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MISSION STATEMENT

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

**DEADLINE for the September
newsletter is: August 15, 2019**

FROM REV. CAROLYN'S DESK

There are many people at Smithville UMC who have made a significant impact on your faith journey, I am sure. They are the ones who have served this church for many years when you were younger. They were your Sunday School teachers, your youth leaders, the committee chairs, or sat next to you in choir. Some of them are now confined to their homes or nursing facilities because of poor health or other life issues. Do you ever wonder if you might be called to support them now as they supported you in the past?

In Romans 12:13, St. Paul encourages us to *"contribute to the needs of the saints."* And while he was most likely referring to their financial needs, it would not be a far stretch to also interpret the needs of the saints as spiritual and emotional. Could you call one of your saints on a regular basis? Could you send a card to let them know you are thinking about them? Could you visit them once a month or so? For some, they are not able to attend worship because they don't drive anymore, could you pick them up for worship? Could you pray for them?

Far too often when we don't see someone on a regular basis we fall out of contact with them. I would like to see that corrected. If each one of us would take the time to reach out to just one person, think about how many people we could connect with. How many people we could touch with God's love.

If you do I can assure you that it's one of those situations where you will be more blessed than you could ever imagine! Take the time to show your saints that they are not forgotten. Take the time to show your saints that they still matter. So what are you waiting for? Call someone, write someone ...

Rev. Carolyn M. Berry

Worship Schedule

FROM THE DESK OF AIMEE HARE

Worship Scriptures & Topics

Sunday, August 4

Hosea 11:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Sermon: "The Spiritual Danger of Upsizing"

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Sunday, August 11

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16;

Luke 12:32-40

Sermon: "Where Is Your Treasure?"

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Sunday, August 18

Hebrews 11:29-12:2;

Luke 12:49-56

Sermon: "Time to Decide"

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Sunday, August 25

Psalms 71:1-6; Luke 13:10-17

Sermon: "The Power of 'You Shall'"

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A few thoughts I wish I could share with my younger self ...

Dear 10 year old me ... Don't be afraid of everything! Stand up for yourself and don't let the bullies define how you feel. Just smile and be a kid.

Dear 15 year old me ... As much as you hate hearing this, listen to your parents. They may seem strict but they are on the right track! Also ... don't be in such a rush to grow up. (P.S. ... *hard work really is good for you!*)

Dear 20 year old me ... Worry less about what the future holds and soak in the love and joy of today! Hug your grandparents and listen to their stories more. Learn how to make grandma's apple dumplings, watch the westerns with grandpa, and let them treat you to ice cream whenever they want :)

Dear 25 year old me ... Making a mistake is not the end of the world. You are SO MUCH stronger than you know! Don't settle! Work hard and be fearless!

Dear 30 year old me ... The painful things in life are going to make you grow. Growing can hurt so hold on tight – but when you look back you will see God's love carrying you through it all.

A few thoughts I think my younger self would like to remind me of now ...

Don't forget what it feels like to enjoy time laughing with your friends and family.

Remember what it felt like to ride your bike so fast down a hill that you thought you could fly!

Remember how much fun it is to run barefoot at dusk catching lightening bugs ... think of how comforting it was to drift off to sleep watching them flash in a jar by your bed.

Remember how you felt on Christmas Eve when you were surrounded by your family laughing and eating and telling stories ... now remember that you are planting those sweet memories in the hearts of your family!

Dear older self ... Don't be afraid of anything! God has seen you through so much and He has NEVER failed you!

A few thoughts I think my Jesus would share with me now ...

You have been loved and cherished by me since before you were born ... and that will never change.

I love to hear your laugh.

I am glad that you love me and that you are mine.

