

THE COMMUNICATOR

January 12, 2025



“Prioritize Movement”

Sunday, January 12, 2025

9:00 a.m. Traditional Experience

Prelude – “Give Me Jesus”- Dr. Kim

Welcome/Announcements

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – UMH 89 vs. 1,3,4

Greeting

Opening Prayer – Dave Stevens

Scripture – Psalm 18: 25-30 NRSV

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” – Victory Ringers

Children’s Message

“As a Little Child” – Chancel Choir

1 Corinthians 6: 12-13a; 19-20 (Living Bible)

Prioritize Movement – Pastor Marie Smith

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Blessed Be the Name – UMH 63

Baptism

Offering/Offertory - “Tis a Gift to Be Simple” – Dr. Kim

Glory Be to the Father – UMH 70

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us – UMH 381 vs. all

Benediction

Postlude – “There is a Happy Land” - Dr. Kim

5-in-25: Prioritize Movement

Rev Marie Smith

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What does moving have to do with my spiritual relationship with God?

When we don't or can't move, it can limit our ability to live into our purpose.

God created us to be active.

We know there are benefits to exercise.

Paul set out to share this Jesus stuff with the world.

He was a missionary.

1 Cor. 6: 19 "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?"

Why do we need to keep our bodies in a fit condition?

If you are not taking care of the temple that God has given you, who will?

"Courage is more exhilarating than fear and in the long run it is easier. We do not have to become heroes overnight. Just a step at a time, meeting each thing that comes up, seeing it is not as dreadful as it appeared, discovering we have the strength to stare it down." (Eleanor Roosevelt)

Action Steps:

1. Get moving.
2. Evaluate how you feel after you start moving. See if you improve your physical, mental, and spiritual health.
3. While you are moving, ask yourself where am I seeing God in this spiritual practice?
4. Join us next week as we dive into what we put into our mind, body and spirit effects everything.

Resources: *Run for God* by Mitchell Hollis, *Get Your Life Back* by John Eldredge

Sunday, January 12, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Contemporary Experience

Welcome

“This Is Amazing Grace”

“Trust In You”

“What He’s Done”

Announcements/Offering

1 Corinthians 6: 12-13a; 19-20

Prioritize Movement - Pastor Marie Smith

Lighting of Candles

“Runnin”

Sending Out/Benediction

For more information on programs offered at the church please contact:

- **Worship Services – Office 740.474.4796**
- **Children’s Sunday School & Nursery – 740.474.4796**
- **Sermon Chat – Linda Kennedy – 740-248-3357**
- **Dimensions for Living Class – John Wysong – 740-601-3673**
- **The Explorers – Mark Denniston 740.474.4796**
- **Monday Evening Ladies Bible Study – 740.474.4796**

Other programs:

Community Care Ministry – 740.474.4796

The Corner Closet – 740.474.4796

Bell Choir – Alice Chester – 740.474.4796

Church Choir – Alice Chester – 740.474.4796

Girl Scouts – Office 740.474.4796

Scouts – Robert Fanska-850.529.6724 or Joe McNemar-614.580.8074

Narcotics Anonymous – 740.474.4796

Quilters Group – Pam Patrick 740.412.7642

Joy Group – Linda Kennedy 740.248.3357

Christian Counseling – Dr. Nina Helene 614.906.6609

Prayer List for Jan. 09, 2025

**Mary Ann Janes
Joy Brooks
Linda & Doug Sweazy
Mary Harrison-Reed
Scarlett Hedrick
Larry Harris
Doug Arledge
Brian Barthelmas
Dick Patrick
Mike Logan
Tom Cooke
Jennifer Johnston**

**Kathy Randolph
Eric Hill
Russell & Pat Saunders
Pam Patrick
Adam Clark
Jodi Hatfield Graf
Ben Blackburn**



Dear Circleville Community Church,

As 2025 begins we start with the words of Jesus echoing “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” (MATTHEW 4:19) How do we fish for people in today’s changing world? What has become obvious is, we are not the same church, we were prior to the pandemic. We as a congregation have aged, priorities of the culture around us have changed, and society has shifted. The way in which we share the good news of Jesus with the world needs to change. The way we have always done church has to shift. People with young children are struggling with priorities more now than ever. People of all ages continue to need the love and saving message of Jesus.

