

CHUM NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2026

...TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

Pastor: Samuel Mohn

Worship Director: Jane Page

Accompanist: Carla Jenkins

Worship With Us

Sunday's

9:30 Bible Brew

10:00 Worship

Bible Study

Thursdays 10:30

(Youth Hall)

Coming Home:

Returning to Our Fall Rhythms

There is something about September that feels like a return to rhythm.

Summer vacations begin to wind down. Schools are back in session. Calendars start filling up again. Choirs rehearse, Bible studies resume, children and youth ministries return, and the familiar routines of fall begin to take shape.

In the life of the church, fall also gives us an opportunity to **come home**.

Maybe summer took you away for a few Sundays. Maybe life simply became busy. Maybe you have gotten out of the habit of being in worship each week. September is a wonderful time to return—to reconnect with one another, renew our commitment to worship, and remember that we were never meant to follow Jesus alone.

The church is more than a building we visit on Sunday morning. Church Hill is a family of faith. It is a place where generations have worshiped, prayed, served, laughed, cried, celebrated, and walked alongside one another through every season of life.

That is why I am especially excited about our **Homecoming and Celebration Sunday on September 27**.

We will gather for worship at **10:00 a.m.** and celebrate the life, history, ministry, and people of Church Hill United Methodist Church. We are also inviting former pastors to return and worship with us as we remember the many faithful people who have helped shape this congregation.

Note
from the
pastor



Following worship, we will continue the celebration with a luncheon at the **Youngstown Country Club at noon**.

But Homecoming isn't simply about looking backward.

We celebrate where we have been because it reminds us that the same God who has been faithful throughout Church Hill's history is still at work among us today.

There are still children who need to know they are loved. There are still hungry families who need to be fed. There are still lonely people who need community. There are still neighbors who need hope. And there are still people in our community who are searching for a church they can call home.

Our best way of honoring those who built this church before us is not simply preserving what they gave us.

It is continuing the ministry they began.

So as we return to our fall rhythms, I want to challenge each of us to make worship, prayer, service, generosity, and Christian community part of our rhythm again.

Come back to worship. Come back to Bible study. Bring the children and youth.

Find a place to serve. Invite someone to church. Reconnect with someone you haven't seen in a while.

And on September 27, **come home and celebrate.**

Let's fill the sanctuary with old friends and new faces. Let's tell the stories. Let's sing the hymns. Let's give thanks for those who came before us. And then let's look toward the future with faith and expectation.

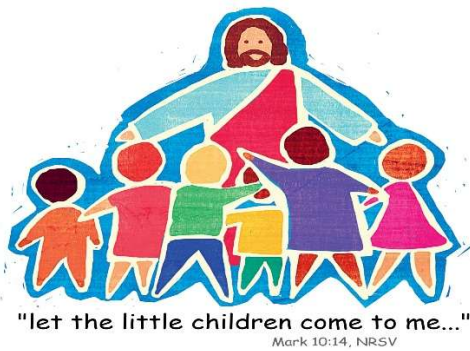
Because Church Hill's story isn't finished.

God is still writing the next chapter—and we get to be part of it.

See you in church!

Pastor Sam





Church Hill United Methodist Church

"COME TO KING'S KIDSClub"

Fall Semester Begins September 30

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: 4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS, September through April

King's Kids Club meets on Wednesdays, from 4:45 until 7:00 p.m. beginning the last week of September and running through mid-December (off for Thanksgiving week). It then resumes in late January and runs through April (off during Holy Week before Easter or after Easter when school is off at Liberty).

As usual, all the kids start with a snack, then go to Bible class, then music, dinner, and either make a craft or play a game. You'll meet some of your old friends and meet some new ones, too. Your teachers from King's Kids Club and VBS are always there to greet you! The Wednesday before Thanksgiving and Christmas children and families enjoy a special dinner buffet, complete with all the trimmings, and in April we have our annual Spring Banquet.

So I hope you will come and bring a friend. **King's Kids is for all children from the community, and it is FREE for everyone!** Your family is welcome to join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. if they would like to.

SEE YOU AT KING'S KIDS!!!

Mrs. West (Miss Terri) 330-539-5743





The Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome! The choir will sing during worship for the first time this fall on Sunday, September 20. For more information, please see Jane Page.

We welcome all who have experienced the loss of a family member or friend. We are thankful that God continues to allow us to serve and support those who are grieving.

You may feel hesitant about attending a grief support program. Please know that GriefShare offers a warm, caring, and accepting place where you can share with others as you feel led. The first step is often the most difficult, but we encourage you to take that step. You do not have to walk through grief alone.

GriefShare begins Thursday, September 3, and meets from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$22, which includes the workbook.

We will not meet on November 26 because of Thanksgiving. Our final meeting will be December 10.

