



October 26 through November 1, 2025



Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord (Psalm 31:24).

Dear Friends in Christ,

This newsletter is a recap of remarks I made October 12 (my second Sunday!). I want to bring you up to date on where we are regarding the Transitional Process, and the next steps.

First, some organization:

- **We are the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a historic, national Denomination.**
- **The PC(USA) is made up of sixteen synods – we are in the Synod of the Trinity, composing Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and a small part of Ohio**
- **There are sixteen presbyteries in the Synod of the Trinity – we are the Beaver-Butler Presbytery (BBP). This is like a local diocese in the Catholic Church.**
- **Rev. Dr. Thomas Harmon is the Executive Presbyter.**

Naturally, in true Presbyterian fashion, there are a number of Committees in the BBP – an important one for Ohio is Ministry and Vocation (MVC), responsible for relations between pastors, congregations, and the presbytery.

What's been happening:

After recent events MVC directed Ohio to hold several Listening Posts I hope you were able to attend!). Representatives from MVC moderated these Listening Posts. Notes were taken and have been shared with the Ohio Session.

Dr. Lynn Byers is the Liaison from MVC for the Ohio Church. Lynn will attend the Ohio Session meetings, so clear and concise information is sent back to MVC.

We will keep the Ohio congregation informed on actions by the Ohio Session. Every so often, someone from the Session report information, opinions, and progress at Ohio. We encourage everyone to engage with the Ohio Elders about what's going on. Come to them (or to me!) with any questions or comments.

Next steps:

I am talking and engaging with your leaders and as many of you as I can. Each Session meeting, we spend time discussing how we are doing and what needs to happen. We are beginning to decipher and discern the comments that were made at the Listening Posts, and put together a list of things to consider and do regarding events of the last eighteen months. Our goal is to address areas of concern, and put together a plan to resolve things.

Please be patient as we move forward. Ohio needs a pastor, but you all need to be able to articulate what and who you are. You need to present a robust and healthy congregation to whomever God has already identified. Many challenges lie ahead – spiritually, emotionally, organizationally, and financially. With God's help, we will meet these head on. Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. I remain committed to a successful resolution and conclusion.

In Christ,

Pastor Jim

Highlights from the October 14th Session Meeting

- Discussed the results of the three Listening Post Meetings.
- Approved the transfer of Rayna and Michael Knox to the First Presbyterian Church of Beaver.
- Margaret Ross PTA was granted permission to use the church social hall on Oct 29th, 9:30am-2:30pm for hoagie making for a fundraiser, but allow pick-ups until 5pm from the hallway/choir room.
- Approved the request from the Adult Sunday School Class to host a spaghetti dinner on November 8th from 4-7pm. (Subsequently this event was postponed.)
- Approved the Ohio UPC Safety and Security Program, Policies and Procedures Manual.
- Approved the Hopewell Community Big Band to have another Christmas concert. Rehearsal would be Wednesday, December 10th and the concert would be Thursday, December 11th, probably at 7pm.
- The dates for Manna in 2026 are Feb 24, May 26, and Sep 24.
- Approved having a Christmas Eve service which will start at 7pm.





Worship

- Sunday School for children 3yr.-6th grade is during worship after the children’s chat
- Adult Sunday School is at 9am
- 82 were in church on Sunday, October 19
- CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS THURSDAY. COME JOIN THE FUN AS WE PRAISE OUR GOD IN TELLING THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Congregational Care

- Story Time continues on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30am
- Saturday, October 25–Ladies mark your calendars for the Women’s Retreat at Raccoon State Park. Time 9am -4pm
- A visit to Beaver Elder Care is scheduled for October 28. The group leaves from the church at 1:30. They open with devotions, sing hymns and play bingo. The visit usually lasts about an hour. All are welcome! The residents really enjoy the fellowship time.

Mission

Operations

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It’s Choir time again! During this time of transition, the choir will sing twice a month for Sunday services. We will have short rehearsals after church on Sundays, beginning September 14. Join us for fun and fellowship!

We are looking for volunteers to do special music/readings on the weeks that the choir is not singing. It can be playing an instrument, singing a song, or reading a poem. Anything you would like to do to enhance our worship service. There is a Signup sheet hanging outside the choir room.

OCTOBER
birthdays & anniversaries

Anniversaries	Birthdays	Birthdays
Ken & Lorraine Jones 10/05	Joe Gavita 10/03	Patti Strominger 10/18
Nancy & Kevin Hribar 10/11	Greg Holsinger 10/08	Lillian Otto 10/19
Jeff & Jennifer Davis 10/16	Eleanor Pike 10/08	Calliope Hoth 10/19
Scott & Sharon Neville 10/16	Shanna Rastetter 10/12	Peggy Franzese 10/20
Susan & Larry Palochak 10/23	Janis Lewis 10/13	Peggy Atwell 10/24
	Dana Gavita 10/14	Trent Nan 10/29
	Breyson Hoth 10/14	

NOVEMBER
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries	Birthdays	Birthdays
Rich & Christina Palmer 11/14	Dorothy Elko 11/11	Amy Muslin 11/23
Eric & Kristen Nan 11/20	Casey Atwell 11/14	Sarah Jane Shaffer 11/24
Marcy & Edward Zombeck 11/24	Beverly Abate 11/19	Morgan Lewis 11/26
	Trudy Boggs 11/21	Cherryl Lac howicz 11/30
	Barbara Corsi 11/22	



Joys and Concerns October 19, 2025

- Diane Gennaro—Jack is having procedure on Friday for electrical issues with his heart.
- Diane Gennaro—Prayers for Terry Canonge who is in Beaver Medical Center with a collapsed lung. Efforts to re-inflate it have caused other issues.
- Bonnie Martin is in the hospital with AML Leukemia. She will be in hospital for at least 4 weeks. She is in Shadyside, Room 707 Main.
- Dawn Psik—Prayers of comfort and healing for her sister, Susan who is having a rough time with chemo side effects. Prayers for Dawn too. Her oncologist has ordered blood work. Prayers that all is normal.
- Steve and Monica Ward—Thank you for the compassionate expressions on the passing of our beloved cat who was 22 years old.
- Jen Davis—Thank you to all who came out on Saturday for the church clean-up. Some big projects were completed, yet some small ones remain. Announcement to come.



Women's Association Turkey Dinner

November 5, 2025

6:00pm

Menu

Turkey and Stuffing

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Mixed Vegetables

Apple Sauce, Cranberry Sauce

Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie

Reservation Slips in Bulletin

WORK DAY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The flower beds around the office entrance of the church were cleared of the onion grass and peat mulch was added to replace it. Smoke detectors were added to the office entrance stairwell, the elevator loft, the fellowship hall front stairwell, the choir rehearsal room loft and the senior high hallway. The Sanctuary wall behind the choir loft was painted. Donuts and pizza were provided for the volunteers. Thank you to all that helped.

Items that still need to be done

- Cut back the perennials around the church for winter.
- Reseal the granite counter tops in the kitchen
- Clean nursery Room. Disinfect toys with bleach
- Flush drinking fountains with bleach
- Place Fire Doors in Communicycle trailer.

