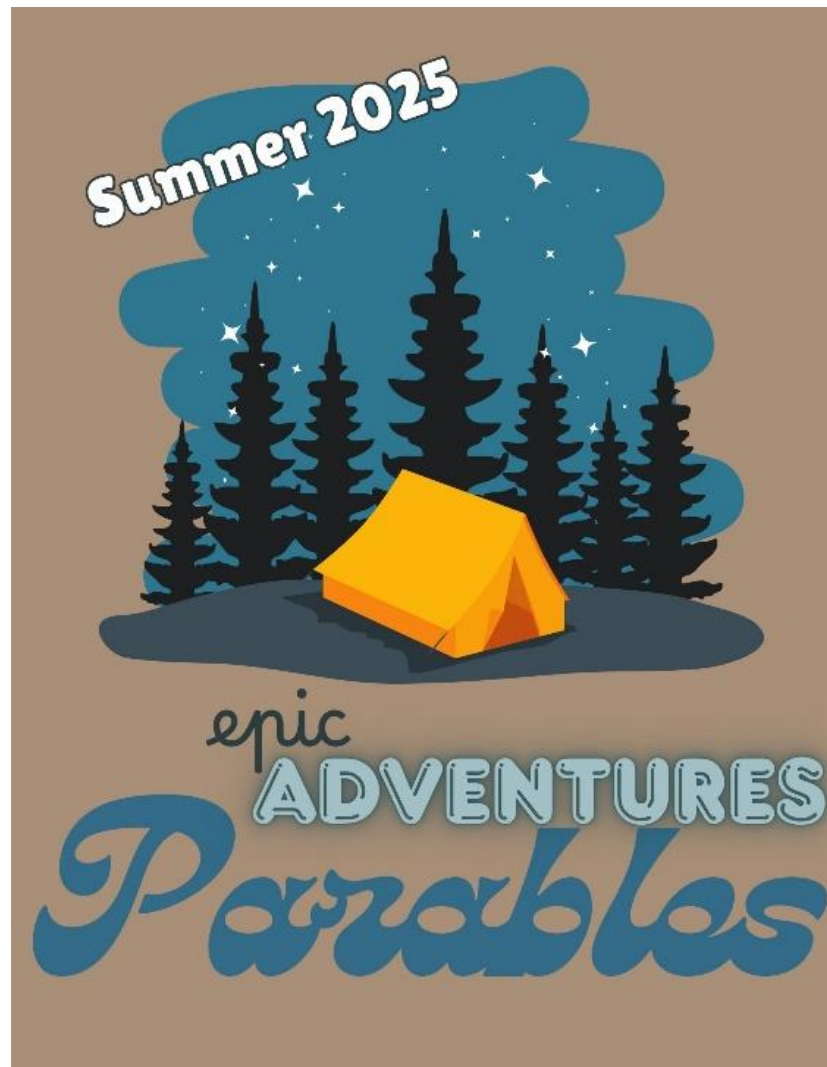


# THE COMMUNICATOR

July 06, 2025



**Sunday, July 06, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m. Traditional Experience**

**Prelude – “Battle Hymn of the Republic”- Dr. Kim**  
**Acolyte: Jackson Skidmore**  
**Welcome/Announcements – Mark Denniston**

***Come, Christians, Join to Sing – UMH 158 vs. all***

**Greeting – Alice Chester**

**Opening Prayer – Frank Roberts**

**Something Beautiful – UMH 394**

**Children’s Message – Katie Skidmore**

**Thou My Visionary – Dr. Kim**

**Luke 14: 7-14 – Frank Roberts**

**Being Uncomfortable - Pastor Marie Smith**

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer**

***Thou Art Worthy – FWS 2041***

**Offering/Offertory - “America the Beautiful”**

***Glory Be to the Father – UMH 70***

**Take My Life, and Let It Be – UMH 399 vs. all**

**Benediction – Pastor Marie Smith**

**Postlude – “The Star-Spangled Banner”- Dr. Kim**

**Sunday, July 06, 2025  
10:30 am Contemporary Service**

**Welcome**  
***"Today Is The Day"***  
***"Glory To God Forever"***  
***"Holy Spirit"***

**Announcements & Offering**

**Offering Song**

**Luke 14: 7-14**

**Being Uncomfortable - Pastor Marie Smith**

**Lighting of Candles**

***"I Surrender"***

**Benediction**

***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**
- **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**  
**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**

