



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

August 25 through August 31, 2024



Beloved,

As I write this, I can't help but reflect on my activities five years ago today. Five years ago on August 21, 2019, Miguel René Rivera-Stevwing was born and life hasn't been the same since.

It made me consider how God, our Heavenly Parent, might view some of the things we do, say, and learn. The worry God must feel when something goes awry, or the desire to grab us before we fall and skin our proverbial knee... And how God is present with us in those skinned knee moments, ready with open arms to hug us, to kiss our booboo, add a bandaid, and then teach us how we might avoid that injury going forward.

Being Miguel's mother, I know the pain, the tears, the exhaustion, the eye rolls, the sleepless nights that came before he was born, as he was born, and has come since he was born. I also know the fierceness of a mother hen protecting her chicks (Jesus says God is like that!), and the joy, laughter, and awe that comes with being Miguel's mother.

In truth, caring for Miguel and Emilio has brought me closer to God and deepened my faith in ways that I am still learning. And I believe this is not limited to parenting - I believe the closeness is one that comes with caring for and devoting time to the flourishing of creation.

Today I invite you to find time to connect with God in your caregiving - of other people, of your garden, of your animals... Imagine what God might see in those parts of creation. May you struggle with and delight in them together.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Kalyn

P.S. If you wonder what's happening at the manse on Sunday the 25th around 3pm, it is a birthday party for Miguel. You are welcome to stop by and say hello, but do not feel obligated. No gifts are necessary, unless you'd like to share your favorite book with our birthday boy.

P.P.S. Felix is going back to Illinois on Monday the 26th to retrieve the remainder of our belongings and to prepare our Illinois home to be sold. Pray for traveling mercies for Felix, and note the change in my office hours that come as a result of solo-parenting for a few days while he's away. I will still be reachable by phone/email even if I am not in the office!

Pastor Kalyn's Schedule

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Day	10:30 am - 12 pm	1:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Evening
Sunday	Worship		
Monday	Working from Home		
Tuesday	Church Office	Work from Home	
Wednesday	Working from Home		
Thursday	Sermon Writing Offsite, Available by Phone/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
- Communion is on September 8
- Choir practice resumes on August 29th

Congregational Care

- There is Sunday School for Children 3 yr–6th grade this Sunday
- No Sunday School on September 1
- Women’s Association Meeting is on September 3 at 6:30pm
- 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

SESSION TEAMS AND LEADS

Worship Team Lead: Gina Arzberger

Congregational Care Team Lead: John Martin

Mission Team Leads: Casey Honess/Rayna Knox

Operations Team Lead: Wendi Rybicki

WE CELEBRATE 225 YEARS

Well, are you out of breath from traveling along our church timeline? I promise to have more interesting facts for you as we travel further! So stay with me!

Last time I mentioned that we had acquired 400 acre tract of land thanks to the Scott and Veasy families. This wooded chunk of land already had a cemetery on it and only a few houses. So the location of the church was decided to be right beside the cemetery. If the church members changed their minds it was very easy to move the fairly large canvas tent church! Forget about air conditioning or even a floor. Well, that's what church members dealt with until 1830 when a new wooded church was built complete with a steeple and floors! On maps of the time, it was called the Ohio Meeting House or by some the "Little White Church".

Initially the pulpit was filled by ministers who often traveled great distances to preach. The first full time pastor was William Walker who was ordained in the "Little White Church" on November 24, 1839. Many other pastors shared the pulpit, their names are listed in the glass case with the rest of the memorabilia in our church library upstairs in the education wing.

By the early 1900's the Ohio Church held afternoon services as that was the only time pastors could come to fill our pulpit. Finally around 1947 Dr. Grant McKnight from Racoon Presbyterian Church took over as part time minister for our church and held services at 10 AM.

