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Helping with Worship for September

- **Liturgist**—Harley Bodenbender
- **Elder Greeter**—Barbara George
- **Head Deacons**— Vicky Pettibone & Janet Johnston
- **Ushering Team**— Shane and Leanne Manning & Randy and Janie Collins



Upcoming Meetings

Trustees	Sunday 9/10
Session	Tues 9/12 7pm
Deacons	Sunday 9/17

Give- Act – Pray Hurricane Harvey Relief

We are collecting donations for the victims of Hurricane Harvey and will send checks from the Plain City congregation to disaster relief organizations. If you wish to donate to this collection for Harvey Relief, send donations to the church marked HARVEY RELIEF. Make checks out to Plain City Presbyterian Church but mark HARVEY in the memo.

The recovery from this historic disaster will be long and hard. Please keep praying for and giving to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey.



Thank you to the Deacons for organizing the potluck we enjoyed on Aug. 20 after the His Bridge Builders Service. It was a great time of fellowship!



Christian love and sympathy for Chris and Janet Johnston in the death of Chris's father on August 4 and stepmom on August 19. Prayers for his brother as he recovers from a stroke.

Word from Pastor Alice



Dear Church Family,

I read an article written by the pastor on the website of the church where I grew up in Pittsburgh. It was a rather humorous account of shopping with his wife and son for a new cell phone. Overwhelmed by all the options available, he humorously wrote about all the functions the phone does from texting to uploading, downloading, touch screen, find an app, etc...in concluding he writes: "It could even *beam up to the starship Enterprise... and actually call someone—which I'm told is a ridiculously outdated concept.*"

He then shared the following:

"In short, this "phone" pretty much does everything. Pretty soon, we will never have to see, let alone actually talk to, or listen to, another human being. The traditional mode of communicating will be dead. Probably these gadgets mean that the minister and the church will be as obsolete as a town crier, the iceman, rotary telephones, a newspaper, or a book whose pages one actually holds and turns..."

Realize that you are more important than ever! No Blackberry, iPod, or cell phone can replace presence of a real group of human beings gathered to experience Christ's presence. No micro-chip can replace the role of people demonstrating the care, power, and presence of Jesus Christ. No mini-computer can bind up the wounds and hurts of people struggling through a week of trying to live as Christ's people

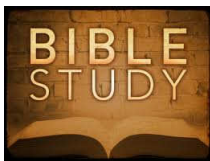
While you can use these implements to assist you in life—recognize we still need each other. We have a calling to worship, pray, study, and fellowship together."

How true that is in our unbelievable, technological world in which we live...we still need each other. Nothing is so precious as to be together with the Body of Christ. As we gear up to start this fall season when a lot of activities will once again get underway, why not make every effort to be a part of the fellowship of God's people. Here are just some ways to be involved: studying God's word in Bible Study, joining a Presbyterian Women's Circle, join a Sunday School class, help minister to children in LIGHT or Legacy, join the choir, help out at Feed My Sheep, be involved as a deacon, elder, or trustee, come to the prayer time on Mondays and/or, most importantly of all, be faithful in worshipping our Lord on Sundays.

Jesus says: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

Love being your pastor!!

Alice



Bible Study Opportunities

Fall is fast approaching and kids have gone back to school. Now is a great time for you to join or rejoin a Bible Study. We've offering several options this fall.

- Our ever faithful **CHRISTIAN CONVERSATIONS** group meets every Sunday at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall outside the church offices. This group is led by Frank and Jerry Smith.
- **LADIES BIBLE STUDY and SATURDAY MEN'S STUDY** will begin the "*not a fan*" small group video driven bible study. Are you a Fan of Jesus or a Follower of Jesus? How would things change if you lived and loved as Jesus did? Come

join this opportunity to reexamine your relationship with Jesus! **The Ladies Study**, led by Rev. Alice, begins **Sunday September 10** at 9:15 am in the church library. The **Saturday Men's Study** will meet on the second and fourth Saturdays at **8 am** beginning on **September 9** here at the church. Bill Pettibone leads this study. The cost of the book is \$8.00. Please let Rev. Alice or the church office **ASAP** if you'll be coming so we can order the materials.

- **MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING 6:15 pm (NOTE NEW TIME)**. We invite you to join us as we uplift before the Lord in prayer... family, church family, friends, community, country, and world.

