

Within The Gates

Poet: David W. Foley

I love to step inside a church,
To rest, and think, and pray;
The quiet, calm, and holy place
Can drive all cares away.

I feel that from these simple walls
There breathes a moving sound
Of sacred music, murmured prayers,
Caught in the endless round

Of bygone worship, from the store
The swinging seasons bring —
Gay Christmas pageant, Lenten tears,
And the sweet hallowing

Of all that makes our human life:
Birth, and the union blest
Of couples at the altar wed,
And loved ones laid to rest.

Into my soul this harmony
Has poured, and now is still;
The Lord's own benediction falls
Upon me, as I kneel.

Once more, with lifted head, I go
Out in the jarring mart,
The spring of gladness in my step
God's peace about my heart.

Summer is such a busy season. Family gatherings, vacations, camping trips, lakeside visits, home projects and more. It is a time to relax and recharge. It is also a time that we often find ourselves absent from church. I found these poems that may help remind us of the power of church involvement. I find a poem can often sum up an idea and touch your heart in a way that regular prose sometimes just does not.



Some Go To Church To ...

Poet: Job Elletson

Some go to church to take a walk,
Some go there to laugh and talk.
Some go to church for observation,
But some go there for speculation.
Some go there to meet a lover.
And some go there a fault to cover.
Some go there to meet a friend,
And some go there their time to spend.
Some go there to sing a sonnet.
But some go there to show their bonnet.
Some go to church oppressed with grief.
Some go there to find relief.
Some go to hear a grand oration,
Some go to glorify the nation.
Some go to hear about the war.
Some go to show how good they are.
Some go repentant and repenting,
But some go hardened, unrelenting.
Some go to praise, to pray and weep.
But some go there to lounge and sleep.
Some go to better their condition,
Some go to gain a good commission.
While some go there to doze and nod.
There's many go to worship God.

Church Renews My Soul

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

Each week I walk through church's
door,
To leave behind the rushing chore.
The world so fast, it pulls and sways,
But here I find my peaceful place.

The hymns remind, the prayers restore,
My heart feels lighter than before.
The week ahead may twist and turn,
Yet faith will guide with lessons

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

Deacons/Trustees

No meetings unless needed.

Session

No meeting in July
August 16 Meeting

SUMMER COMMUNION- August 16

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

Frank Smith

Bob Merkle

Don McKelvey

Rosemary Anderson

Sonia Walker

Charlie Stenner

Eric Newell



Who's coming to Preach?



07/05 Rev. Jennifer Turick
07/12 Mr. Rex Plouck
07/19 Rev. Marion Stenner
07/26 Rev. Jennifer Turick
08/02 Rev. Jennifer Turick
08/09 Rev. Jennifer Turick
08/16 Rev. Robert Tolar Jr.



We owe two special "Thank You's" that should have been included in the June newsletter. Thank you to Bill Pettibone for serving as our financial secretary for over five years. Your faithful service was very much appreciated. We also say a grateful Thank You to Janell Wilcox Gordon who has taken on the role of financial secretary effective June 1. We appreciate you stepping up and accepting those new responsibilities.

July

Lay Liturgist

07/05 Carolyn Gibeaut
07/12 Sharon Newell
07/19 Barb Holliday
07/26 Michele Kopiec

August

Lay Liturgist

08/02 Leanne Manring
08/09 Sharon Newell
08/16 Michele Kopiec
08/23 Carolyn Gibeaut
08/30 Barb Holliday

Greeter

July- Judy Brady

August-Maybe you??

Coffee Hour

July

Paula Williams

Barb Berry

August

Nancy McKelvey

Karon Kaufman

VISITATIONS

If you have a serious illness or a death in your family during this time of transition, please contact Carolyn in the church office or Session clerk Judy Brady so that arrangements can be made for pastoral care.



