PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) Plain City, Ohio

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I think Fall has begun to fall upon us. It really is my favorite season. The heat and humidity we endured this past summer is a distant memory. The rain has dried up after our 11-day rainy streak in August. We wait with anticipation for the artistry of changing leaves. Will we have glorious colors this season or a quick oh hum leaf display? We've tossed aside our salads and icy drinks and have pulled out our crock pot or turned on the oven for some stick to your ribs soups and casseroles along with our pumpkin lattes and hot chocolates. Have we left the beaches and lakes to return to the football field to cheer on our local high school team on Friday night or the Buckeyes (or your favorite college team) on Saturday?

It is a season of change and a season of preparation. We know winter will be coming. Does the furnace need a check-up or how are our tires?

From a church perspective, it is also a season of return. Our Boards have returned from their summer break. The Women's Circle has had their kickoff meeting and will begin their regular monthly meetings this month. Prayer Partners have been revealed, and new ones are coming soon. Our Bible Studies are resuming. The Men's Study begins on Saturday, October 10 at 8:30 am and our Monday Night Zoom Bible Study is kicking off on November 9 at 6:30 pm. Read the next pages for more details.

You may find this is a time to renew your study or attendance to worship. Has the busyness of summer caused you to forget about your devotion time? Has travel kept you away from church? Maybe Fall will be the time to return to what you may find yourself needing. The church is here every Sunday and with technology, worship can be done anytime and anywhere by watching the videos live on Sunday or on Facebook or YouTube or the church website. Devotion books are available, too.

Do you know someone who may be new to the community or is having a difficult time? An invitation to join you for church and then maybe to lunch may be just what they are hungry for. Our doors and our hearts are open. Like the sign says by the door, everyone is welcome here.

Let's find our faith this fall, in the church and in each other.

Peace,

Carolyn



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

Sonia Walker
Larry Myers
Jane Denhardt

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

- **October 3- World Communion**
- **Sat. Oct. 10 Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM NEW TIME**
- **Sun. Oct.11 Trustees**
- **Tues. Oct. 13 6;30 pm Women's Circle**
- **Sat., Oct. 17 2-6 pm PC Fall Festival Pastime Park**
- **Sun. Oct.18 Deacons and Session & Congregational Meeting to approve the PNC Board**
- **Sun. Oct. 25 Grub and Games**



Our congregation shares our condolences and our prayers for the families and friends experiencing loss this month.

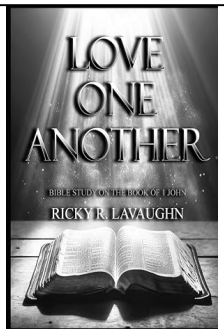
- Mark and Dee Bushong for the loss of Dee's father, Melvin Mullet on Sept. 13
- The McKelvey Family for the passing of Don McKelvey on Sept. 30. A memorial service will be held at the church at a later date.

October Lay Liturgist

10/04 Leanne Manring
10/11 Barb Holliday
10/18 Michele Kopiec
10/25 Leanne Manring

Greeter
October – Janell Wilcox

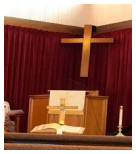
Coffee Hour
Barbie Scheiderer
Valerie Merideth



Monday Night Zoom Bible Study begins November 9. Second and Fourth Mondays- 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. 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. Invite a friend to join you. We are opening it up to the community so the more, the better. The books are available on Amazon and for those who ordered with the church, they are in and ready to pick up.

Who's coming to Preach?

10/04 Rev. Jennifer Turick
10/11 Rev. Jennifer Turick
10/18 Rev. Robert Tolar Jr.
10/25 Rev. David Quel
11/1 Rev. Jennifer Turick
11/8 Rev. Jennifer Turick
11/15 Rev. Robert Tolar Jr
11/22 Rev. Daniel Abner
11/29 Rev. Don Hilkerbuamer



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GATHER AND GROW

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 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.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH OUR QUILT/ART SHOW.













We had 47 quilts on display shared both by church members and community members along with paintings by Anna Holliday, Calvin Pettibone and the late Bob Wilson, and Bob Converse, Jim Converse carved birds and ceramics by Sophia Manring. Over 60 folks attended. Thank you to all who shared their items, who helped with set up/tear down, refreshments, and greeting guests. Everyone's efforts helped make this outreach possible. Thank you!!!

Mark your calendars for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 18. We are preparing to nominate the PNC (Pastoral Nominating Committee) who will review resumes and interview candidates for our ministerial position. The slate is being finalized and will be shared when it is completed.



Fill Up Sunday
October 4

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.

Our Shut-ins **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
- Jack Mercer- Home



OCTOBER MISSION- COAT DRIVE Bring in your new or gently used coats for the Women's Circle Coat Drive during the month of October. They will be taken to DNA Clothing Ministry at month's end. Help our neighbors stay a little warmer this winter.



Men's Bible Study- Saturday, October 10 at 8:30 am (NOTE - NEW TIME)

All the men of the church are invited to come together for a Saturday morning Bible Study. We have a new starting time of 8:30 AM. Come enjoy this time of fellowship and often tasty treats, too. See Bill Pettibone with any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women's Circle Meeting Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm

Elaine Wilcox – Moderator- Paula Williams- Refreshments
Come enjoy a time of fellowship and fun as we work together on the Lord's mission this year. New Prayer partners and the annual booklet will be distributed. Come and enjoy the time together with each other.



GRUB AND GAMES RETURNS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25



With the return of Fall it's time to restart our church potlucks and bingo events. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 25 to stay after worship and enjoy a potluck meal and then enjoy some friendly competition to see who cries out BINGO first. It's always a fun time of fellowship. Invite a friend to join you that Sunday.



Christmas will be here before we know it! Our faithful wisemen have volunteered to walk the walk during the Christmas Under the Clock on December 5. We will need a lot of candy to fill 500 bags to be distributed! Be on the lookout for candy sales after Halloween and be looking for those gold coins, we give out!

Church Treasurer Report August 31, 2026
The general fund balance increased slightly for the month of August. Utilities and other administrative and property expenses were normal for this time of the year.

General Expenses Fund	
Beginning Balance 08/01/2026	**$ 102,148.83**
Income	**9,215.00**
Expenses	**(7,433.84)**
Ending Balance 08/31/2026	**$ 103,929.99**

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.



10/07	Michael	Hall
10/08	Bill	Pettibone
10/26	Elaine	Meeker



Learn more at their link on DNA:

https://www.dnaplaincity.org/popsicleclub/

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. Both the Trustees and the Session approved this request to use our kitchen space. We look forward to working together in this creative ministry.



"Let Us Pray"- Weekly Prayer Team continues to gather on Zoom. If you would like to be included in this Prayer Team, please let the office know so we can include you in the link. They will meet on Monday night at 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 Sunday service. There will also be an opportunity to add to the prayer list during Sunday announcements.