



Dear Church Family,

It's hard to believe that Advent is upon us! We have lots of activities/ events planned for this Advent Season at the church. We hope you will take note of those in this newsletter as well as in the weekly email updates.



Please take note that since Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, there will be two services. We will have our regular Sunday morning worship service at 10:00 A.M. and we will have our Christmas Eve Service a little earlier than in the past years at 4:00 P.M. The Session felt this would allow individuals to worship and have time for dinner and family time afterwards. If your family is visiting from out of town, we encourage you to bring them to worship.



12/3 - Alarm Clock

Luke 21:5-28

12/10 - Laundry Day

Rev. 22:14

12/17 - Mary's Mighty Words

Luke 2:26-38, 46-56

12/24 - Tender Mercy

Luke 1:67-80

12/24 - Dwelling Among Us

John 1:14

12/31 - He's Got the Whole World In His Hands!

Romans 8:31-39

During this Advent/Christmas Season I will be preaching a sermon series entitled, Your Redemption Draws Near. It will be a time to draw near to Jesus. Looking forward to seeing you in worship!

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 Covid.



Nancy Sponseller
David Watson
Mark Bushong

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meetings after worship:

Trustees—Sunday, December 10

Deacons— Sunday, December 17

Session—Sunday December 31



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to :

- to the entire Wilcox family as they mourn the sudden passing of Billy's oldest son, Michael, who leaves behind a wife and two small children.
- Heidi Beachy and her family in the passing of her Aunt Tina.



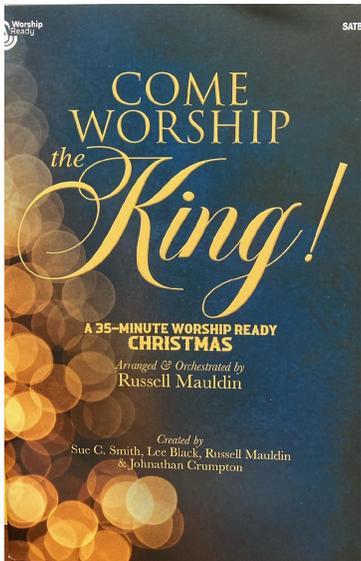
- Thanks to Kim Moody, John and Beth Rihl, Donna Rihl, Janell Wilcox Gordon and Blake, Jim and Karon Kaufman, Sharon Newell, Nancy

Patterson, Carol Burkhart, Judy Brady and Rev. Alice for bagging candy for Christmas Under the Clock. Thank you to Rick Kaufman, Jim Kaufman and Matt Holliday for being so wise.

Thanks to Carolyn Gibeaut, Nancy Patterson and Donna Rihl for decorating the church.

- Thanks to all who contributed candy and monetary donations for candy for Christmas Under the Clock. Thanks to the Deacons for providing the crafts.
- Thanks to all who contributed to the PW Thank Offering and Christmas Shoeboxes.
- Thanks to all who brought in coats going to DNA.
- Thank you to the J-Walkers for packing goodie bags.
- Thank you to all the ladies who participated in the Thank Offering Sunday Service.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA



This year's Christmas Cantata will be **December 17, 2023**, during morning worship.

If you like to sing, come join us! Re-

hearsal is Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 1:00 PM and December 16 at 9:30 AM.

Community Christmas Basket Program - 2023

We are having the program this year but in a modified format. There will be no food collection/distribution. Our church will NOT be the home base for operations this year – there is no home base this year.



If you want to adopt a family you will be responsible for providing \$30 for a family gift card, buying any gifts for the children, and wrapping them. This year you have the option of arranging to deliver the gifts to the family, arranging to have them picked up by the family or bringing the gifts to our church and we will make sure they get to the family. You can bring the \$30/family to the Plain City Presbyterian Church on Monday, 11/20/2023 between 6 and 7pm and you will be given the family gift card and an index card that will contain the family information: Name, address, phone number, children's ages and gender (so you can purchase age appropriate gifts). We also have families that do not have any children so you would just give us the \$30 for the family gift card and then you have the option to contact the family to arrange for pick up or delivery of this gift card or you can leave it with us and we will make sure the family gets the gift card. If you choose to contact the family yourself to arrange for pickup or delivery of the gifts we ask that you contact the family by Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

If you would like to make a donation please make checks payable to “**Christmas Basket Fund**” and send them to the church:

Plain City Presbyterian Church
Christmas Basket Fund
231 E Main St.
Plain City, OH 43064

Please contact Dave McCray at 614-408-1617 if you have any questions or are interested in adopting a family.

