



July 19 through July 25, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19).

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor (Ecclesiastes 4:9).

Quite often in Transitional Pastor circles, the work is seen in two phases – the first phase is the reflection on the history, and the work of the Transition Team ending with the election of the Pastor Nominating Committee. Obviously, Ohio has concluded the first phase of my time with you.

Many pastors might have a let-down at this time, having worked so hard to do the actual Transitional Tasks. Many pastors find the first phase much more interesting than what follows. I've often experienced this feeling – *don't worry, I'm not feeling that way now.*

As you may know, the keys to the manse were handed over to the Property Committee Monday the 4th. Committee members (and others) began cleaning the next day; the carpeting has been removed, revealing the sub floor (no hardwood). Property is developing a "punch list" of things to repair or replace, and will present it to Session at its August meeting. Session will discern and decide how to fund the recommendations, and what to do with the manse until your next pastor arrives.

Again, speaking personally and professionally, I am not feeling a letdown, but a renewed spirit of enthusiasm, joy, and persistence as we enter Phase Two of my time with you. Things are settling down, and everyone is looking deliberately toward the future. I sincerely hope you see and feel this way too.

Much still remains to be done! I have a list in my office of all the things that need to be examined and addressed. And while Session will lead the work, we can look to King Solomon's words above – *"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."* There is probably an area where you can share your gifts to help prepare things for the next pastor. Please stop by my office, or take a look at the "grid" on the wall to see where you might be able to help move us forward, so when your next pastor arrives, you'll be ready to go!

We are entering a new phase here at Ohio – I'm excited that God has called me here to share in the journey. Let's get going, together.

In Christ,

Pastor Jim

CALL PROCESS CHECKLIST

1. Dissolution of pastoral relationship (Ministry & Vocation, Congregation)
2. Discern the next stage of the life and mission of the church (Transition Team, Session, Congregation, MVC)
3. Self-Study Approved (Session, Congregation)
4. Assess the financial capability of the congregation (Session, MVC)
5. Call details and criteria for the new Position (Session, MVC)
6. Elect Pastor Nominating Committee, representative of the congregation
7. MVC trains Pastor Nominating Committee on Call process
8. Session shares criteria for the new Position with the PNC
9. PNC prepares the Ministry Discernment Profile
10. Session and MVC approve the MDP
11. MVC invites Clerk of Session to access Church Leadership Connection system.
12. PNC enters MDP into the CLC system
13. MVC trains PNC on Personal Discernment Profile review and interview process
14. PNC receives and reviews PDP (Candidate) matches and referrals
15. Reference & background checks (PNC, MVC)
16. Select a Nominee (PNC)
17. Extend a Call (PNC)
18. Negotiate terms of Call (PNC, Session)
19. Approve terms of Call (PNC, Session)
20. Call Congregational meeting to elect the pastor, introduce Candidate (Session, PNC)
21. PNC presents the Candidate to the congregation
22. Candidate sermon, congregation votes (If congregation votes “No”, back to step 16)
23. Sign the call. (PNC, Session, MVC)
24. Welcome the new Pastor to the Congregation and community (PNC, Congregation)



Worship

- Sunday School for children 3yr.-6th grade is during worship after the children’s chat
- 59 in church on July 5; 74 in church on July 12

Congregational Care

- Deacon’s Meeting is on July 26 following worship
- Church Picnic is on August 23.

Mission

- See last page for information on Rev. Moseray.

Operations

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Church FAMILY —PRAYER LIST—



- Sharon Neville—Keep the Marlatt and the DeVito families in prayer as Kortney's brother was killed in a car crash.
- Ginny Adams—Granddaughter in hospital for a consult on bowel issues.
- Peggy Franzese—prayers for Bev Abate after her surgery
- Pastor Jim—Prayers of joy to see Dianne Kanitra in church last Sunday.
- Dawn Psik—Prayers for sister, Sue, who will be returning to work on July 16. She works in South Pointe. Prayers for strength for travel. She had immunotherapy treatment #5 of 11 this past Monday, July 13. Praise she has finished her radiation treatment!
- Monica Ward—A new treatment for Steven Ward started Tuesday which will last one year. Prayers for healing
- Thank you to the Kapton family for the clean up following the baby shower.
- Jen Davis and Brenda Jones—Brenda was admitted to the Sewickley Hospital after being in ER for 24 hours.
- Chris Hurni—97 year old father is in hospital for a week. Pray for comfort and peace.
- Prayers for the Property Committee as they deal with the manse



Anniversaries	Birthdays	Birthdays	Birthdays
Drew & Janis Lewis 7/5	Michael Kamenski 7/1	Dylan Winkle 7/14	Susan Palochak 7/25
Edward & Susan Burak 7/7	Jack Gennaro 7/4	Mark Olexick 7/15	Chelsea Winkle 7/25
Roger & Belinda Notte, Jr. 7/9	Joshua Magee 7/7	William Diccico 7/17	Alexa Burak 7/28
Andrea & Kenneth Tamburrino 7/10	Brittany McLinden 7/7	Steven Ward 7/17	Edna Petrella 7/28
	Chris Otto 7/9	Miles Rastetter 7/22	Jenn Davis 7/30
	Alexander Colesar 7/14	Christina Palmer 7/24	Jessica McCowin 7/30
	Kendal Smith 7/14	Rose Honess 7/25	

Bakers and Helpers are Needed

The Women's Association will be having a Bake Sale on Saturday July 25th during the Hopewell Twp. Yard Sale Crawl. Bakers and helpers are needed.

Bakers: All types of baked goods are welcomed. They need to be packaged to sell. Cookies should be packed in zip lock bags, packaged to sell for \$2.00 a bag. Baked goods should be dropped off at the church on Friday between 5 and 6pm. If you have access to the church, they can be dropped off earlier and marked that they are for the bake sale.

Helpers: We will be setting up at 7:30 am on Saturday. Plan to bring a chair with you if you will be staying for the sale. That will be easier than carrying chairs from the church. We will need help carrying tables from the church outside.

All proceeds will benefit the Ohio UP General Fund.

Please Contact Eleanor Pike (724-601-4007) or Patti Strominger (724-494-2160) if you have any questions.

Thank you for any help or baking you are able to provide.



Reverend Magnus Moseray, who visited us last spring, is continuing his mission work in Albania. He has spent over 5 years traveling to tell others about Jesus and to train new pastors. He has asked for continued prayers and support as he goes to different provinces. If you feel called to give, you can learn more at hgfric.wordpress.com