

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 REV. CAROLYN'S DESK

Faith + SHARING =
EVANGELISM

The mission of the United Methodist Church is: "To make and mature disciples for the transformation of the world." To make and mature disciples. This means we are to spread the Good News, it means we are to be in the business of evangelism.

For many the word evangelism evokes a sense of fear and dread. The word often conjures up visions of people on street corners with bullhorns or stacks of spiritual tracts to be passed out door to door.

What does the word evangelism actually mean and what does it actually call us to do? The original Greek word for evangelism translates as "gospel" or "good news" and as a verb, "to announce" or "bring good news." Evangelism is what God calls us to do – announce God's good news to the world.

Not by standing on street corners or handing out tracts that most people immediately put in the recycle bin. Instead we do it by how we live our lives. To live out the Good News of God's love and grace. To show by our lives what it means to live in relationship with God. To attempt to the best of our ability to walk the way of Christ. When people ask us what difference God makes ... we are to tell them how God has been working in our lives. Tell them what it means to have God walk beside you every day. Tell them what a difference your faith has made when you face the tough times. To invite them to come to worship with you and help them to know that difference too.

Richard Rohr in his book *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation*, says the way of Jesus is "an invitation to a Trinitarian way of living, loving and relating – on earth as it is in the Godhead." Living, loving, and relating with God and living, loving and relating with people is how we can evangelize, sharing the gospel in our everyday lives.

No bullhorns, no tracts to hand out, just living our lives as Christ would. That is evangelism. That is how we live out the mission of our United Methodist Church. So go bring some good news to your corner of a world, who is in desperate need of some.

Blessings,
Rev. Carolyn

Worship Schedule

FROM THE DESK OF AIMEE HARE

Worship Scriptures & Topics

Sunday, May 5

Psalm 30; John 21:1-19

Sermon: "Feed My Sheep"

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Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12

*Scripture: Psalm 23;
John 10:22-30*

Sermon: "My Sheep Know Me"

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spring
sermons

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Sunday, May 19

*Revelation 21:1-6;
John 13:31-35*

Sermon: "Love One Another"

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Sunday, May 26

Psalm 67; John 14:23-29

Sermon: "Rejoice and Be Glad"

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I was talking with a good friend the other day and the conversation was about how our outlook on life is influenced so heavily by the people we spend the most time with. My friend has a VERY challenging job working with people that, through no fault of their own, have been dealt some very difficult life circumstances and who have never been shown a better way to live. Her work is most often thankless, stressful, and can be overwhelming at times. She mentioned that on her vacations she really has to refocus herself, be reminded that the negative, tough, sad "stuff" is not all there is to life. I was blessed to be able to share a story with her to encourage and remind her of the goodness within others ... I hope you too will feel uplifted and encouraged.

I hope it is no secret that I truly love working with the youth. I am blessed to get to listen to their stories and hear and see the ins and outs of their lives. Being a youth director and/or volunteer allows us a unique vantage point on today's young people. We get to be in the trenches with them and it takes no time to realize that the challenges they face are scary, constant, and NOTHING like what any of us faced growing up. There is no comparison at all. They live in a very different world than we did as teenagers. So when we see the goodness of God flowing through our teens, it is a blessing that is like no other. Every single time I am with them I am reminded of what incredible people God is shaping them to be. A few weeks ago at youth group, we had a few students who were sharing with me that one of their close friends (*who we know from their participation in a few events*) has been struggling so much. Without going into any detail, I will just say that there are not many adults that would handle well the stress this young person is under. These youth finished talking to me and as I walked away, I heard one of them say to the other, "We should get jobs and use that money to help buy a car for so-n-so." These students are barely 15 years old. Neither of these teens are wealthy, neither have simple lives, and neither are "popular." Oh ... but they have hearts bigger than you know! These two had no idea I heard them say that and they certainly were not looking for praise or a pat on the back. They see a need, they love their friend, and they want to help. Will they actually be able to buy a car? My guess is no. However ... their willingness to love BIG is inspiring to me! It is EXACTLY the kind of love God asks us to have for one another ... a sincere love that is not afraid to get its hands dirty. It is a love that is generous, selfless, and sacrificial. It is a love that wants the best without jealousy or judgement. It is the kind of love God shows us. I pray that in the coming weeks and months ahead, that we will all open our hearts up to love others the way God loves us! Aimee Hare



Dog Obedience Classes

By: Allan Bauman

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

**Dates: Thursdays,
May 2, May 9, May 16
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 there 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 "Pawsitive" 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 - \$75 Nonparticipating Viewers - \$10

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*****

Healing Hospitality

Repeated headlines about violence can make us "feel like locking our doors and never entering society again," writes pastor and author Max Lucado. After another mass shooting, he penned an online opinion piece that urged people to do the exact opposite by opening their doors, their hearts and their circles.

"It's no accident that *hospitality* and *hospital* come from the same Latin word," Lucado writes, "for they both lead to the same result: healing. When you open your door to someone, you are sending this message: 'You matter.'"

