



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

November 12 through November 18, 2023



Dear Friends in Faith,

When ChrisAnn and I married and began life in Winchester, VA we walked a few blocks from our little basement apartment to First Presbyterian Church, to 'check it out.' We stayed, joined, participated in various ways as God had gifted us. It was there that I felt called to be a pastor and was affirmed by friends in the pews and the session.

One of the things I remember doing one year, not because we were eager to but because someone asked us, was to participate in an every member stewardship canvas. It was a larger membership church and the interim associate, Pastor Charlie, was well seasoned in these things. He had a program that he presented to all of the teams that were to go visiting. Every household was to be 'called on.' We were to share a bit about our lives and our involvement in the church. Some would know most of the folks they were visiting, some not so much. For us, that was ten almost cold calls. We did call ahead and make appointments. Still, talk about uncomfortable...first we're strangers in their homes and then we're to invite them to fill out a pledge card...yeeeeeshers!

Most were very kind and gracious, exhibiting their deeply rooted, southern hospitality. "Oh, how nice to have young people active in the church." That was thirty-five plus years ago. Now I'm the 'Charlie.' Thing is, I don't have a stewardship program in my back pocket. Things are done differently here in most of our western Pennsylvania churches. When one's ancestors were beholden to the 'company store' there is a very real and understandable resistance to pledge cards and such.

Still, here at Ohio UPC, like most of the places I've been blessed to serve, there is a strong spirit of generosity. There is a 'want to' desire for the church to be healthy and to succeed. And, how much you want to give to the church, financially, is strongly and rightly held to be personal and private. Looking back it was also personal and private for those we visited at First Pres. Winchester. The surprise, to me, was the closing report. That, as people were visited and were encouraged, the income increased by 15% over the previous year.

We aren't going to visit every home. But, I do want to encourage you to invest generously in the mission and ministry here at Ohio UPC so that, when your new pastor arrives, you are in a very healthy position, in every way possible.

with great hope, pastor bob



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Loving God, Loving Neighbor;

Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

Generous giving comes from the heart. Through regular offerings, special gifts, and planned giving, our Ohio UPC families can do together what we cannot do alone. Your generous financial gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. The portion of your offerings that we dedicate for missions is our direct response to God's call that we help the poor and needy, heal the sick, and comfort the oppressed. Giving to the church is a way of loving God and loving our neighbors and helping our neighbors to love God.

AN INVITATION TO GIVE

Monthly Percentage Giving Levels

Monthly Income	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%
\$1,000	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30
\$1,500	\$150	\$135	\$120	\$105	\$90	\$75	\$60	\$45
\$2,000	\$200	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60
\$2,500	\$250	\$225	\$200	\$175	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75
\$3,000	\$300	\$270	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$150	\$120	\$90
\$3,500	\$350	\$315	\$280	\$245	\$210	\$175	\$140	\$105
\$4,000	\$400	\$360	\$320	\$280	\$240	\$200	\$160	\$120
\$4,500	\$450	\$405	\$360	\$315	\$270	\$225	\$180	\$135
\$5,000	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150
\$5,500	\$550	\$495	\$440	\$385	\$330	\$275	\$220	\$165
\$7,000	\$700	\$630	\$560	\$490	\$420	\$350	\$280	\$210
\$7,500	\$750	\$675	\$600	\$525	\$450	\$375	\$300	\$225
\$8,000	\$800	\$720	\$640	\$560	\$480	\$400	\$320	\$240
\$8,500	\$850	\$765	\$680	\$595	\$510	\$425	\$340	\$255
\$9,000	\$900	\$810	\$720	\$630	\$540	\$450	\$360	\$270
\$9,500	\$950	\$855	\$760	\$665	\$570	\$475	\$380	\$285
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$900	\$800	\$700	\$600	\$500	\$400	\$300

1. Find your current giving level on the chart.
2. If you are under 5%, please consider starting at 5%.
3. If you are at 5% or greater, please consider a step up one percentage category.

The chart above shows how to offer a specific portion of your income to God and your neighbor every week. While generosity is about so much more than money, it is impossible to avoid talking about the need for adequate financial support. Generosity is the way in which we use all the resources that God has entrusted to our care – including our income – as we love God and our neighbors. Generosity is a matter of the heart and a response to the love that God has lavished upon us. Generosity is about love.



Worship

- Sundays through December 10, Kids Christmas Choir will be rehearsing from 9am to 9:45am
- Choir rehearsal is on Thursdays at 7pm and Cantata rehearsal is at 8pm
- Choir will rehearse on November 21 instead of Thursday (Thanksgiving)

Congregational Care

- Adult Sunday School from 9am to 9:45am
- Sunday School for children 3 yrs. to 6th grade is during worship
- Story Time continues every Wednesday morning at 10am
- Baptism of Callan Crosby (Fouse) on November 12
- Deborah Circle Bible Study is on November 20 at 6:30

Missions

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Operations

- Year to date (end of September)
Expenditures \$161,808 Received \$134,363
Per Capita expense \$7,515
Received YTD \$1,913



As we worship together!

