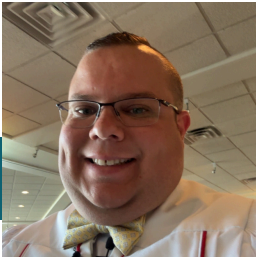


CHUM NEWS

August 2025 Newsletter



A Message from the Pastor...

Pastor Samuel Mohn

Greetings, Church Family,

As the days grow longer and the sun seems to hang in the sky just a little bit more each evening, we find ourselves in what many call the ‘dog days of summer.’ Traditionally, this phrase refers to the hottest, most sultry stretch of the season—a time when everything slows down and even summer seems to pause to catch its breath. It’s during these sun-soaked days that I think we’re given an invitation: to rest, to notice, and to enjoy.

The Bible reminds us in Ecclesiastes 3 that there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. What if part of this summer season’s holy offering is the space to unplug, to savor God’s creation, and to be present with one another and with God? Whether it’s enjoying an evening walk, a moment on the porch swing, or a family picnic under the shade of a tree, summer invites us to rediscover joy in the simple things.

I encourage you, in these remaining weeks of summer, to let your soul breathe. Find moments of Sabbath in the ordinary. Laugh with friends, linger longer over dinners, soak in the warmth both physically and spiritually. In these slow moments, God often speaks in that still, small voice.

Let this season be one of refreshment—not just for your body but for your spirit. And remember, sometimes doing ‘nothing’ is doing something very holy.

May your days be blessed with peace, sunshine, and the sweet presence of God.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Sam

“There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity
under the heavens”

— Ecclesiastes 3:1

To God Be the Glory: A Hymn of Jubilee and Revival

Among the many beloved hymns sung across United Methodist congregations, *To God Be the Glory* holds a cherished place. With its triumphant melody and resounding message of praise, this hymn has encouraged generations to lift their voices in thanksgiving for the wondrous works of God through Christ. But like many hymns, its journey to prominence has an unexpected and inspiring history.

The hymn was penned by the prolific English writer Fanny J. Crosby in the 19th century, with music composed by William H. Doane. Crosby, who was blind from a young age, became one of the most influential hymn writers in American history, composing over 8,000 hymns during her lifetime. Her deep spirituality and poetic gift shaped the way countless Christians experienced worship, and *To God Be the Glory* stands as one of her most enduring collaborations with Doane.

Interestingly, despite Crosby and Doane's success, *To God Be the Glory* was largely forgotten for many decades. First published around 1875, the hymn was included in a small number of gospel collections but never achieved widespread use in the United States during their lifetimes. It wasn't until the mid-20th century that the hymn was brought back into the spotlight in a remarkable way.

Evangelist Billy Graham, during his revival campaigns in the 1950s, reintroduced the hymn to America after it had gained popularity in Great Britain. Reports say that Graham included the hymn in a 1954 London Crusade, where the congregation responded with overwhelming enthusiasm. Upon returning to the States, Graham began to use it frequently in his crusade services. From that point on, *To God Be the Glory* took its place among the most beloved hymns in modern Christian worship.

The message of *To God Be the Glory* is deeply rooted in the gospel: God's great love revealed in Christ, the promise of redemption through faith, and the call to rejoice in His glory. The refrain — 'Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!' — captures both a personal response to salvation and a communal call to worship, something Methodist hymnody has long embraced.

In United Methodist worship, this hymn is often used to mark celebratory moments: anniversaries, dedications, and times of spiritual renewal. It reminds the church that praise is central to our identity and mission. Whether sung in a traditional sanctuary or a contemporary gathering, its joyful declaration continues to bring believers together in gratitude and awe.

To God Be the Glory stands not just as a musical treasure, but as a testimony to the enduring power of hymnody to revive hearts and rekindle faith. From a modest beginning in Crosby's pen to global recognition through contemporary worship, it calls us to remember that, above all, we sing not for our glory, but for God's.



Children's Corner

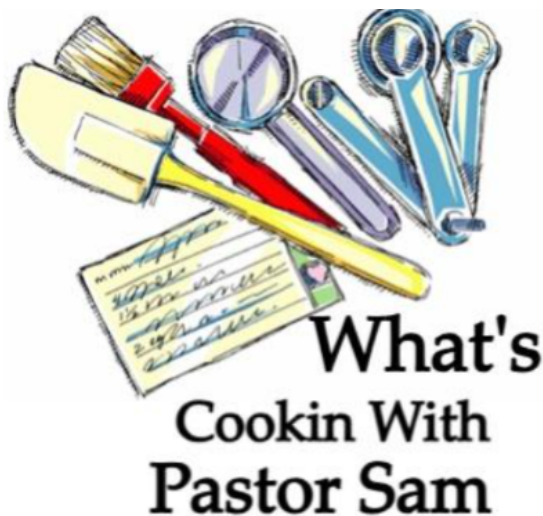
A Message from Terri West

Hi from Children's Corner!

We had a great week at Vacation Bible school. We had an average of 48 children and 30 volunteers and teen helpers. The children learned That they can always trust Jesus no matter where they are or what they do and that he loves them very much. We shared Jesus'love with Betty's Angels as our mission project. We collected a total of 265 items which included toilet paper, sidewalk chalk, pool toys, bath towels, beach towels, and tissues. I would like to thank everyone who helped us during Bible school in any way. We could not have made this a successful Bible school without your help!

