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Ohio U.P. Church 724-378-3690 www.ohiopresbyterian.org February 2010



Dear Friends,



I am writing to announce that I have accepted a call to The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island, in Edisto Island, South Carolina. It has been a pleasure to serve as the Pastor of Ohio United Presbyterian Church for the last 12 years. Lillian, Eric, Joshua and I are excited about the chance to move closer to the rest of our families. God's timing is good. It is a good time in the life of our parents and extended family for us to be "coming home." At the same time we are not eager to say good bye to so many good friends who have journeyed with us during the years that we have been together in Hopewell.

Eric started first grade at Margaret Ross, Joshua doesn't remember any place else that we have lived, and Lillian and I are grateful for the love and the kindness that you have shown to us. Serving as your pastor for so long has been a privilege. Thank you for praying with us and studying with us and worshipping with us. It has been a joy to walk with you through the milestones in all our lives. The baptisms, confirmations, graduation parties, weddings and even the funerals have been just some of the occasions when we were permitted to see God's goodness to us. There have been many times when we have been able to boldly say that God has blessed us.

We have mixed emotions about this transition and we understand that you may have some anxiety or concern about the future of the ministry at Ohio United Presbyterian Church and some additional questions about our plans. We are praying for God's continued blessing on the Ministry of Ohio Church, and we ask you to pray for us as we set out on a new kind of ministry in a new place. It is our intention to move on or around the 15th of February. That gives us some time to say goodbye and to celebrate the years that we have had together.

Lillian and I are confident that God has a good plan in mind for us and for Ohio Church and we hope that we will have a chance to speak with all of you between now and the time that we leave. God is good and God will provide all of us the grace that we need for this transition in the days and months that lie ahead.

Grace and Peace to you all,

February Celebrations



BIRTHDAYS

2 Carl Gartley
 3 Mandy Canonge
 Jason Abate
 4 Dawn Psik
 Amy Angelo
 Matt Laitres
 6 Christi Fouse
 Casey Fouse
 Homer Summy
 8 Amy Marie Kerlin
 9 Bernard Davis
 Jenny Selby
 11 Katie Jo Zombeck
 Dana Clark
 13 Amanda Thomas
 16 Bob Millman
 17 Rita Bruce
 17 Amber Nobile
 18 Diane Gennaro
 Logan McIlroy

19 Bert Davis
 Lucas Thomas
 20 Julie McWithey
 Jason Shade
 Vicki Davidson
 Ryan Lucas
 Richard Stuck
 22 Virginia Fouse
 Rick Boguszewski
 23 Trevis Gregory
 Steve Riegler
 24 Sharon Neville
 Emily Pasquarelli
 Sandy Nan
 25 Mary Batchelor
 Stephanie Strominger
 26 Christopher Cronin
 Rich Pike
 27 Matthew Nolte
 28 Corinna Petrella

ANNIVERSARIES

20 Stewart & Tish Hough
 27 Ray & Peggy Atwell

Ohio U.P. Fellowship

February 11th - Fellowship Dinner 5:45-6:30 PM

Menu: Homemade Meatloaf, Potato, Vegetable, Salad, Bread, Beverage, and Homemade Dessert.

Cost: \$4.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Children, with a \$12.00 Family limit

Reservations can be made with the bulletin insert, by phoning the church office at 724-378-3690, or by emailing the church at oupc@choiceonemail.com.

Winter/Spring Thursday Evening Groups

February 11th - Planning for "Good Friday Experience" 6:30-7:15 PM

Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group Schedule & Kindergarten to 6th Grade Youth Group

February 4th - Youth Group 5-6:30 PM

February 11th - Youth Group 5-5:45 PM, Fellowship Dinner 5:45-6:30 PM

TUESDAY, February 16th - Youth Group 5-6:00 PM, Shrove Tuesday Dinner 6-7:00 PM

February 18th - NO YOUTH GROUP

February 25th - Youth Group 5-5:45 PM

Watch for Additional Activities in the Bulletin

Kindergarten to 6th Grade Youth Group—The kindergarten thru 6th grade youth group will meet on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30-7:15 PM. In February you will be making a Valentine's Day Craft.

