



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

November 19 through November 24, 2023



Ponderings on Per Capita

Presbyterian Per-Capita is one of those terms I've wrestled with because, to put it succinctly, it feels like a tax. I believe a more helpful and accurate term would be Apportionment.

An *apportionment* is a share, a portion. When the pie is cut at Thanksgiving I hope all the pieces will be divided evenly and we'll all get our portion. Of course, some will look for the largest piece and some the smaller. When we had hot dogs, and we ate too many of the boiled variety in my early years, if there was one left and my brother and I both wanted half Mom had a practice. One got to cut it in half and the other got to choose which half he wanted. That led to a healthy and high level of fairness and equality. It also may have helped tighten our bond as brothers.



As Presbyterians, we are a connectional church. The elders and pastors of our churches serve together on the Presbytery level so that we are stronger together. As the body of Christ, we bless, encourage and support one another in faithful service in the kin-dom of God.

I've always deeply appreciated the support and collegiality of ruling elders and pastors at Presbytery meetings and in Presbytery committee work. When everything is in good order and working smoothly a church may feel no need for 'the Presbytery.' We must remember that 'the presbytery' is us—61 member churches in Beaver & Butler counties with about 6,000 members.

Further, we are part of the Synod of the Trinity, all the PCUSA churches in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and a tiny slice of Ohio. More broadly we are connected to all the PCUSA churches through the work of our General Assembly. Finally, apportionment is voluntary. The portion we each are encouraged to contribute to this kin-dom in 2023 is Beaver Butler Presbytery - \$31.52; Synod of the Trinity - \$2.40; and General Assembly - \$9.85, totaling \$43.77.

We are together today because of this kin-dom. For some time I had considered transitional ministry a possible area of interest. Five years ago, the then chairperson of the Ministry and Vocation Committee invited me to lunch and asked if I would consider stepping out in faith and entering into service with a church going through a 'rough patch.' After prayerful consideration, Jim helped us connect. Now I'm honored to be serving with you, a healthy congregation, in your tie of transition. I encourage each active member, as you are able, to contribute a gift designated as your *apportionment* this year. We are stronger together.

with gratitude, pastor bob



Preparing for the Christmas Season

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 Gingerbread House Decorating
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



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 Meeting on December 3 following worship

Congregational Care

- Adult Sunday School from 9am to 9:45am
- Sunday School for children 3 yrs. to 6th grade is during worship
- Deborah Circle Bible Study is on November 20 at 6:30
- No Story Time on November 22
- Gingerbread House Decorating on December 3 following congregational meeting

Missions

- Minute for Mission on November 19–Salvation Army of Aliquippa will be speaking

Operations

- Year to date (end of September)
Expenditures \$161,808 Received \$134,363
Per Capita expense \$7,515
Received YTD \$1,913
128 in worship on November 12 (in-person and on line)





- Lynn Smith–Thank you for prayers for her niece Jennifer. Prayers of comfort for Jennifer’s family as she passed.
- Dick Klein–Prayers for his nephew Adam who was hospitalized with spina bifida.
- Jen Davis–Prayers for the Lawsons as they struggle to find a long term memory facility for Ed
- Kathy Fouse–Prayers of thanksgiving for this church

