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### MISSION STATEMENT

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

**DEADLINE for next month's  
articles: July 15, 2019**

## FROM REV. CAROLYN'S DESK

My first appointment out of seminary was in Northern New York, near Fort Drum which is an army base, home to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. Needless to say, much of my congregation was army. I gained a new appreciation of the sacrifices made by not only the soldiers but also of their families. I also gained a new appreciation of what it was like to follow a convoy of tanks. Even more concerning was to look in the rearview mirror and see a tank following me!

I was at that appointment during Desert Storm in 1990-91. During the summer of 1990 we knew it was only a matter of time before the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain would be leaving for the Middle East. One of the preschoolers at the church's daycare had developed a wonderful relationship with a fresh from ROTC 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. Now Matt was an only child, had never really been around young children, but Vicki did not seem to care. She latched on to him, never noticing how uncomfortable he was with little ones. The uncomfortableness did not last long. Before long Vicki looked at Matt as her personal climbing wall, swing and the best lap to take a nap on. Matt was resigned to it or so he always said. Until the orders came for deployment. I don't know who was sadder.

For the next few months Vicki would ask me every morning if Matt was back yet. The letters he sent were sporadic. Vicki really didn't care for them, she wanted her Matt, not his letters.

Finally, we got the news that the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain was coming home. Matt sent word that he wanted to surprise Vicki, so not to tell her. The whole church and day care conspired to surprise a young child.

The day arrived and Matt showed up in my office in his dress blues ready to see his young friend. The children were in their story circle when we walked into the classroom and Vicki had her back to the door. When she turned around and saw Matt standing there, her face lit up with a radiant smile, she scrambled to her feet and ran to him, jumping into his arms. I have never forgotten the radiance that lit up Vicki's face and the joy in both their faces as they hugged.

I know that God wants all of us to experience such joy when we draw near to him. God is always waiting to welcome us, but we are often slow to set aside time to spend with God. As summer begins, I pray that all of us will be more intentional about spending quality time with God. To run, not walk to be with God.

Blessings,

*Rev. Carolyn M. Berry*

## Worship Schedule

## FROM THE DESK OF AIMEE HARE

## Sunday Mornings in June

### Sunday, June 2

*Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 ; John 17:20-26*

Sermon: "I Know You"

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### Sunday, June 9

*Psalms 104:24-34; Acts 2:1-21*

Sermon: "A Wild & Crazy One"

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### Pastor's June Sermons



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### Sunday, June 16 Father's Day

*Psalms 8; John 16:12-15*

Sermon: "Spirit of Truth"

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### Sunday, June 23

*Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39*

Message: "When All Are Against You God is For You"

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### Sunday, June 30

*2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Luke 9:51-62*

Message: "When All Are Against You God is For You"

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Weird confession time ... I like change ... But I despise uncertainty. I know that sounds funny, but it is so true. I do NOT mind when things or situations change AS LONG AS I know it is coming, how it will happen, when it will happen, and I have some control of it happening. Let me give you an example. I LOVE when we rearrange the furniture in our house. In fact, if it all sits in the same place too long, I get bored of it and want to move it around ... the same goes with my office. It is still my stuff just in a different place. I say when I am ready for the "change" and my sweet hubby jumps in and the moving begins. It would be a totally different thing for me, however, if I came home one day and he had decided, out of the blue, to move all the rooms around and put all our things in different places ... like if he moved our living room furniture into our bedroom and put our bed in the basement and sold our television and replaced it with a giant wall length picture of Snoopy ... You see the difference, right? The change that happens when I want and how I want does not bother me ... as long as, it is my way ... ha ha ha! But the uncertain things really eat at me ... and as much as I hate to admit it, they tend to be the things that stretch and grow my faith. It is in those moments of uncertainty where I depend on, lean on, and learn the most about my Heavenly Father.

