



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

May 19 through May 25, 2024



Dear Friends in Faith,

Being connected to the Ohio Church family is a great joy in many ways. One of the deep pleasures of serving as a pastor is meeting those who, for a wide variety of reasons, suddenly appear in our midst on Sunday morning. 2024 has brought a very interesting group of new faces into our worshiping community. On April 21 the session received them with gladness. This Tuesday the confirmands were also welcomed! On Pentecost Sunday, the 19th, we'll introduce all of these wonderful folks in worship!

We have two confirmands this year:

William Arzberger, son of Jason & Gina
Emma Diccico, daughter of William & Holly

I am deeply grateful for Peggy Franzese who led the confirmation class from Ohio in collaboration with students and leaders from four neighboring Presbyterian churches.

Our adult new members are:

Joe & Dana Gavita and two year old Harper
Ray & Peggy Atwell
Casey Atwell
Chelsea (Atwell) & Dylan Winkle and newborn son Wyatt
Richard Young
Tracy Simmon
Missy Sardo
Michael Kamenski

Now, your job is to get to know these folks a bit and here are just a few clues. On Sunday you'll have time during the Fellowship meal to love on everyone in true Ohio UPC fashion. The Deacons invite everyone to share lunch together after worship!

In this group we have new parents, some who grew up attending Ohio Church, a retired airline stewardess, a carpenter, some with non-Presbyterian backgrounds, a firefighter, some with grown children, new grandparents, retirees, one came on Christmas-Eve and just kept coming back! What binds them together? Each is a person of faith, a child of God, and now a member of the Ohio church family. Welcome...welcome...welcome!

with joy in our journey, pastor bob



Worship

- We gather for worship Sundays at 10am
- 78 in worship on May 12
- Communion on May 19
- Adult baptism, recognition of graduates, presentation of confirmands, and presentation of new members are on May 19
- Choir rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, May 23

Congregational Care

- Children's Sunday School, for children 3 yrs. old – 6th grade, following the Children's Chat in worship
- Fellowship Luncheon provided by Deacons following worship this Sunday, May 19
- No Children's Sunday School on May 26
- Women's Association is meeting on June 3 at 6:30pm

Missions

- Manna is on Tuesday, May 28. If you are able to bake a cake, to help serve or to help clean up let Linda Duganich know. Her phone number is 724-622-7929 or her email address is lindaduganich@gmail.com. Servers need to be at the House of Prayer Church by 5:15 and those that can help clean up should be there by 5:45.

Operations

- April YTD expenses– \$73,056 & YTD receipts-\$64,799
- Property Meeting is on June 3 at 6:30pm

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost

On Pentecost, as we celebrate the gift of the Spirit, our worship will be filled with celebrations of God's love as we receive our confirmands, recognize new adult members, have a Baptism and join together at the Lord's Table for Communion. Everyone is invited to wear red on Pentecost Sunday and to join the church family for lunch following worship. The Deacons will be serving ham barbecue, pasta salad, coleslaw and cake.

Our church secretary, Nancy Connell, will be on a well deserved vacation May 20-24. The office will be covered on an as needed basis. Pastor Bob will be here Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-2





<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
Lois & Kenneth Kearns 5/3	Michaela Knox 5/7	Kim Hughes 5/20	Victoria Guiney 5/28
Lynn & William Smith 5/11	Shelley Summy 5/8	Jeff Barth 5/21	Chris Mathias 5/29
Simon & Megan Hunsberger 5/14	Jack Nan 5/9	Wendi Rybicki 5/22	Mark Mitchll 5/29
Michael & Linda Duganich 5/15	Bryan Magee 5/10	Ed Lawson 5/24	Sofia Cronin 5/31
Paul & Karin Magee 5/29	Dolly Kerlin 5/15	Jacob Lawson 5/26	Ava Diccico 5/31
	JoAnne Polizotto 5/15	Nick Hoth 5/27	Patrick Smith 5/31
	Ray Atwell 5/19	Robert Hurni 5/27	

*The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me: your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands*

Psalms 138:8

A Request and an Encouragement

Our church's custodian, Monica Ward, is one of those behind the scenes folk who make the life of the Ohio UPC family better in many respects. We want you to get to know her a little better and also, if you are able, help with her, and our, request.

