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## Word from Pastor Alice

Dear Church Family,

Upon arriving back in town after a Christmas vacation, I noticed Carolyn had changed the sign in front of the church. She had placed on the sign the words: New Year, New Start, Sunday 10:00 a.m. I liked it! For the New Year is a new start on many fronts...a time to return to worship if one has been away, a time to build our relationship with the Lord Jesus through prayer and daily Bible reading, and a time to build our relationships with one another.

In Lloyd Ogilvie's devotional book, God's Strength for This Day, he writes:..

*There's a delightful New Year's Eve custom in Scotland called "first footing it." The idea is to be the first person to step across a friend's threshold to wish him a "Happy New Year" and toast his health and happiness.*

*Building on that tradition, I'd like to suggest a New Year's resolution that would transform our relationships. It's to commit this year to be a "first-stepper," and become an initiative lover. What a great year it would be if instead of waiting to have people express love to us, we would take the first step. And in misunderstandings, what if we were the first to say that we were sorry? Or what if in strained or broken relationships we didn't wait for the other person to ask for our forgiveness, but we became the one to take the initiative to give or seek forgiveness?*

*God is the original first-stepper. He stepped into history in Christ to reconcile the world. The apostle John said, "We love Him because He first loved us" (I John 4:19). Our love for God is but a response to His gracious acceptance and forgiveness. John goes on in verse 20 to tell us one of the ways we love God is by loving others. We do that by emulating how He has loved us. Before we earned or deserved love or forgiveness. Paul said, "Therefore be*

*followers of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us" (Ephesians 5:1, 2).*

Wouldn't it be great if we were known in Plain City as the Church of the First Steppers!

I love being your pastor...you are a wonderful church family!!

Love and Blessings in Jesus!!

Alice

## CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU! to the church family for the very generous love offering, and the many cards and gifts. I greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness and caring spirit!! Alice



**THANK YOU!** From your church staff, Judy Weeks, Judy Walker, Suzanne Merkle, Sally Petznick and Elmer Collier for your generous Love Offering gifts at Christmas!



A Special Thank you to those who helped to make the Advent/Christmas Season much brighter!!

...to Jim Kaufman and Doug Short for replacing the light bulbs in the sanctuary chandeliers...much brighter!

...to Mindy Foust, Gary Gibeaut , Carolyn Gibeaut, Cindy Watson Bowen for organizing and participating in a Wise Men outreach at Christmas Under the Clock

...to Jan Short, Doug Short, Michael George, Barbara George and Judy Brady for decorating the church for the holidays

...to Jerry Smith, Doug Short, Michael George, Carolyn Gibeaut, and Harley Bodenbender for decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias

...to luminary lighters Steve and Nancy Patterson and Rev. Alice

...to Judy Walker and the choir for all the special Advent/Christmas music and Brynn Chaney, Allison McClymont, Wendy Walker, and Molly Sperling for special music

...to Judy Walker, the choir, and the cast of the 68th Annual Christmas Pageant:

Beth Beach ( director), Travis Manring, Hannah Beach, Ian Reed, Natalie Walker, Luke Goode, Morgyn Craney, Sophie Manring, Katelyn Rihl, Henleigh Reed, Logan Beach, Mark Goode, Jacob Goode, Alexis Rihl, Doug Short, Tom Verne, John Rihl and Mike George and Chad Sperling on lights

...to Advent wreath readers/candle lighters (The Rihl family, The McCoy family, The Patterson family, The Goode Family and The Manring Family)

...to those who helped pack Christmas food baskets for 162 families and gifts for 327 children. Thanks to all who came to help on this icy morning! Special thanks to Jim Kaufman and Doug Short for organizing the food, Dave McCray for organizing the families and making numerous phone calls, Beth Beach and Lynne Farmwald for organizing the children's gifts, Carolyn Gibeaut, Brenda DeLeon, Judy Bodenbender, and Nancy Patterson for organizing the food, and Brenda DeLeon, the treasurer! Thanks to the Pleasant Valley

Fire Dept., Plain City Scouts, Plain City Elementary School, and many thanks to those who donated food, donated financially, and who helped to pack! What an incredible blessing!



The Congregation extends our sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of those we have lost during the recent months. May God grant them the peace that passes all understanding.

Ann Rathburn - Oct. 18  
(Vicky Pettibone's Grandmother)

Lawrence McCoy - Oct. 20  
(Larry McCoy's Father)

Mary Alice Davis - Nov. 11

George Karrer - Nov. 16

Donald Gordon – Dec. 15  
(Willie Gordon's Father)



**SESSION MEETING**  
7:00 January 10

**TRUSTEES MEETINGS**  
11:15 Sunday, **January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**NOTE DATE CHANGE**

**DEACONS MEETINGS**  
11:15 Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

**LITURGIST for January is:**  
Gary Gibeaut

**ELDER GREETER for January is:**  
Barbara George

**HEAD DEACONS for January are:**  
Mindy Foust and Janie Collins

**THE USHERING TEAM for January is:**  
Michael George and Dave Swenson  
Chris and Whitney Reed

## Celebrating Judy Weeks Faithful Service

Join us after worship on Sunday January 8 in wishing Judy Weeks a wonderful retirement and to show our appreciation of her service as our church secretary for over 14 years.



