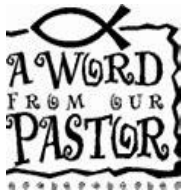


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May/June 2026 Newsletter

Growing in Community

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

– Acts 2:42 NIV

The early church grew not through clever marketing or large events, but through deep community. The believers shared life together; they ate, prayed, worshipped, and served side by side. They weren't just believers; they were disciples in relationship with each other.

At Woodlawn GMC, we are rediscovering this same rhythm. Part of this process is encouraging small groups to be the heartbeat of disciple-making, a place where we can share stories, study the Bible, and obey God's Word together. These relationships become the foundation that guides the flow of God's Spirit in our lives.

When we grow together, we grow stronger. As we build one another up in faith, we create a culture where disciples make disciples. The church is not a building—it is a living body of believers, moving together toward the mission of Christ.

Trusting in God,
Pastor Sean McLeod



The Women of Woodlawn (WOW)

The Women of Woodlawn met in March and April with only a few women attending. After much discussion and due to lack of participation WOW will be meeting just twice a year.

We will meet in May and October. On May 20th we will meet at the church at 10:30am and carpool to the Village Restaurant and enjoy lunch and fellowship. Any and All ladies are invited to join us.

Our October 21st meeting will be to plan the missions for 2027. Details of that meeting will be in the bulletin in October.

May you have a wonderful summer and enjoy Gods beauty of the seasons.

Blessings to all,
WOW

- The mission offering for May** will be given to **Voice of Hope**
- The mission offering for June** will be given to **Mid-West Mission**

3rdSundayBenefit

Just a reminder that **Woodlawn GMC** will continue to support **Jericho House** in mission every **3rd Sunday** but without a **meal**.

The Sponsor sheet is on the table in the Narthex. We still have 3 spots open for Sponsors, June, July and August. Thank you

We appreciate your **donations** on each **3rd Sunday**.

Blessings to all of **Woodlawn** and the **folks at Jericho**.
Phyllis Crall and **"The Kitchen Gang"**

May Mission is Voice of Hope

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Foundation

Bethel Pro-Life Ministries (Voice of Hope Pregnancy & Family Center) is an interdenominational, Christian, 501(c)(3) tax deductible, charitable organization. Bethel Ministries began in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. The organization is dedicated to serving families experiencing unplanned pregnancy. It was founded in February of 1988 by residents of Wyandot County who were concerned about the lack of options being presented to women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Bethel Ministries is a Christ-centered organization based on principles found in God's Word. No guidelines of the ministry shall violate God's laws. The ministry believes in the sanctity of human life and does not encourage or refer for abortion. The organization is non-political in nature.

Free Pregnancy Testing Free Limited Ultrasounds

At Voice of Hope we offer free, confidential medical grade pregnancy testing. Limited first trimester ultrasounds are offered by licensed medical professionals at our centers.

Family Education Center

Short on supplies for your baby? Enroll in our Earn While You Learn Program to earn Baby Bucks to purchase the needed supplies. Need diapers? Wipes? Formula? We have everything you need stocked in our Boutique and Clothing Closet.

Restoration Center

We will partner with moms and dads working to maintain or regain custody of their kids. Our free parenting classes are CPS approved and we will work with your case workers to build a personalized education plan.



June Mission is Mid-West Mission

How Midwest Mission Works

Our Mission: *Bringing the hearts and hands of God's people together to transform resources into humanitarian relief.*

Partners

All our work is done in partnership with trusted nonprofits. Partners help us understand what the current needs are.

Donations

We ask our supporters for monetary and in-kind (specific supplies) donations to fill the needs our partners have shared with us.

Volunteers

Volunteer's process, revitalize, and assemble the donated items, both here at Midwest Mission and around the Midwest.

Distributions

Donations are given to trusted nonprofits to distribute to those who are in crisis. Nonprofits report back about those impacted.





May Birthdays

- 8 Robin Hawkins
- 11 Chris Teets
- 15 Laurie Heinle
- 15 Kristen Reynolds
- 20 Scott Heinle
- 20 Tom Kalb
- 29 Tom Holtshouse
- 29 Barb Leuthold

May Anniversaries

- 23 Jerry & Linda Efaw
- 25 Pastor Sean & Heather McLeod
- 29 Dave & Deb Teets
- 30 Jerry & Carla Gerhart
- 31 Mark & Jenny Gerger

June Birthdays

- 1 Linda Efaw
- 23 Cole Heinlen

June Anniversaries

- 4 Bob & Pat Trout (1960)
- 15 Carson & Lindie Heinlen

- If there are any Birthday's or Anniversaries that need to be added to our Birthday/Anniversary calendar, please let me know and I will add them.

