



"Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.." - Philippians 4:5-7 (NRSVUE)

Greetings Church!

He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Depending on when the post office or the email wizards gets this newsletter to you, it may be before Easter Sunday or well after, but either way we know the end of the journey to the cross. We know the victory of resurrection and the new life that comes every spring.

What we do not always know in life is what will come when we face a season of transition.

A lesson I learned early in my healthcare career was that "the only thing constant is change." I have found that lesson to be just as true in ministry. Yet alongside the constant of change, there is another constant: the grace and presence of God. As Paul reminds the Philippians, "The Lord is near." Even in times of transition and uncertainty, God is near, working in us and through us.

In the Wesleyan tradition, we trust that God's grace is always at work, going before us, walking beside us, and continuing to shape us into the people God calls us to be. Even when we cannot see the whole path ahead, we trust that God is already there.

When the world feels uneasy and chaotic, when our lives feel uncertain, when illness or injury interrupts our plans - the Lord is near. When our jobs change, when we move to new places, when we grieve the loss of someone we love - the Lord is near. Even when the change is a good one, a change we have prayed for, wished for, or hoped for - the Lord is near.

Paul reminds us that when anxiety begins to creep in, we can bring everything to God in prayer. When we do, God's peace begins to guard our hearts and minds. It is a peace that does not depend on circumstances but comes from trusting in Christ's presence with us.

As we move from the season of Easter toward Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon the church. The Spirit surrounds us like tongues of fire and warms our hearts with the assurance of God's love—just as the early Methodists spoke of hearts "strangely warmed" by the grace of God.

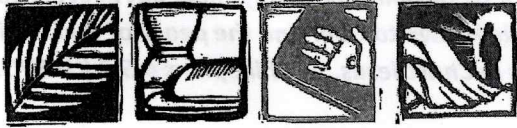
So, as we journey together through this season, remember this promise:

God is near.
Christ is risen.
The Spirit is at work among us.

Thanks be to God.

Blessings,
Amy

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 2nd 6 pm

Clyde First UMC Fellowship Hall

Bring an appetizer to share
Foot/Hand Washing for those who wish to participate
Holy Communion as we remember the Last Supper

Good Friday Community Service

April 3rd noon

Clyde First UMC in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, Apr. 5th

Sunrise at Clyde FUMC 7 am

Breakfast following

Clyde FUMC 9 am

Green Springs UMC 10:30 am



Prayer Chain:

The Congregational Care Committee has an 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.

Prayer Cards

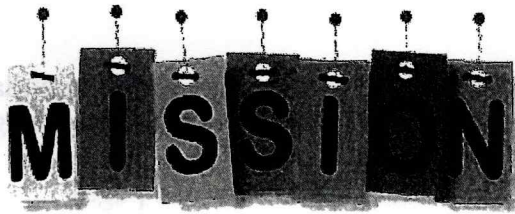
There are prayer cards available in the pews for you to write your prayer requests (joys and concerns) and given to an usher before the end of the first hymn/song to be prayed for during the prayer time. Or if you feel comfortable, you can always pray yourself out loud during the prayer time when it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



We want to see your

Wedding Photo!!

During the month of June, the Funship Chair, Dan Auxter, will be creating a display of the Wedding Photos of our congregation. (Pastor Amy just gave him that title, it's not official, but it could be.) The last few weeks of May, there will be a plastic tote with a lid in the fellowship hall for you to drop off your photo. Please have your names, the date, and the location of your wedding.



Updates from the Mission Committee/Team:

The Mission Committee has made the decision to transition from a formal committee structure with a chairperson and regular meetings to a team that has several members to lead the various mission focused ministries our congregation has (Caring Closet, Blessing Box, Community Meals, etc). If you have any short- or long-term mission ideas please see any member of the Mission Team and share your idea! The Mission Team will be happy to partner with you to fulfill what God has placed on your heart. **The Mission Team Members are Carolyn Gray, Beth Wilkerson, Roger Miller, Millie Harrison, Bob Bishop, Joan Gable, Karen Coots, and Pastor Amy.**



I want to sincerely apologize for the delay in getting the latest newsletter out to you.

