

Crosswinds

Church of the Cross



April 2024

Dear COTC,

As we move from Lent, we enter a season referred to as “Ordinary” season. This is a time when we don’t have a specific holiday in the Christian calendar. I will speak more about Ordinary season during the June/July article, but this month I want to invite us to think about Kingdomtide.

Kingdomtide is a traditional season that we no longer follow but would come right after Lent. Its color was represented by blue/light blue. It was a time when we were called to focus on God’s kingdom on earth. We, as Methodists and Christians, don’t really celebrate Kingdomtide anymore. It became too much for people following Lent and Easter. However, the value it tried to call us to is still worth reflecting on.

We know that we are called by God to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of this world. We are called to help heal this world and move it towards God’s kingdom on earth. We do so by making disciples through relationships with our neighbors. We nurture and build these relationships as we share the gospel in word and deed, to make disciples of Jesus Christ in the local church and in various missions and ministries. Kingdomtide was a call to focus on our work for growing God’s kingdom.

Lent is a season of inward growth when we work on building our relationship with God. We focus on loving Christ and growing as a family of faith. In this season we are called to pray, reflect, and nurture our spirit. Kingdomtide is a season where we are called to share Christ with the world. We are called to branch out to our neighbors in love and service. In this season, we are called to help grow God’s kingdom on earth.

If Lent focuses on “Loving God with all our strength, all our hearts, and all our minds,” then Kingdomtide focuses on “Loving our neighbor as ourselves.” As we transition from Lent, we remember the season, the colors, and the candles don’t matter at all compared to these commands. If we are to truly be Christians, we must be doing both. We must be loving the Lord our God, and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Let us remember Lent and Kingdomtide as a way to remember our call from the Lord.

Pastor James

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

May articles need to be submitted by April 21

ALL submissions need to be emailed to

cotcumc@gmail.com

Please assist the editor by e-mailing your information (or ask a friend/spouse to assist you.) Thank You



April 7

Division from the Beginning

Acts 9:26-31

Acts 21:27-36

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April 14

United in Christ

Romans 1:8-17

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

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April 21

Paul's Hope for the Future

Philippians 1:3-11

Philippians 1:18-30

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April 28

An Old Hope— A New Hope

Revelation 7:9-17

Revelation 21:1-8



**Birthdays
This Month**

APRIL

- 1 Jean Gagner
- 4 Mike Sahw
- 5 Beverly Shaw
- 6 Sally Turpin
- 7 Jean Hannen
- 10 Ron Borton
- 11 Lauren Stalnaker
- 15 Steve Carpenter
Amy Jolliff
- 19 Robert Denning
- 21 Elaine Arzt
- 24 Patti Johnson



Thank you to everyone for the wonderful birthday surprise. To say I was blown away pretty much describes it. I thank you all who thought enough to attend the surprise on March 10, for all the people that helped Heidi and Daryl pull it off and for all of the wonderful birthday cards and wishes. It is a blessing to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation. May God bless you all.

Connie Shallenberger

We are grateful to Dawn Fagert for the roaster she recently donated to the church kitchen. This will be put to much use.

Thank you, Dawn.

We are so thankful to those who have served and given their time and donations to our food mission projects. Thank you especially to Randy and Linda Dye, Debbie Huttie, Shelly Spade, Barb Mekoleske, and Mary Ann Schrock for your giving hearts.



- Covenant April 2 7PM
- Trustees April 9 7PM
- One Board April 16 7PM

International

TMS Global

CAMO

Local

People to People

The Salvation Army

Pregnancy Care Center

CCHO

Wayne United Chaplains



Pray for Missions

Mission/Service

Important Dates for COTC meetings Spring of 2024

Heating Cooling-

These meetings will review the same information that review different options for heating/cooling (replacing the boilers). The Trustees are working to get quotes to have a recommendation. (Note: Quotes are normally only good for 30 days right now, so they will be a little off from what we pay.)

- **April 14 (Sunday) after Church**
- **April 18 (Thursday) 7pm**

Current Struggles- (building, trustees, usage)

These meetings will review our current struggle as Church of the Cross. As we go to make a 30 year investment, we will be discussing what the next 30 years looks like.

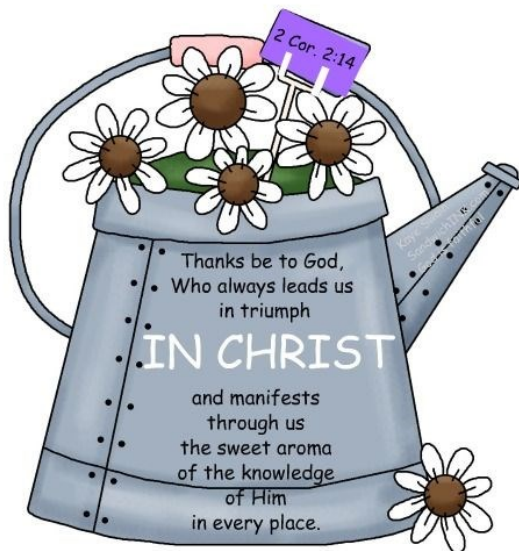
- **April 21 (Sunday) after Church**
- **April 25 (Thursday) 7pm**

Vote

After church we will have a 15-minute presentation, pass out the ballot, and allow for questions and answers. We will then vote.

