



Easter Greetings!

In our culture Easter is over when the candy is gone, but in the church the Easter season continues for 50 days! I hope you are allowing yourself to bask in resurrection hope and joy.

One tradition is to read stories from Acts (The Acts of the Apostles) during the Easter season. These stories share the enthusiastic spreading of the gospel soon after the resurrection. My preaching in May will focus on three stories from Acts. We will also continue singing some Easter hymns. Our wonderful musician, Ailene Albrecht, has planned some special music for Sunday, May 11, when we will also share in Holy Communion.

I am still getting acquainted. If you watch our worship online, I would like to hear from you! Please feel free to introduce yourself by phone, text or email: 812.455.9556; wkmccormick@gmail.com. I'm also happy to come visit or to meet for coffee.

The Session and its Mission Study Committee are working on identifying our church's particular mission and purpose as we look ahead to the next few years. This is part of the process of preparing for a new pastor. Stay tuned for a questionnaire and a discussion opportunity as we need input from everyone.

Enjoy the beauty of spring.

See you in church,

Wendy

Rev Wendy McCormick, Transitional Pastor

Board Meetings after worship:

Session—May 6

Trustees— May 6

Deacons— May 11



May

Lay Liturgist

5/4 Michele Kopiec

5/11 Sharon Newell

5/18 Leanne Manring

5/25 Barb Holliday

May Coffee Hour

Barb Berry

May Greeter

Janell Wilcox Gordon

Update on the Transition Process....

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- 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.
- Session is currently working on the mission study with assistance from The Presbytery. Next meeting of the Mission Study Committee is Thursday, May 1 at 6 pm.
- 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 –

Mission Study Committee

Next meeting is Thursday,
May 1 at 6 pm here at the
church.



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

Marion Stenner

Thank You!

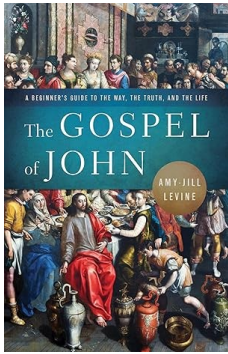
- To all those helping in the completion of the annual Roadside Cleanup Project. Thank you to Jim Kaufman for coordinating this.

The Scouts
Gary & Carolyn Gibeaut
Bill & Vicky Pettibone
Bill Bowen

Shane Manring
Kim Moody & Charlotte Vannatta
Donna & Lenny Rihl
Steve & Nancy Patterson
Jim & Karon Kaufman
Sharon Newell

- To the home communion teams that took communion to our shut-ins. Rosemary Anderson, Rev. McCormick, Kim Moody and Janell Wilcox Gordon.
- To Jim and Karon Kaufman for getting the Shut in Easter flowers and the Deacons for delivering them
- To everyone who purchased Easter flowers in support of LIGHT and the Women's Circle this year. Thanks to the Gibeauts for pick up and set up.
- To Ailene Albrecht for organizing the Easter Choir and everyone who participated in the Choir and all the Special Music. Special thanks to Jay Halloway on cello and Caitlyn MacKay on drums. Nacrina Alvarez Blanco and Michele Kopiec for their Lenten Special Music sharing.

BIBLE STUDIES



NEW MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: The Gospel of John by Amy-Jill Levine will be our next Bible Study. With wit and charm, she introduces readers to the world of the Gospel of John by unpacking the stories in their original context, along with examining how the text is read today. This book considers the Gospel of John in its entirety. Books are available on the table outside the office. Cost is \$17. We plan on going through May. Come join us. If you would like to receive the link, please contact Wendy or the church office.



Men's Study— On a break until Fall. September 20 will be the next gathering. Thank you to Bill Pettibone for coordinating and leading this study throughout the year.

Deacons' Kitchen Clean—Up Day Tuesday May 13

The Deacons will be working on cleaning up our church kitchens. Many hands make light work if you would like to pitch in, too. See Donna Rihl for times and details.

Plain City Community Yard Sale Saturday May 10, 2025

We may participate in future years but the Historical Society is doing it this year. If anyone has items they would like to get rid of now, they could bring them to the Historical Society (111 W. Main St.) to be included in their sale. (Proceeds for the Historical Society) You can call (614-873-4191) or email Rosemary Anderson (randerson52@columbus.rr.com) for more information.



