



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

February 4 through February 10, 2024



Dear Friends in Faith,

When we bought a house on two acres in Indiana county in the mid 90's it had maybe eight trees. Of those, only three were in a good, to us, spot and healthy. ChrisAnn, being a designer and able to envision possibilities, sat down with her sketch pad and began dreaming. Sketches led to discussions, which led to more sketching, which led to reading landscaping and tree books. What began to take shape was exciting. One facet of her drawings was that the circles for the trees were in scale for a mature tree of the chosen variety. Only with that vision, she taught me, were we able to see what the yard would look like in 40, 50 or 75 years and not plant accordingly.

Over the next several years twenty some trees were planted. A few from nurseries, Many, with the blessings of our neighbor dug from an adjacent woods. It all took Longer than we'd hoped...considerably longer.

Do your projects ordinarily get finished in the time frame you anticipated? I'm guessing that our dreams are usually a bit more optimistic than the reality of what life brings. A couple of years back some like minded folks here at Ohio UP discerned that it was time for a web site upgrade. Dreams and ideas were shared. Helpers were recruited. Then life happened and Pastor Nick went north. Things were set aside in the midst of transitions but, in time, the project was re-visited. Last week the vision became a reality!! Hallelujah!

A huge thank you to Megan Hunsberger for sharing her time and talents in leading, organizing and implementing. Thanks to Wendi Rybicki for researching and writing, Nancy Connell for supporting and learning how to maintain the site, to Rayna Knox for sharing pictures. Thanks too, to those who patiently waited and encouraged along the way.

While websites don't have a fifty year lifespan in the design concept, there are places where the new site will grow and evolve along with the ministry and mission of the Ohio Church. There are spots where additional information will fill in a 'blank' over the next weeks and months. If you have an idea for our website please pass it along to one of those mentioned above.

And if we, the members, use the site it will become more easily seen by those searching for a church in the Hopewell community. You could even make it your home page for a season. Together may we mature into the vision God has for us in this time and place.

with joy in our journey,

pastor bob



Worship

- 97 in worship on January 28
- Prayer Shawl Blessing this Sunday during worship
- 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

- Start saving those coins, it's almost time for the 'Water Project'
- 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

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. A sign-up sheet with supper options is on the bulletin board next to Pastor Bob's office.





FEBRUARY

Birthdays

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

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.

2 Corinthians 9:15



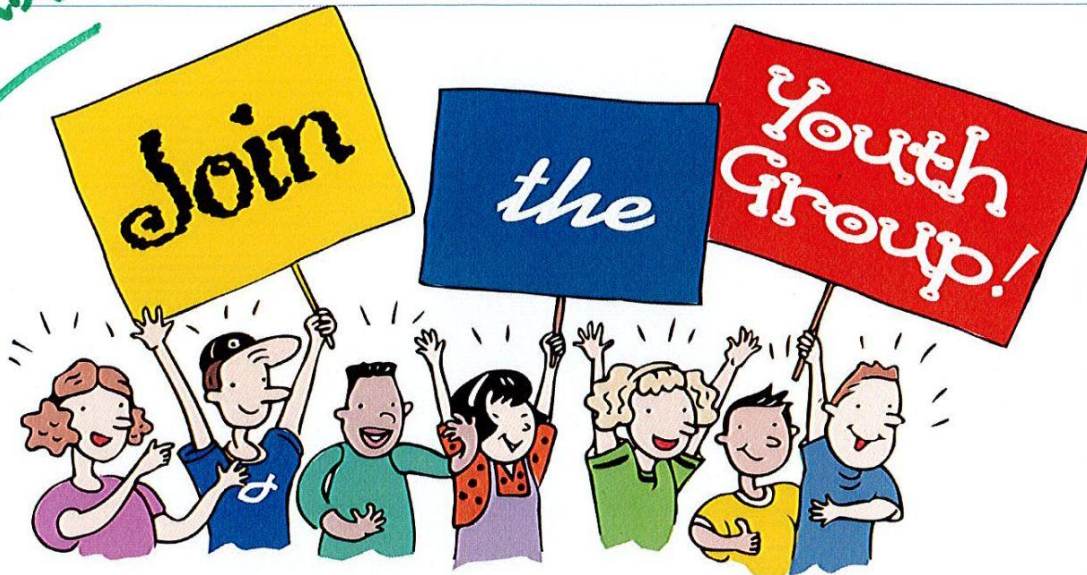
- Diane Gennaro– Continued prayers for Donna Olexick and her health problems
- Prayers of comfort for the family of Willa Kocher
- Marcus McCowin–Thank you for prayers for grandmother. Surgery went well and there will be 3 chemos to follow.
- Lynn Smith– Daughter-in-law, Ashley, is receiving a new treatment for AXL. Hopefully it will slow down the progression and may be even reverse it.

To the Church Triumphant

Willa Kocher

March 28, 1927 - January 26, 2024

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



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



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	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
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