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Word from Pastor Alice

Dear Church Family,

The beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday) is on Valentine's Day this year. How appropriate is that! As we begin our Lenten journey to the cross and ultimately to Resurrection morning, we remember Jesus, the greatest Valentine given!

On Valentine's Day we share our love with those who mean so much to us in different ways...by giving cards, chocolates, flowers and going to dinner, just to name a few.

But did you ever think about sending Jesus a valentine? I mean, did you ever think about getting out a pen and paper and actually writing a valentine to Jesus thanking Him for His great gift of love to you? Here are some passages of Scripture to help us think about this great gift of love in Jesus...and to help guide us in writing our valentine to Him!

1. *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"* (Romans 5:8)
2. *"The Lord's loving kindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness"* (Lamentations 3:22-23)
3. *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life"* (John 3:16).
4. *"The LORD appeared to him from afar, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with loving kindness"* (Jeremiah 31:3).
5. *"For the LORD is good; His loving kindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness to all generations"* (Psalm 100:5).
6. *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love"* (1 John 4:7-8)
7. *"And you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the LORD, nor faint when you are reprovved by Him; for those whom the LORD loves he disciplines, and he scourges every son whom He receives"* (Hebrews 12:5-6)

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions —it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:4-7)

It would be great to share your Valentine to Jesus with others, especially those who don't know Him. If you would like to share what you wrote in our next newsletter, we would love to include it.

Oh...and by the way....I LOVE being your pastor...you are a great valentine to me!

Love and Blessings in Jesus!

Alice



Helping with Worship for February

- **Liturgist**– Bill Pettibone
- **Elder Greeter**– Barbara George
- **Head Deacons**– Sharon Newell & Karon Kaufman
- **Ushering Team**– Doug and Jan Short & Steve and Nancy Patterson

Upcoming Meetings

<i>Trustees</i>	Sun Feb 11
<i>Session</i>	Tues Feb 13 7pm
<i>Deacons</i>	Sun Feb 18



Keep Richard Harper and Art Warner in your prayers as they have been recovering from recent hospitalizations. Praying for a speedy, successful recovery!



The Bible is our Guide in our Christian faith but we all need some support and encouragement in our Bible studying. Here are some opportunities for a dig into God's Word.

- 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.
- **LADIES BIBLE STUDY** The Ladies Study, led by Rev. Alice, begins **Sunday** at 9:15 am in the church library . They are currently using the **not a fan** Bible Study.
- **SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on the 1st Sunday, February 3 and on the 3rd (February 17) Saturdays at **8 am** here at the church. Bill Pettibone leads this study and they are using **not a fan** Bible Study.
- **MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING 6:30 pm.** We invite you to join us as we uplift before the Lord in prayer... family, church family, friends, community, country, and world.

- **MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** will gather together on Mondays at **6:45 pm** following Monday Night Prayer group. They are working on a DVD study and discussion of **Romans– The Letter that Changed the World** .

If you are interested in joining any group, please feel free to contact the leader or church office for more info.

thank you!

Thank you to all who submitted reports for the annual meeting. Special thank you to all who cared for the financial books. A job well done!



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Peace of Mind."*

THANK YOU!!! We'd like to express our appreciation to the \$500 donation from Mennonite Mutual Insurance Company for the Feed My Sheep Program. Special thanks to Ralph Smucker for submitting our program for consideration. Such donations help keep our shelves filled with extra supplemental food and supplies.



Souper Bowl Potluck Sunday February 4.

The Deacons are organizing a Souper Bowl Potluck on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4 after church. Please plan on joining us after worship for time of good food and good fellowship. Several types of soups and sandwiches plus yummy desserts will be provided. Come ENJOY!!

Begin your Lenten preparation by joining us for ASH Wednesday services , **February 14** at 6 pm. With a short service, the imposition of ashes and communion, start your journey to the empty tomb .





