



October 13 through October 19, 2024

Beloved,

Today as I rearranged some items in my office, I came across a pencil bag with a quote from theologian and pastor, Frederick Buechner, printed on it. Here's the quote:

"Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid."

In light of the recent destruction by hurricanes Helene and Milton, I suspect there are many who are struggling not to be afraid. There is much uncertainty about how rebuilding will happen, people are still being located. There is also anger that God would let something happen such as this. I firmly believe that when God gave us free will at creation, God chose not to intervene in choices made. Our actions and choices, and the happenings in the world around us, which are impacted by our and our ancestors past, present, and future actions and choices,

God set the world in order, and how we as caretakers of this beautiful planet interact with it impacts the goings on. The recent hurricanes only use a scale up to the number five. And yet, Storms like Milton have begun to regularly exceed the maximum number of a category 5 hurricane, with experts noting that any structure that is met with winds of those speeds will have damage.

How frightening it is to hear from family about their evacuation efforts, to hear from friends about their return to Western North and South Carolina where there has been unspeakable loss and trauma.

And yet one of the phrases repeated throughout the narrative of God's relationship with God's chosen people is "do not be afraid."

Friends, these terrible things happen to us. And they really really stink. But we can try our best to approach them in faith, unafraid, or at least, courageously. Doing so trusting that God is present with us in the midst of our fear, sorrow, anger... Even when we do not feel the presence of the Divine, we know that God chose to come down as a baby born from another human, utterly reliant on others for survival, experienced temptation, experienced fear, sorrow... We need only look to Scripture to remember that Christ, Emmanuel, God-with-us is present in the midst of the trying times in this world.

Do not tell your friends or family that "everything happens for a reason" in the midst of those terrible things. Be present with them, acknowledging how difficult it all is. Even if you don't understand, hush, and listen. And then, in time, we may indeed see that God works all things out for our good.

For now, it is hard to see good in the destruction. But, to end with a quote from another beloved theologian and pastor, the Reverend Fred Rogers, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." In those hands and feet and ears of God, you may just find the beauty and hope that puts a worried soul at ease.

May it be so.

Pastor Kalyn





Worship

- We gather for worship Sundays at 10am
- 96 in Worship on October 6
- Choir rehearsal is on Thursday, October 17 at 7pm
- Youth Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Program is every Sunday through December 1 at 9am-9:45am

Congregational Care

- **STORY TIME ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 9:30 or 10:30**
- **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
- **SAVE THE DATE**—COOKIE BAZAAR IS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Missions

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Operations

- September YTD Expenses— \$155,099 & YTD Receipts-\$154,209
- Per capita Expenses YTD – \$6,630 & Per Capita Receipts YTD-\$2,190
- Fall Workday is on Saturday, October 19 at 9am

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.

Youth who are interested in growing in their faith together are invited to attend a meeting **November 3rd, following service – snacks** will be provided. This will be to plan a small group/Bible study starting in January. Any questions, contact Casey Honess (casey.honess@gmail.com)

Hand Bells

Practices 7:00

October 14

October 28

November 11

December 9

Performances

October 27 –Faith of Our Fathers

November 24 – We Gather Together

December 15 – Oh Come Emmanuel

We Celebrate 225

Well, I am back with my next installment on the timeline of the Ohio United Presbyterian Church of Scottsville, PA. Did you remember to look at the sign above the main entrance of the church? You probably forgot to look but trust me, that's what it says! That is a homage to the very beginning of this red brick Georgian style church that has held so much history, so many memories, so many prayers and so much love!

To move on we go to Rev. Alan Drake. He was an apprentice with Rev. Hurray in 1994 and was hired as our youth director the following year. It was he who handled the worship services until our first interim minister, Rev. Gary Coppedge, was hired in October of 1995. During his tenure, our first video library of Biblical and inspirational VHS cartridges was formed. He also held Wednesday night Bible studies during Lent which culminated with a traditional Seder meal on Maundy Thursday. Sharon Neville relates that "Rev. Coppedge had called me to join a new member class. I had been up all night throwing up from having a kidney stone blasted. He prayed for me and said to come when I was feeling better. As soon as I hung up the phone I was able to keep the pain medicine down! Amen!"

Rev. Coppedge had the interesting habit of walking around the church as he spoke. It was certainly a unique experience that was well received at Ohio UP. He resigned in 1997.

After a two-year search, South Carolina born Rev. Ted Dennis was called in June of 1997 to move from Augusta, Georgia to serve our church. Like Rev. Hurray before him, "Ted" as he preferred to be called, also sang in the choir. One of the first programs that began during Ted's service here was the Bereavement Chain. This was where members who had deaths in their families were remembered in prayer and by phone calls and cards.

Ted was responsible for instituting two services at Ohio UP, one at 8:30 AM and one at 11:00 AM. The latter being a more formal service and the former being a much more casual shorter service. He helped establish the F.E.A.S.T. program on Thursday evenings. The acronym stood for Friends Eating And Studying Together and was formed to allow families to meet at the church for various programs on one night instead of two or three. So Adult Bible Studies, Children's Choir, Adult Choir and Youth Groups for all ages all met on Thursday night after the church meal. It was very well received.