In the book of Mark, Jesus has an encounter with the leader of the synagogue (Jairus). He had come to seek out Jesus to have him heal his daughter, but she died before Jairus could speak to Jesus concerning her. I cannot fathom the depth of pain in that moment for Jairus. There are no words to convey what he was probably thinking and feeling. The death of someone we love always brings about feelings of uncertainty ... people of all races and times have felt that terrifying surge of not only pain, but uncertainty. Jesus overheard this news being delivered to Jairus and told Jairus "Don't be afraid. Just have faith." (Mark 5:36) In moments of vulnerability and transparency, most of us would admit that death makes us fearful. Whether it is the thought of our own or the death of a loved one ... death unsettles us. It freezes us and crushes us and takes our feet out from underneath us. It is paralyzing. Crippling. Gut-wrenching. It hurts both physically and emotionally. Jesus knew that. He felt human emotion and knew what it was to ache with this type of loss. I imagine that as soon as he heard the news of Jairus' daughter's death, that he turned around and looked Jairus square in the eyes as he commanded him "Don't be afraid. Just have faith." I imagine at that moment the crowd pressing in around these two men fell silent. You know how it is when death enters the equation ... people get quiet. Words seem empty. The pain is raw and real, and Jesus knew that pain. It was then, without hesitation, that Jesus points this man Heavenward ... don't be afraid. Just have faith. God was in control. Jairus had NO CONTROL over the situation but JESUS did. We all know that Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from the dead and with the crowd, we too are "overwhelmed and totally amazed" at Jesus' love, compassion and power over death! (Mark 5:42)

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**Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 – 1:00 p.m.

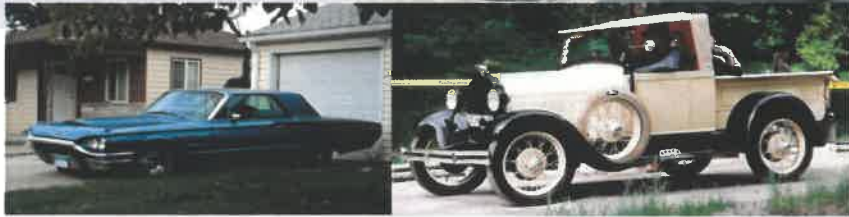
**Raindate:**  
**Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**  
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**CRUISIN' in the 'Ville**

In the Heart of Wayne County

Smithville United Methodist Church will host the 5<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. 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: the People's Choice for the Best Car, Best Truck and Best Motorcycle, along with the Pastor's Choice. 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 7**

**2 Kings 5:1-14;**  
**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**  
**Sermon: "Just Go"**

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**Sunday, July 14**

**Colossians 1:1-14;**  
**Luke 10:25-37**  
**Sermon: "Hope"**

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**Sunday, July 21**

**Colossians 1:15-28;**  
**Luke 10:38-42**  
**Sermon: "Mary or Martha?"**

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**Sunday, July 28**

**Psalm 85; Luke 11:1-13**  
**Message: "The Perfect Prayer"**

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Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that "this is our Father's world" and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness

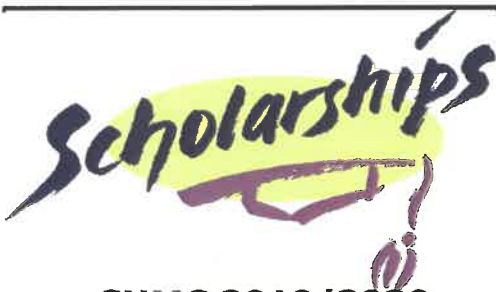
evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On Independence Day and every day, "O let [us] ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet." Amen.  
—Sandy Hyland



## Young At Heart



**Thursday, June 20** the Young at Heart Group will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. at **Creston's Pike Station** then at **Wadsworth's Maries** on **July 18** at 11:30 a.m. to enjoy a few meals together then returning to the Church for an afternoon of fun and fellowship each week. Watch the bulletin for further details.



### ~SUMC 2019/2020 Educational Grant Fund Scholarship~

Graduating High School Students and College Students ... **It's time to pick up your Smithville UMC Scholarship Application**, in the Church Office during Office Hours, Monday—Friday from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

**Please return ALL completed applications to the Church Office by Sunday, June 9, 2019.**

### An Encouraging Word

The Bible repeatedly "encourages" Christians to "encourage one another." How can you tell when someone needs encouragement? The answer is easy, said Chick-fil-A founder Truett Cathy: if they're breathing! He quipped, "I get a lot of encouragement, but I never got an overdose."

