

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	MYF Game Night	5:30-7:00 P.M.
Monday	AA	8:00-9:00 P.M.
	Community Dinner	5:00-6:30 P.M.
Tuesday	Al-Anon	7:00-8:00 P.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.
	Cross Party/Eclipse Event	6:30-9:00 P.M.
Sunday	Bible Study-2nd Corinthians	9:30 A.M.

10:30 a.m. Attendance (48 in person , 81 online)
General Operating Offering: \$2,617.54
Trustees Preservation Maintenance Fund
Balance: \$2,012.62

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online giving link



SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters

Don Helton
Debi Helton

Ushers

Ric Thorpe
Mike Roberts
Scott Krichbaum

Liturgist

Daniel Gregory

**Altar flowers are
provided by
Don and Debi
Helton in celebration
of their 50th wedding
anniversary on
March 15th**

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

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

Dale Hildreth	Sandye (Stacey's aunt)
Grace Horning	Stacey Oakley Swartz
John Horrigan	Walker Stevens
Ben Kenny	Babetta Thornhill
Kennedy Krueger	Shirley Umfleet
Nancy Rossi	Dick Vogt
Chuck Rupert	
Randal and Edith Kilgo	



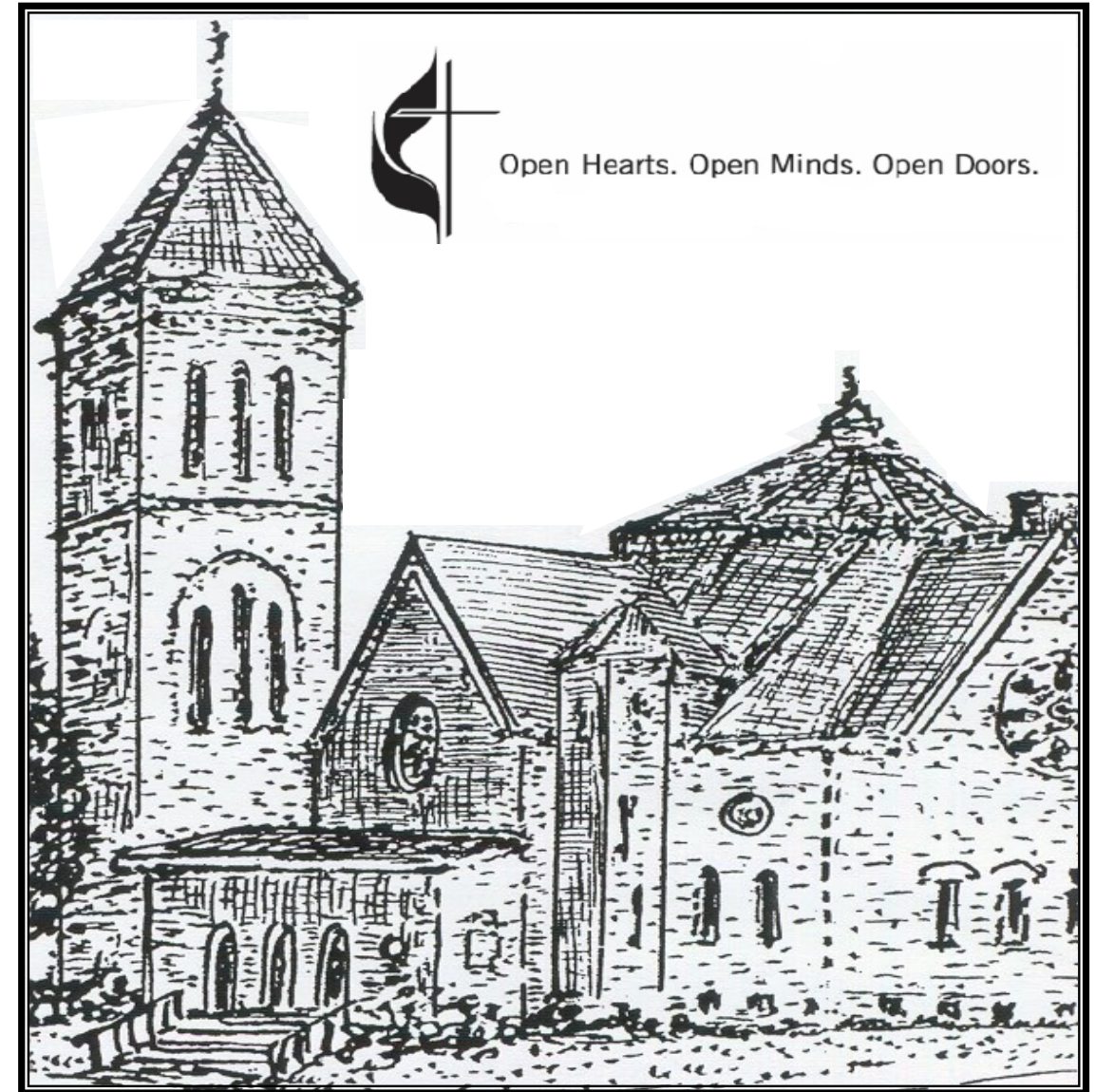
Comfort and Peace

For the family of Cheryl Seevers who passed on Feb. 10th
For the family of Meda Kovacik who passed on March 6

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.

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



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

March 17th/5th 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 "O Worship the King" Tiina Ruffing

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Daniel Gregory, Liturgist
written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, Oct. 2023

Leader - Lenten travelers, how long have you traveled this road with your gaze pointed down at the dust and gravel and asphalt as you walk or limp or roll down the path?

People - Sometimes it is easier to look at the road than at the people who share the journey with us.

Leader - Lift up your heads! Look, listen, reach out a hand. Who are your neighbors on this road?

People - We lift our heads and look to our Savior who journeys with us and helps us notice our neighbors all around us.

Leader- This is the Lenten journey-to learn to love God and love our neighbors just as Jesus showed us.

People - Our journey teaches us to lose our lives to God as we find and follow Christ in our service to others.

Leader - Come, let us worship God who caravans with us on this road to the cross.

People - Come, let us worship! Amen

*OPENING PRAYER

*Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" UMH 398

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.

*We stand to praise God as we are able.

TOGETHER WE THRIVE "Tithing Testimonial" Bob Gentzel

*SCRIPTURE LESSON John 12:20-33 Daniel Gregory, Liturgist
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: "When All Else Fails"

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 "Where He Leads Me" UMH 338

*BENEDICTION

NOTES

Dear FUMC, Thank you all very much for the thoughtful care package and card. It helped lift my spirits before midterms. Your continued thoughts and prayers are always remembered and appreciated. Your friend in Christ, Scarlett Krichbaum