



May 31 through June 6, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

*So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13).*

Before entering Seminary, I worked for a German company, and had many conversations with folks not entirely fluent in English. One day, an American colleague used the expression, paradigm shift. Our German visitor had never heard this idea expressed in English, and asked, “Describe a paradigm shift.” My American colleague responded, “The Earth is flat...the Earth is round.”

*A paradigm shift is a fundamental, transformative change in the basic concepts, practices, or accepted ways of thinking about a specific discipline, society, or worldview.*

At a recent Presbytery meeting, a visitor spoke about various *paradigm shifts* taking place in churches across America. Previously, speaking as someone from the “boomer” generation, my relationships with churches were *automatic* – when we moved to a new community, we found a church, joined it, and began to participate in various activities. It was what a family did in those days.

According to our visitor, the process now is more about *authenticity*. Programs are important, but it’s more about how *genuine* we are in what we do. One thing I love about OUPC is you are NOT a “religious services provider,” but offer various things to the community because you want *to share what you have* – the Good News of the Gospel.

Another thing the visitor spoke about was *causes vs. programs*. Again, we have a food cupboard, but what drives that particular ministry is the issue of food insecurity and poverty in our community. We don’t fill the cupboard because it’s a good look – we are aware of the needs facing our neighbors, and we address them. These days, folks are more likely to connect with causes than programs.

When a visitor comes through our door, what does he/she see? A faceless person handing a bulletin, or is it a case of *we-are-glad-to-be-here-and-we-are-glad-you’re-here-too!*

*Paradigm shifts* area all around us, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, Ohio Church will shift as well – as long as you continue to hold fast to your faith in Christ.

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.
- 79 in church on May 24

### Congregational Care

- 2 Baptisms on May 31: Kathleen Grace Crosby and Hayes Fouse Hopkins
- Ruth Circle is starting a new Bible Study on June 10 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.
- Women's Association meets on June 2 at 6:30pm

### Mission

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### Operations

Property Meeting on June 1 at 6:30pm

### **VBS Craft Items Needed:**

CDs or DVDs

Camp Lanterns

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

# Church FAMILY —PRAYER LIST—



- Marcus McCowin—Thank you for all the prayers for his grandmother and for the shawl for her
- Lynn Smith—Her cousin lost her daughter to a heart attack on her birthday. Prayers of comfort and peace.
- Jeff Barth—His sister, Marilyn, fell and broke her hip. Prayers for healing
- Continued prayers for Steven and Monica Ward. Steve's cancer is still around and they are exploring future options. God is the great healer, but he still needs to receive treatment.



# MAY

*birthdays & anniversaries*

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

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# JUNE

*birthdays & anniversaries*

Anniversaries	Anniversaries	Birthdays	Birthdays
Amy & Mark Muslin 6/3	Rich & Dolly Kerlin 6/24	Kristen Nan 6/1	Susan Burak 6/10
Marcus & Jesseca McCowin 6/9	Robert & Chris Hurni 6/25	Kenneth Tamburrino 6/2	Richard Kerlin 6/10
Ivonne & Greg Holsinger 6/15	Nick & Kasey Hoth 6/27	Larry Palochak 6/3	Willow Honess 6/12
Andrew & Whitney Shaffer 6/15	Bob & Karen Keller 6/28	Marcy Zombeck 6/6	Paul Kulha 6/13
Kim & Tom Hughes 6/16		Bryan Cronin 6/7	Andrea Tamburrino 6/26
JoAnne & Bill Polizotto 6/21		Caitlin Colesar 6/8	Dobres Hartley 6/27
Doug & Sherri Murdoch 6/22		Penelope Hoth 6/8	Andrew Honess 6/28
			Drew Lewis 6/30



**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](http://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](mailto:casey.honess@gmail.com) to volunteer!**