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Like this children's book, we are finding ourselves saying "Goodbye" to the joys of Summer and "Hello" to the perks of Fall. After this summer's heat, I am looking forward to the cooler days arriving during late September and October. I look forward to crisp nights for good sleeping with the windows open and enjoying a crackling backyard fire! We leave behind the light summer meals and salads and begin to pull out our soup and crockpot recipes. We order our pumpkin lattes and doughnuts instead of berry refreshers and fruit plates (Well, honestly, I must confess that I would never order a fruit plate in lieu of a doughnut regardless of the season!)

In the church we also begin to reconnect again after summer break. We begin arranging our Monday night Zoom Bible Study, working with Ricky LaVaughn and his book, "Love One Another" based on 1John. We look forward to our discussions in the months ahead. The Men's Bible Study will kick off again on Saturday, September 19 (Note: a new date due to the PC Corn Carnival Event that is on September 12). Thank you to Bill Pettibone for organizing this. The Women's Circle Fall Kick Off Event is coming up fast on September 8 as we plan our year's events as well as reconnecting in fun and fellowship. Our boards: Session, Trustees, and Deacons will begin meeting regularly again after the summer break, tackling the work of the church through governance, maintenance and service.

Do you need to reconnect with the church, have you taken a break and recharged yourself?

Due to the hard work of Judy Brady, we have the pulpit filled all the way through the end of November so come hear God's message from several different voices but always coming from the heart of God. Our doors and fellowship are open and welcoming. You are needed and you are loved. Come feel it and come share it.

Let's fall into Fall together!

Carolyn



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

**Don McKelvey**  
**Sonia Walker**  
**Larry Myers**  
**Jane Denhardt**

### September

#### Lay Liturgist

09/06 Michele Kopiec  
 09/13 Leanne Manning  
 09/20 Rosemary Anderson  
 09/27 Carolyn Gibeaut

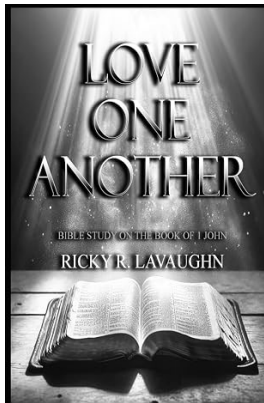
#### Greeter

September – Kim Moody  
Coffee Hour  
 Karon Kaufman  
 Sharon Newell

### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

- **Women's Circle Kick Off**  
 Tues. September 8 6:30 pm
- **PC Corn Carnival**  
 Events from Weds 9/9- 9/12  
<https://www.plaincityohio.gov/residents/corncarnival2026.php>
- **Trustees September 13**
- **Men's Bible Study**  
 Saturday, September 19 9 am
- **Deacons September 20.**
- **Session September 20**  
 Rev. Tolar moderating
- **Saturday, Sept. 26**  
 Quilt/Art Show Noon to 4 pm  
 Cops and Cars Car Show downtown  
 Noon to 5 pm

Looking for a way to help? Streaming our service really helps our shut-ins. We need a couple of new volunteers to help Jim Kaufman with the weekly stream. If you are willing to help, YOU ARE NEEDED. See Jim.



**Monday Night Zoom Bible Study-** We are so excited that Ricky LaVaughn is going to help lead the study as we work through his book, LOVE ONE ANOTHER, on 1 John. We are putting in a group order now (cost approx. \$15) or you can order online via Amazon. We are still working out starting dates and the schedule, but this will be a great opportunity to jump into a study with the book's author. If you've never participated in a study before, maybe consider it. It's on Zoom so you don't have to leave the comfort of your home.

### Who's coming to Preach?

09/06 Rev. Jennifer Turick  
 09/13 Rev. Jennifer Turick  
 09/20 Rev. Robert Tolar Jr  
 09/27 Rev. David Quel  
 10/04 Rev. Jennifer Turick  
 10/11 Rev. Jennifer Turick  
 10/18 Rev. Robert Tolar Jr.  
 10/25 Rev. David Quel



**PLAIN CITY**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 GATHER AND GROW

Our new site is up and running. You can check out the finished project at [www.plaincitypresby.org](http://www.plaincitypresby.org).

### 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.

# OPENING UP THE CHURCH TO HOST A QUILT AND ART SHOW

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 NOON TO 4 PM



We are looking for some helpers to assist in organizing /planning a fall event. I am trying to organize an art/quilt show on Saturday, September 26 from noon until 4 pm to correspond with the downtown car show that day. If you have a couple of quilts that you'd be willing to have displayed, whether or not, you were the maker or have some art pieces or have connections with an artist, please let me know. Remember nothing ventured, nothing gained. It can be an opportunity to welcome some new folks into our church and to show our hospitality. Plus, it is an opportunity to showcase some of the artistic talents God has given.



### Fill Up Sunday September 6th

We **NEED** donations to keep it filled for the community needy.

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
- Kathy Wilson, Harley Bodenbender— Bluebird Marysville
- Gladys McCabe— Heritage Marysville
- Larry Myers— Home
- Frank Smith- Home
- Barbara George- Home
- Don McKelvey- Sapphire Care Center
- Jack Mercer- Home

### Church Treasurer Report

The general fund balance increased slightly for the month of July. Utilities and other administrative and property expenses were normal for this time of the year.

### General Expenses Fund

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 07/01/2026 \$ 101,266.68 |
| Income            | 6,547.00                 |
| Expenses          | <u>(5,664.85)</u>        |
| Ending Balance    | 07/31/2026 \$ 102,148.83 |

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

Best Regards,  
Gary Gibeaut,



**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.**



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Learn more at their link on DNA:

<https://www.dnainc.org/plaincity/popsicleclub/>

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| 09/02 | Banwo   | Longe     |
| 09/02 | Steve   | Patterson |
| 09/07 | Elmer   | Collier   |
| 09/08 | Bob     | Merkle    |
| 09/13 | Brynn   | Craney    |
| 09/22 | Jerry   | Smith     |
|       | William |           |
| 09/27 | L.      | Wilcox    |
| 09/29 | Morgyn  | Craney    |
| 09/29 | Nancy   | McKelvey  |
| 10/07 | Michael | Hall      |
| 10/08 | Bill    | Pettibone |

**Who does not love a good popsicle?** We are working toward helping The Plain City Popsicle Club meet its mission. The leader, Mindy Donnelly, makes popsicles that are available by donation with the donations going back into DNA children's ministry. On the days that school is out she is planning on going out to the trailer courts with a meal including popsicles for activities and children's involvement. She is also hoping to help mentor the needy to have a program where they learn work skills and expand their employment opportunities. She has already met with the Madison County Health Dept and having our kitchen certified is possible without any changes needed. She needs a kitchen and freezer space. We have both so maybe it will work out. Stay tuned!



**“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 night about 7:30 pm.**

If you have prayer requests, please submit them to the church office ([seccg@plaincitypresby.org](mailto: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 Sunday service. There will also be an opportunity to add to the prayer list during Sunday announcements.