



September 1 through September 7, 2024



Beloved,

This week has been A LOT. With Felix out of town handling things back in Illinois, I am taking care of the boys solo while also being your pastor! It is a delight and it is hard. I may just sleep all day on Saturday when Felix returns!

So this week, I wanted to talk about something that I think about often:

Names. My name was intentionally spelled K-A-L-Y-N to honor my two aunts, Kelly, and Lynne. My mom wanted my middle name to be Storm, but my grandma thought it was a terrible idea and so my middle name is Dawn.

Until recently, I only knew one other person in Southwestern Pennsylvania with their name spelled like mine. Enter Sharon and Scott Neville and their daughter - not only is her first name spelled the same, but we are both KALYN DAWN! What are the odds? I met her this past weekend at the Pirates game, and it was a little surreal!

Even if I do know someone with both my first and middle name, paired with my last name, I am the only Kalyn Dawn Stevwing in the world. My last name (Stevwing) began with my grandfather. If you meet someone with my last name, we are related. I kept my maiden name; I did not take Felix's last name when we married. Not because we wanted to shun tradition, but rather because we as a couple wanted to honor it.

Felix's family is Puerto Rican. Puerto Rican tradition follows that women retain their last names, and any resulting children receive the first last names of the parents. Felix's mom's last names at the time of his birth were Merced Rivera (she's remarried and took the last name of her husband) and his dad's were (still are) Rivera Perez. As only the first last name gets carried (it is a patrilineal tradition) he received Rivera and Merced. So Felix has two last names - Rivera Merced. It is not hyphenated. Many people think Rivera is his middle name when in fact his middle name starts with an N.

Our boys' names also have intention behind them (you can ask me about it sometime), and they also have a unique last name - Rivera-Stevwing. It is hyphenated, a combination of their Puerto Rican and German ancestry. If you meet someone with their last name, well, it's either Miguel or Emilio!

It is incredible to think about the different intentions behind our names. Some of them are deep, some of them are not, and some fall somewhere in between.

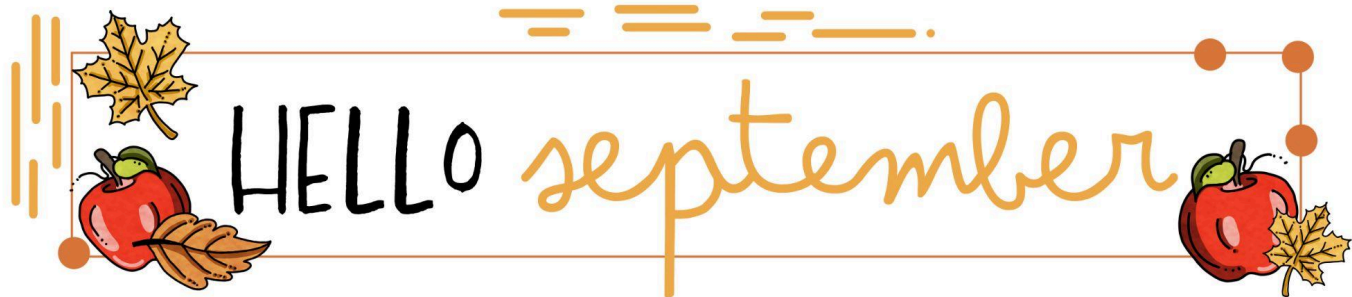
P.S. If you need to know how to address anything to the whole family, we welcome Rivera-Stevwing.

