



April 7 through April 13, 2024



Dear Friends in Faith,

A happy Eastertide to you all...what a joy filled worship we had on Easter morning. You filled the church with alleluias to the Risen Lord!

The days after Easter are normally very quiet in the church office. This week is no exception. It's a time to catch up on notes I've left myself during the final stretch of Lent and the fullness of Holy week. One of those was to look through some books Shirley had left for us on a shelf in the choir room. I came upon a sweet little collection of devotionals by Howard Kershner, a native of Kansas. He was an American economist, businessman, author, and children's welfare advocate. To Shirley for her sweetness and to Howard for a 1954 devotional, go a nod.



Have you ever watched donuts being made? In college we would occasionally find ourselves at 'Druber's, in Newton, Kansas, in the wee hours of the morning as the first donuts of the day came out of the fryers. They rolled out onto cooling conveyors soon to be dropped and rolled in sugar or drizzled with glaze...more sweetness. Donuts are good most anytime, but there is something about one that is still warm in the middle. Melt in your mouth yum!

A donut leaves a trail of sweetness wherever it goes...on a server's wax paper...a napkin...our fingers and lips. One might wonder if God could make us all like sugared donuts—sweet without having to do anything...just be. Might be a tall order for some stern type A sorts. Still, what would our world, God's world, be like if we all acquired a bit of capacity to leave behind a trail of sweetness?

What if every person we met felt a little sweeter or happier after our contact? What an enormous grace gift to a world in which there is too much bitterness, suffering and hardship. A smile, a pleasant word, a kind generosity, forgiveness, each a part of the answer to someone's challenge. No, we can't sweeten the whole world but we can leave a distinct trail in our neighborhood in these days of Eastertide.

with joy, pastor bob



Worship

- We gather for worship Sundays at 10am
- 189 in worship on March 31, Easter Sunday
- 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 continues at 10am on Wednesdays
- **An Exploring Membership** class will be held April 7 & 14 following worship. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall with child care provided. If you are interested please speak with Pastor Bob or Elder John Martin
- Ruth Circle Bible Study is on April 10 at 1pm
- Deborah Circle Bible Study is on April 15 at 6:30pm

Missions

Operations

- March YTD expenses– \$54,157 & YTD receipts-\$45,076
- Property Meeting is on April 15 at 6:30pm

Human Trafficking–The Asservo Project

A seminar on modern-day slavery
 New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church
 183 New Bethlehem Church Road, Aliquippa
 April 7 @1pm

Learn what HUMAN TRAFFICKING is, where it is and what you can do. Ask questions and learn from local experts. Appropriate for teens through adults. For more information, please visit theasservoproject.org
 Or contact blutz@theasservoproject.org Church Office: 724-378-3751

Asservo Tipline

Call or text
 877-SAVE994
 (877-728-3994)





Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
Michael & Crystal Saxon 4/13	Holly Diccio 4/1	Logan Palochak 4/9	James Williams 4/20
John & Bonnie Martin 4/14	Ivonne Markish 4/1	Doug Murdoch 4/11	Jason Arzberger 4/21
Chris & Denise Mathias 4/25	Jeff Davis 4/2	Denise Mathias 4/16	Nathan Burak 4/24
Kenneth & Patti Strominger 4/30	Jason Cagnon 4/9	Donna Olexick 4/18	Paul Magee 4/27
	Evelyn Lawson 4/9	Hannah Lanctot 4/20	

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 16:11

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.

225th Anniversary T-Shirt Sale

We're looking forward to celebrating OUP's 225th anniversary this year! To kick things off, we're having a t-shirt sale! These super soft tees are available in red, grey and a sapphire blue. You may mix colors on your order. Sizes are from Toddler to 3XL. All will be imprinted on the left chest with OUP's logo, name and 1799-2024. The back will showcase our mission statement: "Loving God. Loving neighbors. Helping our neighbors to love God."

Cash or checks made out to Ohio U.P. please. Deadline to order is April 21. Don't miss out!

See Jen Davis with any questions.



CELEBRATE OHIO U.P.'s 225TH ANNIVERSARY

WITH A NEW T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER!!

Please indicate which colors and sizes you need per the information below. You may mix colors and sizes on one order. Orders will be collected until April 21st. Cash or checks accepted. Please make checks payable to Ohio United Presbyterian Church and indicate t-shirts on the memo line. All orders must be paid in full before production will begin. Please contact Jen Davis with questions.

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*TODDLER \$17 each QTY RED GREY BLUE

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5T_____:_____/_____/_____/_____/_____

6T_____:_____/_____/_____/_____/_____

*YOUTH \$18 each QTY RED GREY BLUE

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ADULT S-XL \$20, 2XL \$21, 3XL \$23

QTY RED GREY BLUE

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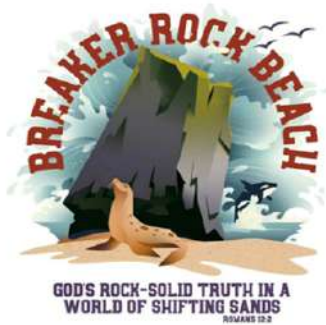
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Vacation Bible School

@Ohio United Presbyterian Church

June 10th-June 14th

9:30am-12pm

Age 4 – Finishing 5th Grade



Register Today!

At ohiopresbyterian.org/vacation-bible-school-vbs
or find a link on our Facebook page
(Ohio United Presbyterian Church)

Volunteers welcome! (finishing 6th grade and up)

Adults must have clearances

Contact casey.honess@gmail.com

to volunteer!

VBS Decoration Donations Update

UPDATED! Thank you for all the cardboard donations! I believe we now have enough cardboard for the decorations for VBS this year. I am still collecting BROWN shipping paper. The shipping paper can be brought to church and placed in the collection box located in the cry room.

I am looking for 2-3 Christmas trees (all shapes and sizes) to use for decorating. Also, a small pup tent (child size would be best).

Please contact Christina Palmer, rpalmer79@comcast.net, for the larger items so she can arrange pick up or drop off.

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