

Crosswinds

Church of the Cross

June– July 2024



Dear COTC,

As we enter the summer we start our summer sermon series. This summer we are looking at *Dreaming*. For this sermon series we will be looking at dreaming less in the sense when you sleep, and more in having a dream for the future. We may also think of this as a vision or a call. Instead of the dream we had last night where we were the hero that saved the day, we will be looking more at a dream to establish a ministry (as a church) that can make a difference in the world. We will be asking:

- What does it mean to have a dream?
- Can we hold onto our dream as we live it out?
- What is one dream we have for our church?

As we explore these questions, we will be looking at how dreams are shown throughout scripture and throughout our world today. In June we will explore dreams in movies, July we will look at dreams in songs, and August we will look at written dreams (speeches and poems). We will work from a foundation of scripture while seeing how God's lessons and call around dreaming have been captured in our world.

I invite you all, as individuals and as a congregation, to pray about what dream we should have. What is one dream, we as a congregation, can support and live into, that reaches out to our neighbors, proclaims the gospel, and shares God's love with the world? What is one dream God is calling us to today?

Blessings,
Pastor James

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

August articles need to be
submitted by July 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



June 2

Who Is Hearing the Dream?

Gen. 37:1-11, 44:14-17

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June 9

Will We Commit to a Dream?

Mark 6:30-44, 8:1-10

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June 16 Father's Day

Rev. Randy Weaver

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June 23

Ducks Fly Together

Phil. 2:12-28, Eph. 4:1-7

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June 30

The Light to Show Us the Way

John 13:1-20

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July 7

Can We Dream of Peace?

Matt. 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41

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July 14

The Son Will Rise

Rev. 7:9-17

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July 21

Has the World Killed Our Dream?

John 21:15-24

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July 28

What Are We Willing to Do for Our Dream?



June

- 1 Sue Parris
- 3 Jane Sparr
- 4 Ruth Long
- 5 John Finn
- 7 Ruth Gordon
- 8 Connie Smeltzer
- 9 Dana Phillips
- 12 Janet Kasserman
- 18 Becky Schultz
- 19 Larry Ouwerkerk
- 22 Roy Carmony
- JoAnne Page
- Margaret Schellin
- 26 Debbie Morrow
- 28 Cy Schrock

July

- 3 Betty Underwood
- 6 Angel Hutchison
- 24 Joann Carpenter
- Christy Tolbert
- 28 Jennifer Parris



Covenant June 4 at 7PM

Trustees June 11 at 7 PM

One Board June 18 at 7 PM

International

TMS Global

CAMO

Local

People to People

The Salvation Army

Pregnancy Care Center

CCHO

Wayne United Chaplains



Pray for Missions

Summer Events at Smithville UMC

Looking for things to do this summer? Join your friends at Smithville!

• Euchre Nibblers

Fridays 7 PM

June 21

July 5, 19

August 2, 16

• Car Show

Cruisin' in the 'Ville

July 20 10 AM-1 PM

• Pickleball

Saturdays 8-10 AM \$2 fee

• Hygiene Closet

3rd Sundays at 4 PM

June 16

July 21

August 18

VBS Coming Soon!



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

SAVE THE DATE!

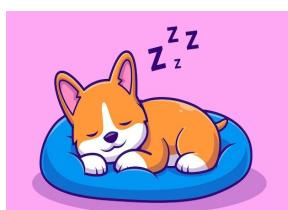
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Friday-Saturday | June 7-8
Friday: 6-8:30p includes dinner
Saturday: 10a-3p includes lunch

2
Smithville United Methodist Church
243 N. Milton St.
Smithville, OH | (330) 669-2371

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Use this link to register:



VBS REGISTRATION



VBS will be making pet beds for

ONE OF A KIND PETS

Please donate by June 2:

Clean stain-free pillowcases

Old clothes/ cloths (any condition)

****Please assure all donations do NOT have a smell as the items will be used for pet beds.**

Also we need 1-2 people with sewing machines to sew pillowcases shut.

