



**"the race is not given to the swift nor the strong
but unto them that endure to the end"**

I am with my son Marty Jr. at Kettering Medical Center, Dayton Ohio. Marty had a near death experience. His lung partially failed due to pneumonia and his breathing dropped to 40%.... His cousin found him unresponsive and he was only in that position to do so because Marty made a decision to sleep in his cousins room and not another room. He likely would have died if his cousin had not found him, called rescue and performed CPR... Church, in this life it feels as if "sometimes we lose and other times we win"... Today I can claim a win. Not just because my son is alive and recuperating, but because God has had Marty Jr's life in His hands before the very foundations of the worlds were laid...

We will have set backs, disappointments and tragedies. But know this race is not dependent on us, only the eternal Spirit of a Holy God. Our church has been and is in uneasy transition, but our race; it's successful outcome is not going to be due to our wisdom. It will be because we trust in His ability to resuscitate our lives for the making of disciples for Jesus Christ... This is our collective identity, our commission and joy!

Go in peace this month knowing that our enduring to the end with God is all we need. The outcome is secondary because it belongs to Him. Our faithfulness is primarily as that belong to us.... Pastor Marty

The Staff Parrish Relations Committee wants to give a tremendous "Thank You" to everyone who assisted in preparing the parsonage for our incoming pastor, Marty, and Veronica.

From members who weeded the gardens, mowed lawn, moved or repaired items. To the BOT Committee for all their efforts. To our super staff and even their spouses for all the hard work and time they invested in this transition. All your efforts ended in fabulous results! Our gratitude to all who tithed their physical time and our church members who kept and are still keeping Marty, Veronica, and their family in prayer. God Bless.

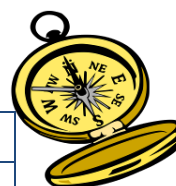




For the current TIME we
will continue to only
have the 9 AM
Worship Service, with
Sunday School
following!

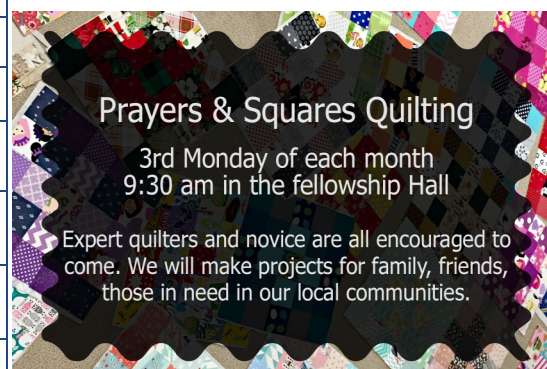


Saturday,
September 11th at
7:30 a.m. The men
will gather for breakfast, and a
devotional. **All men of the
church are invited to attend .**



Reminder the
October compass
deadline is
September 13th !

1			16	5:30 PM	Pound
2	5:30 PM	Pound		7:00 PM	GA
	6:00 PM	Scouts of the Round Table	17	9:00 AM	Stretching w/ Rosie
	7:00 PM	GA	18	7:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast
3	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie		10:00 AM	AA
4	10:00 AM	AA	19		
5			20		Meals on Wheels Week
6		Labor Day—Office Closed		9:30 AM	Prayers & Squares
7	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts		6:00 PM	Church Council
8			21	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
9	5:30 PM	Pound	22	9:00 AM	Holy Folders
	7:00 PM	GA	23	5:30 PM	Pound
10	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie		7:00 PM	GA
11	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast	24	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie
	10:00 AM	AA	25	10:00AM	AA
12				10:30 AM	Book Club
13	10:00 AM	Bible Journaling	26	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
	6:00 PM	SPRC	27		
14	11:00 AM	Young at Heart on the Road	28	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts	29		
15	9:00 AM	Nurture & Care	30	5:30 PM	Pound
				7:00 PM	GA



Just a reminder that a Sunday School Class for adults of all ages is continuing to meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings immediately following our Traditional worship service. Richard Tierney has been leading an enjoyable study on Apologetics (sharing your faith) which will be concluding within the next few weeks. Our next study, led by Donna Lynn Horniacek, will be *Christian: It's Not What You Think* by Andy Stanley. This eight-session video-based Bible study examines the characteristics Jesus used to define those who follow Him. Please join us for a time of fellowship and discussion.

Apple Pancake Breakfast

SAT. SEPT. 18 7-10:30 am
MUMC Fellowship Hall

Proceeds support
MUMC missions.

Tickets \$6 each
(Children 5 & under FREE)

Tickets on sale Sundays,
Starting Aug. 29th
at Welcome Center,
the Church Office,
or see Richard Tierney.

**UMM Men's Apple
Pancake Breakfast**

**Get your tickets early,
you don't want to miss out.**

**As always the men would love
your help that day also.**

**Contact Richard Tierney or
Jay Graff for ways to help.**



The Fall 2021 Yard Sale is scheduled for

October 22 & 23, 2021.

