



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

September 2019

Again we continue into the fall with many new and exciting opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Mogadore and the world. Last month we took school supplies to the elementary school, gathered on the first day of school for prayer and started to meet with other United Methodist Churches to form an East Akron Methodists in Mission that will serve the area communities together offering services, training and education in areas like mental health, addiction, Veterans, poverty, retirement, wills and funeral planning and connecting neighbors training, which will be in February 2020, that invites our churches and community to come together for a presentation by key community leaders (law enforcement, health care, education, etc.) who will offer insights into community preparedness in the case of emergencies and disaster prevention. That was a lot and on top of that this month we have our Peru medical mission information meeting and our small church cohort starts this month as we look to build relationships with children and families in the community with the love of Christ.



I believe it is an exciting time to live out our life in Christ. While at the same time, intimidating and scary as The United Methodist Church is still in conversations about moving forward from the 2019 Special General Conference that took place in St. Louis. At times it seems that we are more divided and further from each other now than we were before St. Louis. This also comes on the heels of our next General and Jurisdictional conference in May and July of 2020. Below is the list of delegates that will represent the East Ohio Conference at these conferences.

A component of the Annual Conference 2019 business sessions was election of General/Jurisdictional Conference delegates. The East Ohio Conference delegation to General Conference 2020, to be held May 5-15 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is: Rev. Gary Henderson, Rev. Andy Call, Rev. Dan Bryant, Rev. Matthew Laferty, Rev. Armando Arellano, Rev. Benita Rollins, Jerry Rinehart, Ellen Burrows, Dr. Martha Banks, Betty Wilson, Bob Wagner, and Holly Grant.

Each of those delegates will also be part of the East Ohio delegation to Jurisdictional Conference 2020, to be held July 15-18 of that year in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Joining them on the delegation are: Rev. Cara Stultz Costello, Rev. Abby Auman, Rev. Nestor Nazario, Rev. Karen Oehl, Rev. Jon Priebe, Rev. Susan Brown, Connor Prusha, Sarah Dixon, Donald Burdsall, Thomas Lewis, Susan Achberger, and Lucinda Starr.

The alternate reserve delegates to Jurisdictional Conference 2020 are: Rev. Carrie Antezak, Rev. Heidi Welch, Rev. Jared Gadowski Littleton, Rev. Laura Jaissle, Rev. Clinton Quillen, Jr., Allen Laferty, Kimberly Green, William Watts, Richard Corder, and Kathy Palmer.¹

¹ East Ohio 2019 Annual Conference Report by Rick Wolcott, published July 14, 2019

The East Ohio Conference webpage, <https://eocumcnews.com/2019/06/14/east-ohio-2019-annual-conference-report/>

We might know some of these people and I know some have come to talk or preach here at Mogadore UMC, including Rev. Matthew Lafferty last year. So each week we will be praying for one delegate as we pray for all the delegates though July April. (*see list below*)

Week of September 1	Rev. Gary Henderson	Week of May 3 2020 General Conference
Week of September 8	Rev. Andy Call	Week of May 17 2020 General Conference
Week of September 15	Rev. Dan Bryant	Week of May 24 2020 General Conference
Week of September 22	Rev. Matthew Laferty	Week of May 31 2020 General Conference
Week of September 29	Rev. Armando Arellano	
Week of October 6	Rev. Benita Rollins	Week of June 7 East Ohio Youth Annual Con.
Week of October 13	Jerry Rinehart	Week of June 14 East Ohio Annual Con.
Week of October 20	Ellen Burrows	Week of June 21 East Ohio Annual Con.
Week of October 27	Dr. Martha Banks	Week of June 28 Peru Medical Mission Trip
Week of November 3	Betty Wilson	Week of July 5 Peru Medical Mission Trip
Week of November 10	Bob Wagner	Week of July 12 2020 Jurisdictional Conference
Week of November 17	Holly Grant	Week of July 19 2020 Jurisdictional Conference
Week of November 24	Rev. Cara Stultz Costello	
Week of December 1	Rev. Abby Auman	
Week of December 8	Rev. Nestor Nazario	
Week of December 15	Rev. Karen Oehl	
Week of December 22	Rev. Jon Priebe	
Week of December 29	Rev. Susan Brown	
Week of January 5	Connor Prusha	
Week of January 12	Sarah Dixon	
Week of January 19	Donald Burdsall	
Week of January 26	Thomas Lewis	
Week of February 2	Susan Achberger	
Week of February 9	Lucinda Starr	
Week of February 16	Rev. Carrie Antczak	
Week of February 23	Rev. Heidi Welch	
Week of March 1	Rev. Jared Gadomski Littleton	
Week of March 8	Rev. Laura Jaissle	
Week of March 15	Rev. Clinton Quillen, Jr.	
Week of March 22	Allen Laferty	
Week of March 29	Kimberly Green	
Week of April 5	William Watts	
Week of April 12	Richard Corder	
Week of April 19	Kathy Palmer	
Week of April 26	Bishop Tracy Malone and all the UMC Bishops	

