

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	MYF	6:00-7:30 P.M.
Monday	AA	8:00-9:00 P.M.
	Al-Anon	7:00-8:00 P.M.
Tuesday	Missions	10:00 A.M.
Wednesday	First Kids	3:15-6:30 P.M.
Thursday	Kiwanis	11:00-12:00 P.M.
	Bible Study	11:00-12:00 P.M.
	Bible Study	6:30-7:30 P.M.
Sunday	Worship	10:30 A.M.

10:30 a.m. Attendance (75 in person , 125 online)
 General Operating Offering: \$1809.54
 Trustees Preservation Maintenance Fund
 Balance: \$1,952.62

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 online giving link



SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
Linda Johns	Marcia Rinner	Victoria Wheeler
Glenn Johns	Bob Brown	
	Ruth Brown	

Other Ministries: Campus Crusade for Christ/Athletes in Action
 Mark and Mindy Heflin, Ohio University

Please consider
 providing flowers for
 our Altar. Forms can
 be found in the
 Rotunda

We welcome each one of you to this special place of worship. We are glad you are here. If you are here for the first time, stop by our Welcome Table in the Rotunda. Ask an usher for coloring books and crayons for busy little hands. Prayer request cards are available on the back of the pews and can be left in the Offering Box as you leave. We hope you feel the love of Jesus and this congregation and will return again to join us soon.

Prayer Requests
Health Concerns

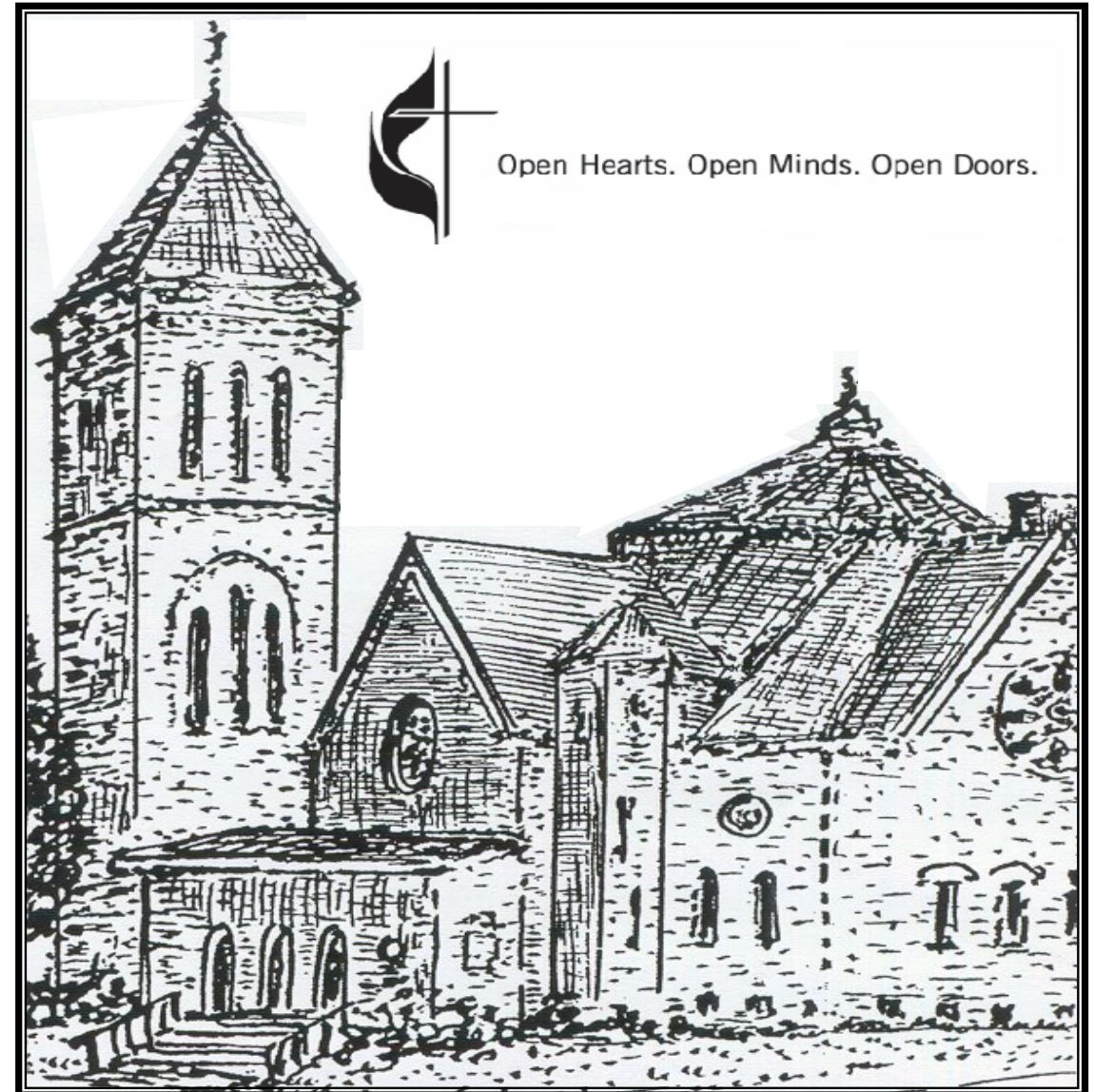
Stacey Oakley-Swartz	Carl Veith
Babetta Thornhill	Chuck Ruppert
Ben Kenny	Grace Horning
Dick Vogt	Meda Kovacic
Dale Hildreth	John Horrigan
Kennedy Krueger	Shirley Umfleet
Sandye (Stacey Oakley-Swartz's Aunt)	
Nancy Rossi	
"Marvin"	