Voting will be done by a paper ballot and counted by 3 people.

- **Sunday May 19 after Church**



As we move from Lent, and begin looking at the book of Acts and Paul's epistles, we are reminded of two key practices in our faith. We are called to love the Lord our God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lent is a time where we focus on our relationship with God, how we are growing in our faith journey, how we are a family of faith, and how we are loving Christ. We see in Acts and Paul's letters this is the core that supports our faith journey, but we are also called to go out into the world. We saw Jesus call the apostles out to the world in their faith. But in Acts and the letters, we see the apostles live out that call.

We have spent the past several months in these Back to the Basics articles discussing different elements of worship and why we practice them. Worship is an important part of being a church. Worship is one of, and for some, the key way that they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Worship is part of how we love the Lord our God, but it cannot be the only thing we do as a church. We see God calls us to just more than worship. If we wish to truly be the church, we must worship and live out our love for our neighbors. Our missions, how we serve Christ, how we bear fruit in the Holy Spirit, is also necessary for us to be a full church.

After Jesus had taught, and the crowd had worshiped, the crowd was hungry. The disciples turned to Jesus and told him to send the crowd away. Jesus responded with "No, you feed them. (Mark 6: 30-44)." We see in this scripture that Jesus does not stop at teaching and worship. Jesus calls the disciples to more. Jesus calls them to live out their faith and to serve the people in need. We are called to worship the Lord our God, and the previous articles have discussed how we worship. However, we can never lose sight that we are also called to mission and service.

Missions and service are the acts we do, the real and tangible works we do in the world, that help share the love of God. These acts can be a Hygiene Closet, Food, Fun, and Fellowship, People to People, or a Thanksgiving meal and turkey bags. Mission and service are how we love our neighbors as ourselves. No human can see into another's heart. No other human being can know if you're a Christian by words alone. It is in these outwards signs; these works to care for our neighbors that we reveal we are a Christian. It is through mission and service that we proclaim the gospel and share God's love.

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MISSION HIGHLIGHT

Wayne United Chaplain Ministries

The Wayne United Chaplain Ministries (WUCM) has been serving our county for almost 50 years. Established in 1975, WUCM's goal was to provide religious support for the jail, hospitals, and the college campuses. A faith-based ministry, supported by area churches and individuals, WUCM provides emotional and spiritual support to jail inmates and to those facing crisis pregnancy decisions. Hospital chaplains are no longer funded through WUCM.

Chaplain Phil Klinefelter directs the Men of Honor Program, a support program of the Pregnancy Care Center. This program helps strengthen families and especially focuses on the important role of the father. Chaplain Klinefelter served for over 30 years as Assistant Chaplain at the county jail under Rev. Lee Anderson's chaplaincy. Following Anderson's retirement, Klinefelter served a short time as full-time chaplain. David Greer and Ken Hawkins followed and currently Rhonda Greer, David Greer's widow, is the jail chaplain. She oversees the spiritual needs of both inmates and correction officers. Since 1983, Phil Klinefelter and Russ Yoder have led a church service in the jail every third Sunday. As a result of a long-standing relationship Chaplain Klinefelter has fostered with the judicial system, he has had the opportunity to accompany inmates to family funerals and hospital visits. On one occasion he had the joy of picking up from the jail a soon to be father and allow him the privilege of sharing in the labor and delivery of his daughter. Two hours after the birth, Phil accompanied him back to the jail. Phil says, "As I work with what I refer to as the marginalized community of Wayne County, I'm frequently reminded of how patient God is with me and how He continues to draw me to worship and serve Him."

The WUCM board is comprised of nine men and women volunteers. Ron Borton leads the governing board in the role as president. As WUCM is a mission our church supports, we are grateful for Ron's leadership and his compassion as an extension of our church to help meet the needs of individuals in diverse circumstances.

Mission/ Service cont.

As a church, we must be doing missions and service. We know that people have times in their lives that they need a Sabbath or time to heal. We can choose one mission and do that well. We don't have to be doing 15 missions. We can rotate who in the church is assisting with the mission each month, or even each year. We can live out the mission in so many ways. But we as a congregation, if we wish to truly be a church that is following Jesus Christ, must always be doing missions and services. We must always love our neighbors as ourselves. We must always be living out the gospel as a church.

