



Dear Church Family,

During the 30 Day Prayer Pilgrimage that some have participated in, each day we are asked to write in our prayer journal how we sensed the presence of Jesus that day. It is a good exercise as it really helps us to be more aware of Jesus' presence in our daily lives. I want to encourage you during this Advent/Christmas Season to take time out of busy days of preparing for Christmas to just stop and meditate/ponder upon all that Jesus has done for you and how Jesus makes His presence known to you each day. Sometimes during the hectic, busy days during the Christmas Season of shopping, cooking, baking, celebrations, etc. we can lose sight of the wonder of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Derric Johnson writes in his book entitled, The Wonder of Christmas...

Christmas is...not Christmas was

Christmas is...as present as the air we breathe,
as current as the events that please or perplex us.

Christmas is...light.
More than the light from a new star...
it's the light of God's eternal love
shining through the midnight of man's despair,
proving that He believed in man.

Christmas is...giving.
Not of wise men to God,
But of God to men who would be
wise enough to receive the gift of His Son.

Christmas is...joy.
Not just because man heard a new song,
but because God wrote it and had it sung.

Christmas is...the angel saying, "...to all people."
And that means everybody...
everywhere...
and that includes you!

My sermon series during this Advent Season is And He Shall Be Called...

We will look at that wonderful passage from Isaiah 9:6. **For to us a Child is born to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** On December 18, 2022, during morning worship, we will focus upon the Prince of Peace through song as Ailene will lead the choir and instrumentalists in a cantata entitled, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." It would be a good time to invite a friend to church that Sunday. Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be at 7:00 P.M. – that is also a good time to invite others to worship. We will also have a Christmas morning service as Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. This will be a different worship service of Scripture, reflections on international traditions of Christmas, and lots of carols and music.

I encourage you to take time to meditate/ponder the birth of Jesus each day and by being present with your brothers and sisters in worship...as we once again reflect upon the wonder of Christmas!

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 including Covid.

Sally Petznick
The Reed Children
Charlotte Lambka
Pat Jordan
Elaine Wilcox
Mary Lou Rihl
Mindy Foust

Upcoming Meetings

Trustees—Sunday December 11

Deacons— Sunday December 18

Session Wednesday December 14

Women's Circle Holiday Brunch Saturday December 10 at 10 am at church

J Walkers Wild Lights Tuesday December 6 (December 13 rain date)



Thank you ❤️

- Everyone who helped with the church Advent decorating. Many hands did make light work.
- Thank you to Rev Alice and the J-Walkers for making the advent gift bags.
- Thank you for Nancy McKelvey, Rosemary Anderson, Janell Gordon, Beth Beach for assisting with ThankOffering Sunday for the Women's Association. Thank you to all who donated financially.
- Thank you to everyone who purchased a poinsettia to decorate the church and support Circle and LIGHT..
- Thank you to all who are supporting the Christmas Basket program by donation, helping with a family, or administrating it.
- Thank you for the recent generous financial gifts that will helped toward getting caught up in the church improvement fund and benevolences.
- Thank you to all who donated a Christmas Shoebox, in person or on-line. We had over 26 boxes and 11 on-line donated.
- Thank you to all who participated in the Prayer for Plain City Pilgrimage and Prayer Opportunities.
- Thank you to all who donated candy or packed candy and children's activities for the Christmas Under the Clock event. Thank you to Matt Holliday, Jim and Rick Kaufman for serving as wisemen and all who manned the table for the event.



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

...to Gladys McCabe and family in the passing of her niece Patty Nicol on November 3, 2022

...Chuck Stoker and family in the passing of Pat Stoker on November 12, 2022

...the Griffith and Wilcox families who are grieving the passing of Ed Griffith .

...the family and friends of Connie Zimmerman who passed on November 26, 2022.

Welcome to the World!



Congratulations to Sam and Lucero Stapp for the arrival of Jacob Ramon Stapp Born 11/11/22 at 9:28 pm 8 lbs 2 oz, 20 1/2" long. Congratulations to grandparents , Kathy and Nick Stapp.

Advent Service Schedule

We invite you to join us this Christmas Season at Plain City Presbyterian Church

His Name Shall Be Called...

Dec. 4 – 10:00 A.M.

“Mighty God”

Special music with Janell Wilcox Gordon and Ailene Albrecht

Dec. 11 – 10:00 A.M.

“Everlasting Father”

Special music with

Michele Kopiec and Ailene Albrecht

Dec. 18 – 10:00 A.M.

“Prince of Peace”

Musical Cantata led by Ailene Albrecht

Dec. 24 – 7:00 P.M.

“Savior”

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service

Dec. 25 – 10:00 A.M.

Service of Scripture, International Christmas traditions, and Carols.



HOLY COMMUNION

We will celebrate communion on the First Sunday of Advent - Nov. 27 and Christmas Eve



GETTING MUSIC READY FOR CHRISTMAS!



Music and Worship met 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. **The Next Practices is December 17 at 1pm.** 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.

Community Christmas Basket Program – 2022

We are having the program this year but in a modified format. There will be no food collection/distribution. Our church will NOT be the home base for operations this year – there is no home base this year.

