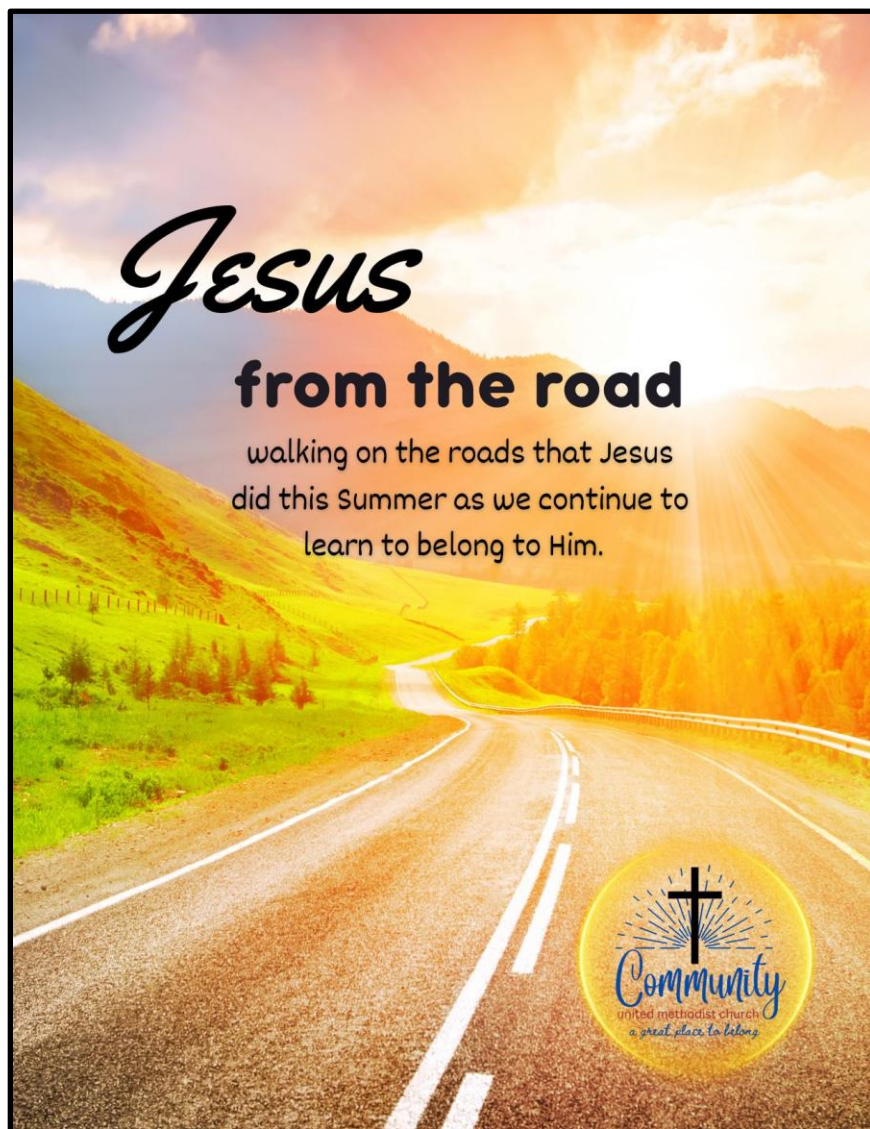


THE COMMUNICATOR

June 07, 2026



**Sunday, June 07, 2026 - 9:00 am Service
Communion Sunday**

Online worshippers have communion elements available.

**Prelude –Sonata of Peace – Dr. Kim
Acolyte: Jackson Skidmore**

Welcome/Announcements

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus – UMH 277 vs. all

**Greeting – Alice Chester
Opening Prayer – Julie Farthing**

Children’s Message

**Graduation Celebration
Scholarships**

Be Thou My Vision - Dr. Kim

Luke 4: 1-13 – Julie Farthing

**“Temptation” – Rev. Marie Smith
Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus – UMH 349

Holy Communion

Offering

**Offertory: Let Us Break Bread Together – Dr. Kim
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow – UMH 95***

Hallelujah! What a Savior – UMH 165 vs. 1,2,3,5

Benediction

Postlude – Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart - Dr. Kim

Jesus From the Road: Wilderness
Rev. Marie Smith **June 7, 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.

