



February 15 through February 21, 2026

“Why have we fasted,” they say, “and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?” (Isaiah 58:3).

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you read this letter, the season is Lent is beginning. This year, OUPC will be sharing Ash Wednesday with the Concord and One in Christ congregations, at Concord. The event is called, “Feast and Famine.” We will enjoy a meal at Concord, then as part of the liturgy, proceed upstairs to their sanctuary for a briefservice, including Communion. (Optional Imposition of ashes will be offered.)

Ash Wednesday has been celebrated by the Christian Church for over 1,500 years, and recalls the Near Eastern tradition of throwing ashes over one’s head, signifying repentance before God. There are numerous accounts of people doing this in Scripture; in the Book of Jonah, even the animals in Nineveh put on sackcloth and ashes (Jonah 3:7-8)!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and ends April 2, Maundy Thursday, with a service at One in Christ Church. Lent is the forty days before Easter, a time of reflection and renewal. *If you look at a calendar, you will discover there are more than forty days between February 18 and April 2, so how do we get forty days? During Lent, we don’t count Sundays – they are days for celebration, recalling the Resurrection of Jesus. Also, the forty days remind us of Jesus’ time in the wilderness.*

Many declare they are “giving up something for Lent” – I often tell others I am giving up liver and beets. Perhaps some will give up alcohol, the internet, certain movies, or candy. But my brothers and sisters, Lent is not about just giving up something you like – it is *more than chocolate!*

Lent is a season for soul-searching, repentance, and “taking stock.” This year, take a moment each day to pray and reflect on your life, and your life in Christ. As you read, reflect, and pray, ask yourself, “Does my life bring glory to God? Do others see Christ in my thoughts, words, or actions?”

Again, Lent is not about giving something up so we can demonstrate how devout or disciplined we are – and if you read the verse at the top of the page, God is not really impressed either. Lent is about gaining perspective on our life compared to the grace that is freely given to us in Christ. To quote that old hymn, “Jesus paid it all.”

On another matter, my sincere thanks for your patience as we move through the Interim process. I realize some of you are anxious for a PNC to be elected, and to receive resumes. But history tells us Ohio Church is not yet ready to begin THAT part of the journey. We need to articulate who we are, and where we want to be, before we can

describe the type of pastor we need. Thanks also for the prayers and encouragement lifted up for the Transition Team (and me!)

In the meantime, continue to pray for Ohio Church, her leaders, her future, and for the pastor whom God has already chosen to lead our great congregation into the future.

In Christ,

Pastor Jim

Meet Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

I live in Brighton Township in an 1840's home. I pastored Steffin Hill Presbyterian Church in Beaver Falls for 15 ½ years and after retirement I served as a Transitional Pastor for three different congregations. Now, I am a Pulpit Supply as Pastors need to be away.

I am currently moderating three Sessions (one being First Monaca) and Chairing the Presbytery's Mission and Compassion Ministry. My Son-in-Law is Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon, Beaver Butler's Executive Presbyter and my Boss!

I had the privilege of serving on the PC(USA)'s General Assembly Council and the Central Committee of the World Council of churches. I am a trained fund raiser and raised money for the denomination and for Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

I formerly taught first grade and got a Master's Degree from the Ohio State University, then went to Pittsburgh Seminary for my Master of Divinity degree. In my sixties I got my Doctor of Ministry in preaching from McCormick Theological Seminary.

I like to mow grass, grow flowers, travel, watch good movies, and go to the theater.

My husband Rev. Dr. A. Gary Angleberger passed away in November. We have four married children and thirteen grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.





Worship
• Sunday School for children 3yr.-6th grade is during worship after the children’s chat • Adult Sunday School is at 9am • 76 in church on February 8, 2026 • Ash Wednesday service will be at Concord Presbyterian Church at 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 18. Worship begins around tables with a Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner and Liturgy. Worship concludes in the sanctuary for communion and ashes.
Congregational Care
• Story Time continues on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30am • Shrove Tuesday meal is on Tuesday, February 17 from 5 to 7pm. Dinner includes pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. See insert in bulletin for more details • Food Drive to fill the Pantry is on February 22
Mission
• .Manna is set for Tuesday, February 24 at the House of Prayer. If you can help by baking cakes, serving or cleaning up contact Linda Duganich at 724-622-7929 • The Lenten Mission project this year will be a goal of \$3000, which will go to building two water wells. The coin containers will be handed out to the children this Sunday and the first congregation collection will be the following week on February 22. Offering designated as “Lenten Mission Project” will also go towards our goal
Operations
As of January 31, 2026: • Contributions year to date: \$19,006 • Expenditures year to date: \$14,939

