

# The Good News!



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### MISSION STATEMENT

*"To Love Christ,  
To Serve Christ,  
To Share Christ,  
No matter What It Takes"*

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## FROM PASTOR JAMES'S DESK

It's Summer!! Let us rejoice! We have been through another season of grey and dreary days. We have been through the cold and snow of winter-early spring. We have traversed through the spring of ever-changing weather in Ohio where one day it will be 62 and the next day it will be 25. We have made it and summer is here! I invite you all to take ten minutes on a sunny day, go outside, and pray. Let this be a prayer of thanksgiving, one where we thank the Lord for the warm sun, where we take a moment of pause and rejoice in the Lord.

As we enter summer, let us ask, what does summer mean to us? For some of us it is a time of travel and rest. For some, it is a time when we feel free to leave the house and venture outside. For others it is a time of picnics and fishing. For Smithville UMC, it is a time of VBS and events (*like Cruisin' in the 'Ville*). Whatever summer means to you, let us each take a moment and thank God for the gift of summer.

As we enter June, and through the summer, we tend to be in jubilee; rejoicing in spirit. We tend to enjoy the summertime and rejoice at the warmth and the ability to freely go out in the sun. The truth is, as Christians, we often pray to the Lord when we are in need or distress. We bring our problems to the Lord and ask for God's help. And the Lord is always there to listen. But, this summer, let us devote some time to thanking the Lord. Let us take some time to pray to the Lord during the good times. Let us take time to share our joy and happiness with the Lord as much as we share our sorrow and distress. Let us, as Smithville UMC, turn to the Lord and share fully. Now and always. Amen.

*Pastor James*

## Worship Schedule

## FROM THE DESK OF AIMEE HARE

## Sunday Mornings in June

### Sunday, June 5

*Luke 6:27-36; 1 John 4:7-21*

**Sermon: "What Does It Mean to Wish Well for Others?"**

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### Sunday, June 12

*Psalms 121; Romans 5:1-5*

**Sermon: "Ready or Not"**

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Pastor's  
June  
Sermons



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### Sunday, June 19—Father's Day

*Matthew 5:38-48;*

*Philemon 1:8-22*

**Sermon: "What Is True Strength?"**

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### Sunday, June 26

*John 12: 27-36; Romans 6:1-14*

**Message: "The Balance of Understanding Mortality"**

When I was 17 years old, I came to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I traveled around with Youth Musicale singing for 5 years and did so much singing at church, revivals, special services, and anywhere that people were sharing the Gospel. I loved (*and still love*) sharing the Gospel through music. It is one of my greatest joys. But when I was in college, I had a dear friend challenge me with this question ... "How would you serve the Lord if you couldn't sing anymore." That question really stuck with me for a very long time. You see, music was where I was comfortable serving. Music made me feel safe and I was really ok with being comfortable and safe while serving Jesus. Well through the years, the Lord called me into Youth Ministry and ended my feeling of comfort and safety ... I was in waters WAY over my head and found that the only way to navigate the new calling God had placed on my life was to seek Him and stay connected to Him. That journey of serving in Youth Ministry has been one of faithfulness and willingness to follow where He led. This willingness has taken me to places and allowed me to be a part of things that I never would have thought possible. I have met lifelong friends, seen the love of Jesus rearrange and deliver lives, worshipped with thousands of teens and seen some of them fall in love with Jesus. I have been honored to watch them get married and start families of their own ... families that are rooted in Jesus Christ.

When I began my time at Smithville UMC (*this month marks my 15<sup>th</sup> years here*), I remember looking at everyone and they seemed so comfortable in their leadership roles (*Joyce Williams, Rev. Bevere*) and knew exactly what they were doing. I thought to myself, "I could never do what they are doing! It just seemed so natural for them." Fifteen years later, I am serving in many of the ways that I watched them serve and I love every minute of it. I have been stretched, have grown, been challenged and have been made a part of this beautiful Smithville UMC family. I am happy here, safe, and comfortable. And now I am being called to continue this journey of faithfulness as a local licensed Pastor. Although it breaks my heart to have to say goodbye to my Smithville Church family, I know that God is asking me to continue to be faithful and although it is hard, I am willing to do what He asks and go where He sends me. In a few short Sundays from now, I will once again be in a new place, with new people and new ministries. I will not know their faces, names, routines, or traditions. Yet I trust the One that is calling me to send me where He can use me to continue to love and serve and share Jesus.

