

Northern Light Cooperative Ministry

Chapel, Park, & Perry United Methodist Churches



We are collecting offerings & tithes at the beginning of worship in color coded #6 envelopes: Chapel - Blue, Park - Gold, & Perry - Green. In order to give everyone credit on their giving statements (including loose cash), all donations need to be given to the church that you are a member. Please check-in at the beginning of worship with the ushers & greeters to pick up a bulletin, and place your donation into the correct church basket. We won't be passing the baskets during the worship service. The ushers will bring the offering up to the altar for it to be blessed.

Chapel

Park

Perry

6 colored envelopes are large enough to place your giving envelop inside. Please write your name on the outside and if you have a number - include it as well. If you are giving cash and don't need credit on your giving statement - mark "Loose Cash" on the envelope in the correct color for the church you want to donate the loose cash. Any loose money in the baskets will go to the church we are worshipping at that week.

Thanks!


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Seeking commUNITY... Finding Family

{Connecting and Re-connecting ALL people to God through Jesus Christ}

"To Invite, Support, and Share Faith as Christians"

Weekly Schedule 09/06/2026

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10 am Worship Service at Chapel UMC - inside the sanctuary.

10:00 Worship Message: - "Love, Who?" - Pastor Scott Racut

Liturgist: Arlene Messenger

Counters: Ernie Gapen, Richard Vickery, Arlene Messenger

Monday, Sept. 7th

7:00 Bible Study @ Don & Judy Barlett's Home

Tuesday, Sept. 8th

Perry - 7: 00 Scout Troop 71. Chapel- 7:00 Scout Troop 55

Wednesday, Sept. 9th

Perry- 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Perry Family Diner

Perry- 3:00 Prayer Time: Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Park- 7:00 S.A.L.T. Board Mtg.

Thursday, Sept. 10th

Perry- 4:00 Praise Team Practice at Perry.

Perry- 6:00-7:30 Open Mic Nites - at Perry's Old Chapel

Saturday

Park- 10:30-12 noon Bread Room Ministry in Wesley Hall

Sunday, September 13th

11:00 Worship at Perry Township Park - 2815 Perry Park Rd. in Perry

Worship Message: Pastor Scott Racut

Liturgist: Mickie Quirk

Calendar 2026 Reminders

10am worship time (see exception on Sept. 13th)

09/06/2026 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Chapel UMC

09/13/2026 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Perry Township

Park 11:00 am worship followed by **Cooperative Picnic at Perry Township Park following worship noon until everyone is happy.**

09/20/2026 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - Perry UMC

09/27/2026 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Perry UMC

10/04/2026 - World Communion Sunday - Chapel UMC

Following the service there will be a Congregational informational financial meeting- A Church Family conversation on Christian Giving. Please plan to stay- all are invited.

10/11/2026 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost - Chapel UMC

10/18/2026 - 21 Sunday after Pentecost - Chapel UMC

10/25/2026 - Reformation Sunday - Chapel UMC

11/01/2026 - All Saints Sunday - Chapel UMC

11/08/2026 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost - Chapel UMC

11/15//2026 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost - Chapel UMC

11/22/2026 - Christ the King Sunday - Chapel UMC

Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 26, 2026.

Church Office hours

Mon & Wed: 10am to 4pm @Perry, Mon & Tues: 5-8pm @ Chapel.

Thurs: 11-2p @Park- 2-5p @ Chapel, 5-7pm @ Perry. Friday is a floating day.

(These are Larry's hours not the pastor's office hours)

Sunday, September 13th

The Co-op Board has set the date of Sunday, September 13th for our annual church picnic. We will have worship followed by the picnic at Perry Township Park. A sign-up sheets for side dishes & desserts is in the gathering area (Narthex). Again, both our worship service and the picnic will be at Perry Township Park - 2815 Perry Park Rd in Perry. Service time will be 11:00 am, Picnic to follow 12 noon until when we are all happy and content. So plan to attend and help our church family build relationships and commUNITY!



Northern Waters District Lay Servant Ministries Courses / September 19, 2026 at Painesville UMC

Northern Waters District Lay Servant Ministries are offering three Lay Servant courses:

Basic All first-time candidates and any candidate whose certification has expired. This course guides participants to discover the gifts of caring, leading and communicating and offers practical suggestions for becoming an active congregational servant leader. Required Book: ***Lay Servant Ministries – Basic Course Participant's Book*** by Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson • DR626 • 978-0-88177-626-3 • Available from [Cokesbury](#) or [Amazon](#) in paperback for \$11-13 or ePub and Kindle for \$9.99.

Lay Speaker Course: Living Our Beliefs the UM Way (Heritage) Explore a basic explanation of the beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church as defined in Part II of *The Book of Discipline*. Uncover a deeper understanding and experience of Christian faith as you embrace the United Methodist way. Required Book: *Living Our Beliefs, The United Methodist Way* by Kenneth L. Carder • DR571 • 978-0-88177-571-6 • Available from [Cokesbury](#) or [Amazon](#) in paperback for \$12.00 or ePub and Kindle for \$9.99.

