

THE COMMUNICATOR

May 05, 2024



Sunday, May 05, 2024

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Prelude	“For the Beauty of the Earth” (Bill Wolaver)	Dr. Kim
Acolytes: Chyler & Irelynd Welch		
Welcome		Pastor Marie Smith
Call to Worship		Pastor Marie Smith
Opening Hymn	“Now Thank We All Our God”	UMH 102 vs. all
Greeting		Alice Chester
Opening Prayer		Julie Farthing
Children’s Message		Teratia Welch
Special Music	“Take Up Your Cross” (Anthony Giamanco)	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	John 8:1-11	Julie Farthing
Sermon	“Courage to Empathize ”	Pastor Marie Smith
Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer		
Prayer Hymn	“His Name Is Wonderful”	UMH 174
Holy Communion		Pastor Marie Smith
Offering		Pastor Marie Smith
Offertory:	“Eli, Eli, shelo y’ gamer le’olam” (David Zehavi)	Dr. Kim
Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH 95
Closing Hymn	“Amazing Grace”	UMH 378 vs. 1-3,6
Benediction		Pastor Marie Smith
Postlude	“Soon and Very Soon” (Bill Wolaver)	Dr. Kim

Following Jesus Takes Courage: Courage to Empathize

Rev Marie Smith

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Shame is feeling or believing that we are unworthy of love, belonging and connection.

Matthew 16: 23 “Get behind me Satan”

John 8: 3-4 “The religion scholars and Pharisees led in a woman who had been caught in an act of adultery. They stood her in plain sight of everyone and said, ‘Teacher, this woman was caught red-handed in the act of adultery.’”

We have all been in the middle of a shame circle.

We drag people into the circle, and we pick up rocks.

Matthew 7: 3-5 “Why do you see the splinter that’s in your brother’s or sister’s eye, but don’t notice the log in your own eye? How can you say to your brother or sister, ‘Let me take the splinter out of your eye,’ when there’s a log in your eye? You deceive yourself! First take the log out of your eye, and then you’ll see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother’s or sister’s eye.”

The antidote to shame is empathy.

John 8: 6-8 “Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger in the dirt. They kept at him, badgering him. He straightened up and said, ‘The sinless one among you, go first: Throw the stone.’”

Empathy

- to be able to see the world as others see it
- to be nonjudgmental
- to understand another person’s feelings
- to communicate your understanding of that person’s feelings

Action Steps:

1. Empathy starts with seeing the world around you differently.
2. Drop your rocks.
3. Go and sin no more.

Sunday, May 05, 2024

10:30 a.m. – Contemporary Service

Welcome **Levi Graf**

Opening Song **“Your Grace Is Enough“**
“Mighty To Save“
“King Of My Heart” **Levi Graf**

Announcements/Offering
Offering Prayer
Offertory Song **“If We’re Honest”** **Levi Graf**

Scripture **John 8:1-11**

Sermon **“Courage to Empathize”** **Pastor Marie Smith**

Holy Communion **Pastor Marie Smith**

Lighting of Candles

During the last song, we invite you to light a candle. It may be for someone else, or a situation you are going through. This is your time to connect with Jesus, and allow the Light of Christ to illuminate your life.

Closing Song **“Nothing Else”** **Levi Graf**

Benediction **Pastor Marie Smith**

For more information on programs offered at the church please contact:

- Worship Services – Office 740.474.4796
- Children's Sunday School & Nursery – 740.474.4796
- Sermon Chat – Linda Kennedy – 740-248-3357
- Dimensions for Living Class – John Wysong – 740-601-3673
- The Explorers – Mark Denniston 740.474.4796
- Community Life – Mark Denniston 740.474.4796
- Monday Evening Ladies Bible Study – 740.474.4796

Other programs:

Community Care Ministry – 740.474.4796

The Corner Closet – 740.474.4796

Bell Choir – Lora Arledge – 740.412.0702

Church Choir – Alice Chester – 740.474.4796

Saturday Morning Men's Group – Larry Harris – 740.601.7769

Girl Scouts – Office 740.474.4796

Scouts – Robert Fanska-850.529.6724 or Joe McNemar-614.580.8074

Narcotics Anonymous – 740.474.4796

Quilters Group – Pam Patrick 740.412.7642

Plant-Based Meals – Ruth Wilson 740.474.7019

Joy Group – Linda Kennedy 740.248.3357

Christian Counseling – Dr. Nina Helene 614.906.6609

Self Defense – Rick Seeds 740.497.3695

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Prayer List for May 02, 2024

Barb Bigam

Pam Phipps

Dan Fouts

Joy Brooks

Diane Cooke

Mary Ann Janes

Doug Sweazy

Mary Harrison-Reed

Mike Shoemaker

Joe Coy

Rachel Fortner

Rose Campbell

Jim Bumen

Jim Miller

Lawrey Family – Passing of Alice Lawrey

Debbie, Richard, Martha

Brian Southern

Mike Logan

Altar flowers are in celebration of Bob Wolford's 89th birthday on May 6th from his wife, Joanne Wolford.

