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### Word from Pastor Alice



Dear Church Family,

The other day while entering the OSU Wexner Medical Center area, the trees were adorned with lots and lots of red hearts. On the Ross Heart Hospital Building, there was a sign celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> heart transplant. Actually, as I am writing this newsletter article a member's wife from a previous church that I served is undergoing a heart transplant at Cleveland Clinic.

It was an amazing medical breakthrough when heart transplants began. A heart that is retrieved from someone who dies (often many miles away and it must be transported) is transplanted into another individual whose heart has been removed surgically, and it starts beating in that individual is simply an amazing wonder! I received word from a family member of the woman at Cleveland Clinic that said..."The new heart is beating on its own!! Yay!! An answer to our prayers!!!" It is downright exciting that this mother and wife now has an extended life with a new heart that replaced her old diseased heart muscle that was hard and just plain gave out.

But you know, there is something more amazing than that. When someone says YES to Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of his/her life, a more amazing heart transplant takes place. That transplant is instant...no waiting until the new heart arrives...and we are given extended life for eternity! When we say YES to Jesus, His heart begins pounding in our hearts and our minds instantly. Our old hard heart filled with so much disease of sin that just doesn't give us life, is replaced with a heart full of the love of Jesus....so much so, that we become more and more like Jesus!

So in this month when we will see lots of hearts around and lots of talk of love as we celebrate Valentine's Day, remember the greatest Valentine ever is JESUS!!!



<sup>9</sup> This is how God showed His love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.<sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.<sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. I John 4:9-12

Love being your pastor!

Love and blessings in Jesus!



### Upcoming Meetings

- Trustees: Sun Feb. 10
- Session: Tues., Feb 12 at 7 pm
- Deacons: Sun., Feb 17

### Helping with Worship during February

#### Head & Assistant Deacons

Sharon Newell

Nick Bodenbender

#### Elder Greeter

Coma N. See

#### Liturgist

Helpa N. Eed

#### Ushers

Steve and Nancy Patterson

#### Volunteers

#### Nursery Volunteers

Feb 3 Leanne and Travis Manning

Feb 10 Sally Petznick & Trina Stone

Feb 17 Rita and Dave McCray

Feb 24 Donna and Beth Rihl



- Thank you to everyone who participated in the reverse Advent Food Collection Mission. We'll be distributing several items each week so that everyone will have the opportunity to share in these blessings. Your donations are MUCH appreciated.
- Thank you to Donna Rihl for donating a back up DVR and remote for future use.
- Thank you to everyone who provided meals for John and Pat Jordan over the past weeks. It was much appreciated and is continuing for a few more weeks.
- **MITTEN TREE THANK YOU FROM NANCY MCKELVEY-** I am overwhelmed with the generous hearts in our church. The count is as follows: **10 kids hat and glove sets, 22 hats all sizes, 76 pairs of gloves and mittens all sizes, and 59 pairs of socks all sizes.** So people thought of teens and adults as well as little children. I will be taking them to DNA. Also a comforter was given. It was an awesome show of generosity and caring. Many people in Plain City will be warmer during the coldest months of the year because of them. A huge THANKS to everyone for their donation.
- Thank you from Meredith Foust-Thank you so much for the gift card and thinking of me this time of the year. I really appreciate it!
- Thank you to Steve Patterson for working on the church snow blower.
- Thank you to Rev. Alice for organizing officer training and all those who participated. Thank you to Sharon Newell and Karon Kaufman in assisting with refreshments.
- Thank you to everyone who bought subs for the Mission Trip.



Please keep these church members in your thoughts and prayers as they go through a time of loss for a dear family member or friend.

The family and friends of Doris France



**KUMJOINUS- February 9** We'll try again to come out our winter hibernation and enjoy the fellowship of Kumjoinus on **Saturday, February 9 at 6:30 pm.** A gathering of fun folks come together to enjoy Pizza and a good time. We'll be ordering Pizza so just bring your drinks and some \$ for Pizza. If you are coming, please sign-up on the sign in the parlor or call the church office (614) 873-5011 to help in the Pizza ordering.



Keep these folks and their caregivers in your prayers for healing and recovery from hospitalization during the month.

- Tara Becker
- Pat and John Jordan
- Janet Johnston
- Jane Warner
- Bob Merkle
- Jean Russell
- Larry Myers
- Richard Meeker

Come share in the study of God's word with each other.

