

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2 (NRSVUE)

Greetings Church!

As I sit down to write this letter in early November, I'm reminded that this is the season when we traditionally focus on gratitude as we prepare for the holidays. This year, I have so many reasons to be thankful and many of you to thank.

By now, most of you know that I have been on family and bereavement leave since mid-July. I spent three months in southwest Tennessee and northeast Mississippi caring for my Daddy, with the support of home hospice services. He passed early in the morning on Sunday, September 28th.

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, messages, memorial gifts, hugs, meals, and the outpouring of love and support during this time. Nothing is more beautiful than the Church being the CHURCH! I also deeply appreciate everyone who checked in on Rob and Ginny while I was away from home for so long. And thank you, too, for the pastor appreciation cards and gifts I received in October - being your pastor is a blessing and a gift in itself.

It's hard to believe we're nearing the end of another year and that Advent is here! As we prepare our homes by decorating, shopping for gifts, and planning our celebrations, may we also prepare our hearts and minds to receive again the gift of the Christ Child on Christmas Eve.

I invite you not only to join us for worship on Sunday mornings during our Gift Exchange sermon series, but also to invite someone to come with you. The Clyde Green Springs Youth Fellowship Group will be returning in December. Details will be coming soon, so keep an eye on the BAND app!

Looking ahead to 2026, we'll begin the new year with a Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service, a remembrance of our baptism, and a new series entitled A Season of Rest. Our Monday Lunchtime Bible Study will also resume on the first Monday of January at noon.

Most of all, beloved, I have missed you. I've missed worshiping with you, serving alongside you, and sharing in the rhythms of ministry and life together. I look forward to being back with you soon.

Blessings,

Amy

Prayer Chain

The Congregational Care Committee has a very active prayer chain. If you would like to be part of this ministry as a caller, please contact the church office 419-547-0734 or Barb Davis 937-243-4715.



New Member

Are you interested in becoming a member of the church? If so, contact Pastor Amy.

New member information sessions are in the works, but she needs to know who is interested to plan.

Prayer Cards

There are prayer cards available in the pews for you to write your prayer requests (joys and concerns) and given to an usher before the end of the first hymn/song to be prayed for during the prayer time. Or if you feel comfortable, you can always pray yourself out loud during the prayer time when it is indicated to do so.

CLYDE GREEN
SPRINGS YOUTH
FELLOWSHIP

JOIN US

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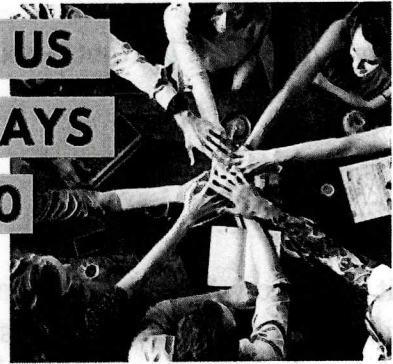
@ 6:30

Bring a
Friend

Students entering
8th - 12th grade!
Faith
Fellowship
Fun
Food

Clyde First United Methodist Church
510 W. Maple St., Clyde

Register Here:



GSYF meets on Sundays from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Clyde First and is open to anyone (no matter which school or church you attend or don't attend) in grades 6th–12th. If you would like more information please contact Pastor Amy to be added to the group's app.

Keep up with all things related to the youth fellowship group by following Reach Out Ministries on Instagram and Facebook @reachoutministriescgs.



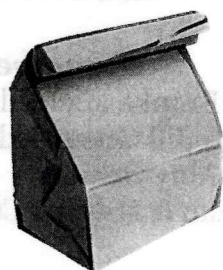
SOUP SHELF

Don't forget about the soup shelf in the kitchen freezer. Please take a meal when visiting a sick friend or a shut-in.



Green Springs UMC 6:00 pm

Clyde First UMC 8:00 pm



Lunchtime Bible Study with Pastor Amy

Mondays at noon starting on

Monday, January 5th

Clyde First Parlor

Bring your own lunch!



Sisters winter study begins Monday,
January 12th, at 6:30 pm.

"The Way of Wisdom"

A study of the book of Proverbs
narrated by several Bible teachers.

This is a 7-week study.

All women are welcome.



3rd Annual Soup Cook-off



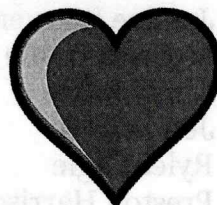
Sunday, February 1

Bring your favorite soup—
or you may bring crackers,
breads, dessert.

More details to follow.

The Sisters Study Group
is planning to host a
special Valentine Dinner
on Saturday, February 14.

