



# Highlights

## On The Plains

April 2017

### The Plains United Methodist Church

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*Helping people, both outside and within the walls of the church,  
become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.*

Job 19:25: *I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.*

In 2 weeks we will be celebrating Easter! What a thrill to KNOW that my Redeemer lives! Jesus Christ is just as alive today as He was right after the resurrection. In fact, He is just as much alive today as He was before the crucifixion, and even before He came to earth and was laid in the manger.

What difference does it make whether we serve a living God or one made of stone? Isn't it just a practice we believe in? Is it a crutch to help us along our way? No! Absolutely not!

A living God knows right where you are day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute. He sees your every need, hears your every cry, and longs to hold you close to Himself. He is present to walk with you through the valley. He provides a song in the night. He takes your feet from the muck and mire and plants them on a rock. He blesses you with hope and gives joy for Life's journey. A god with no life is unable to do these things. He cannot see, or hear, or reach, or touch, or provide. He simply cannot.

But my God is alive! The joy and the assurance that we celebrate on Easter doesn't end when the holiday is over and the decorations are all packed away. Why? Because Christ is alive. So rejoice, my friend, and live each day with the hope and joy that Easter brings. Walk with Christ. Talk with Him, and allow His joy to penetrate your heart and fill your soul. Don't live in defeat and agony as if Christ is still on in cross, or in the tomb. HE is alive! He IS alive! He is ALIVE!

Grace & Peace

On Monday, March 13, Bishop Gregory Palmer announced my appointment to the Walnut Grove UMC in Kenton, Ohio, effective July 1. I felt that God has called me to be closer to my mother in this season of life. During the last 3 years, we have accomplished many things for the Kingdom of God, and as a result, many have drawn closer to the Lord. I urge you to work with and love your new pastor just as you have loved and worked with me. Be assured that the Leadership Team is working closely with Superintendent Miller so that a new pastor can be announce in the near future.

Please be in prayer for the Bishop and Rev. Miller as they discern who will be your new Pastor. Also, be in prayer with the Leadership Team as we transition to new pastoral leadership. And finally, be in prayer for your new pastor as God prepares his or her heart to serve The Plains UMC.



### Sunday Morning Prayer

On Sunday mornings, Pastor Doug would like to gather with men and women from the church to pray for our church worship services. As a part of our emphasis on prayer, we will be gathering to pray for Pastor Doug and our worship service, that those who are in attendance will be blessed by our worship. We will also pray for God's blessing as he leads new families to our worship services. We will meet at 9:00 for prayer.



**Known Prayer Concerns**

**Prayer List:** Please review our current prayer list and notify the church office if a name needs to be removed. We appreciate your help.

Barb Adams	Mark Douglas	Jan Lovett	JD & Janice Schriener
Keith and Pat Bashen	Bobbie Dunham	Jean Nottingham	Sue Wallace
Steve & Linda Boulis	Linda Durst	George Popovich Family	Hannah Wolfel
Bill Coon	David Keirns	Reasoner Family	Jack Yates
David Crawley Family	Linda Lohse Smith	Robert Richey	Tom Yates



**Pray for those in the nursing homes and who are homebound:**

**Hickory Creek:** Nancy "Tickie" Fuller, John White

**Lindley Inn:** Mary Scott, Betty Wiseman, Jane White, Greg Yates

**Carlin House:** Norma Rypma

**Laurels:** Bess Relyea

**Homebound:** Dottie Channell

**Prayer for our Nation, our leaders, and our service men and women:** Ethan Lambert, Caylon Sammons, Brandon Sammons, Denver Sammons, Todd Hart, Mitchell Daughtery, Jacob Redman



We express our Christian love and sympathy to:

- Eleanor Rhinehart and family at the passing of her son, Randall D. VanDyke on March 15th.
- Lucy McDonald and family at the passing of her sister, Altha Snyder on March 19th.
- Amy Bentley and family at the passing of her cousin, David Crawley, last week.
- Anita Yates and family at the passing of her cousin, Terry Haning, last week.



