



March 2 through March 8, 2025

Beloveds,

This past month, my world was flipped topsy-turvy. What I thought was an infection turned out to be something more, which resulted in a medical procedure last week. If you have spoken to me over the last few weeks, this is one of many reasons why I have been distracted recently.

There are so many exciting things in the air here at OUPC, including my first VBS with you all and I look forward to continuing to explore those things with you, and I look forward to our continued partnership as OUPC navigates who God is calling us to be in the world today.

As I continue to serve among you with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, I also would covet your prayers in these coming weeks as I have conversations ongoing with medical professionals. When I know more information, I will share more with you all.

Please know this does not change that I am your pastor, available to have conversations on matters of faith, pastoral counseling, and to discuss your hopes, dreams, thoughts, and ideas for this congregation.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Kalyn



Worship

- We gather for worship Sundays at 10am
- 91 were in church on February 23
- Ash Wednesday service is being held at Concord Presbyterian Church in Baden at 6pm

Congregational Care

- No Youth Group on March 3
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner is on March 4 from 5 to 6:30. Can you help with set up, serving or clean up? Sign up sheet is in bulletin and if you have any questions contact Eleanor Pike at 724-601-4007.
- Women's Association is Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30
- Story Time is March 5 at 9:30 or 10:30 am
- Ruth Circle March 12 at 1 pm
- **SAVE THE DATE: VBS IS GOING TO BE JUNE 9 - JUNE 13!!**
- **Mark your calendars for the church picnic on August 17**

Missions

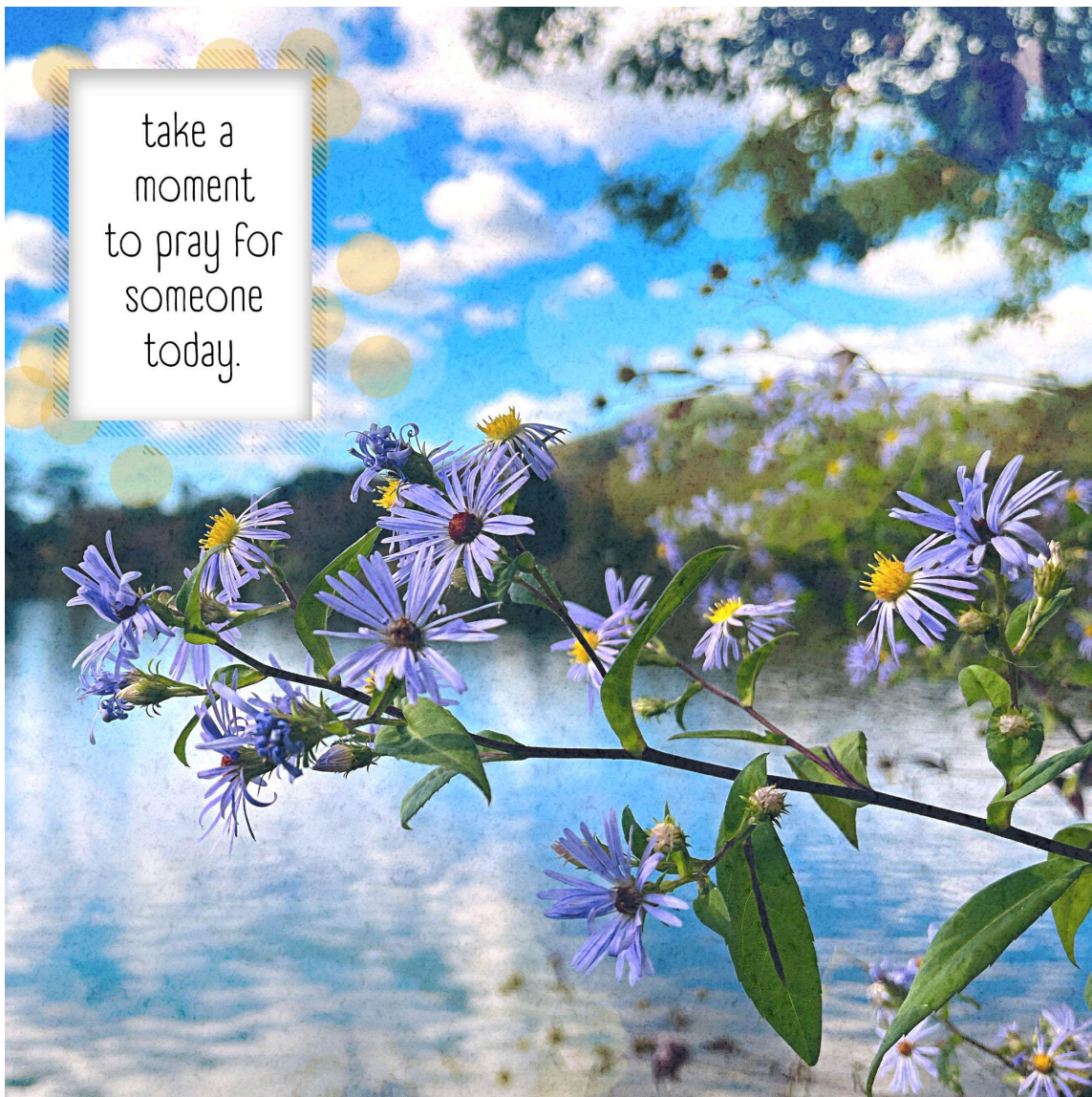
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Operations

