OHIO UNITED
Presbyterian Church

November 15 through November 21, 2026



"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him" (Jeremiah 17:7).

Dear Friends in Christ,

This letter is to inform you that I am leaving Ohio Church. This past Tuesday, Session approved my resignation, and I will announce it in worship this Sunday. My last Sunday at Ohio will be December 27. I have accepted a call as Transitional Pastor at Calvin Church, Zelienople.

An unfortunate aspect of Transitional Ministry is its temporary nature. From the beginning, I was aware that my time at Ohio might be shorter than expected – in my years as Transitional Pastor, quite often I would leave before the next pastor arrived. But frankly, I never thought I would be called to another church after Ohio.

Needless to say, this has been a difficult decision. My time at OUPC has been a spirit-filled blessing. You faced many challenges, but with God's help, you overcame them, and I believe you are in a strong place to move forward (see the passage above).

God has called me to Transitional Ministry, and I am compelled to go where my gifts can be best used for the Kingdom. This opportunity came rather suddenly, and I was not looking to leave. But after much prayer, I concluded God is releasing me from Ohio and calling me to Calvin.

For many Transitional Pastors, their time blends nicely with the arrival the Installed Pastor; for Ohio, this is not the case, but (again) I believe you are strong enough to persevere. Regarding what happens next, Session is working to find pulpit supply, hopefully for a longer term. Rev. David Byers has agreed to Moderate the Session, and Elder Lynn Byers will continue as MVC Liaison to Session.

Ohio is in a much better place than eighteen months ago; Session continues to lead during this time of transition; the Pastor Nominating Committee continues its work, and I pray you will commit to "stepping up" during this time.

It has been my honor and blessing to serve as your pastor – your living witness has impacted me,personally and professionally – your love and enthusiasm for Christ has transformed my ministry. You welcomed me and Caroline as your own, and we shall be forever grateful to you all for your love and support.

In Christ,

Pastor Jim



Worship
• Sunday School for children 3yr.-6th grade is during worship after the children's chat • Adult Sunday school is at 9am studying Judges • 75 in church on November 8 • Choir sings on November 22
Congregational Care
• Story Time is on Wednesday, November 18 at 9:30 or 10:30 • Paint party Fundraiser is on November 21 at 1pm • Hanging of the Greens is on November 22 following worship
Mission
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Operations

