



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

November 5 through November 11, 2023



Dear Friends in Faith,

Sunday afternoon I sat down with a pile of leaves in my lap. For those of you who missed the luncheon these were paper cut-outs on beautiful Fall colored card stock. As ChrisAnn and I slowly read each note our hearts were warmed, and occasionally bubbled over with laughter. Your thoughtful comments and expressions of gratitude are a treasure that I will keep within easy reach for those moments when life may get a bit heavy. Or for when the neighbor's leaves blow into our yard. :)))

Additionally, you sent along a generous gift from the congregation and a really big cake for two. You've got the sweet tooth figured out all too well! Thank you very very much.

As we watch the 'Trick or Treaters' arrive at our door this week we also mark All Saints' Day. On Sunday we'll spend a bit of time in worship remembering the names of those who, having lived in faith, now rest in the eternal arms of our Savior. There will be a reading of the names of the active members of the church who've joined the church triumphant in the last two years. When Pastor Nick departed last year at this time this service was understandably missed. We will also allow for a time to lift up names of those who you treasure in your hearts.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Wednesday at the Harvest Dinner and on Sunday as we celebrate and worship together. If you'd like to join the Adult Sunday morning class we'll be starting a discussion of grace, based on Max Lucado's book, *Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine*.

with joy in our journey,

pastor bob

Welcome to Ellen Davis

We extend a warm and hearty Ohio UPC welcome to Ms. Ellen Davis as she joins us as an accompanist for the choir. Ellen is a 2023 graduate of Seton Hill where she majored in music with concentrations in vocal and piano performance. Ellen is teaching music at College Avenue Elementary in Beaver. She is also a Hopewell alum and lives just a few blocks from the church. She's helped with our VBS music program a few years ago and has numerous connections.

Ellen shares that she is delighted to be engaging in a church music program. She will be filling in as Ms. Shirley continues her recovery.



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

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
- Women's Association is meeting on November 7 at 6:30
- Ruth Circle Bible Study is on November 8 at 1pm
- Baptism of Callan Crosby (Fouse) on November 12

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
- 75 in attendance on October 29 (on-line and in-person)
- Property Meeting is on November 6 at 6:30pm





- Lynn Smith–Prayers for Brunton Dairy with the fire they suffered. Up to \$97K raised in Beaver County so far to help
- Dave Kocher–Prayers for family of Gwen Hines. They have expressed their thanks.
- Amanda Collins–Thank you for prayers while she was hospitalized and to choir for carrying on.
- Mark Douglass–Thank you for the service and luncheon for Marian on Saturday.
- Patti Strominger–Thanks to Chris Matthias for playing piano on Sunday.
- Rayna Knox–Prayers for Alli and Nick, Bonnie and John as they travel for Nick’s dad’s funeral.
- Prayers for Dawn Psik as she has medical tests coming up.
- Prayers of healing for Scott and Sharon Neville’s son, Chad, in California.
- Continued prayers for Lynn’s niece, Jennifer, who is 40. She is in the hospital with 3 splits in her spine. They’ve also found lesions on her spine and brain which they suspect is cancer. Prayers that the doctors can treat her.

Generosity

We give great thanks for God’s calling us together to be the part of the Church of Jesus Christ that serves the community of Hopewell. What a joy to serve the people of this neighborhood with gladness, shining God light into places where shadows hover. In addition to sharing our lives with members, friends and neighbors we continue to nurture our relationships with ten mission partners. Sunday we heard encouraging words about progress in alleviating homelessness in Beaver County. Your generosity in responding to each mission point is greatly appreciated.

We give great thanks for the generous financial support of the faithful members of Ohio UPC. During this transition year the session intentionally chose to live with an empty manse. Both to preserve it for the next pastor and because we could not, in good faith, make a one year promise to a renter. This is the largest factor of note in our year to date deficit. In these closing months of the year we ask for each to consider special gifts that can help us reduce ‘the gap,’ perhaps even close it. Thank you!

