

THE COMMUNICATOR  
March 30, 2025



**Online viewers have communion elements available.**

**Sunday, March 30, 2025**

**9:00 a.m. Traditional Experience**

**Prelude – “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”- Dr. Kim**

**Welcome/Announcements**

***Now Thank We All Our God – UMH 102 vs. all***

**Greeting**

**Call to Worship – Mark/Jennifer Johnston**

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

**Children’s Message – Julie Scherer**

**“Yes, My Jesus Loves Me” – Chancel Choir**

**Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32**

**Pastor Marie Smith**

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer**

***Near to the Heart of God – UMH 472 vs. 2***

***Holy Communion***

**Offering/Offertory - “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” – Dr. Kim**

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow – UMH 94***

***Softly and Tenderly – UMH 348 vs.1,2,4***

**Benediction**

**Postlude – “Rise Again” - Dr. Kim**

## Letting Go and Cultivating: Forgiveness

Rev. Marie Smith

March 30, 2025

Most of us need to let go of something.

When Luke says “When the tax collectors and sinners were coming near” he was implying those who were living outside the Jewish law.

**Matthew 23: 25-26 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. <sup>26</sup> Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.**

Jesus described two previous stories of bad management...

This is a fairy tale, no good Jewish boy would work with pigs even the worst Jew knows better. They would rather starve to death than touch a pig.

He wants to let go of this terrible life that he has created for himself...

This older brother, he immediately becomes resentful...

That we each have lived within one of these roles from time to time.

### Letting Go & Cultivating:

1. Let go of any of those things that you need to forgive.
2. Cultivate wholeness in Christ.
3. Ask yourself where you are in the story?

### *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**

*White rose on the altar is in memory of Edith Everett.*

**Prayer List for Mar. 27, 2025**

Joy Brooks  
Doug Sweazy  
Tom Cooke  
Dick Patrick  
Mike Logan  
Jennifer Johnston  
Rob Skidmore

Melissa Matz  
Stuckey/Smolinski Families - Passing of Beth  
Crist Family - Passing of Donald Crist  
Hayes Family - Passing of Lemoyne Hayes  
Savannah Balazinski  
Harrison & Reed Families - Passing of Mary Harrison-Reed  
John Lloyd  
Riley McClarren  
Ronna Grady-Handshey  
Everett Family - Passing of Edith Everett



**Brunch Then Munch(kins)!**

The "Community Builders" Team will be sponsoring a community movie matinee at The Roundtown Players in Memorial Hall this Sunday, March 30. We invite folks to enjoy a pancake brunch (11:45) in Fellowship Hall. Then "follow the yellow brick road" across the street for a showing of "The Wizard of Oz" starting at 1 pm. This event will be free of charge. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join in on the fun and fellowship!

"The Children's Ministry team is having a 2nd Painting Party on Sunday, April 6 after the 10:30 Point service. Lunch will be served at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Join us on the 3rd floor to paint and renovate the space of the new wing of children's ministry (roughly 12:00PM - 3:00PM). Those who are interested, please email Katie Skidmore at [katie.skidmore@circlevillemc.org](mailto:katie.skidmore@circlevillemc.org)."

## CULTIVATING & LETTING GO

Letting go of the weeds that destroy  
Cultivating new seeds that give life

### Lenten Schedule

<p><b>Lent Services</b></p> <p>Ash Wednesday March 5, 7pm Community UMC</p> <p>Maundy Thursday April 17, 7pm Circleville Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Good Friday Stations of the Cross April 18, 12pm At the Court House</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>Lenten Lunches</b></p> <p><b>Worship 12:10-12:30, Lunch 12:35-1pm</b></p> <p>March 12 Trinity Lutheran- Billy Barbo (135 E. Mound)</p> <p>March 19 Circleville Presbyterian- Mark Nodo (134 E. Mound)</p> <p>March 26 Good Shepherd UMC - Marie Smith (310 E. Main)</p> <p>April 2 Vineyard Church- Kenn Barton (911 S. Pickaway)</p> <p>April 9 St. Joseph Catholic- Fr. Ramon Oweru (134 W. Mound)</p>
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## WHAT'S NEXT? in youth ministry 2025

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feb. 2- 5pm Parent Mtg about Confirmation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feb. 2- 6-8pm Youth Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feb 16- 5pm Parent Mtg about Confirmation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feb 23- 12:30-7pm Tubing @ Mad River</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">March. 2- 5pm Confirmation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 2 6-8 Youth Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 9- 6-8pm Confirmation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 28-30 6pm- 2pm Confirmation Retreat</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 6 - 6-8 Youth Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 20 9 or 10:30am Join the church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 27 6pm- 2pm End of the year party</p>
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May's meetings will be preparations for  
the mission trip in July.

### **Have You Noticed?**

Over the past few weeks, we have implemented several new things at church to improve our first-time visitor experience and enhance our Hospitality program overall.

### **Reserved Parking Spots**

We have reserved and marked some “Visitor Parking” spots along the North side of the building in the North Pickaway Street parking lot. We would appreciate if on Sunday mornings, those spots were left open for people who may be visiting us for worship. There are plenty of additional spots in this lot for our congregation members to park, in addition to the lot on Main Street, across from CVS. Additionally, we will be reserving two parking spots in front of the church along Pickaway Street for those visitors who may need to park closer to door. We would also ask that these prime spots be reserved for visitors so that they are assured a close and convenient place to park on Sunday mornings.

### **Closing of Door B**

Some of you who normally enter the church through Door B (the stairs under the awning on Pickaway Street across from the bank parking lot) may have noticed that we have been asking you to enter through Door A (to the left and adjacent to the parking lot). We have been doing this to alleviate the congestion on the stairs leading to the sanctuary which can occur when you have people entering through this door and others trying to enter the sanctuary through the Welcome Center. We have noticed that people tend to gather in this area while greeting and chatting with friends on Sunday morning and there is a real concern with the risk of people taking a tumble down these stairs while waiting to enter the sanctuary. To minimize this risk we are now asking people to refrain from entering through Door B and instead enter through Door A. For fire safety, this door will still be able to be used as an exit during an emergency. We have also moved the Greeter to just inside the Welcome Center. With this change we hope to lessen the congestion from people entering the door to the sanctuary and those going up the stairs to the balcony. We apologize for any inconvenience that you may encounter with this change.

### **Indoor Signage**

Hopefully, you have noticed some new directional signage within the building which we have added to better direct visitors to areas within the church. We will continue to add new signs as needed and I welcome your input to those areas that could benefit from additional signage.

Are there things at church that you feel should be considered to improve our Hospitality program? Let me know your suggestions – it may be that we haven’t thought about them yet!

-Julie Farthing