# Announcements April 21, 2024

### MUMC Children's Ministry



Children's Church is for kids in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Every Sunday at 9:15. Dismissal is at the end of the first service (usually between 10:30 and 10:45). Let your kids have fun while learning about Jesus! Invite friends too! Engaging activities will help your child grow socially, spiritually, and physically.

<u>Sundays at the Park</u>! Mark your calendars for May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and August 11<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday school class will walk to Monroe Community Park after first service (around 10:45am).

<u>Nursery:</u> for newborns to 4 years old. Sundays during the 9:30 and 11:00 services.



#### The Amanda Outreach / Slinky Tutoring Center

Tutoring is on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the school year between 4:20 and 5:30. Amanda Elementary children appreciate your Christian love and encouragement. <u>LINK Adult Readers</u> Help parents and grandparents become better reading role models for their children. As a tutor for an adult reader, you determine the schedule and meeting place (church or library).

Training is available for both Slinky and LINK, but not required.

Contact Gina for more details (gmatcraft@gmail.com/937-514-3793).

<u>SCUBA VBS</u> is July 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Let's ALL dive deep for Jesus! It's a great opportunity to minister to children. Volunteers needed!

#### Please donate paper egg cartons, bottle caps/lids of all sizes!

Please find collection baskets near each church entry way. Need a VBS take-home project? Contact Gina Craft.



Blaze Youth Group shines the light of JC throughout the community! Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm.

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month: Bible Study at church

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday: Bull's Run Arboretum (inclement weather – at church)

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: Hope House

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: Monroe Lending Library

5th Wednesday: Game night at church

Blaze & S.E.L.F. is teaming up for Summer Missions in 2024. To help make a change in local, low-income areas, bring your spare change to church. Also bring your tools on June 4,5, and 6<sup>th</sup>.

For children and youth, contact Gina at 937-514-3793 or email at <u>gmatcraft@gmail.com</u>.

## \*\*Adults & Family\*\*

Altar Flowers – The sanctuary altar flowers are given by Ron & Barbara Conley in honor of our granddaughter, Jessica Finley, for her birthday on. April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Altar Flowers – the 2024 altar flower calendar for the sanctuary is hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex. Cost is \$25.00/Sunday. Envelopes are available on the table below the sign-up sheet. A sign-up sheet and envelopes are available on the bulletin board in Atchley Hall for the 9:30 worship service. The cost is \$15.00/Sunday.

**Prayer Concerns** – Prayer concerns are welcome and encouraged since we believe in the power of prayer and scripture directs us to pray. Please legibly write down your prayer requests on the card in the envelope marked "PRAYER CONCERNS." You may hand this to an usher to give to the pastor, or you may give it to the pastor during the first song.

**Newsletter Deadline** – The deadline for the May newsletter is **TODAY**. If you have an article(s) you wish to submit, please send to Jerry Lapham at <u>rjlapham@cinci.rr.com</u>.



The General Conference of the United Methodist Church meets in Charlotte, North Carolina, starting April 23. This conference takes place every four years and is the only entity that speaks for the entire denomination. The United Methodist Book of Discipline is updated every four years to incorporate changes made by the General Conference. The voting delegates for this conference will come from various parts of the world, including the United States (55.9%), Africa (32%), the Philippines (6%), Europe (4.6%), and concordat churches that have close ties to The United Methodist Church (1.5%). Half of the delegates will be clergy and the other half will be laity.

Please keep all the delegates, including the delegates from West Ohio, in your prayers. You can send your prayers and messages of encouragement to our West Ohio delegates via email at <u>GCDelegates2024@wocumc.org</u>.

Where can I find accurate news regarding the happenings at General Conference?

- The United Methodist Church:
  - Website: https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020
  - Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/unitedmethodistchurch
- West Ohio Conference:
  - Website: <u>https://www.westohioumc.org/</u>
  - Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/westohioumc



Our West Ohio Bishop, Gregory V. Palmer, will retire at this year's annual conference. You may extend your wishes and prayers to him online at <u>https://www.westohioumc.org/retirement-greetings</u>.

TODAY	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
(April 21)	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
		Newsletter Deadline
Monday		Church Office Closed
	6:00pm	Yoga/AH
	7:00pm	Scouts/AH
Tuesday	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
	10:00am	Sewing Group/Youth Room
Wednesday	6:00pm	Youth
Thursday		KAIROS/Kitchen/Atchley Hall
Friday		KAIROS/Kitchen/Atchley Hall
Saturday		KAIROS/Kitchen/Atchley Hall
Sunday	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
(April 28)	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
	1:00-6:00pm	Eagle Scout Ceremony/AH

Please note the deadline for submitting information/announcements for the weekly bulletin is noon on Wednesday. Communication Cards: your attendance in worship is very important to us; please take a moment to complete the card each week. Want to Improve Your Spiritual Life. Pick up a current copy of *The Upper Room or Our Daily Bread* devotionals which are now available in the church lobby and at the Welcome Centers. Large-print versions are also available. Grab one today! A pager system is used by our nursery staff for the convenience of our parents with small children in our nursery each Sunday.

We invite you to remember our Church in your will or other estate planning. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will help assure that the church continues vital ministry into the years to come. Isaiah 45:3 God says, "I will give you treasures hidden in the darkness–secret riches. I will do this so you may know that I am the LORD...