



# December 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>Merry Christmas</b>				1 MAX & ERMA'S	2	3  4:30 Feed My Sheep
4 9:15 Adult S.S. 9:15 Ladies Bible St. 10:00 Worship	5 6:00 Prayer Time 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Cub Scouts	6  7:00 Boy Scouts	7  7:00 Choir	8	9	10  4:30 Feed My Sheep
11 9:15 Adult S.S. 9:15 Ladies Bible St. 10:00 Worship 11:15 Trustees Mtg. 2:00 Caroling	12 6:00 Prayer Time 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Cub Scouts	13  7:00 Boy Scouts	14  7:00 Choir	15	16	17  4:30 Feed My Sheep
18 9:15 Adult S.S. 9:15 Ladies Bible St. 10:00 Worship 11:15 Deacons Mtg. 7:00 Organ Recital 7:30 Pageant	19 6:00 Prayer Time 6:30 Bible Study	20	21  7:00 Choir	22  11 am Friendship Cr.	23	24  7:00 Organ Recital 7:30 Worship Service
25 9:15 Adult S.S. 9:15 Ladies Bible St. 10:00 Worship <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	26 6:00 Prayer Time 6:30 Bible Study	27	28  7:00 Choir	29	30	31  4:30 Feed My Sheep

# PCPC PRESSing NEWS

December 2016

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) Plain City, Ohio

Vol. 24 No. 12

(614) 873-5011 • Fax: (614) 873-4409 • E-mail: [secjw@plaincitypresby.org](mailto:secjw@plaincitypresby.org)

[www.plaincitypres](http://www.plaincitypres)



Dear Church Family,

It is as the old song goes...“The most wonderful time of the year!” The time of the year when music and singing is certainly in the “air”...on the radio...in the grocery store...on T.V....on Facebook...and definitely, in the shopping mall. Christmas carols are heard everywhere! We have sung them since the time we were able to speak. Music has a way of relating to special events...special moments in our lives. Music has a way of drawing us into the presence of God. Those wonderful Christmas carols inspire us to rejoice once again in the magnificent birth into the world of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During this Advent/Christmas season I will be preaching a sermon series entitled, “Sing We All of Christmas!” We will be looking at various Christmas carols and the significance of a line from each carol and what it means Biblically. It is a most wonderful time of the year, and I look forward to seeing you in worship!

*Blessings and Love in Jesus,*

*Alice*



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES and ACTIVITIES:

Dec. 4	10:00	Worship – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
11	10:00	Worship – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
17	8-12	<b>Christmas Basket Packing Day</b>
18	10:00	Worship – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
	7:00	Organ Recital –Christmas Music
	7:30	68 <sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Pageant
24	7:00	Organ Recital – Christmas Music
	7:30	Christmas Eve Candlelight Serv.
25	10:00	Worship

## ADVENT-CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES

*Sing We All of Christmas!*



- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day  
*“Joy of every longing heart”*
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
*“Veiled in flesh the Godhead see”*
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Angels, From the Realms of Glory  
*Evermore your voices raising”*
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> O Little Town of Bethlehem  
*“Be born in us today”*
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Joy to the World  
*“No More Let Sins and Sorrows Grow”*
- Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> We Three Kings  
*“King forever, ceasing never”*

## SESSION MEETING

Only if called

## TRUSTEES MEETINGS

11:15 Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

## DEACONS MEETINGS

11:15 Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

## LITURGIST for December is:

Beth Beach

## ELDER GREETER for December is:

Doug Short

## HEAD DEACONS for December are:

Michael George and Jan Short

## THE USHERING TEAM for December is:

Jay and Paula Ferguson  
Gary and Carolyn Gibeaut

## **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **CHRISTIAN CONVERSATIONS**

Every **Sunday morning beginning at 9:15** in Fellowship Hall outside of the offices (led by Frank and Jerry Smith).

### **MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING**

Prayer time is 6:00 p.m. We invite you to join us as we uplift before the Lord in prayer... family, church family, friends, community, country, and world.

