

# THE CHURCH WINDOW

A Monthly Newsletter of the Loudonville United Methodist Church

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MAY 2026

*By Pastor Kenn Curren*



**“Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?**

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**You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.**

**Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8)**

Spring and summer always bring to mind how incredible God's creation is. When David wrote this Psalm, I can almost see him recalling his time tending his father's flocks in the fields. Lying on a hillside, gazing up at a clear blue sky, he's filled with awe at the stars and the beauty of the world. He wonders where he fits into God's grand design. Honestly, we've all felt that way at some point, haven't we?

We've all wondered about those big questions: Who am I? What's my place in the world? What's my purpose?

Isn't life amazing? Genesis 1:1 tells us, "In the beginning God created the heavens and earth." God made this planet special in the universe, just for us. He loves us and knows what we're meant to do. Our lives have meaning and value. But sometimes, we don't feel like we were made in God's image. We might not always see the beautiful creation we are, or that of our brothers and sisters. Have you ever seen how nature shifts with the seasons? It's as if God is gently reminding us of the beauty that's already within us. When we remember who we truly are and that we were made in God's image, our lives change, and it becomes a truly wonderful journey. So, let's take a moment to express our gratitude to God, the creator of this magnificent world, and to each other. Together, let's proclaim, "O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

Peace, Pastor Kenn



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## **News from Your Community Meal Team**

Upcoming Community Meals:

May 5: Pork chops, Vegetable, Strawberry topped cake

May 19: Turkey, Gravy, Mashed potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert

(Meals are subject to change, based on donations)

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***Bikes for Kids will be here for our June 2 meal.  
If your child has outgrown their bike or needs  
a helmet plan to stop in June 2 from 5-6:30  
during the meal time.***

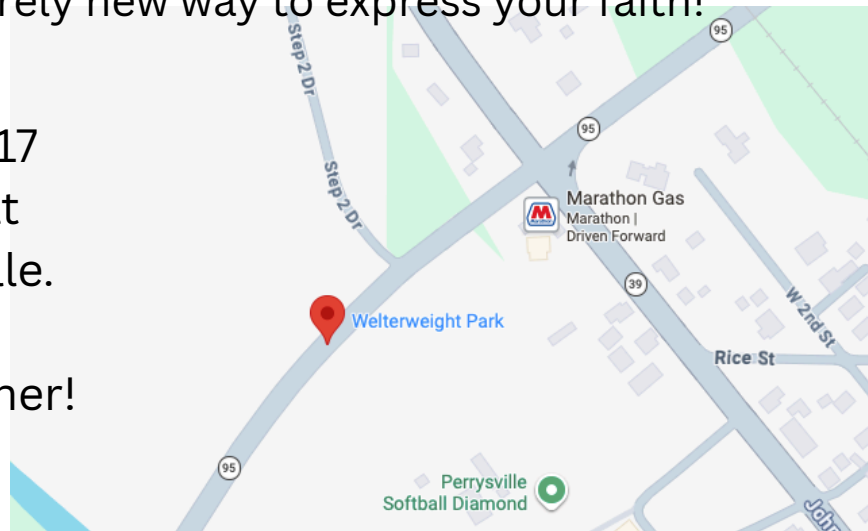


### What is Messy Church?

It's church, but not as you know it! Once a month we meet in different locations to eat, play and worship together. Expect creative activities, songs, prayers and an entirely new way to express your faith!

Gather with us: Sunday, May 17  
from 3-5pm at the Pavilion at  
Weltmer Park , SR 95 Perrysville.

Enjoy games, crafts, songs,  
conversations and a picnic dinner!



Find us on Facebook: Messy Church: Loudonville OH

# Governance Board

## April 2026



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- The board voted to approve the bid for Beehive Construction on the sanctuary ADA bathroom. This company will also be asked to bid on the repair of the bell tower roof.
- The bathroom will be paid for by money from the building fund and an \$8000 grant. All donations are welcome to help pay for the project or replenishment the building fund..
- The board approved the usage of the bathrooms for the LHS Senior Project on May 2 or 3 depending on the weather. The Seniors will have the bathrooms monitored at all times by a coordinator, clean the bathrooms thoroughly and donate \$50.
- SPRC is meeting with the new pastor setting up the moving company and moving forward with the inspection of the parsonage.
- Grant money has been obtained for new gas ovens in the kitchen. Tim Allerding will be contacted to run the new gas line into the kitchen.
- The first Messy Church will be held at the Mohican State Park Pavilion on April 19th.

# Community and Cooperative

## National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7 at 6pm at Riverside Park. Join the community as we gather together for a time of prayer for our community during the National Day of Prayer.

## Cooperative Parish News

Save The Dates  
Farewell and Welcome

Sunday June 21 – We'll say farewell to Pastor Kenn and Betty with a luncheon thanking them for their ministry to our church.

Sunday July 12 – We'll welcome Pastor David Miller and his family with a Picnic in the Park right after church.

More details on both will follow.

