



Dear Church Family,  
I recently read the following article by Tara Ziegmont that I thought you might enjoy as well.  
I love you and love being your pastor!  
Love and Blessings in Jesus!  
Alice



## 4 Ways to Honor God On Valentine's Day

1. Make a list of the ways He has shown His love for you. The book *An "I Love You" Prayer* is a perfect starter for this activity, whether you do it by yourself or with your kids. Go broad – see God's love for you through the bird singing outside your window or the kitty purring in your bed. See His love through the little arms hugging your neck and the heat in your home on a cold morning. Doing this with your kids would be especially sweet (at least it would be for me) because you could learn the *good and perfect* things they see in the world. You could simply make lists on notebook paper. Or you could make hearts and hang them on a piece of poster board. Or each member of your family could write their list on a separate piece of colored paper or on a large paper or poster with a different color marker (think pinks, purples, reds, and silver).

2. Do good in the world. One year I shared in a blog a list of [13 ways that kids can do good](#). Every single one would be perfect for Valentine's Day because you're sharing God's love with those in need. This is my very favorite Bible verse:  
***Never walk away from someone who needs help; for you may be the hand of God to that person. — Proverbs 3:27*** (from The Message)  
Be His hands and share His love with someone else.

3. Read [God's Love for You Storybook together](#). Better yet, copy passages from it and tuck them into places where strangers will find them. In my church, the youth group goes on ATLs. That's short for Ask the Lord. They begin by praying together. Then they get into a car and drive wherever they feel led. They stop wherever they feel led to stop, and they do something. Sometimes, they knock on a door and ask to pray with someone. Sometimes, they help people the do a task. I've even heard of them stopping strangers on the street and asking if they can pray with them. Do your own mini ATL by asking the Lord where you should leave your little love notes. Maybe one should go in between two boxes on a grocery store shelf, in the cover of a magazine in a waiting room, or on a public bulletin board. Let Him lead you to leave blessings for someone to find by divine appointment. (Can't get the book in time? Copy Bible verses on notecards and do the same thing.)

4. Love each other. Love is a verb. Love your loved ones. Call your parents and in-laws. Go out of your way to serve your children and celebrate them today. Do something special for your spouse. You don't have to go all out like I do, but let your family see the love of Jesus reflected through you.

**"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34**



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

- Jack Mercer
- Pat Jordan

Thank you 

...the donor of the new clock outside the offices.

...to Donna Rihl and Mindy Foust for ushering at the Stenner service and Rita McCray and

Carolyn Gibeaut for the nursery, Don McKelvey for the audio visual, Kim Moody, Valerie Merideth, Donna Rihl, Jim and Karon Kaufman who helped with the refreshments.



Next Meeting of the PC Presbyterian Women's Circle will be on WEDNESDAY, February 22 at 1:30 pm. We are moving to Wednesday afternoon to help with some scheduling conflicts. All women of the church are invited to attend. Watch for slides on Sunday for more details.

### HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

If you are in the hospital or a loved one is and want a visit...please call or text Rev. Alice 740-

### Upcoming Meetings

Session Wednesday February 8

Trustees—Sunday February 12

Deacons— Sunday February 19

**Bible Study— Mondays 6:30 pm Zoom**

**Feb. 11 - Church officer training 10 am**

**J Walkers - February 12 5:30 pm Packing Lenten bags**

**Feb 22—1:30 pm Women's Circle Meeting**



### SYMPATHY-

**We send our love and sympathy to families experiencing the loss of a loved one.**



...to Trina Stone and her sons and the family and friends of Sally Petznick who passed away January 21. Her funeral will be held at a later date.

...to the Stenner family and friends who grieve the loss of Pat Stenner as they held Celebration of Life Service was held on February 4 at the church.

....to Donna and Len Rihl in the passing of Donna's sister-in-law, Wilma Cottone.

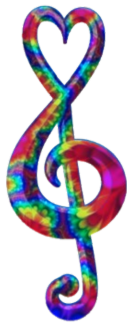
Please keep all the families and friends of these loved ones in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of loss.

### 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.

## Feb. 11 - Church officer training

All new and present officers serving on the Church Boards are asked to attend Officer training on Saturday, Feb. 11. The training will begin at 10 am and lunch will be served with CPR Training beginning at 1:30 pm. Please let Rev Alice know if you can attend.



### **SPECIAL MUSIC THIS MONTH**

**Feb. 12** - Michele Kopiec, soloist

**Feb. 19** - James Predovich on Harp!!! Caitlyn McCay, soloist, and Ailene on oboe

**Feb. 26** - Trio - Caitlyn MacKay, Michele Kopiec, and Janelle Wilcox Gordon

Special Easter Choir - If you would like to join us, please let Ailene know!

D.N.A. needs to move by 3/31 and we are currently **searching for a space** with 4500 to 5000 square feet to house our food pantry, kids closet and office space. If you have space or have a lead PLEASE contact our Executive Director Tamara Reed at [tamara@dnaplaincity.org](mailto:tamara@dnaplaincity.org).

