

THE CHURCH WINDOW

A Monthly Newsletter of the Mohican Charge - Bigelow, Lakeville,
Loudonville, Perrysville, & Wayne Co. Fairview UMCS

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JULY 2026

By Rev. David Miller



I am writing this newsletter article as I sit by packed, sealed, boxes and boxes waiting to be filled and sealed. As I sit here and think about how the sealed boxes represent what you have in your life and what you keep that means so much to you I began to think about the spiritual aspects of life as well.

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Just as you go through packing up important things in your life that you want to keep; there are important areas of our spiritual life that we need to be aware of and protect as well.

These areas are: prayer, Bible Study, worship, and fellowship with other Christians. Prayer is important because it is the communication line with God. It gives us the opportunity to talk with God and listen to God for our spiritual journey. In our prayer life we need to give God our thanksgivings and our adoration. But in addition to these we need to confess our mistakes and ask for forgiveness and then also present our requests.

Bible Study is important as we get to know the Word of God. Whether it is study in a group or in our devotional time, study of the Word of God will allow us to stay in contact with God.

Worship is important because it gives us an opportunity to gather together and give God our praise and thanksgiving. It can be a time when we uplift ourselves and start the week off well. It also allows us to find the fellowship that we need with other believers.

These aspects of our spiritual life need to be protected and guarded so we can grow in our faith. As we do these steps on our spiritual journey it will help us to be a better disciple of Jesus Christ.

Just as a box can protect our personal belongings, our faith can be protected using prayer, Word of God, worship, and fellowship with other Christians.

Peace and Blessing

Your Pastor and Friend

(David Miller)

News from Your Community Meal Team

A background image showing a hand holding a silver fork over a plate of food. The food is slightly out of focus, but appears to be a meal with various components. The text is overlaid on this image.

Upcoming Community Meals:

July 7: Chicken Cordon Bleu, sides, dessert

July 21: Sausage casserole, sides, dessert

(Meals are subject to change, based on donations)

As of June 30, we have served 1196 meals and put \$879.81 toward the kitchen Fund and \$878.80 toward Appointments. Since we receive so many donations, we have been able to serve all those meals at an average cost of \$1.74 per meal.

God is good!

Governance Board

June 2026



Loudonville UMC

Loudonville, Ohio

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- Bee Hive Construction will begin soon fixing the rubber baffle, flashing, and rope in the tower. They will also re caulk and fix the wooden sills on the large stained glass windows . Hopefully by the end of July, they will be able to start on the ADA bathroom off of the sanctuary.
- The board approved service on the chair lift.
- Approval was granted to start planning next year's church wide VBS program with next year's date of Sunday July 25 through Thursday July 29th with evening times.
- Messy Church was awarded \$2500 grant through the district. This grant will be used for programs and supplies.

Community and Cooperative

Messy Church

Be on the lookout for more information for our next Messy Church time.



Cooperative Parish News

Save The Dates
Welcome Pastor David and family

Sunday July 12 – Loudonville will welcome Pastor David Miller and his family with a lunch right after church.

Sunday July 19 - Perrysville and Bigelow will welcome Pastor David.

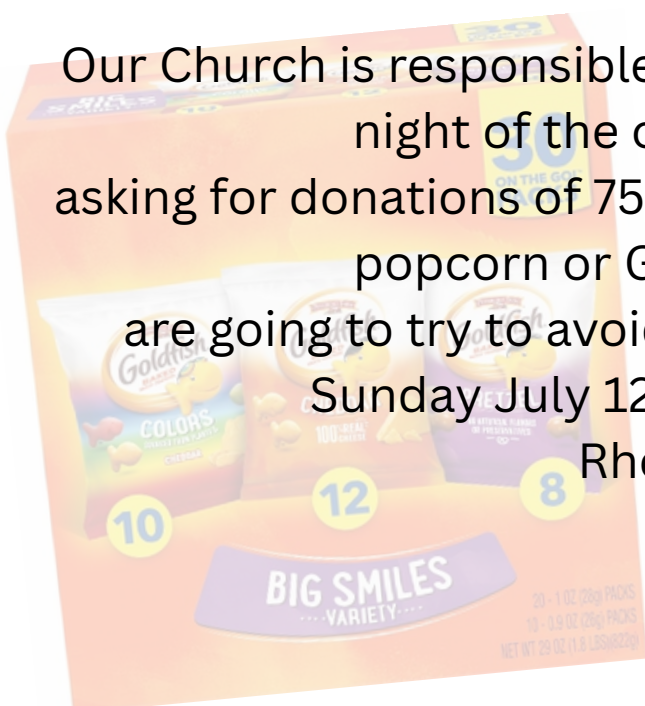
Community and Cooperative

Loudonville Community VBS July 13-15, 6-8:30pm

Community VBS is July 13-15 at Zion Lutheran Church from 6-8:30pm. "Ready for Launch!" Galaxy VBS is here! For more information call Trinity Community Church at 419-994-4649. The mission project this year is collecting items for the Birthday Cake kits for the Birthday Cupboard. Cake mixes, Frosting tubs, candles, and aluminum pans with lids.

VBS Snack Donations Needed

Our Church is responsible for providing snacks for Monday night of the community VBS. I am asking for donations of 75 prepackaged snacks like pretzels, popcorn or Goldfish crackers. We are going to try to avoid potato chips. I need these by Sunday July 12. Thanks for your help,
Rhonda Close





OHIO EPISCOPAL AREA

East & West Ohio Conferences

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“See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness

and streams in the wasteland.”

Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

2026 OHIO VISION STATEMENT

In 2026, the Ohio Episcopal Area moves forward in collaboration, discipleship, multiplication, leadership development, and global mission – building a unified, Spirit-led movement rooted in abundance, trust, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves to prayer, partnership, and courageous action as we form “One Ohio” for the sake of God’s mission in the world.

FIVE STRATEGIC PILLARS

PILLAR 1: BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Our Ohio Area must continue healing from past divisions while living into a renewed missional identity. In 2026, we will proceed in building relationships, fostering trust, and strengthening local and global mission partnerships.

PILLAR 2: SHARED MISSION

In 2026, we commit to living into a unified identity – East and West – becoming “One Ohio” in spirit, purpose, mission, and prayer.

PILLAR 3: DISCIPLESHIP

In 2026, we will deepen discipleship across the Ohio Episcopal Area. SEED (Seek, Engage, Equip, Deploy) is a shared, Wesleyan framework for forming disciples who follow Jesus Christ in daily life and join God’s mission in the world. SEED is rooted in our baptismal identity and the priesthood of all believers. SEED affirms that every disciple is called into ministry. It is not a program to be added; SEED is a common discipleship language that shapes how congregations listen, learn, lead, and serve.

PILLAR 4: MULTIPLICATION

In forming 100 new faith communities by 2030, we will live out a movement rooted in the theology of abundance. We reaffirm our commitment to a culture of real discipleship: planting, multiplying, and nurturing new communities of faith for all people – from emerging house-churches to multiethnic ministries and digital expressions.

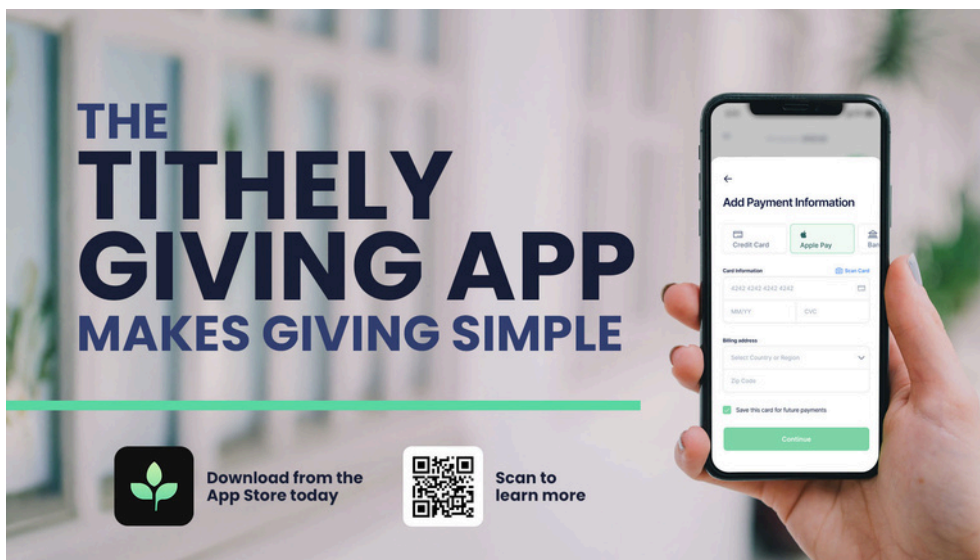
PILLAR 5: EMERGING LEADERS

A renewed, Spirit-filled church requires bold investment in youth, young adults, next-generation clergy, and equipped lay leadership. In 2026, we will deepen our commitment to mentoring, leadership pipelines, campus ministry, and equipping laity.



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.



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

07/07 Loudonville Community Meal, 5pm

07/11 Lakeville UMC Food Pantry, 9am

07/13-15 Community VBS at Zion Lutheran 6-8:30pm

07/14 Perrysville UMC Meal, 5pm

07/20 Loudonville Governance Board Meeting,
6:30pm

07/21 Loudonville Community Meal, 5pm

07/25 Lakeville UMC Food Pantry, 9am

08/01 Second Sprout Consignment Sale

Loudonville Church Family

July Celebrations

Anniversaries

07/12 STEVE & ROBIN Hughes
07/14 Brad & HEATHER Carr
07/16 Craig & ANNA Inscho
07/19 James & JUDY Sabo
07/20 JOEY & CHERYL Raines
07/27 MATTHEW & MARRISA Burd
07/30 KEITH & Kaitlin Lemke

Birthdays

07/01 MATTHEW Burd
07/03 RON Pratt
07/03 CHIP Pollard III
07/04 ROBIN Hughes
07/06 JOHN Ullman
07/08 KYLE Nickles
07/13 RICK Pace
07/13 Lailen Armstrong
07/13 Christine Thompson

Birthdays - continued

07/15 SALLY Truax
07/15 Caroline Thompson
07/18 DAN Speck
07/20 KATHY Cates
07/20 Regina Lamachy
07/23 Robert Close
07/24 CLARA Donley
07/26 BILL Raines II
07/26 MATT Armstrong
07/27 JOYCE Chipner
07/30 Clayton Burd

Serving in Worship

Liturgists

07/05 Youth

07/12 Barb Burd (Pastor David's First Sunday)

07/19 Cindy Maxwell

07/26 Kelly Fetzer

Greeters

07/05 Youth

07/12 Jackie and Dave

07/19 Karen and Ken

07/26 Tammy and Sandy