This sale cannot happen without a lot more volunteers for key rolls in setting up and packing out the remains after the sale. Those of us who worked the April sale realized we cannot handle moving tables and heavy boxes. Specifically, we need help in setting up on October 10 & 11 and packing out October 23-25.



Clothing items will be for winter only; general household items, toys and books sell very well. We will not accept cell phones, any electric items that contain personal info, VHS or cassette tapes or large heavy TVs.

Please mark your calendars to help with this very worthwhile church and community project.

Lynn Pierson 618-684-3601

MUMC Missions Trail Day **Sunday October 10th**

In addition to our
normal Trail Day.
We will use this day to
celebrate the return of
our Missions here
at MUMC

MUMC's Mission
to know Jesus and
make Him known, together



Mark your calendars - We are excited to announce that MUMC Missions Trail Day will be held this year on October 10 at Riverside Park. In addition to our traditional potluck, this will also be the occasion of our MUMC Ministry Revival. This will be a great time filled with food, fellowship, and a celebration of the ministries of our church. More information will follow shortly.



LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH



The Library Corner: Looking Deeper into the Bible

Are you ready to delve deeper into the Bible? Perhaps you felt challenged by Pastor Marty to find a guiding Bible passage? Not all faithful Christians read the Bible on a regular basis. Some people may have difficulty finding the time—and for some, although they love certain verses and familiar passages, other parts of the Bible are puzzling or difficult. And yet for others reading the Bible regularly is very rewarding—an essential part of growing in faith. What makes the difference?

First, we all can recognize that there is no way we ever can plumb the whole depths and meaning of the Bible in our lifetime—and that means there is always more to know and be inspired by! Deliberately engaging ourselves in challenging study helps us look deeper into the background and meaning of the story of God and God's people. Some ways we can do that:

Join a group or class that regularly studies different books or parts of the Bible in ways that are interesting, challenging, and help participants grow.

Use a study Bible—they have notes that introduce the books of the Bible, give information about the history, culture and attitudes of the time, or connections to other related Bible passages, etc.

Use a devotional that has Bible passages as the basis of the devotion. If only one verse is used, look up the surrounding verses in a Bible. Does the whole passage lend deeper meaning to what you read?

Read a different translation of the Bible sometimes. You may have a favorite translation—the NIV and NRSV, for instance are reliable and commonly used translations—but it can lend insight to compare translations. Look up some of your favorite passages in The Message for instance—that too can be enlightening. See an example below!

Use the church library. There is a whole shelf of different Bible translations, plus several study

Bibles, and a Gospel parallel (side by side comparisons of Matthew, Mark, and Luke). Spending a little time looking at and comparing several may give you some ideas about what would be most useful to you. The library also has a number of Bible or Bible related studies, including some that include a video.

Here is an example of Matthew 5:5 (one of the Beatitudes) in different translations:

NRSV and NIV: “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”

Jerusalem Bible: “Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth for their heritage.”

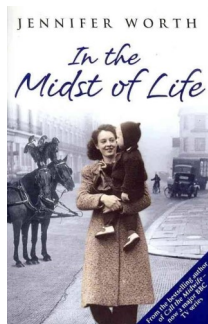
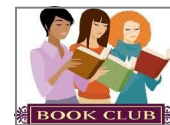
The Message: “You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.”

The Bible: enough spiritual inspiration and mental stimulation for a lifetime!

The Saturday Book Club

Room 202

MUMC
Saturday
Morning



September 25th at 10:30

In the Midst of Life by Jennifer Worth

Jennifer Worth's bestselling memoirs (*Call the Midwife*) of her time as a midwife have inspired and moved readers of all ages. Now, in *IN THE MIDST OF LIFE* she documents her experiences as a nurse and ward sister, treating patients who were nearing the end of their lives. Interspersed with these stories from Jennifer's post-midwife career are the histories of her patients, from the family divided by a decision nobody could bear to make, to the mother who comes to her son's adopted country and joins his family without being able to speak a word of English. *IN THE MIDST OF LIFE* also gives moving insights not just into Jennifer's life and career, but also of a period of time which seems very different to today's, fast-paced world.

Read ahead book for October:

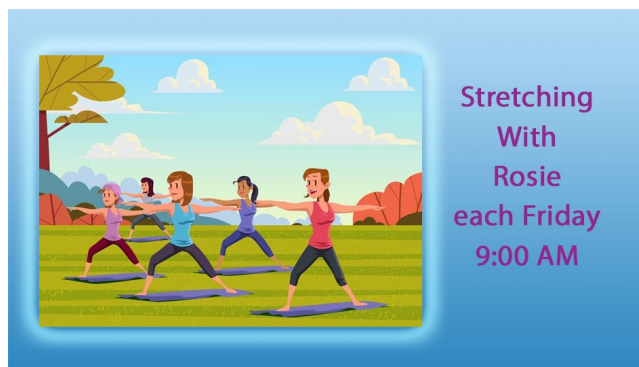
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig



