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### Word from Pastor Alice



Dear Church Family...

*Reader's Digest posted the following story:*

*When Mrs. Klein told her first graders to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful, she thought how little these children, who lived in a deteriorating neighborhood, actually had to be thankful for. She knew that most of the class would draw pictures of turkeys or of bountifully laden Thanksgiving tables. That was what they believed was expected of them.*

*What took Mrs. Klein aback was Douglas's picture. Douglas was so forlorn and likely to be found close in her shadow as they went outside for recess. Douglas's drawing was simply this:*

*A hand, obviously, but whose hand? The class was captivated by his image. "I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," said one student.*

*"A farmer," said another, "because they grow the turkeys."*

*"It looks more like a policeman, and they protect us." "I think," said Lavinia, who was always so serious, "that it is supposed to be all the hands that help us, but Douglas could only draw one of them."*

*Mrs. Klein had almost forgotten Douglas in her pleasure at finding the class so responsive. When she had the others at work on another project, she bent over his desk and asked whose hand it was.*

*Douglas mumbled, "It's yours, Teacher."*

*Then Mrs. Klein recalled that she had taken Douglas by the hand from time to time; she often did that with the children. But that it should have meant so much to Douglas ...*

*Perhaps, she reflected, this was her Thanksgiving, and everybody's Thanksgiving—not the material things given unto us, but the small ways that we give something to others.*

During this Season of Thanksgiving, think of those people who have taken you by the hand in life...those that walked with you during trying times...those who guided you in your formative years...those who were with you in joyful moments...those who taught you...those who loved you. Why not take a moment and give thanks to the Lord for them. If you are able, drop a note in the mail and let them know how much you appreciate them.

I am grateful for each of you and love being your pastor!

**I thank my God every time I remember you. Philippians 1:3**

Blessings in Jesus!

Alice



#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**November 6** 9 am  
Men's Bible Study at  
the church

**November 14** 10-  
Trustees Meeting Di-  
rectly following wor-  
ship

**November 14** 6:30  
pm JWalkers meet at  
the church

**November 16-** 6:30  
pm Women's Circle at  
church

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

- Dick Wilson

We will also pray for individuals with Covid and you can send any names to email to Rev. Alice at [revalp@neo.rr.com](mailto:revalp@neo.rr.com).



### Sharing Love and Sympathy:



Please remember those who have recently lost loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

We share of sympathy with the friends and family of Mary Mitchell as they grieve her passing on October 2, 2021.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Jerry and Judy Scott in the death of Jerry's brother, Philip on Oct. 13, 2021.

**Per Capita Reminder:** If you forgot to send in your Per Capita, it is not too late. For this year it was \$37.75 per member. You can place it in offering plate or note on your donation. If you have already contributed, thank you. It is much appreciated.



Congratulations to two couples

Doug Alderman and Cynthia Rickard Sankey were married on October 23, 2021.

Blessings upon Willy Gordon and Janell Wilcox who expressed their love to one another in a Commitment Service on October 30, 2021.



### Bible Study Opportunities:

**Weekly Monday night prayer and Bible study** If you are interested in joining us, send an email to [revalp@neo.rr.com](mailto:revalp@neo.rr.com).

**Men's Bible Study** continues on Saturdays at 9:00 am at the PCPC. All men of the church and/or friends are invited to join the group. For more info. contact Bill Pettibone for dates and times.



### LOOKING FOR A SAFE WAY TO SERVE THE CHURCH DURING THIS TIME? CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE AV TEAM.

The AV Team needs **MORE** volunteers. Dave McCray and Jim Kaufman have been our ever faithful camera men for **YEARS** now. They are need of some more volunteers to train. Please consider helping with this important service to the church family. Contact Dave or Jim if you are willing to learn and help.

### Church Treasurer Report for September 2021

The general fund balance for the end of September remained positive. In addition to normal monthly expenses paid, September had an additional expense for the quarterly insurance premiums.

#### **General Expenses Fund**

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| Beginning Balance 9/01/2021 | \$ 9,664.28        |
| Income                      | 8,168.00           |
| Expenses                    | <u>(12,319.98)</u> |
| Ending Balance 9/30/2021    | \$ 5,512.30        |

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Best Regards,  
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer



*Thank you to Whitney Reed for organizing our participation in the Fall Fest. Thank you to Rosemary Anderson and Carol Burkhart for heading up our church table at the PC Fall Fest. Thank you to everyone who purchased a church T-shirt, donated funds toward the games/activities, and all those who attended and shared our PCPC welcome to new faces.*

*Thank you to everyone who participated in the Trunk or Treat event here at the church. Thank you for providing a safe activity for our local youngsters.*

### **Upcoming Women's**

#### **Circle Meeting**

**November 16 at 6:30 pm at the church.**

Judy Brady and Jane Denhardt will be hostesses and Carolyn Gibeaut will lead the devotions. All the women of the church are invited to attend

this time of fellowship and service.