Contributions in January \$13,554
Expenses in January \$22,597

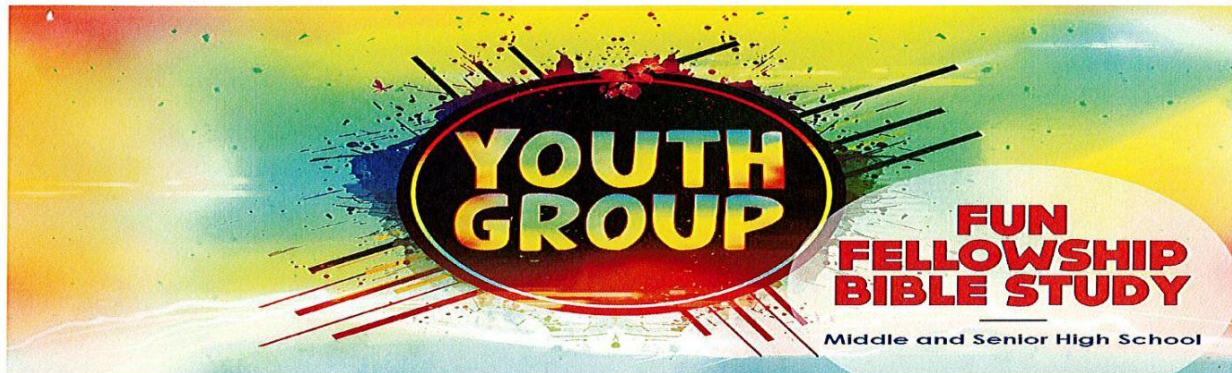
Ruth Circle is starting a new Bible Study in March called "Listening to God" by Carolyn Nystrom. Ruth Circle meets the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm in the Library from March through November. If you are interested in an afternoon Bible Study, contact Karen Keller to order a study book.

March is Baby Shower month!!! Again this year we are collecting donations for Adoption Connection in Beaver. The most needed items are: new socks and underwear, bedding, and all hygiene supplies. Also diapers, wipes and gently used baby gear. Donations can be dropped off in the cry room.