2	Robert & Mary Jane Williams	14	Mike & Sharon Jones
3	Morgan & Nikki Krummrich	17	Ben & Jennie Snyder
4	Mike & Michelle Clark	22	Marty & Jill Rogers
10	Jim & Barb Hughes	26	Katie & Lee Stewart
13	John & Julie Erbes	28	Dan & Beverley Jarrett



1	Nancy Vallino	16	Bill Crawshaw
4	Erin Mileur	16	Stephanie Finke
6	Andrew Graham	19	Roger Smith
6	George Sauer	20	Dan Jarrett
7	Amanda Ripley	21	Megan Blackwell Brown
9	James Heilig	22	James Stewart
9	Taylor Moutardier	26	Robert Kinslow
10	Malcolm Johnstone	28	Rob Graeff
10	Cole McNitt	28	Julia Huppert
11	Ron Kiser	28	Conner Twenhafel
11	Robin Sievert	29	Curt Presley
11	Kellee Ticer	30	Ryan Guthman
11	Amanda Wingerter	30	Ashley Runge

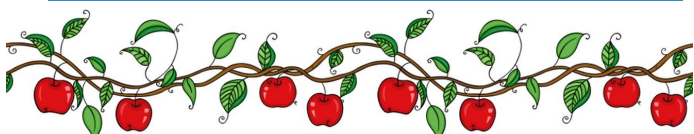


Stretching
With
Rosie
each Friday
9:00 AM

Appletime Prayer Breakfast

Serving as the unofficial Apple Festival opening event, the Appletime Prayer Breakfast brings together area church leaders in fellowship with the community to bless the festivities with words of prayer and song.

In 2021, we will be holding the breakfast outdoors (weather permitting) in Carl Lee Park, located next to Sallie Logan Public Library.



As always, the breakfast is open to everyone and free of charge. No ticket will be required in 2021!



In Loving Memory . . .

Since our last newsletter we celebrated the life of
a single loved one:

Christopher Paul "Chris" Crews

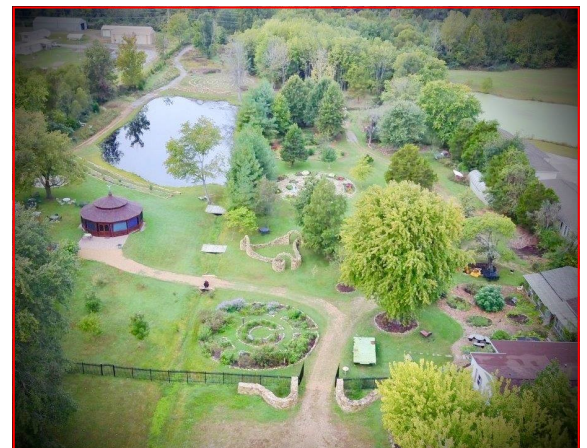
Christopher Paul "Chris" Crews passed away on Friday, July 16. Chris was the husband of Kendra, the father of Kylie (Trent) Bounds and Cash Crews, the son of Charles and Pamela Crews and the nephew of Loyd and Ruth Ebersohl, Teddy and Marilyn Perry, and Shirley Carruthers-Watson.



Even though we didn't make it down to the Ohio River due to a Covid shutdown at the E-Town River Restaurant, thirteen YAH travelers had some good food and fellowship at Morello's Restaurant in Harrisburg. We were especially excited to have some new "old friends" join us, including one canine participant - Hershey Twenhafel. After lunch, we ventured over to the Shawnee Hills Antique Mall where we found some old and some new treasures to take home with us. Our bus driver, Jennifer O'Donnell took us home via the scenic route past the Lake of Egypt and Little Grassy Lake which added to the enjoyment of a wonderful day.

On Tuesday, September 14, YAH on the Road will depart the church parking lot at 11:00 am to travel to Marion to enjoy lunch at Simply David's which is a locally owned restaurant and bakery specializing in cookies, cupcakes, wedding and specialty cakes, and a host of tantalizing breads. In addition to a wide array of goodies, the restaurant side of the business offers delicious salads, plate lunches, and sandwiches reminiscent of the old Marion Honey bakers Restaurant. After lunch

we will visit Mandala Gardens - a seven (7) acre oasis located just off State Street in Marion. There are walking paths, quiet areas to just sit and enjoy the beauty, water features, outdoor sculptures, and more. There is a \$2/person entry fee and all contributions grow into the gardens. Please join us for a relaxing Fall afternoon.



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

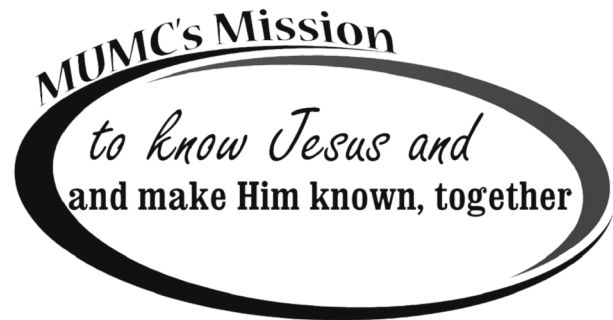
Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

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