MINUTES

Church & Finance Counsel Committee

April 7, 2026

The Church & Finance Council Committee met together on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, with the following members present: Pastor Sean, Dave Teets, Karen Scott, Barb Spaid, Tom Holtshouse and Carla Gerhart.

Pastor Sean started the meeting with prayer.

Dave Teets led the meeting

Reading of the Minutes: Everyone was given a copy of the minutes and they were read silently. A motion by Barb Spaid was made to accept the minutes and Carla Gerhart second the motion. All in favor said I.

The Treasurer's report: Financial Reports will follow with the most recent updates.

Pastor Sean: After my SPR evaluation, one thing I am working on is getting new contacts. As you know Linda Wilkes has become a member here at Woodlawn. Worship is going well. I am getting together with a couple of members from SPR to go through how we can do discipleship better, and how do we work with the younger demographic. If we do discipleship, eventually that will translate to every other area of the Church, that's the starting point for discipleship, getting people that are faithful in the teaching of Christ. It takes 1-5 years to grow discipleship. If we are faithful, God will provide. We have summer coming up. We have our home groups going on, working on how to develop our own discipleship groups. Some of you may know I have a doctor's appt. a week from Monday, I will probably be having surgery and worst-case scenario be out about 2 weeks.

3rd Sunday Benefit Meal: Continue with donations and sponsorship.

Hospitality: With the vacancy of Hospitality Chair, Barb Spaid moved to elect Deb Teets to take on the role of Hospitality Chairperson and Carla Gerhart seconded the motion. All in favor said I.

Music: All Set

SPR: SPR did meet to fill out the annual clergy evaluation

Trustees: With all the rain it has been busy getting the water out of the basement. Clean up day will be Saturday May 9th.

WOW: There will be a meeting on Wednesday April 15th. There were only 3 ladies that showed up last month, they will discuss at this next meeting if they think it's best to cancel the monthly meetings.

Worship: Will meet in late summer

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Barb Spaid ended the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Alice Donaldson

Financial News as of April 30, 2026

All bills are paid and current. This includes all medical, pension & disability income costs billed to us by the Global Methodist Church through the end of April.

As of April 30, 2025, our checking account balance was \$18,544.92. This is down from \$21,975.43 the prior month. The drop was because our year-to-date General Offerings and On-Line Giving have been down \$5,209.00 compared to this time last year. In addition, we have had unusually high gas and electric bills caused by our excessively cold temperatures. For the first four months of 2026 our gas bills totaled \$3,995.80 for church gas and \$1,049.91 for parsonage gas and \$1,862.29 for church electric and \$473.69 for parsonage electricity. In total for the church this was an increase of \$746.77 and for the parsonage \$1,523.60 (in the case of the parsonage this was because this time last year we were sharing utility expenses with Christ Covenant Church's parsonage).

Because of the heavy amount of snow, year to date we have paid, for snow removal \$1,860 vs \$1,650 in 2025 and only \$516 in 2024.

We have another boiler repair expense of \$755.

In March we reported our 2025 "Connectional Operating Income" and paid our "Connectional Giving" for ALL of 2026. The income that we were required to report excludes mission giving, memorial gifts, parsonage maintenance costs and interest that are reinvested.

The amount paid to the Allegheny West Annual Conference was \$4,186.42 (3% of our "Total Operating Income" of \$146,892.00). This includes a 5% annual payment discount of \$220.33 paid prior to March 15, 2026. The total paid to the General GMC was \$1,468.92 (1% of our "Total Operating Income"). The 5% prepayment discount does not apply to the General Global Methodist Church payments.

In addition to using the interest from our two CD's that become payable near the annual payment of our Connectional Giving expense, we are saving \$400 per month to cover an estimated

Connectional Giving Charge in March 2027. Year to Date 2026 we have saved from CD interest and monthly savings a total of \$2,041.80 towards our 2027 Connectional Giving Expense.

Our current Parsonage Fund Balance is \$7,964.64 plus additional \$50,000 CD reserve.