DNA shares: We believe that by providing kids with an incredible Summer Camp experience, we can help to mitigate the negative effects of poverty. At our camp, they will connect to others in positive ways, turn on their creative/learning brain, and be empowered to think positively about their future. To facilitate this, we bus kids from 3 mobile parks, 2 low-income apartments, and other points in and around Plain City, to our facility for 3 weeks every summer. We provide day-camp programming and a substantial daily lunch, along with an Urban Playground, a kid-run restaurant, art, sports, live animals, and much more. We are a summer camp with faith content; **every year we give our campers a chance to learn more about themselves, God, and the world around them.**

To sponsor

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/dnasummercampcampersponsors2026>

To Volunteer

<https://volunteer.bloomerang.co/volunteer/#/join-party?k=twj8umi140gpzp>



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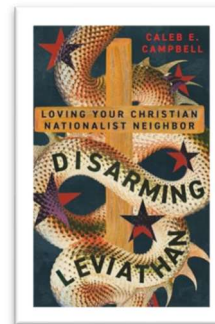
Our new site is up and running. You can check out the finished project at www.plaincitypresby.org.



DNA will be having a **School Supply Drive in July/August**. Keep an eye out for the donation request box and request list. I'll include updates in the weekly bulletin email as the details are not yet out.

Will you be interested in a Monday night Zoom Bible Study this Fall? Let the church know by the signup sheet in the sanctuary or email at seccg@plaincitypresby.org.

We have a lead on a possible leader and book but want to see how much interest we have before reaching out to him.



A little Summer

Reading Invitation: Do you have your summer reading list set? Here's one more! The Matthew 25 Team invites you to join other folks from the presbytery for an online Book Study ***Disarming Leviathan: Loving Your Christian Nationalist***

Neighbor by Caleb E. Campbell. We'll meet on Thursdays, July 9, 16, and 23 at 7:00 pm. No worries if you'll miss a week - we'd love to have you join us! Carolyn Gibeaut will be participating so if you are interested, just let her know and she'll share the connection information when it's available. The book is available through the library system.

CHURCH OPEN HOUSE - THURSDAY, JULY 30 5-7 PM



The Plain City Farmers' Market is moving to be behind the church this summer in the new park area near the Caboose and Splash Pad. We are planning to have an open house on Thursday, July 30 from 5-7 pm during the time of the market. To open our doors and invite the community in, out of curiosity or real interest, it is a chance to let our community know we are still here and are willing to welcome them. If you are willing to help, be a greeter or provide refreshments or help with kid crafts, just let the church office know. We will need some hands to work together on this one. If it is well received, we'll try again in August.



Fill Up Sunday

July 5th and August 2nd

We **NEED** donations to keep it filled for the community needy. The Need is growing.

Our storage tubs are **Empty**, but the need continues. **Please donate when you can.** Nonperishable food items are needed and welcome. Collection tubs are on the way into the sanctuary.

There is a growing need for this in the community. Your donations are making a difference.



REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

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
- Jack Mercer, Kathy Wilson, Harley Bodenbender— Bluebird Marysville
- Gladys McCabe— Heritage Marysville
- Larry Myers— Home
- Frank Smith- Brookdale Murfield
- Barbara George- Home

Church Treasurer Report May 31, 2026

The general fund balance increased for the month of May. Utilities and other administrative and property expenses were normal for this time of the year. Note there were five Sundays of donations this month. Donations were higher than normal due to memorial donation received.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 05/01/2026	\$ 94,293.71
Income	12,549.14
Expenses	<u>(6,980.90)</u>
Ending Balance 05/31/2026	\$ 99,861.95

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

Best Regards,
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer



Reminder: Do not respond to suspicious emails or phone calls. If you get an email that appears to be from the church or a church member, but it seems like an odd request like asking you to call them about a sensitive issue or asking for gift cards, IGNORE IT! You know the normal emails and calls you get from church such as the weekly bulletin or an announcement about a death or an illness, this newsletter, an email about a meeting etc. If it seems odd say no. Call Carolyn directly at 937-597-0963 or 937-553-9314 if you are in doubt.

07/02	Jane	Denhardt
07/10	Richard	Albrecht
07/11	Nancy	Patterson
07/14	Harley	Bodenbender
07/21	Vicky	Pettibone
07/29	Leanne	Manring
08/01	Kim	Moody
08/24	Frank	Smith
08/29	Suzanne	Merkle
08/31	Paula	Williams
09/02	Banwo	Longe
09/02	Steve	Patterson



“Let Us Pray”- Weekly Prayer Team continues to gather on Zoom. If you would like to be included on this Prayer Team, please let the office know so we can include you on the link. They will meet on Monday nights about 7:30 pm.

If you have prayer requests, please submit them to 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.