- **MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** will gather together on Monday, **September 11** at **6:45 pm** following Monday Night Prayer group. We will continue to learn about "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. We use video, reading and lively discussion. If you are interested in joining any group, please feel free to contact the leader or church office to gain more information.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION:

On the back cover of the new directory the correct number for Union County Senior Services is

(937) 644-1010.

Please update your copy.

FEED MY SHEEP FOODBANK INFO...



The **PCPC Food Bank "Feed My Sheep"** continues to grow and thrive as an important mission of our Church. We have truly

been blessed with an **amazing "crew" of volunteers** who come faithfully each week to help unload, sort, display and joyfully distribute food to a growing group of people in need.

Here are a list of items that we can always use as donations:

- Quart Zip Lock Bags
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Box Cereals
- Spaghetti and Sauce
- Peanut butter

Your generous donations of food, supplies and money helps keep our pantry filled so we can fill the gap when we have a light week of store donations. Plus they give us enough operating capital to continue this work. **Thank You Very Much!**

If you would like to volunteer, or just see "what's going on" or "how it works" please stop by Church any Saturday afternoon. The food arrives around 4:45 PM and we are cleaning up and heading home a little after 6:00 PM. **"It is a blessing to all of us to be able to do this work and only the support of our congregation has made this mission possible."**

Michael George

L.I.G.H.T. (Learning in God's House Together) kicks off September 10.

After a summer off to rest, we are kicking off our children's education program beginning on September 10. We will continue to do a rotational schedule, spending several weeks on a biblical topic or story, including elements of story telling, video, music, crafts and food. New helpers are always welcome. Bring your children or grandchildren.

The schedule for the 2017-2018 school year is:

Sept 10-Oct 1 - **Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego**
Off Oct 8&15
Oct 22-Nov 12 - **Mary & Martha**
Off Nov 19-26
Dec 3-24 - **Advent** Off Jan 7&14
Jan 21-Feb 11 - **Job** Off Feb

18&25

March 4-25—

Lent Off April

1 & 8

April 15— May 20—**Moses and 10 Commandments**

Off June, July, and August.





Calling for Nursery Volunteers

Our church wants to be attractive to new, young families moving into the area!! In providing the best care possible for potential new members who have small children, we are setting up a nursery to be available for Sunday morning worship. **What does it involve???**

1. Report to the nursery at 9:45 a.m. on your assigned Sunday
2. Be with any children/babies

that parents bring...provide a safe place where children can play, take a nap, etc.

3. If no children show on your assigned day by 10:10...you are free to come into church and worship. Please consider participating in this ministry. Volunteer sheet is on the bulletin board in parlor.



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

Welcome Back Choir!

Choir practice is scheduled to begin Wednesday, Sept 6 at 7pm. Judy Walker is always looking for some new voices. Consider lending your voice to this important church ministry .



Based on your feedback you'll see the Birthday & Anniversary list back in the bulletin each week. Let's try singing just for the big ones and children's special days.

- 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 Richard Harper
- 09/11 Henry Walker
- 09/12 Dick Wilson
- 09/12 Chris Hargis
- 09/12 Jim Spires
- 09/13 Brynn Craney

- 09/14 Pat Stenner
- 09/15 Mindy Foust
- 09/20 Janie Collins
- 09/20 Janet Johnston
- 09/21 Paige Erdman
- 09/22 Jerry Smith
- 09/27 Trina Stone
- 09/27 William L. Wilcox
- 09/28 Charlene Smith
- 09/29 Morgyn Craney
- 09/29 Jared Thomas



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- 09/02 Charles & Pat Stenner
- 09/05 Angie & Keith Lester
- 09/09 John & Beth Rihl
- 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



Spiritual Support for Cancer Patients and Their Families

Gentle Spirit - Sept 7 at 6 pm

Are you or a family member struggling emotionally with cancer and its treatments or life after treatment? Come join Gentle Spirit, a Christian emotional and spiritual support group for help during this difficult time. Rev. Alice and Beth Beach, both cancer survivors, are co-facilitating this group at the monthly meeting. With the generous support

of Der Dutchman, each gathering begins with a light meal, followed by a Scripture meditation, sharing and prayer. The next gathering is Thursday, Sept 7 at 6 pm. If you plan to attend, please contact the church at 614-873-5011 by the Tuesday, Sept 5.