Patchworks... Since the beginning of our agreement Patchworks has paid a total of \$8,050 to help with utility and maintenance costs. As of 04/30/26 we have not yet received the \$350 payment due for April 2026.

Year to Date...For This Report as of 4/30/26

- As reported above, Year to Date Regular & Online Offerings of **\$38,903.00 were \$5,209.00 or 11.8% less than this same time last year of \$44,112.00.**
- Our average attendance (which is somewhat weather related & excluding the Sunday services that were cancelled) dropped from 35 to 28 per week.
- Total funds in the Richard & Thelma Hawkins' Scholarship Fund remain at \$8,047.94
- Our Capital Improvements & Replacement Account currently stands at \$11,729.84 plus \$25,000 reserve in an Edward Jones CD.

On December 2, 2025 our Administrative Council approved a Trustee recommendation to accept an estimate of \$6,000 from Mark Bishop of Bishop Painting to power wash the underside of carport (that has developed some mold issues) along with the laminated arches and the inside and outside gable ends of the carport and to repaint same as soon as weather and Mark's schedule permits in 2026. This expense will be taken from the (working) Capital Improvement & Replacement Fund which (excluding CD fund) we hope will be approximately \$12,000 by June 1, 2026.

The Capital Improvements & Replacement Fund was established to reduce the need for future borrowing for major expenses for such things as: eventual boiler and air-conditioner replacements, replacement of the deteriorating brick light columns at the end of the driveway, eventual roof replacements and the like. (Our church roof is 37 years old having been replaced in 1989).

- Year to date we have received \$305.00 in Memorial Contributions for Marlene Malone.
- Our Undesignated Memorial Funds now stand at a **negative** \$6,009.25 because of the \$34,412.00 needed for the disaffiliation payment to the UMC in May 2023. This is an improvement from a negative \$6,839.29 balance this time last year.
- Our Total Memorial & Various Designated Savings & CD Account Funds Balance stands at \$101,774.54.

Total Mission & Evangelism Support Year to Date was \$2,874.12 and includes:
\$1,425.00 to Alpha 12 Step Recovery-Jericho House Project. 3rd Sunday Alpha Fund.
Other Mission Support Offerings included:

- 380 Backpack Program (April Mission Offerings)
- 615 Blanket Mission (February Offering through Church World Services)

- TBD Born (will Incl. \$300 from General Offerings & Sept Mission Offering)
- TBD Flat Rock Homes (December Mission Offering)
- 0 Hawkins' Scholarship Fund (Stopped being a Mission Offering in January 2023)
- TBD Help Me Grow (October Mission Offering)
- 300 Life Wise (March Mission Offering)
- TBD Designated Family In Need Christmas Eve Offering
- TBD Reffey Family Missionaries (August Mission Offering)
- TBD Mid-West Mission-Disaster Relief (June Mission Offering)
- TBD Salvation Army (November Mission Offering)
- 355 Samaritan's Purse (January & July Mission Offering)
- 69 Upper Room Publications
- TBD Voice of Hope (formerly known as Bethel House-May Mission Offering)

Total Income for all of 2026 year to date was \$46,972.56 vs. \$57,888.41 this time last year.

Thank you for your continuing financial support of our Church. If you are unable to attend "in-person" services please continue mailing your offerings directly to the Church at 1675 Hopley Ave. Bucyrus, OH 44820.

On behalf of our Treasurer, Carla Gerhart, Finance Committee and Administrative Council, I **Thank you** for your faithfulness and ask that you continue to prayerfully look at your support level of our Church.

Tom Holtshouse
Finance Chairperson

MAY 2026

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3 Worship @ 10 AM Holy Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9 Church Clean-up
10 Worship @ 10 AM 	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Worship @ 10 AM	18	19	20 WOW meeting 10:30am	21	22	23
24 Worship @ 10 AM ----- 31 Worship @ 10 AM	25 	26	27	28	29	30

JUNE 2026

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship @ 10 AM Holy Communion	8	9 Church & Finance meeting 6:30pm	10	11	12	13
14 Worship @ 10 AM 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Worship @ 10 AM 	22	23	24 Annual Conference MVNU	25 Annual Conference MVNU	26 Annual Conference MVNU	27 Annual Conference MVNU
28 Worship @ 10 AM	29	30				