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## WORDS FROM DON

There is a story about a university professor who challenged his students with a question. “Did God create everything that exists?” One student bravely replied, that “Yes, God did!”

“God created everything?” the professor asked. “Yes, sir,” the student replied. The professor answered, “If God created everything, then God created evil, since evil exists. And according to the principal that our works define who we are, then God is evil.” The student became quiet before such an answer. The professor was quite pleased with himself, and boasted to the students that he had proven once more that faith in God is a myth.

Another student raised his hand and said, “Can I ask you a question, professor?” “Of course,” replied the professor. The student stood up and asked, “Professor, does cold exist?” “What kind of question is this? Of course it exists. Have you never been cold?” The students snickered at the young man’s question.

The young man replied, “In fact, sir, cold does not exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is, in reality, the absence of heat. Everybody or object is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy. Absolute zero (-460 degrees F) is the total absence of heat. All matter becomes inert and incapable of reaction at that temperature. Cold does not exist. We have created this word to describe how we feel when we have no heat.” The student continued, “Professor, does darkness exist?”

The professor responded, “Of course it does.” The student replied, “Once again you are wrong, sir.

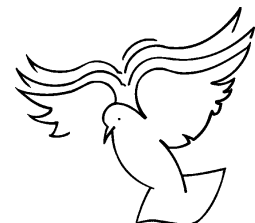
Darkness does not exist either. Darkness is, in reality, the absence of light. We can study light, but not darkness. In fact, we can use Newton’s prism to break white light into many colors and study the various wave lengths of each color. You cannot measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into a world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you know how dark a certain space is? You measure the amount of light present. Isn’t this correct? Darkness is a term used by man to describe what happens when there is no light present.”

Finally, the young man asked the professor, “Sir, does evil exist?” Now uncertain, the professor responded, “Of course, as I have already said. We see it every day. It is in the daily example of our inhumanity. It is in the multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but evil.”

To this the student replied, “Evil does not exist, sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold – a word created to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is not like faith, or love, that exist just as does light and heat. Evil is the result of what happens when we do not have God’s love present in our hearts. It’s like the cold that comes when there is no heat, or the darkness that comes when there is no light.”

The professor sat down. The young student’s name – Albert Einstein.

Grace and peace,  
Don



**HEAD DEACONS for September are:**

Angie Lester  
Kim Moody



**THE USHERING TEAM for September is:**

Larry Myers  
Angie Lester  
Jim and Carolyn Mitchell

**ELDER GREETER for September is:**

Shawn Heimlich

**TRUSTEES MEETING:**

September 11<sup>th</sup> – 11:15 a.m.

**DEACONS MEETING:**

September 18<sup>th</sup> – 11:15 a.m.

**SESSION MEETING:**

September 25<sup>th</sup> – 11:15 a.m.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S NEWS**

Watch weekly bulletins for news of scheduled events.

*Also, remember the Planning meeting on August 30<sup>th</sup>.*

**WE ARE INVITING EVERY WOMAN in the church to attend a gathering on Tuesday evening, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** here at the church. Over the years we have been blessed with a very active "Women's Association" or "Presbyterian Women" as it is now called. We have had Fall Gatherings, Fellowship Dinners, Family Nights, Fall Feasts, Mother-Daughter Banquets, Senior Teas, Blanket Sundays and more. The time has come for us to consider what works and what does not in the lives of today's women...How we can be of service and at the same time address the needs of women in our congregation and in our community.

**The Presbyterian Women’s Purpose is:**

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

- TO NURTURE our faith through prayer and Bible study;
- TO SUPPORT mission of the church worldwide;
- TO WORK for justice and peace, and,
- TO BUILD an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church and

WITNESSES to the promise of God's Kingdom.

Wow! That 's a pretty lofty purpose.....Can we really do all that? How can we do all of these things, support the church and community, work, take care of ourselves and our families and praise God with a cheerful heart at the same time? How can we not? We have been abundantly blessed, forgiven, freed and empowered! Let's pray for God's grace and energy to bless us as we make new plans for Presbyterian Women.

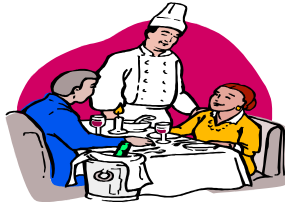
**Covered Dish Supper**



**ATTENTION KUMJOINUS FOLKS...**

*Please mark your calendars.* Our **September meeting will be on the 10<sup>th</sup>** – the weekend *after* Labor Day and will be at Harley and Judy Bodenbender’s. We will enjoy our usual tasty potluck supper at 6:30 followed by an evening of festive fun and fellowship. As there will not be a worship service or bulletin at PCPC next week due to “Be the Church” Sunday, please call Judy (873-5194) and let her know if you will attend Kumjoinus on September 10<sup>th</sup>. **Thank you! See you all then.**