Mark your calendars now...you don't want to miss this opportunity!!! TICKETS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 15 SO DON'T WAIT ! Let your family members know. Three time Emmy award winning broadcaster "JB" James Brown, the studio host of The NFL Today on CBS Sports and Thursday Night Football on CBS Sports and NFL Network, as well as Special Correspondent for CBS News, will be in Plain City on April 7 & 8, 2018! On Saturday, April 7th he will be speaking at a dinner being held at Der Dutchman Restaurant at 6:30 pm. On Sunday, April 8th, he will be preaching at the Plain City Presbyterian Church. Tickets will be \$20 for Students and \$25 for Adults for the event and a complete meal. **They will be available after church in the parlor or stop by the church office Wednesday evenings 5—8 pm or other weekday mornings to purchase.** Tickets will be on sale until March 15 so get yours soon. This is a great outreach event to invite friends and neighbors to attend. Check out his website: <http://jbjamesbrown.com/my-story/>



L.I.G.H.T. (Learning in God's House Together)
Learning the Faith of Job Began January 21 Wraps up Feb. 11 Next Symbols of Easter

Right now we're wrapping up our discoveries about Job and his trials and triumphs. After a short break, we will begin learning about Lent. Come learn about the Symbols of Easter. There will be children bulletins and puzzle sheets on the back table for activity during our off-weeks while encouraging your children to experience worship.

The schedule for the 2017-2018 school year is :
 Feb 4 & 11 Final sessions on Job
 Off Feb 18 & 25
 March 4-25— **Lent**
 Off April 1 & 8
 April 15— May 20—**Moses and Ten Commandments**
 Off June, July, and August.

If you'd like to help with our LIGHT program, we'd love your assistance. Contact Carolyn Gibeaut, Rosemary Anderson or Rita McCray for details.

Recycle- Looking for a used tablet with Wi-Fi capability and camera feature. Did Santa bring you a new upgrade to your electronic tablet and the old one is just laying around your house? The church could find some new uses for it so let the office know if you 'd be willing to give it a new home.



LEGACY—
Breakfast by the Sea February 25, 2018 4– 6 pm

Just like Jesus and his disciples dined by the sea shore, we're going to have Breakfast for Supper and learn about how Jesus unites the Christian community through the sacrament of Communion. Make sure you bring your feet along as we've got some fun stomp games to do. It's an event for everyone. Invite your friends and neighbors. We'll enjoy a meal and will be wrapped by 6 pm. Bring you family and enjoy! You don't have to cook that night!! This is a great environment to invite someone new to join us in the small group setting, especially a family with children. For planning, just give the church office a call at 614-873-5011 or sign up on the display in the parlor to RSVP.



Presbyterian Women's Circle
February 20 at 6:30 pm.

We're going to be wrapping up our Clean Kid Project and getting ready for our next one.



Friendship Circle
Scheduled Meeting is Thursday, February 15. Calls will be made to arrange a time and place for lunch.



KUMJOINUS— February 10 Come out of your winter hibernation and warm up your hearts with the fellowship of Kumjoinus on **Saturday, February 10 at 6:30 pm.** A gathering of fun folks come together to enjoy Pizza and a good time. Karon and Jim Kaufman and Sharon Newell will be the hosts. We'll be ordering Pizza so just bring your drinks and some \$ for Pizza. If you are coming , please tell Karon at (937) 243-1625, Sharon (937) 303-2402 or the church office (614) 873-5011 to help in the Pizza ordering.

Clean Kid Kits



Thank you to all who donated to the PW Women Clean Kid Kits during the month of January. We'd like to especially thank Nancy McKelvey for talking to her dentist, Jeffrey A Blankenbeckler, DDS from Westerville who generously donated 50 toothbrushes and toothpaste. We'll fill the bags we have and then any remainders will be donated to Hope's Lantern. The local Clothes Closet which works with the Mennonite Central Committee will do the shipping and delivery of our filled bags. 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."

