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Word from Pastor Alice



Dear Church Family,

It's a new year and a new decade! Time certainly flies by, doesn't it? Perhaps as this new year is upon us, you have been thinking about the past year...what you accomplished as well as what you didn't accomplish, failures amidst positive, hopeful times, joys amidst some sadness...and the list could go on. Each new year brings with it its own joys and sorrows...good times and not such good times.

I recently read a Guidepost devotional by Carol Kuykendall. She reflected upon the past year and how she felt behind as the new year began. She asked her husband, "Who can think about new beginnings or inspirational goals in the midst of old concerns?" He shared with her a gift he had just received. It had a note attached on the gift that said it was meant to be an encouragement in the coming year. It was signed by a friend in his Bible study group. It was a beautifully framed message, penned by a professional calligrapher. The message read:

Lynn,

Trust Me. I have everything under control.

Jesus

Why not replace "Lynn" with your name...read it over to yourself several times...maybe even write it on a piece of paper and place it where you can see it daily. Each of us could be reminded of that simple message as we begin this new year and new decade. Our Lord Jesus Christ does have everything under control...all we need to do is trust Him.

Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us...Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Wishing you lots of unbelievable blessings as you trust fully in Jesus as He directs your paths in 2020 and beyond!

Love being your pastor!

Love and Blessings in Jesus!

Alice



Upcoming Meetings

- Trustees -January 12
- Session: Tues, January
 14 at 7pm
- Deacons: January 19

JANUARY

WORSHIP

Head & Assistant Deacons

Connor and Janet Johnston Elder Greeter

Youcan Volunteer

Liturgist

Sharon Newell

Ushers

Chic and Mindy Foust

Jane Denhardt and Judy Brady

Nursery

January 5 Sally Petznick and Trina Stone

January 12 Jim and Karon Kaufman

January 19 Nancy McKelvey and Carolyn Gibeaut

January 26 Leanne and Travis Manring

Acolytes

January 5 - 26 - Katelyn Rihl and Sophia Manring

Keep these folks and their caregivers in



your prayers for healing and recovery from hospitalization or recent illness.

- Tara Becker
- Pat Myers
- Helen Watson
- Malcolm Lear



Widowed and Single Ladies of the Congregation- Are you interested in meeting with a group of your peers for a monthly get together that requires no program planning, no fund raising, no officers, no hosting? Would you enjoy meeting locally for a cup of coffee, brunch you desire, and an hour or two "just because"? If you have ideas, thoughts or need a ride, give Gladys McCabe a call at

937-243-6036.Join us on Tuesday, January 7 at 10 am at Der Dutchman..

Opportunities for Group Bible Study



Our ever faithful **CHRISTIAN CONVERSATIONS** group meets every Sunday at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall outside the church offices. This group is led by Frank Study and Jerry Smith. Come join the conversation.

LADIES' SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS led by Rev. Alice on Sundays



at 9:15 a.m in the library. Come join us for Bible Study by Lysa Terkeurst on finding unexpected strength when disappointments leave you shattered.

MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY meets on **Mondays** but will be taking a break during the cold winter months of January and February.



I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the very generous love offering, cards, words of encouragement, and gifts received during the Christmas Season. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated!

Love and Blessings in Jesus!

Alice

J WALKERS YOUTH FELLOWSHIP **Sunday January 5 at 6PM**

J Walkers Youth Group will meet on Jan. 5 at the church at 6:00 p.m. In addition to playing some games, devotional, eating

and fellowship, will decide on a schedule of activities for the rest of the year.



Kumjoinus will be on Sat. Jan 11 at 6:30 pm here at the church. Let's mark our calendars to let the fun and fellowship brighten up our winter evening. Nancy Patterson will serve as Hostess so please let her or the church office know if you are planning on coming. Jerry Smith will be bringing the salad. Just bring

your smiling face and some \$ for pizza.





Thank you to EVE-RYONE who helped with the Community Christmas Basket program and especially Jim Kaufman and Dave McCray for all their

coordination and leadership. Thank you to Beth Beach for organizing all the gifts, Judy Weeks for coordinating/preparing breakfast, Brynn Craney and Nancy Patterson for organizing deliveries, and Brenda DeLeon for handling the finances. Over 140 families were helped and 316 children receive gifts.

