

THE CHURCH WINDOW

A Monthly Newsletter of the Loudonville United Methodist Church

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By Pastor Kenn Curren



**You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I
thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a
dry and parched land where there is no water.
I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your
power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life, my lips will
glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and
in your name I will lift up my hands. I will be fully
satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing
lips my mouth will praise you.**

Continued...

On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

Psalm 63:1-8 (NIV)

This Psalm was written by David while he was living in exile in the desert. He had fled from Jerusalem, leaving everything behind as his enemies pursued him. He is in a very barren place, both physically and spiritually. He describes his condition as being in “a dry and parched land where there is no water.”

With his next thought, he remembers God’s faithfulness in the past; “I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and glory.” David reminds himself, and us, that we should never forget in the days of darkness and trouble what we have learned in the days of light and comfort.

We tend to forget God’s past faithfulness. David teaches us in this Psalm that we ought to call upon God even through the darkest times. The God who is with us in the light will guide us in those days we experience darkness and trials. If you are experiencing a time in a “dry and parched land,” seek God’s presence and trust in His deliverance. Lift your hands in praise and meditate on His goodness. God’s presence and love are more satisfying than any of our earthly needs.
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News from Your Community Meal Team

Upcoming meals

Sept. 2: Polynesian Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Banana Cake

Sept. 16: Sausage, Potatoes and Cabbage, Applesauce, Cookie

September 30: Canceled due to Fair

We have air conditioning in the kitchen!

Mickley installed a mini-split in the church kitchen last week, so it was much more comfortable doing prep for, and serving, our last meal. The cost was covered by a donation, meal profits and our Building Fund. Thanks to all responsible, including our Governance Board, who approved the upgrade.

East Ohio Conference News

Our cooperative parish's charge conference is Nov. 1 at 4 pm at the Fusion Community Church (110 North Main Street, Killbuck OH 44637).

A charge conference is an annual meeting of the leadership of a pastoral charge presided over by the district superintendent.

The work of the charge conference includes reviewing the mission and ministries of the charge, adopting a budget for all congregations within the charge, recommending candidates for ordained, lay or other forms of ministry, setting salaries and compensation for pastors and staff appointed by the bishop, and more. The Staff Parish Relations Committees from all of the churches in the cooperative parish have been working to set Pastor Kenn's salary and five year plans for each church. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend, and the more members there to vote to approve the work of the SPRC, the better. Put it on your calendar!

Bob Catchpole, Central Valley District disaster response co-coordinator, is leading a disaster response team from Ohio to New York September 14-18. The team will use chainsaws, clean up debris, stop damage, and may make repairs where possible for multiple locations in Oneida, Madison, and Tioga counties southeast of Syracuse. This area experienced severe storm damage and flooding in June. The team will be housed in basic facilities using local churches. Both UMCOR Early Response Team (ERT) certified and non-ERT trained volunteers are welcome.

[Complete this form if interested in participating on the team.](#)

East Ohio Conference News

If you work or volunteer with youth ministry in your local church, you are invited to our next Youth Leader Training Day. We will gather from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 23 at Montrose Zion UMC (565 N. Cleveland Massillon Road) in Akron. Our theme is “Practical Discipleship: Helping Over-Scheduled Youth Develop a Faith that Sticks.” Cost for the training day is \$10/person, which includes lunch.

[Learn more and register on the Events Registration page of the EOC website.](#)

