

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 as well as this congregation and will return to worship with us 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, Stacey Oakley -Swartz, Babetta Thornhill, Shirley Umfleet, and Amanda Palmer.



Comfort and Peace

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:

Dianna, Jason and Jason Laughlin-Greeters
Kathy Veith, Scott Krichbaum, Marcia Rinner-Ushers

OTHER MINISTRIES:

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE: Today at 9:30 a.m. Dan's Study (Rotunda)
Worship at 10:30 a.m. Mon. AA 8:00 p.m. (nook) Tues. Al-Anon 7:00 p.m. (UMW Room) Thurs. Roxann's Bible Study 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. (Pastors Office) Kiwanis 11:00 a.m. (F.H.)
Rummage Sale 9-5 Friday Rummage Sale 9-7 Sat.(1/2 price day)
Sat. Rummage Sale 9-11 (fill a bag for \$5.00)

Our Armed Forces

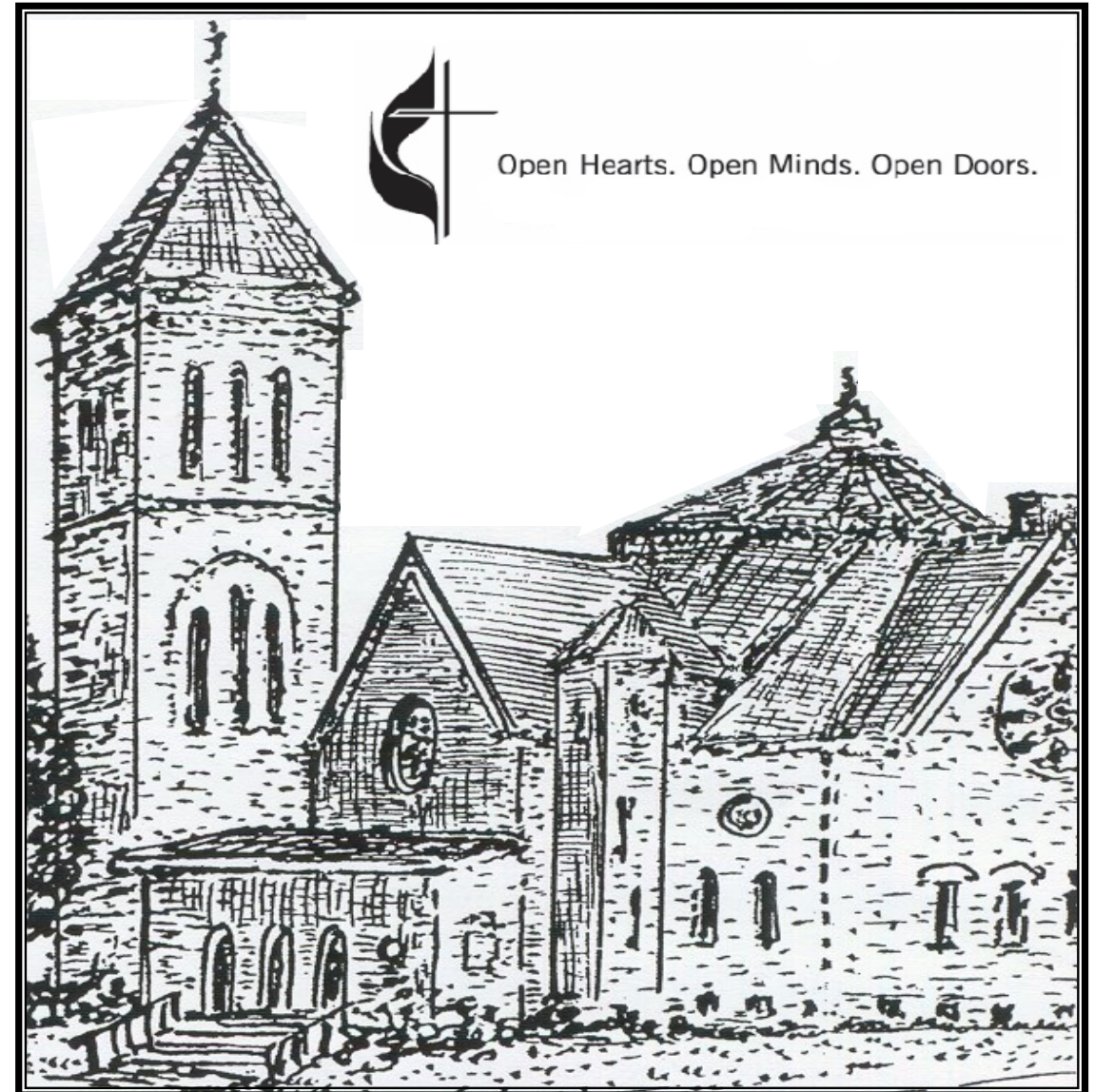
SSgt. Brandon Alley
HM3 Maddie Kirk
Airman Sam Freeman
AB Anah Freeman
Airman Alexandria Koch
CPL Keegan Livingston
SGT Robert Jackson
CMSgt. Ralph Chandler
Sgt. Joshua Arnett
NC Carter James Beck
William Lee - Citadel
Spec. Mark Heflin

The Altar flowers are given in Praise and Gratitude for this church family

Please consider donating Altar flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. Sign up is in the Rotunda

10:30 a.m. Attendance : in person, on line
General Operating Offering: \$
Trustees Preservation Maintenance Fund balance \$2,087.34

QR Code at the right will open the on-line giving link



Join the youth after church on Sunday, May 5th for Cinco de Mayo! We are hosting a taco luncheon. All donations will benefit Race at the Rock !
Menu:
Soft tacos (beef or chicken), fried rice, chips & salsa, and fried ice cream!

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

April 28th-5th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Ed Kovacik

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

MESSAGE: "Professing Love, Producing Fruit"

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Hallelujah Easter" Give 'Em Heaven

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP -Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock Discipleship Ministries, Nov. 2023 Judy Emmons, Liturgist

One: Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

Many: **We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.**

One: We are branches of the Vine-sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

Many: **We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.**

One: Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

Many: **We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God And one another. Amen**

*OPENING PRAYER

*Hymn "In Christ Alone" Give 'Em Heaven

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.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON John 15: 1-8 Judy Emmons, Liturgist

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Who Am I" Give 'Em Heaven

*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 "Jesus Paid it All" Give 'Em Heaven

*Benediction

NOTES

The Scholarship Committee is thankful for the support from this church congregation over the years. Donations made to the scholarship fund are welcomed and appreciated. Please mark your check or envelope with Scholarship Fund. We are entering the season where students may begin applying for the 2024 Scholarships. Applications may be obtained from the church office or by emailing akrichbaum@frontier.com Thank you

*We stand to praise God as we are able.