Offering encouragement is an easy way to have a big impact. In fact, two esteemed Christian writers call encouragers angelic and godly. George MacDonald said, "If, instead of a gem or even a flower, we could cast the gift of a lovely thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give." And G.K. Chesterton said, "If I can put one touch of rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God." Who in your life might need an encouraging word today?

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Friends, the words of Jesus hold true and strong for all moments in our lives ... both the ones with happy endings – like the raising of Jairus' daughter from the dead – and in those moments when our miracles aren't to be had this side of heaven. So on the days where you have more questions than answers ... when there is more pain than peace ... more tears than laughter, go to Jesus and look Him in the face and let His words cover you. *"Don't be afraid. Just have faith."* Have faith in the Father who created you. Have faith in the Son that sacrificed Himself to save you. Have faith in the Spirit that sustains you. Jesus is not afraid of the things we fear. There is no uncertainty from where He stands, with an eternal and unclouded view of the past and future. *"Don't be afraid. Just have faith."* He will never leave you or forsake you ... NOT ever. Our God is with us and NOTHING can change that!

Aimee

### Last Dog Obedience Class until Fall

By: Allan Bauman

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

**Dates: Thursdays,**

**June 6, June 13, June 20**

**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 Nonparticipating Viewers - \$10**

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

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

**Call Church Office Monday—Friday from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. with Questions or to Register.**

## Prayer Concerns

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

**Please pray for... [health concerns]**

**Summer Camp Counselors, Campers, VBS Directors & Leaders, VBS Attendees, Linda Heinlen, Richard, Jenny & Gary Wagers, Paul Finley, Kooper Howman, Kris (Singer) Sharer**

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

**Jean Arnold** — Brenn-Field, #B22  
**Louise Holt**—Wayne County Care Center, #105  
**Nancy Mills**—Wayne Manor, 3110 E. Smithville Western Rd. Wooster  
**Kathy Noffsinger** — Orrville-Pointe  
**Dorothy Smith** —Wayne County Care Center, #120

## NEW BIBLE STUDIES ...

**A trustworthy guide  
to understanding the Book of Revelation**



The Book of Revelation contains passages of great beauty and comfort, as well as passages that strike the casual reader as bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening. How are readers today to discern God's message in this peculiar part of the Bible?

Breaking the Code Revised Edition provides a trustworthy guide to the rich symbolism of this important biblical book. Noted biblical scholar Bruce M. Metzger presents the fruits

of solid scholarship in a non-academic style. This revised edition includes updates based on current biblical research, as well as additional teaching from author and respected New Testament scholar David deSilva.

The **six-session DVD** features David deSilva. Each video segment is approximately 10-12 minutes in length and, when combined with the six book chapters, make an ideal six-week group study.

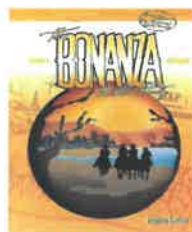
**Don't miss this Bible Study ...** join Rev. Carolyn on **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. starting June 18 and concluding on August 13**, in the Church Parlor.



## Bonanza Bible Study

Saddle up for a unique, video-based Bible study with the men of The Ponderosa. As Ben, Adam, Hoss, and Little Joe Cartwright struggle between good and evil, participants will glean lessons on judgment, redemption, greed, fear, and more.

- ~ June 19 – Redemption
- ~ June 26 – Calling
- ~ July 3 – No Bible Study (*enjoy some fireworks*)
- ~ July 10 – NO Bible Study (*VBS Week*)
- ~ July 17 – Judgement
- ~ July 24 – Transformation
- ~ July 31 – (*Meet at Church ... going for Ice Cream*)



**Don't miss this Bible Study ...** join Rev. Carolyn on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. starting June 19**, in the Church Parlor.