Discovering the Joy of Prayer, Care, Share Life Series

The focus of officer training this year was learning to better reach out to others in their journey to find Jesus. We used a video series by Lon Allison called ***Discovering the Joy of a Prayer, Care, Share Life***. It helps us improved our comfort level in evangelistic activities ranging from inviting someone to come to church or sharing our own stories to leading them to accept to Jesus Christ. The videos used in the training are available to anyone and if you are interested, the link is : www.wheatonbible.org/resources/prayer-care-share



SCOUT SUNDAY- February 11

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. 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. Come and Support our Scouts!!

Gentle Spirit - February 1 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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Directory Update— New Telephone Numbers:



Please update your directory for the following:

Jane Denhardt— 614-747-6293

Jeff Denhardt—614-747-6494

Pat & John Jordan— Eliminated home line.

Pat Jordan's cell is 614-460-0054



Calling for Nursery Volunteers



O u r church wants to be attractive to new, young families moving into the area!! In providing the best care possible for potential new members who have small children, we are setting up a nursery to be available for Sunday morning worship. **What does it involve???**

1. Report to the nursery at 9:45 a.m. on your assigned Sunday
2. Be with any children/babies that parents bring...provide a safe place where children can play, take a nap, etc.
3. If no children show on your assigned day by 10:10...you are free to come into church and worship. Please consider participating in this ministry. Volunteer sheet is on the bulletin board in parlor.



Our Shut-ins

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— Heartland Marysville
 Liz Schlitz—Willowbrook Rehab, Delaware
 Betty Mayer— Home

Connie Zimmerman—Home—Winter Snowbird

Dick and Joyce Harper—Home

Marian Thomas- Dublin Retirement Village Independent Living

Pat Stenner—Dublin Retirement Village Assisted Living

Pat & Chuck Stoker—Home

Alice Shalosky— Home

Tara and Brian Becker—Home

Arlene Perkins— Home

Alice Shalosky— Home

Jean & Ray Russell, Doris France, Emily Baker- Edgewater Assisted Living

FEED MY SHEEP FOODBANK INFO...

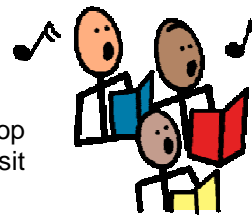


The PCPC Food Bank “Feed My Sheep” continues to grow and serve an important mission of our Church. We have truly been blessed with an **amazing “crew” of volunteers** who come faithfully each week to help unload, sort, display and joyfully distribute food to a growing group of people in need. Here are a list of items that we can always use as donations:

- Quart Zip Lock Bags
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Box Cereals
- Spaghetti and Sauce
- Peanut butter

Your generous donations of food, supplies and money helps keep our pantry filled so we can fill the gap when we have a light week of store donations. Plus they give 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 4:45 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**



The choir begins again to prepare for the season of Lent. We welcome you back. Practice resumes on Wednesday, February 14 at 7 pm. Come join. Judy is always looking for more voices.



The 2018 Flower Chart is up and waiting for you to sign up to honor or memorialize a special event or person. You may sponsor one or both bouquets in honor of or in memory of someone. Checks should be made out to Presbyterian Women for \$15 each. Please give to Elaine Wilcox PWC Treasurer. The PWC appreciates your support .

Plain City Presbyterian Church

Ushering Teams 2018

January - Tom & Kathy Verne	Chris & Whitney Reed
February - Doug & Jan Short	Steve & Nancy Patterson
March - Larry & Pat Myers	Larry & Diana McCoy
April - John & Kim Bodenbender	Nick & Harley Bodenbender
May - Richard & Willie Meeker	Jim & Karon Kaufman
June - Don & Nancy McKelvey	Chic & Mindy Foust
July - Judy Brady & Jane Denhardt	Michael & Barbara George
August - Bob Merkle & Chad Craney	Chris & Janet Johnston
September - Shane & Leanne Manning	Randy & Janie Collins
October - Dave & Rita McCray	John & Bob Watson
November - Rosemary Anderson & Cindy Bowen	Linda Watson & Donna Rihl
December - Gary & Carolyn Gibeaut	Bill & Vicky Pettibone

Ushers are expected at least 15 minutes before the Service to pass out bulletins and assist visitors with seating, etc. Ushers are also responsible for collecting the offering.