**Prayer List for July 02, 2025**

**Joy Brooks**  
**Doug Sweazy**  
**Tom Cooke**  
**Mike Logan**  
**Jennifer Johnston**  
**Rob Skidmore**  
**Melissa Matz**  
**Neal Wolfe**  
**Owen O'Dell**

**Pam Sands & Family**  
**Marci Pheister**  
**Boysel Family – Passing of Becky Poysel**  
**Patricia Ragland, Chris & Family**  
**Carrie Purk**  
**Doug Arledge**  
**Betty Smith**  
**Mary Lunburg**

## **Epic Adventure: Being Uncomfortable**

**Rev Marie Smith**

**July 6, 2025**

Please use these sermon notes as a jumping off point for your own spiritual journey. We know everyone is on their own pathway. We hope you will find this useful. Please see Pastor Marie if you have questions or if you want to take the next step in your faith journey.

### **Luke 14: 7-14**

The longer we follow Jesus, the more we realize it's not about us and our preferences. It is about how we interact and treat others because of our relationship with Jesus.

Jesus is illustrating two things in this text, humility is an essential part of faith, and our responsibility is to those who have less than we do.

Jesus makes everyone uncomfortable in the text.

Who is Jesus saying to invite to the table?

Taking a risk is part of being a follower of Jesus.

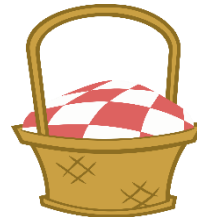
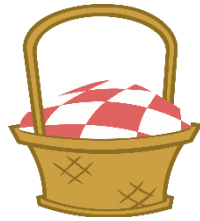
Jesus makes it clear being humble and kind is essential. How can you be humble this week?

#### **Action Steps:**

1. Jump into one of the summer opportunities to serve.
2. Pray for those around the world, in our community and our church.
3. Join us next week for our Unity Service at 10am.

**Altar Flowers are in memory of Ruth Tootle from the Tootle Family.**

**The Church Office will be closed Thursday, July 3 in observance of 4<sup>th</sup> of July.**



### Community UMC Picnic

Jesus invited everyone to his table, and often gathered around the table together. As we model to be like Jesus, we want to gather around tables and get to know one another. What better way to do so than at a Summer Picnic.

We are hosting an ALL CHURCH PICNIC on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm at the Richard's Family Farm 24537 Canal Road.

If you are interested in coming there will be a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center and The Point. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at this fun event.

Mark your calendars.....

Friends, the Epic Adventure continues July 13<sup>th</sup> when we will be having one joint service in the sanctuary at 10 am for us to create unity. For more information please read Luke 14: 15-24.



### Downtown Roundtown VBS

True North Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a fun, faith-filled program designed to teach children about God's love through interactive lessons, music, crafts, and activities. Centered around biblical themes, it encourages kids to grow in their faith while building friendships and having a blast.

**DATE:** July 14-17<sup>th</sup> (Monday—Thursday)

**TIME:** 5:30 –7:30 p.m. (A light meal will start at 4:45 p.m.)

**LOCATION:** Community United Methodist Church  
120 North Pickaway Street, Circleville

**AGE GROUP:** 3 yr. old-5th grade (2024-2025 school year)

Older youth are needed to help! Contact Katie @  
[katie.skidmore@circlevillecumc.org](mailto:katie.skidmore@circlevillecumc.org)

**REGISTRATION:** <https://vbspro.events/p/roundtown>

**SPONSORS:**

A joint VBS of "Downtown Roundtown" churches:

Circleville Presbyterian  
Community United Methodist Church  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
St. Phillip's Episcopal  
Trinity Lutheran Church



The Community Builders (outreach) and Merciful Hands and Hearts (missions) Teams are looking for the following volunteers to help fulfill the mission of the church:

### **1. Sunday Morning Van Driver**

Hours: 10 am - 10:30 am, 11:30 am - 12:30pm (One or multiple Sundays/month)

Responsibilities:

- Pick up church-goers before services and return them afterwards.
- Assist children and those with physical challenges in embarking and disembarking the vehicle.
- Maintain a safe and hospitable environment on the van.
- Report incidents involving passengers or equipment to the Director of Congregational Engagement immediately by completing the appropriate paperwork.
- Inspect and clean the interior of the van and lock and secure it at the end of the shift.