Because daily life is filled with rejections, extending an invitation — even to a simple meal — can be life-altering, Lucado contends. What you think is a messy house might be a sanctuary to someone else, "and to those who eat alone every night, pork and beans on paper plates tastes like filet mignon." Our kitchen tables are "God's secret weapons in the war on fear," Lucado says. "We never know what one meal will do."

Dear Christ,

which part of your body would you have me be today, or this week:

 feet to walk with those in need,

ears to hear another's story, 

 eyes to see beauty in others?

Show me what to do...

_____ (your name)

Young At Heart



Thursday, May 16th the **Young at Heart Group** will be meeting at **Wooster's Longhorn 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, May 1, 8, 15** (2:30—5:00 p.m.), **22** (2:30—8:00 p.m.) Youth Group
- ~ **Sunday, May 19** from 4—6 p.m. Messy Church
- ~ **Wednesday, May 5** District Youth Spring Event @ Skyzone
- ~ **Sunday, June 2** from 3-6 p.m. Summer Kick-Off Party
- ~ **June 6-9** Youth Annual Conference [questions...contact Aimee @ (330)605-3920]

Joy's of Motherhood...

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" — and a sticky kiss.

Happy Mother's Day ... MOM!



SAVE THE DATE...



CRUISIN' in the 'Ville

In the Heart of Wayne County



SMITHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

243 N. Milton Street
Smithville, OH 44677

Saturday, July 13, 2019
10 - 1 p.m.

Raindate: July 20, 2019

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Phone: (330)669-2371
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Smithville United Methodist Church will host the 5th 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 Administration, Smithville Schools Students,
Career Center Teachers**

Health Concerns: The Hare Family (loss of Aimee's dad), **Jim Thompson, Lauren Buchwalter, Linda Heinlen, Richard, Jenny & Gary Wagers, Paul Finley, Kooper Howman** ["Pompe" Disease], **Kris (Singer) Sharer**

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

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

Smithville Blood Drives ... 2019 Opportunities ...

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



The Tom Lantz family invites you to join them for their Annual Birthday Blood Drive, Saturday, May 4 at St. Paul Lutheran Church. The American Red Cross will be available to take your much needed donation from 9:00—3:00 p.m. that day. To pre-schedule a specific appointment time call 1.800.733.2767 or visit

redcross blood.org using sponsor keyword Tom Lantz.

Tuesday, June 18, 1–6 p.m.

Smithville UMC is hosting a Blood Drive in our Family Life Center and would like you to help us reach our scheduled appointments goal of 23 donors. Sign up by calling the Church Office Monday—Friday from 9—3 p.m. or see the sign-up sheet on Sunday mornings at the back of the Sanctuary.



Either location will help save lives ... sign-up for the Blood Drive that fits in your schedule. Thanks for caring!



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.

Graduations...

2019
Graduate

Do you know of anyone who is graduating from High School or College this year in our Church Family? The Church Office is putting together a short graduation flyer to honor them. Each graduate needs to submit a short write-up that includes what they have done in their High School or College career and what they plan to do after Graduation. High School Graduates please include a baby picture and a current picture. These can be **emailed to smithvilleum@gmail.com by Sunday, May 5.** So far this is who we are aware of:

High School Graduates:

Kaleb Tilton— after school plans ?

College Graduates:

Drew Thompson

If you have any questions please call Cheryl in the Church Office.



[ALL AGES ... 0–103 years
& Handicapped Accessible...]

Sunday, May 19

from 4–6 p.m.

Next Messy Church ...

Sunday, August 18, 4- 6 p.m.

**Come as you are
&
Be part of our...
Messy Church!**

Out of this World!



Volunteers Needed Space Station Leaders

Lead the kids to Mars and Beyond with fun adventure in any area that you may love—
Love Crafts, Music, Science, or
Great at Games

Star Guides

Be a Star and Guide the Voyagers (the kids) between each Space Station to make an out of this world connection between them and God.

Fabulous Floaters & Space Volunteers

Just Love to Hang Out and Help!
Then join us for a fun week and help from being a Space Station Assistant to a Star Guide Aide to Almost Anything you can Image!!!



July 8—12 @ 6:15—8:30 p.m.

Mark Areas you can Help Donate or Volunteer. Put in Offertory Plate or Give to Tami

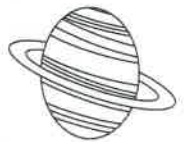
Donations Needed: (any questions, see Tami Krownapple)

- ~~Graham Crackers~~—2 large boxes
- Skinny Pretzel Sticks - 2 large bags
- Vanilla Frosting - 4 canisters
- Cheese Crackers (like Cheez-its) - 2 large boxes
- Pretzel Twists - 2 large bags
- Star-Shaped Crackers—2 large boxes
- 40 Large Clear Plastic Cooking Gloves
- 40 Cone Ice Cream Cones
- Candies in Autumn Colors
- Chocolate Frosting - 3 canisters
- Brownie Mix - 6 boxes
- Baking Chips - Any Vairiety/Any Flavors
- Apples - 2 large bags
- Oranges - 2 large bags
- Lava Lamps, I can donate _____ (will be returned)
- Hula Hoops, I can donate _____ (will be returned-unless you tell us differently)

Yes, I love to have fun and want to help make VBS a success!
Sign me UP!