Mark you Calendars

November 19	A Time to Celebrate Thanksgiving
November 26	Christ the King Sunday with communion Decorating the Church
December 3	Advent 1 Baptism of Wyatt Moreno
December 10	Advent 2 Children's Program
December 17	Cantata: We Call It Christmas Because of Jesus
December 24	Advent 4 10:00 am Approaching Bethlehem
December 24	Christmas Eve 6:00 pm Meeting Jesus at the Manger with Carols & Candlelight



- Jen Davis–Prayers for Ed and Evelyn Lawson as Ed move to a memory care facility and Evelyn moves in with their son Michael and his family.
- Peggy Franzese–Prayers for Brother–Last Chemo treatment was on Monday. He has pneumonia.
- Diane Gennaro–Prayers for Martha Pirolli who has moved to Masonic Village
- Trevis Gregory–Nephew Kevin is doing well. He is gaining strength. Thank you for your prayers.
- Sharon Neville–Please keep our daughter, Kalyn, in your prayers. She's undergoing physical therapy for a concussion.



NOVEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
Bob & ChrisAnn Goossen 11/09	Liz Cagnon 11/01	Barbara Corsi 11/22	Gina Arzberger 11/27
Tom & Terri Owczarzak 11/12	Dorothy Elko 11/11	Amy Muslin 11/23	Cherryl Lachowicz 11/30
Rich & Christina Palmer 11/14	Maude Williams 11/11	Sarah Jane Shaffer 11/24	
Alli & Nick Feszko 11/16	Michelle Riddle 11/12	Elaine Verostek 11/24	
Eric & Kristen Nan 11/20	Bev Abate 11/19	Elizabeth Repman 11/25	
Marcy & Edward Zombeck 11/24	Trudy Boggs 11/21	Morgan Lewis 11/26	



Celebrating You
on Your
Special Day

Every good and perfect gift from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

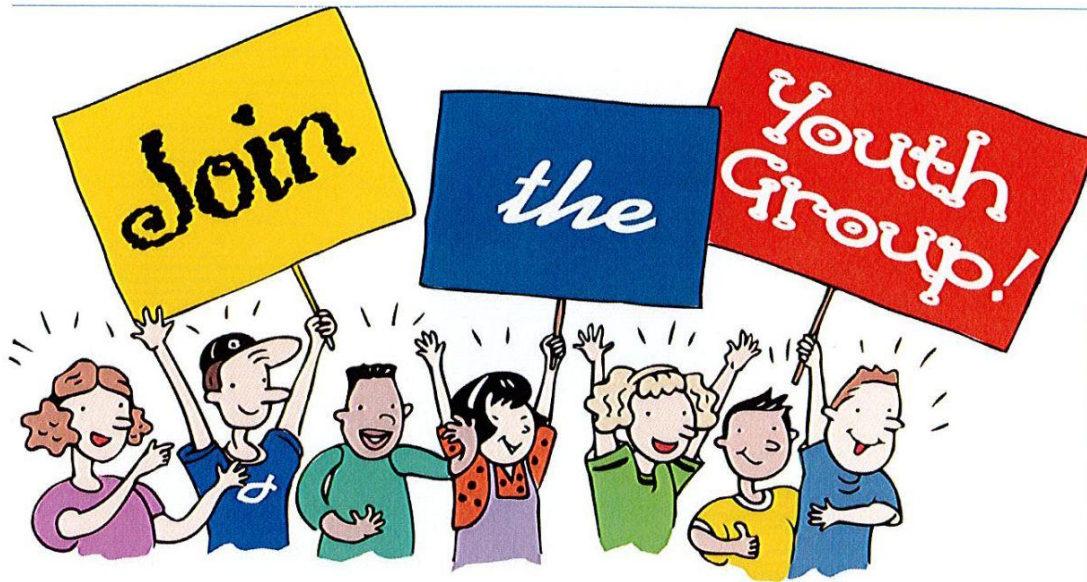
-James 1:17

November

2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			¹ Story time 10am Turkey dinner 6pm	² Choir rehearsal 7pm Cantata 8pm	³	⁴
⁵ Youth Group 6-7:30	⁶ Property meeting 6:30pm	⁷ Women's Assoc. 6:30pm Finance Committee 6:30	⁸ Story Time 10am Ruth Circle 1pm	⁹ Choir rehearsal 7pm Cantata 8pm	¹⁰	¹¹
¹² Baptism of Callan Crosby (Fouse) No Youth Group	¹³	¹⁴ Presbytery 6pm Deacons 6:30pm	¹⁵ Story Time 10am	¹⁶ Choir rehearsal 7pm Cantata 8pm	¹⁷	¹⁸
¹⁹ Youth Group 6-7:30	²⁰ Deborah Circle 6:30pm	²¹ Choir Rehearsal 7pm Cantata 8pm	²²	²³ Thanksgiving	²⁴	²⁵
²⁶ Communion Youth Group 6-7:30	²⁷	²⁸ Session 7pm	²⁹ Story Time 10am	³⁰ Choir rehearsal 7pm Cantata 8pm		