However, most committees hoped that they would be meeting in the manse as Ted's wife, Lillian, was known to make the most luscious desserts the likes of which had not been seen in the area. Five layer cakes, pies and specialty cookies were only a few of her specialties. Often, the cakes had so many layers Lillian had to use signs to indicate what was in them!

To be continued...

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>
Ken Jones 10/5	Joe Gavita 10/3	Shanna Rastetter 10/12	Lillian Otto 10/19
Nancy & Kevin Hribar 10/11	Tom Owczarzak 10/3	Janis Lewis 10/13	Peggy Franzese 10/20
Caitlin & Nick Colesar 10/15	Patrick Gregory 10/8	Dana Gavita 10/14	Emmet Rastetter 10/22
Jeff & Jen Davis 10/16	Greg Holsinger 10/8	Breyson Hoth 10/14	Andrew Shaffer 10/22
Scott & Sharon Neville 10/16	Eleanor Pike 10/8	Brittany Smith 10/16	Peggy Atwell 10/24
Susan & Larry Palochak 10/23	Alaina Stroud 10/8	Patti Strominger 10/18	Keith Murdoch 10/24
	Lois Kearns 10/10	Calliope Hoth 10/19	Trent Nan 10/29
	William Arzberger 10/12	Kenneth Kearns 10/19	

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

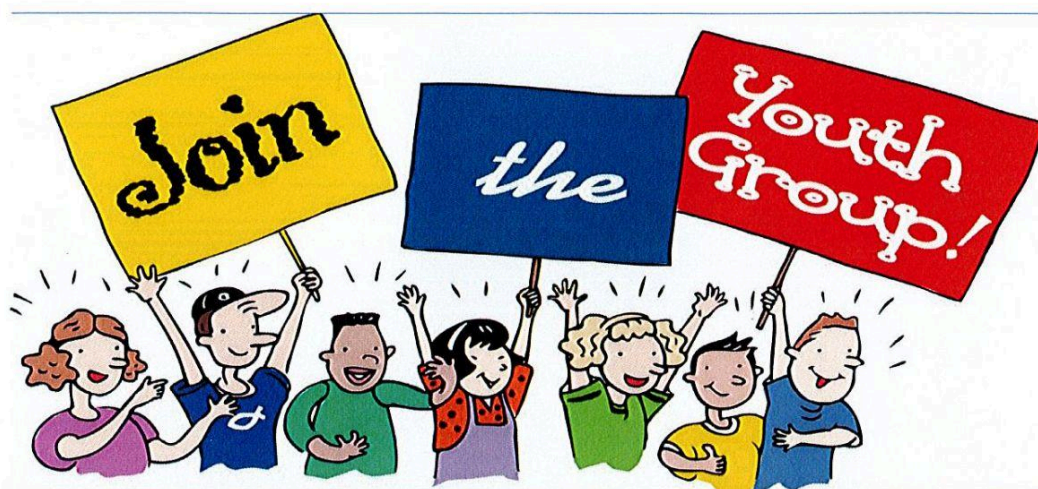


- Prayers for Pastor Kalyn's nephew, Steve, and his wife, Morgan, who evacuated their home in Tampa, FL in anticipation of Hurricane Milton
- Joy–Tracy Biddle and Richard Young were married on September 7
- Joy–Mark Mitchell was in church on Sunday. Thank you for your prayers!
- Marsha Douglass–Cousin is still missing in North Carolina
- Marlene Leheney–May have found cousin who was missing in North Carolina
- Megan Hunsberger–Pastor Magnus Moseray reached out to Megan. He is low on finances and accommodations. He is asking for prayers and donations
- Cherryl Lachowicz–Prayers for Rochester football player who collapsed on field and is hospitalized
- Dan Fox–Prayers for Paul Kulha who had knee surgery and is in rehab
- Bonnie Martin–Joy–Thanksgiving for Children's Library/Story Time which now has 50 kids
- Pastor Kalyn–Thankful for the time away for study and reflection
- Shirley Fluharty– Prayers for family of Betty Boguszewski who passed away
- **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.**

Little Free Pantry

The Deacons stock the Little Free Pantry on a daily basis with the following items. If you would like to contribute items for the pantry, we ask that they not be expired nor in glass containers. Please place them in container labeled Little Free Pantry in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

Canned corn	Ramen noodle packets
Canned carrots	Cake mix
Canned beans	Ready-made frosting
Canned pasta	Granola bars
Canned peas	Peanut butter crackers
Pasta	Fruit snacks
Pasta sauce	Pop tarts
Macaroni & Cheese	Instant oatmeal packet
Fruit cups	Single roll toilet paper
Applesauce cups	Feminine products
Peanut butter	Toothpaste
Jelly	Toothbrushes
Boxed cereal	Bars of soap
Instant mashed potatoes	Men's deodorant
Canned tuna	Women's deodorant
Chicken noodle soup	Shampoo
Tomato soup	



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

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

October 7 – Youth Group 7:00 – 8:30

October 14 – Youth Group 7:00 – 8:30

October 20 - 1:00 (**Sunday**) – Youth Group
Pumpkin Carving – Families invited

Please **RSVP** (light lunch made by YG kids)

October 21 – 7:00 – 8:30 Bonfire \ Lesson at
the Manse

October 28 – Windmill Scary Golf

Parents please volunteer where you can!