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

Lucy Darling

Danbury, 939 Portage Rd., Wooster

Melissa Davis

931 Albern Dr., Wooster

Bob & Carol Denning

2452 Barrington Way Unit 407, Wooster

Carolyn Enderle

2373 Canterbury Lane, Wooster

Nancy Miller

West View Apt 17, 1715 Mechanicsburg Rd., Wooster

Jenny Millin

3055 Bayberry Cove, Wooster

Marilyn Munn

12730 Cottonwood Lane, North Royalton, OH 44133

Jo Anne Page

Wayne Co Care Ctr. Room 122 876 S Geyers Chapel, Wooster

Margaret Park

The Avenue Rm 222 1700 E Smithville Western Rd., Wooster

Judy Ratzel

The Inn @Ashland Woods 1050 Dauch Dr, Ashland, OH 44805

Maxine Shelley

Brookdale Room 311 1615 Cleveland Rd., Wooster

Corlene Snyder

14458 Fladt Rd., Marysville, OH 43040



2024 EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 13– 15

John S. Knight Center in downtown Akron

JAM'N KIDS REUNION – April 26

A reunion was held for our former JAM'N Kids from Wednesday nights. We had a great time renewing friendships and sharing with each other. There were 2 middle schoolers and 4 HS students. After our supper of pizza, we gathered in a circle to share several ideas with the group. I asked them to write down 2 positive things about themselves and 1 thing that makes them happy. We shuffled the papers and read them to see if we could identify who those traits were reflective of! They did a great job expressing themselves. We asked them to listen to those traits and see if there were some that they might like to mirror in themselves. We also talked about The Full Armor of God in Ephesians and how God's protection is always with us! They are under a lot of stress at their schools these days!

They were as follows: (Positive Things)

Funny – Good Friend

Relates well to others – enjoys sports

Decent at cooking – Eating Better

Good at Football & Basketball

Draw fairly well – Witty

Fun – Good listener

Social with people – Make friends easy

What are your Positive Traits and What makes you Happy?

(One Thing That Makes Me Happy)

Seeing people I care about

Food

Making People laugh

Football

Gaming

My Family

My Mom

Our 5-year-olds and under learned about Zacchaeus and how God used a man that was small, not well liked, and rich. He was desperate to see this man Jesus and climbed a tree. Jesus stopped and invited himself to the home of Zacchaeus, where upon talking with Jesus cleaned himself up inside and out. He gave back what he had stolen and followed Jesus! Jesus knows you too by name, just like Zacchaeus, and he wants to tell you how much he loves you. Jesus wants to come to your house too! Will you let him?

Please continue to pray for our young people!!

Cindy & Cheryl

We have completed the Back to Basics articles we started last fall. I hope that you have gleaned some new insights into the “whys” behind our order of worship. Please let me know if you would like to continue these monthly articles. I would love to hear your comments and thoughts. Please email me, the church office or call the church office with your input.

Thank you,
Pastor James



MISSION HIGHLIGHT



Salvation Army Meal Ministry

Warm weather is here and the winter cold is behind us, but we are thankful for those who contributed and served meals at the Salvation Army during the bitter months of January–March. Many in our community needed shelter and a hot meal to ward off the winter cold and our church was the hands and feet of Jesus to them. Sue Parris, the organizer of the ministry, said that the ladies who participated felt there was a definite need and believe that it was a positive experience that helped the community. The clients were always appreciative and very grateful.

Those eagerly awaiting a hot meal were happy to see our church helpers and contributed their help by carrying the food up the stairs.

Salvation Army staff were grateful and thoughtfully assured our safety getting back to our vehicles at the end of the wintery night.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:35,40

Covenant Corner

June Collection for CCHO

Colored pencils 24 pk
Elmer's glue sticks
Scissors
Sidewalk chalk
Crochet hooks
Dry-erase markers
Play dough
Jump ropes



Upcoming Mission Projects

August	CAMO Dental Supplies
Sept/ Nov	Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes
December	Homeless Bags

Items: soap, washcloth, wipes, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, socks, gloves, hats, scarves

As you see items in the stores, you can purchase things ahead of time.

Dear COTC UMC,

This year on May 22, we had the joy of blessing the high school students that attend Liberty Preparatory School (Liberty Prep) with a Baccalaureate. For this celebration we worked to honor the seniors that are graduating and meet a need. One struggle that students at Liberty Prep often have is lack of food. Many of the students come from homes that have food scarcity for one reason or another. This means students can struggle with focusing, studying, and learning due to hunger. While the school can provide lunch, through state of Ohio funding, the students are still hungry over weekends and other times. While we can not solve this problem fully, we heard this is an issue. While we are exploring other ministry, we decided that a good lunch (chicken, pulled pork, green beans, mac and cheese) would be a wonderful way to celebrate graduation and the accomplishments the seniors have achieved. By working as the body of Christ (Church of the Cross, Smithville, Oak Chapel, and Wooster Downtown UMC) we were able to provide a blessed meal for all the students at Liberty Prep. Pastors and some laity were able to attend and see the community that is being built at Liberty Prep and how God is working in the lives of these students and staff. I wanted to take a moment to thank our churches for blessing these students and lift up the good work we were able to do.

Blessings,
Pastor James

Baccalaureate luncheon



Principal Joe and Pastor David