SPRC Update

As we turned the calendar to 2024 in January, the church had a transition in the leadership of the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Deb Carroll passed the baton to Randy and Linda Dye.

In February eight people participated in an AED/CPR training held at the church and instructed by Pam Gerber and Beth Lea. Currently there is discussion regarding moving the AED equipment to a more central location in the church.

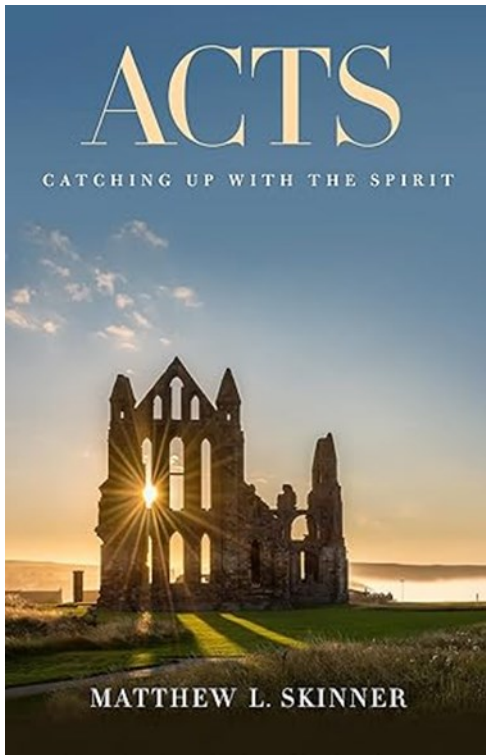
Are you looking for a way to serve and haven't found your niche yet? We are in need of someone to take the responsibility for the outdoor sign. This would include changing the message as needed. If you are interested or you have any questions or concerns, please contact Randy and/or Linda.



Saturday, April 13

9 AM—2 PM

**Bake Sale Items
and Breakfast/ Lunch
food for purchase**



Acts study begins

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 PM

Study books are available at the
table in the foyer \$13

Covenant Corner



Sunday, April 7 Blanket Sunday

Donate \$10 toward a CWS Blanket to give the warmth
of God's love to those in need

Upcoming Mission Projects for 2024

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| June | Christian Children's Home of Ohio Collection
Items: 24 pkg of colored pencils, Elmer's glue sticks, scissors, sidewalk chalk
crochet hooks, dry erase markers, play dough, jump ropes |
| August | CAMO Dental Supplies |
| Sept/ Nov | Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes |
| December | Homeless Bags
Items: soap, washcloth, wipes, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, socks,
gloves, hats, scarves |

We are letting you know what mission projects we will be participating in this year. As you see items in the stores, you can purchase things ahead of time. The Covenant Team decides which mission projects that we will do each year.

Update from the One Board

Spring has arrived and the trustees are busy getting bids for a new boiler system. An informative meeting on this issue will be held on Sunday, April 14 following worship as well as Thursday, April 18 at 7 PM. The congregation is encouraged to attend one of these meetings.

The church had a good representation at the "Listening Post" held on March 20 at the Wooster UMC. Both District Superintendents, Rev. Edgar Brady and Rev. Cara Stultz Costello facilitated the evening's meeting.

They clarified the new Central Valley District's boundaries and contacts. Much of the time was spent discussing the community's needs and assets as well as the role the church has in meeting those needs.

Churches were encouraged to apply for ministry grants as the conference has funds available. Interest can be sent to the conference headquarters in North Canton.

Thank you to Pastor James, Ron Borton, Larry Ouwekerk and Jack and Deb Carroll for attending and representing the church.

Please pray for our Shut-ins. These are mailing addresses...

Lucy Darling

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Maxine Shelley

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Corlene Snyder

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January– February 2024 Finances at a Glance

Account	General	Trustee Capt	Mission	Memorial	Estate
Jan. 24					
Beginning Fund Balance	88,895.38	778.16	13,378.94	2,981.21	213,470.24
Other Fund Balance	0	0	0	0	0
Net Income/Loss	-3,427.91	0.00	-8,188.67	0	329.89
Ending Balance	85,467.47	778.16	5,190.27	2,981.21	213,800.13
Feb. 24					
Beginning Fund Balance	85,467.47	778.16	5,190.27	2,981.21	213,800.13
Other Fund Balance	9,000	0	0	0	0
Net Income/Loss	-2,262.72	0	-238.67	0	289.73
Ending Balance	92,204.75	778.16	4,951.60	2,981.21	214,089.86

A Musical Thought

Have you ever heard a certain tune, but the words don't seem familiar? Do the words look familiar but you think, "That's not the tune I've sung before." True, that can happen when a familiar tune is used to make new words easier to sing, or a different range of notes makes it more singable. Sometimes a different "mood" of music is wanted; more joyful or contemplative.

