

# 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, 2021**

## FROM REV. CAROLYN'S DESK

Spring has sprung, baseball is back and with fans in the stadium, people are getting vaccinated and one of these days we will be able to give up our masks, give hugs and forget about social distancing! What a joyful time that will be!

But until then we can still celebrate joy, in fact I would encourage you to practice being joyful. Did you know that there is a town called Joyville? A friend sent me a picture of a sign that read: *"Welcome to Joyville"*. Imagine a vacation in Joyville, Maine. A destination that has the Atlantic Ocean, lighthouses and whale watching.

I wonder what it would be like to be a permanent resident of Joyville. Shopping at the Joyville grocery store. Reading books from the Joyville library. Having coffee at the Joyville café. I wonder if the high school fight song is: *"We've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in our hearts"*?

Unfortunately, naming a town Joyville does not make joyful people. Listing joy as one of the fruits of the Spirit, doesn't guarantee a joyful attitude. Each person must make the choice to be joyful or not. I would recommend joy.

Did you know that the Bible mentions joy over 150 times? Did you know that the Bible uses eight different Greek words to describe joy? There are 15 different Hebrew words used for joy. Can you imagine that there are 23 different words used in the Bible to talk about joy, that is truly amazing. If joy shows up that many times and that many ways in God's Word, then we need to see how we are allowing joy to show up in our lives.

So, the next time you have a horrible, terrible, no good, very bad day, I hope you will look for joy instead of what else can go wrong. It's time to spend more time in JOYVILLE!

Blessings,  
Rev. Carolyn

## Worship Schedule

## FROM THE DESK OF AIMEE HARE

## Worship Scriptures & Topics

### Sunday, May 2

**1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8**

**Sermon:** "Life on the Vine"

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### Mother's Day

### Sunday, May 9

**Scripture:** **1 John 5:1-6;**  
**John 15:9-17**

**Sermon:** "Filled to the Brim"

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### Sunday, May 16

**1 John 5:9-13;**  
**Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

**Sermon:** "Rolling the Dice"

NNN

### Pentecost

### Sunday, May 23

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

**Sermon:** "Come Holy Spirit"

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### Trinity Sunday

### Sunday, May 30

**Psalms 29; Romans 8:12-17**

**Sermon:** "Who's Your Daddy?"

*John 1:1-5 reads ...*

*"In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."*

When I was a little kid, I was terrified of the dark. My grandparents lived next door to us, but when you are a little kid, walking in the dark, living in the middle of the forest, it felt like miles and miles! Who knew what was waiting behind the pine trees or under the small bridge or behind the garage! It was always a sprint as a kid, for me, - as soon as my feet left our front porch I took off as fast as my chubby legs could carry me until I reached the front door of my grandparents ... I admit that I would call them sometimes and ask them to watch out the living room window for me. For some reason, knowing they had their eyes on me made me feel better ... safer. And when it was time to go home again, I would call mom and ask her to stand on the front porch and wait for me ... then it was another mad dash from grandma's house to ours. Mom could always hear the front door of my grandparents close, and she would yell to us that she was there and could see us ... then we could slow down and be more careful. Mom knew when we were afraid, we ran faster, and we were not careful and could get hurt ... so she would let us know that she too had her eye on us and that we were safe. Now I am sure that my mom and grandma had better things to do than to stand at the window and door and watch us run across a short distance from one house to another, but they loved us and knew it made us feel protected. Well when I was about 10 or 11, my grandpa paid the township trustees to have a pole light installed between our houses. That light was a game changer for us kids! We not only WALKED to grandma and grandpas house, but we didn't even call for them to watch for us! We played games in the driveway after dark and even sat outside on the porch because that light was big and bright and chased the dark away ... and all the monsters our imaginations dreamed up right along with it! It was amazing how one light changed so much.

That is what Jesus did for our world. "His (Jesus) life brought light to everyone." In this world, both spiritual and physical dangers/monsters are real. We face pain, tragedy, heartache, and loss.

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## Dog Obedience Classes

By: Allan Bauman

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

**Dates: Thursdays,  
May 13, 20, 27  
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 "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 - \$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\*\*\*\***

## Creation-wide Praise Chorus



"All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing!" These words — just one

paraphrase of a text by St. Francis of Assisi — seem a fitting description of springtime, when leaves and flowers pop out afresh, birdsong is heard again and hibernating animals emerge from dens and burrows, many with new babies in tow.

