



I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9 (NRSVUE)

Greetings Church!

As I sat down to write this letter, searching for an appropriate Bible verse about transition and uncertainty, this verse came to mind. It was a year ago that we were preparing for VBS 2025 and this was the theme verse for the Road Trip VBS. Only God knew what was in store this past year and how I personally would need to be reminded to be strong and courageous; not be frightened or dismayed; and hold tight to the promise that God is with me wherever I go.

As many of you know, it was announced on April 12th, that effective July 1, 2026 I will be appointed to serve Fostoria Wesley and Amsden United Methodist Churches in the West Ohio Conference. At this time, it has not been announced who your new pastor will be. It has been my absolute honor and privilege to be your pastor. I am so grateful for the love and grace you have shown me and my family over the past four years, and I will carry you all with me as I move forward in my ministry.

Change is never easy, but there is much joy to be found. It is important as this pastoral transition occurs that proper boundaries are set and held for the health and well-being of both the incoming pastor and me, as well as the Clyde First, Green Springs, Wesley, and Amsden congregations. My last Sunday in worship with you is June 14th and the moving trucks will be arriving on June 22nd. I will still be available to you for pastoral care needs through June 30th. Although I will miss you all, it is important that I commit to building relationships with those in my new congregations and communities.

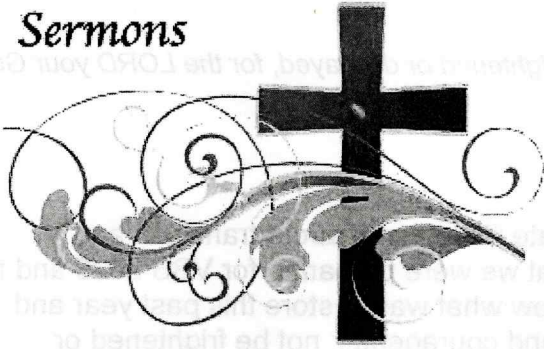
With this in mind, these are some of the ways I would like to honor healthy boundaries during this transition:

- My social media accounts will remain active, but I will refrain from commenting or engaging with your posts.
- There will be occasions when you may see my presence or participation in the community. For example, Rob will be coaching the girls' soccer team at Clyde High School this fall and I will be keeping his stat book. As his wife, I will be supporting him and his team at their games. I do this with the blessing of the DS – with the understanding that I am there not as a pastor, but as the coach's wife. Let's Go Lady Fliers!!!!
- There may be some unique occasions where I may be asked by the new pastor to help them with a wedding, funeral, or some other special event, but it will only be by their invitation. Any requests for my participation should be made through the new pastor. Details of my participation will be worked out at their discretion.

Thank you for understanding the healthy boundaries we are asked to keep. Know that I love you and will hold you in my prayers. Once again, I am so grateful for the opportunity to have been your pastor and I look forward to the ways God will bless Clyde First and Green Springs UMCs in the months, years, and decades to come.

Blessings,
Amy

Sermons



**June 7th Both Congregations - Combined
Worship at Clyde First – 9:30 am
Better Together | 1 Corinthians 12:12-27**

A Celebration of Ministry Together

It was recently announced by the East Ohio Conference that Pastor Amy will be leaving the Clyde and Green Springs churches in June to accept an appointment in the West Ohio Conference. She will be serving Fostoria Wesley and Amsden United Methodist churches.

June 14th One Last Time | Psalm 46

One last time.... Pastor Amy's parting words to each of you.

As a way to honor her ministry with us over the past four years, a special celebration will be held on Sunday, June 7th. The Clyde and Green Springs churches will join for a combined worship service at **9:30 am** at the Clyde church. The Praise Team will provide music, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed.

June 21st & 28th

Certified Lay Servants Lenora Stiger (Clyde First) & Brenda Sherer (Green Springs) will be leading worship

Following the worship service, a time of fellowship and food will be available in the Fellowship Hall. That will be a time to visit with Pastor Amy, Rob, and Ginny and wish them well as they embark on a new ministry opportunity.

Month of July - TBD

We hope you will plan to join us.



