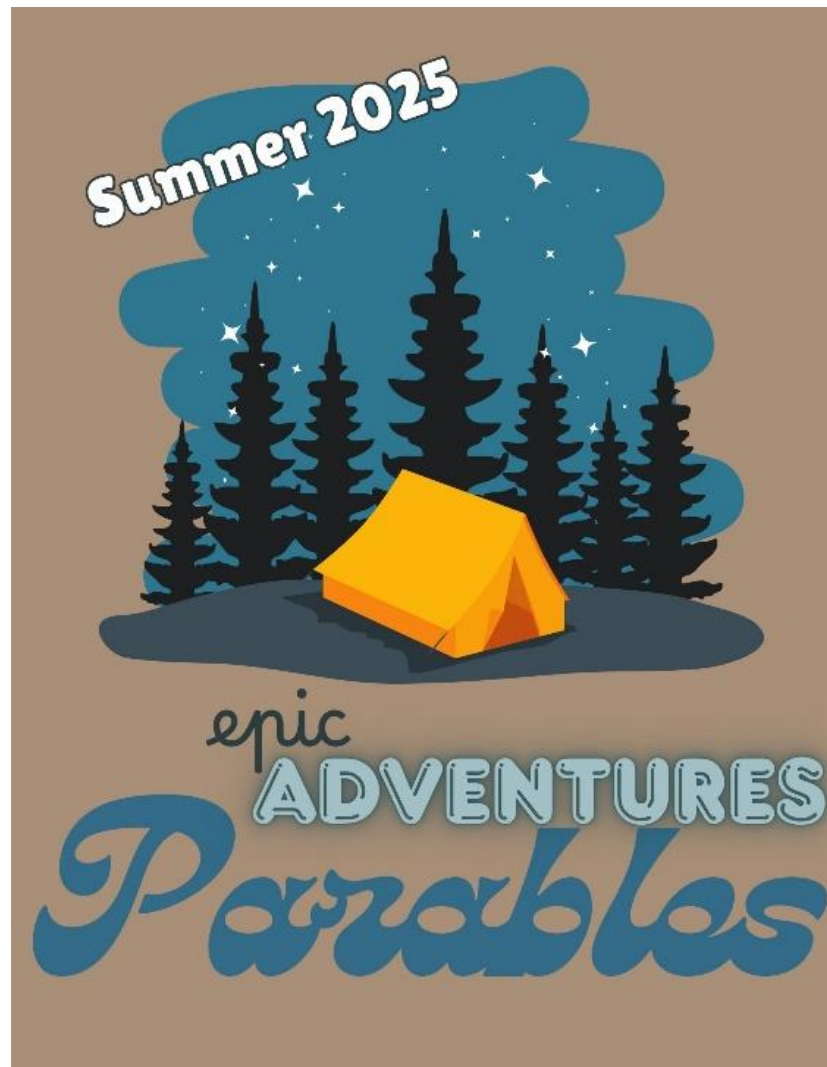


THE COMMUNICATOR

July 13, 2025



Sunday, July 13, 2025
9:00 a.m. Combined Experience
Holy Communion

Prelude – “Amazing Grace”- Dr. Kim
Acolytes: Harper & Hayden Rettkowski

Welcome/Announcements – Mark Denniston

For All You’ve Done – Levi Graf
Better Is One Day

Greeting – Levi Graf

Children’s Message – Brooke Summers

Offering
“Seek the Lord” - Quartet

Luke 14: 15-24 – Heather Hollingsworth

More Room - Pastor Marie Smith

Holy Communion

Blest Be the Tie That Binds – UMH 557 vs. all

Postlude – “All Things Bright and Beautiful”- Dr. Holcomb

White rose on the altar is in memory of John “Rob” Skidmore.

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

Online worshippers have communion elements available.