In Home Communion Teams— Looking for an opportunity to serve your church family? We are looking for additional communion teams that will share communion with our shut ins. If you have ever been ordained as an elder or deacon at anytime, you can serve even if you are not currently on a board. You will go with another team member to visit and serve a shut in. Instructions and training will be provide. See Rev Wendy McCormick if you are interested.

CINCO DE MAYO
DAILY NEEDS ASSISTANCE FUNDRAISER

COME ENJOY SOME TACOS
AND HELP SUPPORT OUR
PROGRAMS AND
RESOURCES!

THE RED HEN
MAY 5TH, 4:00 - 7:00 PM
542 W MAIN ST, PLAIN CITY, OH 43064



RAISE THE ROOF

We are grateful to all those who made our March roof repair possible. To cover this unexpected expense of \$18,700, the Session allocated the remaining funds in the Mission Trip account (about \$6000) and paid the rest from the Legacy Fund. This depleted the Legacy Fund significantly and makes us less able to weather another such expense.

As Trustee Jim Kaufman has reported, we received \$2851 in insurance money which defrayed our cost. As of April 27, eight donations totaling \$7356 have been received for the roof repair. Thank you!!

If you would like to join these generous donors in replenishing our Legacy Fund, you may make a contribution to the church in the Sunday offering or via the mail and mark your check "ROOF".

"Let Us Pray"

If you have prayer requests, please submit them to the pastor or the church office (seccg@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.

Please remember to update the office or the Pastor about your request and whether that Individual should continue on our prayer list.

If you have questions or suggestions about our common prayers on Sundays, please reach out to Rev. Wendy McCormick.

Fill Up Sunday is

May 4– Our tubs are in good shape this month. Please keep us in mind for June 1.

This was on a note left inside the Little Food Pantry found when we were filling it back up.



***Thank you sooooo much
for the food!!!! I only had
\$5 dollars left for the week
for groceries.***





CONGRATULATIONS to Katelyn Rihl, our graduating Senior. Come join us on May 18 as we celebrate Katelyn's accomplishments and wish her well in her future endeavors.



Katelyn Rihl is part of the 2025 graduating class of Tolles Technical Career Center and Jonathan Alder High School. She is valedictorian, a member of the National Technical Honor Society, and a four year letterman of the JA softball team. She will be attending Mt Carmel College of Nursing in the fall. As she wraps up her internship through Ohio Health this spring, she is looking forward to starting her PSA position on the labor and delivery floor of Doctors Hospital in June. Katelyn loves spending time with her friends and family, reading as many books as she can, doing CrossFit at Steadfast, and cuddling with her dog Opal.



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
- Gladys McCabe— Heritage Marysville

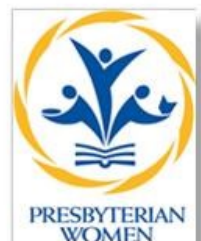
WOMEN'S CIRCLE

MEETING

Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm here at the church. Ladies, come join in this time of fellowship and making Mother Day surprises for our shut ins. Bring a full size candy bar to include. We will be finalizing Graduate Sunday activities, too.

Moderator will be Nancy McKelvey, and Rosemary Anderson will be providing refreshments. Come join us!

Hope to see you there!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



05/01	Elliott	Bradley
05/01	Rylind	Ferguson
05/01	Jerry	Hurley
05/07	Sherline	Lear
05/07	Austin	Hurley
05/07	Judy	Bodenbender
05/11	Jim	Berry
05/15	Austin	Lester
05/16	Michael	George
05/16	Kim	Bodenbender
05/17	John	Jordan
05/19	Leonard	Rihl
05/21	Olivia	Reed
05/30	Linda	Watson
05/30	Mark	Bushong
05/31	Richard	Meeker

05/22	Don &	Nancy	McKelvey
05/26	Drew &	Sherline	Lear

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.

Church Treasurer Report for March 31, 2025

The general fund balance for the end of March decreased due to donations being quite a bit lower than the expenses for the month. The expenses included most of the new payroll costs for the interim minister plus the quarterly insurance premium. There were five Sundays during the month.

General Expenses Fund	
Beginning Balance 03/01/2025	\$ 12,941.64
Income	8,336.00
Expenses	<u>(12,452.81)</u>
Ending Balance 03/31/2025	\$ 8,824.83

The Session voted to use the Mission Trip funds (not used in over five years) to help pay for the roof repair. The insurance company payment after deductibles was \$2,851.85. \$9,350, one half of the roof repair bill, was paid during March with \$1,479.63 remaining in the Major Church Repair Fund at the end of the month.

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

Best Regards,
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer