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Word from Pastor Alice



Dear Church Family,

It is New Year's Eve as I write this newsletter article. I have many fond memories from my childhood celebrating New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. In the evening on New Year's Eve, all our relatives would gather at the home of my Aunt Helen and Uncle Dave where my Grandma also lived. My Grandma, my parents, and aunts and uncles watched Guy Lombardo, which we kids thought was dreadful! An uncle would bring smoked fish...with the head on...that was even worse looking at that thing than listening to Guy Lombardo! We kids found the potato chips and other food much more appealing! We kids played together and had fun and couldn't wait until midnight when we would gather pots and pans and spoons. Together on the front porch we would bang them together creating lots of unmelodic noise and with lots of laughter we would shout, "Happy New Year!!" When we came inside Guy Lombardo was finishing up that traditional song, "Auld Lang Syne", and all the kissing and hugging would begin with greetings of "Happy New Year!" There might be tears shed for problems or losses closing out the previous year, but there were also lots of smiles for a new year full of hope and promise.

On New Year's Day we all gathered once again at the home of my Aunt Minnie and Uncle Frank for that traditional German meal of sauerkraut, pork, and mashed potatoes. We knew when that evening came to an end, it was back to school the next day...a new year...a new start.

There is something about starting new that is refreshing and exciting! As Christians we can experience that new life each and every morning. Scripture tells us, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23) Have you ever just stopped to ponder the fact that whatever went wrong the day before can be forgiven through the Lord, and we can start with a clean, fresh slate. Each day holds a promise and hope of something better. Through faith in Jesus, He helps us to face each day with bright promise and hope...even when the days seem long and there are problems or sickness or grief that can be troubling. Scripture tells us, "And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed." (Deut. 31:8) Knowing that the Lord is with us gives us the strength to press on. The Apostle Paul put it this way... Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14)

So as we begin a new year in our personal lives and in the life of the church, may we put the past behind us and strain forward to the great things that lie ahead as we seek the goal of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus, knowing full well that Jesus is with us all the way...and that is something to maybe get out your pots and pans and spoons and celebrate to be part of the heavenly band!!

Love being your pastor!
Love and Blessings in Jesus!
Alice

P.S. Thank you so very much for the Christmas cards, gifts, and very generous love offering. I am grateful and appreciate each of you very much!



Upcoming Meetings

- Trustees: Sun Jan 13
- Session: Tues., Jan. 8 at 7 pm
- Officer Training Sat. Jan 19
- Deacons: Sun., Jan 20
- **Annual Congregational Meeting**- Sun. Jan 27

Helping with Worship during January

Head & Assistant Deacons

Janet Johnston

Connor Johnston

Elder Greeter

Jane Denardt

Liturgist

Kathy Verne

Ushers

Tom and Kathy Verne

Whitney Reed & helpers

Nursery Volunteers

Jan 6- Nancy Patterson and Beth Beach

Jan 13 - Jim Kaufman and Karon Kaufman

Jan 20 Mindy Foust and Whitney Reed

Jan 27 Judy Bodenbender and Barb Berry



- Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with the Community Christmas Basket program and especially Jim Kaufman and Dave McCray for all their coordination and leadership. Thank you to Beth Beach for organizing all the gifts, Judy Weeks for coordinating/preparing breakfast, Judy Bodenbender and Nancy Patterson for organizing deliveries, and Brenda DeLeon for handling the finances. Over 140 families were helped and 313 children receive gifts.
- Thank you for the donations for Women's Circle hat, mitten and sock tree. Thank you to Nancy McKelvey for coordinating and delivering over the items to the Plain City Food Pantry
- Thank you Judy Walker for all the beautiful music provided for the pageant and Christmas Eve Service. Thank you Choir for your sharing your talents and faithful service.
- Thank you to Beth Beach for the directing the Christmas Pageant and everyone who participated in it.
- The entire church staff would like to express their sincere appreciation for your generous Love Offering received this holiday season. Your generosity is much appreciated by all.
- Thank you to the McKelveys and the Lears for preparing and lighting the luminaries for Christmas Eve.
- Thank you Rosemary Anderson for bringing the message on December 30 in Rev. Alice's absence.



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

- Tara Becker
- Doris France
- John and Pat Jordan

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.

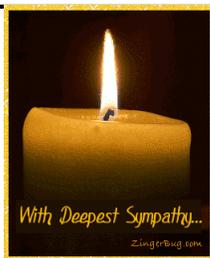


- **Ladies Sunday School Class** led by Rev. Alice Sundays at 9:15 am and will study

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.



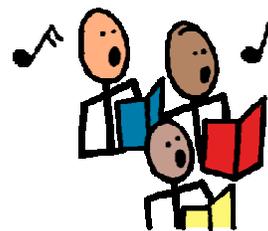
Please keep these church members in your thoughts and prayers as they go through a time of loss for a dear family member or friend.

Kim and Junior Moody for the loss of Junior's mom, Connie

Dave and Rita McCray for the loss of Dave's aunt.

Others unknown to us but dear to them.

KUMJOINUS- January 12 Come out of your winter hibernation and join the fellowship of Kumjoinus on **Saturday, January 12 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.



The Choir will be taking a break during the month of January. They will return later

in February after a much needed rest!