Serving as a student minister, under Dr. McKnight, was a young man named James A. Adair. He, his wife Darlene and their 2 children, John and Polly, would travel from Xenia, Ohio, go to church, and have lunch at members homes. At this time, the population of this area began to explode as steel mills had opened. Many nationalities poured in and housing plans popped up with names like Crestmont Village, Cochran Acres and Davidson Heights. Rev. Adair would bicycle around the communities, talking to people and inviting them to worship at the church at which he was now formally the minister.

So many people followed Rev. Adair's gospel call that it became obvious that a new larger church was needed. The members were called to raise \$100,00 to build the sanctuary. They made pledges and canvased the community. Organizations and churches helped. J & L Steel made a donation and Hopewell contractor Gavin McIntosh (he built Crestmont and Clearview) dug the foundation and marked the bill paid. The church served as its own contractor and a great deal of the work was done by the men and women who would worship here. They were seen completing the electrical, the brickwork, tiling the floors and setting the pews to name a few. In an old VHS video I have, it shows Smitty Atwell putting the steeple on the church to complete the project! Th lights would shine on the steeple every night as a welcome beacon for all who wished to worship God at the Ohio Presbyterian Church.

See you next time,Lynn

Don't forget to send in your remembrances! Just email them to the church office. I need something to write about in my final article



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 McLinden 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

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS

My name is Marcy Zombeck. I'm a retired RN. I worked as a nurse for over 30 years in various departments. I'm married. My husband's name is Ed. He is also retired from Allegheny County. We have one daughter, Katie, who is married and lives in Chippewa. She is expecting her first child in February! We are so excited. We love to garden and take family vacations to the Outer Banks.

My name is JoAnne Polizotto. I grew up in Bethel Park and Moon Twp., PA. I married in 1986 and moved to Hopewell in 1991. I have two adult children, Jessica and Billy who were baptized and attended Sunday School at Ohio UP Church. Jessica is single living in Wexford and Billy is married with 4 children living in Industry; Roman 12 yrs, Santino 11 yrs, Everleigh 4 yrs and Capria 8 months! I have 2 dogs (a pitbull 12 yrs and a Staffordshire bull terrier 9 yrs). I enjoy spending time with the grandkids, baking, gardening and enjoying the outdoors. I'm hoping to retire from Aetna in the next two years and enjoy some traveling.



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 participate.



- Amanda Collins—Prayers for her family as they move her daughter, Holly to college
- Missy Sardo—Continued prayers for Elias
- Prayers for nancy Hribar and family as her brother passed away
- Ivonne Holsinger—Prayers for her as she is taking her test to become an American citizen this week
- David Kocher—Prayers of comfort and peace for the family of Martha Pirolì who passed peacefully on Monday with both of her sons by her side
- Jen Davis— Happy Birthday to our Shirley this week!

Huge joy that she was able to hug Corey last week.

Highlights from the August 13th Session Meeting

- The Hopewell High School Band Boosters have reserved the Fellowship Hall to have a "Pancake Breakfast" on Saturday, October 5th, 2024 from 9am to Noon.
- Since last Session meeting there were two infant baptisms:

Hazel Joy Lanctot - June 16th, 2024

Harper Gavita - July 14th, 2024

The clerk received an appreciation letter with a \$500 check from Old Union Presbyterian Church, Mars, PA for the use of our van on a mission trip to Buckhorn, KY. (The check was forwarded to the Treasurer.)

Actions by Session

- Approved Pastor Kalyn's Study Leave time off September 24-30 to attend CREDO, which is a 2-part PCUSA continuing education event.
- Approved the return of the "Cookie Bazaar" on Dec. 14, 2024.

Other Things & Ideas

- A chart is to be posted in conspicuous places listing the chairs of committees.
- Biographies of members may be put in the newsletter and on the Church website.
- Adult Sunday school to resume September 8th at 9:00 a.m.
- Choir practice to start up on August 29th.
- Rev. Robert W. Goossen has retired from ministry and was honored at the July 30th Beaver-Butler Presbytery Meeting at the Clinton Presbyterian Church, Saxonburg.

Joe Glatz, Clerk of Session