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Word from Pastor Alice

Dear Church Family,

Alfred Ackley was in the midst of a weeklong revival in 1934 at which those who turned out were by and large looking for answers and comfort. The Great Depression had all but wiped them out. Many men had lost their jobs, while the lucky ones who still had employment were wondering if their jobs would last until the end of the year. A new president had promised that help was on the way, but for the moment those seemed like hollow words as the bleak times continued. For many, the only place to turn to find any hope at all was God. So in revivals across the country, thousands were filling churches, theaters, auditoriums, and tents looking for answers.

Ackley, who was an accomplished musician, was also a pastor. He began his ministry at a Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and also pastored churches in Pittsburgh and Escondido, California.

Ackley was one of the evangelists called upon to speak all across the country. His mission was to steer the lost to Christ and bring comfort and hope to hurting believers. Though he had more than twenty years' experience as a pastor and Christian leader, the task he now faced was anything but routine or easy. Despair seemed to be permanently etched on many of the faces that looked up at him night after night. That hopelessness often seemed to descend on the services like a storm cloud on a summer afternoon.

Each night of the revival, Ackley noted a young man in the audience who came alone and sat well away from others in crowd. The visitor listened intently but showed no signs of understanding either the message or the music. He also never came forward to ask a question, seek prayer, or make a decision for Christ. Yet he was always back the next evening. On the final night, thirty minutes after the crowd had dispersed and Ackley was also getting ready to leave, a voice stopped him. Turning the evangelist was greeted by the young man he had noticed earlier. The stranger's expression was intense and his body coiled tight with suppressed rage. "I have to know something," the stranger barked. "Yes," the evangelist quietly replied. "Why," he demanded, "should I worship a dead Jew?"

The question stunned Ackley. No one had ever asked it before. For a moment he thought about how to answer, then he felt a sudden rush of energy and blurted out, "He lives! I tell you, he is not dead, but lives here and now! Jesus Christ is more alive today than ever before. I can prove it by my own experience, as well as the testimony of countless others." Excitement flowed through his body as Ackley stared intently into the young man's eyes. The visitor's rage was gone, replaced by a sense of surprise. He was now ready to listen, and Ackley was ready to witness. Signaling toward two chairs, the evangelist sat down and shared his own story with the young man. When their conversation ended, they prayed together. Each left knowing that belief in a living Christ was a tie that would bind them through this life and the next.

That night Ackley's reply to the young man's question stuck with him that he could not sleep, unable to read, and unable to even pray. Ackley got up and found a piano and what resulted was one the most beautiful hymns,

He Lives!

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today I know that He is living, whatever men may say I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer And just the time I need Him He's always near

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today He walks with me and talks with me

Along life's narrow way He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart

In all the world around me I see His loving care And though my heart grows weary I never will despair I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast The day of His appearing will come at last REFRAIN

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find None other is so loving, so good and kind REFRAIN

If someone asked you how you know Jesus lives...how would you respond? Would you be willing to share how Jesus lives within your heart and the many ways you see His presence in daily life?

Looking forward to a wonderful Holy Week (April 10-17) as we once again journey to the cross and the glorious resurrection. Please make every effort to be in worship for ALL the services that week. Keep in mind the great sacrifice Jesus made for each of us.

Love being your pastor! Love and Blessings in Jesus!

Alice

*(excerpts from Stories Behind the Traditions and Songs of Easter by Ace Collins)

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

Donna Gibson
Willy Gordon

We will also pray for individuals with Covid and you can send any names to email to Rev. Alice at revalp@neo.rr.com.



Our church shares our condolences and sympathy for the loss of several of our dear and faithful members.

We share our sympathy for the family of

Alice Shalosky, a dear member who passed on March 15. No calling hours, private graveside service planned.