These persons have been elected to discern and vote for the future of the United Methodist Church and I believe we should shower them in prayer and support. Maybe if people are interested they can write cards to them, make prayer shawls or items that they can take with them to the conferences remembering that we care, love and are praying for them as the body of Christ.

Being United Methodist and a connectional church as we are connected throughout the world with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we are to be "one body," united by "one spirit;" having "one faith, one hope, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in them all." ² This relates back to the tradition of the church, all persons serving the church and persons who have served the church and run the course of faith in their lives (*Ephesians 4:1-6*). This is what it means to be part of the church, a greater witness that has transformed the world for ages and will do for ages to come. So maybe we embrace the age in which we live and consistently keep our delegates in our prayers and our eyes on the prize in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Eric

² John Wesley, "Of the Church" Sec1.8 <http://www.umcmission.org/Find-Resources/John-Wesley-Sermons/Sermon-74-Of-the-Church#sthash.2zCNv9GA.dpuf> (accessed September 29, 2015).

Important Dates and Days Away in September for Pastor Eric:

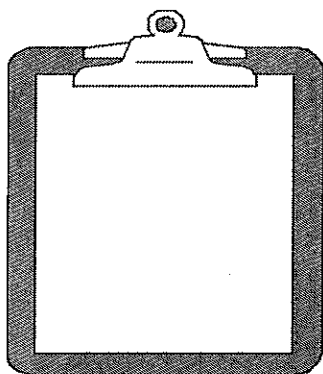
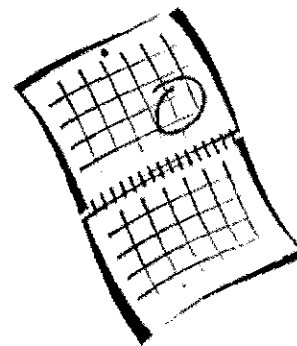
Tuesday, September 10: Catalist Vision Day 9 a.m. to noon

Thursday, September 12: Clergy Ethics Training all day

Tuesday, September 17: Consultation with Rev. Ed

Saturday, September 21: Small church cohort, all day

Thursday, September 26: SPRC consultation with Rev. Ed. Peterson



Jobs are available for the 2020 census next year. Pay is \$16 per hour, flexible hours, weekly pay and paid training.

For more information or to apply, visit www.2020census.gov/jobs to learn more. Potential applicants can also call 1-855-JOB-2020 (562-2020). Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years of age, a valid Social Security number and email address.

Additional information is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Serving Us in September

Worship Leaders

September 1 Brenda Heminger
 September 8 Brenda Heminger
 September 15 John Sawicki
 September 22 Don Whitmer
 September 29 Doug Straight