Register online:

<https://find.griefshare.org/groups/297466>



In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Timothy and Brittany Gibsen, Jean Dutko, Bill Tomlinson, Dan Wathen, Terri West, Carla Jenkins, Bonnie Hively, Anya, Haylee (friend of the Pekalla family), Anna (Toepfer's daughter), Carlye (friend of Charlene Spencer), Logan (8-year-old from VBS), Ray Burke (son-in-law of Clyde and Frankie Taylor), Jade Sweitzer, Robyn Bandi (friend of Linda Toepfer), Ben Washington, Lee Elmo, Dora Baker, Nancy Smith, Helen Hess, David Moyers, Eileen and Jeff Hawkins, Darlene Capitola, Andre Williams, Jimmy Quinlan, Joette Sondheimer (Viv Seifert's sister), Jane Doughton, Lori and Kevin Vara, Ron Miller (Ken Miller's cousin), Jimmy Weller, Samuel M, Margie Ryan, Bella, Roger (Jan Ferry's nephew), Tiffany Orwig, Lori Furlong, Mrs. Pirlozzi (Felicia Brown's mother), Felicia Brown, Natalie D'orzio (friend of the Ahlswede family), Roger Bartlett (Helen Hess's son-in-law), Bev Clinton, Irene O'Hara, Linda Baker (Neighbor of Catchpoles), Angelina Vince (Christian Denning), Craig Ruggles, Sandy (Terri West's sister), Linda Neal-Moore, Bill Sonnenlitter, Audrey Williams, Tom Hardgrove, Prayers for teachers and military members and their families



Join Pastor Sam's Wired Word Small Group

News is everywhere, some of it encouraging and some of it difficult. Pastor Sam's Wired Word Small Group will explore current events alongside Scripture, helping us discover hope, deepen our faith, and navigate our daily lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

The group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month beginning September 30th from 5:00–6:00 p.m. in the Youth Hall. Participants may receive the weekly lesson by email or request a printed copy. Feel free to stay for dinner with the Kings Kids.

Bring your questions, your faith, and a friend. All are welcome!



The Story Behind “The Lily of the Valley”

“I have found a friend in Jesus—he’s everything to me.”

With these joyful words, “The Lily of the Valley” offers a personal testimony about the comfort, strength, and saving grace found in Jesus Christ.

The hymn was written in 1881 by Charles William Fry, a British Methodist lay preacher, bricklayer, and gifted musician. Fry and his three sons formed a family brass band. When Salvation Army workers faced harassment while preaching in the streets, the Fry family offered to protect them. They arrived carrying unusual “weapons”—two cornets, a trombone, and a baritone horn. Their music attracted crowds, supported the preaching, and helped establish what is recognized as the Salvation Army’s first brass band.

Fry later joined the evangelistic ministry of Salvation Army founder William Booth. While serving with the organization in Lincoln, England, he wrote “The Lily of the Valley.” The words were first published in the Salvation Army’s newspaper, *The War Cry*, on December 29, 1881.

The hymn is filled with biblical imagery. The title recalls Song of Solomon 2:1, while the phrase “Bright and Morning Star” comes from Revelation 22:16. Other lines speak of Jesus as a faithful friend, a source of comfort in sorrow, a strong tower in temptation, and the One who promises never to leave us.

The familiar tune, now known as **SALVATIONIST**, was adapted from a popular 1871 secular melody written by American songwriter William Shakespeare Hays. Using popular melodies for sacred words was common in nineteenth-century evangelism because the music was memorable and easily sung by crowds.

The hymn appears in the United Methodist worship resource *The Faith We Sing* as number 2062. It has been translated into numerous languages and included in hundreds of hymnals. Its enduring appeal comes from its simple but powerful testimony: Jesus is not merely someone we know about—Jesus is the faithful friend who walks with us through sorrow, temptation, uncertainty, and hope.

More than 140 years after it was written, “The Lily of the Valley” still invites us to sing with confidence:

“In sorrow He’s my comfort, in trouble He’s my stay.”

That assurance remains as meaningful today as it was when Charles Fry first put these words on paper. Whatever valley we may walk through, Christ—the Lily of the Valley—walks beside us.