# Community and Cooperative

Rev. David Miller named new pastor  
for Mohican Cooperative parish

## View of Ministry

As I have been a pastor for 25 years, I have tried to see ministry as something that everyone can do. Ministry is not just being a preacher. God calls all of us in the Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations. Some of us are gifted to be pastors and others are gifted in other areas. We need to put all of our gifts together and become a body of Christ reaching out into the world. As laity and clergy work together more people can be reached because through everyone's gifts and relationships the whole world can be touched by Christ. I believe the church is not the building but the people and so we need to go and be church to the world. We need to think about church being a verb instead of a noun.

**Photo Caption:**  
Rev. David Miller (from left) with wife  
Krista, daughter Emma and son Isaac.



# East Ohio Conference News

The Connectional Ministries Office, in consultation with the East Ohio Board of Camps & Retreat Ministries, has contracted with Run River Enterprises to conduct an EOC Camps sustainability study. The question at the heart of the search that led to contracting with Run River Enterprises was and is: "How do we organize, resource, and support this ministry so that it remains strong for decades to come?" A full report of findings and recommendations is expected to be presented to Annual Conference in June.

Speaking of Annual Conference, we have a new opportunity this year with Midwest Mission. They are accepting used school supplies (list in this newsletter), in addition to dignity kits and home care kits. I look forward to working with our schools to help meet this need in Honduras, and will take the supplies to Annual Conference, along with any dignity or home care kits you may want to donate. You are very welcome to donate gently used or new school supplies, too. I'm including the list of items to include in each kit. Thanks!



**EAST OHIO CONFERENCE**  
**UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION**

# East Ohio Conference News

## Miracle Sunday

Miracle Sunday on May 17 is a worldwide initiative of The United Methodist Church to strengthen theological education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines through a permanent endowment.

The vision is bold: to help endow 500 theological scholarships annually – in perpetuity.

In the United States, approximately 71% of clergy have earned a Master of Theology. Outside the U.S., fewer than 5% of clergy possess this degree.

This disparity is not about calling or competence. It is about access.

Miracle Sunday on May 17 strengthens long-term access to theological education outside the United States by building a permanent endowment – ensuring that future leaders are equipped to serve faithfully in some of the most challenging mission contexts in our global church.

- When leaders are formed, congregations grow stronger.
- When congregations grow stronger, communities find hope.
- When one part of the body is strengthened, the whole Church thrives.

It is true that many U.S. seminarians carry significant debt. It is also true that The United Methodist Church continues to support theological education in the United States through apportionments, scholarships, and conference initiatives.

In supporting the Miracle Sunday initiative:

1. we acknowledge that in many parts of the world there is little to no endowment, and
2. we choose – as one worldwide Church – to strengthen access to theological education.

You will hear more about this special love offering during Sunday morning announcements.

# EAST OHIO MISSION COLLECTION



We will collect items for Midwest Mission during the 2026 Conference. Each of these life-changing items will go to people in need, both globally and locally.

## WHAT TO COLLECT



### HOME CARE KITS

- liquid household cleaner - 56-80 oz. total (no spray bottles)
- dish soap - 42-64 oz.
- liquid laundry detergent - 100-150 oz. total
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 five-gallon round bucket with resealable lid



### PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS

- 1 hand towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 toothbrush (no multipacks)
- 1 bar soap - 3-4 oz.
- 1 shampoo -12-19 oz.
- 1 deodorant - 2-3 oz. (stick, roll-on, or pump)
- 1 lotion - 8-10 oz.
- 1 one-gallon resealable plastic bag
- \$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag

### MOST-NEEDED ITEMS

- Gently used: wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, splints, braces, boots (NO commodes)
- Reusable Day and Night Pads (pattern at [midwestmission.org/patterns](http://midwestmission.org/patterns))
- New twin sheet sets and pillows

## Drop-Off Details

The Midwest Mission Truck will be located at the College of Wooster on **Thursday, June 11 from 8am-5pm and Friday, June 12 from 8am-1pm.**

Find Kit lists and instructions at [midwestmission.org/kits](http://midwestmission.org/kits)

### OTHER ITEMS



Anything listed in the Kits and Projects Brochure will be accepted (scan QR code). This includes items like orthopedic medical supplies, canes, crutches, walkers, specific handmade items, other Midwest Mission Kits, and electric sewing machines.

# **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

*most needed items to donate*

**Used items should be in good, usable condition.  
New items are also accepted!**

- Backpacks
- Pencil Cases
- Markers (Color, Dry Erase, Permanent)
- Highlighters
- Pencils
- Sharpeners
- Erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue
- Scissors
- Spiral or Composition Notebooks
- Construction Paper
- Pens (Red, Black, & Blue)
- Rulers
- Compass Sets
- Geometry Kits

***Please do not donate broken or worn out items, items with missing pieces, or 3-ring binders.***

***If you wouldn't give the item to a loved one, please do not donate it.***



# 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.

# 2026 SUMMER CAMPS

Register for Summer Camp today!



Scan to register.