Requirements:

- Valid Ohio Driver's License
- Comfortable driving a 15 - passenger van
- Approval from church insurance company
- Background check and Safe Sanctuary Training

Currently Mark Denniston is fulfilling this role. Having a volunteer in place will free him up to greet visitors and provide them information regarding discipleship pathway opportunities.

### **2. Driver Pool Participant**

Periodically members of our church and community need to be transported to doctor's appointments and other critical services. We are seeking a pool of volunteers who are willing to provide transportation whenever other community resources are not available.

Hours: As needed

Responsibilities:

- Transport individuals to appointments or services.
- Participants can either use their personal vehicles or the church's 15-passenger van. If using the van, above requirements apply.
- Background Check and Safe Sanctuary Training.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please indicate such on the sheets outside the church office. Mark Denniston will then be in contact with you to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request.



# MEET AND GREET

## WELCOME TO THE NEW CHURCHES & CLERGY JOINING THE SCIOTO RIVER DISTRICT AND WELCOME DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT WES SOUDERS

**Dear Pastors**—You are invited to join the District Staff—D.S. Wes Souders and Administrative Assistant Diana Hall—for a meaningful time of connection and conversation. Together, we will share our call stories and we'll invite you to share yours as well. Wes will also offer his vision and goals for supporting each pastor in living out their calling while inspiring churches to think beyond their walls.

**Dear SPRC Chairs**—You are invited to join the district staff and pastors for **Holy Communion at 5:00pm** followed by a meal and conversation with Wes and Diana. Pastors are encouraged to stay, and you are welcome to invite two or three other key leaders to share in our time together.

We are excited to partner with you in ministry!

**REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED SO OUR HOST CHURCHES CAN PLAN  
FOR COMMUNION & MEAL PREPARATION**

Online: <https://www.westohioumc.org/sciotoriver/event/srd-welcome-visits>

Phone: 740-851-5243

Email: [dhall@wocumc.org](mailto:dhall@wocumc.org)

### DATES AND LOCATIONS

*(all dates: Clergy 3:00pm—5:00pm; Laity 5:00pm—7:00pm)*

Monday, July 7—Walnut Street UMC, 16 S Walnut Street, Chillicothe

Wednesday, July 9—Grace UMC, 201 E Center Street, Blanchester

Thursday, July 10—Faith Community UMC, 100 Country Club Drive, Xenia

Monday, July 14—Maple Street UMC, 438 E Wheeling Street, Lancaster

Tuesday, July 15—Haverhill UMC, 43 Haverhill-Ohio Furnace Road, Ironton



Lynn Dunkle	08.01	Rita Burchette	08.15
Dean Huston	08.03	Pat Mullins	08.16
William Stout	08.05	Pete Cherrington	08.16
Steve Barney	08.05	Joni Huston	08.19
Addie Lockard	08.06	Bradley Wolford	08.20
Garret Summers	08.07	Genny Hamman	08.21
Leroy Hagen	08.08	Doug Sweazy	08.26
Gerhard Maroscher	08.10	Shirley Lear	08.29
Susan McGuire	08.10	Rachel Barthelmas	08.30
Linda Sweazy	08.11		



Mark & Jennifer Johnston	08.01	Steve & Cheryl Bowling	08.16
Drexel & Sheila Poling	08.04	Tom & Barbara Tootle	08.18
Keith & Brook Summers	08.07	Robert & Connie Tootle	08.26
Gerald & Susan Leist	08.07	Robert & Joanne Wolford	08.29
Fred & Linda Kennedy	08.15	Leroy & Sandie Hagen	08.31

Thanks to your amazing generosity, we were able to send eight kids to spend a week at Camp Aldersgate. This gave those kids a chance to experience God in a new way. This year they learned about the fruits of the spirit and God can use them to impact their lives. It was a great week geared toward building a personal relationship with God.







**We invite you to send the youth off on their mission trip to North Carolina with letters of encouragement, and candy and snacks!! We have put some bins with each student and volunteer's name. We added some things that they may like, but honestly anything is appreciated. Please be aware of one person's Gluten allergy.**

**Thanks! Marie and Levi**