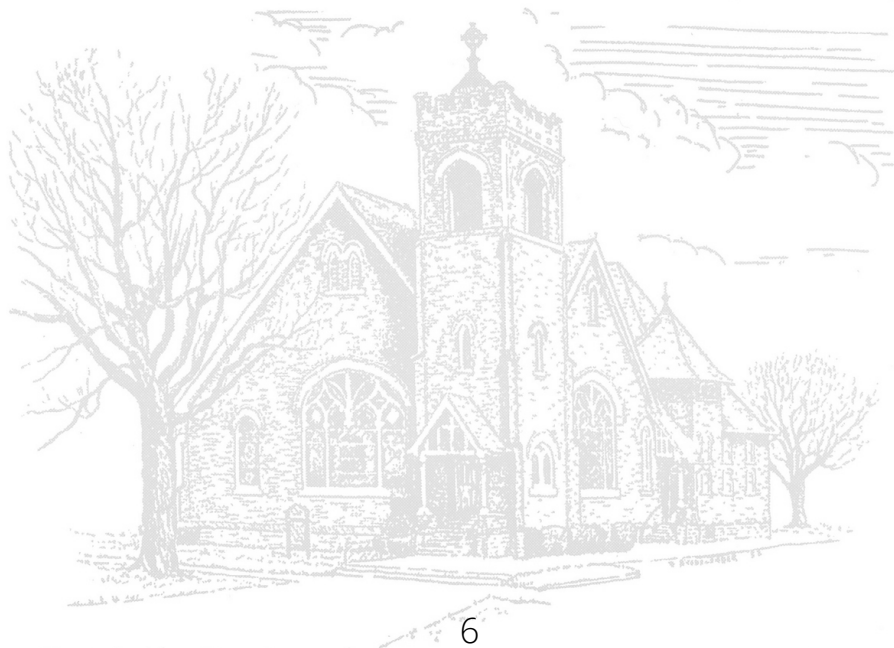


East Ohio Conference
The United Methodist Church

Governance Board Meeting

August 2025

- Amy Loveday will continue to assist the church at the piano when she is available.
- Education is looking into a winter intern.
- 2nd Sprouts was a huge success.
- Community Meals continue to be grateful to Walnut Creek for their generous donations. Looking for suggestions for future meals.
- Please do a google review for our church <https://g.co/kgs/rlGII86>
- SPR is trying to update background checks, meeting with the other parish churches and doing the parsonage inspection. They are also looking into emergency contacts for membership.
- AC for the church kitchen will be installed.



Facilities Updates

Summer has been a busy time of repairs and updates to both the church as well as the parsonage.

We feel it is important to be transparent on where your contributions are being used, beyond our monthly expenses. Here are the updates and the costs incurred:

- Vestibule ceiling replaced. \$1596.00 (we were able to save \$500 by having the maintenance team remove the old ceiling.)
- Church Roof: \$4582.00 - replace the most damaged shingles and the ridge cap. (this buys us 3 years before the roof needs replaced.)
- Mini-split for the Fellowship Hall Kitchen \$5300.00
- 2 Mini-Splits for the Parsonage \$7950.00- provides air conditioning and heat . Part of the funding for this project is provided by the Cooperative churches contributions.

Additional needs for the church:

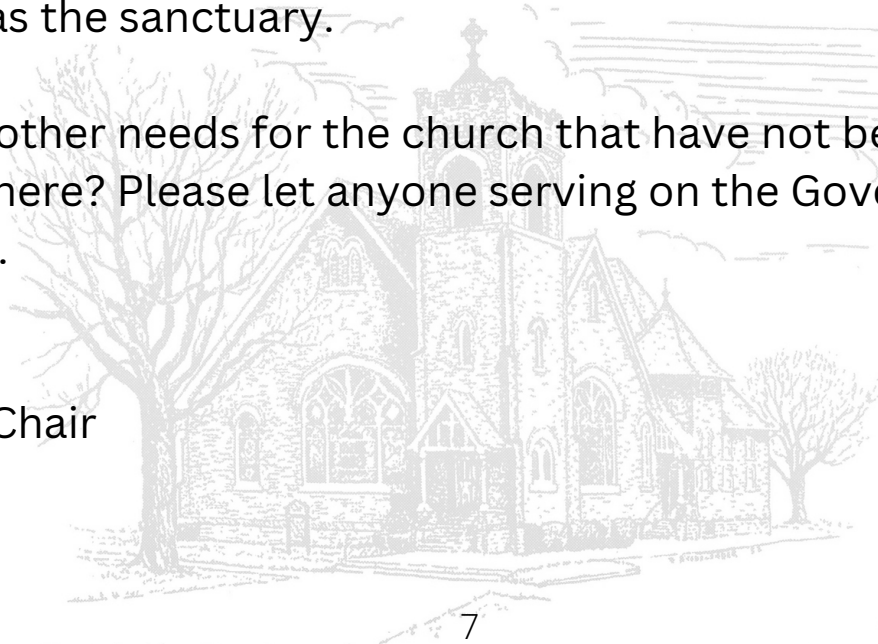
Repair the cracks in the concrete ramp and fix the railing.

Education wing windows need to be reglazed

We are also writing grants to build a handicapped bathroom on the same level as the sanctuary.

Do you see other needs for the church that have not been mentioned here? Please let anyone serving on the Governance board know.

