

THE COMMUNICATOR
September 15, 2024

**THE GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO**

**Willy
Wonka**



Sunday, September 15, 2024

9:00 a.m. Traditional Experience

**Prelude – “The Old Rugged Cross” - Dr. Kim
Acolytes: Aubrey & Grady Johnston**

Welcome

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms - UMH 133

Greeting

Opening Prayer – Kim Schieber

Scripture Reading - Luke 14:12-14 – Kim Schieber

Blessed Be the Name – UMH 63

Children’s Message – Brooke Summers

“My Savior and My God” – Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading – Luke 14: 15-24 - Kim Schieber

Sermon - “Focused Goals” By Pastor Marie Smith

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus – UMH 349

Offering/Offertory – “Sonata of Love” - Dr. Kim

Glory Be to the Father – UMH 70

Forward Through the Ages – UMH 555

Benediction

Postlude – “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” - Dr. Kim

Gospel According to Willy Wonka
“Focused on the Other”

Rev Marie Smith

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Luke 14: 23-24 “The master said, ‘Then go to the country roads. Whoever you find, drag them in. I want my house full! Let me tell you, not one of those originally invited is going to get so much as a bite at my dinner party.’” (Msg)

Jesus invitation to dinner is open to everyone.

Often, we do not believe in ourselves, and we self-select out of the dinner.

Willy Wonka invites everyone to his chocolate experience.

Each of us have someone we struggle with their behavior or expression. We struggle to even talk to them.

Jesus invites the outcasts, and the misfits.

In our society we draw lines about who is in and who is out.

Jesus reminds us that we don’t know who is in and who is out.

Willy Wonka was focused on sharing his message.

Can we share the message of inclusion?

Action Steps:

1. Everyone has someone who irritates them, pray for them and your relationship with them.
2. Who is God calling us to invite?
3. Who is God nudging you to invite?

Sunday, September 15, 2024

10:30 a.m. – The Point

Contemporary Experience

Welcome

*Rest On Us
Blessed Be The Name
The Father's House*

Announcements

Offering & Song

Luke 14:15-24

Sermon - "Focused Goals" Pastor Marie Smith

Lighting of Candles

Nothing Else

Sending Out

Altar flowers are in memory of Carolyn Barrows from Mark Denniston, her brother.

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 – Alice Chester – 740.474.4796

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

Joy Group – Linda Kennedy 740.248.3357

Christian Counseling – Dr. Nina Helene 614.906.6609

For more information on program locations, call 740.474.4796.

Prayer List for Sept. 12, 2024

Joy Brooks

Diane & Tom Cooke

Mary Ann Janes

Doug Sweazy

Mary Harrison-Reed

Scarlett Hedrick

Dannie Fouts

Larry Harris

Doug Arledge

Brian Barthelmas

Mary Coster

E and Baby, Ali

Joey Lovensheimer

Jason, Emma, Cody, Noella, Men's Shelter

Rosemary Good Wilt

Rachael Bayless

Annie Click

Ruby Clay

Carlson Family – Passing of CF's father

Bigam Family – Passing of Barb Bigam

PARKING LOT ALERT

Both the north and east parking lots will be available this Sunday for parking.

Katie Skidmore has accepted the Children's Director position and will start on Sunday, Sept. 8th. Please welcome Katie to our team.

Hi! My name is Katie Skidmore. Lillian and Jackson are my two amazing children. On Sunday mornings, I sing in the band at The Point service. I teach the three-year-old class at Trinity Lutheran Christian Preschool. Ohio Northern University is my alma mater, where I received a BA degree in English Professional Writing. I have been a part of the United Methodist Church my entire life. Some of my favorite memories growing up were from church camp. My hobbies include singing, scrapbooking, gaming, and spending time with my family. I am passionate about sharing God's love with children.

Youth Group will be meeting this Sunday from 6-8pm in the Youth Area.

St. Paul's church is having a fish fry to raise money for Luke Lewis from Logan Elm who was in a terrible accident at home. St. Paul UMC 22976 Ringgold Southern Rd.
Thursday Sept 12th 4-7pm
Drive thru menu: 1/2 lb fish \$7; 1 lb fish \$14; French fries \$3; Pop/ Water \$1



Sunday, Sept. 29th will provide baptisms/reaffirmations in both services. Please contact the office if you are interested in being baptized or want to reaffirm your faith.



The Harvest Tent is an ecumenical rethinking of the Church's response to the Pumpkin Show.

The Pumpkin Show Steering Committee was charged with making sure that Christ was central to our Pumpkin Show efforts and to designate in advance where the excess funds would be used.

This year, you will see many of the familiar activities:

Providing the only on-site baked pies at Pumpkin Show

Welcoming guests who wish to purchase pie at reasonable prices

Vegan alternatives (thank you Ruth Wilson)

Some activities from the past will return:

Vendor meal on Monday to welcome those who make Circleville home for the week.

And some new ministries will be added at the corner of N. Pickaway and E. Watt Streets:

Baby care tent with a changing table and facilities for nursing mothers

A Christian Welcome Center to give people a place to relax and escape the weather

A prayer service to begin each day of the Pumpkin Show (10:00 am)

Activities for children (12-2 and 4-6)

A meditation based on Matthew 9:37 to celebrate the harvest (2:00)

Music—some familiar (Dr. Larry Holcomb), some new (Mitchell Isralewitz), and some you may not have heard before (Jeremy Liles, By Grace, Kristian & Matthew Berger)

(2:15 and 6:00)

Distribution of Testaments to those who want

All excess income from the Harvest Tent will be divided equally between these local ministries:

The Corner Closet

Hope House

Food Pantry

Soap & Hope

You can sign-up now to join in this ministry. You can follow this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044BAAAC2DAAFD0-51128070-harvest>

Or Scan the QR Code:



Volunteers will be available after each service to help those who want assistance in choosing their shift.

Parking pass signups for while you work will be available after each service or in the office (M-Th). Deadline is October 3rd.

You will need your license plate # and make & model of your car.

Help welcome the Pumpkin Show visitors with Christian fellowship.

Harvest Tent Job Descriptions

Vendor Dinner Staff will (Monday evening):

- Set up dining area
- Greet guests
- Plate and distribute food
- Keep area clean
- Help clean up after meal

Harvest Tent Welcome Staff will (Pumpkin Show):

- Greet visitors in Christian love
- Answer questions about local church opportunities
- Maintain order and cleanliness of tent
- Assist visitors in finding locations at Pumpkin Show
- Help set up tent in the morning; help put things away at end of day

Baby Care Tent Staff will:

- Direct individuals to the appropriate location in the tent for baby changing or nursing
- Make sure area remains neat and tidy

Kid's Block Staff will:

- Engage youth with provided crafts, games, videos



Kitchen & Booth Job Descriptions

Kitchen—under direction of Day Chair, team will:

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| Mix pie ingredients | Make pumpkin spice crispies |
| Prepare pie shells | Cut and bag pumpkin spice crispies |
| Fill pie shells | Box whole pies |
| Load and unload pies from oven | Cut and plate pies |
| Transfer pies to cooling racks | |

Booth—under direction of Booth Chair, team will:

- Stock booth with adequate pies, topping, drinks
- Restock as needed
- Greet and fulfill guests orders
- Be a go-between for accepting money and returning change from cashier

Cashier

- Accept money from window workers in booth
- Make change