If you are able to help with the snow removal from the sidewalks, please contact Charles Hendrick

The Deacons are requesting donations for our food pantry. Any donations are appreciated but we are running low on cereal and canned vegetables. Donations can be placed in the bin at the back of the sanctuary.

We are looking for individuals who are interested in providing special music on the Sundays that the choir doesn’t sing. If interested, sign up on the form outside the choir room

Ohio United Presbyterian Church PAINT PARTY FUNDRAISER

🌸 Spring Door Hanger Paint Party- Choose Your Project! 🌸

No painting experience needed—just bring your creativity!

All supplies are included. You will leave with a beautiful project that is front door worthy!

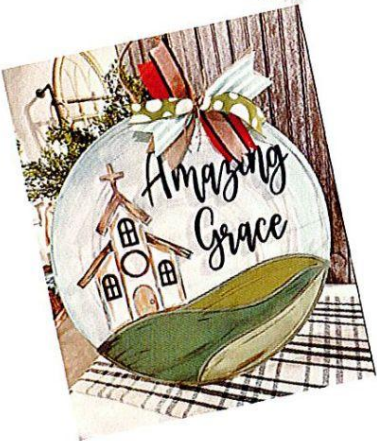


You may choose from one of four projects

🔸 Option 1: Aztec Floral Round Door Hanger

🔸 Option 2: Amazing Grace Round Door Hanger

🔸 Option 3: Hello Easter Round Door Hanger

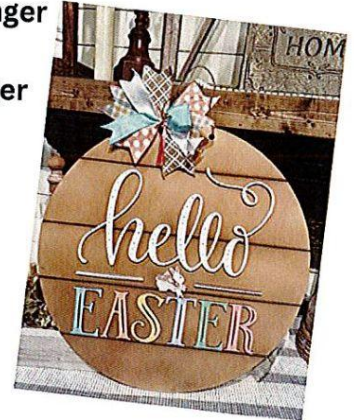


March 14, 2026

1:00-3:30 pm

Ohio United Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall

1236 Longvue Avenue
Aliquippa, PA 15001



\$42.00 per project

Registration deadline is February 20, 2026

Project and Event Notes:

All options are 18" round.

Feel free to bring a snack and or beverage .

Please wear clothing you don't mind getting paint on.

There are no refunds once registration closes,
if you are unable to attend I will be happy to pack your project and supplies "to-go".

For questions regarding payment and registration please contact
amy@wreathandbowsmith.com



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Church FAMILY —PRAYER LIST—



- Jen Davis—Sherri Murdoch is home after a car accident. She has 2 broken vertebrae in her neck and 2 in her lower back. She is wearing a cervical collar and will begin PT soon. Doug is very sore, but healing.
- Diane Gennaro—prayers for her neighbor, Kathy Palumbo who lost her mother, Katherine, Sunday morning.
- Taffy Kapton—Her daughter is expecting!!
- Lynn Smith—Brother-in Law, Larry, is having back surgery at end of the month; it's complicated by an aneurysm.



Ray & Peggy Atwell 02/27	Harper Gavita 02/01	Crystal Saxon 02/13	Trevis Gregory 02/23
	Linda Duganich 02/04	Marsha Douglass 02/14	Brenda Jones 02/24
	Dawn Psik 02/04	Jonah Honess 02/14	Sharon Neville 02/24
	Eric Rastetter 02/06	Marloe Rastetter 02/15	Chris Cronin 02/26
	Missy Sardo 02/06	Michael Colesar 02/16	Nathan Cronin 02/26
	Dolores Skinner 02/06	Kiane Gennaro 02/18	Richard Pike 02/26
	Ken Gregory 02/11	Noah Honess 02/21	Corinna Petrella 02/28
	Weston Shaffer 02/12	Tanner Lewis 02/21	