Unfortunately, my old computer gave out unexpectedly, which really threw me for a loop! I had to wait for a new one to get here and then quickly get up to speed with the new system before I could resume working. So many new things to learn!!

I really love doing the newsletter & hope you enjoy it! If there's anything you'd like to add you can always reach me at kebelibu@msn.com or by phone at 419-603-8622.

Thanks so much!
Blessings to all!! Becky



Parking Lot Fundraiser – 100 Squares Toward \$20,000 We're over 60% there!

As many of you have probably noticed, our church parking lot needs refreshed. On behalf of the Finance Committee, in our last newsletter we shared a new fundraising project to have our parking lot resealed this spring.

The project will cost \$20,000, and we need everyone's help to make it happen. To reach our goal, we have created 100 squares at \$200 each, giving us a clear path to \$20,000.

We currently have over 60 squares purchased. We hope to raise the full amount as soon as possible so we are ready to start this project when the weather breaks in the spring.

Donations for a square can be made to the church with a note for "Parking Lot Fundraiser". You can also give online at www.fumccllyde.org/give.

When donating online, a **photo of our Clyde FUMC** is located on the giving page.

NEW WEBSITE FEATURES

We hope that you are enjoying the new look and easier navigation of the church's recently revamped website. To see all of the website's features, click on the subtitles in the Navigation or Menu bar. (Photo #1 of home page)

The Event Calendar can be seen in list view or calendar view, and you can subscribe to the calendar to sync it with your existing digital calendar. (Photo #2 of Calendar page and photo #3 of the Events page)

Past sermons are easily found by clicking on the Sermons link. (Photo #4 of Sermons page)

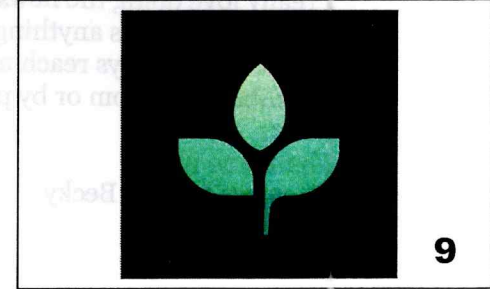
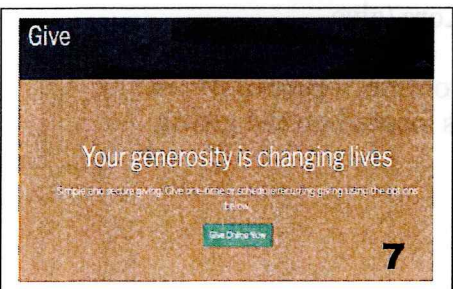
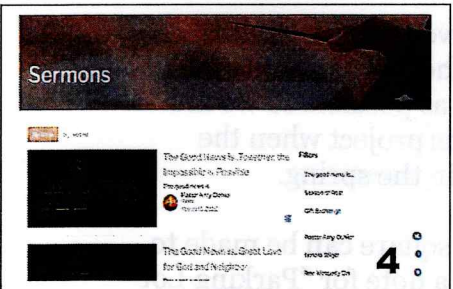
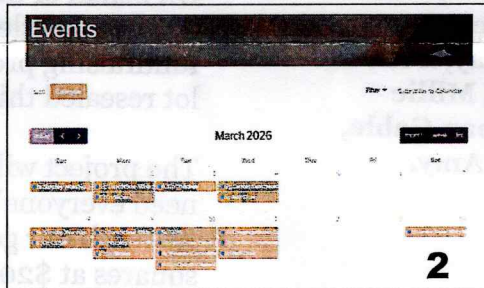
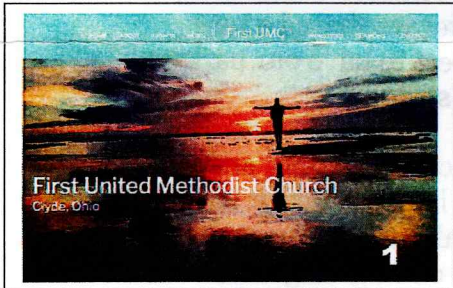
Located on the About page are six links to important and interesting information re: our church. (Photo #5 of About page)

Contact information is included. (Photo #6 of Contact page)

If you would like to donate online, go to the Give page. (Photos #7 and #8 of the online giving)
Online giving is managed securely by Tithe.ly. To give with your mobile phone, you can download the Tithe.ly app from the Google or Apple stores. The app is pictured with a 3-leaved green branch. (Photo #9 of 3-leaf branch) When donating online, a **photo of our Clyde FUMC** is located on the giving page.

