



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

February 11 through February 17, 2024



Dear Friends in Faith,

Wow! Three, almost four bright and sunny days...barely a cloud in the sky...in western Pennsylvania in February. Amazing. Can we bottle a little bit of this and save it for mud season in March? Mud season, when those in the Amish communities have auctions as the weather begins to warm but it's way too muddy to be in the fields.

This Sunday is Transfiguration of Christ Sunday...Super Bowl and Soup'er Bowl Sunday. We are about to enter into the season of Lent. Don't put your snow shovels away just yet. I recall one year when it snowed every Wednesday of Lent, right up to the end of March. While it was a bit cold for standing outside at auctions, the soup was always warm at the Lenten suppers.



Friends, we have opportunities to come together for so much more than a Super Bowl party (which ends a season) in the days and weeks ahead. Sunday we'll gather at the Lord's Table giving thanks for the transforming love of Jesus Christ in our lives. Shrove Tuesday the Deacons will offer a pancake supper...what a great and fun tradition for food and fellowship! Ash Wednesday we'll be joined by friends from three neighboring Presbyterian Churches here in our sanctuary. I'm delighted to stand with Pastor Jamie and Pastor Beth as we share in the distribution of ashes.

Lenten Bible Studies will be offered on Wednesday evenings beginning on the 21st. We'll meet each week for five weeks. Supper, at 5:30, will be provided by members of the group, or we'll bring in a pizza, whatever

seems to please folks. If you'd like to join us just for the study and discussion, pop in to the Gathering Room at 6:30.

This year the lectionary offers a number of covenant themes for Lent... from Noah to Abraham and Sarah to the New Covenant in Jesus Christ. I hope you'll be part of the joyful people of God gathered here at Ohio church on Sunday mornings. As we worship together we honor the covenant with God and with each other.

May we not worry about bottling up the sun or the Son...there's plenty for everyone!!

with joy, pastor bob



Worship

- 74 in worship on February 4
- Communion this Sunday
- Ash Wednesday service on February 14 at 7pm here with Concord, New Sewickley and One in Christ Churches

Congregational Care

- Adult Sunday School is at 9am
- Children's Sunday School has resumed for children 3 yrs. old – 6th grade
- Story Time is back at 10am on Wednesdays.
- Shrove Tuesday is on February 13. There will be a dinner from 5 to 7pm. The dinner will include pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and milk.

Missions

- **Lenten Mission Project**–Join us in reaching our goal of \$3000 to provide a well and access to clean water for a community abroad, as well as to donate to a water bank in Butler County, providing clean water for more than 40 families without access. You can give during the children's collections (**February 18 and March 24**) by dropping money in the well or by designating the Lenten Mission Project in your giving.
- **Manna** is on Tuesday, February 20. Volunteers are needed to bake cakes, serve and clean up. For more information, questions or to volunteer please contact Linda Duganich at 724-622-7929 or lindaduganich@gmail.com

Operations

- Property Meeting is on February 12 @6:30pm
- January expenses– \$11,007 receipts– \$14,886

FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

Local Pilgrim: A Wandering, Wondering Daily Devotional for Lent will invite us to purposefully explore, discover and reflect on our community leading to meaningful contemplation and sacred discoveries. Copies are available in the narthex and will be distributed through Flocknote next week.

A Lenten Bible Study, *Walking the Way of the Cross with Paul*, will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30, from February 21 through March 20. Supper for those who'd like to share a meal at 5:30. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board next to Pastor Bob's office.





A Soup'er Bowl of Caring offering will be received on Sunday, the 11th. After worship some of our youth will be at the doors with soup pots! As we'll likely be spending a good bit on Super Bowl treats, this is an opportunity to share with those who are experiencing food insecurity in our community. Our donations will go to The Cornerstone of Beaver County, an organization that works to provide emergency housing, as well as basic needs and resources for those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in Beaver County. Thank you for joining us!



