

WELCOME ! We welcome each one of you to this special place of worship. We are glad you are here. If this is your first time with us, please stop by the Welcome Table in the Rotunda. Ask an usher if you would like to use the nursery or for coloring books and crayons for your little artists. Prayer request cards are available on the back of the pews and can be left in the Offering Plate or handed to an usher. We hope you feel the love of Jesus and this congregation and will return to worship with us again soon.

Prayer Requests/Health Concerns

Dale Hildreth, Grace Horning, John Horrigan, Jerri (John’s sister) Kennedy Krueger, Linda Markle , Joe McKillips, Nancy Rossi, Karen Kilgo, “Mason” Stacey Oakley - Swartz, Babetta Thornhill, Shirley Umfleet, Amanda Palmer and Dick Vogt.

Comfort and Peace

The Rachel’s family whose 3 year old son, Zade recently passed away.

In both difficult times and times of celebration and joy we believe in the power of prayer. Use the prayer cards located on the back of the pews to let us know how we can be praying for you.



SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Gordon and Pam Beck-Greeters
Jim Rolsten, Jim Grover and Karen Berry-Ushers

OTHER MINISTRIES:

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| Today | Bible Study (rotunda) | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| Mon. | Blood Drive | 1:00-7:00 p.m. |
| | Community Dinner | 5:00-6:30 p.m. |
| Tues. | UMW (kitchen nook) | 1:00 p.m. |
| | SPRC Committee (chapel) | 7:30 p.m. |
| Weds. | Childrens Ministry meeting (F.H.) | 6:30 p.m. |
| Thurs. | Bible Study (rotunda) | 11:00 a.m. |
| | | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Kiwanis (F.H.) | 11:00 a.m. |
| | Scholarship Com. (Disciple Room) | 5:30 p.m. |

Our Armed Forces

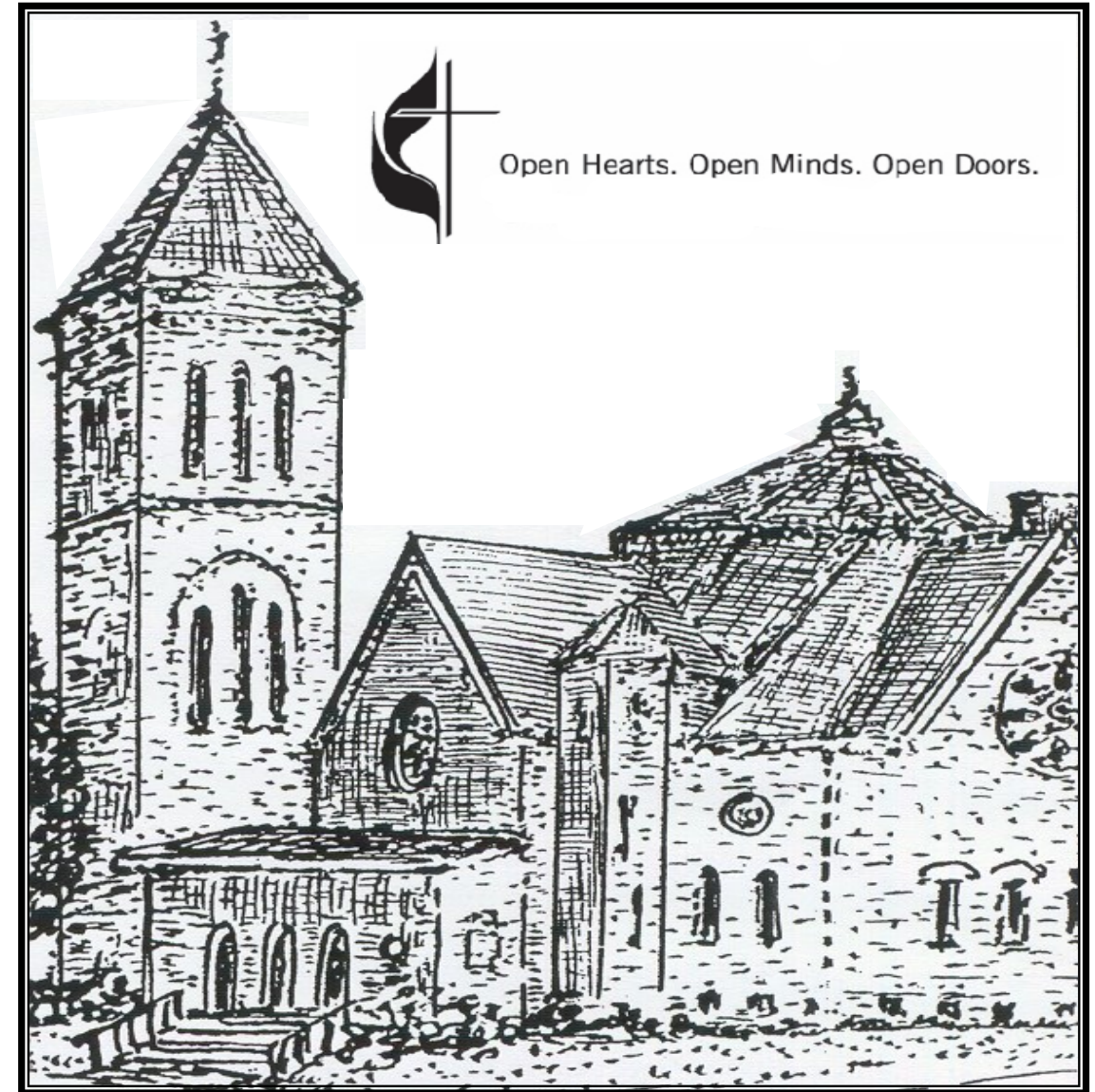
- SSgt. Brandon Alley
- HM3 Maddie Kirk
- Airman Sam Freeman
- AB Anah Freeman
- Airman Alexandria Koch
- CPL Keegan Livingston
- SGT Robert Jackson
- CMSgt. Ralph Chandler
- Sgt. Joshua Arnett
- NC Carter James Beck
- William Lee - Citadel
- Spec. Mark Heflin

The Altar flowers are provided by Stacey and Jen Oakley-Swartz in celebration of their Granddaughter, Iris’s first birthday

10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Attendance : 116 in person, 101 on line

General Operating Offering: \$3,264.73
Trustees Preservation Maintenance Fund balance \$2,012.62

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

April 14th-3rd Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Ed Kovacik

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Tiina Ruffing UMH 462

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Oakley-Swartz, Liturgist

One : Trust God. Trust the miracles you have known. Trust the miracle you can be.

Many: We turn to Christ, who calls us here.

One: Place your trust in God,

Many: who protects our lives.

One: Lean into the Holy Spirit,

Many: as we worship in Spirit and truth.

*OPENING PRAYER

*Hymn "He Touched Me" UMH 367

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 "Tithing Testimonial" Debi Helton

STEWARDSHIP & COMMITMENT BLESSING "Thrive" Give 'Em Heaven

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:36b-48 Stacey Oakley-Swartz, Liturgist

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: "The Son Came Out!"

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

Communion:

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One : Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

.....And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we
praise your name in their unending hymn, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

.....As your covenant people in union with Christ's spirit, and as reflections
of your glory, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*Benediction

*We stand to praise God as we are able.