Click and scroll to check out the Ministries page and News page...which has the current newsletter.

Questions? Ask Carolyn Gray.



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SPRINGS YOUTH
FELLOWSHIP

JOIN US

SUNDAYS

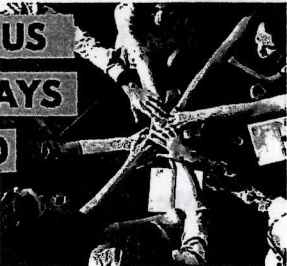
@ 6:30

Bring a
Friend

Students entering
5th - 12th grades!
Faith
Fellowship
Fun
Food

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

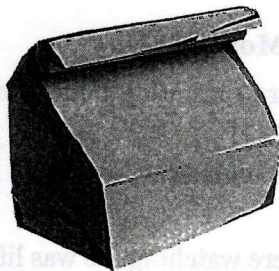
Register Here:



CGSYF 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.

April Dates: 12th & 19th

May Dates: 3rd, 17th & 31st



Lunchtime Bible Study with Pastor Amy

Mondays at noon until April 27th

Clyde First Parlor

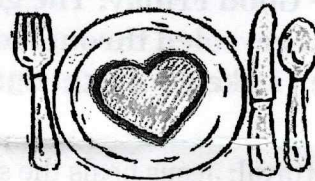
Bring your own lunch!



Celebrate Our Heritage

Heritage Sunday
April 26th

We will be celebrating the heritage of Clyde First United Methodist Church and recognizing those who have been members of the UMC for 50 years or more during our regular worship service. Please contact the office to be sure we have you on our list if you believe you should be recognized.

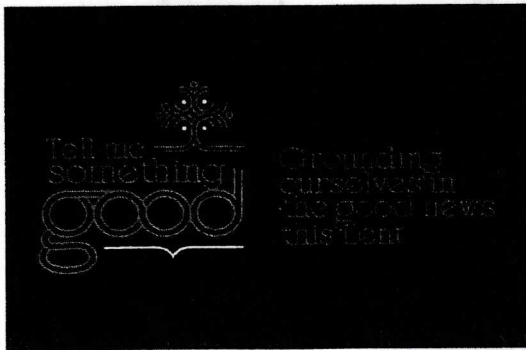


COMMUNITY DINNER

The Community Dinner will be returning to drive thru for the April 29th meal. People may come into the Fellowship Hall to receive, eat their "take out" meal, and enjoy fellowship with others.



The church is updating its email list. Contact the church by phone or by email at office@fumcclyde.org to add or update your email address. Please let us know if you would like to be removed from the list. Thank you.



April 2nd Maundy Thursday: The good news is... even Judas gets his feet washed | John 13:1-35

Jesus washes the disciples' feet.

April 3rd Good Friday: The good news is... revealed through non-violence | Luke 22:47-53, 23:33-38, 44-46

Judas' betrayal: Jesus heals the servant's ear after his disciples draw swords; Jesus forgives those crucifying him

April 5th Easter Sunday: The good news is... alive in the world | Matthew 28:1-10

"Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; then they will see me."



Sundays following Easter

April 12th Ask Me Anything | Matthew 28:1-10

This is your chance to ask the questions that have been keeping you up at night.

April 19th Behind the Music: In the Garden | John 20:11-18

The story behind the Hymn "In the Garden" and why Pastor Amy feels the ways she feels.

April 26th Cloud of Witnesses | Hebrews 12:1-2

The Legacy we inherit, the Legacy we leave behind.