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Christmas in September will finish up the refreshing of the Christmas decorations on Saturday, Sept 9 at 2 pm. Come learn how to make decorative bows and share your creativity. Everyone is welcome and many hands make light work!

THANKFUL TO BE YOUR PASTOR

This spring and summer were busy months in the Plain City Presbyterian Church, especially as we brought special people here to enhance our spiritual lives and worship. In May, we had Evangelist David Ring with us on a Monday night, in June we had a two day renewal weekend with Pastor Bob Russell, and in August His Bridge Builders were with us on a Sunday morning. Each of these times of special worship blessed us and enriched us. But I wanted to share with you how much you as a church family meant to each of them. David Ring was astounded at the number of people that came out to worship on a Monday night. In addition, he was amazed at the love offering that was received. Bob

Russell inspired us and challenged us. I continue to keep in touch with Bob and his wife Judy. They have told me how they thoroughly enjoyed being here...and remember Bob's challenge for us to double in size, and he will return. His Bridge Builders also enjoyed being here and Dennis Rinehart (the pastor in the group) wrote the following on my Facebook page... *"His Bridge-Builders" are grateful to the congregation of Plain City Presbyterian Church and Pastor Alice Phillips for their loving hearts and Spirit-filled worship all of us experienced together last Sunday in Plain City Ohio. The Presence of our Risen Christ embraced us all together in worship. Thank you, faithful ser-*

vants of Jesus. His Presence was multiplied by each person present as Christ received all our praises together." I might like to add that Dennis informed me that they received the largest love offering ever...right here in Plain City Presbyterian Church!

So I want to say **thank you** for being such a special church family. I know of your love, commitment, generosity, and desire to grow spiritually, but others have taken notice, too!! Continue to be a blessing!! Love you lots!

Alice



Thank you from His Bridge Builders

Dear Pastor Alice & the Plain City Presbyterian Congregation,

We are still "vibrating with joy" experienced with you last Sunday (August 20) in worship. Scriptures confirm that "times of refreshing come from the Presence of the Lord". All of you welcomed us into your church and your hearts. We sensed the "rush" of God's Holy

Spirit through your prayers, too. Your generous love offering provided an "Extra Tithe Gift" to our two University campus missionaries: Todd Schlereth—Akron University and Diane Gress—OSU beyond their monthly support! Thank you for your overly abundance gift.

We bless you with Psalm 42:8- "By day the Lord directs His Love, at

night, His song is with me— a prayer to the God of my life."

Sincerely in Christ,

Dennis Rinehart- "His Bridge Builders"



Presbyterian Women Circle Fall Gathering Sept 19 at 7pm in Parlor

Tuesday, September 19 at 7pm all the women of the church are invited to come to the Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering in the parlor. Light refreshments will be provided. This is an opportunity for the circles to gather in fellowship, discuss the direction of Presbyterian Women

and to plan activities for the year. **Come share your ideas and input !!! They are valued and needed.**



Celebrating 500 Years Reformation Renaissance Faire Comes to Pastime Park Saturdays and Sundays Beginning September 29– October 8

St. John's Lutheran Church is sponsoring and coordinating a Reformation Renaissance Fair this fall in celebration of 500 years of the Protestant Reformation. For a \$5 admission, you'll find a transformed Pastime Park with a Renaissance Market, Period Characters, Musical Performances, Josting Demonstrations and Madrigal Dinners.



I tried a different newsletter format this month. Your feedback is always welcomed. I try new things and then look for tweaks and improvements along the way. Nothing ventured. Nothing gained.



Shiloh Music Academy will offer a 10-session guitar class for beginners on meeting on Monday evenings (September 18 – November 20) at Shiloh Mennonite Church in Resaca. For more information, contact Ken and Jenny Miller by phone at 740-857-1831 or by email at kenjenmusic@gmail.com.

Make a difference... invest in our youth by volunteering at the L.I.F.T. Learning Center.

L.I.F.T. offers a safe place for 5th to 8th graders to meet and expand their learning opportunities, Monday - Thursday, from 2:45 to 5:00 pm. Volunteers assist students with assignments, organization, writing, reading, and test preparation. Volunteers encourage students to see their full potential by working with them and showing them how their persistence, hard work, and positive attitude can help them understand the material and become better students. L.I.F.T. provides a supportive community where kids who are struggling are nurtured and celebrated. For more information, visit www.dnaplaincity.org or contact Janet Lanka at jlanka@gmail.com.



