

# The Good News!

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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

**DEADLINE for the  
COMBINED June/July  
newsletter is: May 15, 2022**

## FROM PASTOR JAMES'S DESK



# CHANGE

As we enter May, it is a season of change. For some, it is a time of graduation or a time of planning toward next year. For some, it signifies summer is almost here and it's time to start planning our vacation. For others, it's a time of rest and renewal. Whatever May signifies to you, let us take a moment to appreciate the change.

When we read Ecclesiastes 3, we tend to focus on the different times listed (*a time to build up and a time to tear down ...*). We miss the changes in between those times. The truth is change is different, change is often leading us into an unknown. For most of us we look forward to the change, to summer. We know summer means rest, vacation, celebration, and sun. But, for those graduating, moving, changing in life, it can be anxiety producing. We feel stress and anxiety whenever we encounter a change that we're uncertain of.

Here at Smithville UMC, we are going through some changes in the near future. Some will be bittersweet. Some will require work but serve the Lord. Some will be joyous and wonderful. Others may not work at first and we will have to correct them, or even start over. Let us take a moment this month and go to the Lord in prayer. Let the Lord know we see the changes coming and ask the Lord for strength through these anxieties. Let us also commit that in all these changes we will continue to follow God's call. We, as Smithville UMC will continue to Love Christ, to Serve Christ, to Share Christ, No Matter What it Takes. Amen.

*Pastor James*

## Worship Schedule

## FROM THE DESK OF AIMEE HARE

## Worship Scriptures & Topics

### Holy Music Sunday Sunday, May 1

**Psalm 100; Ephesians 5:1-20**

**Sermon: "Rejoice and Sing!"**

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### Mother's Day Sunday, May 8

**Malachi 1:6-14; Malachi 3:6-12**

**Sermon: "Giving the Good Stuff to  
Show our Love"**

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### Sunday, May 15

**Malachi 2:1-9; Malachi 2:10-16**

**Sermon: "Power Corrupts"**

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### Sunday, May 22

**Malachi 2:17-3:5; Malachi 4:1-6**

**Sermon: "End of the Old Testament"**

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### Sunday, May 29

**Guest Speaker:  
Rev. Dr. Emlyn Ott**

## Do you remember the moment you met Jesus?



I don't mean the moment you first went to youth group or Sunday School or your first revival meeting. I'm not talking about the first Bible Study you remember attending or the church dinner where you realized that carry-ins are the best. I am asking you if you remember the moment when Jesus changed your life forever? If your answer is yes, have you ever shared that life changing moment with others?

The book of John records the meeting of Simon Peter and Jesus. The introduction happens thanks to Simon Peter's brother, Andrew. In the first chapter of John it is recorded that ...

**"Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John— but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter")."**

I cannot imagine what that moment was like for Simon Peter. His brother had come to him and told him that *"We have found the Messiah"* (John 1:41). When Peter went with Andrew to meet Jesus, I would think that it would be Peter who would be *"looking intently"* at Jesus to see if this guy was really who his brother said he was. Did he *"look"* Messiah-like? Did he talk like, move like, think like, act like the Messiah should? As Jesus often does, however, he turned the tables on Simon Peter. Instead of being the one examined, he is the one checking out Peter. Can you even imagine what it would feel like to have Jesus look at you *"intently?"* What is it like to have the eyes of your Savior peering into yours? Did Simon feel like Jesus was looking straight into his soul? Did he feel vulnerable, exposed, *"seen?"* Did Simon's life flash before Jesus' eyes? I have so many questions! Whatever that moment between Jesus and Simon was like, it was a life changing one for Simon - a life changing moment that started with a name change. It reminds me of when a couple gets married ... we change our last name to show a shift in who we used to be to who we have now become. We were a single person who belonged to our family of birth. Now, as a married person, our name changed to show we now are chosen and belong with our spouse. We have become one with that person. We have, in the eyes of God, an inseparable bond. I think that is the kind of moment Jesus and Simon had here. Jesus looks him in the face and says, *"You used to be yours, but now you are mine!"* Everything changes for Simon from that moment on. He was no longer His own. He had a connection to Jesus that was going to change him!

You see, that is what Jesus does. He looks us in the heart and calls us out. He says to us from the beginning that He will make us a new creation. He has the ability to see who we will become because of His great love - and the love of our Savior is a soul saving, heart changing, life altering love. It is a love that we are called to live in and to share. We don't get to decide who is worthy of that love. Christ tells us to *"go and make disciples of all nations."* That leaves out no one. It means EVERYONE is loved by God and He wants them to hear the Good News! That is why Jesus looked at Peter and changed his heart. Peter was called by Jesus to love others and spread the Gospel ... as are we, my friends! I know that we have not actually stood in the same room as Jesus and had him come over and look us square in the eyes. Yet ... the call of Jesus on our hearts is no less real than that of Peter's. Our passion and desire to serve, follow, love, and share Christ with the world we live in should be just as real also! May you always find yourself looking intently into the heart of Jesus!