Details for the event are
being finalized. Watch
upcoming newsletter and
bulletins for more
information!



*Thank
you!*

Thanks to all who helped in any way with
the Thanksgiving dinner. We served about
170 meals. Our church and community is
blessed with many willing volunteers.

The success of the dinner is the result of
many serving as the hands and feet of Jesus.

Thanks to Karen Coots for preparing the
boxes of offering envelopes for 2026 and for
coming in weekly to put together the
mailings for our shut-in friends.

Karen's dedication is much appreciated.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



December Birthdays

Leah Stines	12/03
Lenora Stiger	12/05
Warren Brown	12/10
Robert Jacob Gray	12/10
Katelyn Fowler	12/11
Millie Harrison	12/11
John Fiser	12/12
Rob Ochier	12/13
Edith Gray	12/14
Sue Chidley	12/15
Jarrette Taylor	12/19
Brailin Michael	12/22
Linda Robinson	12/24
Debbie Overmyer	12/26
Joann Toy	12/28
Harry Burroughs	12/29
Paul Fiser	12/30

January Birthdays

Alice Cenkus	01/01
Emily Jones	01/02
Amber Keegan	01/03
Gavin Gill	01/09
Kim Moyer	01/09
Justine Warner	01/10
Melinda Payne	01/12
Cindy Baker	01/13
Jeff Schlett	01/13
Rylee Cagle	01/14
Preston Harrison	01/14
Carol Winke	01/15
Henry Harrison	01/23
Joe Jennings	01/23
Tim Coots	01/25
Ean Sims	01/31

Anniversaries

December

Bob & Brooke Michael	12/04
Adam & Jill Greenslade	12/11
Rob & Amy Ochier	12/13
Jonathan & Marissa Cush	12/19

January

Ronald & Deb Huston	01/30
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Readers

December

Dec 7	Jeanette Greenslade
Dec 14	Lester Root
Dec 21	Carolyn Gray
Dec 28	Karen Auxter

January

Jan 4	Karen Auxter
Jan 11	Linda Robinson
Jan 18	Leah Stines
Jan 25	Carolyn Gray

Ushers

December

Harry Burroughs
Rob Ochier
Ryan & Jeanette Greenslade






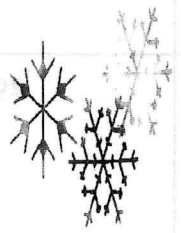
January

Tim & Karen Coots
Derrick Stalnaker

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Trustees 6:30 pm	3 Bells 6:00 pm	4	5 	6
7 Worship 9:00 am	8 Clyde Career Women 6:30 pm	9 FANS 9:00 am	10 Congregational Care 10:00 am Bells 6:00 pm	11	12	13
14 Worship 9:00 am	15 	16	17 School of Hope 11:00 am Community Dinner 5:00- 6:00pm Bells 6:00 pm	18	19 	20
21 Worship 9:00 am	22	23 	24 Christmas Eve Service 8:00 pm	25 	26	27
28 Worship 9:00 am	29 	30	31			

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2	3
4 Worship 9:00 am	5	6 Trustees 6:30 pm	7 Bells 6:00 pm	8 Exchange Club 6:30 pm	9	10
11 Worship 9:00 am	12 Worship Committee 6:00 pm Sisters 6:30 pm	13 FANS 9:00 am Finance 6:00 pm Church Council 6:30 pm	14 Bells 6:00 pm	15 	16 	17
18 Worship 9:00 am	19 Sisters 6:30 pm	20 	21 Bells 6:00 pm	22	23	24
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Life hands us difficult experiences that weigh us down: despair, anxiety, sorrow, darkness, and feelings of meaninglessness. In the midst of all this, God holds out precious and life-giving gifts – hope, peace, joy, love, light, and purpose. This Advent season, as we prepare for gift exchanges with friends and family, we will reflect on the gifts given to us by the greatest giver of all and how we can receive and embrace those gifts even in the most difficult of times.

**Nov. 30th Week 1: Despair for Hope |
Psalm 121:1-8**

In life, we go through dark valleys that can lead us into despair. In such times, God gives the gift of hope in God's love and protection.

**Dec. 7th Week 2: Anxiety for Peace |
John 14:27**

In the midst of troubling times, Jesus holds out the gift of peace. The peace Jesus gives is one that we cannot find in other things in this world.

**Dec. 14th Week 3: Sorrow for Joy |
Psalm 30**

When we experience sorrow, we can turn to God, trusting that joy will come again as a freely given gift.

