



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

May 5 through May 11, 2024



Dear Friends in Faith,

The weather's turned warmer and the generous rains of April have begun to dry up. The garden needs to be tilled this week as ChrisAnn's seedlings have migrated from the grow stand to the front porch where I sit and write to you this beautiful morning. Planting seeds in the earth, watching them grow from something so tiny to large plants that fill our tables with overflowing bounty, is one of the joys of gardening.

Church leadership can be a little bit that way, too. Teachers plant seeds of faith each week as they prepare and present a lesson, be it on Sunday, Wednesday or some other appointed hour. I am delighted in the variety of teachers that the Ohio church family counts among our number. Deacons plant seeds of hope when they visit or send cards to those on their extra-care list. Ohio church is blessed and strengthened by these dedicated and caring folks. Elders plant seeds in many ways through creative worship or vibrant programs that encourage members in their faith.

One program that I mentioned a couple of weeks ago during the Children's Chat was the concept of becoming a Creation Care or Earth Care congregation. There seems to be a generally 'good vibe' here at the Ohio church when it comes to thinking carefully about how we use resources and care for God's world, our world. I also know that signing on to a program takes some time, prayer, thoughtful reflection and discussion. Perhaps, as you move forward, this little note might be a seed of encouragement in that direction. I hope that in some way this seed of being an 'Earth Care Congregation' might flourish. Signing on, I believe, helps us grow.

with joy in our journey, pastor bob

Earth Care Pledge

Our **worship** and discipleship will celebrate God's
grace and glory in creation.

Our **education** will encourage and support each other
in keeping and healing the creation.

Our **facilities** will be managed, maintained,
and upgraded to respect and cherish all creation.

Our **outreach** will encourage community involvement
and public policy to protect and restore the earth



Worship

- We gather for worship Sundays at 10am
- 103 in worship on April 28
- Choir rehearsal is tentatively scheduled on Wednesday, May 8 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
- **The Womens and Girls Tea** will be Sunday, May 5, following worship

Missions

Operations

- March YTD expenses– \$54,157 & YTD receipts-\$45,076
- **Spring Work Day** is on Saturday, May 4 at 9am. Lots of jobs at lots of skill levels. Donuts will be provided.
- Property Meeting is on May 6 at 6:30pm





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Birthdays and Anniversaries

<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	

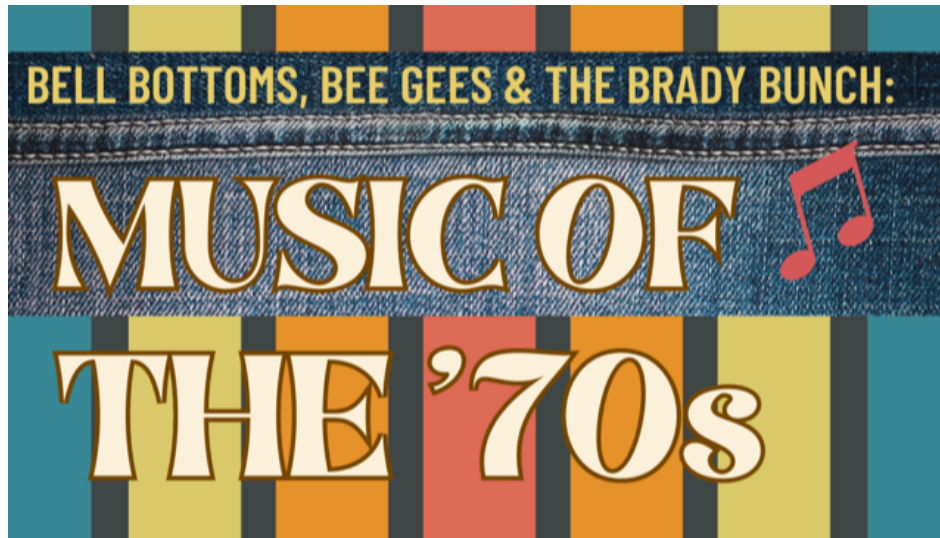
I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy.

Philippians 1:3-4



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- Jeff Davis—Prayers of comfort Rick Clew’s family on the loss of his father.
- Rich Kerlin—Prayers of healing for his brother, Bob, who has Stage 4 cancer.
- Ray and Paggy Atwell—Joy for new grandson, Wyatt Ray Winkle
Parents are Dylan & Casey Winkle
- Tammy Hall—Joy to be at OUPC preaching this past Sunday.
- Prayers for the Kerlin family on the passing of Rich’s brother.

An Invitation from the Goossen's:



Let's Get Retro!

Bell bottoms, Bee Gees and the Brady Bunch: Music of the '70s

Are you ready to get groovy with PCC?
This year's pops concert is "Bell Bottoms, Bee Gees
And the Brady Bunch: Music of the '70s"

**Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 pm,
Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 pm,
Ingomar Church**

Visit www.PCCsing.org for tickets

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

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TICKETS ON SALE AT
[GIVEBUTTER.COM/2024GALAforGood](https://givebutter.com/2024GALAforGood)



All Proceeds Benefit Healing Hunger Beaver County.
A 501(c)3 non-profit that alleviates hunger through building
relationships in Aliquippa and surrounding communities



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.

