

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	Eclipse Meeting	after service
	MYF	5:30-7:00 P.M.
Monday	AA	8:00-9:00 P.M.
	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.
	Bible Study	6:30-7:30 P.M.
Sunday	Worship	10:30 A.M.

10:30 a.m. Attendance (76 in person , 102 online)  
General Operating Offering: \$2752.30  
Trustees Preservation Maintenance Fund  
Balance: \$1,739.38

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
Beverly Pickworth	Kathy Veith	Ruth Brown
Gail Pickworth	Scott Krichbaum	
	Scarlett Krichbaum	

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

The Altar flowers  
are given in honor  
and praise for this  
church family

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 Kovacik
Dale Hildreth	John Horrigan
Kennedy Krueger	



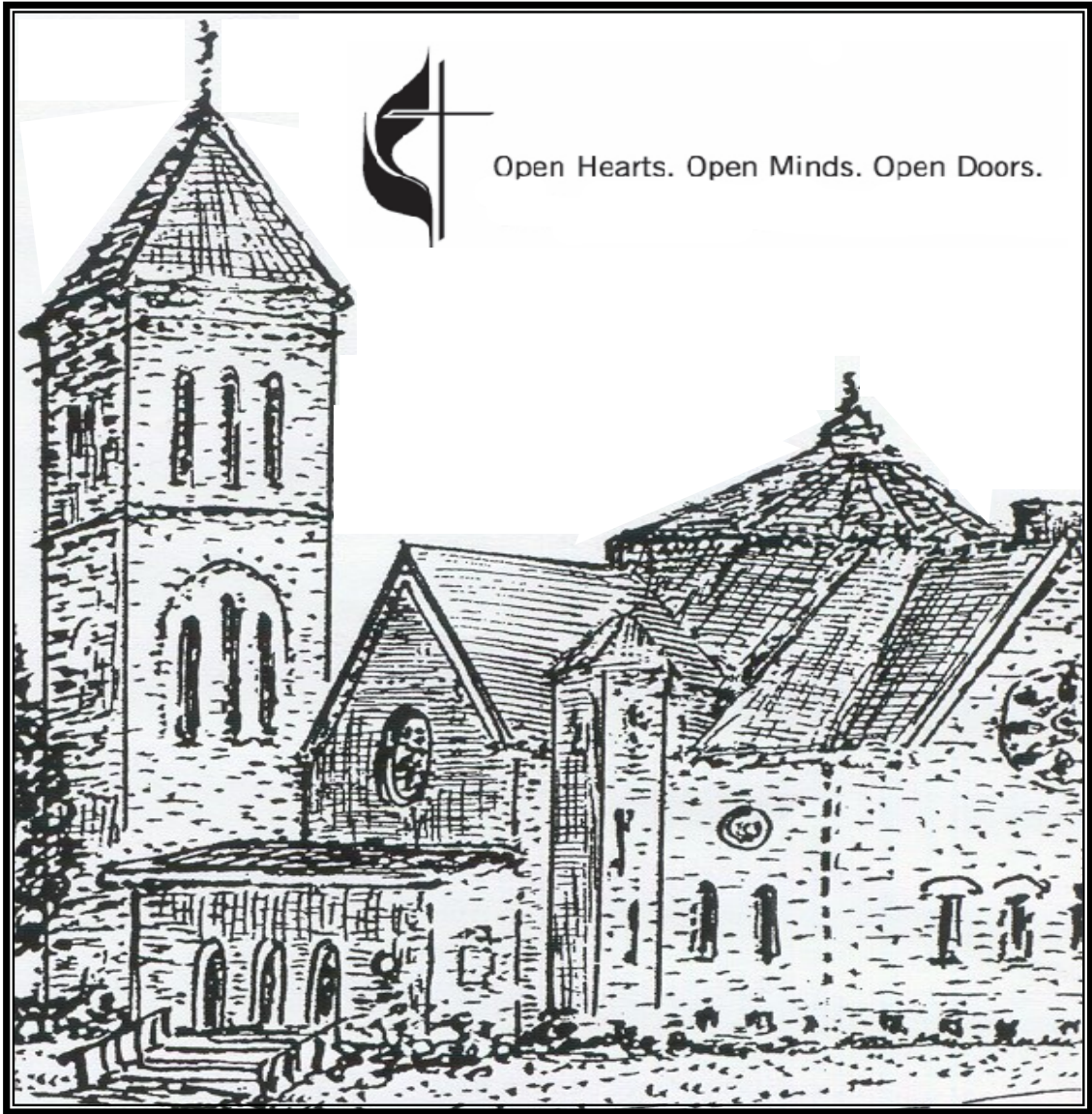
Comfort and Peace

The family of Brian Schnellinger who passed away Monday, Feb. 12. Brian’s sister is Kay Fletcher.

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.

February 25, 2024 /2nd 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 “Thrive” Give ‘Em Heaven

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Ruth Brown, Liturgist  
written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, Sept. 2023

Leader - Lenten travelers, who is this Jesus that we follow?  
**People - He is the Messiah.**  
Leader - What kind of Messiah is Jesus?  
**People - He is the Messiah who teaches that he will lose his life and who calls us to lose our lives in order to save our lives.**  
Leader - How does it feel to follow a Messiah whose teachings and call are so hard and uncomfortable?  
**People - Some feel fear and anger, while others feel uncertain and anxious, and still others feel resolute and ready to follow.**  
Leader - Lenten travelers, we are not alone in our feelings about following Jesus as our Messiah. It is a hard road. The blessing is that we do not travel it alone.  
**People - Thanks be to God that we share this journey with Jesus and one another as we lose our lives for the sake of the gospel to save our lives through Jesus, our Messiah. Amen**

\*OPENING PRAYER  
\*Hymn “Sometimes by Step” 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.

\*We stand to praise God as we are able.

TOGETHER WE THRIVE “Tithing Testimonial” Victoria Wheeler

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 8: 31-38 Ruth Brown, Liturgist  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE: “The Reward of Sacrifice”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Wonderful, Merciful Savior” 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 “By Our Love” Give ’Em Heaven

\*BENEDICTION

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