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Word from Pastor Alice

Dear Church Family,



When on vacation, it is always good to visit other places of worship. When I am on study leave or vacation, I always worship somewhere. Sometimes I worship in a Presbyterian Church, and sometimes I worship in other churches besides Presbyterian. I visited Bible Center Church on July 14 and 21 in Charleston, WV, while on study leave. I break up the long trip to The Cove in NC by spending a night at a Catholic Retreat Center in Charleston on the way down and on the way back. I chose Bible Center simply because they had an early service on Sunday, and they were a short distance away from where I was staying. It allowed me to get an earlier start on the road. I worshipped at their later service on my return trip from The Cove. It was a nondenominational church that was huge (about 3,000 members).

The early service was multigenerational, and the later service was modern. (However, I noticed it was multigenerational as well...but not as many older folks as the early service. The first service had more traditional music but had both contemporary and some hymns. The later service was all contemporary with a band.)

It is good to have open eyes seeing how other churches do things. There were things that I appreciated and shared with their pastors in an email after I returned home. Here they are....

- 1. Friendly greeters at the parking lot doors!
- 2. Friendly folks in the pew...especially the first service where a lady took the time to talk and gave an invitation for donuts and coffee.
- 3. The lady who played the violin on the 14th...it was simply amazing and uplifting! (She played "Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus")
- 4. The enthusiasm of the director of business as he shared about the fields and how they were acquired. (The Lord provided the leveling of fields they plan to use for sports as an assisted living project needed a place to dump their dirt...so they were providing the dirt and the leveling of the area...he spoke of how the Lord was so faithful.)
- 5. The decorations and excitement for VBS on the 14th.
- 6. The appearance of the building...well maintained and inviting!
- 7. The enthusiasm of those leading music.
- 8. The large windows in the sanctuary with a view of all the trees outside.
- 9. The wise use of screens...not overdone...so useful and helpful to follow along during the morning message!
- 10. Last, but certainly not least...the wonderful, Christ centered messages at each service. They filled my cup...they were challenging and helpful.

Plain City Church Family, I want to ask you a question. Should a visitor from out of town stop by and visit PCPC on a Sunday a.m., what top 10 good things would they notice about us?

That is something about which we should always be thinking!

Love being your pastor!

Love and Blessings in Jesus!

Alice



Upcoming Meetings

- Trustees -Sept.8
- Session: Tues, Sept 10 at 7 pm
- Deacons: Sept. 15

SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP

Head & Assistant Deacons

Brenda DeLeon Linda Watson Elder Greeter

Jane Denhardt

Liturgist

Drew Lear

Ushers

Shane and Leanne Manring

Randy and Janie Collins

Nursery

Sept 1 Labor Day OPEN Sept 8 Carolyn Gibeaut &

Kim Moody

Sept 15 Leanne & Travis Manring

Sept 22 Nancy Patterson &

Beth Beach

Sept 29 Jim and Karon Kaufman Acolytes

9/1,8 Katelyn Rihl &Sara Gordon

9/15,22,29 Sara Gordon & Sophia Manring Keep these folks and their caregiv-



ers in your prayers for healing and recovery from hospitalization during the

summer.

- Paula Williams
- Jean Russell
- Chris Johnston
- Charlene Smith
- Mary Lou Rihl

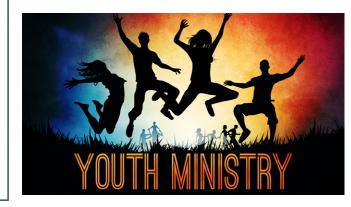


We share our condolences with:

-Dave McCray for the loss of his Aunt- Retha Bilby on June 18

-Carol Burkhart for the loss of her sister, Alayne Payne on June 11

-Those gone but not forgotten in our hearts



SUNDAY, SEPT. 1 at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. We will meet at the church. We will share some pizza, play some games, come up with a name for our group, and have a Bible Study.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 meet at church at 3:00 p.m. for an outing to **The MAiZE at Little Darby Creek.** The cost is \$8.50/per youth for the basic rate which includes a 9 acre corn maze and lots of activities. We will need a total of 15 people to go in order to get the group rate...otherwise it will be \$10.00 per person. So invite a friend...and all of your family to attend! Permission slips will be available. We will need parent drivers, too!

Opportunities for Group Bible Study



Cour 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.



Rev. Alice will return on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 9:15 a.m. Come join us for Bible Study by Lysa Terkeurst on finding unexpected strength when disappointments leave you shattered. Since we had to end this study after just starting a couple sessions prior to summer break, we will begin at the beginning again. So this is a great time to come and join us as we begin. It

is a video Bible study with questions we discuss together. All ladies are welcome to attend!



