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Word from Pastor Alice

Dear Church Family,

This is the month we celebrate Valentine's Day. So I have a question for you....Do you have a love song??

You know...the song that is special for you and your spouse or that special someone in your life. Maybe it was a song that was popular while you were dating....or perhaps you heard it for the first time on the radio as you were falling in love. It might be a song that was not very popular, but it spoke to your heart and to the heart of the one you love.

Music has a way of touching our heartstrings...doesn't it??? It has a way of speaking volumes when words alone cannot. It makes me think about music in worship. There are certain hymns/praise choruses that touch one person's heart like no other. Maybe it is one of the goldie oldies like "Amazing Grace." For another person, it may be a totally different hymn...maybe even a praise chorus like "Majesty."

You may remember where you were spiritually when your special hymn or praise chorus touched your heart in a deep way. Maybe it was after a very difficult time in your life. Maybe it was after returning to worship following a serious illness or the loss of a loved one. Maybe it was at a funeral. Maybe it followed a sermon that tugged at your heart. Maybe it is a hymn that just lifts your spirit like no other. Maybe it reminds you of your childhood. Perhaps it is a hymn/praise chorus that touches you so deeply it moves you to tears. (It really is okay to cry in church!!!)

In the church, we have different seasons of the year and music that flows from those seasons. For example, during Advent we sing some Christmas carols, but wait until Christmas Eve to sing ones like "Joy to the World." You may wonder why??? Otherwise, as one person has said, it would be like singing "Happy Birthday" before the birthday party.

Advent is a time to get ready for the big celebration. Advent is a time to remember and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child into the world and the future return of the Risen Christ. Advent music helps us prepare. The season of Christmastide is Christmas until Epiphany (January 6...the twelve days of Christmas). It is when we are to joyfully sing all the wonderful Christmas music. Sadly enough, a lot of people are ready to put the carols away the day after Christmas; because we have heard them over and over again for two months before Christmas on the radio and in the malls, etc.

The Lenten season (Ash Wednesday until Easter) is a time of reflection, penitence, and meditation, as we focus upon the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Much of the Lenten music is much more somber and reflective focusing upon the suffering of our Lord. The season of Easter (Easter Sunday until Pentecost) is when we pull all the stops out and celebrate with great praise and alleluias as we focus our attention upon the resurrection of our Lord.

So you may wonder how the music is chosen on Sunday morning? It is true that we could sing any hymn at any time in the church. For example, "Joy to the World" could be sung in July. However, the following are usually considered: First, the season of the church year. Second, the hymns usually uphold the Scripture and message that is preached for the day. For example, if the Scripture and sermon are about forgiveness, "Amazing Grace" might be a fitting hymn to be sung. If the Scripture and sermon are about joy, perhaps "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" might be one of the hymns chosen. Lastly, variety is considered so we aren't singing the same hymns/praise choruses all the time and that we reach people of various ages. Time is carefully spent in choosing hymns/praise choruses.

As we sing in worship, I would ask that you carefully consider and meditate upon the words...even if you are very familiar with the hymn. The words along with the music are very meaningful. If the hymn/praise chorus is unfamiliar to you, don't complain or automatically say you don't like it. Please don't forget...your favorite hymn/praise chorus was unfamiliar to you the first time you sang/heard it! I remember hearing a pastor say..."You older folks want young people

here, don't you? Well, sing out on those praise choruses that they like. And you younger folks, the hymns mean a great deal to the older folks, so you sing out on those hymns."

We are very blessed to have Judy play the organ/piano for us, and we are very blessed to have a choir and Judy to lead us. I would encourage you to listen carefully to the words the choir is singing. Listen and meditate during the beautiful music Judy plays during the prelude, offertory, and postlude. It is not meant to be background music during conversation. Allow the Spirit of God to touch your heart as you prepare to worship the Lord, as you present yourself and your offering to the Lord, and as you depart to serve the Lord.

I would hope that all the hymns/praise choruses will touch your heart in some special way. Some may touch you in a deeper way than others, but let us remember **ALL the music during worship is in praise and honor of the One who loves us so deeply....Jesus Christ our Lord...for they are all love songs to the Lord.**

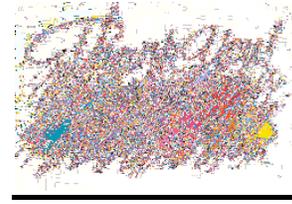
Blessings and Love in Jesus!!

