



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

August 18 through August 24, 2024



Beloved,

Have you ever stepped outside and found yourself breathless looking at the beauty around you? I have, and every time it happens, I am still surprised.

When I was a teenager, I would go outside and lie down in the back of my dad's truck and stare up at the stars. Feeling the hard plastic of the bed liner at my back, I'd trace out Orion's belt, the Seven Sisters, and Cassiopeia and feel a sense of peace come over my soul. It was as if paying attention to those fifteen balls of gaseous light way up high could bring my racing thoughts, my teenage angst, back down to earth and plant my feet firmly on the ground again, reconnecting me with creation, allowing me to breathe in deeply the love of God and handle whatever comes next.

These days, I forget to stop and look up. I am running to and from the next things, and I often find myself in places full of light pollution, unable to catch a glimpse of those tiny dots of light anyway, so why bother? But, this past Sunday, I remembered to look up. I'm in a new area, after all, and I hadn't taken the time to look at the night sky here at the manse yet. Arriving home from a friend's house on Sunday evening, I paused, and looked up. And while I couldn't see my usual three anchors, I did find one of the dippers, and paused to give thanks for God's beautiful handiwork, that of the sky and in my life. I gave thanks for the almost five-year-old asleep with his head on my shoulder, my husband and sleeping 20-month-old that went into the house ahead of me, a congregation full of gracious folks who welcomed me as their new pastor earlier that day, and for a home where my family can thrive.

This week, as we prepare for worship at the park followed by the church picnic, I invite you to pause, whether in the day time, or the night time, and consider what element of creation draws you into deeper relationship to the Creator. See if you can spot a swallowtail butterfly flitting about the neighborhood, or perhaps a bunny or a squirrel foraging in the yard. Maybe it's a new flower on your tomato plant, or the soft rain that falls cleansing and nourishing the world around you.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Kalyn

Pastor Kalyn's Schedule

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Day	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	1:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Evening
Sunday	Worship		
Monday	Church Office		
Tuesday	Church Office	Pastoral Care	
Wednesday	Pastoral Care	Church Office	
Thursday	Sermon Writing Offsite, Available by PPhone/Email		
Friday	Sabbath, Off and Unavailable to Respond to Non-urgent Communication		
Saturday	Weekend, Off but Available by Phone/Email		

When there are evening meetings, she will take off either the morning or afternoon block to balance it out.



Worship

- We gather for worship Sundays at 10am
- 111 in worship on August 11
- Church Picnic and Service are at Hopewell Park, Shelter #3 at 10am. Remember to bring a dish to share and a comfortable chair.

Congregational Care

- No Sunday School for Children 3 yr–6th grade this Sunday
- No Sunday School on September 1
- RALLY DAY is on September 8
- [SAVE THE DATE–Women’s Retreat is on October 26th. Details to follow.](#)
- **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

- July YTD expenses– \$120,759 & YTD receipts-\$118,362



Pirates Game is on August 24 at 6:40. Any questions, get in touch with

Peggy Franzese at 724-622-5733

WE CELEBRATE 225 YEARS!

Our first stop on our timeline 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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AUGUST

Birthdays and Anniversaries

<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

***"For through wisdom, your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.
Proverbs 9:11***



- Jen Davis—Nephew Corey has had great biopsies! He is now allowed to drive, go out with a mask and most importantly, get hugs! Thank you for your prayers and please continue them.
- Donna Olexick—Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, etc. Feeling better but still a way to go.
- Dave Kocher—Longtime member, Martha Pirolli, has been put on hospice. She is still residing at Masonic Village and Ronnie is by her side.
- Diane Gennaro—Prayers for Jack as his cancer has returned.
- Eleanor Pike—Joy that Pastor Kalyn and family are here safe and sound.
- Nancy Hribar—My brother, Jerry, is still in trauma unit at AGH

Session Teams and Leads

Worship Team Lead: Gina Arzberger
Congregational Care Team Lead: John Martin
Missions Team Leads: Casey Honess/Rayna Knox
Operations Team Lead: Wendi Rybicki



Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 8 from 9am to 9:45am.

The choir will meet every Sunday until the performance of the musical on Sunday, December 8. They will meet in the downstairs Sunday School room. Youth in first through eighth grades are encouraged to join. Need not be a member to join.