OHIO UNITED
Presbyterian Church



November 22 through November 28, 2026

" I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you know, the Ohio Session accepted my resignation last week, effective December 31 (my last Sunday is December 27). I had a difficult time on Sunday giving my "official" announcement to the congregation – I was met with both congratulations and tears (including my own!)

I was driving on Sunday afternoon, and I found myself reflecting – not just on the day, but on the past fifteen months with you all. I realized (or God told me!) that the only way I was able to get through the struggles was because I was strengthened in Christ. My arrival was anointed by Christ, and each day (some were tougher than others) was directed and sustained by Christ.

In our verse above, Paul writes from a Roman prison. He has learned the secret of being content whether he is well-fed or hungry, rich or poor, in freedom or in chains. Thanks to Christ, whatever I faced during my time with you, I was *content* in all circumstances. "All things" refers specifically to enduring whatever circumstances life brings and carrying out God's calling through divine strength rather than human willpower.

The second thing that came to me on Sunday was the fact that you also were able to "…*do all things through Christ who [strengthened you]*". Your strength, perseverance, enthusiasm, and contentment enabled me to experience the same thing! Again, your living witness of the strength of Christ kept me going.

OUPC has come through some difficult days – challenging days lie ahead. But in every case, every day, you will be strengthened through Christ. He will keep you content.

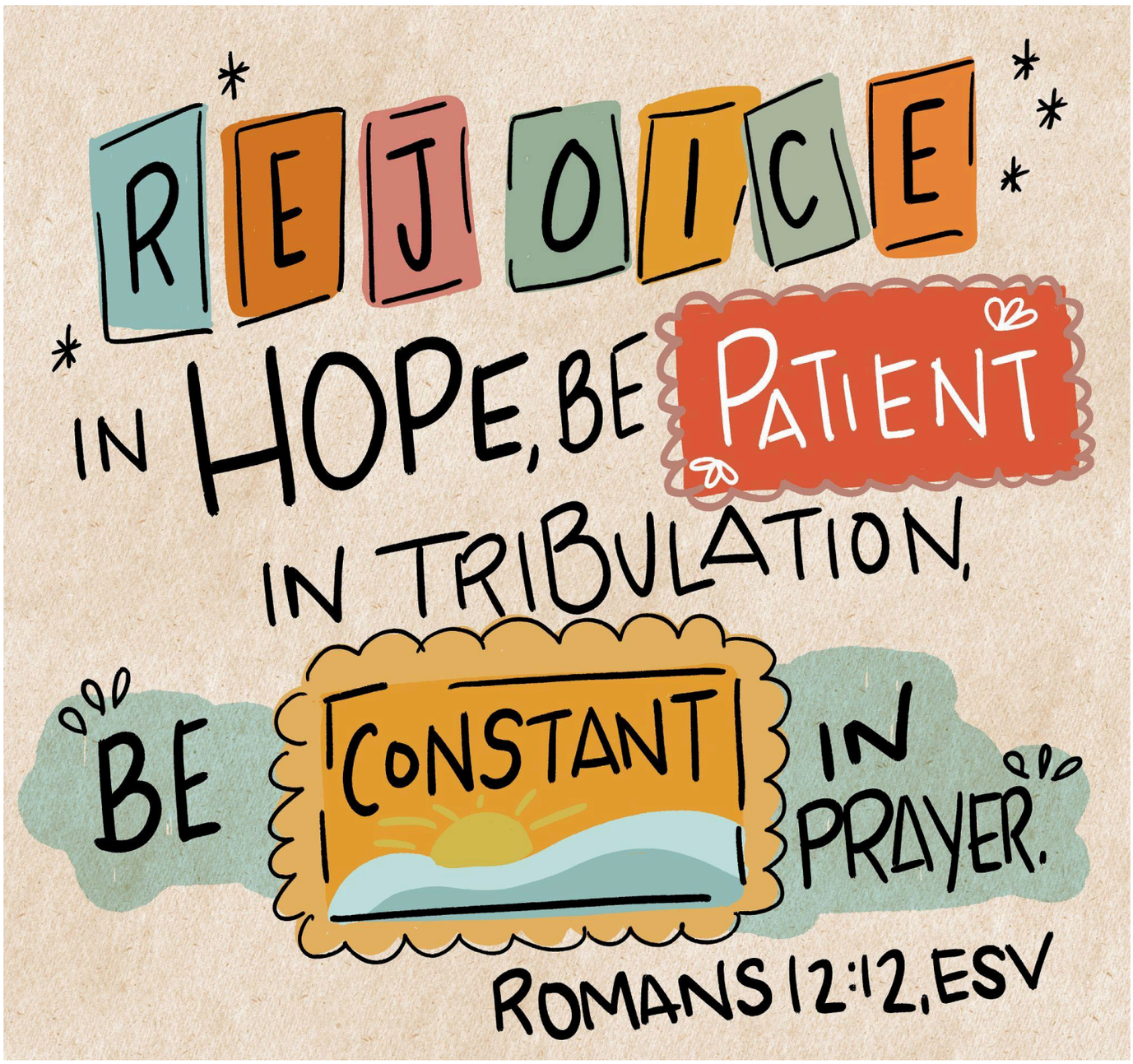
In Christ,

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 • 78 in church on November 15 • Choir sings on November 22
Congregational Care
• Story Time is on Wednesday, November 25 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 • Women's Association Holiday Dinner will be Monday, November 30 at Vesuvios in Monaca. RSVP to Corinna by text or a phone call by November 29. Phone Number is 724-622-5312
Mission
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Operations

Angel tree is up . Please take a tag and get a gift for a needy child this holiday season. The tags from the Salvation Army with their gifts need to be returned by November 29. The tags from the Junior High with their gifts must be returned by December 6.



- Sharon N.--Her friend had testing; IV antibiotic is working for Nola!
- Chris H.--Friend James is in hospital fighting infection
- Karen K–Terry O is having surgery for torn achilles tendon
- Lynn S.--Sister's surgery for hip went well however she may have kidney issues
- Dawn P.--Her sister Susan is meeting with a cardiologist; also having a biopsy then an infusion and done with all treatments
- Sharon N.--Bev A. was in a car accident coming home from grandson's football game in Ohio. She hit a deer. She is home
- Carl Gartley, 72, of Hopewell Township passed away unexpectedly on November 14. He is survived by three daughters and their spouses: Amanda (Chris) Coble of North Carolina, Kasey (Nick) Hoth, and Carolyn (Zack) Iorio. He is also survived by his sister Karen Gartley



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

Highlights From the Deacon's 11/10/2026 Meeting

Investigate the Needy – If any members of the church know anyone that may need the Deacon's help, please let us know. We are always looking into our community to see if we can assist anyone that may need help. Last month, we delivered a Giant Eagle and Aldi gift card to a woman who has had trouble paying some of her bills.

Correspondence/Cards – We sent out 4 cards in October.

Extra Care List – We have updated contact information for church members that cannot attend services. We also arranged for two home communions during October.

Food Programs: We continually maintain inventory for the Little Free Pantry and will be making food purchases during November.

Blessing Bags – We are delivering 7 bags to Hopewell Elementary; 6 bags to Margaret Ross Elementary; and 10 bags to the Junior High.

Next Meeting – December 8, 2026, at 6:30 pm.








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sit or stand on light box
CAUTION