February 20th - Sled Riding and Hot Chocolate 1-3 PM

8:30 WORSHIP LEADERS

February 7: Shirley Fluharty
Lois Davie

February 14: Evelyn Moss
Jon Moss

February 21: Scott Byers
Diane Byers

February 28: Amber Tackac
Justin Tackac

11:00 WORSHIP LEADERS

February 7: Lynn Smith

February 14: Brittany Smith

February 21: Janice Angelo

February 28:

*"Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, pre-
sent your requests to God. And the
peace of God, which transcends all
understanding, will guard your
hearts and your minds in Christ
Jesus."
-Philippians 4:6-7*

JR. CHURCH

Nancy Hribar
Elaine Verostek
Karen Barth

GREETERS

February 7: Bonnie Martin
Lois Davie

February 14: Janice Adamski
Patty Slezak

February 21: Linda Duganich
Sandy Nan

February 28: Donna Olexick
Patty Slezak

NURSERY

February 7:

February 14: Linda Duganich

February 21: Sandy Nan

February 28: Jesseca Muslin



**Ohio UP Youth
2010 Mission Trip**



Eleven youth and three adult leaders are currently registered to travel to Bay City, Michigan the week of June 20th to do community service for the community. In the coming months, there will be opportunities for the congregation to help support this group financially and spiritually as they prepare for their trip.

There are currently two ways you can help support this trip financially. One of the ways is to continue bringing you aluminum cans to the church. The receptacle is located in the downstairs coat room. The cans will be redeemed for cash at the scrap yard. The other way you can help is to purchase a mile, or more, of the trip. The total amount we need to raise to cover registration fees is \$2977.00. This comes out to approximately \$4.00 per mile. There are envelopes located in the pew pockets labeled with this information. You may use these envelopes or your weekly offering envelope and designate the mission trip under "special offering".

You can support the group spiritually by keeping them in your prayers as they prepare for the trip. In preparing for the trip, not only do tools and supplies need to be gathered, but the group needs to prepare themselves spiritually for what God has in store for them during their week in Bay City. The goal of the mission trip for the youth and adults is to help them grow in their faith as they show God's love by serving others. So please keep this trip in your prayers, and pray that all of those participating will come back to Ohio UP knowing that they have touched the lives of others, and that through that experience they have grown closer to God.

Thank you for your support!

Patti Strominger



Farewell Luncheon for the Dennis Family

As you have all heard by now, after being the pastor here for 12 1/2 years, Pastor Ted has accepted a position as pastor to a church in South Carolina. We wish him all the best as he, Lillian, and their family enjoy the opportunity to live closer to their families. Please come on February 7th to a special luncheon honoring their many years of service to Ohio UP Church.

From the Office

Please make sure to let Judi in the office know of any activities, prayer requests, etc. There is a new mail slot in the hallway for any information you would like her to be aware of.

Praying Partners

We appreciate those who have already made a commitment to pray for a child through 2010. *We still need many more adults men included*, to take a few minutes each day to include a child from our church family in your daily prayers.



You can sign up by contacting Karen Barth, Nancy Hribar, calling the church office, or using a sign-up form found in the Narthex.

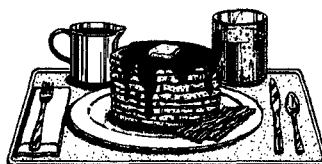
Soup and Pie Luncheon



The students and adults attending this summer's work camp will be hosting a Soup & Pie Luncheon after the 11:00 AM worship service on February 28th. Donations will be accepted to off set the cost of the trip. Reservations are not required.



This month is the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. February 7th is designated as Scout Sunday and we encourage all scouts to show their scouting spirit by wearing their uniform to church on that Sunday.



**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner
February 16, 2010
6:00 PM**

Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday immediately before Ash Wednesday. This is traditionally a time for carnivals and a time to eat the foods forbidden during Lent. One of the traditional foods eaten on Shrove Tuesday is pancakes. Another Shrove Tuesday tradition is fausnaughts. We will be making fausnaughts as part of this year's Shrove Tuesday observance. Please plan to join us for pancakes, fausnaughts, and some special Shrove Tuesday games.

Cost: A Free Will offering will be collected.

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Phone Number: _____

Trustees:

- Hearing-Assist devices were purchased with Memorial fund money and installed/connected to the sanctuary sound system.
- The side door was repaired. When the weather permits, will look at permanent repairs/replacement options for wrought-iron handrails.
- Received concerns that the sanctuary was too cold, so will adjust the thermostat to heat up one hour earlier and warmer on Sundays to see if that is more acceptable.

The Dennis's New Address

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Eric Dennis's College Address:

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