



Dear Church Family,

Amidst the hustle and bustle of the Advent/Christmas Season, it seems as though people run from one thing to another. It may be trying to get a house clean and sparkling, getting decorations up, baking done, parties to attend, gifts to buy, etc., etc. Sometimes one can feel just plain worn out by the time Christmas arrives.

This Advent/Christmas Season we are going to PAUSE! Yes, that is what the sermon series will be this year! Pause to take in the beauty and glory of this sacred season of the year!



December 1, 2024 – *Light a Candle*

December 8, 2024 – *Be Still*

December 15, 2024 – *Be Present*

December 22, 2024 – *Sing Joyfully (Christmas Cantata)*

December 24, 2024 – *Taking in the Glory*

Christmas Eve Service is at 7:00 PM, Candlelight/Communion

December 29, 2024 – *Resume*

I hope to see you all in worship this Advent/Christmas Season! Let's joyfully worship the Lord together!

You are loved!!

Love and Blessings in Jesus!

Alice

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

Carol Burkhart
Kathy Wilson



Board Meetings after worship:

Trustees– None in Dec

Deacons– December 15

Session—December 22



December Greeters

Janell Wilcox Gordon and

12/1 Beth Rihl

12/8 Barb Berry

12/15 Paula Williams

12/22 Barbie Schneiderer

12/24 Jim Kaufman

12/29 Rosemary Anderson

December Lay Liturgist

12/1 Michele Kopiec

12/8 Sharon Newell

12/15 Leanne Manring

12/22 Barb Holiday

12/29 Michele Kopiec

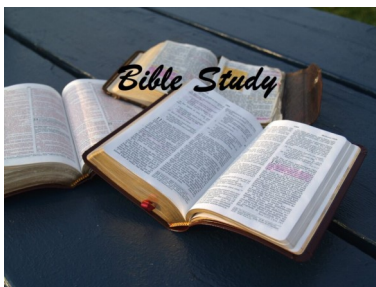
December Coffee Hour

**Donna ,Beth, Alexis,
and Katelyn Rihl**



MONDAY BIBLE STUDY via Zoom at 6:00 pm. Second Mondays are at 6 pm and the rest at 6:30 pm. The study is on 1 & 2 Peter .

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY– will be Saturdays 9 am at the church. The next meeting date is January 11, 2025. See Bill Pettibone with any questions.



The church shares its deepest condolences with:
Family and friends of Roy Heflin who passed unexpectedly on November 2

Liz, Brandon, and Elliott Bradley on the passing of Liz's grandma, Wanda Naudasher who passed on October 7, 2024.

Kim Moody and family on the passing of her Aunt, Karen Ross who passed on November 8, 2024.

PRAYER TEAM Looking for individuals to serve in the essential ministry!! Please see Judy Brady or Rev Alice for more information! You can join in any Wednesday at 7 pm.



Call 605-313-5657 access # 49430004#

Church Treasurer Report for September 30, 2024

The general fund balance for the end of September increased due to higher donations being received this month. The month also contained five weeks of donations instead of the usual four.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 09/01/2024	\$ (1,323.84)
Income	17,594.20
Expenses	<u>(13,630.96)</u>
Ending Balance 09/30/2024	\$ 2,739.40

Church Treasurer Report for October 31, 2024

The general fund balance for the end of October decreased due to lower donations being received this month.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 10/01/2024	\$ 2,739.40
Income	9,377.00
Expenses	<u>(11,815.89)</u>
Ending Balance 10/31/2024	\$ 300.51

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

Best Regards,
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer



Coat Collection— Thank you to everyone who donated coats to our fall drive. A total of 7 coats found new homes this year.

UPDATE: Bob Merkle has returned home to Dublin Retirement Village. He does have an email address correction.

bobamerkle@gmail.com.

New address: Linda Erdman
121 Kirkwood Dr. Delaware, OH 43015

REMEMBERING 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!