We, the church, must shift and change with the world. This is not to say we are changing our values, or standards. No, quite the opposite, we are doing what Jesus does best. We are meeting people where they are and building relationships with them through discipleship, outreach and mission. Remember, Jesus has not changed; He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

We must create discipleship pathways that meet people where they are, including both our current congregation and people who have yet to come. Discipleship is a lot like a tree; the trunk of the tree is our connectedness to God, the roots are our growth, the branches and leaves (fruit) are the way we serve, give, and reach out. Discipleship is a lifelong process that is both active and passive. As a church, we must meet people where they are in the process, help them to connect to God, grow those deep roots, and sprout expansive branches that produce fruit.

As leaders, the Church Council and Staff Parish made some hard decisions regarding the direction our church would go in the future. To meet people where they are in Circleville, and in greater Pickaway County, we need to make some adjustments to the way we do things at Circleville Community UMC.

1. We need focus and vision. In the next few weeks, we will have a vision event on January 26th for you, the congregation, to come and hear the new vision, see the strategic plan we have in place and ask questions regarding how you might be part of the process.
2. We have evaluated each staff position asking how they fit within a discipleship pathway. While outreach is an important piece to discipleship, it is only one part of discipleship. Church Council and Staff Parish as well as the Pastor felt it was necessary to shift this role to a more comprehensive role for the church.
3. We are hiring a part time Director of Youth Ministry. This should be completed by February 2025. Currently Pastor Marie, Levi Graf and several other laity are serving the Youth of the church. This ministry has grown in the last year from about 3 students to 10.
4. A new position, Director of Congregational Engagement, has been developed which encompasses discipleship pathway, missions and outreach.
5. The Outreach Director position will move to a new role beginning January 1, 2025, with a 45 day transition period.

What does this mean for our connection to the community? We will continue to serve the community through the Compassion Office, on various boards, and through the Corner Closet. This new role will help the Tree of Discipleship grow. This role will engage the congregation in connecting with serving and growing opportunities. This does mean that other community agencies will be responsible for things that our current Outreach Director is doing. For example, furniture removal, doctor's appointments etc. We realize this may take some time, therefore a transition period of 45 days to accommodate these logistics is necessary.

We are excited to see where and how Community UMC will grow and flourish. God's vision for our church is to reach new people helping them and existing people know and experience God's love and then share that love with others. Please keep our church in your daily prayers.

You can expect an update from me or the Director of Congregational Engagement monthly through email or on our website through a video message.

I look forward to seeing what God does in 2025!

Blessings and Grace,



Pastor Marie, Church Council and Staff Parish Committee

The Children's Ministry team is having a painting party on January 19th following The Point service. A light lunch will be served at 11:30 and then volunteers will work on painting and cleaning the 3rd floor hallway and several classrooms. This is the first step to get ready to move the children's classrooms upstairs later this year. Those who are interested, please email Katie Skidmore at katie.skidmore@circlevillecumc.org.

CUMC Vision Meeting

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Jan. 26th at 1:00 to meet in the sanctuary for an introduction to Community's New Vision. Pastor Marie will share, the strategic plan, the vision statement and the top priorities for this year.

Youth Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 19 from 6-8:00 pm. In the Youth Room on the 3rd floor.



WINTER JAM

Christian Concert

SCHOTTENSTEIN CENTER

SKILLET, KB

ANNE WILSON

COLTON DIXON

GUEST SPEAKER

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1:30PM-10:30PM

PARENTS AND YOUTH, PLEASE COME JOIN US SAT. JANUARY 25TH FOR WINTER JAM, THIS IS A CHRISTIAN CONCERT IN COLUMBUS! WE WILL BE DEPARTING FROM THE CHURCH AT 1:30PM, AND WE'LL BE RETURNING AROUND 10:30PM. THIS IS A LARGE OUTING WITH NATIONAL TOURING CHRISTIAN ARTISTS IN ALL GENRES OF MUSIC. YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO BRING MONEY, IF THEY WANT ARTIST MERCHANDISE OR FOOD AT THE ARENA. WE WILL ALSO STOP AT A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT ON THE WAY HOME. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE RSVP TO LEVI AT 740-731-2064 BY SATURDAY JAN. 18TH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE TEXT/CALL ME. WHEN YOU DROP OFF YOUR CHILD WE WILL HAVE YOU SIGN A PERMISSION SLIP.

