



March 8 through March 14, 2026



Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it (1 Corinthians 12:27).

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation... (2 Corinthians 5:18).

Dear Friends in Christ,

If we look at Scripture, we find the same disagreements and differences we face today. In Acts 15, Paul and Barnabas had a disagreement over John Mark. Paul refused to take him because he had previously abandoned them, while Barnabas wanted to give John Mark another chance. As a result, Barnabas took John Mark to Cyprus, and Paul took Silas through Syria and Cilicia.

Our first take on this event is a damaging split between two leaders and their ministry. On the other hand, the result was the beginning of two, rather than a one missionary journey. Paul and Barnabas travelled in different directions, and the church grew in two areas instead of one.

This newsletter is about a difficult and painful topic – those who left the Ohio Church because of the disagreements and challenges you faced. If you left OUPC in anger or sadness, I am sorry for your pain and loss. Everyone has been affected by your decision to leave the fellowship. We miss you!

But like the positive result of Paul's and Barnabas' disagreement, if you have landed somewhere, and are contributing joyfully to the work and worship of another body of Christ, I praise God. A different body of Christ is benefiting from your gifts and talents.

Among Transitional Ministers, this is a challenge. We are busy enough ministering to those who remained, unable to address those who departed. The congregation is actively working, praying and discerning who we are *now* as a body of Christ, and what type of pastor we believe God wants for us. You are not in the conversation. (As I noted in last week's message, we are re-issuing the survey because the membership has changed – we would love to have your contributions.)

But allow me to speak frankly – if you are reading this, but are not in worship with us...

- Does that mean you still have some connection to Ohio Church?
- Is there some spark still alive?
- Does hope still remain for this body of Christ?

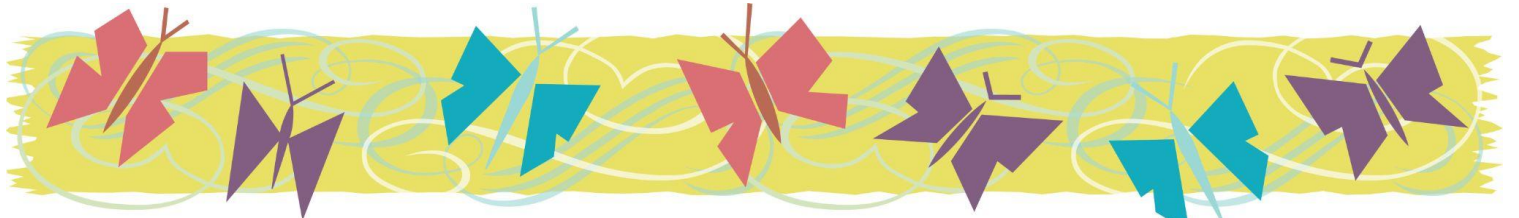
My friends, Paul and Barnabas reconciled and came together in fellowship. God is all about reconciliation, and God wants his body to be reconciled. We would love to have you back in fellowship, and we will welcome you.

I would love talk to you about why you left. Let's discuss what happened, and why things happened the way they did. But I also want to talk about what we have learned since your departure, and how we are working on the future of your beloved church.

We would love you to be a part of that future.

In Christ,

Pastor Jim



BABYSHOWER

The Women's Association is collecting donations for Adoption Connection, located in Beaver, PA. Donations can be placed in the marked box in the Cry Room every Sunday in March. The items most needed are:

- Gently used baby items
- Diapers-size newborn to 6, and wipes
- Shampoo, conditioner and body wash
- Baby wash and lotion
- New hairbrushes, combs
- New underwear and socks (all sizes)
- Gently used clothing of all sizes

Thank you for your donations!!

Questions? Contact Eleanor Pike
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Worship
• Sunday School for children 3yr.-6th grade is during worship after the children’s chat • Adult Sunday School is at 9am • 87 in church on March 1, 2026 • Communion is Sunday, March 8
Congregational Care
• Story Time continues on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30am • Ruth Circle meets on March 11 at 1pm
Mission
• The Lenten Mission project has raised \$1240 out of \$3000, which will go to building two water wells. Offering designated as “Lenten Mission Project” will go towards this goal. If your child needs a coin container, talk to Simon Hunsberger. The next congregation collection will be on Palm Sunday.
Operations

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

Church FAMILY —PRAYER LIST—



- Eleanor Pike—We praise God that Eric Nan's electronic mechanical heart valve replacement was successful. Prayers for strength and healing. He was hoping to go home this past Monday.
- Diane Gennaro—Sister-in-law Chris Davis had lumpectomy, but they didn't get good margins. She'll have another surgery.
- Jen Davis—Sister Chris's hip surgery has been postponed. The cancer meds are arguing with her other meds. Bloodwork must be balanced before surgery. Surgery possibly in late April.
- Pastor Jim—prayers for Bonnie and the Martin family.
- Peggy Franzese—Prayers for son Tom who had back surgery; had complications.
- Peggy Franzese—Grandson Freddy had tubes put in his ears.
- Christina Palmer—Niece Danielle finished radiation treatment; Nephew Austin started MS treatment; Son Danny starting a new job at immigration law firm in IT.
- Lynn Smith—Brother-in-law had back surgery and it went well.
- Dawn Psik—Sister Susan had a double mastectomy. She is now cancer free!! Susan will have to undergo more immunotherapy. Pray for healing and more therapy in the future.
- Dick Klein—Prayers for peace for our world!
- Diane Gennaro—Prayers for Mark Douglass; port is not working. He will get a new one on March 9. He is doing better with this round of treatment.



Anniversary	Birthdays	Birthdays
Jason & Liz Cagnon 03/05	Mark Muslin 03/01	Daniel Fox Sr. 03/21
	Tracy Simmons 03/08	Casey Honess 03/23
	Savannah McLynden 03/09	Leonard Laird Sr. 03/23
	Michael Duganich 03/11	Betty Solinski 03/25
	Logan Gregory 03/14	Evelyn Cagnon 03/27
	Rich Palmer 03/16	Kasey Hoth 03/27
	Joshua Kocher 03/20	Debbie Ceccarelli 03/29