Our Shut-ins
Bob and Suzanne Merkle— Dublin Retirement Village
Chuck Stoker—Home
Bryan Becker—Home
Arlene Perkins, Paul Gibson— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville
Charlotte Lambka— Edgewater
Jack Mercer and
Dick and Kathy Wilson— Bluebird Marysville



DNA will again be offering *The Remembered Child Christmas Store in December*. Last year we served 387 children from the Jonathan Alder and Fairbanks School Districts. We have found that parents really enjoy being able to choose items that work best for their kids.

The display is as you enter the sanctuary. Each tab describes the gift and there is an OCR code that you can scan to get some ideas. Please bring back the unwrapped gift and drop off in the box.



Fill Up Sunday is

December 1. We are need of non perishable items as the tubs are bare.

Please pick up some food for the Little Food Pantry this week.



WOMEN’S CIRCLE COLLECTING TO AID PLEASANT VALLEY COLONY

UPDATE: After further discussion, it was found that focusing on the laundry room needs would be most helpful for the Pleasant Valley Senior Community. A collection box is in the parlor

Laundry Room– liquid laundry detergent or pods, dryer sheets, rolls of quarters



Our church will again participate in Christmas Under the Clock on Saturday, December 7 starting 4 pm until 7 pm. **We will need lots of gold chocolate coins to give out to everyone.**

Please drop some off on the table by the church office .



The December Circle meeting will be on December 14 at 10 am for our Annual Holiday Brunch. Bring a baby item to donate to DNA in celebration of the baby Jesus. Bring a brunch item to share. Give the office a call to RSVP so we can coordinate the potluck menu.

Thank you to everyone who helped in decorating the church for the Advent Season, Many hands made light work. Thanks to Judy Brady, Don and Nancy McKelvey, Bill Bowen , Bill Pettibone and Carolyn Gibeaut for hanging up the decorations. Gary Gibeaut for getting the items for storage and staging them



Congratulations to Jane Denhardt who received the Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Award on Thanksgiving Sunday. The award was presented by Judy Brady and Nancy Patterson on behalf of the Women's Circle. This honor recognizes a woman in the church for her faithful service to

the church and the PWC. Jane has been a contributor to many projects of the church, serving as a past Elder and Deacon, a faithful helper at the Feed My Sheep Program, a contributor and server at funeral dinners and church functions, and maker and distributor of Frogs(Fully Relay on God) to our children and shut-ins. Jane received a certificate and pin and her name will be added to the framed list of prior recipients which hangs in the parlor. CONGRATULATIONS, JANE!



About the Pin The caring, supportive hands represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The leaf represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives. The overall design is of a butterfly, a symbol of newness in Christ.



11/01	Joey	Walker
11/08	Sandra	Hinkle
11/09	Lisa	Nelson-Woods
11/15	Nancy	Sponseller
11/20	Kyle	Moody
11/25	Rachel	Ferguson
11/29	Chad	Craney

11/10	Norman & Renee	Troyer
11/11	Shane & Leanne	Manring
11/29	Chad & Molly	Sperling
12/21	Harley & Judy	Bondenbender

12/04	Jack	Mercer
12/07	Judy	Weeks
12/11	Chuck	Stoker
12/17	Keith	Lester
12/25	Ayodele	Longe
12/25	Julie	Thomson
12/28	Elizabeth	Bradley
12/30	Rosemary	Anderson

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Christmas will be here before we know it. Come raise your voice with the Christmas Choir. Practices are currently scheduled for:

Dec 14 at 12:30 pm
Dec 21 at 12:30 pm

More voices are always welcomed to sing for joy for the newborn king!

Church Directories are updated and available.
On side table in sanctuary and in box outside. If you don't see one and want one, please let the church secretary know.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS -If you are in the hospital or a loved one is and want a visit...please call or text Rev. Alice

Parents with College Students:-
The Deacons want to remember your student during the upcoming holiday season. Please provide the best address for reaching your student. Contact the church office at seccg@plaincitypresby.org or let Valerie Merideth know. Thank you so much!