Aimee



## Dog Obedience Classes

By: Allan Bauman

(The course will consist of three 2-hour Sessions equivalent to a 7-week Course.)

**Dates: Thursdays,  
May 5, 12, 19  
6:30 – 8:30 pm.**

*[in Smithville UMC—F. L.C.]*



**Cost: \$85** (\$175 value) it includes Allan's Book: **Pawsitive Dog Training**

All proceeds will go to SUMC for Community Outreach Programs. This is a special event and class registration is limited. All family members are encouraged to participate. Once registration limits are reached their will be an opportunity for non-participating members to attend without dogs.

Allan Bauman has been actively training dogs for over 39 years. He started his early career successfully competing in Obedience Competition. This developed into a career of Pet Care and Dog Training. He operated Goldenbrook Kennels for 18 years.

Allan is a Charter Member and Past President of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers. He currently serves on the Board of the APDT Foundation. He has lectured both Nationally and Internationally. Allan's book "Paw-sitive" Dog Training achieved a recommended reading by Dogwise through its reader's polls. The video version of his book received a Top Video of the year through The Whole Dog Journal.

The class is a full training course. Non-participants will have the opportunity to watch a class in progress and learn techniques and skills that they can apply to their own dogs at home.

**Participating Dogs with Families - \$85**

For registration contact: **Smithville United Methodist Church at (330)669-2371**

**\*\* Payment is due at time of registration \*\***

### Dog Training Waiver and Release

I understand that participating in dog training classes includes an element of risk for both myself and my dog. I agree to abide by any decision of an instructor relative to the dog's and my ability to complete the course safely. I further assume any and all responsibility for risks associated with participating in this course including, but not limited to, illness, falls, contact with other participants and dogs, and surface conditions, all risks being understood and appreciated by me. I also affirm that the dog that I will be participating with has vaccinations appropriate to his/her age. I agree to abide by all rules of the course.

Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of the acceptance of my registration, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue. I further waive, release and discharge Smithville United Methodist Church, including any of its volunteers or employees in any way assisting or connected with this course from any claims or liability of any kind whatsoever arising out of my participation of this course.

I also understand that Smithville United Methodist Church or Allan Bauman may use, for publicity or promotional purposes, pictures or videos of me or my pet without liability or obligation to me.

#### Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # In Family Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ Age of dog \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please note dogs must be people and dog friendly\*\*\*\***



## Maundy Thursday & Easter Sunday Memories ...



Let Us Live   
**LOVE**  
 1 John 4:7-13 (NIV)

## 2022 East Ohio Annual Conference

This year our Annual Conference is **Thursday, June 9 through Saturday, June 11.**

The Worship Services and Business Sessions of **this year's Conference** will be **in-person at the John S. Knight Center in Akron.**

In planning for this year's conference, the Annual Conference Design Team has consulted with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and continues to follow its recommendations. The decision to return to an in-person Annual Conference is an informed decision made with prayer and lots of consideration. The team is prepared to adjust its plan should conditions warrant it.

Voting members of Annual Conference (June 9-11) and voting members of the Clergy Executive Session (June 8) need to register for their respective sessions by May 13. Those participating in both will be able to register for both at the same time. Those registering need an e-mail address that is not shared by another person participating in Annual Conference or in Clergy Executive Session. **Registration closes May 13. There will be no onsite registration.**

All sessions, services, and celebrations of Annual Conference will be livestreamed. To access the feed, click the Livestream tab on the Annual Conference 2022 website, [www.eocumc.com/eoac22](http://www.eocumc.com/eoac22).

*"If you want your children to listen, try talking softly to someone else."*

~ Ann Landers

# Student Ministries

- ~ **Wednesday, May 4** (2:30—5:00 p.m.) - Youth Group
- ~ **NO YOUTH GROUP—May 11—Aimee's on vacation**
- ~ **THURSDAY, May 19**—Youth Group  
**Putt Putt Golf** (Medina)
- ~ **Wednesday, May 25** (3:30—5:00 p.m.) - Youth Group  
**Ice Cream & Games at the Park**

## SAVE THE DATE...



### SMITHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

243 N. Milton Street  
Smithville, OH 44677

Saturday, July 9, 2022  
10 - 1 p.m.  
Rain or Shine!

Phone: (330)669-2371  
Email: [smithvilleum@gmail.com](mailto:smithvilleum@gmail.com)

## 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, truck or motorcycle let them know we would love for them to display their vehicle at our CRUISIN' Event.