Sign up for Prayer Partners goes until November 14. All the women in the church are welcome to participate. Signup slips are on the back table in the church or email [seccg@plaincitypresby.org](mailto:seccg@plaincitypresby.org) that you want to be included and your birth month and day.

The Thank Offering for the Presbyterian Women's will be held on November 21. Circle members will participate in the Sunday service and an offering will be taken for benefit the Presbyterian Women Creative Ministries Grants throughout the USA and the world. In 2021 over \$300,000 was granted to 29 projects with 40% of the funds going toward health ministries. In the last 33 years nearly \$27 million has been given to over 1600 projects nationally and internationally.



## Community Christmas Basket Program - 2021



We are having the program this year but in a modified format. There will be no food collection/distribution. Our church will NOT be the home base for operations this year – there is no home base this year.

If you want to adopt a family you will be responsible for providing \$30 for a family gift card, buying any gifts for the children, and wrapping them. This year you have the option of arranging to deliver the gifts to the family, arranging to have them picked up by the family or bringing the gifts to our church and we will make sure they get to the family. You can

bring the \$30/family to the Plain City Presbyterian Church on **Monday, 11/22/2021** between 6 and 7pm and you will be given the family gift card and an index card that will contain the family information: Name, address, phone number, children's ages and gender (so you can purchase age appropriate gifts). We also have families that do not have any children so you would just give us the \$30 for the family gift card and then you have the option to contact the family to arrange for pick up or delivery of this gift card or you can leave it with us and we will make sure the family gets the gift card. If you choose to contact the family yourself to arrange for pickup or delivery of the gifts we ask that you contact the family by Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

If you would like to make a donation please make checks payable to "Christmas Basket Fund" and send them to the church: Plain City Presbyterian Church, Christmas Basket Fund, 231 E. Main St., Plain City, OH 43064

Please contact Dave McCray at 614-408-1617 if you have any questions or are interested in adopting a family.

Thank you!

### **Matthew 25 Zoom Book Study: Poverty, November 10 and 17, 2021 Two week only book study**

Join friends from around the presbytery for a book study on ***Broke in America: Seeing, Understanding and Ending US Poverty*** by Joanne Samuel Goldblum and Colleen Shaddox. We will meet on zoom for two consecutive Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on November 10 and 17. This is sponsored by the Matthew 25 team from the Presbytery Commission on Nurture and Outreach. Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUf-mpqDkuH9wXFSdLw8HKqRdmIW\\_6TZ1L](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUf-mpqDkuH9wXFSdLw8HKqRdmIW_6TZ1L)

This is an interesting and enlightening book on the impacts of poverty on the day to day lives of those living in its midst. It is available through our local library system.



**J WALKERS YOUTH GROUP** is again sponsoring Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Their goal is 25 boxes.

Information is available at the [https://](https://sampur.se/3B6imol)

[sampur.se/3B6imol](https://sampur.se/3B6imol) and for \$25 you can do one online. Or pick up a box on the back table in the sanctuary for filling.

**The Deadline is November 22.**



**Used Coat Drive:** Women's Circle will be gathering clean gently used or new children and adult coats to be donated to DNA at the end of November. You can leave them on the table outside the offices or there will be drop off tote outside the Church Street door. Clean out those closets and let's help keep a local child or adult warm this winter!

## SAFETY GUIDELINES!

1. No longer will temps be taken at the door. If you are not feeling well or have been exposed to Covid, please stay home and watch online.
  2. All vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks. **Due to the rise in the delta variant The Scioto Valley Presbytery in their weekly news today said: *It is very strongly advised by our Presbytery Coordinating Team that masks be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status. The Elders of Plain City Presbyterian Church are strongly advising all to wear masks on Sunday morning. This is NOT a mandate. We are leaving the decision up to each individual.***
  3. Sanitizing will still continue.
- We will continue to revisit this as things change. Session approved reopening of our building this fall to outside groups with appropriate restrictions.

## Hospital Visitation Updates

VISITATIONS \*Update\* - Marysville Hospital is allowing clergy to visit!!!

1. A pastor can visit if he/she is listed as one of the two visitors (that is all any patient is allowed) on the patient's chart. Most likely this will not be the case as family members are usually the two listed.
2. If patient or family requests the pastor to visit, a contact is made through the chaplain's office. The pastor is contacted by the office for a one time visit.
3. If someone is terminally ill, this is an exception...however, visits must still be cleared through the nursing staff.