Our Armed Forces

SSgt. Brandon Alley
 HM3 Maddie Kirk
 Airman Sam Freeman
 AB Anah Freeman
 Airman Alexandria Koch
 CPL Keegan Livingston
 SGT Robert Jackson
 CMSgt. Ralph Chandler
 Sgt. Joshua Arnett
 NC Carter James Beck
 William Lee - Citadel
 Spec. Mark Heflin

In both difficult times and times of celebration and joy we believe in the power of prayer. Please let us know how we can be praying for you.



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Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

March 3rd, 2024 /3rd Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Ed Kovacik

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red) / FWS = The Faith We Sing (black soft cover)

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

“Sanctuary”

Tiina Ruffing

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Wheeler, Liturgist

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, Oct. 2023

Leader - Lenten travelers, why are you here?

People - We gather to do the work of worship.

Leader - Lenten travelers, what happens when we gather to worship?

People - We listen and proclaim. We sing and pray. We repent and encourage.

Leader - Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship?

People - We bring all that we are to be present to God and one another

Leader - Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?

People - God raises us up so that we can delight in life together with God and one another.

Leader - Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!

People - Come, let us worship God together ! Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

*Hymn

“Lord of the Dance”

UMH 261

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

TIME OF PRAYER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

“TOGETHER WE THRIVE”

Church Family Testimonial

*We stand to praise God as we are able.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

JOHN 2: 13-22

Victoria Wheeler, Liturgist

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE:

“The Church of Jesus Christ”

Communion:

Leader: May God be with you.

People: May God be with us here.

Leader: We come with all we are, body, mind, and spirit.

People: We offer all we are to God.

Leader: Let us thank God.

People: We thank God for wisdom, truth, and life.

.....And so, with all creation, and the great company of heaven, we praise you

As we join in the unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and strength! Creation and heaven are filled with your glory! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is Jesus, who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest!

.....And so, we remember Jesus, who offered himself in love for us. We praise you and give thanks for all we have received, offering our whole selves to you, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ was. Christ is. Christ will be.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Tiina Ruffing

*Doxology

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn

“Lord I Want to Be a Christian”

UMH 402

*Benediction