



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

August 4 through August 10, 2024



Dear Ohio Church friends,

Our guest preacher this Sunday is the Reverend Tom Harmon. He serves as the Executive Presbyter of Beaver Butler Presbytery. He is passionate about following God's direction of bringing all things and all people closer to God and each other. Tom is married to the Rev. Kelley Angleberger, Pastor of Clinton Presbyterian Church in Sarver. Tom and Kelley have five energetic children: Austin (13), Clare (11), Abigail (8), Shepherd (6) and William (2).



Buckhorn Kentucky Mission July 2024 Trip Report

Eleven Presbyterian Church members journeyed west to the town of Buckhorn, Kentucky to assist a sister church and the local school district to address flood damage and provide logistical support. In 2022, a creek that flows thru the town overflowed its banks and inflicted severe damage to nearby buildings. One building that was severely damaged was the Buckhorn School that is in the flood plain and has not been operational since. A Presbyterian Church, the “Log Cathedral” had its basement flooded. The place where we stayed, the Bunk House, had just been made operational. Its basement appeared to be damaged still and previously served as a home for troubled youth. The flooding has a human cost as well. The students spent two hours each day commuting to the Hazard School that was the closest operational school. Initially the plan was to help move school supplies into the school or help prepare the classrooms for use. Unfortunately, the contractor was still heavily involved in rehabilitating the building and we were not permitted on the school property.

Our mission plan changed as a result. Over the past two years, donations of school supplies had been placed in a former airplane hangar that was loaned to the school district. Our first goal was to sort through the donations and organize them by type of school supplies. Almost all the items were on top of a 30’ by 30’ helicopter pad and stacked shoulder high. In about 4 hours, we had moved, organized, re-boxed and labeled the storage boxes. Our school district liaison, Judy, was very surprised how quickly we were able to organize the supplies. Our second goal was to provide a day camp for the students who were to attend the school next month. Our format was to sing with them for a half hour; then discuss a pamphlet that addressed the problems of kids in touch places for a half hour. We then guided them in a craft activity for a half hour. That was followed with a half hour of games. Lunch concluded the day camp. We conducted this day camp for three days.

Our next major effort was to move the school supplies from the airplane hangar to the gymnasium that is about a quarter mile from the school. We removed the rear bench seats from the van to increase the amount of materials we could move. Seven of us were involved in this effort, and the remaining four of us cleaned out one section of the basement under the “Log Cathedral”. Our church liaison, Jim, was very pleased with our efforts.

We were invited to a special dinner with some recovered addicts that had graduated from a local recovery program. A few of us visited a woman who was fighting cancer and we laid hands on her and prayed over her.

It was not all toil! We did indulge in miniature golf, swimming and a dinner out. Another mission trip here next year is a distinct possibility. They are looking for believers who want to stretch their faith and work side by side.

Your Brother in Christ,

Charles

Blog: oldunion2024mission.blogspot.com

PICTURES FROM CHARLES' MISSION TRIP



BUCKHORN WATERFRONT



LOG CATHEDRAL





Worship

- We gather for worship Sundays at 10am
- 83 in worship on July 28
- Pastor Kalyn will be leading worship on August 11

Congregational Care

- Sunday School for Children 3 yr-6th grade during worship following Children's Chat
- **SAVE THE DATE**-Church Picnic and service at Hopewell Park, Shelter #3 on August 18 at 10am. Bring a covered dish to share and a chair.
- **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

- June YTD expenses- \$107,293 & YTD receipts-\$101,920
- Property Meeting will be on Monday, August 5 @6:30

WE CELEBRATE 225 YEARS!

Our first stop on our time line is where else but at the beginning. It is 1799. Waterways were an important mode of travel for incoming settlers. Mills and ferries dotted streams and rivers all over Western Pennsylvania. So it is no surprise that we find the initial worshipers of Ohio United Presbyterian known as the “Flaugherty’s Run” Congregation (according to old Associate and Reformed Presbyterian Church records). At that time people from many local farms congregated in an area barn for church services. This barn just happened to be near a stream that ran through the Flaugherty’s property. Records also state that Reverend William Wilson was the first minister for the Flaugherty’s Run Congregation, dividing his time among 3 churches. Elders would preach on the Sundays that Rev. Wilson was at another location. Keeping it all local, Rev. Wilson was a graduate of the Service Theological Seminary located near, you guessed it, our own Service Creek!

Beaver County records cite that in 1837, over 400 acres around the intersection of Longvue and Maratta Roads were transferred from the Scott and Veasy families to the Flaugherty’s Run Congregation. In this part of Beaver County, farms were very prosperous. The first sawmill in the area was started in Moon Township and a shipbuilding business was formed in Shousetown (now known as Wireton). All of this contributed to the location of the first church site for our congregation.

The road starting at the church property (now known as Longvue) ran all the way to the Ohio River where a ferry carried people and goods across to what is now Ambridge. Early church members thought “Ohio” was now a much better name for our congregation. Towns were few and far between so the small wooden church (built where the cemetery is now) was deemed to be the Ohio Congregation.

Now that we’ve touched on the beginning of our timeline, you can tell people why the Ohio United Presbyterian Church isn’t located in the state of Ohio! Next time, we will zip through the years to our next important stop—the 1950’s!

See you next time,

Lynn

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<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
Ryan & Katie Lewis 8/5	Alan Repman 8/3	Brooke Otto 8/13
Steven & Monica Ward 8/8	Fred Lech 8/4	Owen Smith 8/13
Andrew & Casey Honess 8/16	Breanna White 8/4	Leah Moreno 8/14
Homer & Shelley Summy 8/16	Kristy Otto 8/5	Slade McLynden 8/15
Corinna & Joe Petrella 8/22	Zbig Lachowicz 8/6	Keith English Sr. 8/18
Ken & Trevis Gregory 8/28	John Martin 8/9	Hayden Lewis 8/18
Dylan & Chelsea Winkle 8/28	Nancy Hribar 8/11	Shirley Fluharty 8/22
	Catherine Kapton 8/12	Ellen Davis 8/23
		Rachel Colesar 8/27

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Psalms 27:4



Please keep the following in prayer this week:

- Jen Davis–My nephew Corey is doing well. He has weekly biopsies to check for rejection and so far, there is none! They reduced his steroids as well. Thank you for your prayers.
- Missy Sardo–My friend's grandson, Elias who is 10 years old, has liver cancer.
- Marsha Douglass–My neighbor Cristy had a CAT scan on Monday to see if her cancer is gone.
- Kristi Otto–Prayers for the Bogacki family who lost the father and one child in a car accident. Another child is still in hospital.
- Charles Hendrick–Prayers of joy for a successful mission trip which he took to Kentucky to help with restoring from flood.
- Continued prayers for Pastor Bob's mother-in-law as he and ChrisAnn stay by her side.
- Megan Hunsberger- A joy that her sonogram on baby was good.
- Sharon Neville–Prayers for my dear friend Nola. She was in AGH with high blood pressure and released. They can't find what is causing it.
- Eleanor Pike and her brother, Michael–Prayers of comfort for their brother Wayne. His wife, Kerry, passed away on July 24 from cancer



***JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP
AT
A PIRATE BASEBALL GAME
Saturday August 24 –
6:40pm***

Fireworks Night

\$27.00*

****Includes a \$5.00 food coupon***

You need tickets: Call Peggy Franzese

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