## LIFEWISE ACADEMY

**PRAISE JE-**

**SUS!!!** LifeWise is now serving over 160 children from PC

**HOW CAN YOU HELP??**

**PRAY, GIVE, VOLUNTEER**

**\*PRAY FOR A BUS DRIVER\***

Link to volunteer and contribute: [https://](https://www.lifewiseacademy.org/nearlaunch/3904826/jonathan-alder-local)

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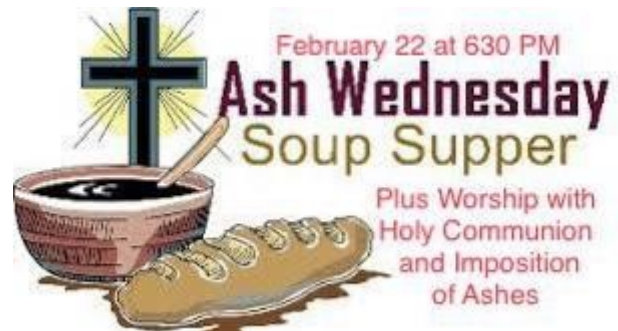


## CPR TRAINING



The PVFD will provide CPR training during our church officer training on February 11th. ANYONE from the entire congregation who is interested is welcome and encouraged to attend! It will be at **1:30 P.M.** We are asking each participant to pay \$10 toward the cost of being trained. If you write a check, please make it to the church, and we will send the total amount.

**Lent is arriving this month!**



We are going to try something a little different this year! We will have a soup supper at church with worship (including communion) around the tables. The imposition of ashes will also be made available. So plan to join us. We currently have 5 soup makers so if you would like to volunteer just let Rev. Alice know.

## NOTES OF THANKS:

Harley and Judy Bodenbender asked if we would share their word of thanks for all who helped when Harley became ill during worship on January 15! He is doing well!

From the family of Mary Lou Rihl, Please accept this donation in appreciation of all your support these past weeks and also for the wonderful luncheon provided by the Deacons and members of the church who contributed food It was all wonderful

Church Family– Thank you so much for the gift card! I really appreciate it! Merry Christmas! Nick Bodenbender

J Walkers Youth Group– Thank you so much for the Christmas gift bag of goodies. It was truly appreciated and so thoughtful of your group to remember the shut-in. The Advent Devotional booklet was a nice touch and Bob loved the chocolate candy. The little angel globe was delightful. We wish all of you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. In Christian Love, Bob and Suzanne Merkle

## Church Tithe at Year End

In thanksgiving to the Lord for providing for our financial needs throughout this year, we are tithing (giving 10%) on our end of the year balance as we have done in the past and giving it to mission. This year we decided LifeWise would be the recipient.

## Church Treasurer Report for December 2022

The general fund balance for the end of December ended with a much higher balance due to a number of generous donations being made during the month. This will be helpful getting us through the first half of the year since those are usually low giving months. During the month there were numerous large payments made including quarterly insurance premiums, per capita fees (\$5,000), and all the budgeted benevolences were also paid. The Session also approved a \$500 donation to Hope's Lantern, which is the organization that the Church sends the Centsibility donation to.

### **Benevolence donations from general fund for 2022**

Deacons Fund	\$ 500.00
Presbytery Missions	750.00
Plain City Food Pantry	2,500.00
She Dreams Again	2,500.00
Hopes Lantern	500.00
PC Pastors Fellowship	300.00
DNA - Daily Needs Assistance	3,000.00
<b>Benevolences Total</b>	<b>\$10,050.00</b>

In addition, the Church also received designated anonymous donations to the following organizations:

Deacons Fund	\$ 2,000.00
PC Presbyterian Womens Assoc	500.00
Christmas Basket Fund	500.00
She Dreams Again	5,000.00
LifeWise Academy	5,300.00

### **General Expenses Fund**

Beginning Balance 12/01/2022	\$ 17,693.33
Misclassified donation adjustment	(35.00)
Income	44,808.46
Expenses	<u>(26,340.92)</u>

Ending Balance 12/31/2022 \$ 36,125.87

If there are any questions about the financial information of the Church, please let me know.

Best Regards,  
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

# 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!

Dick Harper—Home  
Bruce Keiser—Dublin Retire Village Assisted Living  
Chuck Stoker—Home  
Bryan Becker—Home  
Arlene Perkins, Paul and Donna Gibson—Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville



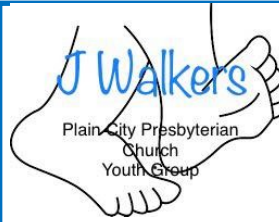
Our Shut-ins

Charlotte Lambka—Edgewater  
Jack Mercer—Trueman Pointe Center Hilliard



**Monday Night Bible Study resumed and are taking a journey through John. See Rev. Alice for Zoom link.**

New Address: Jack Mercer is recovering at Trueman Point Center 4660 Trueman Blvd, Hilliard, OH 43026.



Next J Walkers meeting is Sunday, February 12 at 5:30 pm. Meeting to pack Lenten Bags for shut-ins and more. See Rev.

Alice for more details!



**The First Sunday of the month is donation Sunday but you can drop off in boxes on the way to the sanctuary anytime.**

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.

**In need of : SOUPS, PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA, AND PASTA .**



02/04	Barbara	Berry
02/04	Kristen	Johnston
02/05	Kathy	Wilson
02/07	Joyce	Harper
02/10	Jonna	Wilcox
02/11	Norman	Troyer
02/14	Carolyn	Gibeaut
02/14	Valerie	Merideth
02/15	Don	McKelvey
02/17	Barbie	Scheiderer
		Boden-
		bender
02/17	John	
02/25	Pat	Jordan

No February Anniversaries to list.