



May 24 through May 30, 2026

Patience: The Benefits of Waiting

The Adult Sunday School led by John Martin is studying the Fruit of the Spirit. The Apostle Paul wrote “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22 – 23 ESV).

Lesson 1 was on Love, Lesson 2 was Joy, Lesson 3 was Peace, all was going well then came Lesson 4 (insert background music - Bum, Bum, Bum!) Patience. The lesson book acknowledged that “being patient is a universal human struggle and says patience is *endurance* in the face of hard things”. Many of us have prayed for patience and found ourselves in the midst of an even more overwhelming situation, vowing never again and our prayers change to “Show me your way God”.

The Lesson then focused on a passage from James, “Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.” (James 5:7 – 11 ESV). A farmer does the hard work prior to seeing the fruit of his/her labor then waits for rain and sunshine to grow the crops. Many farmers are deeply religious because they must rely on their faith that they will be successful as they have little control on the environmental factors that affect their crops.

I remember thinking of our friend Dave, who farms in New Castle, PA. He works long hours preparing the soil, planting seeds, making sure he has done all he can to be successful. He must daily practice patience, faith and trust that the harvest will come.

In the midst of our difficulties or hardships it is so easy to become impatient because we are not in control. This is where our faith and trust in God comes in and guides us to seek God’s wisdom. So, let us as Children of God do the necessary work, praying, studying God’s Word, being in fellowship with each other so we will see the fruit of our labor.

King David wrote, “Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!” (Psalm 27:14 ESV)

Seeking God’s Wisdom and Choosing Joy,

Eleanor Pike



Worship

- Sunday School for children 3yr.-6th grade is during worship after the children's chat
- Adult Sunday School this Sunday at 9am.
- 87 in church on May 17

Congregational Care

- Fellowship follows church service on May 24 (Pentecost Sunday) serving strawberries, cake, fruit punch coffee and milk WEAR RED!
- 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

VBS Craft Items Needed: Pop/soda twist off bottle caps
CDs or DVDs
Camp Lanterns

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

Church FAMILY —PRAYER LIST—



- Jen Davis-Diane Gennaro is home and feeling better
- Dawn Psik—Thanks for prayers for sister, Susan. A joy there was no evidence of cancer. On Monday she went for a CT scan, radiation/oncology; will make plan for radiation and immunotherapy
- Taffy Kapton—A joy that Joel's cardiologist appointment went well. No problems with his heart.
- Dick Klein—His brother, Craig, diagnosed with aphasia following stroke. Diminished speech, etc. Continue prayers
- Christina Palmer—Friend, Kerry is home now following a heart attack and open heart surgery and he is doing well
- Dave Kocher—Is good to be home and thank you for all your prayers
- Terri Owczarzak—Her son, Donald Sanders graduated from Carnegie Mellon with a MBA. A joy for family!



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!**

Highlights from the Deacon's 5/12/2026 Meeting

Investigate the Needy – During the summer months, we will consistently seek out opportunities to help our community assisting with anyone that may need help.

Correspondence/Cards – We sent out 19 cards in April

Extra Care List – We have updated contact information for church members that cannot attend services.

Fellowship Schedule:

May 24, 2026 – Pentecost Sunday (cupcakes, strawberries, fruit punch, coffee and milk.

August 23, 2026 – Church service and picnic at Hopewell Township Park Pavilion

The Women's Association will hold a bake sale during the Hopewell Yard Crawl on Saturday, July 25, 2026. We need volunteers to bake cookies.

Blessing Bags – During the 2026 School year, we delivered 10 bags to Hopewell Jr. High; 10 bags to Hopewell Elementary; 8 bags to Margaret Ross Elementary and 2 bags to the Senior High.

Next Meeting – Fall 2026