November 5 – 6-7:30 Meeting at the Manse

November 12 – Peggy is away

November 19 – 6-7:30 Meeting at the Manse

November 26 – 6-7:30 Meeting at the Manse

December 3 – 6-7:30 Meeting at the Manse

December 10 – 6-7:30 Youth Group Christmas Party

December 17 – 6-7:30 Youth Group Christmas Caroling

Need at least 2 helpers at Youth Group

No Youth Group December 24 and 31

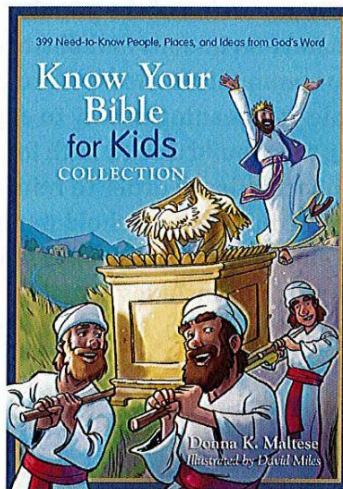


Garden of Knowledge Library

As we expand our library, we have created an Amazon wish list that you may purchase books for our library. The books range in age from newborn to young adult. Here is a link to our wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/11KT108IDN6AG/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

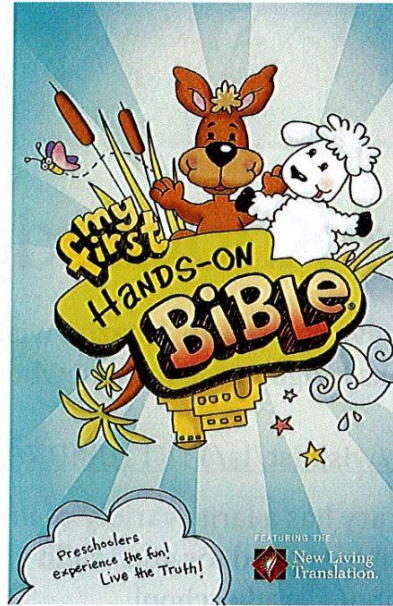
The Garden of Knowledge Library has a large variety of Bibles for all ages from 1 to 100! If you are wondering if what Bible is good for your child stop by and check them out. The two below are great for preschool – grade school.



Know Your Bible for Kids Collection: 399 Need-to-Know People, Places, and Ideas from God's Word by Donna K. Maltese (author)

It's never too soon to know your Bible—and here's a fantastic resource for your young readers (ages 5–8) to explain the most important people, places, and ideas of scripture. With clear, age-appropriate text explaining 99 of the most interesting people of the Bible, 101 most fascinating objects and ideas of scripture, 99 important places mentioned in the Bible, plus 100 most interesting things about Jesus, it's colorfully illustrated and designed to enhance both the fun and the learning. Each section also includes a "What Does That Mean to Me?" section for personal application.

Recommended for ages 5-8.



My First Hands-On Bible by Tyndale and Group Publishing (Author)

My First Hands-On Bible is the preschooler version of the popular Hands-On Bible, which has sold over a half million copies. Jesus taught with hands-on lessons and illustrations; My First Hands-On Bible uses the same experience-based learning to communicate God's Word in an active, understandable way. My First Hands-On Bible is a fun and simple yet meaningful way to engage preschool, pre-K, and K children (ages 3-6) with the Bible while helping them build a solid faith foundation. Each lesson focuses on a specific Bible point through a variety of activities in order to reinforce and help young children remember the stories and lessons. Using common household items, you can help your children have a "hands-on" learning experience while engaging them in 85 key stories from the Bible. My First Hands-On Bible doesn't just retell the Bible stories; it also includes actual Scripture from the easy-to-understand and easy-to-read Holy Bible, New Living Translation. In addition to the stories and activities, there are fun illustrations, prayers, and a special Jesus Connection feature.

Recommended for ages 2-6.

After a complete inventory of our Garden of Knowledge Library, we are missing some books, many were checked out prior to the pandemic. Please check your children's books at home and see if you have any from our library. You can return them to Christina Palmer. Thank you!