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY RETURNS on Monday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. for a time a prayer prior to the study starting at 6:45 p.m. Come join us as we continue through the book of James. Learn more about this fascinating book of the Bible.



Summer has flown by and it's time again for the Presbyterian Women's Circle Fall Kick-Off. All the ladies of the church are invited to join together to refocus our efforts of study and service through the Women's Circle. The date will be the third Tuesday, Sept 17 at 6:30 pm in the parlor. Judy Brady and Jane Denhardt will be our hostesses. Bring your ideas and suggestions for our adventures for the year.

Judy Bodenbender, Judy Weeks, Don



McKelvey for serving on the chair committee. Tom Lear, Don McKelvey, Beth Rihl, Rev. Alice, Gary, and Carolyn Gibeaut for helping with the unloading and set up

of new chairs.

- Everyone who volunteered or donated toward another successful year at VBS and the Shoe that Grows campaign.
- Everyone who donated to the DNA school supply drive. This is a valuable mission which impacts many local children
- Jim Kaufman, Shane, Travis and Eric Manring for serving on the mission trip to Point Pleasant in June.
- Nancy Patterson, Carolyn Gibeaut and Rita McCray for teaching LIGHT this summer.
- Deacons for coordinating our Pentecost Potluck and preparing red balloons, Session and Trustees for coordinating Bob 's and Sally's recognitions and receptions.

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A Ministry to Widows...

Gladys McCabe is interested in forming a fellowship of widows who might like to go out to eat once or twice a month sharing a meal and conversation together. If you are interested, please give Gladys a call so it can be organized. Her phone is 937-243-6036.



Choir Returning in September

Come lend your voice to the choir this year.

Practice resumes at 7 pm

Wednesday, September 4. New voices are always welcomed.

Good and Faithful Servants Recognized during the Summer Months



On July 7 Bob Merkle was recognized for his over 22 years of service as Clerk of Session. On behalf of Session and the entire congregation, Barbara George presented Bob with a plaque acknowledging his service as Clerk and also his faithful leadership and willingness to keep the church running.

THANK YOU, BOB.

On August 18 Jim Kaufman, moderator of the Trustees, led the congregation in thanking Sally Petznick for over 20 years of service as Church Treasurer. Sally administered the church financials through

several major church projects and encouraged our commitment to mission. THANK YOU, SALLY.

A reception in their honor was held during coffee hour on each respective Sunday.

Thank you to Judy Brady for accepting the duty of Clerk of Session and Gary Gibeaut for becoming Church Treasurer.



HAVE A GREAT YEAR STUDENTS! COD BLESS YOU!

PCPC helps students on the start of classes.

This year the church is serving as a bus stop for grades 5-12. Rev. Alice made a sign that church members signed and made gift bags to present to students on the first day of school. Joining her on this early morning event were Betty Ferguson, Bill and Vicky

Pettibone, Carol Burkhart, and Rita and Dave McCray. Good luck to all the students this year!

Outreach Ideas

Have you heard or read about a good idea for more community outreach? Don't hesitate to share with Rev. Alice or an Elder or Deacon. In the upcoming months there will be lots of new people moving to Plain City and we need to reach out our Plain City Presbyterian Welcome.



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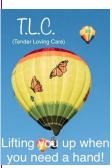


Celebrating Rev. Alice's 25th Ordination Anniversary

Sunday, September 29

Mark your calendars and help Rev. Alice celebrate an important milestone in her life as a servant of the Lord. A reception and potluck luncheon will follow the Sunday worship service. Come express your well wishes and gratitude for her work in the ministry. A sign-up for the potluck

items will be in the parlor. We'll also be collecting cards and letters as part of the remembrance so feel free to bring or send in a note. Please plan to participate in this special celebration.



TLC- This ministry is for ALL the members and friends of our church family who may need some extra help at different times in life.

After a hospital stay Following a crisis in his/her life Following the death of a loved Seniors needing extra help

Rev. Alice will be coordinating the team. If you have a need, call her on her cell phone 740-391-2531.

The T.L.C. team will help with

- Phone call visits
- Personal visits in your home
- Help with chores around the home (changing light bulbs, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc...)
- Transportation to and from doctor appointments (YOU MUST PROVIDE AT LEAST 24 hour notice for this service)
- Meals at time of illness or difficulty
- Companionship service for an ill loved one at home while family member runs errands, etc.
- Grocery shopping and/or delivery of grocer-
- TLC WILL NOT provide housecleaning services or any type of medical services.