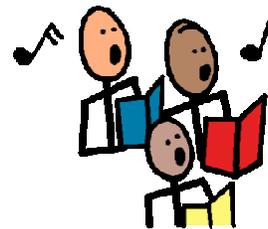
- Our ever faithful **CHRISTIAN CONVERSATIONS** group meets every Sunday at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall outside the church offices. This group is led by Frank and Jerry Smith. Come join the conversation.



- **Ladies Sunday School Class** led by Rev. Alice Sundays at 9:15 am and will study **UNGLUED- Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotion** by Lysa Terkeurst.

- **MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING 6:30 pm & Bible Study 6:45 pm** will have their holiday part on January 6 at 5 pm here at the church. **Our study take a break during Jan. and Feb.**

Let Rev Alice or the group leader know of your interest in participating in any of these studies.



The Choir will be begin practice on **Wednesday, February 6 at 7 pm.** We will be enjoying their talents beginning on Sunday February 10. Welcome Back!



**LEGACY**  
**Mid Winter Picnic**  
**Sunday**  
**February 24**  
**4- 6 pm**

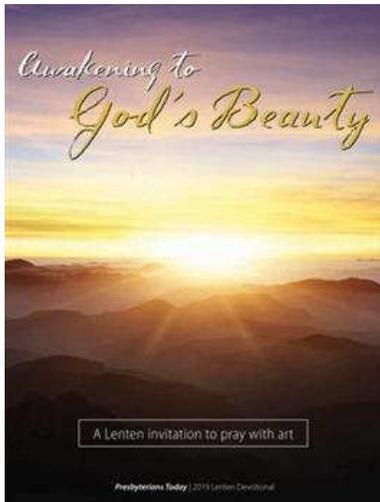
Invite a friend to join you for a  
 fun night looking at *How to Beat*

*the Winter Blues Biblically plus enjoy  
 the reminders of summer .*

**Don't get cabin fever. Come join us !**



**Lenten Devotional Study-** This year's stunning devotional invites us on a spiritual and visual pilgrimage through the holy season of Lent . . . Relying on the powerful words of the Psalms, we peer at the heartbreaking ravages of the world through Jesus' eyes: poverty, racism, sexism, corruption, violence and so many other social ills that afflict God's beloved children.



For those of us intent on bending the arc of history toward justice, it might be tempting to become agitated and exhausted. But with God, there is always hope. So, through magnificent photography and a spiritual discipline called *visio divina* — praying with art — we open our eyes with new awareness and gratitude for the beauty of creation. The devotional offers a dazzling smorgasbord of soul-stirring original photographs, each with a short, guided meditation to lift our hearts and fortify us for the rest of our Lenten journey. The text,

meditations and original photography are all the loving work of the Rev. Krin Van Tatenhove, long-time Presbyterian pastor, hospice chaplain, substance abuse counselor, traveler, photographer, and amazing storyteller.

If you are interested in using this for your Lenten devotion, please sign up in parlor or call the church so we can do an order.



**Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet on February 19 at 6:30 pm at the church.**

Judy Bodenbender and Pat Myers will provide the dessert while Beth Beach will lead our devotions that night. We organized the Clean Kid's Project donations and work on plans for upcoming spring events. All women of the church are invited to join us.

**More on The Clean Kid's Project**

From the local Clothes Closet which works with the Mennonite Central Committee, we have cloth bags to be filled with hygiene items and then returned to the Clothes Closet and they do the shipping and delivery.

The specific items needed for the kits are:

- 1 Adult size toothbrush
- 1 Large bar of bath soap
- 1 fingernail clipper ( Good Quality)
- 1 hand towel (Dark Color)

Items should be NEW and in their original packaging.

Donation Cards for needed items are now on the clothesline in the parlor. Please return your donations by **Sunday, February 17**. There are donation tubs in the parlor. Let's team together to do the Lord's work.

From the website, " Keeping clean is an important part of remaining healthy, but families who have fled their homes because of a disaster or war often struggle to afford these necessary supplies. Hygiene kits are also given through schools or orphanages to encourage healthy habits in children. **55,115** hygiene kits shipped last year to Jordan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Korea, Ukraine, Iraq, Canada, and the United States."



Keep bringing your pop tabs to church. Let's get that collection container in the parlor filled. They will go to the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus for their work in supporting patients and families.



## T.L.C. Tender Loving Care

We are looking for a team of people to provide extra T.L.C. to the members of our church...

- After a hospital stay
- Following a crisis in his/her life
- Following the death of a loved one
- Seniors needing extra help

The T.L.C. team will provide phone calls, visits, transportation to doctor's appointments, minor help around the house (i.e. changing light bulbs, changing storm windows/screens, gathering a group together to rake leaves in the fall.)