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
- 100 in worship on August 25
- Choir rehearsal is on September 5
- Communion is on September 8

Congregational Care

- Women's Association Meeting is on September 3 at 6:30pm
- RALLY DAY is the Sunday School Kick-Off for the 2024-2025 School Year. It is on Sunday, September 8.
All are invited to stay after worship for Mac's Donuts, milk and coffee
- Adult Sunday School resumes on Sunday, September 8 at 9am
- Ruth Circle Bible Study is on Wednesday, September 11 At 1pm
- **STORY TIME RETURNS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 10AM**
- **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
- Property Meeting on Monday, September 9 at 6:30

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



<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
Chris & Kristy Otto 9/2	Edward Burak 9/1	Audrey English 9/12	Nicholas Barth 9/22
Charles & Linda Hendrick 9/4	Michael Knox 9/2	Lois Davie 9/14	Linda Hendrick 9/22
Ed & Evelyn Lawson 9/14	Karen Gartley 9/3	Chris Hurni 9/15	Parker Hoth 9/23
Elizabeth & Alan Repman 9/15	Kenneth Jones 9/5	Charles Hendrick 9/17	Emma Diccico 9/26
Donna & Mark Olexick 9/25	Michael Saxon 9/5	Karen Keller 9/17	Kiara Kapton 9/28
Eleanor & Richard Pike 9/26	Sue Hughston 9/10	Alli Feszko 9/19	Michael Sardo 9/28
Diane & Jack Gennaro 9/30	Pat Wozniak 9/10	Scott Riddle 9/19	Ella Mae Spieker 9/28
	Ginny Adams 9/12	Terri Owczarzak 9/20	Isaac Feszko 9/30



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.

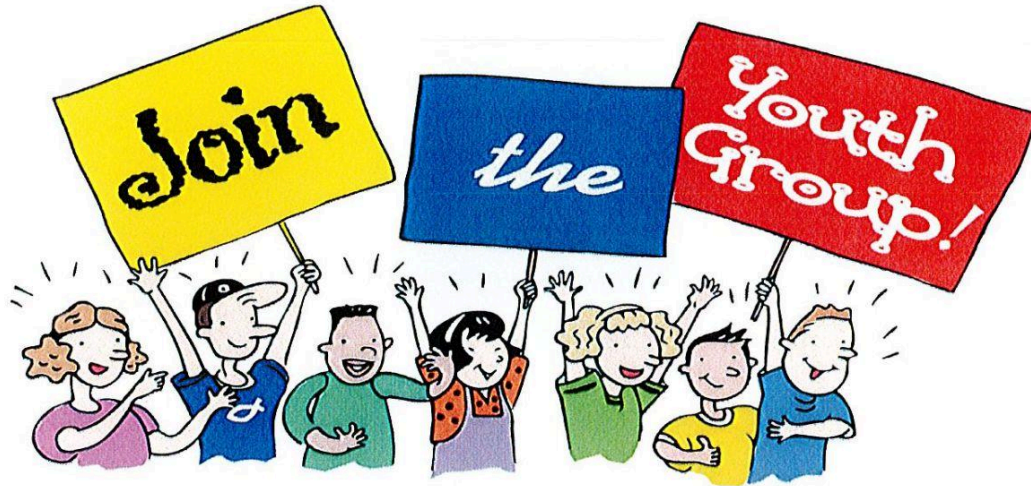


- Prayers for a great friend of many of the members of our church, Tony Mclure, is having issues with his heart.
- Diane Gennaro was admitted to the Medical Center with a fever and respiratory infection.
- Marsha Douglass is asking for prayers for her dear friend, Sam Piccinini, who's been diagnosed with heart issues

Dear Church Family,

Thank you So much for the Cards, Messages, Prayers, and Hugs during my brother's hospital stay and passing. It really meant so much to myself and family.

Love, Nancy Hribar



Please Note: Youth Group is now on
Mondays from 6:30-8:00

September 9 – Youth Group 6:30 – 8:00

September 16 – Youth Group 6:30 – 8:00

September 23 – Youth Group 6:30 – 8:00

September 30 – Youth Group 6:30 – 8:00

Parents please volunteer where you can!

Our Church Pantry is very low on food

YG will be holding a food drive for the church.

If anyone has experience in running a food drive I would love to pick your brain 😊