



September 22 through September 28, 2024

Beloved Church,

I will be away at a "Continuing Education" event from the 24th-30th. I will be enjoying the sights and sounds of Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas while I attend the CREDO conference.

A credo is a statement of the beliefs or aims which guide a person's actions. The CREDO conference is a two-part conference that the PC(USA) holds for newly ordained clergy. This is the second part of the conference for me. The first part, held last year, is what brought me here to Ohio UP.

It is strange to think that a year ago I was heading into a conference that I had no idea would put me on a path to "home" in Western Pennsylvania. It was a thought Felix and I had discussed, but it seemed like an impossible hope.

At CREDO, we were invited to hope. We were invited to consider what beliefs or aims guide our actions in our vocations, health, faith, and relationships. When I met with the mentors in our one-on-one mentoring, I was encouraged to "put myself out there" since the call process currently takes an average of 18 months for a pastor to be called.

I left last year with a rule of life. It is one that I admittedly have not looked back at often, but I realize that is because these rules, these core beliefs and aims that I gathered into one place, lives inside of me. They are my motivations just as much as they are my beliefs. My beliefs and goals motivate me to try a little each day to live into the life I believe God is calling me to.

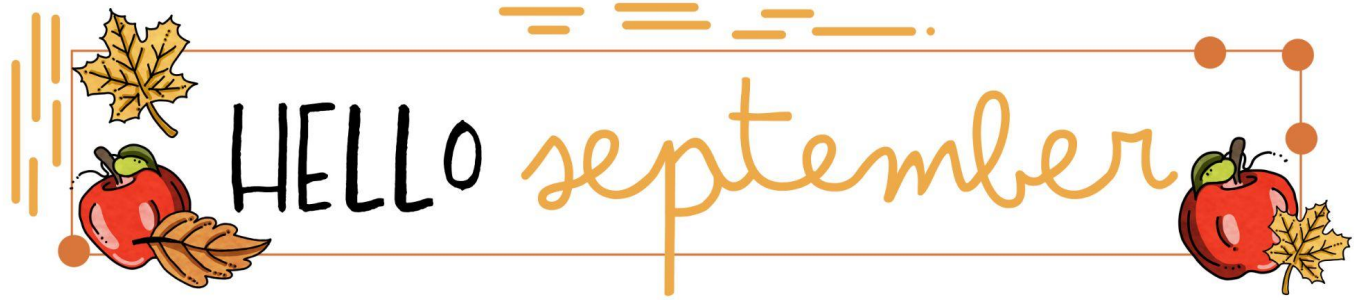
In November 2023, I submitted my PDP (Personal Discernment Profile) for review. By February, I had found OUPC's MDP (Ministry Discernment Profile) and self-referred myself. I had my first conversation with Patti Strominger on February 12, 2024. The call went well, and soon we were scheduling zoom meetings with the rest of the PNC.

All told, the call process for me to join you here took less than a year. I am still stunned and in awe. From that first call, it has felt like I already know so many of you. The welcoming kindness, the warmth my family has encountered - it has blessed me and my family in many ways. I have been blessed to hear and see so many of you affirming my rule of life, of which you have not seen nor heard until this newsletter!

So thank you. Thank you for trusting your PNC, thank you for placing your trust in me to walk alongside OUPC in ministry.

Grace & Peace,
Kalyn

P.S. for any non-emergencies, please reach out to Nancy in the office and she can assist you in finding the right person to connect with!



Worship

- We gather for worship Sundays at 10am
- 88 in Worship on September 15
- Choir rehearsal is on Thursday, September 26 at 7pm
- Youth Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Program is every Sunday through December 1 at 9am-9:45am

Congregational Care

- **STORY TIME ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 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

- Manna is Tuesday, September 24. Volunteers needed to bake cakes, to help serve and to clean up. If you can help contact Linda Duganich at 724-622-7929 or lindaduganich@gmail.com
- Women's Association is visiting Beaver Elder Care on October 7 at 2pm. Games and prizes are handed out to the clients. Anyone who'd like to help or just show up is welcome. There's a Christmas visit Monday December 2 at 6pm. Blankets will be given to the clients.

Operations

- August YTD expenses— \$135,232 & YTD receipts-\$134,839

Deborah Circle will be changing this year. We will be focusing more on mission projects and fellowship activities than on Bible Study. The first meeting is Monday, September 23 at 6:30pm. In addition to planning activities and projects for the year, we will also be planning the details of the Women's Retreat scheduled for October 26. Anyone interested in being involved with Deborah Circle and/or the retreat please plan to attend. Any questions please call/test 724-494-2160 or email me at pattistr@gmail.com Thank you, Patti Strominger

The **Ohio UP Safety & Wellness team** is holding a class at the church on November 2nd. It will cover First Aid, CPR/AED and Stop the Bleed. The hours are 7am to 12pm and the cost is \$120/person. You do not need to be a member of the team or the church to attend.

Pastor Kalyn will be out of the office this week on Study Leave. Any emergency pastoral needs can be directed to the Rev. Dick Klein

WE CELEBRATE 225 YEARS!

When the sanctuary was completed in 1953, it consisted of 2 rows of pews with a single aisle down the middle. Not long after, an extension was added to each side of the sanctuary greatly increasing the capacity. Finally, even more money was raised and an education wing was added. The church also bought a manse which was across the street from the new building.