The T.L.C. team WILL NOT provide housecleaning services or any type of medical services.

The T.L.C. team is designed to provide compassionate help to individuals in difficult times. This is beyond the responsibilities of our board of Deacons.

**(IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THIS TEAM...PLEASE LET REV. ALICE KNOW) Organizational Meeting will be after church on February 3.**



**GRADUATION 2019-** Do you have a graduating child or grandchild who attends or has attended our church in the past? Please notify the church office now so that we are sure to include them in

the spring graduation recognition organized by the Presbyterian Women's Circle in May. We never want to miss someone so with your assistance we can be sure to include

## Gentle Spirit - February 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. Please let the church office or Rev. Alice know if you plan to attend.

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## LIGHT- New Lesson begins February 17

LIGHT will begin learning about the Lord's Prayer. Nancy Patterson will teach about this important scripture and prayer.



We'll have a break February 3 and 10. There are children bulletins and puzzle sheets on the back table for activity during our off-weeks while encouraging your children to experience worship.



## REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

If you know someone is at a facility, take the time to stop by and say hi. Driving by the home bound? A quick visit always makes the days go faster.

Mary Mitchell— Prestige Gardens Marysville

Liz and Bob Schlitz—Home

Betty Mayer— Home

Connie Zimmerman—Arizona Winter Snowbird

Dick Harper—Home

Fred DeLeon - Home

Marian Thomas- Dublin Retirement Village Independent Living

Pat Stenner—Dublin Retirement Village Assisted Living

Pat & Chuck Stoker—Home

Alice Shalosky— Home

Bryan Becker—Home Tara- OSU

Arlene Perkins— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

Jean & Ray Russell, Emily Baker, Malcolm Lear- Edgewater Assisted Living



## FEED MY SHEEP FOODBANK INFO...

The PCPC Food Bank "Feed My Sheep" continues to grow and serve 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.



Feeding the Community

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

- Quart Zip Lock Bags (especially needed)
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Box Cereals
- Spaghetti and Sauce
- Peanut butter
- Plastic grocery bags

**NEW! During your holiday season, save your clean empty Cool Whip Containers and lids and bring them in. We use these to share the food provided by the Der Dutchman.**

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

## Blanket Sunday is February 10



Church World Service provides blankets to help people around the world recover from disasters. For every \$10 dollars donated, a blanket is purchased to help where needed. We will again be doing a memorial/honorary blanket here in our sanctuary. For every ten dollars you donate, a heart can be filled out in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one.

***This year we also have a limited number of cards in the back of the sanctuary for you to send to someone if you donate a blanket in their honor to notify them about the donation.***



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**Dublin & Plain City Presbyterian Churches**  
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Present this flyer to your server and a percentage of your food sales will be donated back to the organization

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**Max & Erma's**  
 Come support the mission trip and enjoy a meal out on Thursday, February 7 the first Thursday of each month. Just share the coupon with your server to give our church credit.



Sunday Schedule:

9:15- Christian Conversations -  
Outside Offices/ Ladies SS Library

10:00 Worship

LIGHT after Children's Sermon  
based on Schedule

11:15 Fellowship in Parlor

# February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 4:30 Feed My Sheep
3 Scout Sunday	4 7 pm Cubs	5 7 pm Scouts	6 7 pm Choir	7 6 pm Gentle Spirit	8	9 4:30 Feed My Sheep 6:30 Kumjoinus
10 Blanket Sunday Trustees Meeting	11 7 pm Cubs	12 7 pm Session 7 pm Scouts	13 7 pm Choir	14 7pm PC Lions	15	16 4:30 Feed My Sheep
17 Deacons Meeting	18 7 pm Cubs	19 3:30 pm Presbytery 6:30 pm Presby Women's Circle	20 7 pm Choir	21	22	23 4:30 Feed My Sheep
24 Legacy 4-6	25 7 pm Cubs	26 7 pm Scouts	27 7 pm Choir	28 7 pm PC Lions		

02/04	Barbara	Berry
02/05	Kathy	Wilson
02/06	Jean	Russell
02/07	Joyce	Harper
02/10	Jonna	Wilcox
02/13	Allison	McClymont
02/14	Carolyn	Gibeaut
02/14	Valerie	Merideth
02/15	Don	McKelvey
02/15	Hillary	Turner
02/17	John	Bodenbender
02/25	Pat	Jordan
02/26	Jamie	Smith
02/27	Carolyn	Mitchell



02/20	Andy & Paula Thomas
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