Card Shower for April: Judy Graffius, Friendship Village, C-221, 5800 Forest Hills Blvd, Columbus, Ohio 43231-6905.

**April Birthdays**

1 Mary Lee Michael	10 Nancy Vandeman	17 Tyler Hoisington	22 Kenny Young
1 Tyler Hoisington	11 Jessica Lawrence	18 Nicolas Biddinger	23 Shirley Slater
4 Dominique Doseck	11 Mary Russesll	20 Brandon Sammons	24 Jane Armstrong
5 Madeline Biddinger	13 Ashton Horsley	21 Allyson Horsley	24 Mackenzie Allen
7 Blanche Irvin	16 June Koon	21 Robert DePue	25 Lisa Racz
8 Jim Smith	16 Makena Bentley	22 Bill Turman	26 Jack McBride
8 Meaghan Lundeen	16 Patrice Beard	22 Berdie Linscott	27 Mary Scott
9 Neal Krumme	16 Tad Grover	22 Heather Skinner	

**April Anniversaries**

Don and Lyn Brown-06
Doug and Traci Lawrence-06
Tom and Teresa Tedrow-06
George and Judy Kelly-16
John and Mary Lewis-19
Chuck and Nancy Vandeman-30



I am so pleased that I've been telling everyone...now I have no reason why I won't be able to attend a Church Service. First Neil Fowler volunteered on any Sunday that Rachael cannot sit with Mom. Then a couple of nights ago Tammy Bauman sent me a message that she would sit with Mom the next 2 Sundays. First I couldn't find anyone and now I have 3. "My cup runneth over". ~Ginger Baringer

# What's Happening

## April Calendar

- 4/2 - Emmaus Gathering @ 3pm
- Concert of Prayer @ 6:30 pm
- 4/6 - Community Lunch at Lindley Inn
- 4/9 - Palm Sunday
- Choir Cantata @ 9:15 Service
- Family Games @ 3-5 pm
- 4/13 - Maundy Thursday Service @ 7pm
- 4/14 - Good Friday
- Church open 6-8 pm for meditation & prayer
- 4/16 - Easter Sunday
- SonRise Service @ 7 am
- Breakfast @ 8 am
- Traditional Worship @ 9:15 am
- Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00 am
- Worship Café @ 11:15 am
- 4/17 - Office Closed (Easter Holiday)
- Leadership Team Mtg @ 7 pm
- 4/19 - UMW @ 7 pm
- 4/24 - Red Cross Blood Mobile @ 1 pm
- 4/26 - Administrative Professional's Day

## May Calendar

### Looking Ahead....

- 5/2 - Primary Election
- 5/4 - Community Lunch @ Lindley Inn
- 5/6 - Rummage Sale @ 9am to 2 pm
- 5/7 - Emmaus Gathering @ 3 pm
- 5/11 - LSS Food Bank @ 12-2 pm
- 5/14 - Mothers' Day
- 5/14 - Family Game Night @ 6-8 pm
- 5/15 - Leadership Team Mtg @ 7 pm
- 5/17 - UMW Mtg @ 7pm
- 5/18 - Healing Hands Food Pantry @ 6-7:30 pm
- 5/21 - Graduation Sunday
- 5/21 - Concert of Prayer @ 6:30 pm
- 5/25 - Helping Hand Food Pantry @ 11:30-1pm
- 5/29 - Memorial Day (Office Closed)



### REFIT® & Yoga:

- REFIT® with Tammy is on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 pm and is free.
- Yoga class with Rebecca Wood is Tuesdays at 6 pm and the cost is \$5 per session

**Family Game Time:** The next family game night will be Sunday, April 9th from 6-8 pm. Bring your favorite games, puzzle, etc. Please bring drinks or snacks. Coffee is provided.