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 guick visit always makes the days go faster.

Mary Mitchell— Prestige Gardens Marysville

Liz and Bob Schlitz—Home

Connie Zimmerman—Home

Dick Harper—Home

Our Shu(-ins 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 and Tara Becker-Home

Arlene Perkins- Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

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

Also those who have been home due to recent illness, Mary Lou Rihl, Merilyn Strayer, Paula Williams, Donna and Paul Gibson.





LOV (Local Outreach Volunteer) Frank and Jerry Smith's son, Bryon, is actively involved with this group that provides outreach to the homeless and hopeless in Columbus. They spend every weekend providing LOV to the men and woman on the streets of Columbus. We serve food, clothing, hygiene items, and seasonal necessities to 30-70 people every weekend. Our goal is to help meet the immediate needs of all we serve without judgment, only love. They posted some items that they need: AAA and AA batteries, Chapstick, Hand sanitizer, Ladies deodorant ,Razors, Tampons ,Dog and cat food, Matches and lighters ,Purses enough gallon completely (large for а zippy bag full) Athletic shorts for woman ,Men's both men and boxers boxer briefs Woman's underwear, Paper towels, Toilet paper

There is a box labeled LOV by the office door to serve as a drop off spot if you would like to contribute to

FEED MY SHEEP FOODBANK INFO...

In case you missed it -----I had a chance this past Sunday to talk about our PCPC Food Bank and to thank everyone for their dedicated service over the past......believe it or not?.....5 years! Your dedication, faithfulness, great attitude and commitment to this mission, inspires me every week and I am thankful for each of you and the terrific job you do each Saturday. Our Food Bank would not exist without you!

I did forget to mention on Sunday that Barbara and I will be out of town for the next 4 Saturdays, beginning August 31 and this is going to leave the Food Bank shorthanded for these 4 weeks. Please make a special effort to help out during this time and I'm sure Carolyn & Gary could also use some help on the delivery truck.

Thanks again for all you do!

Michael & Barbara

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.

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
- Plastic containers (like used Cool Whip containers)

Thank You Very Much!

Michael George



Gentle Spirit - Sept 5 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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NEW

Feeding the

Community

<u>-</u> Gladys McCabe has shared her new address and contact information. Please update your directory. 306 Wil-

lowbend Circle, Plain City 43064. Phone 937-243-6036 gladysmccabe1@gmail.com



Congratulations to Alice Shalosky on the birth of a great granddaughter, Emmeline Rose.





Max & Erma's-Come support the mission trip and enjoy a meal out on Thursday, Sept 5 the first Thursday of each month. Just share the coupon with your server to give our church credit.

GriefShare meets THURSDAYS at a NEW location RIGHT HERE

The fall session of GriefShare begins on Thursday evenings (Aug. 15 – Nov. 21) from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in a <u>NEW</u> location here at Plain City Presbyterian. This is sponsored by the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Chuckery but meets here in town. Anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one is welcome to attend any of the GriefShare sessions. Each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. If you are grieving the death of a loved one, you are welcome to join us for any of the sessions being held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the **NEW location**, RIGHT HERE. To register, please call Deaconess Janet Nicol at **614-561-7411** at St. Paul Lutheran Church. **Working together to**

be the hands and feet of Jesus.



LIGHT- Learning in God's House Together

Children's Education Ministry kicks off a new year. This year's calendar and topics are:

Sept.15-Oct 6 **Queen Esther** Bold and Beautiful Rita McCray teaching

Off Oct 13, 20

Oct. 27- Nov 27 F.R.O.G Fully Reliant on God

Carolyn Gibeaut teaching

Off Nov 24,Dec 1

Dec. 8-22 Advent Characters in the Christmas Story

Rosemary Anderson teaching

Off Dec.29, Jan. 5

Jan. 12- Feb. 2 Simeon and Anna/ Jesus -Boy at the temple

Carolyn Gibeaut teaching

Off Feb. 9, Feb 16

Feb. 23- March 15 I AM lessons-The vine, truth, way, bread

Nancy Patterson teaching

Off March 23, 29 JA Spring break

April 5- April 26 Easter events and Post Easter events

Rosemary Anderson teaching

Off May 3, 10

May 17-31 **Lydia** Rita McCray teaching

HELPERS NEEDED The teaching team is ready but we're always looking for an extra helper in the classroom. No teaching required just an extra set of hands. If you are interested in being a helper, please let Carolyn Gibeaut know.