I can help in any of the following areas:

- Space Station Leader
- Star Guide
- Fabulous Floater
- Star Guide Aide
- Space Volunteer
- Tear Down/Decorate
- Make Things @ Home or Cut Things Out



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Recipe of the Month...

Parmesan Pull Aparts

- 3 T. Margarine or Butter
- 1 T. Instant Minced Onion
- 2 t. Dill Seed
- 1 t. Poppy Seed
- 1/4 t. Celery Seed
- 10 oz. can Hungry Jack Refrigerated Big Flaky Biscuits
- 1/4 c. Grated Parmesan Cheese

Heat oven to 400°F. In oven, melt margarine in 8 or 9-inch round cake pan, tilting pan to cover bottom. Sprinkle onion, dill seed, poppy seed and celery seed evenly over melted margarine. Separate dough into 10 biscuits; cut each into 4 pieces. Place biscuit pieces and cheese in bag; shake to coat. Arrange coated biscuit pieces evenly in prepared pan; sprinkle with any remaining parmesan cheese from bag. Bake at 400°F. for 15-18 minutes or until golden brown; turn onto serving plate. Serve warm. (10 servings)





- 1 Loretta Young
- 2 Meredith Nicol
Scott Williams
- 3 Ruth Serra
- 5 Mike Serra
Fayanna Beichler
Scott Winans
- 6 Merle Lautenschlager
- 8 Sue Sayre
Sue Jackson
- 10 Rebekah Holderman
- 11 LeAnn Glessner
Peggy Kearnes
Emma Sayre
- 12 Emily Caldwell
- 14 Nancy Irvin
Marla Singer
Michael Smith
- 15 Ann Wott
Tami Krownapple
- 16 Glenn Sayre
Matt Turner
- 17 Julia Lautenschlager
Siera Rolf
- 20 Katie Ickes
- 24 Mike Ickes
Seth Weaver
Torrie Norman
- 26 Larry Imhoff
Christopher Denbow
- 27 Lucinda Stefanski
Sandy Streets
- 28 David Phillips
Amy Pugh (Gill)
- 31 Patricia Beichler
Judy Schlabach
Amanda Waddell

Floating on Faith

As a man and his young daughter were boating one day, their vessel sprang a leak. The father knew he'd have to swim to shore but couldn't with the child in tow. She hadn't gotten far in swimming lessons but could float on her back, so he told her to do so and promised to return.

Coast Guard personnel were skeptical that a child could survive so long in the water. But hours later, as the sun set and they considered halting the search, someone spied a red dress amid the waves. The girl, still floating, was singing a hymn. Astounded, rescuers asked how she held on so long.



- 4 Scott & Tami Buchwalter
- 6 Chris & Loretta Young
Craig & Kristi Grimes
- 27 Scott & Judy Thompson
Gabe & Stephanie Wright
- 31 James & Patricia Beichler



**Smithville Brethren
& United Methodist
Churches
invite you ...
2019 Vacation Bible
School**

**July 8 to 12
6:15 to 8:30 p.m.
at Smithville UMC**

JOIN US!

*Coming Soon ...
Watch for more information
in the bulletin and
June/July Newsletter
to get registered.*

Continued ... Floating on Faith

"My daddy said he'd come back for me," she said, "and he never breaks his promises."

Prayer rests on just such trust. We can't know when God will answer or act, but we know he promises never to abandon us and that God keeps his promises. So we can lie back and float — on faith.

LETTERS OF THANKS



Dear Smithville United Methodist Church
Thank you for letting our 4-H Group meet at your Family Life Center. It was nice to have a meeting location that allowed our members to be active.

Thank you,
Creekside Clovers

Dear Pastor Carolyn Berry & SUMC,

We just wanted to take a moment to thank you so much for opening your doors at Smithville UMC for the training for Epiphany #15 at Indian River Juvenile Correctional Facility. As you can see the training is quite involved with around 2 dozen volunteers and 3 days of instruction. It was wonderful to again have a facility that could provide for our needs. We were blessed to get to see most of these young men grow closer to God at a very pivotal point in their lives.

Thank you again for all your help.

The Volunteers of Epiphany #15 at I.R.J.C.F.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the love you have shown to me at the passing of my dad. I cannot find adequate words to tell you how much you mean to me and my family. Your prayers, cards, meals, and hugs have been such a blessing to me. I am grateful for each and every one of you.

With Thanks and Love,

Aimee Hare



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Sunday, April 28 will be Holy Humor Sunday at Smithville UMC, at 9:30 a.m. Join us and help us welcome our special guest as we worship Family Feud style!

2019 Holy Humor Sunday

Theme: Family Feud