Women's Circle December Christmas Brunch Satur- day, 12/9 10 am



Come join the Women's Circle for a fun time of good food and good fellowship as they gather on Saturday, December 9 at 10 am for our Christmas Brunch.

Bring a breakfast item to share and a gift for a baby or young child in honor of the baby Jesus . All items will be donated to DNA to help young parents in need.

The list of who is bringing what is on the office door. Come share in the holiday spirit!



Congratulations to two great ladies, **Barbara Berry and Karon Kaufman**, for receiving the Women's Circle Lifetime Honorary Membership this year. Both women are faithful servants to Christ and the mission of this church. They are both currently Deacons and have always been eager to lend a hand toward a project, often serving behind the scenes. Great recognition of two well-deserving ladies of the church.



Monthly Healing Services with the anointing of oil and laying on of hands will return again since we discontinued at the time of Covid. The healing service will be during our prayer time after the livestream. If you or someone you know needs this ministry, plan to be present on **the first Sunday of each month.** Remember you can stand in for someone who can't be here.

Gingerbread BASH
 December 10, 2023
 5:00-6:30 PM
 Plain City Presbyterian Church
 To register: 614-873-5011
 Enjoy pizza, build nativity scenes, hear the Christmas story, sing carols, play games, have fun!
 Please REGISTER by Wednesday 12/6.

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!

- 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



The First Sunday of the month is donation Sunday so December 3 is the next fill up Sunday. But you can drop off in boxes on the way to the sanctuary any time. What is needed? All packaged food in boxes, cans, or pouches. NOTHING that needs refrigeration! Also remember this is a small area to fill so small boxes are good. If you bring the food/items, we will get it in the pantry.
In need of : SOUPS, PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA, AND PASTA . This is being used more frequently so the need is there.

Church Treasurer Report for October 2023

The general fund balance for the end of October remained at about the same level as last month due to five weeks of donations during the month. Expenses were mostly as expected.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 10/01/2023	\$ 12,467.01
Income	12,060.00
Expenses	<u>(12,716.06)</u>
Ending Balance 10/31/2023	\$ 11,810.95

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

Best Regards,
 Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer



Happy Anniversary

12/03	Tom	Stapp
12/04	Jack	Mercer
12/06	Samuel	Stapp
12/07	Judy	Weeks
12/08	Tommy	Lear
12/11	Chuck	Stoker
12/17	Keith	Lester
12/25	Julie	Thomson
12/25	Ayodele	Longe
12/28	Elizabeth	Bradley
12/30	Rosemary	Anderson

12/21 Harley & Judy Bodenbender

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



BIBLE STUDIES Monday night Bible Study at 6:30 pm via Zoom. The group will continue their journey through John. Please contact Rev. Alice for more information and the Zoom link. **Christmas Party is at 4:30 pm on December 12 at the church for study members.**

MEN'S Study on Break until January



NURSERY

Calling all individuals who would enjoy volunteering in the nursery on Sunday's

during worship service. As a volunteer, we ask that you arrive in the nursery no later than 9:45AM on your Sunday. If there are no "little ones" to care for, you may join worship service at 10:10AM. If you are willing to volunteer, try to secure a buddy, as we need 2 adults for every service. If you are unable to find a partner, I will pair you with another volunteer. Let Rev. Alice know if you would like to serve in this way and what Sunday that would be convenient for you. The Christian Education Committee thanks you for considering this request!

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE THE CHURCH ? CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE AV TEAM.

The AV Team needs **MORE** volunteers. Jim Kaufman Don McKelvey, and John Rihl have been our ever faithful camera men . They are need of some more volunteers to train. Please consider helping with this important service to the church family. Contact Jim if you are willing to learn and help.

LAY LITURGIST NEEDED

During Covid we had disbanded lay liturgists. Rev Alice would like to start having a lay liturgist again. If you are interested, please let Rev Alice know .