See you then!  
Barbara George



**MAX & ERMA’S FUNDRAISER CONTINUES**

Enjoy a meal at Max & Erma’s on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> and 20% of your bill will be returned to the Church for our Mission Trip Fund. Please call the church office at 873-5011 if you need vouchers. *Gather up your friends and family, and go hungry for lunch or supper! See you there!!*

**LET’S THINK AHEAD...** Since we will be canceling our worship service on September 4<sup>th</sup> to participate in “Be the Church” Sunday at Pastime Park, it would be most helpful if we could all bring our offering for Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> on August 28<sup>th</sup> so that the coffers do not run dry. Or you may drop your offering off at the church office anytime during the week. *Thank you, thank you!!*

**\*\*\* REMINDER \*\*\***

Our Church Service will be cancelled next Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> so that congregation members may be a part of “Be the Church” Sunday. We will gather at Pastime Park at 8:30 a.m. for the combined worship service with members of all churches that are participating in this event. Following worship we will proceed to the specific project that each has signed up to work on. A free lunch will be served at the end of the “work” time.

*If you have not yet signed up for a specific project, please come next Sunday anyway. There are always places where more people are needed.*

**“BE the CHURCH” Blood Drive**

Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. you are encouraged to participate in the American Red Cross Blood Drive as part of our “Be the Church” activities. The Bloodmobile will be at Pastime Park. Come to donate and receive a buy-one-get-one free entry coupon to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and enter to win terrific prizes! To schedule an appointment to give, call: 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)



**CALLING ALL SINGERS!**

The choir will be back in session starting Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. We practice every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. and would love to have you join us. We always have a good time making a joyful noise unto the Lord – and, we get to look at the beautiful stained glass windows every Sunday! See Judy Walker if you would like to be a part of this melodic group – or, just show up on Wednesday evening!!



**CAN SUNDAY is September 25<sup>th</sup>**

Regular can drop-offs for recycling are *the last Sunday of each month*. If you need to have a large amount of cans picked up, call Bill Bowen at (614) 371-3266. **Thank you!**



**PAPER RECYCLING NEWS**

**The proceeds from this program help support our Mission Projects.** During the month of June, we collected 3.68 tons of paper for which we received a check in the amount of \$18.36. Don’t forget to thank your friends and neighbors for helping with this important mission project and, at the same time, helping to keep Plain City *green!*



## **BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 - Steve Patterson
- 3 - Lance Neidenthal
- 5 - Zach Pettibone
- 8 - Banwo Longe  
Bob Merkle
- 9 - Richard Harper  
Evee Wilcox
- 10 - Jane Denhardt  
Grace Keiser  
Alex Myers
- 11 - Henry Walker
- 12 - Christina Hargis  
Jim Spires  
Dick Wilson
- 13 - Brynn Craney
- 14 - Cate Neidenthal  
Pat Stenner
- 15 - Mindy Foust
- 20 - Janie Collins  
Janet Johnston
- 21 - Paige Erdman
- 22 - Jerry Smith
- 27 - William L. Wilcox
- 28 - Charlene Smith
- 29 - Jared Thomas



## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 2 - Chuck & Pat Stenner
- 5 - Keith & Angie Lester
- 9 - John & Beth Rihl
- 14 - Erik & Jamie Bishop
- 17 - Bill & Vicky Pettibone
- 24 - Jerry & Diedra Hurley
- 25 - Stew & Sonia Walker
- 27 - Randy & Jane Collins
- 30 - Jim & Maxine Spires



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  <b>MAX &amp; ERMA'S</b>  7:00 Scout Roundtable Mtg. Stenner Hall	2	3
4  <b>"Be the Church"</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>Meet at Pastime Park</b> <b>8:30 am for Worship</b>	5  <b>LABOR DAY</b>  <b>Church office closed</b>	6  7:00 Boy Scouts	7  7:00 Choir	8  7:00 PC Lions Club Stenner Hall  7:00 Cub Scout Pack Mtg. Fellowship Hall	9	10  6:30 Kumjoinus at Bodenbenders
11 9:00 Adult S. S. 10:00 Worship 11:15 Trustees Mtg.	12  7:00 Cub Scouts	13  7:00 Boy Scouts	14  7:00 Choir	15	16	17
18 9:00 Adult S. S. 10:00 Worship 11:15 Deacons Mtg.	19  7:00 Cub Scouts	20  7:00 Boy Scouts	21  7:00 Choir	22  7:00 PC Lions Club Stenner Hall	23	24
25 9:00 Adult S. S. 10:00 Worship 11:15 Session Mtg.	26  7:00 Cub Scouts	27  7:00 Boy Scouts	28  7:00 Choir	29 JA No School	30	

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