FEBRUARY

Birthdays

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
Linda Duganich 2/4	Ken Gregory 2/11	Michael Colesar 2/16	Sharon Nevill 2/24
Dawn Psik 2/4	Weston Shaffer 2/12	Diane Gennaro 2/18	Chris Cronin 2/26
Eric Rastetter 2/6	Crystal Saxon 2/13	Noah Honess 2/21	Nathan Cronin 2/26
Dolores Skinner 2/6	Jonah Honess 2/14	Tanner Lewis 2/21	Richard Pike 2/26
Homer Summy 2/6	Marsha Douglass 2/14	Martha Piroli 2/22	Corinna Petrella 2/28
Noah Repman 2/9	Marloe Rastetter 2/15	Trevis Gregory 2/23	

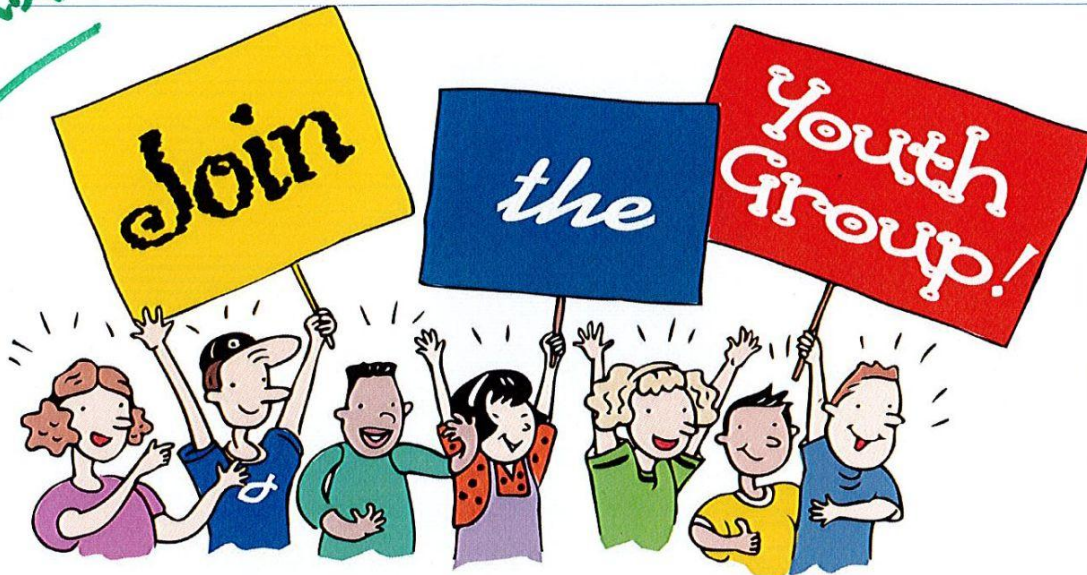
I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13



- Christina Palmer–Her friend Lori lost her niece, Alissa to breast cancer
- Dave Kocher- Thank you for grace, love and thoughts during the passing of his mother
- Lynn Smith–Thanks for prayers during procedures. Her brother Larry needs prayers as he has an aortic aneurysm.
- Karen Keller–Her friend Mary has just lost her husband. Her friend has recently been diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

Update



January 21 – 6-8:00 Football and pizza

January 28 – 6-7:30 Meeting at the Manse

February 4 – No YG Peggy will be away

February 11 –Super Bowl Sunday

(Enjoy time with family/friends)

February 18 – Boyce Park Snow Tubing 12:30-2:30

February 25 - 6-7:30 Meeting at the Manse

Need at least 1 helper at Youth Group please

February 2024



Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

Picture Caption

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Prayer shawl blessing	5	6 Deacons 6:30	7 Story Time 10am	8	9	10
11 Communion	12 Property meeting 6:30pm	13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5-7 Session 7pm	14 Story Time 10am Joint Ash Wednesday service here 7pm	15	16	17
18	19	20 MANNA	21 Story Time 10am Lenten Bible Study 6:30pm	22	23	24
25 Minute for Mission	26	27	28 Story Time 10am Lenten Bible Study 6:30pm	29		

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