



May 17 through May 23, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing” (Psalm 100:1-2).

As you know, this past Sunday was our beloved Choir’s last Sunday for the summer. I am certainly looking forward to all the “Special Music” offerings in the weeks ahead. (By the way, if you would like to share your musical gifts with us, let Chris Mathias know of your interest!)

The names of the choir members will be in this Sunday’s bulletin – take a moment to track each one down the thank them! Their efforts and enthusiasm were spiritually edifying for everyone, including me. Make special time to thank Jeff Davis for his (volunteer!) work as Choir Director, and Skye Lanham for accompaniment. And a special thank-you also to Andrew Honess for his contributions and leadership.

These past few days, I’ve been thinking about role of music in worship. Scripture is full of verses and messages about singing praises to God. As you know, the entire Book of Psalms is songs for worship! (Sadly, we’ve lost the music – efforts have been made to write music for various psalms, with little success...)

Our Father God wants us to make a joyful noise to the Lord. Maybe you’re not a singer, or maybe you’re uncomfortable singing aloud. Why not give it a try, or at least maybe hum along. When you stand (if able), perhaps close your eyes and focus on the lyrics (I suppose you should open your eyes, look at the screen, and think about the lyrics).

An important part of worship is praising God for himself and what he has done for us. Yes, the message is important, but God wants to hear our response!

Ohio Church is committed to a vibrant, dynamic, loving, and Christ-centered music ministry. A year ago, you faced challenges, and everyone stepped up. The result has been a blessing for me as your pastor. As I have said many times, when the choir sings, that’s when I worship. And when I stand in up front and you are all singing, I sometimes stop singing myself, and simply let YOUR LOVING AND JOYOUS VOICES wash over me. I praise God for your enthusiasm and love of Christ.

As we search for our new Choir Director, pray for those who are searching, and that God’s choice for Ohio will be loud and clear. Let us look with joyous anticipation to our music ministry next year.

In Christ,

Pastor Jim



Worship

- Sunday School for children 3yr.-6th grade is during worship after the children's chat
- Adult Sunday School this Sunday at 9am.
- 90 in church on May 10

Congregational Care

- Fellowship follows church service on May 24 (Pentecost Sunday) serving strawberries, cake, fruit punch coffee and milk
- 2 Baptisms on May 31: Kathleen Grace Crosby and Hayes Fouse Hopkins
- Ruth Circle is starting a new Bible Study in June about the book of Job. The study of Job "Wrestling with God" is written by Paul Stevens. 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.

Mission

- [MANNA is on Tuesday, May 26.](#) Linda Duganich is seeking volunteers to bake cakes, serve and clean up. Sign ups are in the bulletin or call Linda at 724-622-7929 if you can volunteer.
- [On Sunday, May 24th there will be a Minute for Mission](#) for one of the local outreach programs our church supports. Lee Montanari will be talking about his Communicycle program and its work around Beaver county to refurbish and repair bikes. The program provides an opportunity for both kids and adults to learn repair skills and obtain reliable transportation in their communities. The loose offering on the 24th will go to Communicycle.

Operations

Contributions YTD : \$56,726
Expenditures YTD: \$35,189

VBS Craft Items Needed: Pop/soda twist off bottle caps
CDs or DVDs
Marbles
Empty toilet paper rolls
Empty paper towel rolls
Camp Lanterns

There will be a box in the Narthex for the donations.

Church FAMILY —PRAYER LIST—

- Jen Davis-Joy for niece, Amber who graduated from Chatham University with a degree in Biology and on Saturday graduated from Carlow University with a degree in Surgery Tech Summa cum laude and Valedictorian
- Christina Palmer—Her friend Kerry suffered a heart attack. He had open heart surgery on Monday morning. Prayers for his wife and family and for his recovery.
- Dawn Psik—Her sister is starting radiation treatments; 16 sessions at 5-10 minutes each. Continue prayers. Had an unrelated procedure done on Thursday.
- Pastor Jim—prayers for safe travels for Skye as she studies abroad in Ireland
- Jen Davis—My sister Chris had a successful hip replacement on Wednesday. Now in PT and doing well. Thank you for so many prayers!
- Jeff Davis—Prayers for Mark Douglass as he begins a new treatment
- Diane Gennaro—Prayers for daughter Janice who is having intestinal issues.
- Charles Hendrick—Prayers for all of our Armed Forces at home and overseas
- Anita—Prayers for my husband Phil in physical therapy
- Christina Palmer—My Niece Riley graduating from Robert Morris with a dual degree
- Skye Lanham—Joy for mom and grandmother
- Caroline S.—Prayers for baby born with issues
- Karen Keller—Lynn Smith's nephew found a home after a long search
- Diane Gennaro—Prayers for Diane as she is in hospital with a bowel blockage



Anniversaries	Birthdays	Birthdays	Birthdays
Lois & Kenneth Kearns 05/03	Shelley Summy 05/08	Kim Hughes 05/20	Victoria Guiney 05/28
Lynn & Ber Smith 05/11	Jack Nan 05/09	Jeff Barth 05/21	Chris Mathias 05/29
Simon & Megan Hunsberger 05/14	Bryan Magee 5/10	Wendi Rybicki 05/24	Mark Mitchell 05/29
Michael & Linda Duganich 05/15	Dolly Kerlin 05/15	Edmund Lawson 05/24	Sofia Cronin 05/31
Paul & Karin Magee 05/29	JoAnne Polizotto 05/15	Nick Hoth 05/27	Ava Diccico 05/31
	Ray Atwell 05/19	Robert Hurni 05/27	Patrick Smith 05/31





**Vacation Bible School
@Ohio United Presbyterian Church**

**June 8th -June 12th
9:30am-12pm
Age 4 – Finishing 5th Grade**

[Register Here Today!](#)

Also at ohiopresbyterian.org/vacation-bible-school-vbs (not up yet)

**Volunteers welcome! (and needed!)
(finishing 6th and up – sign up on registration form)
Adults must have clearances
Contact casey.honess@gmail.com to volunteer!**