Blueberry French Toast Cobbler

Ingredients

1 1/2 pounds frozen blueberries

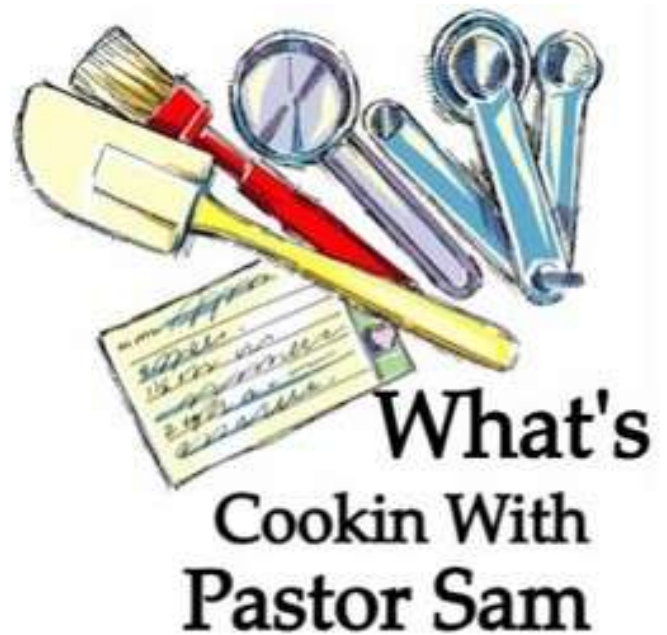
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp corn starch
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 loaf French bread, sliced

Instructions

Spread blueberries in bottom of 13×9" baking dish and sprinkle with sugar, cinnamon and cornstarch. Set aside.

1. In a bowl, combine eggs, milk, baking powder and vanilla. Slice bread and dip each slice into mixture. Place dipped bread on top of blueberries, cover and refrigerate overnight.

2. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place pan uncovered, in preheated oven until lightly browned; about 25 minutes. Makes 4 to 6 servings. Enjoy!



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2026
6:00 P.M. IN THE YOUTH HALL

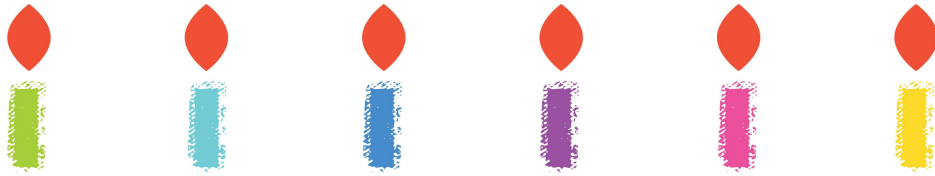


September Food Pantry

September 4th

10-Noon

Setup September
3rd at 9:30am / 6pm



Happy Birthday to...

9/1 Zoey Newell
9/2 Janet Berlin
Donald Taylor
9/3 Isabella Slifka
9/4 Jan Ferry
9/5 Amy Camardese
Debbie Hunter
Bob Brown
9/7 William Edwards
9/9 Jane Page

9/10 Aaron Newell, Shawn Sweitzer
9/12 Molly Martin, Emily Martin
9/13 Kara Mae Andre
9/16 John Clinton, Ava Murphy
9/20 Judith Miller
9/23 Michael Funk, Pastor Sam Mohn
9/28 Charleen Spencer
9/27 Marjie Hrabe
9/30 Jennefer Sweitzer

CHURCH HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CELEBRATION & HOMECOMING SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.



GUEST PREACHER

REV. LARRY MARSHALL

RECONNECT WITH FORMER PASTORS

Rev. Charlie Yoost | Rev. Suzanne Hill | Rev. Dave Gilbert
Rev. Shannon Pitorak | and, of course, Pastor Sam



COMPLIMENTARY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON NOON AT THE YOUNGSTOWN COUNTRY CLUB

Come reconnect, worship, celebrate our shared history,
and look with hope toward the future.

ALL ARE WELCOME - EVERYONE IS INVITED!

189 Church Hill-Hubbard Road | Youngstown, Ohio 44505

COME HOME. CELEBRATE. BE RENEWED.

A joyful day of worship, fellowship, and thanksgiving



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Pantry Setup 9:30am/6pm Bible Study 10:30 Grief Share 6-8pm	4 Liberty Community Food Pantry 10am-Noon	5
6 Communion 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 am Worship	7 N.A.V.I.M 6pm (Parlor) 	8	9 Chancel Choir 7:30 (Sanctuary)	10 Bible Study 10:30 Grief Share 6-8pm	11 	12
13 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 am Worship 4:30 Potluck 6pm Common Bond Concert	14 N.A.V.I.M 6pm (Parlor)	15	16 Chancel Choir 7:30 (Sanctuary)	17 Bible Study 10:30 Grief Share 6-8pm	18	19
20 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 am Worship	21 Leadership Team 6p (Youth Hall)	22 	23 Happy Birthday Pastor Sam Chancel Choir 7:30 (Sanctuary)	24 Bible Study 10:30 Grief Share 6-8pm	25	26
27 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 am Worship Noon- Lunch at Ytown Country Club	28	29	30 KK/YG 4:30- 7:00pm Adult Class 5pm - 6pm (YH) Chancel Choir 7:30 (Sanctuary)			



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