

THE CHURCH WINDOW

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



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2026

By Rev. David Miller



Hello Everyone! I attended the Global Leadership Summit back on August 6th and 7th. It was a leadership conference where you get to sit and learn from wonderful leaders and other people around the world. It gives you leadership ideas and how you can be a better leader. I loved hearing stories from the presenters and thinking how I can take the information and use it in my ministry and leadership of the Mohican Cooperative Parish.

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One of the things that was talked about was having a holiday tech time in your life. They suggested not using your cell phone in the first hour of being awake and not using it the hour before you go to bed. They even suggested about trying to take more time away from the technology. Since that suggestion I personally have started (or trying) to do this. I must admit it does seem to be helping on sleep and helping get around in the morning.

Sometimes we seem to get glued to our phones and the technology that is around us. There is nothing wrong with technology. We can use it to benefit us; but, sometimes we may just get too addicted to it and forget how to talk with someone or forget how to be a person because we are on the technology all the time.

I remember a couple churches back when they had a ministry for teens after the home football games there was a table of girls sitting around and they were not talking with each other. I went over to talk to them and then found out that they were not talking physically but they were talking through their texting capabilities on their phone. They were doing it with the girls that were sitting right next to them. We seem to be losing the ability to talk to other people without the use of technology. We seem to have lost the ability to talk to others and understand the nonverbal cues and inflections of the voice that can mean so much.

So I challenge you this month to see if you can find a time where you are not using technology to pray, be with family, or just go off the grid for a while. As you do this you may find that it is liberating and helping you to be a better disciple of Jesus Christ. There is nothing wrong with technology but let us try to find a way to not be so addicted to it that we can't find time for other things.

Your Pastor and friend,

David Miller

Cooperative Parish Future Dates

September 29 at 6:30 PM is the SPRC Consultation at
Doylestown UMC

Charge Conference for Mohican Parish is November 4
at 10 AM at Creston Cannan UMC.

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Fairview Ladies Lunch

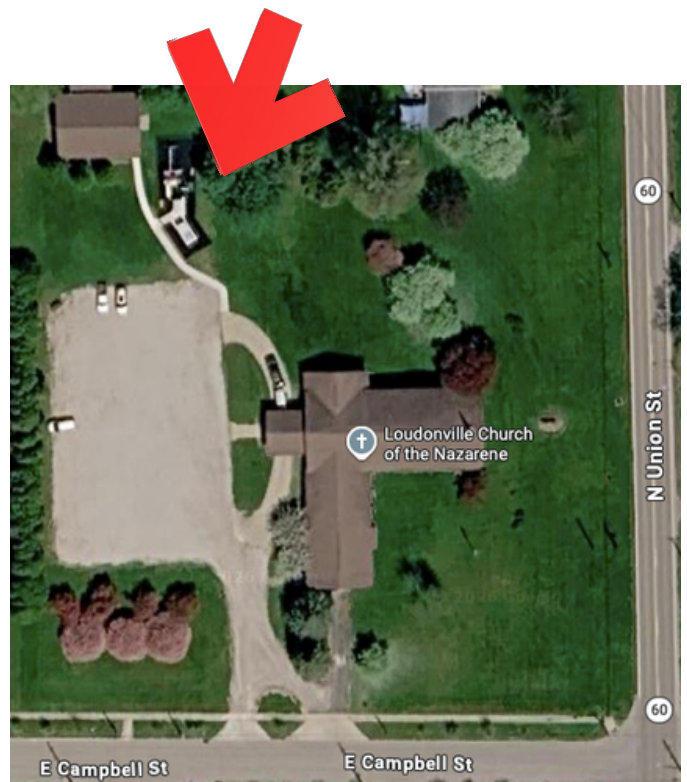
*Ladies are invited to join Fairview
for their monthly Ladies Lunch.
Next one is Friday, September 18 at
Noon. Contact Jane Benson to
RSVP 330-464-4318
Location: Pine Tree Barn
4374 Shreve Rd, Wooster*



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,
September 27 from 3-5pm
at the Peter's Train Park at
Loudonville Church of the
Nazarene. Corner of N.
Union and E. Campbell St.
Enjoy games, crafts, songs,
conversations and a picnic
dinner!