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**LEGACY
GIFT NIGHT
Sunday
January 13
4- 6 pm**

**Invite a friend to
join you for a
party theme fun**

**night looking at gifts we can make and give
to the gifts of the Spirit.**

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



NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS

JANUARY 13 - The classes will be held after Sunday worship. If you are interested, please let Rev. Alice know. Confirmands will join the church on Pentecost, Sunday, June 9.



**KROGER COMMUNITY
REWARDS:**

Have you signed up yet? The more we get signed up the higher our check will be. We currently only have 7 families signed up. Let's get that number higher. WE RECEIVED A CHECK FOR OVER \$30 IN DECEMBER JUST FOR FOLKS LINKING THE CHURCH WITH THEIR KROGER CARD. If you don't already have an organization linked to your Kroger card, why not take a few minutes to visit www.kroger.com and select Savings & Rewards and follow the prompts. This does **NOT** impact your gas points or other rewards. Thanks to Cindy Watson Bowen for bringing attention to this opportunity.



There is no Women's Circle meeting in January.

We will be starting our Clean Kid's Project in January and February.

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)



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 everyone.

Gentle Spirit - January 3 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- Starts again Jan. 13

LIGHT will begin learning about the Prodigal Son in the new year. Rita McCray will share that important bible story beginning on January 13 through January 27.



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- Specialty Hospital Columbus

Arlene Perkins— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

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

Doris France- Heartland of Dublin



NEW OFFICERS: The following church members were asked to serve on a board or committee and have heeded the call. Thank you for saying "Yes". We have much to be done here at Plain City Presbyterian Church and beyond and our lives are all busy but your willingness to help is truly appreciated. We will be electing our officers on Sunday, January 6. Training will be on Saturday, January 19 and Ordination and Installation services will be help during worship on Sunday, January 20.

Elders: Judy Brady , Drew Lear , Pat Myers

Deacons: Don and Nancy McKelvey , Paula Williams .Trina Stone

Trustees: Norm Troyer, Jim Kaufman, Frank Smith

Worship and Music: Janell Wilcox.

Audit. Elaine Wilcox

Nominating.:Vicky Pettibone, Beth Beach, Kim Bodenbender, Mindy Foust, Rita McCray

Alternate Nancy Patterson. Rosemary Anderson.

For Everyone (new and old officers): Please attend officer training class on a Saturday morning, January 19.

Thank you to Shane Manring and the Nominating Committee for a job well done!

Mark your Calendars:

January 6 - Congregational Meeting for
for Election of Officers

January 27 - Annual Congregational Meeting

January 19- Training of Officers

January 20 - Installation/ Ordination of Officers

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**Max & Erma's-
Come support the mission trip and enjoy a meal out on Thursday, January 3 the first Thursday of each month. Just share the coupon with your server to give our church credit.**

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

December 1 - box of cereal
December 2 - peanut butter
December 3 - stuffing mix
December 4 - boxed potatoes
December 5 - macaroni and cheese
December 6 - canned fruit
December 7 - canned tomatoes
December 8 - canned tuna
December 9 - dessert mix
December 10 - jar of applesauce
December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
December 12 - cranberry sauce
December 13 - canned beans
December 14 - box of crackers
December 15 - package of rice
December 16 - package of oatmeal
December 17 - package pasta
December 18 - spaghetti sauce
December 19 - chicken noodle soup
December 20 - tomato soup
December 21 - can corn
December 22 - can mixed vegetables
December 23 - can carrots
December 24 - can green beans

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Bring in your **Reverse Advent Food Box** by **January 13**. We hope to distribute to our Feed my Sheep Food Bank families the week of January 19 or 26th.

If you need help transporting them in, let the church office know and we'll stop by and pick them up. Our goal is 35 boxes as our attendance at Feed my Sheep is growing.

DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSIONS: Make the church secretary's day. Have your annual reports in by Sunday January 13th so the combined reports can be assembled and available the week of January 20, so you can have them a week before the Congregational Meeting on January 27.

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 (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



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

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year!!!!	2	3 Max and Erma's Day 6 pm Gentle Spirit	4	5 4:30 Feed My Sheep
6 Election of Officers 5 pm Bible Study Party	7 7 pm Cubs	8 7 pm Session 7 pm Scouts	9	10	11	12 4:30 Feed My Sheep 6:30 Kum-joinus
13 Communion Trustee Meeting Confirmation Class Begins	14 7 pm Cubs	15 7 pm Scouts	16	17	18	19 9 am Officer Training 4:30 Feed My Sheep
20 Deacons Mtg Installation of Officers 4-6- Court of Honor	21 7 pm Cubs	22 7 pm Scouts	23	24	25	26 4:30 Feed My Sheep
27 Congregational Meeting Annual Report	28 7 pm Cubs	29 7 pm Scouts	30	31		

01/02	Jeff	Denhardt
01/03	Jim	Mitchell
01/04	Bryon	Smith
01/05	Helen	Watson
01/11	Dave	McCray
01/12	Spencer	Beltz
01/14	Sharon	Newell
01/14	Karon	Kaufman
01/15	Barbara	George
01/15	Bob	Beach
01/16	Brenda	DeLeon
01/19	Travis	Manring
01/20	Matthew	Sperling
01/20	Judy	Brady
01/25	Emily	Baker



01/26	Eric	Manring
01/27	Molly	Sperling
01/28	Beth	Rihl
01/28	Pat	Myers
01/29	Avery	Salyer
01/29	Donna	Gibson



01/21	Chris &	Whitney	Reed
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