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Word from Pastor Alice



Dear Church Family,

I am always amazed at Joni Eareckson Tada! She is a Christian. She is a world renowned speaker, artist, singer, and advocate for special needs children and adults. At the age of 17, she broke her neck in a diving accident in the Chesapeake Bay. Her spinal cord was severed, and she became paralyzed from the shoulders down. In addition, she has battled through cancer treatments on two occasions, plus daily physical pain. Her beautiful smile from a wheelchair (she has occupied for more than 50 years) is a tremendous witness of God's grace! I receive her daily devotions in my email each day. Amidst all that has happened in our nation and world and individual's lives within the last few weeks, I thought it was worth sharing her daily devotional...

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. Habakkuk 3:17-18

This guy had it bad! Can you imagine being a farmer and waking up one morning to see your fig trees and vines bare, the olive orchard dead, the fields barren, and all the sheep and cattle gone? If I were the farmer surveying the scene of devastation, I might have a difficult time rejoicing in the Lord.

But not Habakkuk. He knew that the time to trust God in triple measure was during those days when "everything bad happens at once!"

Ever had a day when everything that could go wrong does go wrong? The alarm doesn't ring, the shower runs cold, a button pops, the sink plugs up, a light bulb blows out, the dog escapes the yard, and the telephone goes dead (someone forgot to pay the bill!). You could handle the irksome problems individually, if they were spaced apart a bit. But your sanity unravels when irritations and inconveniences pile on at once.

Habakkuk had such a day. What's worth noting is that he not only trusted in God in the midst of topsy-turvy disappointments, but he determined to also put a smile on his face. So the question is not can you trust him, but...will you?

God my Savior, you tell me time and again to rejoice in you despite the daily headaches and heartaches. Sometimes it's so hard. But if today happens to see everything unravel at once, empower me not to give in to defeat. Help me to do what Habakkuk did. May I trust you...with a smile.



Upcoming Meetings:

September 4- 9 am Men's Bible Study resumes

September 12- Trustees Meeting Directly following worship for brief meeting

September 13- 6:30 pm Monday night Bible Study Resumes

September 21- 6:30 pm Women's Circle

During these tremendous storms in our individual lives and in the life of our nation, may we keep trusting...keep looking up to our Lord Jesus! And may Jesus put a smile upon our faces!!

Love and Blessings in Jesus! Alice

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

- John Jordan
- Willy Gordon
- Whitney Reed
- Trina Stone
- Richard Meeker



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



Sharing Love and Sympathy:

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

Please keep Brenda DeLeon and her entire family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the recent passing of her husband, Fred DeLeon, on August 28. Calling hours are Tuesday, August 31 from 6 - 8 pm at Ferguson's.

We will miss our long time faithful member, Alice Jane Warner who passed away on June 12.

We share our sympathy with Frank and Jerry Smith and family as they mourn the passing of Frank's mom, Emily Baker on August 10. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, September 25.



Bible Study Opportunities:

Weekly Monday night prayer and Bible study will

resume Sept. 13, 2021 at

6:30 P. M. We will continue our study of Romans. If you are interested in joining us, send an email to revalp@neo.rr.com

Men's Bible Study begins Saturday, September 4th at 9:00 am at the PCPC. Study: 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 All men of the church and/or friends are invited to join the group. For more info. contact Bill Pettibone.

Church Treasurer Report for July 2021

The general fund balance for the month of July remained positive. The ending balance has continued to go down due to lower contributions in June and July. In addition to normal monthly expenses paid, July had some additional expenses including the quarterly building insurance payment.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 7/01/2021	\$ 14,787.38
Income	8,097.00
Expenses	<u>(12,623.01)</u>
Ending Balance 7/31/2021	\$ 10,261.37

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Best Regards,
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer



Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies to the DNA Supply Drive. 9 children were served by our church.

A special thank you to Dave McCray and Jim Kaufman (and to Don McKelvey and John Rihl who have been learning) for live-streaming our worship service these many months.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the summer VBS program. A total of 17 children were blessed.

DIRECTOR: Rosemary Anderson

BIBLE STUDY: Rev. Alice

GROUP LEADERS: Donna Rihl, Carol Burkhart, and Don McKelvey

MUSIC: Brynn Craney and (Ailene Albrecht and Caitlyn Mackay - recording)

SNACKS: Nancy Patterson and Nancy McKelvey

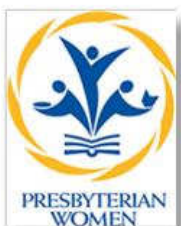
CRAFTS: Rita McCray and Judy Brady

GAMES: Lexi Rihl

TEEN HELPER: Katelyn Rihl

PHOTOGRAPHER AND HELPER: Carolyn Gibeaut

ADDITIONAL HELPERS: Barbara Berry Betty Ferguson, and Julie Thomson



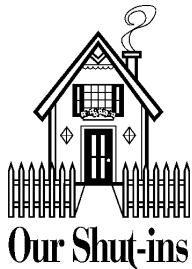
Women's Association Meeting: Tuesday September 21 at 6:30 pm- Nancy McKelvey, Circle Moderator, invites all the ladies of the church to attend the 2021 Presbyterian Women's Circle Kick Off Meeting. We'll be meeting to discuss what activities we can do this year and also pack the Clean Kid Kits we collected before the pandemic arrived. We will meet in the space outside the church offices. Masks are strongly encouraged and social distancing will be maintained. Come join us!