Matthew 4: 1-13

What a gift it is to belong to Jesus no matter where you are, or what you have done.

People struggled with having enough.

Luke 1: 80 "The child [John the Baptist] grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness [desert] until the day he appeared publicly in Israel."

There is just a universal understanding of emptiness in the wilderness.

They learned of God's faithfulness, through the suffering and pain of the wilderness.

"On average, one US farm feeds 169 people annually in the US and abroad."- American Farm Bureau.

The devil knows our weak spots and he pushes.

Jesus stepped out of his divinity and stepped into the messy side of humanity.

Action steps:

1. Temptations and times of trials are a normal part of life, how you handle them shapes you as a follower of Jesus.
2. How is your connection with God?
3. Plan ahead for the trials of life to come.

Sunday, June 07, 2026
10:30 am Service
Communion Sunday

Welcome – Levi Graf

*Praise You Anywhere
Battle Belongs*

Announcements

Graduation Celebration & Scholarships

Offering

Luke 4: 1-13

“Temptation” – Rev. Marie Smith

Lighting of Candles

What A Beautiful Name

Benediction



Prayer & Praise List for June 04, 2026

Doug Sweazy
Melissa Matz
Larry Bond
Jo Shappard
Zach McHenry
Carrie & Terri Purk
Addie Lockard
Mikki Vinkovich

Riley Noble
Faye Smith
Brian Patrick
Donnie
Adelyn Conn
Marcy Cortez
Bill Hettinger
Eileen Flannigan
Chloe Burke

Litter Family – Passing of Alice Litter
Latella Family – Passing of Beth Latella

**Don't forget to bring in your non-perishable food donations this Sunday!!!!
Thank you.**



Lydia Dale Stahley is the granddaughter of Greg Bigam and graduated from Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. She will be attending the University of Missouri on a volleyball scholarship. Lydia plans to study health sciences.



Mitchell Isralewitz, son of Mike and Amy Isralewitz, graduated from Teays Valley High School. He has been accepted at Capital University and will major in Music Technology with a minor in psychology.



Lyla Yingling, daughter of Chris and Amanda Yingling graduated from Circleville High School. She will be attending Wright State University in the fall, studying nursing and will participate on Wright State's cheering squad.



Dr. Bryce DeLong recently graduated from the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences. She is the daughter of Amy and Dave DeLong. A graduate of Circleville High School and Miami University, Bryce has pursued her passion for medicine through academic achievement, research, leadership, and community service. Bryce will continue her medical training in a dermatology residency program at the Dermatology and Cosmetic Center of Michigan. She is thankful for the support and encouragement of her family, friends, mentors, and church family throughout her educational journey.



Garret Summers, son of Keith and Brooke Summers, graduated from Ohio University, Athens with a degree in Marketing and Business Management. Garret is currently working at Lower.com as a mortgage lender.





Owen Braun, Mitchell Isralewitz
Carson Summers, Lyla Yingling

A colorful poster for "OUT OF THIS WORLD SUMMER SLAW! 2026". The background is orange. At the top, there are icons of a basketball, a bowling ball, and a UFO. The text "OUT OF THIS WORLD" is in yellow, "SUMMER SLAW!" is in large, colorful, bubbly letters, and "2026" is in yellow. Below the title are icons of a red ball, a UFO, and a bowling ball. A green box on the left contains the location and schedule: "Located at Community UMC 120 N. Pickaway St 6PM-8PM Weekly Snacks and Prizes every week! Such as Beats Headphones and a Nintendo Switch!". To the right is a QR code with the text "SCAN QR TO REGISTER!". A small green alien character is on the right. At the bottom, a list of activities is shown in white text on a red background: "- 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".