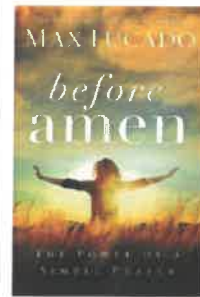
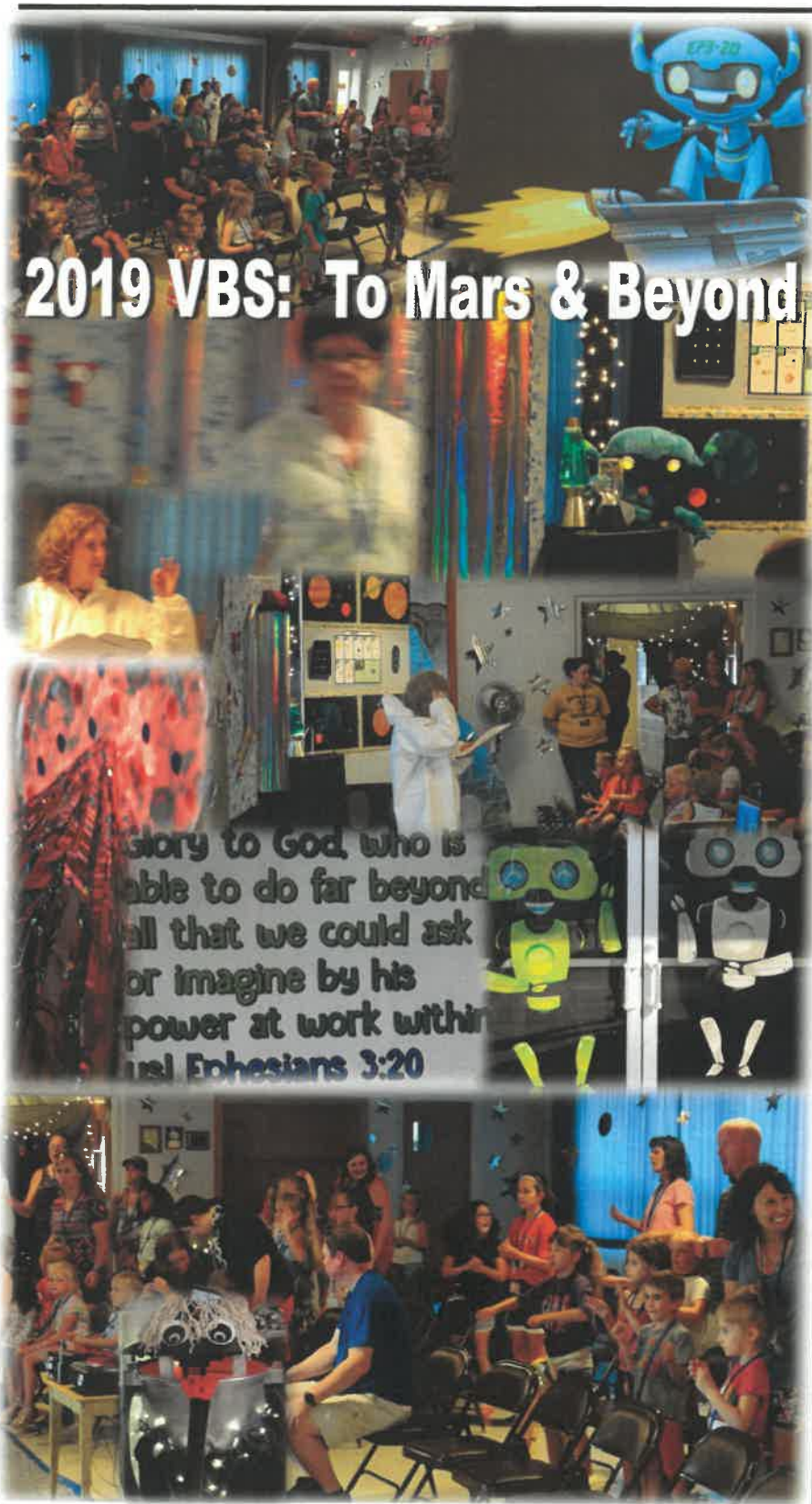
I love spending time with you.

I see you. I hear you.

I will never leave you.

I love you ... REALLY LOVE YOU!

Aimee Hare



Join us ... on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor, August 7, 14, 21, and 28 as we journey to the very heart of biblical prayer and the power unleashed with five simple sentences:

"Father, you are good. I need help. They need help. Thank you. In Jesus' name, amen."

We all pray ... some. We pray to stay sober, centered, or solvent. When the lump is deemed malignant. When the money runs out. When the marriage is falling apart. But wouldn't you like to pray ... more? Better? Stronger? With more fire, faith and fervency?

In this four-session video-based study, Max Lucado reveals his struggles with prayer and how he discovered that it is not a privilege for the pious or the art of a chosen few but a simple tool everyone has been given to have a conversation with God. He shows you how to let go of uncertainties about prayer, trust that God hears you, and embrace a prayer life that brings peace and rest.

A Day Away in a Quiet Place

Maya Angelou said, *"Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us."* Similarly, when Jesus' disciples were consumed with ministry, he urged them, *"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest"* (Mark 6:31, NIV).

The late days of summer might be just the time to seek *"a day away"* not only from problems but even from ministry. While serving God and others can be energizing, we must balance work with rest. God set that example, resting after creating the world; Jesus set that example, calling his disciples away—not just alone, but *with him* — to be refreshed.

Spend a relaxing day at a lake. Go on a scrapbooking retreat or a leisurely hike with friends. Find a monastery that welcomes guests, and experience 48 hours of prayer and silence there. Invite Jesus into that time and space. And remember another message he shared: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"* (Matthew 11:28, NIV).