Psalm 148 may have served as inspiration for Francis, calling not only "young men and women alike, old and young together" (v. 12, NRSV), but also animals and birds, wind and water, mountains and trees, to praise the Lord. James L. Mays writes: "We human beings ... should recognize that we are in the list with all the creation and creatures as creature and creation ourselves. We are in our obligation to praise no different from and no more than all the rest."

When you head outside on a bright spring day, notice what praise looks like in nonhuman form and how it sounds from nonhuman voices. How can we best join "all creatures of our God and King"



## All Church Work Day

**SAVE the DATE ...**

**Saturday, May 22, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.—12 Noon**

**[Inside & Outside]**



**Keep Moving!**

As they proudly processed across the stage to receive their diplomas, each graduate heard two messages from the principal: "Congratulations!" (in a loud voice) and "Keep moving" (in a whisper). Although the administrator was merely trying to facilitate the flow, she was actually offering sound advice to the young adults: Don't stop or stagnate! Proceed from here and continue learning. This is the beginning, not the end, of a journey. Keep moving!



**2021 East Ohio Annual Conference**

This year our Annual Conference is **Wednesday, June 16 through Saturday, June 19.**

The Worship Services and Business Sessions of this year's Conference will be livestreamed from the John S. Knight Center in Akron with clergy and lay members participating in the Annual Conference remotely via Zoom video Conferencing.



**Student Ministries**

- ~ **Sunday, May 2 (3:00 p.m.—?, Church Parking Lot)**  
Family Seasonal Scavenger Hunt: Outside or on Zoom depending on Weather.
- ~ **Wednesday, May 5, 12, 19 (LAST ONE 'til Fall) (2:30—5:00 p.m.)**  
Youth Group
- ~ **June 12 watch for more info on time & location when released .**  
Youth Annual Conference [questions...contact Aimee @ (330)605-3920]
- ~ **Watch for Summer Activities and Fall Kick-off Information**  
Youth Group

**SAVE THE DATE...**



**CRUISIN' in the 'Ville**

In the Heart of Wayne County

Smithville United Methodist Church will host the 7<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.



**SMITHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Saturday, July 10, 2021  
10 - 1 p.m.  
Raindate: July 17, 2021

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# Prayer Concerns

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

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

**Health Concerns: Coronavirus victims & families, Ellen Keith, Autumn Regula (5 yr. old), Jackie Becker, Jenny Wagers, Paul Finley, & others in our Church Family**

- Dorothy Hochstetler**—Westview Manor, 1715 Mechanicsburg Rd. Wooster, #212
- Louise Holt**—Wayne County Care Center, 876 S. Geysers Chapel Rd. Wooster, #105
- Ellen Keith**—The Avenue at Wooster, 1700 E. Smithville Western Rd. Wooster, #122
- Nancy Mills**—Wayne Manor, 3110 E. Smithville Western Rd, Wooster, OH
- Judy Reese**—Wayne Manor, 4110 E. Smithville Western Rd. Wooster, #110



## FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT

Let's celebrate the upcoming summer with a **FUN, FREE, Family and Friends Scavenger Hunt!** Bring your whole family, lots of friends, a phone with a camera, and your sense of **ADVENTURE!** We will **meet at 3:00 p.m. in the Smithville Church Parking Lot** where you will receive a list of items (*some to bring back & some to photograph*) that you will need to hunt for! This game is for **EVERYONE ...** but please make sure you have a driver (*or if you are a student we will provide an adult to chaperone & drive a group*) because this Scavenger Hunt cannot be done on foot alone (*unless you are the Flash*)!! **Please contact Aimee (330-605-3920) to register for this event ... All AGES WELCOME!!! There will be A PRIZE for the winning car!!!!**



## 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...



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 2.** So far this is who we are aware of:

### High School Graduates:

- Kylie Curry
- Kara Turner

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

## Happy Mother's Day ... MOM!



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We all know the gut-wrenching grip of fear and each one of us, if we were really being honest, would admit that we have run for dear life for the safety of home. But what a joy to know, that in this world of darkness and trouble, we serve a Heavenly Father that has given us HOPE and has given us LIGHT! That LIGHT pierces ALL darkness and there is nothing and no one that can put Him out! Jesus came to provide us with an endless source of love, and He chases away the darkness. When my grandad had that light installed, there was a part of me that was certain he did it for us kids. He had been born there, grew up there, raised his family there and now he was watching us grow up. I believe he didn't want us to have to feel afraid and since he could do something about it, he did. God loves us exponentially more and He understands what frightens and paralyzes us. There is no doubt that what God did by sending His Son into the world, He did for us! He knew there was something only He could do to release us from sin, fear, and death - so He sent the light into the world. The light of Jesus Christ that can NEVER be extinguished! Not even death could keep His light from shining! And He calls us to share and shine that same love and hope in this world. What a joy to be a light for Him! May we never lose our passion to share His love and light with ALL those around us.

Aimee Hare

## The Tom Lantz Blood Drive

Saturday, May 1, 2021  
9:00—3:00 p.m.

at The American Red Cross  
Wayne County Chapter

244 W. South Street, Wooster, OH

To preschedule call 1-800-733-2767  
or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
& use the sponsor keyword: LANTZ



**Help us SAVE LIVES!**

"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no, You're going to get it anyway."

—Erma Bombeck

## Recipe of the Month... from the kitchen of Kay Casterline

### Single Serve Mug Coffee Cake

1/4 c. Flour  
Pinch of Salt  
1 T Butter  
2 T Sugar  
2 T Applesauce  
Few Drops of Vanilla

#### **Streusel**

1 T Butter  
2 T Flour  
1 T Brown Sugar  
1 1/4 T Cinnamon

Mix the first 7 ingredients in a mug. In a separate bowl mix streusel ingredients, pour on top of batter in the mug. Bake on high for 50— 80 seconds, if not done, do 10 second intervals ... ENJOY!





MAY Birthdays	
2	Scott Williams
5	Mike Serra
6	Merle Lautenschlager
8	Sue Jackson Sue Sayre
11	Emma Sayre
12	Emily 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



Smithville Church Family,  
 Thanks for the peace lily sent in memory of our mother, Bobbi Bauer, it was beautiful. Also thank you for all your prayers, cards and condolences during her passing. It's times like these when we need our Church Family the most. We truly appreciate you all.  
 Sandy & Cheryl Hadsell

**Worth Celebrating**

While going through the so-called "daily grind," it's fun to anticipate special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries and holiday meals — especially when other people cook and clean up! Although every day is full of countless reasons to rejoice, we may not always feel like celebrating. Life's concerns pile high, distracting us from gratitude, joy and intentional acknowledgment of our blessings.

When you need a reason to smile and celebrate, head to [www.NationalDayCalendar.com](http://www.NationalDayCalendar.com).

Almost every food item and hobby now has its own day, and you'll even find gems such as National Be Late for Something Day (September 5, if you want to plan ahead!).

These fun "occasions" can help you embrace small joys and may even inspire you to celebrate them with family or friends. As you do, consider what it is about today and each gift from God that makes this day special.



**Memorial Day**

Is it enough to think today  
 Of all our brave, then put away  
 The thought until a year has sped?  
 Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song  
 And deck a grave; and all year long  
 Forget the brave who died that we  
 Might keep our great land  
 proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,  
 That we who live give heart and soul  
 To keep the land they died to save,  
 And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

— Annette Wynne

**SAVE the DATE ...**

**Friday, May 21, 2021**  
**from**  
**7 a.m.—12:00 noon**

Join us ...  
 Mountains of Food  
 at Akron's Open M.  
 If you plan to go  
 contact Michael Thompson asap.



*Remembering*  
 those who've sacrificed.

**Memorial Day**  
 May 31, 2021



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**Special Dates:**

**National Day of Prayer** ~ May 6, 2021

**Mother's Day** ~ May 9, 2021

**Ascension Day** ~ May 13, 2021

**Graduation Sunday** ~ May 16, 2021

**Pentecost** ~ May 23, 2021

**Trinity Sunday** ~ May 30, 2021

**Memorial Day** ~ May 31, 2021



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