## 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.

### Pray for:

~ **Rev. Carolyn and Aimee**  
during Annual Conference  
(June 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>)

~ **To Mars & Beyond VBS & Tami**

(July 8<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup>; 6:15—8:30 p.m.  
@ Smithville UMC)





- 1 Jim Ervin  
Rebecca Ebert  
Kendra Woodland
- 2 Kaitlin Burington
- 3 Jacklyn Becker  
Heather Lucci
- 4 Timothy Leach
- 5 Lynn Smith
- 6 Tim Moore
- 7 Keith Holt
- 10 Patricia Blackwell
- 11 Nancy Holt
- 12 Greg Beaver  
Joyce Shull  
Spencer Turner
- 13 Howard Crone
- 14 Keith Schrock  
Valerie Reber
- 17 Dorothy Beichler  
Regina Miller  
Aaron Nestor
- 18 Kylie Streets  
Brooke Yoder  
Sydney Reber
- 19 Pete Christopher
- 21 Dakota Moore
- 22 Joyce Studer  
Michele Lucci
- 23 Eileen Arrington  
Gale Shell

- 1 Irene Moore  
Jake Calvert
- 3 Kristi Grimes
- 5 Pamela Beichler
- 6 Judy Schlabach
- 7 Marguerite Miller  
Matt Miller
- 10 Beth Nicol
- 11 Peggy Imhoff  
Terri Smith  
Zachary Sillman
- 12 Chris Leach
- 13 Joshua Hostetler
- 14 Sharon Thompson  
Melissa Lee
- 15 James Thompson
- 17 Wanda Fetter  
Andrew Shold  
Chris Young, Jr.
- 18 Priscilla Gresser  
Rileigh Smith  
Jeremy Reber
- 21 Jean Koenig  
Chad Reed
- 23 Adam Leach
- 24 Richard Beaver
- 25 Nickolas Sayre
- 26 Dale Gurich  
Brian Gill
- 27 Lauren Shull

**Fun in the Sun ...**

- Seen on a church sign (and appropriate for grilling season): "God doesn't make mistakes."
- Person approaching the shoreline where someone is fishing: "Is this river any good for fish?" Response: "It must be. I can't get any of them to leave it."
- Q: Why do people go to church in the summer?  
A: It's prayer-conditioned!
- Q: Why was it so hot in the stadium after the game?  
A: All the fans left.
- Q: While hiking, how can you identify a dogwood tree?  
A: By it's bark.
- Q: What do sheep have on sunny days?  
A: A baa-baa-cue!



- 3 Timothy & Rebecca Ebert
- 5 Richard & Jackie Beaver
- 6 Frank & Michelle Lucci
- 7 Mike & Ruth Serra
- 9 Evan & Leslie Cihon
- 10 Ronald & Marla Singer
- 11 Sandy & Jerri Lynn Baxstrom  
Bryan & Heidi Hartzler
- 14 Scott & Carol Norman
- 15 Keith & Susan Schrock  
James & Carol Thompson
- 18 Edward & Priscilla Gresser
- 22 Michael & Stacey Miller  
Rick & Lisa Tilton

- 2 Ted & Bonnie Miller
- 7 Tim & Linda Moore
- 12 Tom & Cynthia Poulson
- 14 Michael & Sharon Foy
- 16 Larry & Peggy Imhoff  
Thomas & Jessica Holmes, Jr
- 17 Mark & Rose Evans
- 18 Dale & Carol Gurich
- 19 James & Donna Holderman
- 26 Bernard & LeeAnnCaldwell
- 30 Brandon & Angela Eichholz

**PUZZLE**

**"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!**  
Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NKJ

A= E= I= O= U=

k \_ \_ p my \_ y \_ s  
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 W \_ th h \_ m \_ t my  
 r \_ ght h \_ nd,  
 w \_ ll n \_ t b \_ sh \_ k \_ n.  
 Ps \_ lm 16:8, N \_ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the Lord, with him at my right hand. I will not be shaken, Psalm 16:8, NKJ





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ALL YOUTH ... grades 6 – 12 ...

Sunday, June 2 from 3—6 p.m.

Smithville UMC, 243 N. Milton Street,  
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We are planning an afternoon filled with fun:  
 Contests Lilly Smucker - a caricature artist  
 fun photo opts a giant slip-n-slide  
 chalk art 9-square  
 giant volleyball yummy food  
 other games ... and MUCH, MUCH more!

This **FREE** day won't be complete without  
**YOU** so please plan on joining us as we  
**Celebrate the beginning  
 of SUMMER TOGETHER!**

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# Voyager Registration Form

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Family/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Friends of your child at this church \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS \_\_\_\_\_

**Photo Release:** \_\_\_\_\_ Church/VBS has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly in VBS materials. I understand the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned to Voyager Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Are family members helping with To Mars and Beyond? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

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