Find us on Facebook: Messy Church: Loudonville OH

Upcoming Events

09/01 Loudonville Community Meal, 5pm

09/08 Perrysville UMC Meal, 5pm

09/12 Lakeville UMC Food Pantry, 9am

09/13 Perrysville Carnival

09/14 Loudonville Governance Board Meeting,
6:30pm

09/15 Loudonville Community Meal, 5pm

09/18 Fairview Ladies Lunch, 11am

09/26 Lakeville UMC Food Pantry, 9am

09/27 Messy Church, Peter's Train Park, 3pm

09/29 Loudonville Community Meal, 5pm

09/29 SPR Consultation

East Ohio Conference News

Charge Conferences will be held on Saturday, November 7

- West Side of Central Valley - held at Creston Canaan UMC, 166 South Main Street, Creston 44217 at 10:00 a.m.

The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. All members of the charge conference must be members of the local church. The charge conference must meet at least once per year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry. The paperwork is completed by our Governance Board and Staff/Parish Relations Committee, but everyone is welcome to chime in and come to the Charge Conference to approve the paperwork.

Do You Want to Serve at General Conference?

General Conference will meet May 8-16, 2028, in Minneapolis, with 708 laity and clergy from around the world gathering to discern and make decisions on behalf of The United Methodist Church. Our East Ohio Annual Conference will provide 6 of these delegates to the General Conference (3 lay, 3 clergy) and an additional 6 delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference (3 lay, 3 clergy). All clergy members in full connection are eligible to be elected as delegates. Lay delegates will be elected from a pool of candidates nominated during charge conference meetings this year. Please refer to this [document](#) as you prayerfully consider laypersons to nominate during this year's charge conference meetings.

East Ohio Conference News

Lakeside Chautauqua Christian Music Festival – September 12-13

Lift your voice and celebrate your faith. The two-day Praise by the Lake festival at Lakeside Chautauqua features nationally acclaimed artists Katy Nichole, David Leonard, Chris Byrd and Jabari Johnson for a weekend centered on worship, connection and community.

Guests may also enjoy a variety of free activities that do not require a Praise by the Lake ticket or a Season Chautauqua Pass, including: a movie in Orchestra Hall, the splash park and beach, playgrounds, and pickleball, tennis, shuffleboard, basketball, sand volleyball and gaga ball – and more.

[View the schedule of events and reserve a Praise by the Lake ticket.](#)

Project Feed: Saturday, November 8 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at First UMC in Kent

Come and join us for Project Feed! Together the youth of Ohio will pack meals for families experiencing food insecurity. This is a great chance for youth to serve together in a one-day mission project. You will meet other youth groups from around Ohio while we help make the world a little better, one meal at a time. Our time will be filled with music, laughter, and the occasional shenanigan. There will be no shirts for sale this year. Be sure to register in advance because space is limited. The cost for the event is \$10 for youth grades 5-12 and the registration deadline is November 4. There is no cost for adult leaders.

[Register on the Events Registration page of the EOC website.](#)

East Ohio Conference News

Conference Youth Collective

Attention youth and youth group leaders: This fall, we are launching a new initiative, the Conference Youth Collective (CYC), a localized discipleship-to-leadership pathway designed to help pre-teens and teens grow in faith, discover their gifts and become leaders in their churches and communities

[Learn more about the Conference Youth Collective.](#)

[Complete the CYC interest form for your youth group.](#)

New Leadership Responsibilities Announced

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung has announced expanded roles for two Ohio Episcopal Area executive staff members to better equip and resource local church leadership for ministry in their communities.

Effective September 1:

- Rev. Karen Cook will serve as executive director of Connectional Ministries for both the East Ohio and West Ohio Conferences. She currently directs the Connectional Ministries Office of the West Ohio Conference.
- Rev. Ed Fashbaugh will serve as executive director of the new Office of Leadership Wellness and Renewal, serving both Conferences. He currently is East Ohio Conference executive director of Connectional

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Early Response Team Training – September 16 or October 10

The eight-hour basic UMCOR Early Response Team (ERT) training teaches how to assist survivors of natural disasters in their time of need is being offered Wednesday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at New Concord UMC and Saturday, October 10 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at North Broadway UMC in Columbus. At either training you will learn how to provide a Christian presence while taking steps to prevent further damage to the family's personal property; this may include tarping, debris removal, cleaning out flooded homes and more. FEMA recognizes this training to enter a disaster scene.

Register for either training on the Events Registration page of the EOC website.



OHIO EPISCOPAL AREA

East & West Ohio Conferences

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"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.



Perryville United Methodist Church

139 E. First Street, Perryville, Ohio 44864

Benefit Community Meal

By Donation

All proceeds will benefit the

L-P Music Boosters

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

5 pm to 6:30 pm

Invite your friends and family and join us for a delicious meal of
**Chili & Chicken Soups, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches,
& Cake for Dessert!!**

Come Fellowship with Us !!!

