



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

October 5 through October 11, 2025



“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19).

Dear Friends in Christ,

Hello! I am Rev. Jim Steiner, your incoming Transitional Pastor. Let me say how happy and excited I am to be here. We are about to begin the process to work through past and present events, and see what God has in store for Ohio United Presbyterian Church. Our work together will be special, that of *Transitional Ministry*. My job is to guide you through the Transitional Process, so when a new leader is finally called, it will be clear to everyone that you have found the one chosen by God.

Let me emphasize – I realize that you went through a Transitional Process with Rev. Bob. Regardless, we need to take time to review events of the last few years and discuss and discern what happened. More important, we need to discuss and discern what changes might be needed.

As we move forward, we will be doing a few things:

1. *Reflecting on our history* – we will look back on your recent history, and talk about what happened – what was good, what was not so good. Churches are like families, and families have stories that need to be told, and issues that need to be addressed.
2. *Form a new identity* – based on the review of your recent history, how have you changed? What is important now? Who is God calling you to be now?
3. *Looking at leadership* – the Transitional time is NOT about Presidential Cabinet resignations after an election. In the Body of Christ, sometimes when a pastor leaves, some leaders might want to step forward, and others may want to step aside. Those who have been servant leaders may feel this Transitional time is a time to think about doing something different in God’s Kingdom.
4. *Re-connecting with the denomination* – this may not be as essential as in some churches, but we will be drawing on the Presbytery’s expertise as we move through the process.
5. *Casting a vision, and setting the table for the next person* – once we have moved through the process, God will help you discern who you are, what you want to do, and whom you need to call. How will you know whom to call if you don’t know who you are looking for?

Let me emphasize – we do not want to “re-invent” the wheel. It’s only been a few years, but we need to be certain that we examine all aspects of Ohio’s ministry and mission, past and future. It’s necessary to be deliberate and take the time to do things correctly.

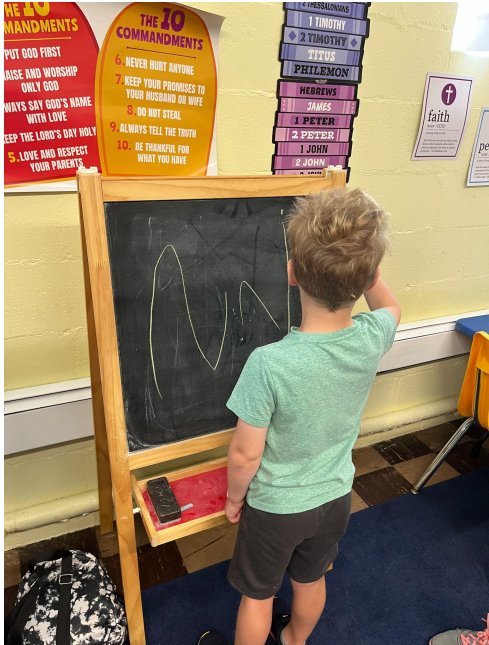
I have no idea how long the process will take, but no one is more anxious for your next pastor to arrive than me.

I’m excited about the opportunities before us – my mission is to be your pastor, and help Ohio work through the steps to discern what God has in store. Together, we will see that God will be *doing a new thing!*

Please join me in the journey.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jim





Worship

- Sunday School for children 3yr.-6th grade is during worship after the children's chat
- Adult Sunday School is at 9am
- 57 were in church on Sunday, September 28

Congregational Care

- Story Time continues on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30am
- HS Band Boosters Pancake Breakfast 8am to noon
- Women's Association Meeting on October 7 at 6:30pm
- SOUP SALE is on October 12 following worship. Price for a quart is \$8. See page 5 for details
- Deborah Circle will meet Monday, October 13 at 6:30. Bring an apple to make a Carmel Apple
- Saturday, October 25—Ladies mark your calendars for the Women's Retreat at Raccoon State Park. See details on last page

Mission

Operations

- Property Meeting—Monday, October 6 at 6:30
- Work Day scheduled for Saturday, October 18 @ 9am
- \$149,319 Expenses year to date - what has been paid out for salaries, utilities, services, etc.
- \$147,568 Collected year to date - what has come in through the offering plate or through electronic deposits to the Current Fund. This does not include any money marked for missions or deacons.
- -\$1,751 Difference between expenses and collections
- \$15,209 Available Balance General Fund 9/30/2025

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.

Last Listening Post Date with Presbytery Ministry & Vocation Representatives
Sunday, October 5 at 1pm



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



Joys and Concerns September 28, 2025

- Diane Gennaro is having a spinal ablation on Friday.
- Jen Davis–Her sister Chris will have pacemaker removed prior to radiation, so plans are backed up a few weeks
- Bev Abate–Her neighbor Sue had a procedure on Wednesday Spinal fluid is mixing with brain fluid
- Taffy Kapton–Joel asks for prayers for a puppy, Roxy, found in neighborhood.
- Jeff Barth–His son Nick and girlfriend Tatiana got engaged
- Bonnie Martin–A joy that the choir is back!
- Jeff Davis–Prayers for friend Darlene who fell and broke her collar bone.
- Dawn Psik–Please pray for my sister, Susan. She had an ECHO cardiogram this Thursday morning to check if the chemo/immunotherapy drugs have caused any damage to her heart.
- Our Sister in Christ, Mary Blanchard has passed. Mary attended Ohio UP. Please keep her family, Laurie Blanchard, David Kocher, in prayer as they travel to Potter County for the funeral.
- Karen Keller is home after successful knee surgery. She said, “Bob is a good nurse”. Please continue to pray for Karen as she rests and heals. (And for Bob as he takes on his new role)



CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP FUNDRAISER

Sunday, October 12

Cost: \$8.00 per quart

To raise money for the OUP General Fund.

This delicious chicken noodle soup will be available to pick up after worship in the Library

Deadline to place your order is **October 5**

If you can help with prep or can donate soup items, let Eleanor Pike know.

Questions?? Call or text Eleanor Pike @ 724-601-4007



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women's Retreat 2025

Date: October 25, 2025

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Place: Raccoon State Park Rec Hall

Guest Speaker: Rev. Page Creach

She will do a talk based on the Beatitudes

In the afternoon we will be working on Mission Project

Breakfast and Lunch Provided including hot beverages and water

Please bring a notebook and Bible

Cost \$10.00 to cover the cost of Breakfast and Lunch

Checks Payable to Ohio UP Church Women's Association

Name(s): _____

Phone No./Email _____

Registrations Due by October 19th

Please contact Patti Strominger with any questions.

Call/Text: 724-494-2160 or email: pattistr@gmail.com