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Jodi Shay died December 10, 2025. Jodi graduated from Maplewood High School, earned her degree in Education from Trinity University, and later completed her Master of Divinity at the University of Denver. She was an avid Erie SeaWolves fan and enjoyed camping and boating at Pymatuning, as well as traveling, cooking, playing the piano, and listening to music. She is survived by her father, Robert Shay of Meadville; a brother, James Shay and his wife Amy of Beaver, PA; a nephew, Christian Shay and his wife Victoria; a niece, Brittany Brumbaugh and her husband Ryan; a great niece, Chloe Shay. Jodi most recently served the UCC and Living Water Association in valued non-traditional ways, including facilitating SPIRE center learning opportunities and other resources on mental and cognitive health in church.



Marsha Blyth died December 12, 2025. Marsha was a 1970 graduate of Wadsworth High School. After high school she pursed a career in nursing, originally obtaining her LPN diploma from the Akron School of Practical Nursing in 1974 and working at Barberton Citizen's Hospital. In 1986, Marsha graduated from The University of Akron with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. During her life, Marsha worked for Society for the Handicapped, Heart to Heart Home Healthcare, and various other private duty nursing positions. Marsha was a born caregiver and nursing brought her much joy. Marsha was a lifelong, active member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Wadsworth. She was a regular delegate to the Synod annual meetings, a member of Consistory, sang in the choir, and played in the bell choir. Marsha studied and received her Partners in Ministry Certificate through the UCC in 2014. She led bible studies and worship services at her senior living community.



Dick Jones died August 29, 2026. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts and studied animal husbandry at the University of Connecticut before answering God's call to ministry which led him to continued his education at Andover Newton College, where he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree. Richard was proud to serve his country in the United States Army. A man of deep and abiding Christian faith, Reverend Jones devoted many years to sharing God's love and serving others through ministry. He served as pastor of the Congregational United Church of Christ churches in Castalia and Burton. He was also a faithful member of Jefferson Congregational UCC, a supply pastor for many area churches, and a volunteer pastoral-care provider at several local nursing homes. Through his sermons, compassion, and quiet presence, Richard touched many lives and faithfully lived the Christian values he preached. He was a member of the Jefferson Ministerial Association, ROTC, and 4-H. Richard cherished his family. He often said that the greatest blessings God had given him were his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and he treasured every moment shared with them.



Jim Furry died October 12, 2026. Jim was the beloved husband of 23 years to Marilyn Furry, with whom he shared a love of travel, adventure, and discovering new places together. Their years were filled with treasured memories, laughter, and a deep appreciation for life's experiences. Jim was a devoted and proud father and grandfather proud Jim was deeply rooted in his faith. A longtime member of West Park United Church of Christ, he served his church with unwavering devotion and commitment. In recognition of his faithful service and enduring dedication, he was honored with the title of Pastor Emeritus, a testament to the profound impact he had on his church community and the lives of those around him. Jim will be remembered for his steadfast faith, generous spirit, caring heart, and the love he shared with his family and friends. His legacy of service, compassion, and devotion will continue to inspire all who knew him.

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