Congratulations on

50th Anniversary Celebrations

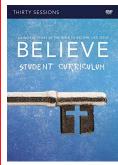


Jerry and Frank Smith celebrated their 50th Anniversary on June 13. The congregation shared cake and best wishes with the couple.

Jim and Karon Kaufman also celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 28th. The congregation was invited to attend their event on Saturday July 13.

JR./SR. High- Grades 6 and up LIGHT Led by Whitney Reed

Believe- Living the Story of the Bible to become like Jesus



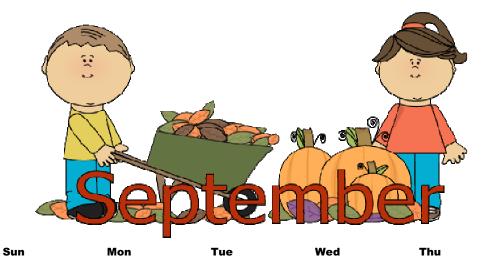
Whitney will be leading our Jr. and Sr. High youth in this study that teaches you the core beliefs, practices, and virtues of Jesus-followers so that you can understand how to live out God's story in your

own life today. The Bible is more than just a book of stories. It's a blueprint for living. Let the words of God change you as you learn how to think, act, and become more like Jesus.

The Jr/Sr. High will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. The other Sundays they can share in the worship service experience.

The Education Team is also trying the <u>One Year in the Bible: A Reading Plan for Families</u>. The suggested weekly references will be included in the newsletter /bulletin and copies of the plan will also be available at the church or website. For September it is: Week Of: Sept 1- Genesis 1-2:24 Adam and Eve, Sept 8 Genesis 3 The Snake, Sept 15 Genesis 6:9-9-17 Noah's Story, Sept 22 Genesis 15 Adam's Story, Sept 29 Genesis 18:1-15;21:1-6 Sarah's Story. We thought it would be a good way for everyone to work through the Bible in a year. Why not give it a try?

<u>Want to catch up on a missed sermon?</u> Recent sermons are posted on the website (provided no technical recording problems occur). Take a moment and check out <u>www.plaincitypresby.org</u>. If you see something that needs changed or that you want added, please let Carolyn know.



Sunday Schedule:

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 YOUTH GROUP 6- 7:30 PM	2 LABOR DAY Office closed	3 7pm Scouts	4 7 pm Choir Practice	5 Max and Erma's Day 6 pm Gentle Spirit 6-8 pm Grief Share	6	7 8 am to noon Scout Training 4:30 Feed My Sheep
8 Ladies SS Starts Trustees 5 to 8:30 pm Volleyball Officials	9 6:30pm Prayer & Bible Study 7pm Cubs	10 7 pm Session 7pm Scouts	11 7 pm Choir Practice	12 6-8 pm Grief Share 7pm Lions	13	14 4:30 Feed My Sheep
15 LIGHT Kicks Off Deacons Youth Group 3 pm The MAIZE	16 6:30pm Prayer & Bible Study 7pm Cubs	17 PRESBYTERY MTG 6:30 pm Fall Kick- Off Women's Circle 7pm Scouts	18 7 pm Choir Practice	19 6-8 pm Grief Share	20	21 4:30 Feed My Sheep
22	23 6:30pm Prayer & Bible Study 7pm Cubs	24 7pm Scouts	25 7 pm Choir Practice	26 6-8 pm Grief Share 7 pm Lions	27	28 4:30 Feed My Sheep
29 Celebrate Rev. Alice's 25th Ordination Anniv.	30 6:30pm Prayer & Bible Study					



09/02	Banwo	Longe	09/15	Mindy	Foust
09/02	Steve	Patterson	09/20	Janet	Johnston
09/05	Zach	Pettibone	09/20	Janie	Collins
09/07	Elmer	Collier	09/20	Jame	Collins
09/08	Bob	Merkle	09/21	Paige	Erdman
09/09	Carol	Burkhart	09/22	Jerry	Smith
09/09	Evee	Wilcox	09/27	William L.	Wilcox
09/09	Richard	Harper	09/27	Trina	Stone
09/11	Henry	Walker	09/28	Charlene	Smith
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09/05	Angie	& Keith	Lester
09/09	John	& Beth	Rihl
09/13	Richard	& Elaine	Meeker
09/17	Bill	& Vicky	Pettibone
09/23	Gary	& Carolyn	Gibeaut
09/24	Deidra	& Jerry	Hurley
09/25	Stewart	& Sonia	Walker
09/27	Randy	& Janie	Collins