May 3rd Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of Women's Ordination

May 10th Mother's Day

Amy Off for Continuing Education

May 17th Ascension Sunday | Acts 1:1-11




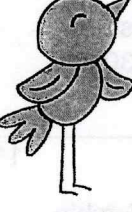
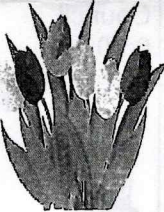

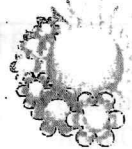
"as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight."

May 24th Pentecost Sunday: Come Holy Spirit Come! | Acts 2:1-11


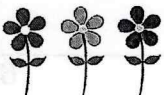





"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..."

May 31st TBD

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bells 6:00 pm	2 Maunday Thursday Service 6:00 pm	3 Community Good Friday Service Noon	4 
5 Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am (Breakfast Following) Worship 9:00 am	6 Lunch Study Pastor Amy Noon Sisters 6:30 pm	7  Trustees 6:30 pm	8 Bells 6:00 pm	9 Exchange Club 6:30 pm	10 	11
12 Worship 9:00 am CGSYF 6:30 pm	13 Lunch Study Pastor Amy Noon Sisters 6:30 pm	14 FANS Breakfast 9:00 am	15 Bells 6:00 pm	16 	17 Fellowship Hall in Use Noon- 5:00 pm	18
19 Worship 9:00 am CGSYF 6:30 pm	20 Lunch Study Pastor Amy Noon Sisters 6:30 pm	21	22 Bells 6:00 pm	23	24	25
26 Worship 9:00 am Heritage Sunday	27 Lunch Study Pastor Amy Noon Sisters 6:30 pm	28 	29 Community Dinner 5-6:00 pm Bells 6:00 pm	30		

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship 9:00 am CGSYF 6:30 pm	4 Sisters 6:30 pm	5 Red Cross Blood Drive Noon – 6:00 pm Trustees 6:30 pm	6	7	8 	9
10 Worship 9:00 am Mother's Day	11 Worship Committee 6:00 pm Sisters 6:30 pm	12 FANS Breakfast 9:00 am Finance 6 pm Church Council 6:30 pm	13 Congrega- tional Care 10:00 am 	14	15	16
17 Worship 9:00 am CGSYF 6:30 pm	18	19 	20	21	22	23
24 Worship 9:00 am	25  HAPPY MEMORIAL *** DAY ***	26	27 Community Dinner 5-6:00 pm	28	29 	30
31 Worship 9:00 am CGSYF 6:30 pm						

CHURCH COUNCIL
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
March 10, 2026

The Church Council of First United Methodist Church of Clyde met in regular session Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Chairman Roger Miller presiding. Others in attendance were Rev. Sue Chidley, Barb Davis, Dennis Gable, Jim Greenslade, Nancy Greenslade, Roger Miller, Pastor Amy Ochier, Lenora Stiger, and Madelynn Strayer.

Roger Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion was made by Jim Greenslade and seconded by Dennis Gable to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2026. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Linda Robinson reported a balance of \$10,740.72 in the Operating Fund and \$212,921.77 in all funds as of February 28, 2026.

Finance: Madelynn Strayer noted that 54 parking lot squares have been purchased toward our goal of 100. We are going to reach out to additional people to get more donations.

Christian Education: Pastor Amy noted that Sunday School class is meeting. She is holding a lunch study on Mondays at noon. Vacation Bible School will begin July 12th. A VBS meeting will be held Sunday, March 29th. The theme is Snowball Mountain Challenge.

Congregational Care: Barb Davis noted the committee is meeting tomorrow. The successful soup cook-off had over 50 in attendance. Easter cards will be sent to the congregation. Stacy Cagle and Karen Coots will deliver gifts to our indoor friends. Resurrection gardens will be made at a Lenten craft workshop on Sunday, March 15th.

Barb further reported that 60 tickets were sold for the Sisters-sponsored Valentine dinner. Those in attendance enjoyed the dinner and entertainment. Sisters will have a Lenten study. They will provide gift bags to be included in all the community dinners in March.

History and Records: Carolyn Gray reported a tentative date for the Heritage Sunday observance is Sunday, April 26th. The committee will meet shortly.