**LADIES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS and MEN'S SATURDAY A.M. BIBLE STUDY ARE STUDYING a SEVEN PART DVD STUDY and DISCUSSION on GRACE EVERY SUNDAY at 9:15 A.M.**

**FOR THE LADIES**

**AND**

**ON EVERY OTHER SATURDAY**

**at 8:00 A.M. FOR THE MEN,**

**COME JOIN US!! (PLEASE LET REV. ALICE OR BILL PETTIBONE KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.) DISCUSSION BOOKLETS WILL BE PROVIDED FREE.**

### **MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

(Please Note Change In Time From Last Year)

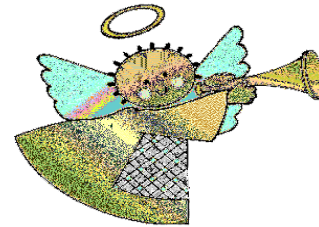
**6:30 P.M.**

**A STUDY OF GENESIS by Bob Russell  
A DVD STUDY WITH WORKBOOKS IN  
FOUR PARTS**

This study consists of Bob Russell's verse by verse teaching through the book of Genesis with discussion questions led by Rev. Alice. The study is helpful in understanding the meaning of the text and applying the timeless truths of God's Word to your personal life.

### **COMMUNION**

December 24 Christmas Eve



### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS...**

Dec. 10 @ 10:00 am Lena Robinson Circle -  
*Brunch/Gift Exchange (\$5-\$10) at Church*  
*Kathy Verne & Judy Bodenbender hosting*

Dec. 22 @ 11:00am Friendship Circle Lunch



### **MAX & ERMA'S FUNDRAISER**

Enjoy a meal at Max & Erma's on **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** and 20% of your bill will be returned to the Church for our Mission Trip Fund.

*Gather up your friends and family, and go hungry for lunch or supper!* The voucher for the fundraiser is included in this newsletter; cut it out and take it with you. *See you there!!*



### **CHRISTMAS UNDER THE CLOCK 2016**

Plain City's "Christmas Under the Clock" celebration will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5-9pm. Come enjoy this festive community activity with your friends and neighbors! You might even see some familiar faces among the "Wise Men".



*Christmas Caroling through town on a hay wagon has been planned by the Outreach/Evangelism Committee for Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.*



## L.I.G.H.T. YOUTH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

School Year 2016-2017

**Advent/Christmas** Dec. 4, 11, 18  
Off Dec. 25, Jan. 1

**Lent/Easter** April 2, 9, 23, 30  
Off May 1, 7

**Psalm 100** May 21, 28, June 4  
(Make a Joyful Noise) Off – June, July, August

If you would like to volunteer with the L.I.G.H.T. program, please contact any of the following: Rosemary Anderson, Carolyn Gibeaut, Rita McCray, or Jerry Smith. Thank you for your consideration in this ministry for our youth.



### FEED MY SHEEP FOODBANK UPDATE...

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. Your **generous donations** of food, supplies and money have filled our pantry and given 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 4:30 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



### Annual Christmas Basket And Adopt-A-Family Program

It’s that time of the year again when the PCPC participates in the Community Christmas Basket Program. This program provides food for needy families that live within the Jonathan Alder school district. Gifts are also provided for the children in each family. This is truly a community effort which offers several ways to help for those wishing to assist:

- 1) You can donate money that will be used to buy the food and gifts for the families. Please make checks payable to: **Christmas Basket Fund.**
- 2) You can adopt a family in need which means you buy the children’s gifts (suggested amount per child is \$20-\$25) and also provide \$30 for a family gift certificate which is purchased from a local merchant. Please make checks payable to: **Christmas Basket Fund.**
- 3) You can help **pack the baskets on the morning of Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.** Coffee, juice and donuts will be provided at 8:00am and the packing will begin at 9:00am. Lunch will be available for helpers at 11:00am.
- 4) You can help **deliver the baskets and gifts to the families on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.** The delivery timeframe is from 10:30am until 1:00pm (or until done – most likely before 1:00pm).
- 5) **You can donate canned food items by leaving them in the designated container in the parlor.** The last Sunday for these food donations will be December 11<sup>th</sup>.