- Thank you Judy Walker for all the beautiful music provided for the pageant and Christmas Eve Service. Thank you Choir for your sharing your talents and faithful service.
- Thank you to Beth Beach for the directing the Christmas Pageant and everyone who participated in it.
- Thank you to Jim Kaufman, Brenda DeLeon and Gary and Carolyn Gibeaut for the poinsettia decorating in the sanctuary and to everyone who donated one so that they be enjoyed by all during the holiday season.
- The entire church staff would like to express their sincere appreciation for your very generous Love Offering received this holiday season. Your generosity is much appreciated by all.
- Thank you to the Lears for preparing and lighting the luminaries for Christmas Eve.
- Thank you Rosemary Anderson for bringing the message on December 30 in Rev. Alice's absence.
- Thank to Mike and Barbara George for reframing the Jesus picture for the meeting area outside of the office.
- Thank you to Whitney Foust and all the Deacons for sponsoring and hosting the Holiday Gathering and Gingerbread Decorating Night.
- Thank you to Barbara George and Jane Denhardt for organizing the donation bins in the parlor.

NEW OFFICERS: The following have generously agreed to serve on the following Boards and Committees. We look forward to their service. Please keep them and all the Board and Committee members in your prayers during this upcoming year. **Training for all officers will be held Saturday, January 18 and installation/ordination will be held on January 19.**

Session Class of 2022 Bill Pettibone, Janell Wilcox, Rita McCray, Betty Ferguson

Deacons Class of 2022 Carol Burkhart, Kathy Wilson, Barb George, Valerie Merideth

Trustees Class of 2022 John Rihl, Larry Myers, Nancy Patterson

Music and Worship Committee Roy Woods (2022)

Audit: Sally Petznick (2022)
Nominating Committee

Judy Bodenbender, Jerry Smith, Linda Watson, Brenda DeLeon, Mindy Foust

Alternate Beth Beach, Jane Denhardt

We wish to acknowledge the following who are leaving Boards this year. Thank you for your faithful service .

Session- Jane Denhardt, Barbara George, Roy Woods

Deacons- Janet Johnston, Linda Watson, Brenda DeLeon, Karon Kaufman

Trustees- John Rihl, Leanne Manring, John Watson

Nominating - Vicky Pettibone , Beth Beach, Kim Bodenbender, Mindy Foust, Rita McCray

Alternate Nancy Patterson. Rosemary Anderson.

Music and Worship – Beth Rihl (2019), Audit-Johanna Keiser (2019),

CHURCH OFFICER TRAINING

Church Officer Training FOR <u>ALL</u> OFFICERS...those presently on the board and those coming on the board...will be **JANUARY 18, 2019 from 10-2.** Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office so plans can be made for lunch.

ALSO, please note that the Scioto Valley Presbytery is also having a church officer training event on Jan. 11. For more info., please talk to Alice.

<u>Thank you to Judy Brady and the Nominating Committee (Vicky Pettibone, Beth Beach, Kim Bodenbender, Mindy Foust, Rita McCray Alternate Nancy Patterson. Rosemary Anderson.) for a job well done!</u>

Gentle Spirit - January 9 at 6 pm



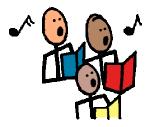
Are you or a family member struggling emotionally with cancer and its treatments or life after treatment? Come join Gentle Spirit, a Christian emotional and spiritual support group for help during this difficult time. Rev. Alice and Beth Beach, both cancer survivors, are co-facilitating this group at the monthly meeting. With the generous support of Der Dutchman, each gathering begins with a light meal, followed by a Scripture meditation, sharing and prayer. Please let the church office or Rev. Alice know if you plan to attend.



The Presbyterian Women's Circle would like to express their appreciation for all the hats, gloves and socks donated on the tree. They will be given to children in need in our community. Thank you for your support.

Keep an eye out on the clothesline during January as we have other upcoming projects to help those in need coming up.

No Women's Circle meeting in January. Come join us on Tuesday February 18 at 6:30



The Choir will be taking a break during the month of January. They will return later in February after a much needed rest! Thank you for the wonderful music you provided during the Advent season.

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The Windows did make it back before Christmas! Thank you, Lord, for providing the resources and talents to allow this to happen. Thank you, Jim Kaufman and the Trustees, for leading this huge undertaking. Thank you to everyone who generously donated to save this piece of our church history. Thank you to the skilled artisans and workmen whose talents restored them in record time. They are beautiful. Come see them if you have not had the chance.



REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

If you know someone is at a facility, take the time to stop by and say hi. Driving by the home bound? A quick visit always makes the days go faster.

Mary Mitchell— Prestige Gardens Marysville Our Shut-ins Liz and Bob Schlitz—Home

Connie Zimmerman-Home - Summer AZ- Winter

Dick Harper—Home

Fred DeLeon - Home

Marian Thomas- Dublin Retirement Village Independent Living

Pat Stenner—Dublin Retirement Village Assisted Living

Pat & Chuck Stoker—Home

Alice Shalosky- Home

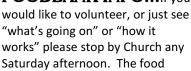
Bryan and Tara Becker-Home

Arlene Perkins-Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

Ray Russell, Emily Baker, Malcolm Lear, Georgianna Rymer, Mary

Lou Rihl- Edgewater Assisted Living

FEED MY SHEEP FOODBANK INFO...If you



arrives around 4:45 PM and we are cleaning up and heading home a little after 6:00 PM.

