



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

February 18 through February 24, 2024



Dear Friends in Faith,

'Love is patient, love is kind...faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love' 1 Corinthians 13:4&13

As I sit down for a moment this morning, February 14, I feel the multitude of layers that today brings. Valentine's attire was abundant in the Children's library as Ms. Nancy and Ms. Kim led the kiddos in sharing their love with animal friends, each other and family. Our table at home is adorned with symbols of this red themed holiday. The scent of last night lingers, the Deacons' having served up Shrove Tuesday pancakes and sausages. The images of laughter, warm hugs and friendship embedded in our memories.

And underneath this morning's first Lenten devotional reading...the author sitting in silence in a cemetery, contemplating that we are of the dust and to the dust we shall return. We are mortal, we have one precious life, our time here on earth is limited...what is important in these days?



Ash Wednesday is very much about forgiveness...knowing we are forgiven by a God who loves us beyond our ability to imagine. God, who pours grace into our lives like a cascading waterfall. Cascading grace, like the ocean waves breaking upon the shore...beyond our imaginations. Our mortality, overcome by God's gift of love...Jesus our rock and our redeemer.

Someone jokingly (I trust) asked if we were going to share the ashes in the shape of a heart this year? Or a cross surrounded by a heart, which might be a bit messy. As Pastors Beth and Jamie join me tonight to offer ashes as our entry into the Lenten season we will mark foreheads or hands with a cross...a sign of love laid down layer upon layer upon layer...warming us through and through.

with faith and hope and love,

pastor bob



Worship

- 79 in worship on February 11

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.

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

- 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.

Lenten Mission Project



"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." – John 7:37-38

Approximately 784 million people around the world are without basic access to clean water. That is roughly 1 in 10 people on Earth. More people die from unsafe water, than from all forms of violence, including war.

Through Presbyterian Giving, we can provide the resources necessary for a community to receive a well for just \$1,500. It will provide a reliable source of clean water for drinking, bathing, washing, and irrigation. This access to clean water, close to home, can transform lives – improving health, hygiene, and economic prospects.

Our goal is to be able to raise \$3000 to purchase one well and to also provide a donation to a water bank run by a Presbyterian church in Butler, called Water for Woodlands. It provides water to more than 40 families who experienced deteriorating water quality, and can no longer drink, nor safely cook or bathe in their water.

Join us in giving – during the children's collections (February 18th & March 24th), by dropping money in the well, or by designating the Lenten Mission Project in your giving.





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	

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

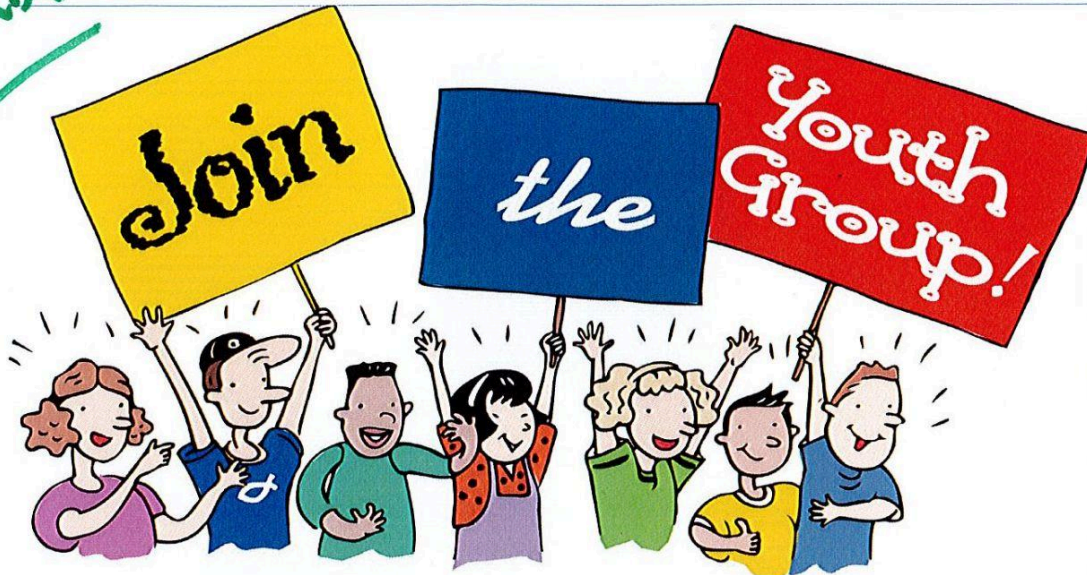
Psalm 118:24

Prayer List



- Mark Douglass–Prayers for healing for Marsha who has shingles
- Lynn Smith–Prayers for healing for Lynn Smith who had carpal tunnel surgery on Tuesday. Prayers of joy for a friend that joined Lynn in church on Sunday.
- Diane Gennaro–prayers for her great grandson who broke his arm. He is only 2 years old.
- Ivonne Markish–Prayers for Greg’s stepfather who was placed on hospice.
- Patti Strominger–Prayers for her brother, John, who has been fighting lung cancer for 2 ½ years. The fight is waning and his condition is declining. Please pray for peace for him and his wife during this stage of his life’s journey.

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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