Email Delays

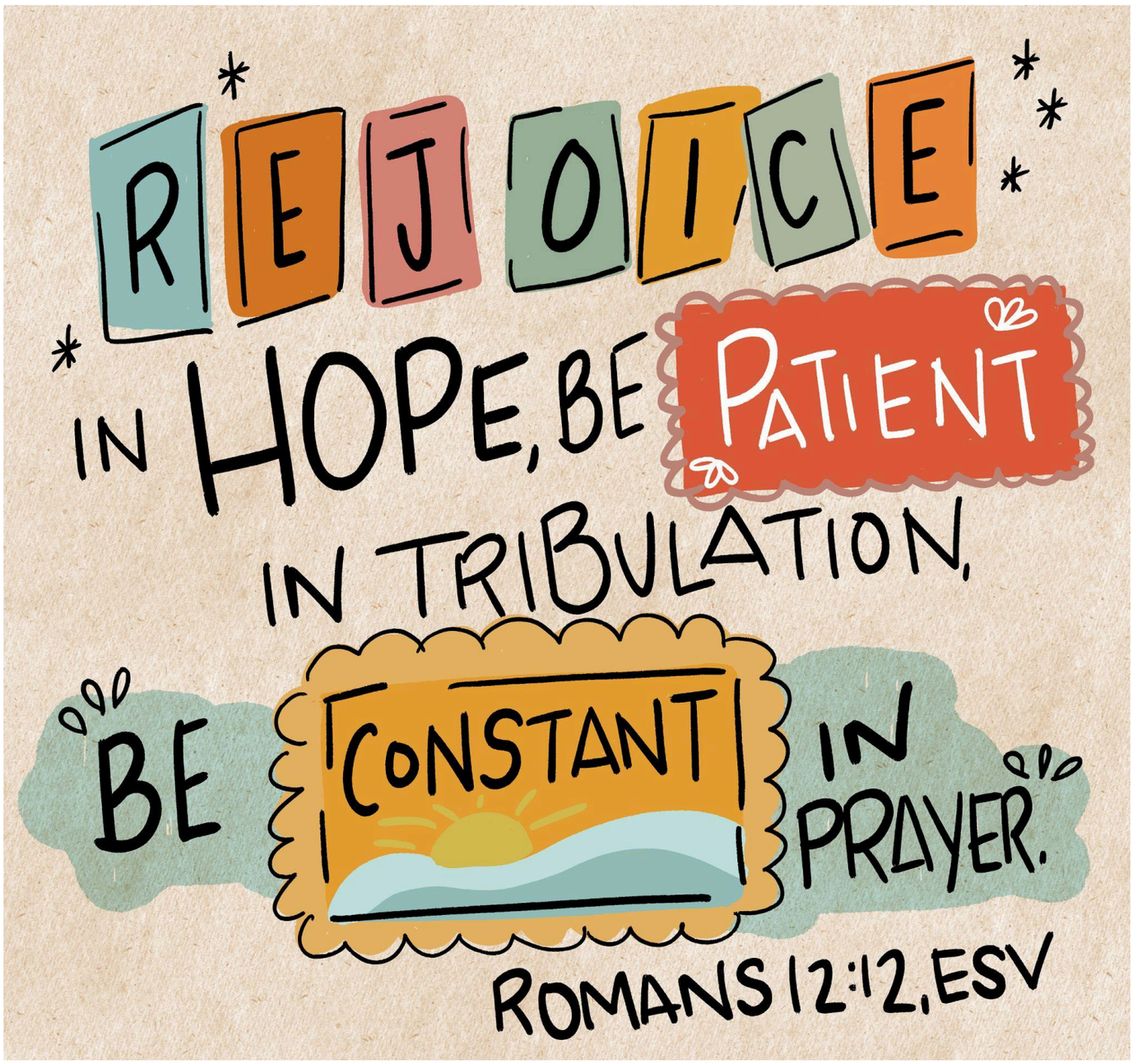
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Exciting News for VBS 2027!

We are excited to announce that **Amy Muslin will be our new Vacation Bible School Director for 2027!** Please join us in welcoming Amu as she takes on this exciting role. We look forward to the creativity and enthusiasm she will bring to this wonderful ministry.

We also extend a heartfelt thank you to **Casey for her many years of leadership, dedication, and love for our VBS program**. Her time and commitment have made a lasting difference in the lives of our children and families. We are truly grateful for all she has done!

Here's to a wonderful new chapter and an exciting VBS 2027!



- Christina Palmer's cousin Becky's husband John was laid to rest on Tuesday.
- Diane G.--her neighbor Bob had knee placement surgery on Tuesday. He has had complications; blood clot and heart issues. He is still in hospital trying to get stable enough to go to rehab. Her husband Jack had second chemo on Thursday.
- Pastor Jim–Becky Collins (Pastor at New Sewickley Church) is facing many health issues.
- Sharon N.--Friend Nola has pneumonia and is on IV antibiotics at home
- Jeff D.--Mark Douglass still has cancer treatments going on – prayers needed
- Bev A.--Betty Solinski is at Medical Center in Room 340; She is having trouble breathing
- John M.--His grandson Silas is having adenoids removed
- Pastor Jim–His cousin is recovering from surgery. They got all the cancer!
- Jayme Roberts–Daughter's grandmother Linda diagnosed with breast cancer
- Jen D.--Ray Atwell is doing well after hip replacement surgery



Anniversaries	Birthdays	Birthdays	Birthdays
Christina & Rich Palmer 11/14	Liz Cagnon 11/1	Bev Abate 11/19	Elizabeth Repman 11/25
Eric & Kristin Nan 11/20	Dorothy Elko 11/11	Barbara Corsi 11/22	Morgan Lewis 11/26














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