Greeters

David & Sonia Stockett

Ushers

Brenda Heminger, Beverly Kramer,
 David & Sonia Stockett and Harry Smith

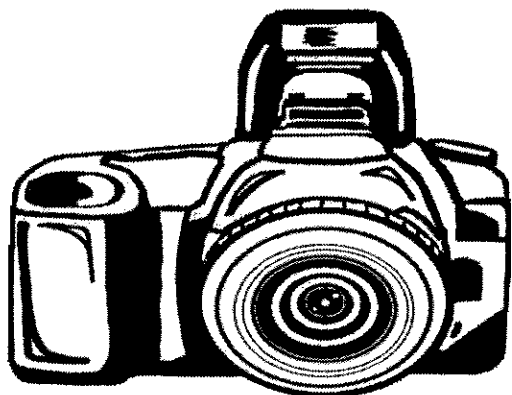
Altar Flowers

September 1 Cindy & Rod Shaffer
 September 8 Church Picnic
 September 15 Joyce & Russ Hull
 September 22 Patricia Everly
 September 29 JoAnn Wolonsky

Hospitality Room

September 1
 September 8 Church Picnic
 September 15 John & Bette Sawicki
 September 22 Brenda Heminger
 September 29

School is starting soon, which also means so is Bible Study. This fall the book we will be using is *Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation* by Bruce M. Metzger. It will be a 12-week study that will start Wednesday, September 4 and run until Wednesday, November 18. There will be a 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. study. Come out and journey through one of the most fascinating, confusing and intriguing books of the bible. Cost of the book is \$13.



Congregation Group Photo!!!!

It's been over 10 years since we have taken a group photo of our MUMC congregation. So to continue the tradition of hanging the framed group photos on the wall in the hallway for all to enjoy, now and in the future, the Directory Team has chosen **Sunday, September 15** as our photo shoot date.

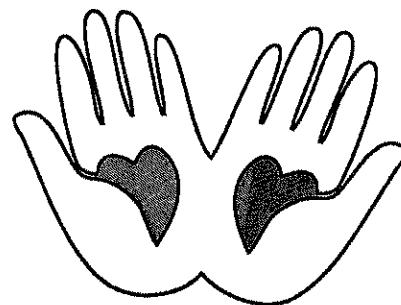
We want everyone to be included in this photo so mark your calendars and make an extra effort to attend church on Sunday, September 15!

The photo will be taken on the front steps and lawn of the church immediately following the service (approx. noon). We will have chairs and make sure it's wheelchair accessible. The rain date will be Sunday, September 22. The group photo will be available to purchase in the weeks following.

InReach Helping Hands

As a reminder, the InReach Committee (chaired by Kelly Rick) has come up with a list of individuals to volunteer their help to you, such as picking up prescriptions, grocery shopping, doctor appointments, etc. Please call anyone on the following list when you have any needs:

Michele Acord: (330) 628-9577 (Cell: 330-607-4387)
 Judy Daniels: (330) 604-7337
 Russ Hull: (330) 628-1552
 Tom McClary: (330) 628-4265
 John Sawicki: (330) 699-5902 (Cell: 330-715-2151)
 Bette Sawicki: (330) 699-5902 (Cell: 330-575-4877)
 Harry Smith: (330) 794-9032
 Forest Thorn: (330) 628-1894
 JoAnn Wolonsky: (330) 628-1540 (Cell: 330-400-1438)



SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 4 P.M.

“HEART AND SOUL”

Music that will fill your heart and feed your soul.
 Presented by: Fran Snyder, pianist

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to this, the first Sunday afternoon program. This concert is in celebration of Fran's one year service to our church and also to honor the gift of the wonderful new piano.

The Wayside Wellness Fair will be held Saturday, September 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Akron Civic Theatre.

Tickets are required and may be picked up at Wayside Furniture, 1367 Canton Road; Mustard Seed Market & Café in Montrose & Highland Square; Cleveland Clinic Akron General Health & Wellness Centers; and Akron Civic Theatre Box Office.

There will be free health screenings, wellness booths and activities.

A flyer with more information is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Treasurer's Report

Balance in the General Fund as of January 1, 2019		\$19,159.38
January Offerings	12,529.00	
January Disbursements	15,664.50	(-3,135.50)
February Offerings	16,732.19	
February Disbursements	15,174.02	558.17
March Offerings	15,471.95	
March Disbursements	14,212.73	1,259.22
April Offerings	14,690.55	
April Disbursements	15,050.59	(-360.04)
May Offerings	15,130.06	
May Disbursements	13,245.04	1,885.02
June Offerings	14,374.45	
June Disbursements	15,248.92	(-874.47)
July Offerings	14,090.00	
July Disbursements	14,630.75	(-540.75)
Ending Balance on July 31, 2019		\$17,951.03

Our July offerings of \$14,090.00 were below normal, and our July disbursements were above normal due to our quarterly insurance premium.