One of the most beautiful things about ministry is being able to be part of the family of Christ ... and one of the most difficult parts of ministry is having to journey from one family to another. Smithville UMC will always be my "home." It will be where I raised my son, where I got married, where I was supported and loved through divorce and the death of my brother and father. You are the family that has encouraged and hugged me every Sunday for 15 years. Hearts were not made to ever forget that kind of love. No matter where the Lord sends me, I will carry you all in my heart for the rest of my life. You are my friends, my family, my brothers and sisters in Christ – and those bonds never end. I pray God's richest blessings on this church and all that you can and will do to bring glory to the name of the Lord. I love you all ... so very, very much.

The Missions' Committee would like to thank everyone that worked preparing for the Rum-mage Sale or working the day of the Sale.

We appreciate all the items that were donated and the many baked goods we received. The Sale was successful with a profit totaling \$1648.43. Thanks Again!



Judy Davisson & Mission's Committee

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**Smithville United Methodist Church**

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**Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

**RAIN OR SHINE!!**

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**CRUISIN' in the 'Ville**

*In the Heart of Wayne County*

Smithville United Methodist Church will host the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual CRUISIN' in the 'Ville, in the Heart of Wayne County! If you or someone you know has restored an old car, or old truck ... let them know we would love for them to display their vehicle at our CRUISIN' Event. Donations will be accepted at registration and the first 20 vehicles checked in will receive a plaque. Awards will be given to the vehicles in the following categories: People's Choice Award and Judge Awards for the Best Vehicle in the categories: 1940's & earlier & 1950's, 1960's & 1970's, 1980's & beyond, Best Modified & Best Original. All makes, models and years are welcome! All monies raised will benefit Missions: Locally, Regionally and Nationally. Along with the restored vehicles we'll have food, baked goods, door prizes, 50's, 60's & 70's music and a Silent Themed Basket Auction.



**Sunday Mornings in July**

**Sunday, July 3**

*Luke 7:36-50; Acts 15:1-11*

**Sermon: "Who Do We See as Human?"**

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**Sunday, July 10**

*John 13:31-38; James 2:14-26*

**Sermon: "Balance between Freedom & Responsibility"**

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**Sunday, July 17**

*Mark 4:21-25; Romans 12:1-8*

**Sermon: "What Does It Mean to be a Christian?"**

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**Sunday, July 24**

*Matthew 6:25-34; Romans 12:9-21*

**Message: "The Times That Are Given"**

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**Sunday, July 31**

*Mark 14:32-42; Philippians 1:15-29*

**Sermon: "What is Friendship to a Christian?"**

**LETTERS OF THANKS**



Dear Church Friends & Family,

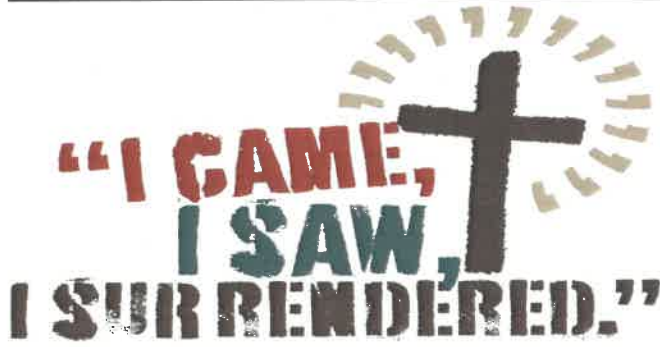
God has blessed me with a lifetime of good people. Adventures come and go with us in life and you all have been among my many blessings. I have felt all of your prayers and support. Love & friendship have always been there but I've also taken it for *granted!* Look around at others ... we all come across others who have it worse or better than us —don't judge that. Be thankful, our God is great and works through our adventures everyday. I pray for many of you daily and for positive adventures in your life. Take what comes ... even those not so positive bring us real blessings. I am sending you my love ... thank you for all you do for me and others. I miss you and wish you well!

Love in God's Name, Debra Lenthe (received on 4-21-22)

Dear Church Family,

We have been so blessed during Jim's illness to have the love & support of all of you. Every card was an encouragement to Jim and it helped him through the days. It was a blessing to him to know that others were thinking of him & praying for his recovery. Thank you all for the prayers, meals, phone calls & good thoughts. Jim is home & continuing to recover. You are all so special!

Jim & Carol Thompson



How can surrendering your desires, time, heart — indeed, your entire life — lead to anything but bondage?

The answer is evident in Jesus' own life and ministry, writes Michael Card in *Immanuel: Reflections on the Life of Christ*. In a twist on Julius Caesar's motto "Veni, vidi, vici" ("I came, I saw, I conquered"), "Jesus lived by the motto, 'I came, I saw, I surrendered,'" Card notes. "By living out this unorthodox pronouncement, Jesus demonstrated that what the world regards as power is really impotence. True victory is only through surrender."

During the 16<sup>th</sup> century, St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote this prayer of surrender that's still relevant today: "Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess, Thou hast given me: I surrender it all to Thee to be disposed of according to Thy will. Give me only Thy love and Thy grace; with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more. Amen."