You can look at your hymnal, "*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*", on page 304. At the bottom right hand corner there is a tune name of Regent Square and under it 87.87.87. Go to the back of the hymnal between pages 931-934 to the section called "Index of Tune Names." Look for the tune name "Regent Square" and you'll see two different page numbers. (page 220, "*Angels from the Realms of Glory*" and "*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*." Although one is a Christmas hymn and the other an Easter text, both are joyful and played about the same tempo.

What happens when a new hymn is found, but the tune just is difficult to sing or play? That's when the numbers that were listed under "tune name" comes in handy. 87.87.87. was listed under "Regent Square". Go to the back of the hymnal pages 926-931 and you'll find the section "The Material Index". When you count the syllables of the text till a period, thought, or other punctuation mark, will be the first number.

EAS-TER PEO-PL E, RAISE YOUR VOIC-ES

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

SOUNDS OF HEAVEN IN EARTH SHOULD RING

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

The next phrase will have 8, next one 7, next one 8, and the final one 7. This equals the first verse of this hymn (87.87.87.)

The next 2 verses will do the same.

All that to say, there are choices as to the tune and words that can be used to help create a different theme and mood of a particular hymn. If you are more confused than helped, please see me.

And now you know a little more about the many uses of the hymnal.

Thanks!

Janet



VBS just 2 months away!
How can you serve?

AREA UMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2024
OLYMPIC GAMES:
RUN FOR THE CROWN
1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday-Saturday | June 7-8
Friday: 6-8:30p includes dinner
Saturday: 10a-3p includes lunch

Smithville United Methodist Church
243 N. Milton St.
Smithville, OH | (330) 669-2371

Use this link
to register:

VBS REGISTRATION



CAMO RECAP – 2024

The trip began when we arrived at Cleveland Airport at 3:00 a.m. on March 2. The flight to Houston was on time and our connecting flight to San Pedro Sula also arrived on time. Three and half hours later, or about 1:00 p.m. Honduras time, we arrived in Honduras. The temperature was a humid 85 degrees. We made it through customs in good time, claimed our bags and boarded the bus to Santa Rosa de Copan. This trip is usually about 3 ½ hours, but because of road construction and the high volume of traffic we arrived 6 ½ hours later or about 8:00 p.m. What a ride! Only 2 people got car sick. The part of the roads not under construction are at best sometimes nearly impassible but God was good and we made it!

The teams were introduced and plans for the week reviewed. Sunday, we went to the warehouse, got supplies and organized to begin our dental week. Our counterpart, Dr. Gazella Lopez worked with us to ensure everything was in order. That done, I now located the scrubs and green utility gloves I had sent ahead for the ladies at the hospital laundry. With those items on a cart we headed to the hospital. Upon our arrival at the laundry they saw us approaching and started to cheer. It is so exciting to be reunited with them each year and be able to bless them. One of the ladies, working at the sewing machine, had broken her glasses so my friend Loretta relinquished her extra reading glasses. Such a small thing!

Monday – Friday each day we departed the hotel for a school 1-2 hours away. Before we were barely out of the van the children ran for hugs and hugs!! It was then time to set up the clinic, access patients, give anesthetic and begin. I remarked to Dr. Jennifer Orellana how great she was with the children who were receiving extractions. She told me of her plans to further her education to be a Pediatric Dentist. God Bless her! A side note: (Dr. Springer, the US doctor that I assisted was 6'7". We were quite an odd couple!) Week 2 – We were assigned to the Daycare/Kindergarten. Raina, the teacher of 22 five- and six-year-olds, was most happy to have our assistance. Sometimes we called it controlled chaos. Our HS bilingual student was a blessing to assist with the language barrier. The children were so lovable and huggable and a high five to indicate good job or nice work is universal language.

Your generosity and prayers were overwhelming as this is the breakdown of blessings:

\$1,000 – **Nutritionist**, Bianca will be purchasing supplements, vitamins, plumpy nut (peanut based paste), soybean meal/corn flour infused with vitamins and minerals, Incaparina (high in calories) to mix with water or milk. "To fight malnutrition is to fight poverty which is rampant". Diets lack meat, vegetables, fruit, and protein and consist of mainly starch, beans, and tortillas.

\$600 – **Medical Resources** – Provides funds for blood tests, x-rays, medicine etc. for those lacking resources

\$100 – **School Supplies** for the Kindergarten teacher

\$100 – Purchased **disposable adult diapers** for the nursing home

\$100 – **Food** for girls orphanage (70 girls ages 3-18)

Blessings come in small packages. Sometimes I purchased shoes for the little fellows at the Kindergarten/Daycare. Our bilingual student delivered them following my departure and the same day I received pictures of them in their new shoes and sporting big smiles.

You blessed many, many people through your generosity and support of CAMO.

Blessings to all,

Cindy

"Do a little bit of good where you are. It's those little bits of good that overwhelm the World."
By Desmond Tutu