— Barry Rudy, Treasurer

Church & Parsonage Repair Project

To-date expenditures: \$67,375

To-date offering receipts: \$29,238

Plans are underway for a medical mission trip to Peru July 6 –July 17, 2020. Asking for prayers for the trip as we continue to work out the details of the trip. Carmen Kluth and Kathy Dickriede will be the team leaders for this trip. The region to serve is Cusco, where Machu Picchu and other wonderful Inca sites are located. The province is Quispicanchi, located at 4,000 meters above sea level with a significant population living under the poverty line.

There is a special interest in ophthalmology, OBGYN, pediatrics services. Also, nurses or psychologists that don't speak Spanish could even help women learn some early stimulation techniques. An informational meeting will be held **Sunday, September 8 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the church.** Plan to attend!



Loving Large is a four week series that seeks to move people to action in their Christian faith. In a world that seems to run on money, greed, oil, power, etc., what would our world look like if it ran on the love of God? How can we infuse this world-changing love into our community and world? The series gives real opportunities for people to serve God and love their neighbor.

September 8, Worship in the Park, Loving Large week 1

The Distracted Life (Matthew 22:34-40)

September 15, Loving Large week 2

Your Love Keeps Lifting Me Higher (Song of Songs 8:6-7)

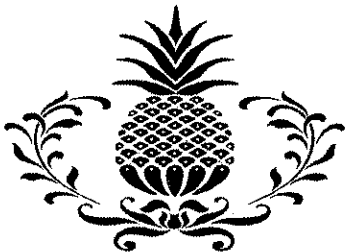
September 22, Loving Large week 3

Loving Is Giving (Matthew 6:19-24)

September 29, Loving Large week 4 and possible Worship Without Walls (Fifth Sunday)

Can We Really Change the World? (Mark 12:28:34)

Each month on the final Sunday of the month we receive a "Loose Coin Offering" to support Open M, a mission of the United Methodist Church reaching out to people in need in Akron with healing, education, and food. Their mission is feeding body, soul, and mind. We are among local United Methodist "partner churches" who pledge regular support of their mission and ministry throughout the year. Our next offering will be gathered **Sunday, September 29**. Baskets for your offering will be available as you leave the sanctuary. **So far this year MUMC has donated \$446.50 to Open M!**



WELCOME

We need your support is in filling dates for the Hospitality Room for the remainder of 2019. **The first open date is September 29.** Please stop by the bulletin board and sign up for a Sunday or speak with Kelly Rick and she'll fill in your name.

ANNUAL WORSHIP AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

On Sunday, September 8 we are once again taking our show on the road to Mogadore Lion's Park! The 10:30 am worship service will be held in pavilion 1 and immediately following the service we will have our picnic in the Lion's pavilion.



We ask that each family bring either a side dish or dessert to share and your own place settings. The meat, corn on the cob and drinks will be provided and prepared by our very own "Grill Team".

There will be games for all ages after our feast so plan to stick around and participate or cheer on those who do. Please invite your neighbors and friends to join us for this special day of fellowship, food and fun. It would be a great introduction to our church family.

We will be sitting at wood picnic tables for the service and picnic. If you would prefer a softer seat feel free to bring a lawn chair! In case of bad weather the day's events will be moved back to the church. The In-Reach team hopes to see all of you there!

MUMC in Mission: Sharing Christ's love

Making a difference!

* We once again presented notes of encouragement and support for every employee of Mogadore Schools, as well as cookies for their opening day meeting. Every teacher at Somers Elementary also received a starter set of school supplies to have ready for their students who couldn't afford to get all their necessary supplies.