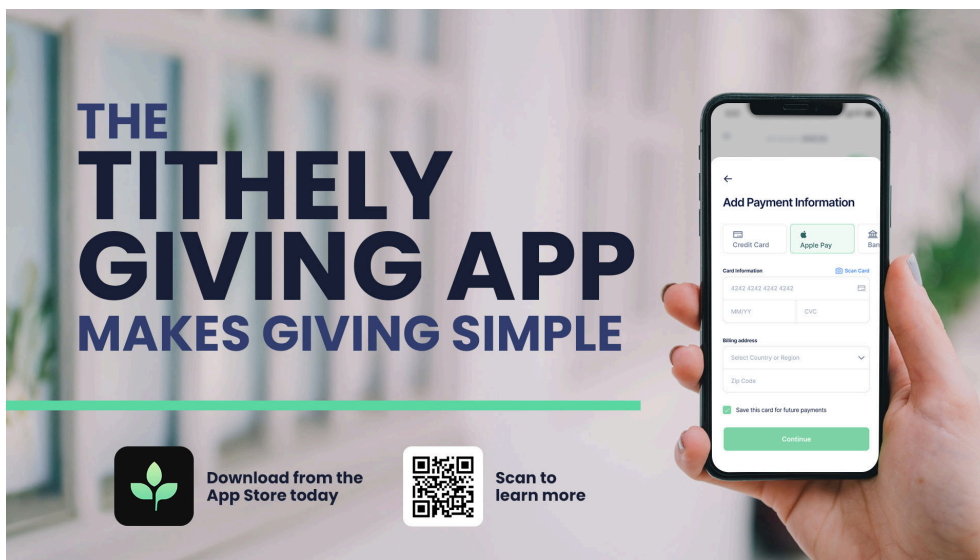
# Summer Camp Registration is Open!

Register now and make camp a  
part of your Summer 2026 plans!



East Ohio Conference  
The United Methodist Church





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.

# *You're Invited!*

**Please join us to celebrate Charles Donley's 2026 graduation.**

**When: Sunday, May 31st, from 1pm to 5pm**

**Where: Loudonville Lions Building, 643 Wooster Rd, Loudonville**

**Menu: Sloppy joes, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, iced tea, and lemonade**



JOIN US FOR A

*Graduation Party*

HONORING

*Charles Louis Donley*

MAY

SUNDAY | 31 | 1:00 PM

LOUDONVILLE LIONS BUILDING  
643 WOOSTER RD  
LOUDONVILLE, OH 44842

RSVP : TEXT 330-275-6016



Do you have kids clothing, toys, accessories? Do you want to help the church (25% commission) while also earning money (75% of sale price) for your items? Contact Megan Yoak at **secondsproutssale@gmail.com** to get added to the seller's list. If you do not wish to tag your own items the church will be accepting CHILDREN'S items prior to July 19 for the sale committee to tag and the church will earn 100% of the proceeds. Items received after the 19 will not be included in this year's sale as we need time to tag and sort donations. As always any and all help is appreciated to make this sale a success for everyone. Set up begins Sunday July 26 and runs that week with everything being back to normal for church on Sunday August 02.

If you have CHILDREN'S items you would like to donate or spare time the week of the sale please contact Megan, Kelly, Tammy or Emma.

# Upcoming Events



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## Save the Date: VBS July 13-15 6-8:30pm

05/05 Community Meal, 5pm

05/07 National Day of Prayer @ Riverside Park 6pm

05/09 Lakeville UMC Food Pantry, 9am

05/11 Governance Board Meeting, 6:30pm

05/12 Perrysville UMC Meal, 5pm

05/17 Messy Church, Welter Park, Perrysville 3pm

05/19 Community Meal, 5pm

05/23 Lakeville UMC Food Pantry, 9am

05/31 Combined Worship - Bigelow and Fairview at

Lakeville at 9am. Perrysville at Loudonville at 10:30am

# Church Family

## May Celebrations

### Anniversaries

05/11 Eric & Julie Stitzlein  
05/17 TOM & KAREN Motz  
05/30 Dustin & BRITTANY Rambacher

### Birthdays

05/01 Sheron Burgess  
05/04 CYNDI Janeczek  
05/04 MEGAN Yoak  
05/05 JACK Burgess Jr.  
05/06 JOHN Gess  
05/06 MARRISA Burd  
05/08 GRAYSON Oswald  
05/12 Andrew Yoak  
05/13 CAROL Speck  
05/14 LINDA Mehaffey  
05/17 Julie Stitzlein  
05/19 Eric Stitzlein  
05/19 MIKE Warbel  
05/21 Josh Portz  
05/22 Kennedy Lemke  
05/24 Lane Gray  
05/30 JANE Campbell  
05/31 Weston Lemke

## *Serving in Worship*

### *Liturgists*

***05/03 Barb Burd***  
***05/10 Youth***  
***05/17 Cindy Maxwell***  
***05/24 Kelly Fetzer***  
***05/31 Linda Mehaffey***

### *Greeters*

***05/03 Jim and Sharon***  
***05/10 Youth***  
***05/17 Gene and Gail***  
***05/24 Jackie and Dave***  
***05/31 Karen and Ken***