



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

March 17 through March 23, 2024



Dear Friends in Faith,

Along my journey of life and faith I have been blessed to visit a variety of places on this beautiful planet. Still on my bucket list is Ireland and Scotland. Last Fall I stepped into the land of High Crosses, without crossing the ocean, via a week of learning about Celtic Spirituality at Montreat. We even danced an Irish reel one evening.



The High Celtic Crosses began to emerge in the 8th Century melding the circle, a sign of God's creation, with the cross of Christ's salvation. Planted on hilltops, people gathered near them to pray and worship.

For St. Patrick and his followers, all Creation is alive with the presence of God. This affinity with nature is but one of the distinctive features of Celtic Christianity. The Celts enthusiastically affirmed the psalmist's declaration, 'The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims (God's) handiwork' (Psalm 19:1). They inherently understood that all creation is alive with God's presence. Because God's Spirit dwells in all living things, everything is inherently good. Every moment, every location could therefore become a time and place for encountering God.

The Celts bring their appreciation of the fullness of God to the Covenants with Noah, Moses and Abraham, forward to the New Covenant in Christ. They carved their giant stone crosses with Biblical stories, images of the disciples, and or Celtic knots. Crosses that wove together the sacrifice of Jesus Christ with the beauty of our Creator God.

Occasionally we refer to Lent as a journey to the cross. Always, there is so much to see...so much to learn. May these final weeks of Lent be a blessing in each of our journey's of faith. I look forward to our worship together on Sunday, St. Patrick's Day. You might want to wear a bit 'o the green!

with joy in our journey, pastor bob



Worship

- We gather for worship Sundays at 10am
- 74 in worship on March 10
- Choir rehearsal, Thursdays at 7pm

Congregational Care

- Adult Sunday School is at 9am
- Children's Sunday School, for children 3 yrs. old – 6th grade, following the Children's Chat in worship
- Story Time is back at 10am on Wednesdays.
- **Deborah Circle Bible Study** is on March 18 at 6:30
- **Lenten Bible Study** is on Wednesday, March 20; 5:30 for dinner, 6:30 for study

Missions

- **Lenten Mission Project**–Join us in reaching our goal of \$3000 to provide a well and access to clean water

Operations

- February YTD expenses– \$34,492 & YTD receipts-\$30,679

Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 10 AM

The Passion Story in Scripture and Song
Donuts and Beverage following worship

Maundy Thursday Communion

March 28, 7 PM

At Concord Church with friends from New Sewickley,
One in Christ and the Ohio Presbyterian Churches
Available online at concordpreschurch.org
Click on the worship on youtube link

Easter Alleluias

March 31, 10 AM

Celebrating the Joy of Our Risen Lord

You are invited to an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am on
the hill beside Concord Presbyterian Church



MARCH BABY SHOWER MONTH

The Women's Association is collecting donations for Adoption Connection, Pa.
Donations can be placed in the marked box in the cry room every Sunday of March.

The items most needed are:

Diapers-size newborn-6, and wipes
Shampoo, conditioner, & body wash
Feminine hygiene products
Baby wash and lotion
Hairbrushes, combs, toothpaste and toothbrushes
New underwear and socks (all sizes)
Deodorant, both men and women
Gently used clothing of all sizes

Thank you for your donations!

Save the Date

VBS

@ Ohio United Presbyterian Church

June 10th-14th 9:30am-12pm

4yrs-finishng 5th grade

Sign-Up coming soon!

(Contact Casey Honess – casey.honess@gmail.com

or the church office if you would like to volunteer!)



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

225th Anniversary!

“In 1799, around the time the area west of the Appalachian Mountains was settling more quickly, a new Presbyterian congregation known as the Flaughtery’s Run Congregation was established....Services were held outside, in a tent, or a member’s barn if the weather was too inclement....The first semi-permanent structure was near the home of member Peter Eachleas at what is now known as Five Points. In 1827 or 1828 the tent was moved close to where the building of the Ohio U.P. Church stands today.”

-from the Bicentennial History, 1799-1999

This year will mark the 225th anniversary for the Ohio Church so it’s time to celebrate. A committee is being formed to organize and lead a time to mark this special year. If you’d like to help out in some way please contact Lynn Smith, Dianne Kanitra or Dick Klein.



MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
Jason & Liz Cagnon 3/5	Mark Muslin 3/1	Logan Gregory 3/14	Casey Honess 3/23
	Brenlee Knox 3/4	Harper Shaffer 3/14	Betty Solinski 3/25
	Savannah McLinden 3/9	Rich Palmer 3/16	Evelyn Cagnon 3/27
	Michael Duganich 3/11	Joshua Kocher 3/20	Kasey Hoth 3/27
	Libby Urick 3/12	Daniel Fox, Sr. 3/21	Debbie Ceccarelli 3/29



****Please Volunteer to Help ****

March 17 - 6-7:30 Meeting at the Manse

March 24 - 6-7:30 Meeting at the Manse

March 31 – EASTER Sunday



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- Diane Gennaro–Prayers for Diane who got a shot in her back on Tuesday
 - Ken Jones–He lost a friend this past week. Prayers of comfort for family of John
 - Karen Keller– Thank you to everyone for prayers, etc. Bob is now at Villa St. Joseph.
 - Ivonne Markish–Prayers of thanksgiving that surgery went well for neighbor's granddaughter
 - Rayna Knox–Continued prayers for students at Lincoln Park.
 - Jen Davis–Prayers of healing for Evelyn Lawson who broke her wrist. She may need surgery.
 - Lynn Smith–A friend has family in Gaza. Prayers for food aid.
 - Jen Davis–Prayers of healing for her friend Darlene who fell and broke her hip. She had surgery

I would like to thank the congregation for all of their prayers, cards, and kind words of sympathy on the recent passing of my brother. Your show of sympathy and caring touched my heart and gave me comfort during this difficult time.

Patti Strominger

Home Communions

Would you like to receive Home Communion because you were unable, for any reason, to come to church when communion was served? Please call the church office by April 14 and someone will contact you to make the arrangements. The office number is 724-378-3690.

Solar Eclipse at Camp Lambec

Friday, April 5-Monday, April 8

Camp Lambec
13110 Old Lake Road
East Springfield, PA 16430

Come for the weekend or come for the day. The eclipse is scheduled to occur between 3 and 4 pm on Monday, April 8—come early and stay late. Activities will be offered including faith explorations, crafts, games, biking and relaxing. Lodging and meals are available for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. See bulletin board in Narthex for more information.

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 13
10am to noon
Lunch following

Camp Run Church
489 Church Road,
Harmony

Meals on Wheels (Zelienople), a mission project supported by Camp Run Church, will be highlighted. Pat Vagias will speak on CEED (Christian East African & Equatorial Development Trust) a mission project supported by North Sewickley Church. Donation for lunch is \$10. Reservations are appreciated by Monday, April 8 by calling 724-758-2053 or emailing cpcnew2@aol.com More information on bulletin boards.

Summer Camp Scholarships

The Ohio Church offers scholarship support for our young people attending Christian Summer Camps. Now is the perfect time to explore a camping experience as you plan your summer!! One week at camp can transform a lifetime. While we encourage you to explore any of the following Presbyterian camps, this is not an exclusive list. Western Pennsylvania has many wonderful Christian camping opportunities.

Camp Lambec, on the shores of Lake Erie; camplambec.com

Ligonier Camp, Pastor Bob's alma mater; ligoniercamp.org

Camp Crestfield, near Slippery Rock; crestfieldcc.org

Pine Springs Camp, near Jennerstown; pinesprings.org