- Marcy Zombeck–Shared a joy that she became a grandmother. Kayson Robert Banks was born on February 4. Mother and baby are doing well
- Diane Gennaro–Prayers for Missy and Terry Conange. Missy had a heart attack and catheterization; she was 90% blocked. She had a stent put in. Terry has pneumonia.
- Jen Davis–Prayers for Pastor Kalyn as she recovers from a medical procedure she had done last Thursday. Waiting for test results
- Diane Gennaro–Prayers for Kenny Jones who has the flu.
- Peggy Franzese–Youth going to Boyce Park this Sunday. Need slips
- Ivonne Holsinger–Grateful for support of their new business that opened last Friday. They sold out of food! Look for events in the future...Holzingers IMBISS
- Marsha Douglass–Her friend, Melinda, is having a hysterectomy this Thursday.
- Bonnie Martin–John is having eye surgery this Thursday to correct an issue from previous surgery
- Alli Feszko–Thanks for all the prayers for her boys during their sickness. They are back to normal craziness!
- Prayers for Pastor Bob and ChrisAnn at the death of ChrisAnn’s mother Mary Koepke.





January 6 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

January 13 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

January 20 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

January 27 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

February 2 – SUNDAY Ice Skating at Brady's Run 12:45-2:45 we will leave the church at 12:15. \$10.00 Skate rental \$5.00. Concession Stand will be open

February 10 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

February 24 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

**March 2 – SUNDAY Snow Tubing
12:30 – 2:30 We will leave church at 11:45
Costs \$21.00**

Lenten Mission Project



“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” – John 7:37-38

Estimates range from between 2 and 4 BILLION people around the world that lack basic access to clean drinking water. That is roughly a quarter of the people on Earth! Unsafe water is responsible for more than a million deaths per year, and children are particularly vulnerable to the dangers and diseases that come with unclean water.

Through Presbyterian Giving, we can provide the resources necessary for a community to receive a well for just \$1,500. It will provide a reliable source of clean water for drinking, bathing, washing, and irrigation. This access to clean water, close to home, can transform lives – improving health, hygiene, and economic prospects.

Our goal is to be able to raise \$3000 to purchase one well and to also provide a donation to a water bank run by a Presbyterian church in Butler, called Water for Woodlands. It provides water to more than 30 families who experienced deteriorating water quality, and can no longer drink, nor safely cook or bathe in their water.

Join us in giving – during the children’s collections (March 9th & April 13th), by dropping money in the well, or by designating the Lenten Mission Project in your giving.



MARCH

birthdays & anniversaries

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
Jason & Liz Cagnon 3/05	Mark Muslin 3/01	Logan Gregory 3/14	Betty Solinski 3/25
	Brenlee Knox 3/04	Harper Shaffer 3/14	Evelyn Cagnon 3/27
	Tracy Simmons 3/08	Richard Palmer 3/16	Kasey Hoth 3/27
	Savannah McLinden 3/09	Joshua Kocher 3/20	Debbie Ceccarelli 3/29
	Michael Duganich 3/11	Daniel Fox Sr. 3/21	
	Libby Urick 3/12	Casey Honess 3/23	

FEBRUARY 2025 STATED SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

For about 45 minutes the Session met jointly with the Board of Deacons for discussion, question and answer time, reflecting on last year, and goals for 2025.

Session Business & Other Things

- Paul Magee and Chris Hurni, Treasurer met with Session to discuss the financial state of Ohio U. P. Church.

- Ordinations & Installations occurred on February 9th.
 - Ordained & Installed Deacons were Ginny Adams and Christine Hurni
 - Installed Deacons were Eleanor Pike (2t) and Bob Hurni (2t).
 - Ordained & Installed Elders were Michael Kamenski and Christina Palmer
 - Installed Elders were Wendi Rybicki (2t) and Charles Hendrick.

- The joint Lenten worship services with other churches are the following:
 - Ash Wednesday - 6pm @ Concord PC, Baden
 - Maundy Thursday - 6:30pm @ New Sewickley PC, Rochester
 - Good Friday - 6:30pm @ Ohio UPC, Hopewell Twp.

- Magnus Moseray returned to Ohio UP on Feb 2nd for the Mission Focus segment at worship. A picture presentation was shown about his evangelistic tour of Central America last Fall. The loose offering of \$511 went in support of his ministry.

Actions

Approved making the Building Fund accessible for payroll and essential Current Fund items.

Joe Glatz, Clerk of Session