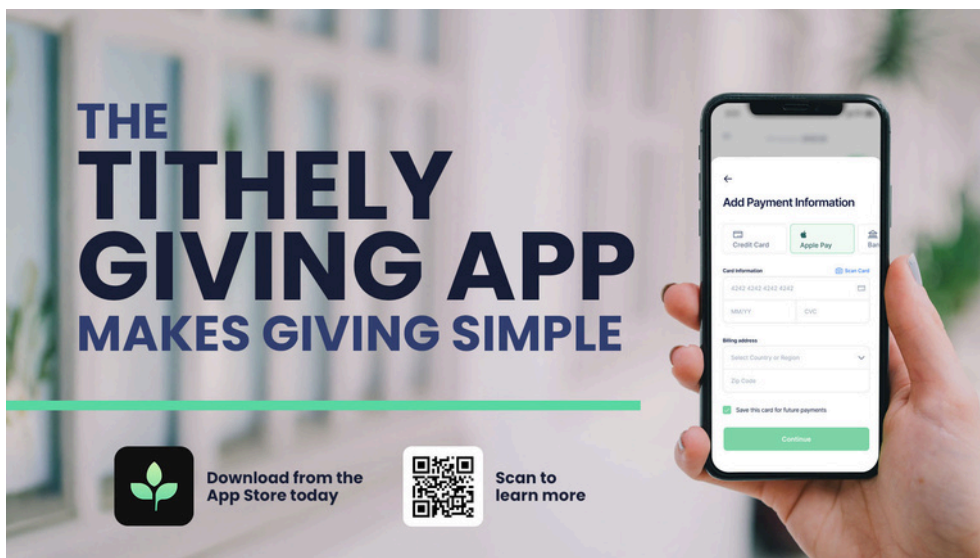
Blessings,
Barb Burd, Chair





Operation Christmas Child Year-Round Shoebox Collection

February	Hair bands, clips and barrettes, hair brushes and combs.
March	For the older kids: Tape measures, flashlights with batteries, small tool kits, sewing kits, heavy bright colored thread.
April	Outdoor fun: small rubber balls, jacks, chalk, jump ropes, yo-yos, deflated soccer balls and pump
May	Individual packaged toothbrushes, including children's sizes, band aids for kids
June	Small dolls, matchbox cars, decks of cards, card games
July	Watch for the picnic supplies sales: any plastic cups, bowls, heavy plastic utensils, and any kind of refillable water bottles.
August	Shop the school supplies sales for small notebooks, pencils, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, watercolors and crayons
September	Ball caps or sun hats
October	Collect any items yet needed. We'll send out a list.
November	Pack our boxes and pray for the children receiving them. Donate \$10 for shipping of each box.



We are excited to announce that giving to Loudonville United Methodist Church is easier and more convenient than ever! We have joined Tithely Giving.

Tithely Giving is an easy-to-use platform that will allow you to give online and on your phone. You can make both one-time and recurring gifts, give with a credit/debit card or ACH transaction, and even Cover the Fees (which will help your gift go even farther!)

Option 1: Give on the Tithely Giving App

Download the Tithely App from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, select Loudonville United Methodist Church and follow the steps listed below (for using a Giving Form).

Option 2: Give on Our Website.

Go to: <https://loudonvilleumc.com/give> to access a Giving Form on our church website. Just like on our app, you can also set up a recurring gift that makes your regular giving automatic.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email us and we'd be happy to assist you further.

Thank you for your generosity. Your financial partnership helps to build the Kingdom of God in our community—and world.

2025 VBS Mission Report



LUMC joined Trinity Community Church, Zion Lutheran Church and Nazarene Church again this year in July, for the community Bible School. The theme was Outback Rock: Where Kids Venture into Solid Faith. An average of 30 kids attended each of the three nights.

The mission project was to “Pack the Pouch” with personal hygiene products. Over 250 items were collected. The baby items were given to Stake’s Shortstop for the Blessing Box for babies located outside their store and available to anyone in need. The other items were divided between Helping Hand, The Store at the Nazarene Church, and the Hope Cupboard at the United Methodist Church. Many people in our community will appreciate the generosity of the VBS kids and families. Thanks to Tammy Kindle for organizing this project.



Upcoming Events



Loudonville UMC

Loudonville, Ohio

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

09/02 Community Meal, 5pm

09/08 Connected Parent Cafe, 5pm

09/08 Governance Board Meeting, 6:30pm

09/09 Perrysville UMC Meal, 5pm

09/13 Lakeville UMC Food Pantry, 9am

09/15 Cooperative Parish Board Meeting, 6pm

09/16 Community Meal, 5pm

09/27 Lakeville UMC Food Pantry, 9am

**Join us on Sunday September 7
to recognize the Sunday School
Classes.**

**Two Bibles will be presented
to the current fourth graders
as they move up to the next
class.**

**Kids attending Church Camp
this summer will give a quick
recap of their camp week.**



Church Family

September Celebrations

Anniversaries

09/03 TOM & TRACEY Bender
09/13 BOB & EDNA Moritz
09/15 Andy & Kari Reidenbach
09/15 RON & KELLY Fetzer
09/17 Thomas & RUTH Kauffman
09/18 JOHN & JOYCE Chipner
09/19 RUSS & LYNN Smith
09/23 Adam & EMMA Harper
09/24 JOHN & JOAN Johnston
09/24 DARREL & DEBORAH Scott
09/26 DAN Schrack & Sarah Jackson

Birthdays

09/03 SHARON Brewer
09/03 CLARE Theis
09/04 TOM Bender
09/06 NILA Thewlis
09/06 CARL Daniels
09/07 Adam Harper
09/08 Gavin Carr
09/11 Brianna Carr
09/12 Quinn Gray
09/14 Jackson Raines

Birthdays - continued

09/15 Kari Reidenbach
09/16 Kristin Donley
09/16 KEN Fowler
09/16 Michael Bontatibus
09/18 DYLAN Bender
09/21 Lyla Stitzlein
09/22 Mike Kassinger
09/22 ERIC Nickles
09/26 CAROL Bordner
09/27 EVA Brentlinger
09/27 TAIRA Shultz
09/28 Paola Scott

Serving in Worship

Liturgists

09/07 Ted Daniels
09/14 Linda Mehaffey
09/21 Joey Raines
09/28 Cindy Maxwell

Greeters

09/07 Tammy and Sandy
09/14 Nila and Patty
09/21 Jim and Sharon
09/28 Jackie and Dave