

THE COMMUNICATOR

October 26, 2025



A WONDER-FULL LIFE WORSHIP SERIES
Looking at Money and Meaning

**Sunday, October 26, 2025
9:00 a.m. Traditional Experience**

**Prelude – “Sunshine and Joy Medley”- Dr. Holcomb
Welcome/Announcements**

Illuminating the Shadows Reading – Mark Johnston

Lighting the Candles – Jackson Skidmore

We Are Marching In The Light Of God – FWS 2235 A & B (vs. 1 each page)

Greeting - Alice Chester

Children’s Message – Brooke Summers

“Sing, Shout, Alleluia!” – Ladies Ensemble

PROCLAIMING: CURIOSITY

We become curious - full of “wonder-ing”- further transforming our tendencies of avoiding money issues into a desire to learn more, know more, about the systems of money and our own relationship to it. We explore what our faith story invites us to do about the systems of money in which we find ourselves.

Matthew 25: 15-22 – Mark Johnston

Compassion – Pastor Marie Smith

The Wonder of it All Photo Collage

Lord’s Prayer

Offering Witness

Glory Be to the Father – UMH 70

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian – UMH 402 vs. all

Benediction

Postlude – “Toccata in d Minor”- Dr. Holcomb

The Wonder-Filled Life Compassion

Rev. Marie Smith

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This part of the service helps us to “wonder” in a different way. We invite a state of awe at the abundance of our lives by noticing the “rich” beauty around us, the presence of “treasured” people, and new and unexpected “gems” that cross our paths. We commit to engage our creativity to multiply good in the world.

We have complex and emotional relationships with money...

Money creates barriers.

Matthew 21: 45-46 “When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowds, because the crowds regarded him as a prophet.”

They sent to him their disciples along with the Herodians.

We react emotionally.

Money is a tool to be used transactionally... not to entangle us.

Matthew 22: 18-19 “But Jesus realized their evil intentions and said, “Hypocrites! Why are you testing me? Show me the coin used for the tax.”

“A person’s level of wealth increases, their feelings of compassion and empathy go down. While their feelings of entitlement and ideology of self-interest increase.” -Maggie Kulyk

Action Steps:

1. Have compassion on yourself if you fall into the emotional trap of fight/ flight/ flee
2. Look for the places of wealth in your life.
3. Send in your pictures of Wonder.

**Sunday, October 26, 2025
10:30 am Contemporary Service**

Welcome – Levi Graf

**“10,000 Reasons”
“It Is Well With My Soul”**

Matthew 22:15-22

Compassion – Pastor Marie Smith

Wonder of It All: Prayers

Offering

Lighting of Candles

Closing Song

Benediction

Altar flowers are in memory of Bryon & Betty LeMay from the Atteberry Family.

Prayer List for Oct. 23, 2025

Doug Sweazy

Tom Cooke

Neal Wolfe

Marci Pheister

Owen O'Dell

Melissa Matz

Chris White

Tom Duvall

Stout Family – Passing of Bill Stout

Wagner Family – Passing of Windy

Johnson Family & Friends – Passing of Drace Johnson

Ron

Mark Scherer

Baby E

Caryl Ann Mahaffey

Carolyn Solt

Judy Magill

Chrisman Family – Passing of Jeff Chrisman

Jo Shappard

Connie Kelly

All Saints Day will be observed on Sunday, Nov. 2 at a combined service at 10:00 am.

If you would like to honor the memory of someone who has passed this last year or previously, please send the person's name to Melissa Barnhart, office@circlevillecumc.org by Oct. 30.

Charge Conference for Community UMC will be held this Sunday, Oct. 26th at 6pm at St. Paul UMC (22976 Ringgold Southern Rd, Stoutsville).

Pumpkin Show Thank You

A huge thank you goes out to all members of the church family who helped to make this year's Harvest Celebration at Pumpkin Show a great success.

Through the efforts of so many people, we were able to produce 1,000 pies, Pumpkin Spice Krispie Treats, and drinks to the throngs of people who visited Circleville. This food, the vendor meal, the baby changing station, lactation station, Momentum Refresh accessible restrooms, children's activities, worship opportunities, music, and a comfortable place to rest and recover were all part of sharing God's love.

All of this would not have been possible without the vast number of volunteers behind the scenes and on the frontlines who completed so many vital tasks. To each one of you, I want to say "thank you" for being the hands and feet of Christ this past week.

As soon as we have the financial figures complete, I will let you know how much we will donate to help fight food insecurity in the county for the Community Cupboards, Emergency Clearinghouse Food Pantry, and The Protein Project. Because of you, people will be able to eat better this winter.

Pumpkin Show Chairman, Joe McNemar

Community Kids are in need of some children's play food. If anyone has some that they would like to donate to our nursery and preschool classes, please drop them off at the church office or see Katie Skidmore.

Stir up that toy bin and see what's in the bottom. We would be able to put the play food items to good use. Thank you. Children's Director, Katie Skidmore.



Christmas Angels Announcement

For folks who signed up to be a Christmas Angel, family packets will be available starting Monday, Oct. 27 in the church office thru Sunday, Nov. 2. For those who haven't participated in this program before, I will be glad to explain the process and answer any questions.

Thank you. Melissa Barnhart



"Everything But the Turkey"

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 15 from 5-7 pm. The church will be hosting a "sides only" carry-in dinner. Sign up sheets will be coming out soon to sign up to bring your favorite side dish. Look forward to getting together during this special time of the year as we reflect on our blessings.

EVENTS **2025** OCT/NOV SCHEDULE

**SUN
10/26**

YOUTH GROUP 6PM-8PM

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**SUN
11/09**

**SUN
11/23**

YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM



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TEXT YOUR NAME TO 740-731-2064.**

HAUNTED HAPPENINGS

at
Circleville Presbyterian Church

134 E. Mound Street Circleville, Ohio



Sunday, October 26, 2025

Trunk or Treat – 5:13-5:53 PM

at the Trinity Lutheran Church Parking Lot across Mound Street.

Halloween Concert – 6:13 PM

Featuring

Chris Dederer, Ellery Elick, Patty Immeil, Stephanie Jones, Jack Mader,
Ella Hatfield & Lucy Sark, Nancy Dederer & Erin Spring,
and the Circleville Presbyterian Handbell Choir

The audience is encouraged to come in costume and bring a
non-perishable food item for Community Cupboards.
A freewill offering will be received for mission.