Answers: Abraham – Ur, Amos – Tekoa, Ananias – Damascus, Cornelius – Caesarea, Daniel – Babylon, Dorcas – Joppa, Esther – Persia, Jesus – Nazareth, Jonah – Nineveh, Joshua – Canaan, Lydia – Philippi, Martha – Bethany, Moses – Egypt, Naaman – Aram, Ruth – Moab, Saul – Tarsus, Zacchaeus – Jericho

Young At Heart



Thursday, August 15th the **Young at Heart Group** will be meeting at **Bishop's restaurant** for **lunch together** at **11:30 a.m.** and then return to the Church for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Student Ministries

- ~ **Wednesday, August 7, 14** (12:30—3:00 p.m.)
Youth Group ... **Last of the Summer Lunch Activities**
- ~ **Wednesday, August 21 & 28**
NO Youth Group
- ~ **Wednesday, September 4** (2:30—5:00 p.m.)
Kick-off to the Fall Youth Group

CRUISIN' in the 'Ville

In the Heart of Wayne County

Thank you to everyone who made our 5th Annual Car Show a HUGE success! We had 36 vehicles registered this year and raised approximately \$1200.00 for Missions! Thanks for all your hard work to make a difference in our community and beyond! Here are just a few glimpses of the days activities ...

Our 2019 Car Show Winners:



Dale Hoover - 2004 Suzuki Hayabusa



Del Brown - 1961 Chevy Corvair



David Eagle - 1938 Plymouth



Julie Hickman - 1934 Ford Custom



Vehicles, Silent Auctions, Food & FUN!



Prayer Concerns

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

Liberty Prep Administration, Smithville Schools Students, Career Center Teachers

Health Concerns: Lauren Buchwalter, Richard, Jenny & Gary Wagers, Paul Finley, Kooper Howman ["Pompe" Disease]

Jean Arnold—Brenn-Field, #B22, 1980 Lynn Dr. Orrville, OH

Dorothy Hochstetler - Westview Manor, #212

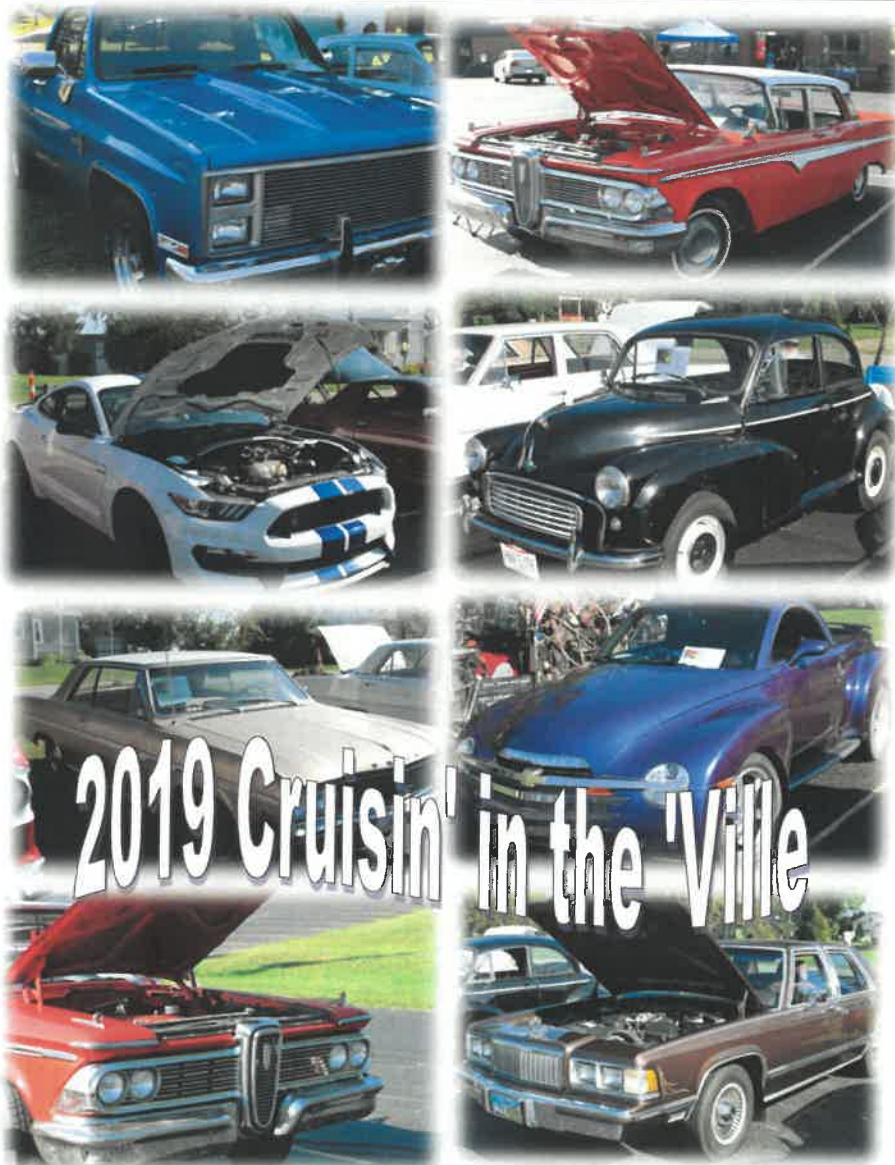
Louise Holt—Wayne County Care Center, #105