Lay Leader and Lay Delegate: Lenora Stiger stated she had taken a class on prayer February 21st.

Trustees: Jim Greenslade reported he, hopefully, had another awning project quote coming. A pump had gone out on the heating system. This was replaced. The car show has been scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2026.

Worship: Rev. Sue Chidley reported there will be a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday at 7:00 am, and breakfast will follow.

Old Business: Regarding the Zoom meeting on the Simplified Accountability Structure, Pastor Amy noted the next step is to decide if we want to explore this further. Since we have paid 100% of our apportionments, a Conference coach will come at no cost to the church to detail the entire process. This will enable the church to have a better understanding of the system before a decision is made. Pastor Amy will contact Rev. Beth Ortiz.

New Business: Carolyn Gray stated she wants to explain and promote the new website. An article will be included in the newsletter.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Amy reported she attended Bishop Jung's Day in the District. The theme was living out of abundance instead of scarcity. Discussion is taking place on going to one Conference. There will be a Conference vote in 2027 regarding this. Jurisdictional Conference vote will be taken in 2028. A clergy session will be held in Lakeside in May. Annual Conference will be held at the College of Wooster.

Holy Week schedule:

Palm Sunday, March 29
Maundy Thursday, April 2

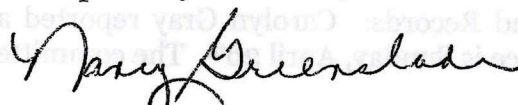
Good Friday, April 3
Easter Sunday, April 5

Worship service 9:00 am
In Fellowship Hall, communion and
foot and hand washing (with Green
Springs UMC) 6:00 pm
Community Service in sanctuary at noon
Sunrise Service 7:00 am
Breakfast following sunrise service
Easter Worship Service (communion
by intinction) 9:00 am

Pastor Amy reported she is working on worship planning for after Easter.

There being no further business, motion was made by Rev. Sue Chidley and seconded by Madelynn Strayer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Greenslade

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays

Don Wineland	04/01
Carolyn McClanahan	04/02
Joan Gable	04/03
Julie Falter	04/04
Kevin Winke	04/04
Adam Greenslade	04/05
Josh Schlett	04/06
Fred Wampler	04/06
Marissa Cush	04/07
Jonathan Benfer	04/10
Shirley Brown	04/13
Samuel Greenslade	04/18
Aidan Greenslade	04/18
Joel Greenslade	04/18
Richie Stombaugh	04/21
Miranda Sullivan	04/21
Sandy Anderson	04/22
Brent Gable	04/24
Zane Huston	04/24
Kelli Jo Haubert	04/27
Tim Taylor	04/28
Sandy DeVries	04/30
Linda Dunfee	04/30

May Birthdays

Sarah Baker	05/02
Adam Auxter	05/05
Brent Aona	05/06
James Kramer	05/09
Carol Wineland	05/13
Jill Greenslade	05/14
Roger Miller	05/14
Ethan Brown	05/16
Linda Derucki	05/16
Amy Schlett	05/16
Kedran Bilbrey	05/18
Tom Hansen	05/18
Tim Murphy	05/19
Alicia Morris	05/25
Melissa Stombaugh	05/25
Roberta Glover	05/26
Bob Michael	05/26

Anniversaries

April

Barry & Jennifer Hohman	04/04
Jim & Nancy Greenslade	04/11
Kevin & Becky Scherger	04/29
Bill & Leah Stines	04/30

May

Kevin & Colleen Winke	05/06
Robert & Kristine Gray	05/07
John & Linda Derucki	05/27

Readers

April

April 5	Karen Auxter
April 12	Lester Root
April 19	Vickie Taylor
April 26	Chad Cagle

May

May 3	
May 14	
May 17	Linda Robinson
May 24	
May 31	



**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.

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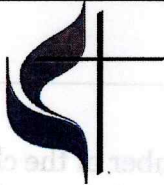
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MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 8:00 A.M. - NOON

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:15 AM

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER:

THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH

Please submit to Becky Scherger, 419-603-8622
kebelibu@msn.com