We asked Monica to tell us a little bit about herself...so so interesting!

Family: One living sibling, One husband, 3 adult children, 3 grandbabies (a great joy and undeserved blessing!) One 20 year old cat, spoiled and very whiney and causes awful allergy symptoms, but still much loved and quite a model of a survived-9-lives cat!

A rewarding experience: 3 Trips to visit aunts, uncle and cousins in the Slovak republic, a wish finally granted to no other sibling but me, partly because of money, but also the Iron Curtain, and having done so with great encouragement, patience, and help from my dear husband, my long-distance tour guide!

Hobbies: light gardening, listening to audible books or music or educational programs on the radio, occasional stitchery or crafting, and learning new ways of recycling and repurposing our abundance of "stuff" to help the environment.

I enjoy: nuances of different languages and cultures and comparing them to their origins, and also fun facts or trivia about all sorts of things like science, history, rock music, sitcoms, comedy, etc. even grammar!

Fun fact about me: I like almost all foods, sweet, savory or salty, (exceptions may be peppers, rock candy) I've never enjoyed driving or amusement park rides, and high speeds scare me! I used to enjoy jump rope including double dutch, ice skating and roller skating, and won a medal for hopscotch in Summer recreation when 10 years old.

I do not "like" to clean, but appreciate the immediate outcome of tidying up and scrubbing and sanitizing for all who are in a home/building.

Monica's final line brings us to the request. We'd like you, the congregation, to come alongside Monica in helping us find a substitute/back-up custodian. Someone who is not afraid to get a little sweaty, run a mop or vacuum and see the little things that need attention. Monica refers to her work among us as caring for this worship community and its building...having a stake in keeping it spruced up...sort of maintaining the 'temple,' if you will.

We ask you to spread the word around to help us in finding a partner for those occasions when Monica wants or needs a break. Let anyone on the personnel committee know if you, or someone you've chatted with might be interested.

Thanks in advance, Chris Otto, Nancy Lucas, Wendy Dameron & Pastor Bob



Living water, please quench
my soul today with your

**truth,
wisdom,
comfort,
love.**

Amen.

Gala For Good

Annual Purse and Cash Bash

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

5:30 - GENERAL ADMISSION
6:45 RAFFLES BEGIN

SEVEN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB
132 LISBON ROAD
BEAVER, PA. 15009

CASH BAR & BAKE SALE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

*Over \$10,000
Cash & Prizes*

*Live Music from
Ben Brosche &
Friends*

VIP Ticket \$65

INCLUDES:
EARLY ADMISSION TO EVENT AT 5PM
SPECIAL \$100 CASH VIP
ONLYDRAWING
FIRST CHOICE OF SEATING
GOURMET DINNER BUFFET
25 CHANCES FOR PURSE AND CASH
RAFFLE
ONLY 100 VIP TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

General Admission Ticket \$55

INCLUDES:
GOURMET DINNER BUFFET
25 CHANCES FOR PURSE AND CASH
RAFFLE

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A 501(c)3 non-profit that alleviates hunger through building
relationships in Aliquippa and surrounding communities





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

April 7 – 6-7:30 Meeting at the Manse

April 14 – 6:00 – 8:00 Flag Football at the Manse

April 21 – 6-7:30 Meeting at the Manse

April 28 – No Youth Group last Confirmation Class

May 5 – 6-7:30 Meeting at the Manse

May 12 – Mother's Day – No YG Meeting

May 19 – 6-7:30 Meeting at the Manse

May 26 – Activity (last meeting till September)

We will be planning a few fun things over the summer
(Pirate Game, Sand Castle, Stadium Tour, Escape Room)