Nancy Mills—Wayne Manor, 3110 E. Smithville Western Rd, Wooster, OH

Kathy Noffsinger – Orrville Pointe

Dorothy Smith –Wayne County Care Center, #120

Mary Yoder– 1405 Ramblewood Drive, Wooster, OH 44691



Prayer Chain Coordinators

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

Coming Soon ...



Rev. Carolyn will be doing a Membership Class for adults who are interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church or are interested in joining Smithville

UMC. This class will be on **Sunday, August 11 at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** See Rev. Carolyn or call the Church Office if you are planning on joining the class.

Kingdom on Wheels

"If you love what you do, you're going to talk about it," says Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz. *"I love Jesus ... so I'm going to talk about [him]. But I'm not going to force [Christianity] down your throat, either."* That's why the pro athlete tries to show his faith by *"how I live and what I'm about."*

Wentz started the foundation AO1 (Audience of One) to make a tangible impact beyond the gridiron. With a local church, he sponsors Thy Kingdom Crumb, a food truck that offers free meals to people in the community.

The motto painted on the mobile restaurant sums up the message Wentz wants to share with his neighbors:

"It's on us ... 'cause he loves you!"





Recipe of the Month...

Mom's Apple Cake

~by Dorothy Beichler

Sift Together:

- 1 c. Sugar
- 1 1/2 c. Flour
- 1/4 t. Salt
- 1 t. Soda

Add:

- 1/2 c. Oil
- 1 Egg
- 1/2 c. Milk

Topping:

- 2 T. Butter
- 1/2 c. Brown Sugar
- 2 T. Flour
- 1/2 c. Chopped Nuts



After it's mixed, add 2 cups of Finely Chopped Apples plus 1 t. Vanilla. Pour into baking dish. Sprinkle topping on Apple mixture then bake for 45 minutes at 350°.



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Matt & Jordan M^cElroy

Creator of meteor showers and rain showers, forests and lakes, dandelions and gladiolas; of frogs, fish, flamingos, foxes and fireflies: thank you for summer. We rejoice in your marvelous works!

Thank You ...

Dear SUMC,
Thank you so much for the graduation gift. I can't wait to see what God has in store for this new chapter in my life. Thank you again for the support over the years and as I take on new adventures.
~ Leia Miller

Thank You ...

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the Amazon gift card for my graduation from ONU. It was very thoughtful and I appreciate the support the Church has given me over the years.
~ Drew Thompson

Thank You ...

Thank you for all that was done with Bible School this year. My son, Grayson loved it so much and was still talking about it over the weekend. He continues to wear his pins. Again, Thank you.
~ April George, Smithville Brethren

Summer Fruit Basket

Taste some fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) — perfect for summer, and all year round!



Fruit Basket

- **Love:** "There is always an 'again' with love." —Unknown
- **Joy:** "I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains." —Anne Frank
- **Peace:** "Peace begins with a smile." —Mother Teresa
- **Patience:** "The purposes of God may sometimes seem delayed, but they are never abandoned." —H.C. Mears
- **Kindness:** "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." —Mark Twain
- **Goodness:** "Goodness means to do things for the glory of God." —Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- **Faithfulness:** "Do small things as if they were great because of the majesty of Christ, who does them in us." —Blaise Pascal
- **Gentleness:** "There is nothing stronger in the world than gentleness." —Han Suyin
- **Self-control:** "God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." —2 Tim. 1:7 (ESV)



"And you thought you were having a bad hair day."

Puzzle!

Draw lines to connect the biblical figures with the locations associated with them.

Abraham
Amos
Ananias
Cornelius
Daniel
Dorcas
Esther
Jesus
Jonah
Joshua
Lydia
Martha
Moses
Naaman
Ruth
Saul
Zacchaeus



Moab
Canaan
Babylon
Caesarea
Nineveh
Jericho
Ur
Tarsus
Joppa
Aram
Tekoa
Bethany
Egypt
Philippi
Nazareth
Persia
Damascus

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EUCHRE TOURNAMENT



Friday, August 9, 2019
7:00 — 9:00 p.m.
SUMC's Fellowship Hall

Entry Fee: \$2.00,
Prizes 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Everyone bring a
White Elephant too!

A night of **COOL FAMILY FUN!**

Name _____ Phone # _____
Participant/s of: _____ Euchre _____ White Elephant _____