On Sunday morning we continue to go down for KREW and do a craft related to Pastor Sam's sermon for that day.

We look forward to starting King's Kids again on September 24th.



Peach Cobbler

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups self rising flour
- 1 stick Butter
- ½ cup water
- 2 cups sugar, divided
- 4 cups peaches, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup milk
- ground cinnamon, optional

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 °F.
- Combine the peaches, 1 cup sugar, and water in a saucepan and mix well. Bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from the heat.
- Put the butter in a 3-quart baking dish and place in oven to melt.
- Mix remaining 1 cup sugar, flour, and milk slowly to prevent clumping. Pour mixture over melted butter. **Do not stir.**
- Spoon fruit on top, gently pouring in syrup. Sprinkle top with ground cinnamon, if using.
- Batter will rise to top during baking. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes.
- To serve, scoop onto a plate and serve with your choice of whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

August Birthdays

8/1 Samuel Chen
 8/2 Veronica Asay
 8/3 Dona James, Emmy Paul
 8/4 Heather Lowers, Dan Wathen
 8/5 Oscar (Alanna) Keiran, Sara Bowser, Nevaeh Funk
 8/11 Margaret Ryan, Jean Spencer
 8/12 David Griffith
 8/14 Shannon Andre
 8/16 Jason Andre, Jennie Morris
 8/17 Rita Creed
 8/22 Frederick Coombs
 8/23 Robert Catchpole
 8/24 Lori Dellick
 8/25 Linda Baksa, Dylan Washington
 8/29 Helen Hess, Shannon Pitorak
 8/30 Carol Vaupel
 8/31 Felicia Bloom, Norma Sauceman



News and Updates

Membership Classes

Are you interested in becoming a member of Church Hill? We warmly invite you to join our church family and become an active part of our community. To get started, simply talk to Pastor Sam for more information on the process and what it means to be a member. Or, you can mark your connection card during your next visit, and we will reach out to you with further details. We look forward to welcoming you into our community and sharing in our faith journey together!

School Supplies Drive For Liberty PreK – 6th

We will collect supplies for our local elementary kids until August 10th. Collection boxes will be in Church Hill's lobby.

Needed:

- Boxes of crayons (24 ct)
- Markers – thin and thick
- Pencils – wood please
- Folders with 2 pockets
- Glue Sticks
- Boxes of Kleenex Tissues
- Spiral Notebooks – *wide rule only*
- Yellow highlighters

This month's **food pantry** will be on August 8th. We need creamy peanut butter, spaghetti noodles, and tuna.

The **King's Kids/Youth Group** start date is Wednesday, September 24th 4:45pm to 7pm.

Choir practice begins Wednesdays at 7:30pm on September 3rd.

Leadership Council will meet on August 18th at 6pm.

Sharon Wathen will be on vacation August 20th-26th.

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Worship with us Sundays at 10am!

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Sam Mohn, Pastor

Jane Page, Director of Worship

Carla Jenkins, Pianist

Terri West, Children's Director

Deanna Slifka, Youth Director

Joe Seifert, Sound Room Tech

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Custodian

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make our tissue paper flowers for August 8th pantry. There were several groups that worked on them. We all enjoyed the fellowship!



Thank you to all who have planted, weeded, mowed and tended to our church grounds and garden.



Prayer Requests

Lee Elmo, Dora Baker, Ron Baker, Elaine (friend of Gay M.), family of Marlene Flickinger, Nancy Smith, Helen Hess, David Moyers, Eileen Hawkins, Jeff Hawkins, Darlene Capitola, Andre Williams and Dianne, his mother, Jimmy Quinlan, Joette Sondheimer (Viv Seifert's sister), Jane Doughton, Friends and family of Betty Drennon, Kevin Vara, Carol Smith, Ron Miller (Ken Miller's cousin), Burce MacLellan (Ken Miller's friend), Alma Knupp, Jimmy Weller, DeeAnn (Carla Jenkins' sister), Samuel M, Margie Ryan, John Baksa, Viv Seifert, the Essad family, Bella, Mike (Nancy Smith's brother), Jerry (Jan Ferry's nephew), Tiffany Orwig, Lori Furlong, Carla Jenkins, Mrs. Pirlozzi (Felicia Brown's mother), Jean Dutko, John (Clara Jones' nephew) Bill Rotar (Terri West's brother), prayers for teachers preparing to back to school and military members and their families.

Contact Linda Toepfer at 330-718-2361 for the current prayer list and to request prayers.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pastor Sam COS Zoom 7-9pm	2 Pastor Sam COS Zoom 9am-3pm
3 9:30 Bible Brew 10 Worship	4	5	6 5:30 Garden	7 9:30 Pantry Set Up 10:30 Bible Study 6:00 Pantry Set Up	8 10-Noon Pantry Food Distribution	9 9am Garden
10 9:30 Bible Brew 10 Worship	11	12	13 5:30 Garden 6:30 Lead Singers	14 10:30 Bible Study	15	16 9am Garden
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