



“Nice to Meet You”

Greetings, Plain City Friends!

It is my joy to join you for part of your transition journey, and I look forward to meeting you and hearing from you about Plain City, your faith, and this congregation.

I was raised in Dayton and have been part of the Presbyterian Church my whole life. I served churches in southwest Ohio for about 10 years before spending 26 years in southern Indiana as a pastor and a congregational consultant. I returned to Ohio in the fall of 2023 as a transitional pastor, and I live not far from you in northwest Columbus.

Preaching, teaching and leading worship are central to my vocational identity, and that will be a big part of what I do with you. I will also be visiting and working with your leaders on preparing for your next pastor. My contract is for 30 hours each week. In addition to Sundays, I will be at the church for part of the day usually on Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Feel free to reach out by email, phone or text anytime (wkmccormick@gmail.com; 812.455.9556). I always like to meet for coffee and conversation!

I am a widow and the mother of young adult triplet daughters. Joanna and her husband Harris are in the process of moving to Atlanta from Florida. Abigail and her fiancé Nic live in Grove City, and Abigail works at Ohio State. Lydia lives with me and will be with me sometimes in worship. She is intellectually disabled and often pretty chatty. She likes to talk about cats and Disney.

See you in church,

Wendy

Rev Wendy McCormick

Transitional Pastor

Update on the Transition Process....

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- The Session will be meeting on March 2 to formally vote on the hiring of Rev. Wendy McCormick as our interim pastor.
- Session is also evaluating whether the church can continue financially with a full-time call or possibly may have to go in the direction of a part-time pastoral call.
- A mission study will be completed involving input from the entire church.
- A PNC will be nominated and will be elected by the congregation.
- The PNC will write the MDP which states information about the church and what the church is looking for in a pastor, and it will be placed online through the denomination's call process for potential candidates to view.
- The search for a new pastor by the PNC will continue until a new pastor is called.
- A congregational meeting is held after the pastor preaches and is voted on.
- A new pastor begins serving the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SESSION – There is a lot to do in the time of transition!!

Preaching schedule for March

Sunday, March 2– Liz Tietz, CRE Liz is a Certified Christian Educator and Certified Ruling Elder (CRE). She served 25 years as Educator in the Granville Presbyterian Church and, upon retirement, for 12 years, pastored the Amanda Presbyterian Church. She is currently commissioned to the Presbytery as pulpit supply. She is an active community volunteer and lives with her husband in Newark.

Wednesday, March 5– Ash Wednesday Service , 7 pm Rev .Wendy McCormick

Sunday, March 9– First Sunday in Lent We welcome our interim minister, Rev. Wendy McCormick for our Sunday service.

REMEMBER TO SPRING YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD AS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON Sunday, March 9th.



Sunday, March 9 (NOTE NEW DATE)– Grub and Games Potluck after worship with game time following lunch. We are moving the potluck to March 9 so we can have an opportunity to welcome our new interim pastor, Rev. Wendy McCormick on her first Sunday here at Plain

City Presbyterian. The Women's Circle heard that many of you were missing having potlucks and we found it was hard to get people to come back out for Game Night activities. So we will try to have a potluck after worship once a month and offer the opportunity for games including BINGO. This month take the opportunity to welcome Rev. McCormick and enjoy a great time of fellowship. It is also a great chance to invite someone to church. You can stay after worship, enjoy a meal and if you want afterwards, enjoy some rounds of BINGO, too. Thank you to all who have donated prizes and food for the potluck.



LENT BEGINS!



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

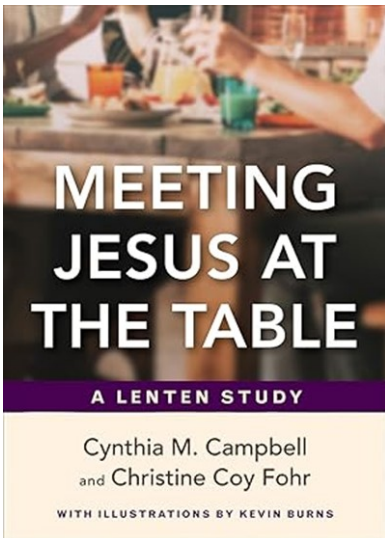
March 5 Ash Wednesday at 7 pm

Ash Wednesday worship will be in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession. Acutely aware of our human frailty and our mortality, we repent and turn to our loving Creator, expressing our utter reliance on God's grace. For those who undertake spiritual disciplines in Lent, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten fast.

The imposition of ashes is an optional part of this time of worship. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance, sorrow and sacrifice. They also remind us of our mortality as they are imposed with the words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

*Our Ash Wednesday worship will include a reflection from **Meeting Jesus at the Table**, a Lenten study book by Cynthia Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. This book connects our experiences of food and tables with the gospel stories about food and feasting and with Holy Communion. On Ash Wednesday, we will consider Mark 6:30-44 and will celebrate the sacrament.*



Lenten Study of *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, on Monday evenings at 6:30 via Zoom, beginning Monday, March 10.

We will begin with chapter 2, page 17. Read Matthew 9:9-13

The Gospels are full of stories of Jesus sharing meals with disciples, friends, even tax collectors and Pharisees. Whether multiplying bread to feed a whole crowd, relaxing with his inner circle, or telling curious elites stories about even greater banquets, Jesus imparts wisdom as he shares the wine and grants forgiveness as he distributes the fish. This eight-chapter resource provides biblical insights along with thought-provoking queries regarding our own time, such as whom should we invite to Sunday dinner and who is left out and left behind in our culture today.