Lena Robinson Circle – No January meeting  
Semi Circle- No January Meeting  
Jan. 19 @ 11:00am Friendship Circle Lunch

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held after worship on January 8, 2017, for the purpose of electing church officers.

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

The ordination and installation of new church officers will be on Sunday, January 22, 2017, during worship.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
WILL BE ON JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>.**

### CHURCH OFFICER TRAINING

Church Officer Training for all current and newly elected officers will be on Saturday, January 21, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.



### HEALING SERVICE

During the Sunday morning worship service on Sunday, January 15, 2017, we will have a healing service.



### 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

### 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.

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Any young person who desires to become a member of the church, Confirmation Classes will be after worship, beginning January 15, 2017, with young people joining on Pentecost, June 4, 2017. Please let Rev. Alice know if you are interested.

**Plain City Presbyterian Church  
Ushering List 2017**

January	Michael George & Dave Swenson Chris & Whitney Reed
February	Frank & Jerry Smith Steve Patterson & Chad Craney
March	Larry & Pat Myers Jim & Karon Kaufman
April	John & Kim Bodenbender Nick & Harley Bodenbender
May	Richard & Willie Meeker Larry & Diana McCoy
June	Doug & Jan Short Chic & Mindy Foust
July	Judy Brady & Jane Denhardt Valerie Meredith & Barbara George
August	Bob Merkle & Ray Russell Chris & Janet Johnston
September	Shane & Leanne Manring Randy & Janie Collins
October	Dave & Rita McCray John & Bob Watson
November	Rosemary Anderson & Cindy Bowen John & Beth 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 Michael George know that you will not be ushering that week. [michaellgeorge@hotmail.com](mailto:michaellgeorge@hotmail.com) (614) 873-0437

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.

**NEW CONTACT AND HOURS**

I wanted to let everyone know the new e-mail address for the church secretary is [seccg@plaincitypresby.org](mailto:seccg@plaincitypresby.org). Please update your contact list.

My expected office hours are:

8 AM to Noon - M, T, Th, and Fri

10:30 AM to 2:30 PM - W.

Feel free to call me at the church at 614-873-5011 to be sure I am here just in case of an unexpected change. I am looking forward to serving our congregation.

*Carolyn Gibeaut*

**ALICE'S NEW 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.



**LEGACY** will be meeting Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Our theme for January is “**OFF WE GO TO THE WIDE BLUE YONDER**”. 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

<b>Daniel and the Lions</b>	<b>Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29</b> Off Feb. 5 and 12
<b>Walk to Emmaus/Paul</b>	<b>Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, Mar. 12</b> Off Mar. 19, 26
<b>Lent/Easter</b>	<b>April 2, 9, 23, 30</b> Off May 1, 7
<b>Psalms 100</b> (Make a Joyful Noise)	<b>May 21, 28, June 4</b> 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 Gibeau, Rita McCray, or Jerry Smith. Thank you for your consideration in this ministry for our youth.



**Look for new 2017 vouchers in next month's newsletter.** We are working to get new vouchers from Max & Erma's. 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.

***Gather up your friends and family, and go hungry for lunch or supper!*** The voucher for the fundraiser will be included in next month's newsletter; cut it out and take it with you.



Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?  
A. Ruthless.

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?  
A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?  
A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

## 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 THE FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS (BEGINNING ON JANUARY 21) 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**

**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.



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Jeff Denhardt
- 3 - Jackie Foust
- 4 - Bryon Smith
- 5 - Helen Watson
- 6 - Christy Foust Headings
- 8 - John Bowen
- 11 - Dave McCray  
Laura Myers
- 12 - Spencer Beltz
- 14 - Rich Harper  
Karon Kaufman
- 15 - Barbara George  
Bob Beach
- 16 - Brenda DeLeon
- 19 - Travis Manring
- 20 - Judy Brady  
Matthew Sperling
- 23 - Abiona Longe
- 25 - Zachary Lind  
Nathan Lind
- 26 - Eric Manring
- 27 - Molly Sperling
- 28 - Beth Rihl  
Pat Thomas Myers
- 29 - Donna Gibson  
Avery Salyer



### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 - Bob & Susan Lind

**C. = Christ**

**O. = Offers**

**F. = Forgiveness**

**F. = For**

**E. = Everyone**

**E. = Everywhere**