**Dec. 21st Week 4: Fear for Love |
1 John 4:7-19**

Fear can lead us into hating the people that God created. But fear loses its power when we receive the gift of love. We are made complete in love.

**Christmas Eve: Darkness for Light |
Isaiah 9:2-7**

Christ gives us the gift of light in the darkest moments of our lives. His light will guide and lead us into abundant life.

**Dec. 28th Week 5: Meaninglessness for
Purpose | Jeremiah 29:11**

Through our lives, we sometimes feel lost, not knowing who we are and where we are heading. God finds us in these places and gives us the gift of purpose for our lives.

**Jan. 4th Wesleyan Covenant Renewal
Service**

**Jan. 11th Baptism of Christ |
Matthew 3:13-17 & Isaiah 42:1-9**



In this four-week series, we explore the profound importance of rest in our lives. We start with Elijah's experience of divine rest, learn how to find a healthy balance of rest, work, and play, understand the rhythm of rest modeled by God, and affirm that God has given everyone the gift of rest to be embraced.

Jan. 18th Week 1: Release into Rest | 1 Kings 19:1-9

How might God help us release into rest, rather than stretching us to do more?

Jan. 25th Week 2: A Rhythm of Rest | Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

How do we cultivate a healthy rhythm of rest, work, and play, recognizing that balance is essential for our well-being and spiritual growth?

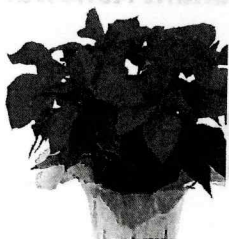
Feb. 1st Week 3: What Kind of Rest: The Science Behind Rest | Genesis 2:1-3

There is a natural ebb and flow for our minds, bodies and spirits, modeled for us by God.

Feb. 8th Week 4: The Gift of Rest | Leviticus 25:1-19

Embracing the gift of rest allows us to be people of restoration, renewal, and wholeness. The Year of Jubilee teaches us about balance, equity, and kinship, celebrating that rest is a gift for all of God's creation.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



Color	Cost per plant	Total Cost
Red	\$13.00	_____
White	\$13.00	_____
Pink	\$13.00	_____

If you prefer to make a monetary donation to the Blessing Box in lieu of flowers, please complete the "In memory of" or "In honor of" below, if applicable.

Blessing Box (Amount of donation) _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

Orders must be turned in by December 8th. Payment and form may be placed in the collection plate or turned in to the church office. (Checks should be made payable to First UMC.) Poinsettias may be removed from the altar any time after the Christmas Eve service.

CHURCH COUNCIL
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
November 11, 2025

The Church Council of First United Methodist Church of Clyde met in regular session Tuesday, November 11, 2025, Chairman Roger Miller presiding. Others in attendance were Barb Davis, Dennis Gable, Carolyn Gray, Jim Greenslade, Nancy Greenslade, Kathy Mathews, Pat Merritt, Debbie Overmyer, Linda Robinson, Lenora Stiger, and Madelynn Strayer.

Roger Miller called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Motion was made by Lenora Stiger and seconded by Barb Davis to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2025. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Linda Robinson reported a positive balance of \$498.20 in the Operating Fund at the end of October. Transfers to the Operating Fund have totaled \$18,431 through the end of October. East Ohio Conference has provided funds to cover Pastor Kim's costs while she is supplying coverage for Clyde and Green Springs.

Finance: Madelynn Strayer reported the 2026 budget was approved by Finance. It totals \$161,973.06. The 2025 budget was \$177,362.06. Madelynn further noted the committee will begin a fundraising campaign to raise \$20,000.00 to cover the cost of resealing the parking lot. One hundred squares will be offered at \$200 per square.

Christian Education: No report.

Congregational Care: Barb Davis noted the committee did not meet. The Halloween chili supper had approximately 50 in attendance. Candy was passed out to over 200 children during trick or treat. The next meeting will be December 10th. Christmas cards will be sent out. The 3rd annual soup cook-off will be held February 1, 2026.

Sisters: Barb Davis reported Sisters will have a table at the craft show, selling items made by some of the Sisters as well as cheeseballs made by the group. A Valentine's dinner will be hosted by Sisters on Saturday, February 14, 2026.

History and Records: Carolyn Gray had nothing to report.

Lay Leader and Lay Delegate: Lenora Stiger had nothing to report.

Lay Leadership: No report.

Membership: No report.

Missions: Debbie Overmyer noted the School of Hope day is lined up. The committee will decide the future of where community meals will be held.

