



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

June 30 through July 6, 2024



Dear Friends in Faith,

Thank you for the blessing of a week of vacation which we had scheduled early in the year. ChrisAnn and I camped at Ohiopyle where the temps were not quite as hot and steamy as here in the valley. As they say, a hot week camping is better than a cool week in the office. We enjoyed biking along the Yough on the old railroad bed, now a beautifully maintained trail. One morning we hiked up Meadow Run where we could pause to drench our feet in the mountain waters rushing by. Evenings cooled enough to have a s'mores fire and listen to the whistle of the night train going up the far side of the river. Starting home, no matter the campground, ChrisAnn says without fail, "I don't wanna go, I like it here."

As I embark on my final week of 'full-time' ministry in your midst and look ahead to the middle of July my heart echoes her words, at least the final phrase. There are lots of mixed feelings as together we lean into the reality of what the next weeks hold. Earlier this month someone, who knew their summer schedule was taking them away on weekends, took time to say a 'good-bye.' Some of these feelings were brought home by gracious notes as I marked yet another birthday. Thank you! Most, I'm guessing, are connected to the deep love God has blessed us with for the living of these days.



An important part of concluding a pastoral relationship in a healthy way is taking time to say our good-byes. I know we are in the middle of summer and people will be on vacations and having family reunions and other obligations that will make attendance at church irregular. I understand there will be an opportunity following worship on July 14 (my last Sunday) to celebrate together. If you are unable to be here for that, I hope you'll spend a moment along the way to share a hug.

As to my schedule in July, I'll be shifting to half-time, again something that was planned early in the year before Pastor Kalyn's dossier arrived for the PNC to review. I'll be here at the church on Sundays and Tuesdays while working from home Monday & Wednesday mornings. As always, should an emergency need arise I'm just a phone call away. Between July 15 and

August 4 Pastor Dick Klein will be available for those emergency calls.

faithfully yours, pastor bob



Worship

- We gather for worship Sundays at 10am
- 76 in worship on June 23

Congregational Care

- No Children's Sunday School this Sunday
- Ruth Circle is on July 10 at 1pm
- **SAVE THE DATE**—Sunday, October 27 for a special service celebrating our 225th birthday with a delicious meal following the service

Missions

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Operations

- May YTD expenses— \$88,727 & YTD receipts-\$77,882

Painting at the Manse

We have a new pastor coming to Ohio UP Church at the beginning of August! We have already met Pastor Kalyn and will provide her family with the use of the Manse as her home. In order to make her and her family feel more welcome as she assumes pastoral duties, we have noted what changes she would like in the decor of the Manse. Most of the requests involve washing walls and painting rooms. The paint needed to effect these changes has been purchased and has already been placed in the Manse. We will need volunteers from the congregation to wash and paint these walls. Feel free to contact Charles Hendrick (724) 203-4914 or Wendi Rybicki for further information. Also, watch Flocknote for painting announcements.

225 YEARS A CELEBRATION

Ohio United Presbyterian Church is 225 years old this year! So whether you have been a church member for 69 years like me or just a few months, we are all a part of the family of God. Through this 225th year, we will have events to celebrate that birthday culminating in a special service followed by a celebratory luncheon on October 27. Mark that date on your calendar and plan to be here!

We are ALL part of our church's history! What can you add? First, get out a sheet of paper, a note card or even a paper grocery bag and write down any church memories you have from the last 25 years. They may be something you did like noticing the smiles on over 100 kids' faces in VBS this year where you served as helper and loved it! It can be something changed in our building – like the addition of the elevator to the side entrance of the sanctuary. I have a special attachment to that. Pastor Nick had me test the elevator the last time it was supposedly totally “fixed”. He said as I got on, “If it doesn't break for you, then we know everyone's safe!” The elevator and I have a history, you see!

So send in your memories – either give them to me, email them to Nancy in the church office or just leave them on the table in the narthex. Remember even if you just joined the church and had your baby baptized here, that is 2 memories right there! We want to hear from you.

Also as a part of the celebration, I will occasionally be adding Birthday 225 Notes that will be tidbits about the church history from the very beginning. See you next time. Lynn Smith

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<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
Drew & Janis Lewis 7/5	Michael Kamenski 7/1	Chris Otto 7/9	Miles Rastetter 7/22	Jennifer Davis 7/30
Susan & Edward Burak 7/7	Irene Gartley 7/2	Alexander Colesar 7/14	Nick Feszko 7/23	Jessica McCowin 7/30
Michele & Scott Riddle 7/7	Jack Gennaro 7/4	Kendal Smith 7/14	Christina Palmer 7/24	
Jessica & Marcus McCowin 7/9	Bonnie Martin 7/6	Dylan Winkle 7/14	Rose Honess 7/25	
Roger & Belinda Nolte Jr. 7/9	Joshua Magee 7/7	Mark Olexick 7/15	Susan Palochak 7/25	
Andrea & Kenneth Tamburrino 7/10	Brittany McLinden 7/7	William Diccio 7/17	Chelsea Winkle 7/25	
Rayna & Michael Knox 7/11	Janice Adamski 7/8	Steven Ward 7/17	Alexa Burak 7/28	

ohio UP excitedly awaits

Pastor Kalyn Stewing and her family

Felix, Miguel, and Emilio who arrive in August.





Please keep the following in prayer this week:

- Dawn Psik–Prayers for sister, Susan. I took her to the ER on June 20 with chest discomfort/pressure and other symptoms. After running a lot of test, they determined it is not heart related. Told to follow up with her PCP and see a gastro doc. They did give her meds to help with the discomfort. Prayers that the meds give her some relief and that this all turns out to be nothing serious.

General Assembly in Salt Lake City

The 226th meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA will be held from June 25-July 4, 2024. Initial committee meetings will be held in a virtual format from June 25-27 and then commissioners will gather in-person in Salt Lake City June 29-July 4. Commissioners from Beaver-Butler Presbytery are Elder Kerry Dowdy and Rev. David Paul and our Youth Advisory Delegate is Kemp Clow. Please be in prayer for this year's GA meetings as together the commissioners discern action on overtures that will continue to shape and reshape our broader denomination.

Kingdom Week 2024

An in-town summer mission trip with an
out-of-town feel
July 14 – 19

Mt. Carmel EPC sponsors this mission in Aliquippa where groups work with individual homeowners on home improvement projects.

There are several ways to get involved from home repair to music or to kitchen help.

You can participate for the whole week or just part of it.

The day starts with breakfast at 7:30 followed by a brief worship service, then it is departure for the work sites until 4pm. Dinner is served at 5 followed by an evening activity.

It is a time to practice what we believe Kingdom living will be like - a continuous time of service, praise, and fellowship.

You can follow this link to sign up...

https://files.mychurchwebsite.net/c4601/kingdom_week_participant_application_2024_1.pdf

