



# Lamplighter

Ohio U.P. Church

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## **From the Pastor**

This month we will be shifting gears and making the transition from summer to fall. Eric begins football camp and classes at Westminster this month. Many of you have told me that there are similar activities ongoing in your family.

All of us are transitioning from the less structured, but not slower paced, summer schedule to the regular fall schedule. Just a heads up; we are not going to have FEAST this fall. What will emerge from our conversations and planning isn't ready for publication yet but you will be informed about what is in store.

Also we are welcoming a new Church Secretary . There is more information about Judi Halavanja in this issue of the Lamplighter and she will be introduced at Worship in an upcoming service. She will begin serving Ohio Church on August 24th.

We are grateful for the time that Lizz Ward has been working in the office this summer. She has been extremely helpful, and has shown herself to be resourceful and eager to jump in and learn on the job. Please let her know how much you appreciate her work the last few weeks. Thank you Lizz and best wishes for another good year at Westminster College.

All of you, enjoy the remainder of the summer and look for news about the changes that are in store for September and beyond. No matter how things change here, God is remains faithful and present.

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## **SUMMER HOURS**



At the May meeting of Session, it was decided that from July 5th through September the 6th, worship services will be held at 8:30 and 10:00am. Any Sunday school classes that choose to meet can meet at 11:00. Youth Group will continue to meet throughout the summer on Thursdays at 5:00pm.

### **August Celebrations**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 2. Chuck Ulmer  
Janet Gilmore
- 3. Ashley Laitres
- 4. Nancy Connors  
Fred Lech
- 5. Kristy Otto
- 6 Margaret Zakrajsek
- 7. Charmaine Lang  
Ashley House  
Missy Canonge  
Nell Purdie  
Sage Fox
- 8. Marian Douglass  
Janice Angelo
- 9. John Martin  
Andrew Selby
- 11. Nancy Hribar
- 12. Jessica Butler
- 14. Joni Davidson

- James Pursley, Sr.
- 15. Elynn Thomas  
Nolan Harmotto  
Kristy Otto
- 16. Karen Barth  
Megan Nolte
- 17. Harriet Kulha
- 18. Vi Young
- 21. David Alexander  
Katherine Falk  
Miranda Falk  
Tamara Falk
- 22. Shirley Fluharty
- 23. Jim Young
- 24. Sue Berry  
Bob Stratton  
Dean Sanders
- 25. Edward Leheny
- 26. Joshua Leheny

- 27. Christopher Pike  
Connor Falk
- 29. Betsy Higby  
Jacob Bauder
- 30. Richard Williams

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3. John & Mary Ondeyka
- 6. Ted & Lillian Dennis
- 8. Steve & Monica Ward
- 14. Nick & Janice Angelo  
Vic & Tracy Pasquarelli
- 16. Homer & Shelly Summy
- 17. Fred & Jerri Lech
- 21. Merle & Betty Lou Conrad
- 22. Bill & Nancy Glatz  
Roland & Lois Delaney  
Joe & Corinna Petrella
- 23. Ed & Nora Cunningham
- 28. Ken & Trevis Gregory



**“ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”**

**- Mark 12:30**

### **Welcome Our New Church Secretary**

Hello! My name is Judi Halavanja and I am a member of North Branch Presbyterian Church in Center Twp., where I currently serve on Session. I am very active in my church, serving as Chair of our Christian Education Committee, Director of VBS, as well as teaching 3rd/4th grade Sunday School for the past several years. My husband of 26 years, Steve, and I have 3 sons-Bryan (23), Eric (21), and Scott (15). Our family is very involved with our Boy Scout Troop and our two oldest sons are Eagle Scouts, while our youngest son, Scott, is currently finishing up his Eagle Scout project at our church. In my spare time I enjoy quilting, crocheting, and working out in my flower garden, when I'm not busy at the church.

I am looking forward to working at Ohio United Presbyterian Church and getting to know everyone. Feel free to stop in to the church office and say hello. I'll try to keep the candy dish full!

### **Sanctuary Flowers**

If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary, there are several days available. Sign up on the calendar in the back of the narthex.

The cost is \$35 for two bouquets.



### **OHIO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS ONLINE**

If you haven't visited the Church Web Site, please check it out. The address is [ohiopresbyterian.org](http://ohiopresbyterian.org). We are also developing a presence on Facebook. There is an Ohio United Presbyterian group page and an Ohio United Presbyterian Fan Page. You have an opportunity to join both of these and to contribute to the group page. Let us know what you think and share us with your friends.

**Session News:**

At the most recent Meeting of the Session, The elders approved the use of two rooms and the kitchen by a Group working with Aliquippa Impact and Church Army USA. The group is from Cary, North Carolina and will be working on preventing future flooding on Spring Street in Aliquippa. They will be using the church from July 25th to August 1st.

The Session approved vacation

time for Pastor Ted for August 17th through August 22nd. Pastor Ted is not planning to miss any Sundays but will be attending his nephew's graduation from Boot Camp at Fort Benning in Columbus, GA.

Elder Janice Angelo was elected Commissioner to the Presbytery Meeting held July 28th at Four Mile Presbyterian Church in Beaver, PA.

**Trustee Update**

Thanks to the Trustees for providing four new handicapped parking spots.

Many suggestions have been received for upcoming projects. Suggestions included: Motion-detector outside light, fixing water fountain in upstairs hallway, Refinishing or replacing doors in front of sanctuary that are showing signs of wear and marks from earlier removal of hardware.

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## **Youth News**

**Youth Group** will continue to meet throughout the summer on Thursdays from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.

**Wing Night at Quaker Steak and Lube- August 4th** at 5:00 pm.  
Bring money for dinner.

**Thursday, August 6th** - Youth Group led by the 2009 graduates.

**Thursday, August 13th** - Swimming, dinner, and a campfire at Patti Strominger's house. 4:00pm-10:00pm.

## **Pirates Game**

Sunday, August 23rd at 1:35 pm  
Come watch the Pirates take on the  
Cincinnati Reds!

Cost: \$15

Kids under 14 receive a free 1979 replica  
batting helmet.

Contact Pastor Ted if you'd like to come.  
The bus leaves following the 10:00 worship  
service.



## Upcoming Events

**August 9th** is our day to provide desserts for **Meals on Wheels!** If you would like to donate, please bring your baked goods to the Church kitchen on Sunday the 9th or Monday the 10th prior to the 9:00am pickup.



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**Rally Day is Sunday, September 13th.** On this day, Sunday School and the 11:00 worship time will resume.



On **August 30th** the annual **Church Picnic and Worship** will be held at Shippingport Municipal Park, at 11:00 am. The picnic will be in place of the second worship service. The early worship service will still be held at 8:30am.

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**Save the Date!** Fall Fest - Saturday, September 26th. Watch for more details in bulletins and the September lamplighter.