Prayer List for July 10, 2025

**Joy Brooks
Doug Sweazy
Tom Cooke
Mike Logan
Jennifer Johnston
Melissa Matz
Neal Wolfe
Mary Lunburg
Owen O'Dell
Texas Flood Victims**

**Pam Sands & Family
Marci Pheister
Boysel Family – Passing of Becky Poyssel
Patricia Ragland, Chris & Family
Carrie Purk
Doug Arledge
Betty Smith
Marilyn Wolfe
Charlie Lowell
Mike Smith
Skidmore Family – Passing of Rob Skidmore**

Don't forget to bring in your non-perishable food items for the Community Cupboard.

Mark your calendars for this Sunday.....

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

Children's Ministry is hosting the community wide VBS next week from Monday thru Thursday evening. Many areas of the church will be transformed for this and we would love your help after VBS is over to get the church worship spaces and classrooms back together for Sunday morning. We will meet at 9:00 am Saturday, July 19. If you can help, please email Katie Skidmore at: katie.skidmore@circlevillecumc.org

Epic Adventure: More Room

Rev Marie Smith

July 13, 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: 15-24

What kind of meal do you think Jesus' serves in the kingdom of God?

There is always room at Jesus' table.

Family, responsibility, and resources are all excuses that we still use to keep us from saying yes to Jesus' invitation.

The people Jesus invites to the table are often surprising.

There is always room at Jesus' table for more.

Are we willing to accept the invitation that Jesus offers?

Action Steps:

1. Who can you invite to the Ice Cream Social?
2. How can you see the kingdom of God moving around you?
3. Take a step and be part of the kingdom that is moving.
4. Join us for the Church Picnic July 19th 5-7 at the Richard's Farm.



Community UMC Picnic

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP

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 19th 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.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at this fun event.

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.

Circleville Goodtime Quilters Quilt Show

July 24-26 at Ohio Christian University – Maxwell Building from 9 am – 4 pm

\$8/day or \$12 for event pass.

150+ Quilt Display, raffle, food, demos, door prizes and more. Free parking.

www.goodtimequilters.org

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. Have your donations in by Thurs., July 17. Thanks! Marie and Levi



Dear Friends and Members of Community United Methodist Church,

After much prayerful consideration and with a heavy heart, I would like to make you aware that I am resigning from my position as Director of Congregational Engagement effective Thursday, July 31, 2025. It has been my great pleasure to serve the Kingdom of God with this congregation for the last 8½ years. I will cherish the varied relationships I have formed both inside and outside this church through leading this ministry. I will be forever grateful for the opportunities you have afforded me, and the resources and support you have provided to make those opportunities possible.

In higher education, faculty members are often given the chance to impart words of wisdom to their students upon retirement through a “last lecture.” While not original to me, my work here at CUMC has reinforced the importance of the following:

“ ‘37 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it:
‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Matthew 22:37-39)

“Relationships Matter”

“Live Simply, So That Others May Simply Live” (Mahatma Gandhi)

What's next? Good question! I continue to be in an attitude of prayer for God's guidance and for discernment. I know in due time that His plans for my life will be revealed. I have no doubt that will happen!

May God continue to bless you and CUMC. You will remain in my heart, and in my prayers. Thank you for everything!

In Christ's Name,

Mark

Friends at Community UMC,

It is with mixed emotions that we announce Mark's departure from CUMC. While we're sad to see him go, we trust that God's hand will guide him in his next chapter. We are incredibly grateful for the profound impact he's had on countless lives and the strong relationships he's nurtured within our church and the wider community. We eagerly await to see how God will continue to use his unique gifts and strengths in the weeks, months, and years to come.

This moment also serves as a vital opportunity for our church to wholeheartedly continue the incredible work Mark championed. Our mission to reach out and be missionaries to Circleville remains as strong as ever. This vital work flourishes through our various events, our dedicated transportation ministry, our compassionate outreach, and all the diverse opportunities we have to build meaningful relationships.

To ensure a smooth transition and the ongoing provision of compassion and ministry to our community, I will be meeting with Mark's teams. If you feel called to get involved or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Finally, please join me in prayer for Mark, for our church, and for our beloved community.

Blessings and Grace,

Pastor Marie