



March 3 through March 9, 2024

Dear Friends in Faith,

In today's Lenten devotional writer, Terri Ott, contemplates her local public library's generosity in dealing with overdue books. They eliminated late fees during the pandemic and decided not to reinstate them.

When Terri asked why this policy carried forward the librarian shrugged, "Why not?"



Terri, who acknowledges being chronically late in returning books wrote, "Is trusting people to return books enough to hold people accountable? I, for one, felt more inspired by my library's generosity than by the negative consequence of any late fee.

She contemplates, "what might our society might be like if we lived and worked and set policies based on the belief that people can be trusted — that books borrowed will be returned, that trust begets more trust, that grace begets more grace, that generosity begets more generosity?"

Hers is a good question for church and community alike. To live and act and set policies built on trust!

We, in the Presbyterian Church USA are a connectional community of churches. Our connectionalism (is that a word?) is a trust based system. When the Ohio Church calls someone to be an elder or a deacon and ordains them to that office they carry that ordination with them, should they depart from here and join another PCUSA church. When a pastor is ordained by one Presbytery they are now able to serve in any of our churches across the nation.

Together we are stronger. To that end I want to take a moment here, early in the year, to encourage us each to do our part in sharing the support of the denomination across our Presbytery, our Synod and the General Assembly. The apportionment (per-capita) for 2024, the portion each member is asked to pay to support our life together, is \$44.20.

\$32.00 supports Presbytery infrastructure necessary for mission in Beaver and Butler Counties

\$2.40 supports the Synod of the Trinity, which consists of 16 Presbyteries across Pennsylvania and parts of West Virginia and Ohio

\$9.80 supports the Office of General Assembly, connecting us with over 10,000 congregations across our country.

I trust we'll each strive to do our part. It's the generous thing to do. Thank you!

with joy in our journey, pastor bob



Worship

- We gather for worship Sundays at 10am
- 115 in worship on March 3
- Choir rehearsal, Thursdays at 7pm
- Communion is on March 10

Congregational Care

- **SPRING AHEAD** to Daylight Savings Time this weekend
- 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.
- **Ruth Circle** is starting a new study "Women in the New Testament". Our first meeting is Wednesday, March 13 at 1:00pm in the Library. All women are welcome to attend. If you need a study book, call Karen Keller at 724-378-9278
- **Lenten Bible Study** is on Wednesday, March 13; 5:30 for dinner, 6:30 for study
- **Deborah Circle Bible Study** will be meeting on March 18 at 6:30pm

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
- Property Meeting is on Monday, March 11 at 6:30pm

Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 10 AM

The Passion Story in Scripture and Song

Maundy Thursday Communion

March 28, 7 PM

At Concord Church with friends from New SEwickley,
One in Christ and the Ohio Presbyterian Churches

Easter Alleluias

March 31, 10 AM

Celebrating the Joy of Our Risen Lord



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.





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	Betty Solinski 3/25
	Brenlee Knox 3/4	Harper Shaffer 3/14	Evelyn Cagnon 3/27
	Savannah McLynden 3/9	Rich Palmer 3/16	Kasey Hoth 3/27
	Michael Duganich 3/11	Daniel Fox Sr. 3/21	Debbie Ceccarelli 3/29
	Libby Urick 3/12	Casey Honess 3/23	

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17



- Martha Piroli, a long-time member of OUP who resides at the Masonic Village, recently suffered a stroke and is currently in the skilled nursing unit. Thoughts and prayers would be appreciated for Martha who turned 94 on February 22.
- The Deacons–Thank you to Ava Diccio for serving as a Deacon. May God bless and guide her as she finishes her senior year of High School and prepares to enter college in the fall.
- Ivonne Markish–Manager’s granddaughter is having a brain tumor removed.
- Dawn Psik is meeting with the radiologist to work out treatment plan
- Peggy Franzese–Joy that her grandson is here. Prayers for Peggy’s hip pain. She had a shot on Friday which has relieved the pain she has experienced for 3 years.
- John Martin–Prayers for Bob Keller who fell last week and is in Allegheny General.
- Prayers for family of Maude Williams who passed.
- Prayers for Patti Strominger and family on loss of her brother.
- Prayers for the students at Lincoln Park who lost 2 students to suicide last week.
- Prayers of healing for Evelyn Lawson who fell and broke her right wrist

Home Communion

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 March 9 and someone will contact you to make the arrangements. The office number is 724-378-3690.



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

March 10 - 6-7:30 Meeting at the Manse

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

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

March 31 – EASTER Sunday