Hymn Devotion: "My Jesus I Love Thee" (UMH 172)

This summer, we are going with Jesus "On the Road". As we travel and explore through family vacations, we know Jesus is always with us. This hymn reminds us to tell Jesus of our love for him and praises all the ways he has loved us, no matter where we are.

My Lord, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus tis now. (I love Jesus and give my life and desires to sin over to Him.)

I love thee because thou has first loved me, and purchased y pardon on Calvary's tree; I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus tis now.. (I love you, Jesus for sacrificing yourself for me..)

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus tis now. (I will continue to love and praise thee in heaven.)



This favorite hymn was written by William Ralph Featherston when he was only 16 years old. Try to remember what you were doing at 16. Probably, you were anxiously waiting getting a driver's license or working a job so you could take your favorite girl on a date. William was not only writing music, but when you consider the lyrics of the hymn, you see how secure he really was in his faith, although just a teen. He acknowledges the sacrifice of Jesus, which redeemed him, and offers his love and devotion in praise for Christ' sacrifice. As you are on the road this summer, can you see the hand of Jesus upon you? Can you take a moment each day to give him praise? His hymn was published anonymously in a British hymnal in 1864. It is believed that Adoniram J. Gordon, a pastor in Massachusetts and founder of the Gordon Theological School, found the hymn and arranged it into the hymn that we sing today.

- Then Sings My Soul, by Robert J. Morgan
- Stories of the Christian Hymns, by Helen Salem Rizk

Devotional Moments - Ponder the following questions and write notes as you reflect on the answers:

As you look back over the words of this hymn, share the author's devotion to Christ? We often pray to give God thanks, but how often do we say, "I Love You, Jesus"? Which verse or chorus do you connect with most? What about that part of the song is speaking to you?

How could you explain the words of this song to someone else who maybe doesn't know Jesus? Could you articulate why you love Jesus with examples of how he's changed your life?

If you are struggling to say "I Love You" to Jesus, perhaps look for all the ways you have been blessed by him in your life and write them down. We cannot see or touch Jesus, but we can certainly see the result of him in our lives. Look for him this month.

If you are comfortable sharing your thoughts with us, please email these responses to Alice Chester at: alice.chester@circlevillecumc.org and we will share them with the congregation.



Noah Griffin	07/01	Douglas Arledge	07/23
Mike Shoemaker	07/02	Fred Kennedy	07/24
Hayden Rettkowski	07/05	Jude Braun	07/25
Cody Griffin	07/06	Roy Mullins	07/27
Jennifer Griffin	07/11	Quentin Evans	07/28
Julie Scherer	07/12	Linda Valentine	07/30
Grey Braun	07/17	Siena Hatfield	07/31
Mark Johnston	07/21	Keith Summers	07/31
Marilyn Wolfe	07/22		



Mike Shoemaker & Kathy-Cortez Shoemaker	07/15
Lynn & Karen Dunkle	07/18
Larry & Kim Schieber	07/22
Jeff & Julie Farthing	07/31

June & July Happenings

Youth Ministry

Graduation Sunday
Celebration
June 7..... 10am

Summer Slam Dates
June 4, 11, 18..... 6-8pm
Church Parking Lot

July 2, 9, 16..... 6-8pm
Church Parking Lot

Children's Ministry

June 14-19.....
Camp Wesley

Pray for the all the kids
and parents

Outreach and Mission

June 26.....10-1
Serve meal at Fair
for Sr.

June 25..... 5-7pm.
Farmer's Market

July 23..... 5-7pm
Farmer's Market

Community News

Pizza with the Pastor
June 28 12:30
Media Center

Summer
worship series:
On the Road
with Jesus

Celebration of the
Arts.... June 6th