Compassion Needs: inexpensive vehicles (\$500-\$1500), toilet paper & paper towels, lamp, end tables, sofa, dresser, washer & dryer, any size bed, maternity clothes(L/XL)

Calendar for the week of May 05, 2024

May 05	9:00 a 10:30 a 10:00 a 11:30 a 10:30 a 10:30 a 10:30 a 6:00 p	Traditional Service Contemporary Service Children's Sunday School Youth Sunday School Sermon Chat Class – 207 The Explorers –301 Dimensions for Living Class – 203 Youth Group Meeting – Youth Area
May 06	10:00 a 6:00 p 6:00 p 6:30 p 7:00 p 7:00 p	Staff Meeting –Media Center Self Defense Class – FHS Girl Scouts # 8824 - FHN Monday Night Bible Study Young Men's Bible Study - Library Scouts – Youth Center
May 07	9:30 a 1:00 p 5:30 p 7:00 p	Quilters – FHN Joy Group – Media Center Girl Scouts # 8793 - FHN Staff Parish Meeting
May 08	12:00 p	Narcotics Anonymous - 302
May 09	Noon 6:00 p 6:00 p 7:00 p 7-9:00 p	Mom's Group - Nursery Bells Rehearsal Self Defense Class – FHS Choir Rehearsal Worship Rehearsal
May 10		OFFICE CLOSED
May 11	9:00 a	Men's Morning Fellowship – FHN

Hope House Men's Shelter is in need of 2 or 3 computer tablets for our new electronic check-in procedure. These do not have to be new. If you have an old tablet you no longer need and would be willing to donate, please contact Alice Chester (740-500-0952). As a tax exempt, non-profit, we can provide you with a letter of receipt for your donation so you can apply it to your taxes.



Dear Friends,

I am inviting you to take a step beyond your food donation to the Community Cupboard this Sunday, and help with one more important often overlooked need. Diapers. We are partnering with Sunrise Rotary and Kiwanis to collect 30,000 diapers during the month of May for the Food Pantry here in Pickaway County. Just a few statistics for those of us who haven't changed diapers in a while.

Babies need 6-10 diapers a day.

Diapers cost between \$70-\$80 per month.

Most children use size 4 or 5 which have less in each package and are more expensive.

1 in 3 families struggle to provide diapers for their children.

Please pick up a pack of diapers, of any kind and any size. All the diapers will stay here in Pickaway County. You can add them to your bags that you return, or drop them off anytime during the month of May.

Blessings and Grace, Pastor Marie

Dear Community,

The 2020 General Conference draws to a close on May 3, 2024. Yes, you did read that correctly, the 2020 General Conference. We, as a church, postponed the conference for four years due to Covid and Visa issues. So the General Conference that was held in Charlotte NC was to catch up. That being said, the General Conference continued to do the work of the church. The retired bishops, passed legislation and moved our church forward focusing on making disciples of Jesus.

As you may have heard there were some things passed regarding human sexuality and the Book of Discipline. I have not disseminated all of the information as of yet, and the General Conference is not over yet. I will gather the information and have a meeting regarding ALL of the General Conference changes. You can expect that meeting in the next few weeks.

Until then, please know, what I have learned so far, each church continues to decide who is married in their church. Pastors will also continue to be able to decide who to marry regardless of sexual orientation. Who they marry hasn't changed nor will it. West Ohio has already begun the process of asking about theological leanings on the part of pastors and churches in the appointment process. This will be a part of the process of discernment.

I will learn more so I can share more in the weeks to come.

Blessings, Marie



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

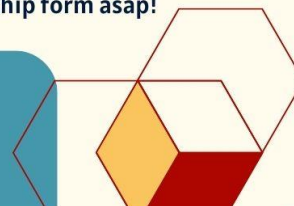
Join us as a group from Community UMC the week of June 23-28th at Camp Aldersgate. If you would like to go at another time or to one of the other two camps that are available please be sure to let Pastor Marie know for scholarship information.

Please fill out the scholarship form asap!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Mission Trip
Nehemiah Mission
July 29th- August 2nd. We may leave on the 28th, more details to come. We will be staying in an old UMC up along the Lake. A \$50. Deposit is required. Please let Pastor Marie or Levi know if you are interested in joining us.





Graduation is coming fast and we would like to take the opportunity to recognize those students who are graduating this year. Sunday, May 12th has been designated as Graduate Recognition Day at the church. If you have a graduating senior (high school, vocational school, college etc.) and would like to recognize them, please email a picture and/or brief bio to Melissa Barnhart at the following email address:

office@circlevillecumc.org

This information will also be shown at the service and included in The Communicator for May 12th.

Please have pictures and bios submitted by Wednesday, May 8th so we can recognize this important milestone in the student's lives.



ATTENTION 2024 Graduating High School Seniors

Annually, CUMC award scholarships to outstanding seniors graduating from one of the four Pickaway County High Schools. Freshmen, and current college students can apply by completing the scholarship application and including their course register for the upcoming academic year.

An application can be requested and returned using office@circlevillecumc.org or the church office. Deadline to submit the completed form is Wednesday, May 15, 2024. If you have questions, please contact Rodger Southward 740.248.5527.



OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

**Pickaway County Master Gardener Volunteers
Annual Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 18 9:00am -1:00pm

**Pickaway County Main Library
1160 N. Court St., Circleville**

**Annuals Perennials Native Plants
Vegetables and More**

(Payment Accepted in Cash Only)

Same day, same time, same place:

Friends of the Library Book Sale



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For more information
on the Master Gardener program contact
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