Alice

"Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for He is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting." Psalm 147:1



P.S. Speaking of Valentine's Day...Just want you to know how much I love you! You are a great church family!



To Rev. Alice, Session, and Entire Church Family...

My heartfelt thanks to all of you for the lovely reception and many cards and gifts in acknowledgement of my years as Secretary of PCPC. It was my honor and privilege to have served our Lord in this way and I so greatly appreciate your support and encouragement over the years. I look forward to finding new ways of serving the Lord along with all of you; and I wish the very best to Carolyn as she very capably takes the reins of secretary's.

Thank you and God Bless!
Judy Weeks

THANK YOU!!! We are grateful to Brandon and Liz Bradley for donating their flat screen T.V. and grateful for Steve Patterson for handling the installation.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
WILL BE ON February 5th.**



Join us in **Celebrating Jean Russell's 90th Birthday** along with **Souper Bowl of Caring Fellowship Meal** following the Congregational Meeting. Soup and Salad plus birthday cake will be waiting for you. Take time to share a meal and fellowship with each other plus wish Jean a wonderful birthday!! Thank you Deacons for the meal and Jean's family for the birthday cake.



SESSION MEETING

7:00pm February 14th

TRUSTEES MEETINGS

11:15am Sunday, February 12th

DEACONS MEETINGS

11:15am Sunday, February 19th

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

7:00pm Tuesday, February 7th

RESOURCE/ GIFTS/MEMORIAL

6:00pm sharp Wednesday, Feb 8th

LITURGIST for February is:

Doug Short

ELDER GREETER for February is:

Shane Manring

HEAD DEACONS for February are:

Jan Short and Jane Denhardt

THE USHERING TEAM for February is:

Frank and Jerry Smith
Steve and Nancy Patterson



SCOUT SUNDAY

The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrates its founding on February 8, 1910, based on the program started by Lord Baden Powell in England on August 1, 1907. Scout Sunday was added to the Scout celebration in the middle 1940s. Scout Sunday is always the Sunday preceding February 8th, unless the 8th is a Sunday, in which case the 8th would be Scout Sunday. The Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in houses of worship aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledged each week.

The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith. Our church sponsors Come and Support our Scouts!!



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Lena Robinson
Circle

Tuesday, February 21
6:30 pm at the Church
Judy Bodenbender, Hostess

Semi Circle

Tuesday, February 21
Donna Rihl, Hostess
Meeting in the nursery for a
clean-up opportunity.

Friendship Circle

Thursday February 16
@ 11:00am Lunch

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Anyone who has been worshipping with our church family and desires to formally unite with our church family, a New Members' Class will be offered in March with individuals joining Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017. If you are interested, please prayerfully consider and contact Rev. Alice. She will set a schedule of meetings.



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



Blanket Sunday February 12

Burr! When the weather outside is cold and deep with snow, we burrow under warm blankets every night to stay warm as we fall fast asleep. Now imagine a man on a cold bench or a family standing outside of their home, looking at the devastation caused by a natural disaster... How will they find warmth? For many, a simple blanket given when they most need it is a loving way to offer warmth, to offer hope. Many people without homes have a daily challenge of fighting the bitter cold. Around the world, disasters force people from their homes, sending them to shelters and refugee camps where a blanket can make a big difference

The Church World Service Blanket program provides warmth, hope, and care during cold and trying times. A gift of just \$10 provides a sturdy, comforting blanket to children, men and women who are struggling against the cold.



ALICE'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 11 AM - 2 PM
Tuesday 10:30 AM- 2:30 PM
Wednesday 10:30 AM- 2:30 PM
Thursday 10:30 AM- 2:30 PM
Friday Day Off

Please call ahead as Alice may be out of the office on home or hospital calls.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8 AM to Noon - M, T, Th, and Fri
10:30 AM to 2:30 PM - W

Feel free to call the church at 614-873-5011 to be sure someone is just in case of an unexpected change.



LEGACY will be meeting Sunday, February 26 2017 at 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Our theme for February is "**From Bulb to Blossom: Set Apart**". Come join us for fellowship, a meal, fun, Bible study and activities! **Legacy is for youth and families and everyone of all ages!** Please let the church office know if you are planning on attending to help in the meal preparation.

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

School Year 2016-2017

Off Feb. 5 and 12

Walk to Emmaus/Paul Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, Mar. 12
Off Mar. 19, 26

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.