THE FOLLOWING FOLKS ARE/HAVE BEEN WORKING IN VARIOUS AREAS:

CLEANING ALL KITCHEN AREAS

Kim Moody, Valerie Meredith,

Sharon Newell, Karon Kaufman, Nancy McKelvey, Donna Rihl, Rita McCray, Carolyn Gibeaut, Judy Brady, Pat Myers, Carol Burkhart, Barb Berry

CLEANING OUT/ORGANIZING SUNDAY SCHOOL CRAFT ROOM

Rosemary Anderson and Rita McCray

CLEANING NURSERY Barbara Berry and Carol Burkhart, J(Jesus) Walkers Youth Group

PAINTING NURSERY AND CEILING TILES Jim Kaufman

CLEANING OUT/ORGANIZING CHUCK'S OLD OFFICE AND ROOM WHERE SOUND SYSTEM IS

Carol Burkhart and Rev. Alice

PAINTING NURSERY AND CEILING TILES Jim Kaufman

REFINISHING NURSERY ROCKER John Watson

Any help in making our church beautiful is appreciated!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ORDERED EASTER FLOWERS. Your support will help make the church in its Easter celebration and also help support the Women's Circle and LIGHT.

The Coffee Hour will reopen on April 3, 2022! Come enjoy fellowship and refreshments after worship!

Bible Study Opportunities:

Sunday Morning Lenten Study March 6—

April 10, Rev Alice will be leading a **six week Bible Study on Sunday a.m. from 9:10 -9:50.** Learn how Jesus changed the world one person at a time and how you can too! All are invited to join! Each session has a short video

Bible Study



(10-15 min) along with discussion based on a Scripture passage.

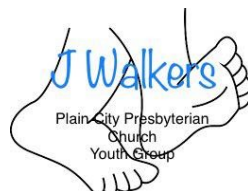
Kyle Idelman, Pastor at Southeast Christian Church (where Bob Russell was pastor) has written this study **ONE AT A TIME.**

Weekly Monday night prayer and Bible study continues. We would love for you to **join** us at 6:30

P.M. on Zoom. We continue our study of Romans on. All are welcome to join us. If you are interested in joining us, send an email

to revalp@neo.rr.com. **No BIBLE STUDY DURING HOLY WEEK— APRIL 11**

Men's Bible Study The members will meet Saturday mornings at the church. They will be studying 8 Verses Showing Jesus Lives. Contact Bill Pettibone for more information. All men are welcome to join them.



J (esus) Walkers will meet Sunday, April 3 at 6:30 pm



Come Worship With Us!

April 10 - Palm Sunday - 10:00 AM - Parade of children, distribution of palms

April 14 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 PM Celebration of Holy Communion

April 15 - Good Friday -

Noon - Community Cross Walk

7:00 PM - Tenebrae Service

EASTER - April 17 -

9:00 - 9:45 AM - Deacons will be hosting continental breakfast of cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice in Parlor.

10:00 AM - Celebration of His Resurrection, Easter choir along with trumpet and trombone.



The Presbyterian Women's Circle will be meeting on April 19 at 6:30 pm at the church. Nancy McKelvey and Kathy Wilson will be hosting and

Pat Myers will lead our devotions. Come join other women of the church in fellowship . We will be wrapping our plans for the Senior Tea in May. And other upcoming activities. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you for supporting the Women's Circle Diaper Drive. Bill and Vicky Pettibone took the following to DNA this week!

80 Newborn

174 Size 2

72 Size 3

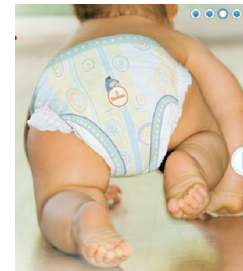
176 Size 4

85 Size 5

17 Size 6

18 Men's

12 Women's



Total of 634 Diapers and 1090 Baby wipes

YOUR GENEROSITY WILL HELP MANY LOCAL FAMILIES BEING SERVED BY DNA. Looking for a way to help others? Diapers are always needed so feel free to drop off some at DNA anytime.

ROAD CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

SEE JIM KAUFMAN IF YOU CAN HELP WITH THIS IMPORTANT CHURCH MISSION!

LOVE PACKAGES We are cleaning out various areas of the church of outdated, old or unused materials. Love Packages, a ministry in Illinois, will receive the following materials. They send them to missionaries throughout the world. If you have any of the following items you would like to send along with ours, please bring to the church by April 5th. Place on tables outside offices. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN DAMAGED ITEMS.**

ALSO - if you would like to help cover the cost of postage, there will be a basket in the sanctuary.