PERRYSVILLE
ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES

Presents the

12TH
ANNUAL

CARNIVAL



- GAMES
- SAND ART
- FACE PAINT
- POPCORN
- SNOWCONES
- BIKES FOR KIDS
- PRIZES
- BALLOON ARTIST

Worship: 11am

25 TICKETS FOR ATTENDING WORSHIP SERVICE

Potluck: 12pm

Carnival: 1pm - 3pm

LOCATED AT:
**WELTMER
PARK**





Loudonville UMC

Loudonville, Ohio

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COMMUNION STEWARDS

We will be returning to going to the rail for our Communion time and will need a few volunteers to help with being Communion Stewards (set up the communion and prepare). If you are interested in helping please let the Church office know.

Coffee Hour

Please sign up to bring some Coffee Hour snacks for everyone to share.
The sign up list is in the overflow area.



News from Your Community Meal Team

Upcoming Community Meals:

September 01: Baked Chicken with sauce, Rice, Vegetable, Dessert

September 15: Pulled Pork meal

September 29: Soup

Note: October 06 there will not be a meal due to the Fair.

(Meals are subject to change, based on donations)

Donations for Kitchen Fund

Your Meal Team is considering adding to our New Church Roof Fund instead of Kitchen Fund until the church roof replacement is complete. Just so you have an idea how much that could be, we put \$879.81 toward the Kitchen Fund in the first half of 2026. If you have thoughts about this plan, please reach out to a Meal Team or Governance Board member.

Governance Board

August 2026



Loudonville UMC

Loudonville, Ohio

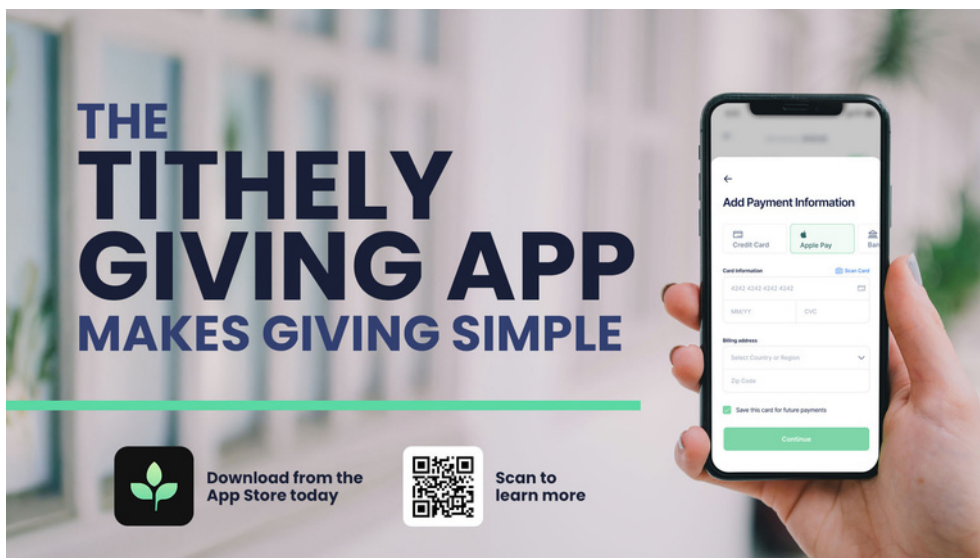
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- Please volunteer to help plan our fund raising for the new roof needed in the next few years. The board already has people researching grants and had these suggestions from the board meeting: publish a recipe booklet, silent auction, rummage sale, families donating bundles of shingles or packages of tin whichever roof the church decides to go with. Call the church office or let a board member know if you are interested.
- Bee Hive Construction has completed several projects at the church and starting on the bathroom off of the sanctuary. (Tower rubber baffle, flashing, and rope completed. Large stained glass window needed caulking and wood sill replaced completed). Getting a quote on cracked window on upstairs landing.
- 2nd Sprouts was a big success. Please mark your calendar for next year to help with set up.
- Please volunteer to be on the Governance Board next year. There are three spots needed to be filled and one SPRC
- At the parsonage, gas fixes have been completed, old air conditioners have been removed, the dead large tree in the front will soon be removed and the water leak in the basement seemed to be fixed. The culvert at the road that needs cleaning out will be addressed by the township's trustee.



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.

Loudonville

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
09/20 BECKY Lance
09/20 JORDAN Lance
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

09/06 Barb Burd
09/13 Ted Daniels
09/20 Cindy Maxwell
09/27 Kelly Fetzer

Greeters

9/06 Tammy and Sandy
9/13 Nila and Patty
9/20 Jim and Sharon
9/27 Gene and Gail

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