A special thanks to the 19 people who took the time to pray for and write personal notes to the staff: ***Michele Acord, Joyce Calderwood, Patricia Everly, Carol Groh, Brenda Heminger, Joyce Hull, Russ Hull, Judy Huth, Carol Jenkins, Sandra Jones, Pastor Eric, Bev Kramer, Karen Mullett, Abby Rick, Kelly Rick, Barry Rudy, Bette Sawicki, Sue Vargo, Don Whitmer.***

*Thanks also to the six usual dedicated volunteers who gave generously of their time and love for the August *Open M Mountain of Food*.

*Thanks to the 18 people who signed up to help cover the weekly **Sack Lunch Saturday**. ***Michele Acord, Thelma Chapman, Judy Daniels, Carol Groh, Emily Hill, Russ Hull, Pastor Eric Kluth, Bev Kramer, Caleb Lipocky, Fran McClary, Karen Mullett, Jan Ramsey, Don Roepke, Pam Schmidt, Lynn Straight, Forest Thorn, Joyce Whitmer, Don Whitmer.***

With so many volunteers, most people will only have to donate one Saturday a month, but everybody is welcome to join in. Contact Michele Acord for more information.

September Ministries:

* ***Mountain of Food***: Friday, September 20 is the next Open M monthly food distribution. Meet at the church at 7:30 A.M. to carpool.

* ***Adopt a School Program***: As part of our efforts to strengthen relationships with Mogadore Schools, we will continue to provide replacement school supplies for the needy students. Please take advantage of the back to school specials. Collection baskets are in the hallway near the church office.

***Remember Good Neighbors**. Food and household items like paper-goods and cleaners are always needed. Clothing and coats in good condition are also needed, especially as winter approaches. Small donations add up to big help.

Future Events:

****Christmas in the Village*** will take place on Saturday, December 14. We will be hosting a live nativity again and will need MANY helpers. In addition to costumed characters, we need some serious advanced preparation assistance. We want to improve the manger set, make new costumes, and provide costumes for visitors to join in for a picture. So far, seven ladies have volunteered to help with costuming. (***Judy Daniels, Brenda Heminger, Joyce Hull, Carol Jenkins, Marie Lipocky, Fran McClary, Barb Skye.***) A preliminary meeting will be part of the Sept. 8 fall kickoff picnic in the park.

****Trunk or Treat*** will be provided by the church again this year during the official village time. A table of refreshments will be set-up, along with the usual Halloween fare for kids. Plan ahead to donate treats or to help man the station.

So far this year, 44 different people have participated in at least one outreach project. Thanks to all, and there is an open invitation to join any of the upcoming ministries as well!



UMW NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER

Greetings, Ladies!

Here it is September already and time to begin another year of working together in UMW. It's a new year, a new beginning and time for a new UMW theme. This year, our theme is *Let Your Light Shine – Ignited for Justice*. God's first creative activity was creating light and separating it from darkness to make sense of the existing chaos. In Genesis, the formation of the earth follows the creation of light. In Revelation, when creation is restored, we are told that God will be our light. As we pay attention to light in the arc of Christian history, what does light mean for us? Light helps dispel darkness, reveals injustice, and brings hope. Where have we seen God's light shine in and around us? How can we shine a light on issues in our world that cause anxiety on a daily basis? How can we expose evil and bring abundant life to neighborhoods and those on the margins? Where are we seeing God's presence in the midst of darkness? What spiritual disciplines nourish/bring light to our souls? Let's find the answers to these questions together, at our monthly UMW meetings.

I hope all women will join us in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, September 24 at 7 p.m. as we begin a year committed to reflecting God's light as a unit. Our program will be presented by Rebecca Circle; devotions will be led by Patricia Everly, and our hostesses for the evening will be Bette Sawicki and Cindy Shaffer.

Our unit will be quite busy this month. In addition to our regular monthly meeting on the 24th, we will be the hostesses for the Canal District Fall Gathering on September 21. This gathering, "Walking with God," will take on the persona of a Spiritual Retreat. The speaker will be Rev. David McDonald who is chaplain of Ohio Northern University. We will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Perhaps you would be willing to help with that and if so, contact our president, Lynn Straight. In fact, we will need lots of help that day so please let Lynn know if you are able to assist. Once again, we will be collecting new or gently used household items for Heart for the City

On September 11 and 25, we are serving Lions Dinners. As this is our biggest money maker for missions during the year your help will be greatly appreciated.