SUMMER SISTERS

Coffee and conversation under the trees will start Monday, June 8th, at 10:00 am. Sisters will meet at the church for morning coffee—bring your own coffee and a lawn chair!

This is a great way to learn more about each other, share prayer needs, and make plans for our summer events, i.e., rummage sale!

Friends are welcome.



Bring in Your Wedding Photo

June is wedding month! In honor of this, you are encouraged to bring in wedding photos. It can be your own, your parents, children, grandchildren, etc. There is a box in the Ladies Lounge in which you may place photos. Be sure to include names, wedding date, and location of wedding. They will be displayed on June 14th.



Sundaes on Sunday

Come and enjoy an ice cream sundae on Sunday, August 2nd, from 5-7:00 pm. Make your own sundae and spend some time visiting and/or playing games.



First United Methodist Church

Thursday, July 23, and

Friday, July 24

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Free water and coffee all day

Free lunch served

(famous Coney dogs and root beer floats!)

Thursday and Friday 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

(donations accepted)

Bring your treasures (no trash, please!) to the church. Our collection room is upstairs (Room 24, last door on the right). If you need help unloading, please call Barb Davis 937-243-4715 or the church office 419-547-0734.

Please—no televisions or computer monitors. We ask that you wait until the week of July 20th to bring in large items.

At that time they may be placed in the Fellowship Hall.

CLYDE GREEN
SPRINGS YOUTH
FELLOWSHIP

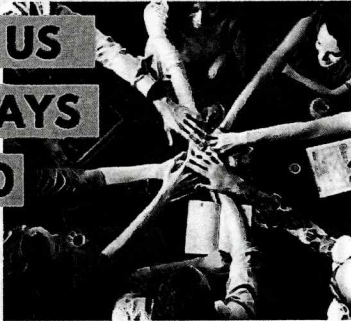
JOIN US

SUNDAYS

@ 6:30

**Bring a
Friend**

Students entering
6th - 12th grade!
Faith
Fellowship
Fun
Food



Register Here:



Green Springs UMC
117 N. Broadway St, Green Springs

**Clyde Green Springs Youth
Fellowship Group**

Regular meetings on Sundays from
6:30 pm-8:00 pm at Green Springs
UMC

Final meeting with Pastor Amy and
Ginny – June 7th

We are transitioning to meeting at
Green Springs UMC starting on May
31st – stay tuned for how we will
continue under new leadership at
Green Springs.

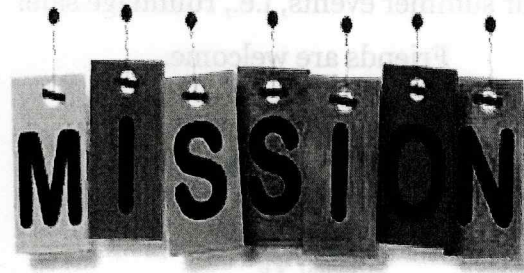


Prayer Chain

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.



**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.**



Clyde Community VBS invites all children ages 4 through 6th grade to Snowball Mountain Challenge Vacation Bible School where they become Challengers and find their strength in God! Come and join us at the First United Methodist Church, 510 West Maple Street, Clyde, Ohio (across from Miller's Super Valu) on **July 12-16, 2026**. The adventure will begin at 5:45 pm and run to 8:15 pm. Registration opens on **May 1st**!

To register online this year, visit <https://clyde-community-vbs.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

For more information, you can call or text Amber Keegan at (419) 455-5887 or email clydecommunityvbs@yahoo.com.

We hope to see you there!!

★ **SATURDAY, JULY 11th, 2026** ★
 — 5th Annual Car Show —

Clyde First United Methodist Church

510 West Maple Street
Clyde, Ohio 43410
*Located across from Miller's
at Race and Maple Streets*

Breakfast Buffet ★ **Lunch** ★ **Exhibitors and Public Welcome**
 9am to 11am Noon to 2:00pm

*Food is prepared by the Ladies of the Church.
 Beverages available... Pop, Smoothies, Water and Coffee.*

