
 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
 William
 09/27 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
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 bone
 09/17 Bill & Vicky
 09/23 Gary & Carolyn Gibeaut
 09/24 Deidra & Jerry Hurley
 09/25 Stewart & Sonia Walker
 09/27 Randy & Janie Collins



**Special Surprise Card
 Shower for Bob Merkle's
 80th Birthday**

Bob's family is arranging many surprises for this important birthday on September 8, 2020. The church family is asked to help by sending birthday cards to his son's address so they can be collected and then surprise him with so many well wishes. Let's fill up the mail box with birthday blessings from his church family.

Please send 80th birthday cards to:

Bob Merkle
 c/o Rob Merkle
 10806 Arrowwood Dr.
 Plain City, OH 43064.

Happy Birthday! Bob