Our three circles will meet as follows:

Miriam is not meeting due to pictures being taken for the new directory in Fellowship Hall. Catch them next month!

Naomi meets on September 16 at 6 p.m. and the hostesses are Kathy Lang and Judy Huth.

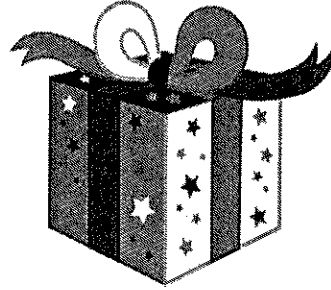
Rebecca will be at Joyce Hull's on September 11 at 7 p.m. They will continue their angel study, chapter 6.

Methodism founder John Wesley knew the key to social change would be small-group gatherings, and so does United Methodist Women. Circles provide greater flexibility and freedom for participation, nurture, and leadership development. Some women find that their circle is their primary connection for prayer, study and spiritual growth. Try one - visitors are always welcome!

See you in September!
Joyce Hull

September Birthdays

September 9 Ralph Lowe
September 12 Melody Oberschlake
September 14 Joyce Calderwood
September 16 Bo Suihkonen
September 17 Forest Thorn
Gene Snyder
September 20 Patricia Everly
Megan Spade
September 21 Camden Paolucci
September 22 Christina Lange
September 24 Sandy Datsko
September 26 Jody Waldner



September 27 Carol Jenkins
Barbara Schultz
Adreane Crockett
September 29 Joe Horan



September Anniversaries

September 17 Keith & Linda Hunsucker
September 23 Gene & Fran Snyder

Back to School Prayer for Peace

Lord, I pray that my kids (grandkids) will experience the peace of God this year that exceeds all understanding. I pray they will not worry about things they cannot control, but that You will guard their hearts and minds and keep them trusting in You. I pray they will not only enjoy the peace of God, but peace with God. I pray they will develop a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving as they look to You daily for their needs. I pray that You will give them the capacity for joy that bubbles up from Your peace.

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group	2 Labor Day	3 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	4 Directory photos in Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Bible Study	5 Directory photos in Fellowship Hall 7:30 p.m. Choir	6	7 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sack Lunch Saturday
8 Worship & Picnic in the Park 3 p.m. Peru Mission Trip Meeting 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	9 7 p.m. Executive Board	10 Catalist Vision Day (Pastor Eric) 6:30 p.m. SPRC 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	11 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Lions Dinner 7 p.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Rebecca Circle	12 Clergy Ethics Training 7:30 p.m. Choir	13	14 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sack Lunch Saturday
15 Congregational Group Photo following the service 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	16 7 p.m. Naomi Circle	17 3 p.m. Pastor's Consultation with the DS 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	18 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Portage Patchers 7 p.m. Bible Study	19 7:30 p.m. Choir	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:30 a.m. Meet at the Church for Open M Mountain of Food	21 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. UMW Fall District Meeting Small Church Cohort Meeting 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sack Lunch Saturday
22	23	24 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7 p.m. UMW	25 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Lions Dinner 7 p.m. Bible Study	26 5 to 8 p.m. DS Consultations at MUMC 7 p.m. Mogadore SPRC consultation 7:30 p.m. Choir	27	28 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sack Lunch Saturday
29 Loose Coin Offering for Open M	30					

**Church Staff:**

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Pastor's Cell: (216) 785-6798

Youth Ministries Leader: Caleb Lipocky
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Accompanist: Fran Snyder
Choir Director: Clay East
Custodian: David Smith
Secretary: Joyce Selzer

Sunday Hours:

Adult Sunday School @ 9 a.m.
(September through May)
Children's Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m.
(September through May)
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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We Invite You

- to join together in worship, outreach, fellowship, and spiritual growth ...
- to strive together to follow the example of Jesus Christ ...
- to grow together to demonstrate Christ's love and service to others.