# Puzzle!

Solve this cryptogram puzzle, using the clues R=I and M=T, to complete Psalm 111:10, NIV.

M Y L C L O Q Z C M Y L  
 P Z Q N R V M Y L  
 H L D R F F R F D Z C G R V N Z U  
 O P P G Y Z C Z P P Z G  
 Y R V B Q L T L B M V  
 Y O K L D Z Z N  
 J F N L Q V M O F N R F D  
 M Z Y R U H L P Z F D V  
 L M L Q F O P B Q O R V L

PSALM 111:10, NIV

Answer: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. Psalm 111:10, NIV

## Unspoken requests, Our Friends, Our Relatives, Our Associates, Our Neighbors, Our Youth & Our Church

### Health Concerns:

**Coronavirus victims & families, Ukrainians, Aimee Hare, The Debra Lenthe Family, The Nina Benek Family, The Diane Morrison Family, Elda Imhoff, Jim Thompson, Autumn Regula (6yr. old), Jackie Becker, Jenny Wagers, Paul Finley & others in our Church Family**

### Please pray for our Shut-ins ...

- Jane Harrison**—Brookdale, 1615 Cleveland Rd. Wooster, Apt. 10
- Dorothy Hochstetler** — Westview Manor, 1715 Mechanicsburg Rd. Wooster, #28
- Louise Holt**—Wayne County Care Center, 876 S. Geyers Chapel Rd. Wooster, #105
- Elda Imhoff**—Home, 1819 Saddlebrook Circle, Wooster, 44691
- Ross Leach**—Home, 6848 Back Orrville Rd, Wooster, 44691
- Nancy Mills**—Wayne Manor, 4110 E. Smithville Western Rd. Wooster
- Judy Reese**—Wayne Manor, 4110 E. Smithville Western Rd. Wooster, #110
- Joyce Shull**—Home, 1825 Saddlebrook Circle, Wooster, 44691
- Jim Thompson**—Home. 8227 Eby Rd. Smithville 44677



- 1 Rebecca Ebert
- 3 Jacklyn Becker
- 12 Joyce Shull
- 14 Keith Schrock
- 17 Dorothy Beichler
- 22 Judy Reese
- Joyce Studer
- 23 Eileen Arrington
- 24 Rose Evans
- 28 Carole Martin
- 29 Elda Imhoff



- 3 Timothy & Rebecca Ebert
- 5 Richard & Jackie Beaver
- 10 Ronald & Marla Singer
- 11 Sandy & Jerri Lynn Baxstrom
- Bryan & Heidi Hartzler
- 15 Keith & Susan Schrock
- James & Carol Thompson
- 18 Edward & Priscilla Gresser
- 22 Michael & Stacey Miller
- Rick & Lisa Tilton



Sunday, June 19, 2022



- 1 Irene Moore
- 3 Kristi Grimes
- 5 Pamela Beichler
- 7 Lydia Evans
- Matt Miller
- 8 Linda Rader
- 11 Peggy Imhoff
- 15 James Thompson
- 17 Wanda Fetter
- Andrew Shold
- 18 Priscilla Gresser
- 24 Richard Beaver
- 25 Nickolas Sayre
- 26 Dale Gurich
- 27 Lauren Shull



- 10 Larry & Peggy Imhoff
- 14 Michael & Sharon Foy
- 17 Mark & Rose Evans
- 18 Dale & Carol Gurich
- 19 James & Donna Holderman
- 26 Bernard & LeeAnn Caldwell
- 30 Brandon & Angela Eichholz



Prayer Chain Coordinators

Gail Bersch is the Prayer Chain Coordinator. Call her at (330)347-4699 with your prayer requests. If you are interested in joining this important ministry, please give her a call.

Special Birthday...

Dorothy Beichler

6-17



We celebrate with you!

Community Hygiene Closet

The Community Hygiene Closet will be open to all those in need on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 4-5 p.m. in the Smithville UMC Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, June 19

Sunday, July 17

Sunday, August 21



"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

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hosting ...



**Farmers Market in the grassy area, at the back of the Church Facility.**

**Every Saturday of June, July, & August from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon.**

**If you are interested in setting up at this event, please call or email the Church Office at (330)669-2371 or [smithvilleum@gmail.com](mailto:smithvilleum@gmail.com)**

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**Quest for the King's Armor...**

**June 25 & 26, 2022**  
**3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Join us for more exciting adventures as a Knight of North Castle!**  
**Register all kids, K – 6 Grades by calling the Church Office.**  
**Stay for dinner ... whole family invited!**

**For More Info:**  
**Call: [Smithville United Methodist](http://www.smithvilleumc.org), 243 N. Milton St.**  
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