<p>\$10 REGISTRATION \$10. First 50 exhibitors will be entered in a \$50 drawing. FREE of charge</p>	<p>FREE Door Prizes and Dash Plates</p>	<p>Announcements and recorded music made over our PA system during the show.</p>
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<p>REGISTRATION 10am to Noon</p>	<p>SHOW Noon to 3pm</p>	<p>AWARD 2pm to 3:30pm</p>	<p>JUDGING Noon to 1pm</p>
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Birthdays & Anniversaries



June Birthdays

Dennis Gable	06/01
Loretta Konrad	06/02
Bonnie Cagle	06/03
James Conley	06/03
Becky Barr	06/06
June Brough	06/06
Abigail Reynolds	06/06
Amy Smith	06/08
Ken Cravens	06/11
Tiffany Rosales	06/13
Chad Cagle	06/15
Robert Gray	06/15
Alyssa Benfer	06/16
Nancy Greenslade	06/16
Connie McClanahan	06/16
Marsha Rader	06/16
John Moyer	06/18
Josh Coots	06/19
Jeff Hoppes	06/20
Kevin Hoppes	06/21
Sandra Arndt	06/22
Douglas Wilkinson	06/23
Joyce Peters	06/24
Ronald Huston	06/25
Jonathan Taylor	06/25
Abbigail Venturino	06/28
Brad Gable	06/29
Chelsea Freeman	06/30

July Birthdays

Chris Drown	07/01
Kevin Drown	07/02
Courtney Payne	07/04
Emily Rader	07/05
Dean Scheerer	07/06
Jacob Rader	07/07
Karen Auxter	07/10
John Derucki	07/10
Jeffrey Gill	07/11
Jeanette Greenslade	07/12
Kevin Winke	07/12
Judy Cravens	07/14
Ellen Wilkinson	07/14
Ryan Greenslade	07/15
Pat Merritt	07/15
Kennedy Arndt	07/17
Craig Winke	07/17
William Baker	07/20
Charles Barr	07/20
AJ Cravens	07/20
Sidney Hohman	07/27
Shane Hohman	07/27
Mackenzie Reese	07/29
Adam Guice	07/29
Wendy Brown	07/30
Nicole Hagemyer	07/30
Janet Michaels	07/31

Anniversaries

June

Marvin & Sandra Arndt	06/03
Dennis & Joan Gable	06/20
Ronald & Kelli Jo Haubert	06/20
Kyle & Janis Owens	06/22
John & Kim Moyer	06/25
William & Cindy Baker	06/30

July

John & Phyllis Fiser	07/05
Warren & Wendy Brown	07/12
Brian & Miranda Sullivan	07/12
Robert & Carol Bishop	07/17
Brent & Katie Gable	07/26
Jeff & Amy Schlett	07/27

Readers

June

June 7	Vickie Taylor
June 14	Chad Cagle
June 21	Carolyn Gray
June 28	Madelynn Strayer

July

July 5	Lenora Stiger
July 12	Linda Robinson
July 19	Lester Root
July 26	Vickie Taylor

Ushers


June

Mary & Larry Waugh






July

Chad Cagle Family

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Trustees 6:30 pm		June		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship 9:30 am	Sisters 10:00 am	FANS 9:00 am	CHS Alumni 9:30 am			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 9:00 am	Sisters 10:00 am					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship 9:00 am	Sisters 10:00 am		Community Dinner 5:00 pm  COMMUNITY DINNER			
28	29	30				
Worship 9:00 am	Sisters 10:00 am					

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5 Worship 9:00 am	6 Sisters ✓ 10:00 am Worship Committee 6:00 pm	7 Trustees ✓ 5:30 pm Finance ✓ 6:00 pm Church Council ✓ 6:30 pm	8 CHS Alumni 9:30 am	9 	10	11 Car Show Noon-3 pm Breakfast 9-11 am Lunch Noon-2 pm ✓
12 Worship 9:00 am VBS 5:45-8:15 pm ✓	13 Sisters ✓ 10:00 am VBS 5:45-8:15 pm ✓	14  VBS 5:45-8:15 pm ✓	15 VBS 5:45-8:15 pm ✓	16 VBS 5:45-8:15 pm ✓	17	18
19 Worship 9:00 am	20 Sisters ✓ 10:00 am	21	22  Rummage Sale 9:00 am- 5:00 pm	23 Rummage Sale 9:00 am- 5:00 pm ✓	24 Rummage Sale 9:00 am- 5:00 pm	25
26 Worship 9:00 am	27 Sisters ✓ 10:00 am	28	29 Community Dinner 5:00 pm  COMMUNITY DINNER	30	31	