REOPENING UPDATES! NEW 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. We know there might be some who are uncomfortable sitting near an unmasked individual. We will have a special pew section by the parlor ONLY as an area for those who still choose to wear a mask and want to socially distance from others. Pews will be marked off with tape in that section only to make it easier to socially distance from others.
4. 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.

CHURCH FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Bill Pettibone has transitioned the Financial Secretary duties from our long time faithful secretary, Suzanne Merkle. Thank you, Bill, for accepting these new duties and thank you Suzanne for your many years of service. If you are mailing donations, please send to the church address: 231 East Main St, Plain City, 43064 .



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!

Mary Mitchell— Prestige Gardens Marysville
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, Mary Lou Rihl. - Edgewater Assisted Living
Georgianna Rymer- daughter's home
Helen Watson- Darby Glen Rehab Hilliard

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.

NEW ADDRESSES:

Helen Watson have a new address
c/o Darby Glenn Nursing Home/Rehab
4787 Tremont Club Dr #407 (**Room # Correction**)
Hilliard, OH 43026

Charlotte Lambka
c/o Edgewater Crossing
11351 Lafayette Plain City Road A122
Plain City, OH 43064

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



Hospital Visitation Updates

Rev. Alice contacted the chaplain at Dublin Methodist in regards to the policy for pastors to visit church members who are hospitalized to see if there have been any updates. He shared with her the current policy for Ohio Health hospitals. (which is basically the policy for other hospitals as well)

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 been and will continue to do. She will also gladly visit you at home before surgery to pray in person.

REMINDER OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR OF 2021-

As we leave summer behind and fall begins, here is a reminder of our current board members.

SESSION- Judy Brady Clerk of Session

Class of 2021

Judy Brady
Betty Ferguson
Pat Myers

Class of 2022

Bill Pettibone
Rita McCray
Mindy Foust

Class of 2023

Sally Petznick
Whitney Reed
Harley Bodenbender

DEACONS- Kim Moody Moderator Barb Berry Treasurer Carol Burkhart Secretary

Class of 2021

Don McKelvey
Nancy McKelvey
Paula Williams
Trina Stone

Class of 2022

Carol Burkhart
Kathy Wilson
Valerie Merideth
Barbara Berry

Class of 2023

Karon Kaufman
Sharon Newell
Kim Moody

TRUSTEES- Jim Kaufman -Moderator

Class of 2021

Norm Troyer
Jim Kaufman
Frank Smith

Class of 2022

John Rihl
Larry Myers
Nancy Patterson

Class of 2023

John Watson
Chic Foust

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has had long-standing partnerships in Haiti for decades. These meaningful relationships enable us to come alongside communities affected by disaster in the immediate aftermath, as well as support communities planning multi-year, long-term recovery projects. Most recently, PDA is responding to the devastating 7.2 magnitude that struck Haiti the morning of August 14, 2021 that has resulted in the loss of more than 1,200 lives. Working closely with Presbyterian World Mission, our traditional partners on the ground and ACT Alliance, PDA is responding to emergency needs such as WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), emergency power generators, shelter, food, first aid and more. We remain committed to the long-term recovery.

With Hurricane Ida still so recent here in the US and communication lines are limited, news on their mission is limited but PDA will be there. The need will be great due to the size and devastation of the storm.

Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Giving Code is OG-100000-Haiti DR000169 - IDA





09/02	Steve	Patterson
09/02	Banwo	Longe
09/05	Zach	Pettibone
09/07	Elmer	Collier
09/08	Bob	Merkle
09/09	Carol	Burkhart
09/09	Evee	Wilcox
09/09	Richard	Harper
09/11	Sara	Gordon
09/11	Henry	Walker
09/12	Chris	Hargis
09/12	Dick	Wilson
09/13	Brynn	Craney
09/14	Pat	Stenner
09/15	Mindy	Foust
09/20	Janet	Johnston
09/21	Paige	Erdman
09/22	Jerry	Smith
09/27	Trina	Stone
09/27	William L.	Wilcox
09/29	Nancy	McKelvey
09/29	Morgyn	Craney

09/05	Angie	& Keith	Lester
09/09	John	& Beth	Rihl
09/13	Richard	& Elaine	Meeker
09/15	Connor	& Kristen	Johnston
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

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

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