MAX & ERMA'S FUNDRAISER

Enjoy a meal at Max & Erma's on **Thursday, February 2nd** and 20% of your bill will be returned to the Church for our Mission Trip Fund. The voucher for the fundraiser is included below in this newsletter, print it out and take it with you **Gather up your friends and family, and go hungry for lunch or supper! See you there!!**

SAVE THE DATES!!!! **Invite your family and friends.**

Monday, May 1 at 7:00 pm

David Ring- A Cerebral Palsy victim shares how he became Cerebral Palsy VICTOR! One Night LIVE Inspirational Worship Service A love offering will be received.

From his website, <http://www.davidring.org> , we learn.....

Few individuals have felt the crushing blows that have besieged David Ring since birth. He was born to lose. On October 28th, 1953, in Jonesboro, Arkansas, David was born with Cerebral Palsy. Orphaned at age 14, he was cast about from family to family with nowhere to call home. He endured constant physical pain, humiliating public ridicule and constant discouragement. Yet in the face of these seemingly insurmountable obstacles, David emerged not victimized...but victorious! Life was worse than hopeless to him until his relationship began with Jesus Christ who taught him self-respect and acceptance of his physical challenges. To most, physical challenges of this magnitude would prove to be a tombstone. For David Ring, this coming of age was and remains a milestone.

Sat June 10 and Sunday June 11- Pastor Bob Russell is Coming!!!

We are excited to be able to bring Pastor. Bob Russell to Plain City for renewal weekend. The Monday night Bible has enjoyed his ministry through his DVD study series but now we can all learn from him **LIVE!** From his website, <http://www.bobrussell.org>, we learn more about his life....

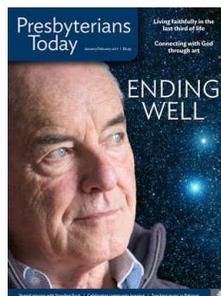
God has blessed Bob Russell with a life much different than one he could have ever imagined. As a young man growing up in northern Pennsylvania, Bob had intended on becoming a high school basketball coach in his hometown. During his senior year of high school, however, Bob realized a desire in his heart to enter the ministry. Soon thereafter, he enrolled in Cincinnati Bible Seminary where he graduated in 1965. At just twenty-two years of age, Bob became the pastor of Southeast Christian Church. That small congregation of 120 members became one of the largest churches in America, with 18,000 people attending the four worship

services every weekend in 2006 when Bob retired. Now through Bob Russell Ministries, Bob continues to preach at churches and conferences throughout the United States, provide guidance for church leadership, mentor other ministers and author Bible study videos for use in small groups. An accomplished author, Bob has written over one-dozen books. His latest book, "After 50 Years of Ministry: 7 Things I Would Do the Same and 7 Things I Would Do Differently," was released summer 2016 from Moody Publishers .

In addition to his weekly messages, Bob has been speaking to churches, colleges and civic groups for over 40 years, sharing God's word in a fresh, engaging and convicting manner. He has spoken in just about every state and several foreign countries. His sermons have been carried on 38 radio stations broadcasting from locations as distant as Australia and Hawaii. Bob's gift of humor and insight, along with his unyielding commitment to honesty and integrity, will inspire the hearts of those who listen to consider Biblical truths as they relate to life in contemporary culture.

SUNDAY AUGUST 20 WORSHIP SERVICE- HIS BRIDGE BUILDERS QUARTET from

Shreve, OH- "His Bridge Builders" was formed in 2009 by a group of men whose desire was "to help bring Jesus Christ into and through people by utilizing His gifts of music, worship and witness." "His Bridge Builders" sings a variety of gospel hymns, current southern gospel, men's choral harmony, and some barbershop styles. A love offering will be received.



READING MATERIAL AVAILABLE-

Check out recent and past copies of *Presbyterians Today* located under the bulletin board in the parlor. If you've never checked it out, you might be surprised by the informative articles inside. Take it home, enjoy, and return it for others to share.

If you prefer to check it out digitally here is the link

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today>



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:

SUNDAY

CHRISTIAN CONVERSATIONS

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

***LADIES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
BIBLE STUDY AT 9:15 am in the library***

Are Studying A Seven Part DVD
Study & Discussion on *Grace*

SATURDAYS – FIRST & THIRD

8:00 -9:00 AM at the church

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Are Studying A Seven Part DVD
Study & Discussion on *Grace*

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

MONDAY

PRAYER MEETING 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.