*Come join the fun!!!!*

**CincySmiles:** CincySmiles Foundation in partnership with Sisters Health Foundation and the United Appeal for Athens County is hosting a Dental Day for Athens County! The Plains United Methodist Church will be transformed into a dentist office space with mobile equipment and several dental professional staff on site. Services will be completed by CincySmiles Foundation's staff of dentists, assistants and hygienists as well as other dental professionals in the Athens community. \*Services may include cleanings, extractions, fillings, etc. Participants will receive an exam, x-rays and at least one service\*. If participants have insurance, we will be able to take it that day with proper identification and card.



**Time:** 10 am – 4 pm (last patient to be seated at 3:30 pm)

**Date:** Friday, April 28, 2017

**Place:** The Plains United Methodist Church, 3 North Plains Road, The Plains, OH 45780

No appointment necessary but pre-registration is requested.

For questions or information on pre-registration contact United Appeal at 740-592-1293 or [www.unitedappeal.org](http://www.unitedappeal.org), [www.211athenscounty.org](http://www.211athenscounty.org) or visit United Appeal on Facebook.

**United Methodist Women** - UMW will meet Wednesday, April 19th at 7 pm. All ladies are welcome to join us for the evening.

- Devotions: Barb Mingus
- Refreshments: Jan Evans



Thank you to everyone who has donated or volunteered for our church events this past month.

**Rummage Sale** – The annual Church-Wide rummage sale on Saturday, May 6th. As you do your spring cleaning please save your unwanted “treasures” and bring them to the church the week May 1st.



**Graduation Recognition Sunday – May 21:** Graduation Sunday will be May 21st. We will be honoring these scholars at each of our Worship Services (depending on who attends which service!) and providing them with a small gift as a token of our love for them. Please let the Church Office know of your graduate (High School or College) by Sunday, May 14th so that we can include their name in the Bulletin!



**Red Cross Blood Mobile** will be at the church from 1:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24th.

Baked goods for the canteen are always appreciated. Here are the dates for 2017:

- April 24
- June 26
- August 28
- October 23
- December 18



**Kroger Community Rewards:** Reminder – our church continues to benefit from the **Kroger Community Rewards Program** when shoppers link their Kroger Plus cards to the church. Cards must be **reregistered online every year** to continue this benefit. If you have not reregistered your card since April 1, please go online to connect your card to our church. It’s easy to reregister – go to [Kroger.com/community-rewards](http://Kroger.com/community-rewards), click on Enroll, enter “Plains” to find our church name and choose. If you have never registered your card, set up an account on this site. Call the church office if you need assistance. This is an easy way for Kroger shoppers to support our ministries!

**Finance Report**

**We give back God’s gifts through the work of our church!**

Our congregation participates in weekly worship with our attendance and offerings as our way of praising God and giving back to Him a portion of the blessings He has given to us. The information about our participation over the past month that is provided below is a testament to our discipleship! Our ministries and operations are funded primarily by your offerings. Our average weekly need for our General Fund is \$4,216. Our Average weekly need for our Building Fund is \$880 to reduce the debt on our facilities. Your gifts of time and financial resources enable our church to continue ministry to our congregation and community.

	3/5/17	3/12/17	3/19/17	3/26/17
<b>Offerings given for General Fund</b>	\$4819.99	\$2647.50	\$3564.00	\$2405.45
<b>Offerings given for Building Fund</b>	\$1400.00	\$350.00	\$4660.00*	\$540.00
<b>Attending in Worship</b>	151	121	113	133
			*\$4200.00 from UMW toward	



# Lenten Events at The Plains United Methodist Church

## **Palm Sunday Services - Sunday, April 9**

9:15 - Easter Cantata - TPUMC Choir

11:15 am - Contemporary Worship

## **Maundy Thursday Service - Thursday, April 13 @ 7pm**

## **Good Friday - Friday, April 14**

Church open for Prayer & Meditation from 6-8 pm

## **Sunday, April 16 – EASTER!**

Easter SONRise Service – 7:00 am

Easter Breakfast – 8:00 am

EASTER WORSHIP! – 9:15 am & 11:15 am

Children's Easter Egg Hunt - 10:00 am

## **Sunday, April 23 @ 7:30 pm**

Easter Cantata - Trimble Choir



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