



# Loudonville UMC

Loudonville, Ohio

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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office hours:  
Mon-Thu 9am-12pm

**Our Mission:** *Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by reaching the unbeliever for Christ, discipling the believer in Christ, and preparing God's people to serve in the name of Christ.*

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## Sunday, September 17, 2023, 10:30am

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### Order of Worship

Prelude	Jessica Wagner
Announcements	Walt Burd
Prayer of Thanksgiving	Carolyn Toms
Doxology	#95
Call to Worship	Walt Burd

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.**

*"Greeting 385" from Psalm 96:7b; Revelation 5:13b, UMH, in The United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 383, Nashville, TN: The United Methodist Publishing House, 1992.*

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<b>Music</b>	<i>God, How Can We Forgive</i>	FWS#2169 Jessica Wagner
<b>Time of Praise and Prayer</b>		Carolyn Toms
<b>Sharing of Joys and Concerns</b>		
<b>Prayers of the People</b>		
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Choir Anthem</b>	<i>Jesus is Lord</i>	Jessica Wagner
<b>Children's Message</b>		Carolyn Toms
<b>Scripture Reading</b>		Carolyn Toms
<b>The Message</b>		Carolyn Toms
<b>Music</b>	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	#89 Jessica Wagner
<b>Benediction</b>		Carolyn Toms
<b>Postlude</b>		Jessica Wagner

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## Prayer Concerns

Meggin Kraft—Carol Speck's granddaughter	Rev. Charles Titko—David Titko's brother
Mary Warbel—Mike and Sally's daughter	Megan – Emma Whitaker's nephew's wife
Ricky Zellner—Carol Bordner's grandson	Kiera—Florence Lowe's granddaughter
Eileen Lowe—Sandy Esto's friend	Mike Kassinger—Pam's husband
Tim Ray	Kristi Ray
Ned Burgess	Ed Weltmer
Sandy Close	Jim Jones—Carol Speck's son
Carol Baker	Dan and Carol Speck
Pam Swain	Florence Lowe
Carol Bordner	Brian – from Carol Speck
Ruth Watson – Nila's friend	Mike – Nila's Son in law
Gail Hunter	Sandy Kline
Lynn Kassinger and the O'Leary family	

**Please let the church office know of updates to the prayer list. We are thankful for God's answer to prayer and help in troubled times.**

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## Serving in Worship This Week

**Speaker:** Carolyn Toms

**Greeter:** Gene Heller

**Liturgist:** Walt Burd

**Acolyte:** Henry Thompson

**Choir Director:** Barb Burd

**Sound Tech:** Steve Hughes

**Accompanist:** Jessica Wagner

**Flower Wreaths:** Sharon Ray

## By the Numbers

Last Week's Attendance		Average Attendance*	
Worship	62	Worship	55
Nursery Sunday School	4	Nursery Sunday School	3
Elementary Sunday School	5	Elementary Sunday School	5
Online	71	Online	100

\*Average Attendance is reported from 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024.

### Last Week's Giving

\$2,558 towards budgets

### Average Weekly Budget

Weekly budget: \$3,100

## This Month's Sponsors

**Altar Arrangements Sponsor:** September's altar arrangements are provided by the Oswald family.

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** September's radio broadcasts are sponsored by the Oswald family in honor of their mother/grandmother.

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# Announcements September 17, 2023

## Community Fun Day

LUMC is joining together with area churches to provide a free time of food and fun for you and your family. On Saturday, October 21 from 11am-2pm at the Loudonville Nazarene Church (corner of N. Union and E. Campbell Streets). It is free to everyone in the community. Bring your kids to enjoy kids make & take crafts, hayrides, bounce houses, hotdogs, hamburgers, yard games and more.

## Operation Christmas Child Year-Round Shoebox Collection

Items for September are: Clothing: shop the clearance summer clothes sales for solid color shorts, and t-shirts or simple dresses. Thank you for your continued support.

## Helping Hand Needs:

This week's needs for Helping Hand are: Cereal, Spaghetti noodles, Corn muffin mix, Cake frosting, Dish soap. Thank you for supporting our community.

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# On the Calendar

## Events This Week

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|------------------------------|---|
| 09/18 Community Meal,<br>5pm | 09/23 Lakeville UMC Food<br>Pantry, 9am   |
| 09/20 Tai Chi, 5pm           | 09/24 Children's Sunday<br>School, 9:45am |
| 09/20 Choir Practice, 7pm    | 09/24 Coffee Time, 10am                   |
| 09/21 Private Event, 8am     | 09/24 Worship, 10:30am                    |
| 09/22 Bikes for Kids, 7am    |   |

## This Week's Celebrations

### Anniversaries

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 09/17 Thomas & RUTH<br>Kauffman | 09/24 JOHN & JOAN<br>Johnston   |
| 09/18 JOHN & JOYCE<br>Chipner   | 09/24 DARREL &<br>DEBORAH Scott |
| 09/19 RUSS & LYNN<br>Smith      |                                 |
| 09/23 Adam & EMMA<br>Harper     |                                 |

### Birthdays

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| 09/18 DYLAN Bender   |
| 09/22 Mike Kassinger |
| 09/22 ERIC Nickles   |

If we missed your day, we also want to recognize you.  
Please let the church office know to be added to the database.  
(Note: Names in ALL CAPS denote church members.)



## *"Mission Possible" Update*

The results of our "Mission Possible" Stewardship/Generosity Campaign have been tallied.

During the campaign, we have been saying that we needed to average \$3,100 in weekly giving to meet our ministry expenses but had been averaging only \$2,600 -- a \$500 weekly shortfall.

I am pleased to announce that due to your generosity, increased pledges from current giving units and five new giving units averaged out to \$495 weekly. Mission accomplished from that perspective! It's a reason to celebrate.

The total amount pledged for the campaign covering the next 16 months was \$154,435 in weekly/monthly giving and one-time gifts. That averages out to about \$2,200 in weekly pledged giving.

One big caveat in our cautious optimism is that while our total financial needs haven't been met in pledged commitments, a significant number of current giving units did not make pledges. It's our hope and prayer their giving will continue at similar levels. If that is the case, we should

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be in decent shape. Offerings over the past month have been encouraging.

Given the campaign results and recent offerings, the Governance Board decided at its Monday meeting to continue monitoring finances over the next two months before taking any other actions that might be necessary to balance our 2024 ministry budget. This will also allow time to gather more information on what expenses will be increasing in the coming year.

Our church has proven over and over that it is a giving congregation when a need is expressed. It has shown that again in supporting the budget infrastructure necessary to continue spreading the Good News of Jesus in the Loudonville community.

A huge thank you to everyone who makes this possible. And if you haven't yet made a commitment or pledge and want to, it's not too late. Pledge cards are at the welcome center.

Ted Daniels

Stewardship Chair

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