BIBLE STUDY 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.



FEBRUARY

- 4 - Barbara Berry
- 5 - Kathy Wilson
- 6 - Jean Russell
- 7 - Joyce Harper
- 10 - Jonna Wilcox
- 13 - Allison McClymont
- 14 - Carolyn Gibeaut
Valerie Merideth
- 15 - Hillary Hargis Turner
- 17 - John Bodenbender
- 23 - Susan Myers Lind
- 25 - Pat Jordan
- 26 - Jamie Smith
- 27 - Carolyn Mitchell



FEBRUARY

- 20 - Andy & Paula Thomas



IS ON WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2017. We will have a worship service at 6:30 P.M. with the celebration of Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. Plan to attend and begin the Lenten season with your church family.

What's going on out there?

Here is an article about a mission supported by the Presbyterian Church(USA) .

Helping students from underserved communities reach their full potential

by Paul Seebeck | Presbyterian News Service

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – When seventh grader La Brandon Spillman heard the news he was going to be able to go to [Menaul School](#) (grades 6-12), he was overjoyed. His mother, Ella Spillman, started crying.

She knew her 12-year-old African-American son's chances for success were slim in their hometown of Albuquerque, where only 45 percent of racial-ethnic students graduate from high school.

The makeup of the Menaul School—a historically Presbyterian racial-ethnic school—is 83.5 percent non-European and its graduation rate 99 percent, with more than 98 percent of students going on to college. “I was like wow, awesome, I get to go here,” says La Brandon, who used his own money from mowing lawns to pay for his school uniform. “There’s not many black people in good working jobs. So it’s critical for me to set the path to do it, so others can do it to.”

La Brandon’s mom Ella is disabled and hasn’t been able to work for a couple of years. One of the members of the African American scholarship committee at Menaul knew about Spillman’s situation and about the school’s desire to reach out to kid’s in Albuquerque’s underserved communities.’

“She called me, asked us to apply for a scholarship for La Brandon,” says Spillman. “It’s truly amazing, that God did that for my son.”

Mariposa Duran, whose ethnicity is Native American and Hispanic, is also thriving at Menaul. She’s an honor student, cheerleader and volleyball player. She wants to be a judge so that she can “help people with family issues.” If a parent is abusing their child she’d like to “straighten that out too.” One of things she like’s most about Menaul is that “the teachers are great” and that there’s not “anything big going on like drugs.”

Mariposa was placed in foster care just days after her birth, because her mother was unable to care for her. Mariposa’s maternal grandmother gained custody of Mariposa at four months, eventually adopting her.

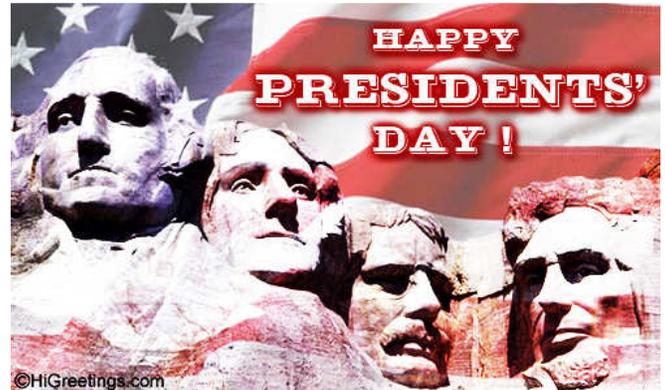
“The ability to receive financial aid from the school means everything to people like me,” she says. “I’m a widow and single mom that wants the best for her child.”

Menaul President Lindsey Gilbert, Jr. says Mariposa and La Brandon are “exemplars” of dozens of kids at the school overcoming significant obstacles who will change their family’s futures.

“Mariposa has a powerful, wonderful spirit,” he says. “And La Brandon has an enthusiasm for learning. Both are contagious, and have become leaders in our school.”

Both mothers, Debra Duran and Ella Spillman are grateful to those who support the historical Presbyterian racial-ethnic school and colleges. Without it, they say their children would not have the opportunity to reach their full potential, to become an embodiment of Menaul’s mission to help students from underserved communities become servant leaders.

“I don’t know how to say thank you enough,” says a tearful Spillman. “But thank you. Without the help of aid from the scholarships my son would not be here.”





February 2017



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