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

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand

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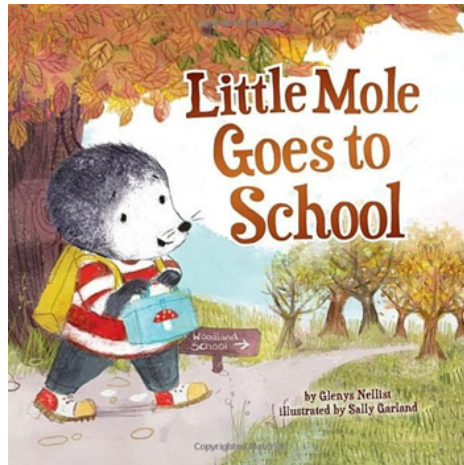
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Story time 10am Turkey dinner 6pm	2 Choir rehearsal 7pm Cantata 8pm	3	4
5 Youth Group 6-7:30	6 Property meeting 6:30pm	7 Women's Assoc. 6:30pm Finance Committee 6:30	8 Story Time 10am Ruth Circle 1pm	9 Choir rehearsal 7pm Cantata 8pm	10	11
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		

Garden of Knowledge Library

Do you have a child that is just learning to read? Check out our Early Readers/I Can Read books.

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:

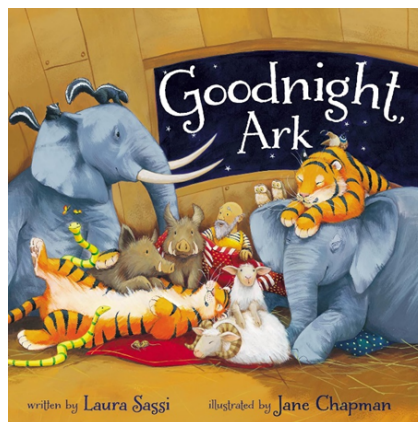
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Little Mole Goes to School by Glenys Nellist (Author)

It's Little Mole's first day of school, and he's nervous. What if he is the last to know his alphabet? What if he's not good at anything? With a good bit of anxiety, Little Mole heads to class and begins to compare himself to his peers. How will he ever measure up? Children will relate to Little Mole's feelings of self-doubt, will cheer him on when he discovers his unique gifts and talents, and will be inspired to confront their own insecurities and celebrate what they have to offer, too.

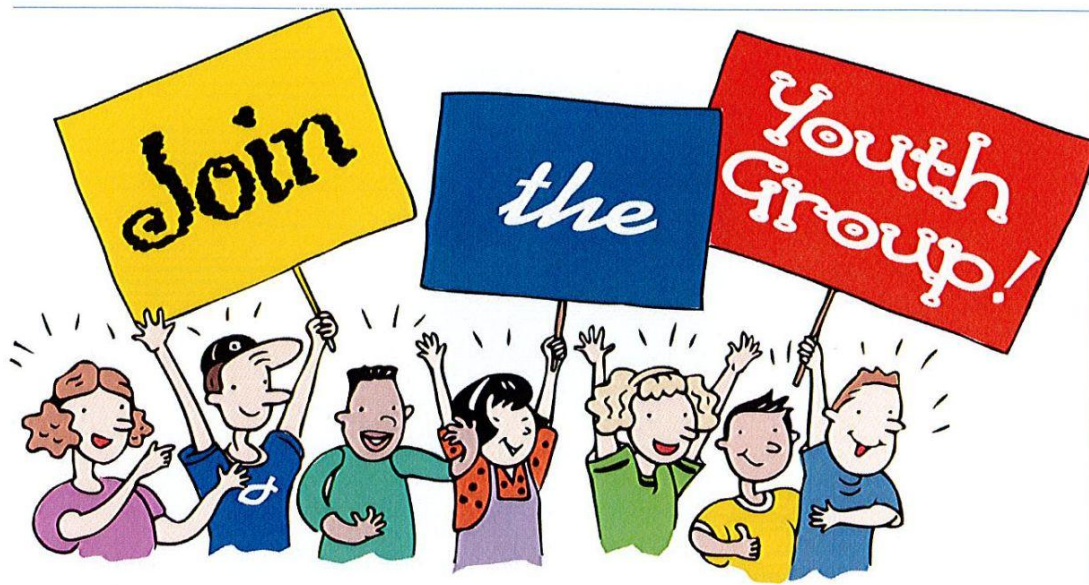
Recommended for ages 4-8.



Goodnight Ark by Laura Sassi (Author)

Discover Noah's Ark in a whole new way with this laugh out loud bedtime story! This retelling of the beloved Bible story shows what happens when all of the animals board the ship and the great storm hits---they all run scared to Noah's bed! Perfect for bedtime, each page will have kids and adults alike howling with laughter at the chaos that ensues, followed by the peaceful calm they gain from Noah's tender love.

Recommended for ages 2-6.



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