Here are a list of items that we can always use:

Quart Zip Lock Bags (especially needed), Macaroni and Cheese, Box Cereals, Spaghetti and Sauce, Peanut butter, Plastic grocery bags, Plastic containers (like used Cool Whip containers)

Thanks again for all you do!

Michael & Barbara



January 19th DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSIONS: Make the church secretary's day. Have your annual reports in by Sunday January 19th so the combined reports can be assembled and available the week of January 26 so you can have them a week before the Congregational Meeting on February 2.

GRADUATION 2020- Do you have a graduating child or



grandchild who attends or has attended our church in the past? Please notify the church office now so that we are sure to include them in the spring graduation recognition organized by the Presbyterian Women's Circle in May. We never want to miss someone

so with your assistance we can be sure to include everyone.

LIGHT- Learning in God's House Together Children's Education returns January 12 through Feb 2. Carolyn

Gibeaut will be introducing the children to Anna and Simeon to follow up after Advent. Plus we'll discuss Jesus as a child too.

Junior High LIGHT will continue to meet

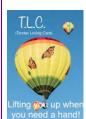
and discuss with Whitney Reed leading them.



A NEW DIRECTORY-

The office is currently working on updating the phone and address directory. There is a copy out in the parlor for your review. Please check it out and make any changes or add any

birthdays or anniversaries that might be missing. You are welcome to send in an email if you prefer.



TLC- This ministry is for ALL the members and friends of our church family who may need some extra help at different times in life.

Rev. Alice will be coordinating the team and can share the specifics. If you have a need, call her

on her cell phone 740-391-2531 for more details.

New Office Hours for 2020-The Session approved a change in the secretary's work schedule beginning January 1,

Monday and Thursday- Office Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday—9 until 1:00 pm. Carolyn may be here on the closed days in the event of a project or short deadline. If you have a need on a closed day, please give her a call on her cell 937-597-0963 because she may be able to assist you remotely.



LOCAL OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS

LOV (Local Outreach Volunteer) They posted some items that they need: AAA and AA batteries, Chapstick, Hand sanitizer, Ladies deodorant ,Razors, Tampons ,Dog and cat food, Matches and lighters ,Purses (large enough for a gallon zippy bag completely full), Athletic shorts for both men and woman, Men's boxers and boxer briefs, Woman's underwear, Paper

towels, Toilet paper Donation box is under the table in the parlor.

One Year in the Bible: A Reading Plan for Families. For January

Jan 5 Hannah's Story 1 Samuel 1:9-28, Jan 12 Samuel's Story 1 Samuel 16: 1-13, Jan 19 Young David's Story 1 Samuel 17, Jan 26 Abigail's Story 1 Samuel 25:2-38





BELIEVE

Max & Erma's- Come support the mission trip and enjoy a meal out on Thursday, February 6, the first Thursday of each month. Just share the coupon with your server to give our church credit.





Sunday Schedule:

9:15- Christian Conversations -Outside Offices/ Ladies SS Library

10:00 Worship

LIGHT after Children's Sermon based on Schedule

11:15 Fellowship in Parlor

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 4:30 pm Feed My Sheep
5 Congregational Meeting Elect Officers 6pm JWalkers	6 7 pm Cubs	7 10 am Der Dutchman Sis- ters 7 pm Scouts	8	9 6pm Gentle Spirit 6:30 pm Lions	10	11 4:30 pm Feed My Sheep 6:30 pm Kum- joinus
12 Un Decorating Trustee Meet- ing	13 7 pm Cubs	14 7 pm Session 7 pm Scouts	15	16	17	18 10 am-12 pm Officer Training 4:30 pm Feed My Sheep
19 Officer Installa- tion Deacons' Meeting	20 Martin Luther King Day 7 pm Cubs	21 7 pm Scouts	22	23 6:30 pm Lions	24	25 4:30 pm Feed My Sheep
26	27 7 pm Cubs	28 7 pm Scouts	29	30	31	

01/02	Jeff	Denhardt
01/03	Jim	Mitchell
01/04	Bryon	Smith
01/05	Helen	Watson
01/11	Dave	McCray
01/12	Spencer	Beltz
01/14	Sharon	Newell
01/14	Karon	Kaufman
01/15	Barbara	George
01/15	Bob	Beach
01/16	Brenda	DeLeon
01/19	Travis	Manring
01/20	Matthew	Sperling
01/20	Judy	Brady
01/25	Emily	Baker
01/26	Eric	Manring
01/27	Molly	Sperling
01/28	Pat	Myers
01/28	Beth	Rihl



01/29	Avery	Salyer
01/29	Donna	Gibson

Happy Anniversary..!!

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01/21 & Whitney Reed