If you know that you will be unable to serve on a specific week during your designated month, it would be helpful if you could find someone to fill in for you. If not, please let Nick Bodenbender know that you will not be ushering that week. nickjbodie@gmail.com (614) 980-8650 cell (614)771-1740 (home)

If you are part of an ushering team and find that no one from the other team is in attendance, please recruit a couple of people from the congregation to help with the offering.

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"EASTER 2018 FLOWER ORDER FORM

Easter Sunday – April 1, 2018

Our youth and PW are sponsoring the annual Spring Flower Sale to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Plants are priced individually as indicated. Please fill in the blank below with the number of flowers you wish to order and specify honorarium or memorial. Proceeds will be divided between the L.I.G.H.T program and the PW.

Lilies (\$10) ____ Tulips (\$10) ____ Daffodils (\$10) ____ Azaleas (\$12) ____

Ordered by: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

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Payment can be cash or check payable to PCPC.

We will collect forms and payment on Sunday, February 18, February 25, and March 4 in the parlor following worship. You may see Judy Bodenbender after worship or **mail your order (with payment) to arrive at the Church office 231 E Main St. Plain City, 43064 by March 4, 2018.**



Blanket Sunday—February 11— \$10 buys one blanket. Donation envelopes will be available to give in honor or in memory of someone. Let's try to fill the blanket in the sanctuary with hearts of love for others.

Local Example of Blankets being put to good use in Ohio.

The members of Sunbury United Methodist Church in Sunbury, Ohio take their church's mission statement seriously: Love and Serve God and All People. The church has been a long-time supporter of CWS Blankets. Then, in 2012, the members of the congregation felt called to act upon their mission statement and respond to the special needs of their community during the winter. The members of their congregation started a blanket ministry that takes place each year in November.

In 2016, Church World Service provided 200 wool CWS Blankets for the members of Sunbury United Methodist to distribute throughout central Ohio. Under the leadership of Jay Caslow, the church distributed these blankets to Big Walnut Friends Who Share, Faith Mission Homeless Shelter and the Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio.



February 2018

Sunday Schedule:

- 9:15- Christian Conversations - Outside Offices
- 9:15 Ladies Bible Study-Library
- 10:00 Worship
- LIGHT after Children's Sermon based on Schedule
- 11:15 Fellowship in Parlor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6 pm Gentle Spirit	2	3 8 am Men's Bible Study 4:30 pm Feed My Sheep
4 LIGHT Souper Bowl Pot-luck after services	5 6:30 pm Prayer 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Cubs	6 7 pm Scouts	7	8 7 pm PC Lions	9	10 4:30 pm Feed My Sheep 6:30 pm Kum-Joinus Kaufmans and Newell hosts
11 LIGHT Scout Sunday Blanket Sunday 11:30 am Trustees Mtg	12 6:30 pm Prayer 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Cubs	13 7pm Session 7 pm Scouts	14 Ash Wednesday 6 pm Ash Wed Services 7 pm Choir	15 11 am Friendship 5:30—7:30 Girl Scouts	16	17 8 am Men's Bible Study 4:30 pm Feed My Sheep
18 11:30 am Deacons Mtg	19 6:30 pm Prayer 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Cubs	20 6:30 Women's Circle 7 pm Scouts Presbytery in Chillicothe	21 7pm Choir	22 7 pm PC Lions	23	24 4:30 pm Feed My Sheep
25 Legacy 4-6 pm	26 6:30 pm Prayer 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Cubs	27 7 pm Scouts	28 7 pm Choir			



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

2/20	Andy & Paula	Thomas
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