# Prayer Concerns

**Unspoken requests, Friends, Relatives, Associates,  
Neighbors, Our Youth, Our Church**

**Liberty Prep, Smithville Schools & Career Center Students,  
Teachers & Administration**

**Health Concerns: Ukrainians, Elda Imhoff, Debra Lenthe,  
Jim Thompson, Autumn Regula (6 yr. old), Jackie Becker,  
Jenny Wagers, Paul Finley & others in our Church Family**

- Nina Benek**—Danbury Senior Living, 939 Portage Rd. Wooster, #123
- 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. Geysers 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**—Westview Manor, 1715 Mechanicsburg Rd. Wooster, #606



## Prayer Chain Coordinator

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.

*"Christ did not come into the world that we might understand him, but that we might cling to him, that we might simply let ourselves be swept away by him into the immense event of the resurrection."*

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer





## It's a Graduation Party

### Who:

Heaven Bersch

### When:

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>  
2-4 p.m.

### Where:

Smithville UMC ...  
Fellowship Hall



## You're Invited!

### We Remember

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.



### Prayer's Certain Payoff

Prayers prayed in the Spirit never die until they accomplish God's intended purpose. His answer may not be what we expected, or when we expected it, but God often provides much more abundantly than we could think or ask. He interprets our intent and either answers or stores up our prayers. Sincere prayers are never lost [and] will never be wasted or go unrewarded.

— Missionary Wesley Duewel

### Recipe of the Month... from the kitchen of Martha Scaggs

#### *Chicken/Turkey Tettrazini*

- 1 onion, diced
- 1 stalk celery, diced
- 2 T. butter
- 2 cups chicken or turkey
- 1/2 c. spaghetti, broken into 2" pieces
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can mushrooms
- 1 can chicken broth
- 1/2 c. grated Parmesan cheese



Sauté together onion and celery in butter. Add chicken/turkey, spaghetti, soup, mushrooms, broth, and Parmesan cheese. Simmer on low for 20 minutes. Stirring occasionally. Add more liquid if needed. I like to use fresh mushrooms. Chop mushrooms and sauté them with the onion and celery. You can also add a couple tablespoons pimento.



**MAY**  
Birthdays

- 2 Scott Williams
- 6 Merle Lautenschlager
- 8 Sue Jackson  
Sue Sayre
- 11 Emma Sayre
- 12 Emily Price (Caldwell)
- 14 Dawn Ross  
Marla Singer
- 15 Susan Schrock  
Tami Krownapple
- 16 Matt Turner
- 17 Julia Lautenschlager
- 26 Larry Imhoff
- 27 Sandy Streets
- 31 Patricia Beichler

**MAY**  
Anniversaries

- 4 Scott & Tami Buchwalter
- 6 Craig & Kristi Grimes
- 27 Gabe & Stephanie Wright
- 31 James & Patricia Beichler

**LETTERS OF THANKS**



The Mike Miller Family wishes to thank Pastor Lance for serving us by having Marguerite Miller's funeral and burial. We appreciate your kind, comforting words during a difficult time. Marguerite enjoyed her Church Family and we really appreciate all the cards and visits from her Church Family. Jerry and Marguerite had many wonderful memories at their Church.

With love & appreciation,  
Mike, Robin, Hannah & Halle Miller

The Growing Christians,  
As Sandy and I start our new journey in retirement, we will remember and cherish all the friendships we've made with our Church Family at Smithville UMC.

Thank you so much for the special card and gift cards that were presented to me this past Sunday.

You will all hold a special place in our hearts. Thanks again.  
Sandy & Cheryl Hadsell

*She is more precious than rubies...*  
Proverbs 3:15



*Happy Mother's Day*  
Sunday, May 8, 2022

**Malachi**

For the month of May, we will be exploring the book of Malachi in Bible Study on Tuesday Mornings from 10-11 a.m. (April 26 - May 24). We will be exploring the last book of the Old Testament, the lessons from scripture it teaches us, and how it leads into the New Testament. The first week we will explore what happened leading up to Malachi. We will then spend three weeks exploring Malachi, through scriptural reading and discussion. The final week we will briefly explore the transition from Malachi into the New Testament. You are invited to join us ... I look forward to seeing those that can make it!



**Farmers' Market**

We, Smithville UMC, will be hosting a **Farmers Market** this summer in the grassy area at the back of our Church Facility! We will host this on **Saturdays of June, July, August from 9:00 a.m.—12 noon.** If you know anyone interested in setting up at this, we are happy to host them. More details to come shortly.



**FARMERS'**  
*Market*



**Smithville UMC**

*Congratulates ...*

**High School Graduate:**

Heaven Bersch

**Special Dates:**

**National Day of Prayer ~ May 5, 2022**

**Mother's Day ~ May 8, 2022**

**Ascension Day ~ May 26, 2022**

**Memorial Day ~ May 30, 2022**



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**The Adventure Continues ...**

**June 25 & 26 2022**  
**3 - 6 pm**

**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:**

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