There are several openings on the Flower Chart for rest of the year. You may sponsor one or both bouquets in honor of or in memory of someone. Checks should be made out to Presbyterian Women for \$15 each. Please give to Elaine Wilcox PWC Treasurer. The PWC appreciates your support.



Congratulations to Lauren and Eli Karn on the birth of their son, Abe Henry Karn on August 30. Chic and Mindy Foust are proud grandparents.

INVITE, INVITE, INVITE!!!!

Fall and the upcoming holidays is a great time to extend an invitation to a family member, friend, neighbor or a stranger to join you at church. Take the chance and invite someone some Sunday. Remember we have invite cards available on the tables in the sanctuary and parlor.

Support our Mission Trip by enjoying Max and Erma's on September 7.

Enjoy a meal at Max & Erma's on **Thursday, September 7** and 20% of your bill will be returned to the Church for our Mission Trip Fund. The voucher for the fundraiser is included in this newsletter, print it out and take it with you.

Gather up your friends and family, and go hungry for lunch or supper! See you there!!

Join Us For A **FUNdraiser**

at MAX & ERMA'S

Dublin & Plain City Presbyterian Churches
Thursday, 09/07/17, ALL DAY
 Max & Erma's Dublin
 411 Metro Place North
 Dublin, OH 43017
 614-889-8111

Present this flyer to your server and a percentage of your food sales will be donated back to the organization

VISIT MAXANDERMAS.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

Free distribution on Max & Erma's property is prohibited and will result in the forfeiture of your organization's entire donation. Donation amount is not calculated on alcohol and gift card sales. Donations will not be made on past purchases. Max & Erma's donations cannot be combined with coupons or other offers.

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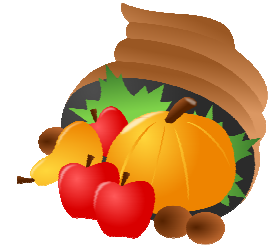
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 4:30 pm Food Bank
3	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 7pm Boy Scouts	6 7 pm Choir Practice	7 Max and Erma's Day 6 pm Gentle Spirit	8	9 8 am Men's Study 2 pm Xmas in Sept 4:30 pm Food Bank
10 Ladies Bible Study Starts LIGHT STARTS 11:15 am Trustees	11 6:15 Prayer Group 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Cub Scouts	12 7 pm Session 7 pm Boy Scouts	13 7 pm Choir Practice	14 7 pm PC Lions	15	16 9 am-1 pm Boy Scout Training 4:30 pm Food Bank
17 Healing 11:15 am Deacons 5pm-8pm Volley- ball Officials	18 6:15 Prayer Group 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Cub Scouts	19 Presbytery Meet- ing Waverly 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm PWC Fall Gathering	20 7 pm Choir Practice	21 5:30- 7:30 pm Girl Scouts	22	23 8 am Men's Study 4:30 pm Food Bank
24	25 6:15 Prayer Group 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Cub Scouts	26 7 pm Boy Scouts	27 7 pm Choir Practice	28 7 pm PC Lions	29	30 Reform Fair 10-6 Stapp Shower 4:30 pm Food Bank

Dates to Remember

- Sept. 4- Labor Day (Office Closed)
- Sept 6 - Choir Practice Begins 7pm
- Sept. 7 - Gentle Spirit 6pm
- Sept 7 - Max & Erma's Day
- Sept 9- Men's Bible Study 8 am
- Sept 9- Christmas in Sept, 2 pm
- Sept 10- LIGHT and Ladies Bible Study Start Again
- Sept 10 - Trustees 11:15 am
- Sept 11- Monday night Prayer 6:15 pm and Bible Study 6:45 pm begins
- Sept 12- Session 7 pm
- Sept 17-Healing Service
- Sept 17-Deacons 11:15 am
- Sept 19- Fall Gathering PWC 7pm
- Sept 21-Girl Scouts Meeting 5:30 pm
- Sept 23- Men's Bible Study 8 am
- Sept 30 and Oct 1- Reformation Fair 10am - 6pm at Pastime Park