Bibles: New or used, any translation, New Testaments or other portions, individual gospel booklets

Reference Materials : Dictionnaires, Bible dictionnaires, concordances, commentaires, etc.

Books: All Christian books – adult or children, non-fiction

Magazines and Daily Devotionals: Any devotionals or magazine from a Christian publisher

Sunday School Materials: Adult quarterlies and all teacher manuals in any amount from all publishers; children's quarterlies with the teacher's manual and full student manuals.

CDs, DVDs, Blu-ray: Music, movies, teaching from well-known speakers (Billy Graham, Swindoll, etc.) **Puppets, Nativity Sets, etc.:** Bible games, biblical puzzles – anything that helps teach the gospel



Need a place to belong?

Join us at
**Plain City
Presbyterian Church**

www.plaincitypresby.org

BUMPER STICKERS are here on the back table. The cost is \$4. Thank you to Bill Pettibone and Linda Watson for this outreach

**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, and John Rihl have been our ever faithful camera men for **YEARS** now. 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.

Church Treasurer Report for February 2022

The general fund balance for the end of February decreased due to a lower amount of donations being made during the month when compared to expenses. Expenses were mostly routine with no out of the ordinary items, other than with the cold weather, the gas bill was higher at \$1,124.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 02/01/2022	\$ 11,458.20
Income	9,183.00
Expenses	<u>(11,459.50)</u>
Ending Balance 02/28/2022	\$ 9,181.70

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Best Regards,

Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

LIFEWISE ACADEMY - will be in our building this Fall! Session approved the use of our church for Lifewise Academy (Biblically based religious education for PC Elementary) starting in Fall 2022, and our church was chosen. This is a great opportunity to bring children into our building to learn about Jesus! Please be praying! The LifeWise team will be with us in worship on **May 15** to explain more! If you would like to help with this ministry, you can by volunteering and/or financially contributing.



REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

Our Shut-ins

Being shut-in this past year 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—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



STARTING ON MAY 1- FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IS FILL UP SUNDAY! Your generosity has filled up our supplies for April but plan on bringing more in May for the **The Little Food Pantry**

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 ON TABLE OUTSIDE OFFICES.**

- 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

Happy Birthday



04/03	Lauren	Erdman
04/08	Jim	Kaufman
04/14	Meredith	Foust Thompson
04/14	Elaine	Wilcox
04/17	Brian	Erdman
04/17	Natalie	Walker
04/18	Brandon	Bradley
04/19	Ian	Reed
04/20	Katelyn	Rihl
04/22	Briar Rose	Wilcox
04/22	Tom	Verne
04/24	Beth	Beach
04/27	Mary Lou	Rihl
04/29	Sarah	Ferguson
04/29	Shane	Manring
04/30	Larry	Myers

04/05 Brandon & Elizabeth Bradley
 04/08 Jay & Paula Ferguson
 04/19 Roy & Lisa Woods
 04/20 Dave & Rita McCray

Upcoming Meetings
J Walkers April 3 6:30 pm
Trustees April 10 after worship
Deacons Meeting April 10 after worship
Session Meeting April 6 at 7 pm
Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting- April 19 6:30 pm

LOCATION *Grace Polaris*
8225 Worthington Galena Rd,
Westerville, OH 43081

DATE & TIME:
Friday, April 8th

5:30 – 8:00pm
 Doors Open 5:15
REGISTER ON LINE



HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

***Update* - Marysville Hospital is allowing clergy to visit!!!**

PLEASE KNOW REV ALICE WILL VISIT ANY CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MAKE HER AWARE AS WELL AS MAKE A REQUEST TO THE HOSPITAL STAFF. DURING THIS COVID MESS THAT IS THE ONLY WAY - SHE CANNOT JUST FREELY WALK INTO A HOSPITAL AS IN THE PAST PRIOR TO COVID.

But please know that she will gladly pray on the phone with hospitalized individuals as she has been and will continue to do. She will also gladly visit you at home before surgery to pray in person.