**PLEASE KNOW SHE WILL VISIT ANY CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MAKE A REQUEST. DURING THIS COVID MESS THAT IS THE ONLY WAY – SHE CANNOT JUST FREELY WALK INTO A HOSPITAL AS IN THE PAST PRIOR TO COVID.**

**This makes her heart sad as she believes pastoral calling is an essential part of ministry...but this is the way it is for now. But please know that she will gladly pray on the phone with hospitalized individuals as she has**



## REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

Being shut-in this past year 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!

### Our Shut-ins

Bob Schlitz—Home  
Connie Zimmerman—Arizona home  
Dick Harper—Home  
Marian Thomas & Pat Stenner & Bruce Keiser—Dublin Retire Village Assisted Living  
Chuck Stoker—Home Pat Stoker- Bluebird Retirement, Marysville  
Alice Shalosky— Home  
Bryan Becker—Home  
Arlene Perkins, Paul and Donna Gibson— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville  
Ray Russell, Charlotte Lambka, - Edgewater Assisted Living  
Georgianna Rymer- daughter's home  
Helen Watson- Darby Glen Rehab Hilliard  
Mary Lou Rihl- Glenwood

## NEW ADDRESSES:

**Mary Lou Rihl** has a new address  
c/o Glenwood  
6355 Emerald Parkway Room 14  
Dublin, OH 43016

Please update your directory and feel free to drop her a card.

**THANK YOU to the following individuals for providing music each Sunday.** Session has decided to send them monthly gift cards from our church family in appreciation. If you would like to send a note of thanks to them, here are their addresses.

**DR. AILENE ALBRECHT &  
CAITLYN MACKAY**  
2235 Hackney Ct  
Hilliard 43026  
**DIRK AHLGRIM**  
139 N Powell Ave  
Columbus, OH 43204



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|-------|--------|--------------|-------|----------------|----------|
| 11/01 | Joey   | Walker       |       |                |          |
| 11/09 | Lisa   | Nelson-Woods | 11/04 | Nick & Kathy   | Stapp    |
| 11/17 | Chris  | Johnston     | 11/10 | Renee & Renee  | Troyer   |
| 11/20 | Kyle   | Moody        | 11/11 | Shane & Leanne | Manning  |
| 11/25 | Rachel | Ferguson     | 11/29 | Chad & Molly   | Sperling |
| 11/29 | Chad   | Craney       |       |                |          |

**Mark your calendars for Tuesday morning, November 23 for Church Christmas Decorating. 10 AM . Many hands make light work. Carolyn will have the boxes down and you can pick a section and go to it. The first Sunday in Advent is Nov.28 so we want to be ready for the season.**

**REMINDER OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR OF 2021-**

**Here is a reminder of our current board members.**

**SESSION- Judy Brady Clerk of Session**

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| <b><u>Class of 2021</u></b> | <b><u>Class of 2022</u></b> | <b><u>Class of 2023</u></b> |
| Judy Brady                  | Bill Pettibone              | Sally Petznick              |
| Betty Ferguson              | Rita McCray                 | Whitney Reed                |
| Pat Myers                   | Mindy Foust                 | Harley Bodenbender          |

**DEACONS- Kim Moody Moderator Barb Berry Treasurer Carol Burkhart Secretary**

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| <b><u>Class of 2021</u></b> | <b><u>Class of 2022</u></b> | <b><u>Class of 2023</u></b> |
| Don McKelvey                | Carol Burkhart              | Karon Kaufman               |
| Nancy McKelvey              | Kathy Wilson                | Sharon Newell               |
| Paula Williams              | Valerie Merideth            | Kim Moody                   |
| Trina Stone                 | Barbara Berry               |                             |

**TRUSTEES- Jim Kaufman -Moderator**

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| Norm Troyer                 | John Rihl                   | John Watson                 |
| Jim Kaufman                 | Larry Myers                 | Chic Foust                  |
| Frank Smith                 | Nancy Patterson             |                             |

**Committees**

Congregational Life: Mindy Foust, Whitney Reed, Sharon Newell

Mission& Evangelism: William Pettibone, Karon Kaufman

Music and Worship: Rita McCray, Betty Ferguson, Janet Johnston, Roy Woods, Janell Wilcox,  
Rev Phillips

Personnel: Pat Myers, Harley Bodenbender, Kim Moody, Larry Myers

Resources: Sally Petznick, Barbara Berry, Chic Foust