Summer Camp Scholarships

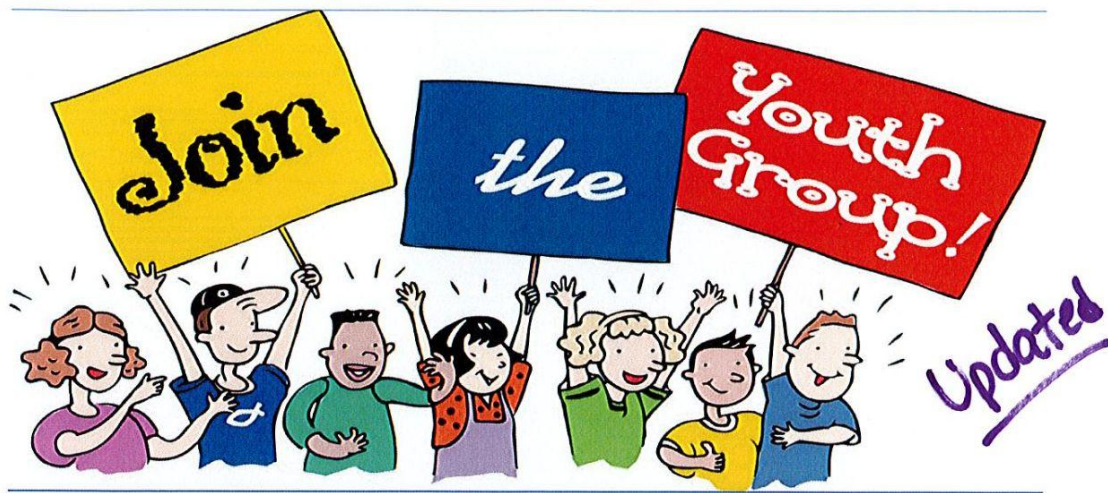
The Ohio Church offers scholarship support for our young people attending Christian Summer Camps. Now is the perfect time to explore a camping experience as you plan your summer!! One week at camp can transform a lifetime. While we encourage you to explore any of the following Presbyterian camps, this 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 near Jennerstown; pinesprings.org



****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

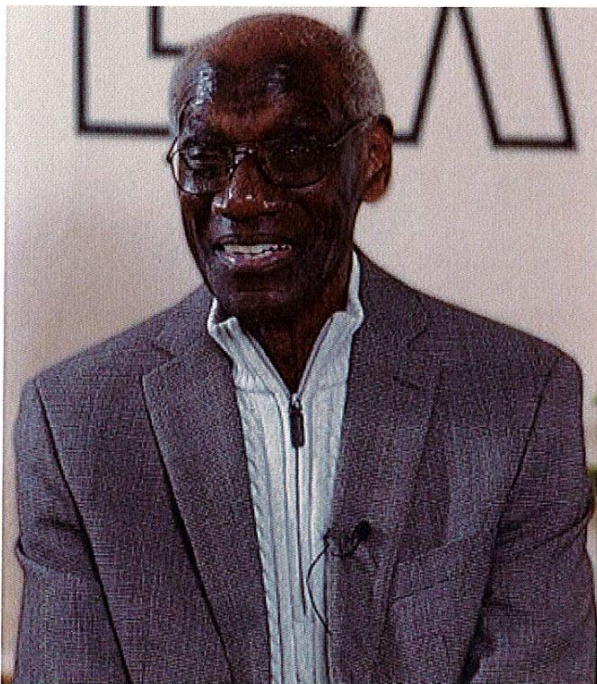
May 12 – Mother's Day – No YG Meeting

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)

Inclusion and Diversity Awareness Council (IDAC)
A Unity Conference for Faith-Based Leaders!
Living-Working-Playing-Learning
Together!



Donald E. Sheffield, Ed. D.
A Fundamental Approach for
Unity among our Faith Community.
Why We Can't Wait Any Longer"

Friday, May 17, 2024

Community College of Beaver County

Library room 9103 (Lower Level)

8:00 am to Noon

Special Music by Unity Choir

RSVP by May 10th to:

Jen@midland.center

Light Refreshments Available

This presentation will focus on how the faith-based community can play a key role in bringing about unity in America, by understanding the "practices and skills" necessary for all people live in harmony. Special emphasis will be placed on having a culturally competent nation that requires everyone to be able to "interact with each other, regardless of our differences, in a positive way". It is especially designed for leaders of our various faith based organizations, to recognize the importance of the fundamental themes, practices and skills that foster unity and "Do No Harm by Actions, Words, or Thoughts". Equity is a leadership issue for all organizations, of which everyone can benefit, if we understand its value to America, in creating a high performing nation.

Dr. Sheffield provides extensive training in equity leadership for schools, businesses, social service organizations, law enforcement, government, health care, families, and faith organizations. He is the founder and president of TAME Inc. (Techniques Assisting Motivation and Excellence). "Excellence has a culture and we all can grow together, if we understand the practice and competencies necessary for high performance".

Dr. Sheffield serves as the education consultant and cultural competency trainer for Beaver County Behavioral Health and the system of care. His faith, academic experience, family background, and athletic history, has given him a unique perspective on practices and skills that allow us to Live-Work-Play, and Learn Together.