

THE COMMUNICATOR

May 17, 2026

Belonging to Jesus from the Bleachers



Winning
Week 6

Sunday, May 17, 2026 - 9:00 am Service

**Prelude – The Wonderful Cross - Dr. Kim
Acolyte: Grady Johnston**

Welcome/Announcements

Lead On, O King Eternal – UMH 580 vs. all

Greeting

Opening Prayer – Melissa Stahr

Galatians 5: 16-21

Make Me a Servant – FWS 2176

Children’s Message – Brooke Summers

A New Heart – Women’s Ensemble

Galatians 5: 22-25 – Melissa Stahr

“Action” – Rev. Marie Smith

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

More Precious than Silver – FWS 2065

Offering

Offertory: Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart – Dr. Kim

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow – UMH 94

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

Benediction

Postlude – Down by the Riverside - Dr. Kim

**Sunday, May 17, 2026
10:30 am Service**

Welcome – Levi Graf

***We Praise You
Who You Say I Am
We Fall Down***

**Announcements
Offering**

Galatians 5: 16-25

“Action” – Rev. Marie Smith

Lighting of Candles

From The Inside Out

I Will Follow

Benediction

Prayer & Praise List for May 14, 2026

**Doug Sweazy
Melissa Matz
Jo Shappard
Larry Bond
Alice Litter
Donnie
Adelyn Conn**

**Terri Purk
Carrie Purk
Pam Phipps
Brian Patrick
Ruth McFarland
Dale Purk
Randy Guiles
Faye Smith**

**Chester Family – Passing of Mike Chester
Grover Family – Passing of Ann Grover
Creech Family – Passing of Mary Creech**

Belonging to Jesus from the Bleachers: Action

Rev. Marie Smith

May 17, 2026

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.

Galatians 5: 16-25

How do we respond to the decline in our own church attendance?

On average about 30% of people attend church in the US

The statistics say 48% of people who leave the faith of their childhood leave simply because they stopped believing.

The way we behave
The things we do
How we express ourselves

We watered down the gospel so that it was palpable.

We became lukewarm.

Paul says, you can live by the listening to the Spirit that guides you.

Galatians 5: 19-21 "The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, ²⁰ idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, ²¹ jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won't inherit God's kingdom."

All these things affect other people.

We are not seek out sin in order to earn forgiveness, instead we are to seek the Spirits help to live in a different way.

Action Steps:

1. Is your faith lukewarm?
2. Who can you share the fruits of the spirit with?
3. Join us for Pentecost next week as we share how the church grew.

Would you like to be part of West Ohio's changing conversation? We have an opportunity for you! CUMC's lay delegate has had to step out this year. We need a representative at Annual Conference. This would mean the person would attend all business meetings and vote on Annual Conference matters. May 27 for Laity Session, and the 28-29th. (Saturday 30 only if we do not get everything else done) :) Please contact Pastor Marie Smith if you are interested.



Graduation season is upon us and we're excited to celebrate our High School and College graduates here at CUMC! If you have a student(child/grandchild) graduating this year, we'd love to honor them. Please send in the following:

- A recent photo (if available)
- A short bio including a little bit about them, the school they attended, and their plans

We will be recognizing the graduates on Sunday, June 7, including a reception in the Welcome Center from 10-10:30. Don't delay, deadline to turn in your graduate's bio is Monday, June 1st. You can email the information to levi.graf@circlevillecumc.org.

**OUT OF THIS WORLD
SUMMER SLAM!
2026**

Located at Community UMC
120 N. Pickaway St

6PM-8PM Weekly
Snacks and Prizes every
week! Such as Beats
Headphones and a
Nintendo Switch!

SCAN QR TO
REGISTER!



- JUNE 4TH KICKBALL AND KARAOKE
- JUNE 11TH BASKETBALL AND BOWLING
- JUNE 18TH WATERSLIDE & WATER GAMES
- JULY 2ND DODGEBALL AND DANCE OFF (JUST DANCE COMPETITION)
- JULY 9TH FLOOR HOCKEY AND FOUR SQUARE
- JULY 16TH PICKLEBALL AND PIZZA PARTY

ATTENTION!

We are looking for people to sign up to help with Tech at the Point Service! If you are interested please contact Levi! This is a very easy job, and we will train you! No experience necessary!

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Registration for Vacation Bible School has begun! Children Ages 3-12 are welcome to sign up using the QR code. VBS will be held June 1st - 4th at the Circleville Presbyterian Church at 134 E. Mound Street. Dinner starts at 4:45 with VBS to follow from 5:30-7:30.



We need your help with our Celebrate the Arts Outreach Event!!

We have invited Arts Community to come and share with us their talents for the second year. **June 6th at 10-2pm** We have some activities for the families to do throughout the whole church. As we think outside the box to invite families to worship, we invite you to help us grow our church. We can only do this with your help. Please sign up below.

Welcome Table

Welcome people inside at a table.

We need 4 people talk to people about our church

- I will help with this 2 hour shifts
- 10-12
- 12-2

Set up for Event

Come at 8:30-10 to set up

Clean Up

Come at 2:00 to Clean up event

Greeting

Greeter for one of the four areas 1 hour shifts

- 10-11
- 11-12
- 12-1
- 1-2

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____