Cost for the book is approximately \$10. Sign up so we can get a group order placed in time or give the church office a call at 614-873-5011.

Keep these folks and their caregivers in your prayers for healing and recovery from hospitalization or recent illness including Covid.

Elaine Wilcox
Diedra Wilcox Hurley
Betty Ferguson
Elmer Collier



Board Meetings after worship:

Trustees— March 9

Deacons— March 16

Session—March 2



Thank You! -

- *Thank to Jim Kaufman for braving the elements to make it to the church in the snow to alert us to the bad road conditions and the need to cancel services on February 16.*
- *To Judy Brady and the Session Members who are stepping up and working hard during this time of transition. Your extra efforts are much appreciated.*

March

Lay Liturgist

3/2 Carolyn Gibeaut

3/9 Sharon Newell

3/16 Leanne Manring

3/23 Barb Holliday

3/30 Michele Kopiec

March Coffee Hour

Donna Rihl

March Greeter

Kim Moody



The church shares its deepest condolences with:

- Dave and Rita McCray for the passing of Dave's father, Thomas on February 18.
- Former members, Jan and Doug Short for the passing of Jan's mother, Betty Evick on February 21.

"Let Us Pray"

Plain City Presbyterian Church has a rich tradition of prayer . . .

- . . . for joys and concerns among our own congregation members
- . . . for our community
- . . . for the wider church
- . . . for the world

As we begin the season of Lent and the official period of transition, we are going to "refresh" our prayer list.

We will begin a NEW prayer list on Sunday, March 9. If you have prayer requests ---- even if they have been on the prayer list previously --- please submit them to the pastor or the church office (seccq@plaincitypresby.org) by Wednesday of each week. If your request is one you do NOT want shared publicly, please indicate that. Otherwise, prayer requests will be shared during the Sunday announcements. There will also be an opportunity to add to the prayer list during Sunday announcements.

If you have questions or suggestions about our common prayers on Sundays, please reach out to Rev Wendy McCormick (wkmccormick@gmail.com).

Church Treasurer Report for January 31, 2025

The general fund balance for the end of January decreased due to donations being much lower than the expenses for the month. The somewhat higher than average expenses were due mostly to increased utility costs.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/2025	\$ 13,594.93
Income	8,679.00
Expenses	<u>(13,943.76)</u>
Ending Balance 01/31/2025	\$ 8,330.17

If there are any questions about the financial information of the church, please let me know.

Best Regards,
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS



Our Shut-ins

Being shut-in during the pandemic should have given us a better appreciation for those on our shut-in list. Please take a moment to remember our shut-ins. Drop them a card or give them a call!

Bob and Suzanne Merkle— Dublin Retirement Village

Chuck Stoker—Home

Bryan Becker—Home

Arlene Perkins, Paul Gibson— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

Charlotte Lambka , Betty Ferguson- Heritage PC

Jack Mercer, Dick and Kathy Wilson, Harley and Judy Bodenbender— Bluebird Marysville



Fill Up Sunday is

March 2– Our tubs are in good shape this month. Please keep us in mind for April 6



WOMEN'S CIRCLE MEETING

Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30 pm here at the church.

Ladies, come join in this time of fellowship and planning for service of the church and community. Moderator will be Janell Wilcox Gordon, and Donna Rihl will be providing refreshments.

Hope to see you there!



Thank you to everyone who donated a blanket to Church World Services during the month of February. Your generosity may help someone who is homeless or impacted by a fire or natural disaster. Thank you!



03/02	Katelyn	Moody
03/05	Betty	Ferguson
03/05	Jay	Ferguson
03/08	Alexis	Rihl
03/11	Sonia	Walker
03/15	Drew	Lear
03/16	Arlene	Perkins
03/18	Whitney	Reed
03/19	Barb	Holliday
03/23	Janell	Wilcox Gordon
03/28	Chris	Reed

03/16	Barbara & Jim Berry
03/17	Larry & Pat Myers
03/21	Michael & Barbara George
03/25	John & Linda Watson



DARBY TOWNSHIP ROAD CLEANUP

We have been approved to pick up trash for the Darby Township once again. This is a great project to help the environment, the community and the church. It's great exercise too!

If you can help do a section of road, please let Jim Kaufman know ASAP.



LIFEWISE FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 1, 8-11 am
Plainview Christian School
8270 Amity Pike

All you can eat pancakes, sausage fruit,, coffee and juice Donations support Lifewise 's Bible Education program in JA Schools.



**MEN'S BIBLE
STUDY**– will be
Saturdays 9 am
at the church.

The next meeting date is March 8 and 22, 2025. See Bill Pettibone with any questions.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS -If you are in the hospital or a loved one is and want a visit... please call the church 614-873-5011 or Rev. McCormick at (812)455-9556.



EASTER 2025 FLOWER ORDER FORM

Easter Sunday – April 20, 2025



L.I.G.H.T and Presbyterian Women are sponsoring the annual Spring Flower Sale to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Plants are priced individually as indicated. Please plan on taking them after the Easter Service if you are attending in person or plan on picking them up during office hours the following week. 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 Presbyterian Women's Circle.

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Lilies (\$15) ____ Tulips (\$10) ____ Daffodils (\$10) ____ Azaleas (\$17) ____

Ordered by: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

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Payment can be cash or check payable to PCPC.

If you are attending worship in person, you can put your order form and payment in the offering plate or you can drop off or mail your order (with payment) to arrive by March 30.

Our deadline for ordering is MARCH 31.

Total No. of plants: _____ Amount: _____ Paid: _____