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

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

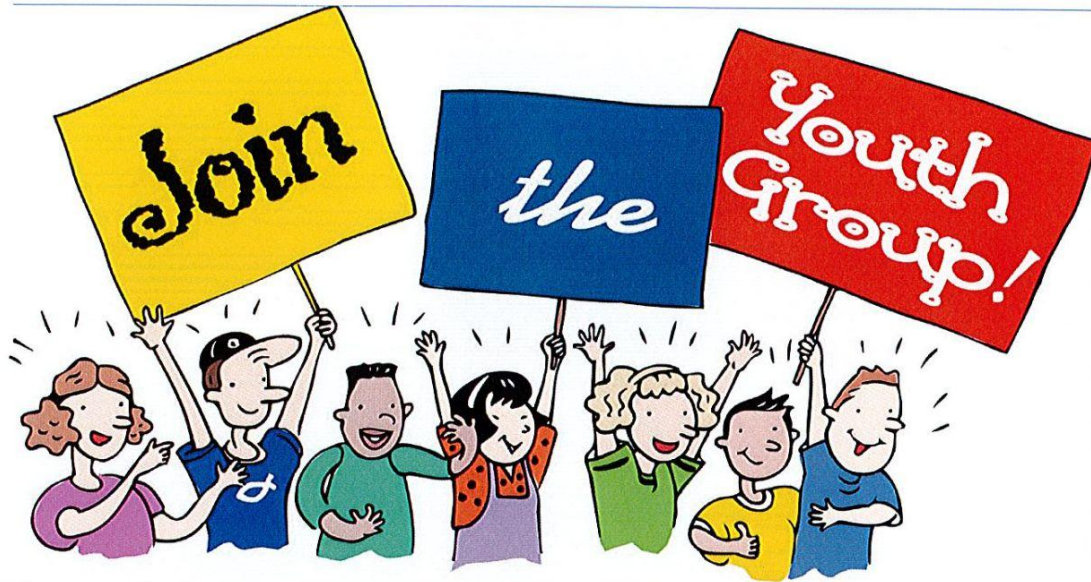
-Psalm 20:4

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 – 11:00 Gingerbread House

Decorating Fellowship Hall – See attachment

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

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

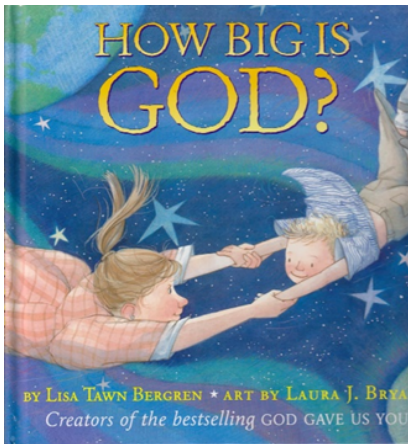
Need at least 2 helpers at Youth Group

No Youth Group December 24 and 31



Garden of Knowledge Library

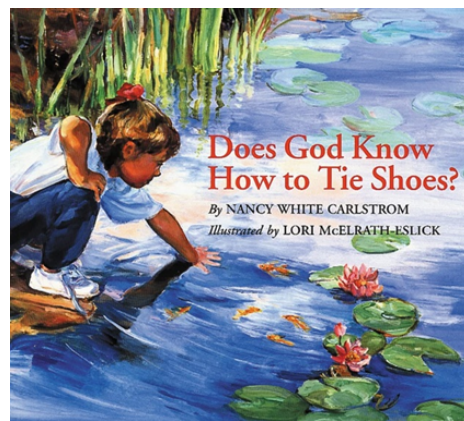
As we expand our library, we have created an Amazon wish list that you may purchase books for our library. The books range in age from newborn to young adult. Here is a link to our wish list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/11KT1O8IDN6AG/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2



How Big is God? by Lisa Tawn Bergen (author)

A special picture book about the wonder of looking at God. When a young boy asks his mother where God lives, she tells him "in your heart." This inspires a slew of curious questions: Is he invisible? Is he like a superhero? Can he fly? How can he be everywhere all at once? In this heartwarming conversation between mother and son, all the ways in which God exists are discussed and the possibilities are endless. Through bright, dreamy illustrations, *How Big Is God?* captures the immensity and wonder of looking at God—and the world—through a young child's eyes.

Recommended for ages 4-8.



Does God Know How to Tie Shoes? by Nancy White Carlstrom

Katrina wants to know more about God: "Mama, what does God wear? Does God like to paint? Does God ever cry, Papa?" Her parents' responses, based on the Psalms, help Katrina to know God in ways that are very real to her. Poetic text and bright impressionistic illustrations combine beautifully to make this a gentle and affirming picture book that will encourage a child's exploration of God. Ideal for reading aloud.

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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!