If you want to adopt a family you will be responsible for providing \$30 for a family gift card, buying any gifts for the children, and wrapping them. This year you have the option of arranging to deliver the gifts to the family, arranging to have them picked up by the family or bringing the gifts to our church and we will make sure they get to the family. **Currently all 95 families are adopted. If you are interested in adopting a late arriving family request, please let Dave McCray know.** You will be given the family gift card and an index card that will contain the family information: Name, address, phone number, children's ages and gender (so you can purchase age-appropriate gifts). **If you choose**

to contact the family yourself to arrange for pickup or delivery of the gifts, we ask that you contact the family by Wednesday, December 14, 2022. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to “**Christmas Basket Fund**” and send them to the church. Please contact Dave McCray at 614-408-1617 if you have any questions or are interested in adopting a family. Thank you!



Presbyterian Women's Coat Drive



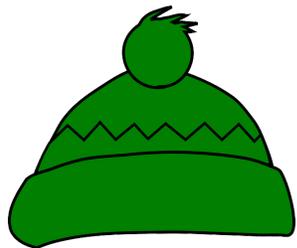
Have you or are you planning on cleaning out your closets before winter? Do you have some gently used coats that you would like to find a new home? Would you buy a new coat to donate? Well, bring them to the church as the Women's Circle are gathering coats again to donate to DNA for local folks in need. **DNA said that they are going out as fast as they come in so we took some now and will take the rest in mid December . Keep them coming in .All sizes needed. Thank you!!**



Presbyterian Women's Circle Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 10 at 10 am.

We'll gather for a potluck brunch. All women of the church are welcome to enjoy a time of fellowship and relaxation in this busy holiday season. Instead of a gift exchange, we had decided to bring in a gift for a baby in honor of Baby Jesus. **The baby gifts we will collect are going to Kathy Stapp's grandson, parents being her son, Tom and his fiancée, Jessica. They had a baby boy who was born in September 2022. According to Jessica, he is in 3 mo. clothes now but starting 3-6 months. He wears size 2 diapers and could use socks, gloves, teething toys, belly time toys, bottles, small stuffed animals and pacifiers.** So come join in this annual fun fellowship event. Take a moment out of the busy holiday season to take a breath and enjoy some laughter, good food and good fellowship.



The Women's Circle is also again doing the Mitten, Hat and Sock Tree in the Parlor. Donations can be placed on the tree or in the boxes under the tree. All sizes of items can be used. Collected items will be given to DNA for distribution to those in need. Let's cover that tree with lots of items and lots of LOVE!

Per Capita Giving Time

Presbytery has advised the 2022 Per Capita is \$40 per member. Per Capita is collected by Presbytery and is distributed as shown below. This is how we fund the denomination and has been a part of denomination history for over 275 years.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley :	\$ 27.80
Synod of the Covenant :	\$ 3.25
General Assembly	<u>\$ 8.95</u>
Total:	\$ 40.00.

The Church is responsible to pay the Per Capita for our membership reported in 2020. Session's request to the Congregation is for every member to pay their portion of Per Capita. This will relieve pressure on our General Fund. We would like to request it be paid as soon as you can. You can put it in the offering plate or mail to the Church.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

If you are in the hospital or a loved one is and want a visit...please call or text Rev. Alice 740-391-2531

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

Dick Harper—Home

Marian Thomas & Pat Stenner & Bruce Keiser—
Dublin Retire Village Assisted Living

Chuck Stoker—Home

Bryan Becker—Home

Arlene Perkins, Paul and Donna Gibson— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

Sally Petznick- Mill Run Rehab

Mary Lou Rihl- Glenwood

Charlotte Lambka— Edgewater



Our Shut-ins

Church Treasurer Report for October 2022

The general fund balance for the end of October ended with a much higher balance due to a generous amount of donations being made during the month. The month also benefited with five Sundays being included in the month. Per capita donations started to come in and the church repair fund has been replenished with additional donations.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 10/01/2022	\$ (586.38)
Income	21,456.25
Expenses	<u>(10,970.56)</u>
Ending Balance 10/31/2022	\$ 9,899.31

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

Best Regards,

Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

Sunday, December 4 is donation Sunday. Drop off in boxes on the way to the sanctuary.

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.



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.



Monday Night Bible Study will have a Christmas Party at the church on Monday, December 12 and take a break until January 2. The Men's Bible Study will be on break until Saturday, January 7.

Sally Petznick is in rehab and is ready to let everyone know where she is and welcomes visits as well. She is in Room 313 Mill Run Skilled Nursing 3399 Mill Run Drive Hilliard, OH 43026



12/03	Tom	Stapp
12/04	Jack	Mercer
12/06	Samuel	Stapp
12/07	Judy	Weeks
12/08	Tommy	Lear
12/09	Marian	Thomas
12/11	Chuck	Stoker
12/17	Keith	Lester
12/24	Alice	Shalosky
12/25	Julie	Thomson
12/25	Ayodele	Longe
12/28	Elizabeth	Bradley
12/30	Rosemary	Anderson

12/21 Harley & Judy Bodenbender



Happy 90th Birthday,
Jack Mercer!!!!

You're invited! Please join us to wish a Happy 90th Birthday to Jack Mercer. Cake and refreshments will be served at the Pleasant Valley Senior Center December 4, 2022 from 2-4pm. Located at 390 Allgyer Dr. Plain City, OH 43064. Your presence is the only gift necessary (plus a few memories and laughs ;))

LIFEWISE ACADEMY

PRAISE JESUS!!! LifeWise is now serving over 118 children from PC Elementary!

HOW CAN YOU HELP??

- PRAY**
- GIVE**
- VOLUNTEER**

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

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