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Dear Church Family,

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**PPC PRESSing News** 



On Facebook I follow Reggie and Ladye Love Smith. They are Gospel singers. Reggie is a member of the Gaither Vocal Band and Ladye Love is a backup vocalist with the band. I have also met them at Gaither concerts. They are such beautiful, loving, down-to-earth individuals! They shared a story about this azalea bush on their property (pictured above). Ladye Love's mother had pink and white azaleas on her property in Mississippi. Her parents brought these bushes from South Carolina to Mississippi from an aunt's house and planted them on their property where they thrived and bloomed beautifully for years. They had so much meaning to Ladye Love that after her mother and dad passed away and the house was being prepared to be sold in Mississippi, she and Reggie obtained the bushes to have planted around their house in Tennessee. They did everything they could to make the transplant possible and fruitful. They went to a nursery to find out how to transplant them to Tennessee where they live. They got all the proper fertilizers and planted the pink azaleas in great places around their home with the proper lighting. This white azalea pictured above was basically a throw a way...the last one they had, and it looked pretty dead. So Reggie just planted it in the back yard. Interestingly, all the pink azaleas died, and this throw a way white one survived the winters and is blooming beautifully!

There is a lesson in that story. God can take us at our lowest point in life...God can take all of our mistakes...God can take all our confusion and brokenness...and He can make something beautiful of our lives. It was Bill and Gloria Gaither who wrote that beautiful little song...Something Beautiful!

Something beautiful, something good All my confusion He understood All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife But he made something beautiful of my life

Maybe you are going through a tough time right now. Just remember that God can make something beautiful come of the toughest times in life.

Romans 8:28 tells us..."We know that **all** things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." I highlighted **ALL**, because even the not so great moments in life can be turned into something good when we love the Lord. It's a Scripture and lesson we need to hear over and over again!

Love being your pastor! 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 HTT Covid.

Dick and Kathy Wilson



**Board Meetings after** worship:



Trustees—Sunday, April 14

Deacons-Sunday, April 21

Session—Sunday April 28

To The Manring family, Jim and

You

Thank Karon Kaufman, Nancy Patterson, Brynn and Morgyn Craney, The Rihl Family, Barb Berry, Rosemary Anderson, Carol Burkhart, Sharon Newell. Barb and Matt Holliday for participating in the lighting of the Lenten Candles

Thank you to Nancy Patterson, Donna Rihl, Judy Brady, Jane Denhardt Brenda DeLeon and Carolyn Gibeaut for assembling the Grief Blankets on the workday.

Thank you to the Lay liturgists for our special services. Seder Meal: Jim Kaufman, Karon Kaufman, Sharon Newell, Rosemary Anderson, and Blake Hawkins

Good Friday: Beth Beach

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



#### **REMEMBERING OUR** SHUT-INS

Being shut-in during the pandemic should have given us appreciation a better for Our Shut-ins those on our shut-in list. 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 and Donna Gibson-Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

Charlotte Lambka– Edgewater

Jack Mercer-Bluebird Marysville

Dick and Kathy Wilson– Monarch **Skilled Nursing** 

**April Lay Liturgist** April 7 – Sharon Newell April 14 – Leanne Manring April 21 – **Barb Hollidav** April 28 – **Michele Kopiec** 

**April Coffee Hour** Valerie Merideth, **Kim Moody** or Donna Rihl

**April Greeters** Shane Manring, Elder 4/7 The Meekers 4/14 Valerie Merideth 4/21 Barb Berry 4/28 Carol Burkhart



Next Meeting of the PC Presbyterian Women's Circle will be on the first Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm. Donna Rihl will serve as moderator/devotions and Nancy McKelvey will provide refreshments. Come

join us for a night of good fellowship. We will be tying up our Grief Blanket Project and looking to next year.

### FROM DNA The Learning Café The Church & The Poor Understanding God's Heart for the Vulnerable DNA Outpost 5103 Main St NE, London, OH 43140) Plumwood

<u>Our church has signed up for Wednesday, April 17 for a meal and a one-time workshop to grow in</u> your understanding of God's heart for the poor

The 1.5-hour presentation talking about the following:

- The Biblical mandate to care for the poor
  - \* What Biblical justice really means
  - \* What it means to "walk with people towards Christ"
  - \* Poverty in the contact of our community
  - \* Tools for taking our 30 day compassion challenge

Thank you to everyone who purchased an Easter Flower. Not only did they make the church more beautiful for the Easter Service, it helps support the mission of the Women's Association and LIGHT ( Learning in God's House Together).

**Rosemary Anderson** In memory of Elden and Jane Anderson In honor of Cooper & Lila Lanka and Sam, Luke & Jill Wood Harley and Judy Bodenbender In honor of our children and our grandchildren: In memory our parents & Judy's sisters: Mary and Marge In honor of our wonderful Church family In memory of good friends: Maggie Myers and **Sally Petznick Judy Brady** In memory of Jack Brady **Carol Burkhart** In memory of Jack Burkhart and Alayne Pavne In memory of Edith and Harry Burkhart and Sarah Ross **Brenda DeLeon** In memory of Fred DeLeon **Jane Denhardt** In honor of Robert and Alice Denhardt In memory of Ralph Sr., Marguerite, Ralph Jr., and Nancy Nettles **Gary and Carolyn Gibeaut** In honor of the Brave citizens of Ukraine **Joan Cary Irish** In memory of Roger and Steckie Cary The Kaufmans In honor of Payton, Maia & Aidan Kaufman In memory of Charlotte Kaufman Boerger Valerie Meredith In memory of Russell Merideth In memory of Charlotte Kaufman Boerger and **Shorty Kaufman** 



Larry and Pat Myers In memory of Maggie Myers and Howard Thomas In honor of our Children and Grandchildren **Bill and Vicky Pettibone** In honor of our grandson, Calvin Pettibone **Rev. Alice Phillips** In honor of Carol Burkhart, nieces, nephews and sister In memory of Jack Burkhart, Rev. Chuck and Pat Stenner, Tom & Grace Phillips, Larry Hilldoerfer **Donna and Len Rihl** In memory of Johnny and Mary Lou Rihl John and Beth Rihl In honor of Alexis and Katelyn In memory of Nama Boo **Nancy Sponseller** In honor Jeanne Trexler In honor of our pastor, Rev. Alice Phillips In memory of Paul and Erma Sponseller **Paula Williams** In memory of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Haynes In memory of John, Buddy & Elisabeth Havnes

## Seder Meal Pictures





04/03	Lauren	Erdman	
04/05	Matt	Holliday	
04/08	Jim	Kaufman	
04/14	Elaine	Wilcox	
04/18	Brandon	Bradley	
04/18	Heidi	Beachy	
04/20	Katelyn	Rihl	
04/21	Ailene	Albrecht	
04/24	Beth	Beach	
04/29	Shane	Manring	
04/29	Sarah	Ferguson	
04/30	Larry	Myers	

Holiday Attendance:

Maundy Thursday - 29 Good Friday - 28- Easter - 65

# Easter Pictures



Wonderful, uplifting music!!



04/05	Brandon	&	Elizabeth	Bradley
04/08	Jay	&	Paula	Ferguson
04/20	Dave	&	Rita	McCray

**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY** via Zoom at 6:30 pm studying John . See Rev Alice for link

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**– Saturday 9 am April 6th and 20th then break until Fall.

### <u>Church Treasurer Report for February 29,</u> <u>20</u>24

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

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 01/31/2024 \$ 14,358.74Income9,512.00Expenses(12,966.58)

Ending Balance 02/29/2024 \$ 10,904.16

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

Best Regards, Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer



Such a brave girl!!