From its earliest days, I remember our church as a vital extension to the community. Almost every summer as I was growing up, our church had a week of revival filled with speakers and music. Missionaries the church supported or Billy Graham crusade ministers came to Hopewell for a week. I remember the church being completely full and wooden chairs even set up in the narthex. Plus, there was no air conditioning in our church yet. We just used the good old cardboard fans that had pictures of Jesus on them and advertisements for funeral homes!

This area was also booming with children. In fact, when I was entering first grade, my classroom was in the education wing of our church! It was downstairs close to the bathrooms. My second grade classroom was upstairs in what is now the choir room. It seems our church was centrally located and so was rented by the Hopewell-Independence-Raccoon (HIR) school district for classrooms! (As a side note, Vacation Bible School was started back in 1950 when Dr. McKnight suggested it upon noting the large number of kids in the area.)

As a final note, the area around our church was named Scottsville before it was called Hopewell. This, of course, was due to the fact that it was originally settled by the Scott family. There is one place in our church that still has that name on it. Look at the wooden sign above the church's main entrance. It reads: The Ohio United Presbyterian Church of Scottsville.

See you next time,

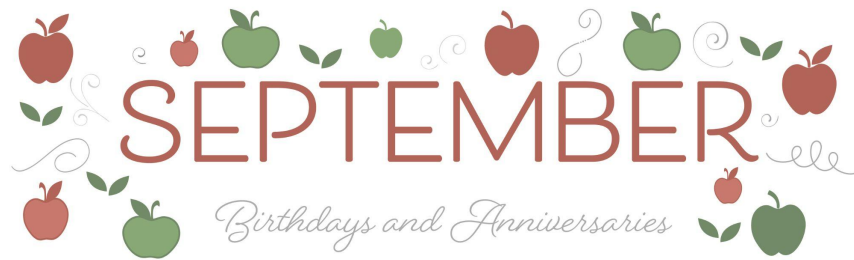
Lynn

Don't forget to send in your remembrances! Do you have a memory about the following pastors that served the church in the last 25 years: Bob Goossen, Nick Marlatt, Ted Dennis, or Don Hurray? Just email them to the church office. I need to have something to write about in my final article. (office@ohioupchurch.com)

OHIO U.P. 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS. IMPRINT WILL BE THE SAME AS THE T-SHIRTS. CASH OR CHECK TO OHIO U.P. CHECK. T-SHIRTS ON MEMO LINE.

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DEADLINE 15 OCT. 27th.



<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

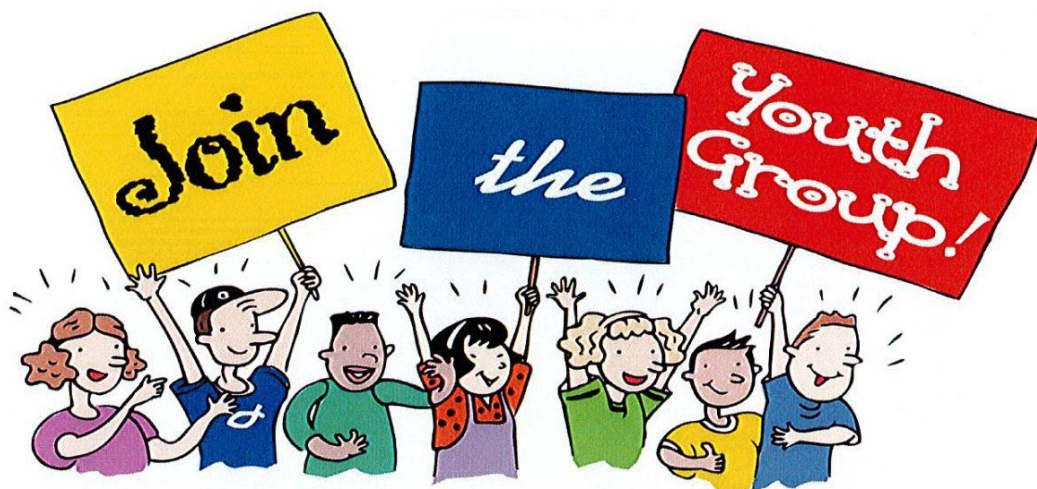
SESSION TEAMS AND LEADS

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



- Jack Gennaro who had a biopsy last Friday for his cancer. The results will be available on October 4. They will decide on a treatment plan then.
- Diane, a friend of Christina Palmer, who lost her father.
- Ivonne Holsinger who will become an American citizen on Friday, September 20 at 9am!
- Greg Holsinger's step brother, Doug, who had surgery for Achilles tendon.
- Elias as they measure his tumors and continue chemo.
- Shirley Fluharty's brother who woke up and asked for a milkshake
- Bev Abate who has been blacking out. She is going in for tests to determine what is going on. Prayers for her and her doctors
- Sharon Neville's sister who fell off her horse. She has whiplash, bruised ribs, hips and tailbone, a pulled groin muscle and a hairline fracture of her left pelvic bone

Women's Association is asking if anyone is interested in starting up Prayer Partners. It's an adult member of the church paired with a child from Kindergarten to Sixth Grade. The group meets here at the church twice a year and sends the children birthday and Christmas cards. If interested, see Sharon Neville.



Please Note: Youth Group is now on
Monday from 7:00 - 8:30

September 9 – Youth Group 7:00 – 8:30

September 16 – Youth Group 7:00 – 8:30

September 23 – Youth Group 7:00 – 8:30

September 30 – Youth Group 7:00 – 8:30

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 😊