CHURCH COUNCIL
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
May 12, 2026

The Church Council of First United Methodist Church of Clyde met in regular session Tuesday, May 12, 2026, Chairman Roger Miller presiding. Others in attendance were Rev. Sue Chidley, Barb Davis, Dennis Gable, Nancy Greenslade, Roger Miller, Pastor Amy Ochier, Linda Robinson, Lenora Stiger, and Madelynn Strayer.

Roger Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion was made by Barb Davis and seconded by Lenora Stiger to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2026. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Linda Robinson reported a balance of \$7,366.31 in the Operating Fund as of April 30, 2026.

Finance: Madelynn Strayer noted that 82 parking lot squares have been purchased toward our goal of 100, which means we have received \$16,400 toward the goal of \$20,000. Thank you cards will be sent to those outside of the church that have made donations. Hohenstein has been contacted to proceed.

Christian Education: Pastor Amy noted that a Vacation Bible School meeting will be held Sunday, May 17th, at noon. Since she has moved from the area, Amber Keegan will be stepping down as VBS director after this year.

Pastor Amy thanked the Sunday School class for leading worship on May 10th. Volunteers from the Green Springs congregation will take over CGSYF.

Congregational Care: Barb Davis reported that 130 Easter cards were sent. Gifts were taken to our indoor friends. There were 30 in attendance at the Lenten resurrection garden workshop. Wedding photos will be displayed in June. The committee meets tomorrow (May 13th).

Sisters: Barb Davis noted the group is on summer hiatus from studies. Beginning Monday, June 8th, the group will meet in the morning at 10:00 am outside (weather permitting). The rummage sale will be held July 23 and 24, 2026. Donations were made to the Little Fliers food program and the blessing box by the Sisters group.

History and Records: Carolyn Gray submitted a written report as follows: "Thank you, History and Records committee, for all of your work preparing for Heritage Sunday, April 26, 2026...Melanie Taylor, Bonnie Cagle, Phyllis and John Fiser. You're a great team! And thank you, Nancy, for the extra work that you do with keeping track of our 50-year members and helping us to prepare for this day. We had a nice turnout of 50+ year members, and it looked like people were enjoying the displays."

Lay Leader and Lay Delegate: Lenora Stiger thanked the Sunday School class for the great support in leading the worship service on May 10th.

Lay Leadership: Pastor Amy noted that a mid-year trustee replacement will be needed to replace Rob Ochier.

Membership: No report.

Missions: No report.

Trustees: Lenora Stiger reported that she will be contacting a cleaning service.

Staff-Parish Relations: Dennis Gable reported he had attended a meeting relative to the guidelines for transition of pastors. The committee will be meeting.

Worship: Rev. Sue Chidley reported the committee is planning for the combined worship service and reception for Pastor Amy on Sunday, June 7th. Worship will be at 9:30 that day.

Old Business:

Pastor Amy noted she had spoken with Rev. Beth Ortiz regarding the simplified accountability structure. Any kind of further study of this will be on hold until a new pastor is assigned.

New Business:

None

Pastor's Report:

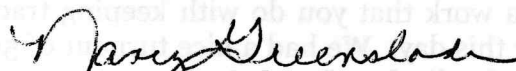
Pastor Amy noted that she is on loan to West Ohio Conference as pastor of Fostoria Wesley and Amsden. As such she will be attending a portion of the West Ohio Conference in addition to attending the East Ohio Conference June 11-13.

Pastor Amy's last Sunday will be June 14th. She will be moving on June 22nd. Her official final date with the Clyde and Green Springs churches is June 30th. She will be getting everything ready to turn over to someone—other than Nancy.

Due to a scheduling conflict with Vacation Bible School, the next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday, July 7, 2026.

There being no further business, motion was made by Lenora Stiger and seconded by Madelynn Strayer to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Greenslade

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