Trustees: Jim Greenslade stated the third sink was installed. The majority of the cost was covered by donation. He noted the rent on both rental houses will be increased \$25 per month. Two quotes were received for the parking lot repair (Swartz \$22,000 and Hohenstein \$20,460). Hohenstein will be hired. The well/cistern was filled in. The chair lift passed inspection. The men's group did a leaf clean-up. They will also have a table at the craft show. The snow removal contract

was awarded to the same company that has done it the past few years. The Trustees are looking for a cleaning company to perform some tasks that Roger and Bob don't have time to do (nor should they be expected to do) in their volunteer capacity.

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Dennis Gable reported the committee met with District Superintendent Kelly Brown on September 8th. Rev. Kimberly Orr will fill in on Sunday mornings until Pastor Amy returns on November 24th. Charge Conference was held in Norwalk on November 8th. The DS will be looking for a pastor to serve the Clyde Church 50% and Green Springs Church 25%.

Worship: Kathy Mathews noted the harvest offering will be November 23rd. Ann Berenbaum will help arrange the items on the altar, and Sandy Anderson will take the items to the food pantry after worship. Treble Choir has begun rehearsals. A new decorating team was formed. It consists of seven people. The sanctuary will be decorated after worship on November 23rd and undecorated on January 4, 2026. All help is welcome. Poinsettias will be ordered. If people don't want poinsettias, they may make a monetary donation to the Blessing Box in memory or in honor of loved ones. Kathy will be resigning as chairperson at the end of the year. Sue Chidley has volunteered to take her place. A gift (\$100 Visa gift card) will be presented to Rev. Orr on November 23rd, and the altar flowers will be given in her honor.

Website update: Carolyn Gray reported that the new website hosted by tithe.ly is doing fine. The online giving part is not so fine. Carolyn will be working to get these problems resolved.

Youth: No report.

Delegate-at-large: Pat Merritt had nothing to report.

Old Business:

Jim Greenslade reported the new man door for the garage has been donated and will be installed as time permits.

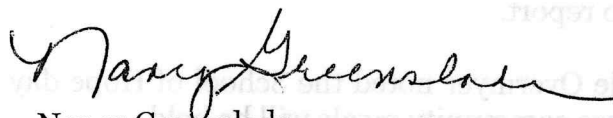
New Business:

None.

The next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

There being no further business, motion was made by Lenora Stiger and seconded by Debbie Overmyer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Greenslade

FUNDS REPORT

October 31, 2025

December 31, 2024

Operating Funds

\$ 498.20

\$ 14,217.06

Restricted Funds

Contingency	\$ 6,732.00	\$ 6,072.00
Endowment	98,513.88	93,154.58
Endowment Improvement	19,850.87	18,267.99
Memorial Gifts	8,843.11	10,293.58
Golembowski Memorial	7,680.14	7,854.04
Baker Memorial	-	3,312.31
Lavaughn Jennings Memorial	5,865.72	20,985.20
Brown Family Memorial	3,599.13	3,599.13
Edward Jones	-	-
Melissa Cone Trust	4,455.08	4,455.08
Franks Foundation	497.48	598.34
Improvement	891.49	2,536.81
Roof Fund	373.42	350.42
Organ	-	275.50
Playground	116.92	116.92
Benevolence	475.25	347.68
Day Camp	66.22	66.22
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	726.54	1,149.23
UMCOR	-	-
Church Dinners	5,061.71	3,344.02
Clyde Food Pantry	-	70.00
Youth Grant	957.77	2,511.74
Seeds of Love	4,222.29	2,280.02
Sisters Fund	1,465.54	2,453.27
Sunday School	68.75	152.69
Youth	1,754.86	1,754.86
Community Youth Group	-	-
PPP FNB	80.00	70.00
Mission Trip Youth	494.62	494.62
Camp	448.89	448.89
Nursery	79.61	79.61
Vacation Bible School	706.90	306.25
Rental Fund	12,518.34	10,726.74
Breakfast Fund	284.25	90.49
Music Department	672.28	768.28
EOC Reimbursement	2,683.65	-
Miller's Register Receipts	82.14	382.70
History & Records	-	-
Historical Bell Fund	1,143.84	1,143.84
Reimburse	72.00	-
Congregational Care	145.00	-
Car Show	-	-
Ash Wednesday	-	-
Good Friday	-	-
Easter	380.00	-
Thanksgiving	67.00	67.00
Christmas Eve	169.00	169.00
Christmas	545.00	1,020.00
Angel Tree	-	503.83
Rummage Sale	-	-
Craft Show	-	-

Total Restricted Funds \$ 192,790.69

\$ 202,272.88

Total Funds \$ 193,288.89

\$ 216,489.94

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