You can help by doing any combination of the above items that you are comfortable with. Any help will be greatly appreciated and remember... you are helping people that live in your own community! Please contact Dave McCray (614-408-1617) to donate money or to adopt a family. If you wish to help pack the baskets or deliver them (or both) then you can simply be at our church at the appropriate time on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. **Thank you!**



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 - Thomas Stapp
- 6 - Samuel Stapp  
Brittany Wilcox
- 7 - Judy Weeks
- 8 - Tommy Lear
- 9 - Marian Thomas
- 10 - Carol Karrer
- 13 - Megan Lind
- 17 - Harmony Hargis  
Keith Lester
- 20 - Janie Warner
- 21 - Brian Pettibone
- 24 - Alice Shalosky
- 25 - Hannah Beach  
Holly Collins  
Ayo Longe  
Julie Rihl Thomson  
Mark Schlitz  
Margaret Stahl
- 30 - Rosemary Anderson

**WELCOME, CAROLYN GIBEAUT**

We are very grateful to have Carolyn Gibeaut as our new church secretary. Carolyn has been working with Judy during the past month learning more about the job, and she will begin as church secretary on January 1, 2017. Many of you know Carolyn who has been actively involved in the life of our church family. Carolyn’s energy, cheerful spirit, and organizational skills will be a blessing to us in the church office. Carolyn is very knowledgeable and has worked full-time as a pension analyst at Mass Mutual. During this time in her life as she cares for her aging mother, Carolyn wanted to work part-time. The church secretary position is a perfect fit for her in this transition time. We are grateful to have Carolyn begin her work with us as the new church secretary!

Rev. Alice



**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 16 - Bob & Liz Schlitz
- 21 - Harley & Judy Bodenbender

**THANK YOU, JUDY WEEKS!**

During the fifteen years I was in Shadyside, I was grateful to have two secretaries each serving half of my time there. They both were great. When I moved to Creston, much to my surprise, I soon found out that I would not only be the pastor but also the secretary. To be quite honest...it was not easy!! During those six years I realized, even more so than before, just how important a church secretary is!

When I came to Plain City I was absolutely thrilled that Judy Weeks would be the secretary! Already knowing Judy was an added bonus!! Judy has been a tremendous help to me during this first year as your pastor as she has been to you, the church family for many years. Judy has faithfully served our church for almost 14 years. She has been efficient, caring, confidential, joyful, faithful, helpful, and loving! She has been a blessing and a gem to have in the church office!

At this time in her life, Judy has the opportunity to move into a portion of Leanne and Andy’s home that will be an apartment renovated just for her...what a blessing! With this move, Judy has also decided to “retire” as our church secretary. We will certainly miss her sweet spirit and voice on the phone and in person in the church office. Of course, we will continue to see her in worship and around the church. We want to wish Judy many blessings, much happiness, and good health in her “retirement.” Judy’s last day in the church office will be December 31, 2016.

We will have a reception on January 8, 2017, to thank Judy for her faithful service. Plan to attend...and thank her when you see her!!

Rev. Alice

Join us for a  
**FUNdraiser**

at **MAX & ERMA'S**



**Dublin and Plain City  
Presbyterian  
Thursday, Dec. 1st, 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](http://MaxandErmas.com) for more information on FUNdraising for your organization!

Flyer 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.

©2015 American Blue Ribbon Holdings, LLC

Join us for a  
**FUNdraiser**

at **MAX & ERMA'S**



**Dublin and Plain City  
Presbyterian  
Thursday, Dec. 1st, 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](http://MaxandErmas.com) for more information on FUNdraising for your organization!

Flyer 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.

©2015 American Blue Ribbon Holdings, LLC