Advanced Course: Ministry of the Forgotten: Dementia Through a Spiritual Lens This course is designed to help laity and clergy deepen their understanding of persons living with dementia and help all maintain their identity and worth as beloved children of God. Confronting the deep personal and theological questions created by loving people with dementia, Carder calls the church to a deeper discipleship defined by the quality of our caring and receiving relationships. Required Book: ***Ministry of the Forgotten: Dementia Through a Spiritual Lens*** by Kenneth L. Carder • 978-150188-024-7 • Available from [Cokesbury.com](#) or [Amazon](#) in paperback for \$16.79 - 20.19 or in ePub or Kindle for \$14.74 - 16.79.

Please order your book promptly so you have time to read it. You are responsible for ordering your own resources. **Books must be read before class.** Credit will not be given for the class if you have not read the book.

When: [Saturday, September 19, 2026](#) from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; lunch, coffee, and snacks will be provided.

Where: [Painesville UMC](#), 71 N Park Place, Painesville, 44077 Parking on the square, behind the church, or next door at the county lot.

Cost: **\$20** per student. Anyone can take any of these courses for spiritual growth, you do not have to be a member of a UMC or be seeking certification as a Lay Servant, Lay Speaker, or Lay Minister. If cost is a barrier, please ask your church about sponsoring you. If that is not an option, you may apply for one of the limited LSM scholarships [here](#).

The last day to register is September 12, 2026.

Questions? Contact Dalene Kelly at dalene51@gmail.com or text her at 928-246-1259.

You may register on-line at: <https://eastohio-reg.brtapp.com/NWDLayServantFall2026>

Or see Larry or Jackie for a registration form.

This announcement is for all three churches. All are invited to contribute to the Perry Center. Any paper products brought to Chapel on September 6 will be transported to the Perry Center. Thanks for your generosity!



Remember our ongoing commitment to collect paper products for The Perry Center continues on every Communion Sunday. Our donations have been dwindling the last few months. Please bring in donations of paper products and we will be sure that they are delivered to The Perry Center. Thank you for your generosity! The next day to collect paper products for The Perry center is September 6, 2026.



Noisy Change Challenge

The Third quarter of 2026 we will be collecting for Madison Schools Angel Fund on 09/27/2026-at Perry UMC. The Angel Fund of Madison Schools helps with Food Scarcity and school Lunches. We are connecting this mission outreach to the Vision mission at Perry Schools- Perry Power Packs. More information on how that connection will work next week. Thank you for your generosity.

Mission Announcements Perry Service Learning Power Packs



PSL Power Packs are supplying 65 youth with breakfast, lunch, dinner and a couple of snacks for the weekend.

The Children & Teachers are very grateful for this community mission!

School is back in session and Perry (School) Learning Service Packs Mission is starting. Items needed: Apples, Oranges, Oatmeal, Mac-N-Cheese, Granola Bars, & Pretzels. The first due date for donations will be Wednesday, Sept. 9th. Collection bins will be at both Chapel & Perry UMC. More Info to come!

Soup and
Sandwich
Lunch



Free Lunch on the last Saturday of the month

at Park UMC in Madison Village in the fellowship hall.

The next free lunch is Saturday, Sept. 26th 11 - 1.

Please let Lora Diak know if you would like to help by either making soup or serving & clean up. Thanks.

Give Generously. Live Securely.

Support the church, stay in your home, care for family — and use the tax rules well.

WHEN

October 4, 2026

Immediately after Service- 11 AM

WHERE

Chapel UMC

Chapel Rd., at Hubbard, Madison

COST

FREE

No product pitch

BRING

A spouse, a question

Curiosity is enough

You already give. This evening is about giving in a way that lasts.

Most of us are trying to do six things at once: not outlive our money, stay in the house, handle healthcare, take the IRA withdrawals the IRS now requires, do right by the church, and still leave something for children and grandchildren. Doing all of that legally — without starving the household or the mission — is more than an offering-envelope decision.

What we will cover in about an hour

- 1 How much is “enough” so generosity does not become anxiety — the 4% guideline, income flooring, and a real plan for in-home help.
- 2 A giving number you choose. Not a lecture on tithing. What 2% or 5% looks like, and what a church budget actually needs per pledging unit.
- 3 The Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD): send IRA money straight to a charity or church, avoid the tax on that withdrawal, and satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Age 70½ up.
- 4 Gifts that do not touch the family budget — appreciated stock, donor-advised funds, unused life insurance, and (for some) home equity.
- 5 Leaving the church in your will is good. Naming the church on an IRA beneficiary form is often better. Why, in plain English.
- 6 How to aim tax-heavy assets at ministry and tax-light assets at the kids, so family and church are not competing.

This is a teaching hour, not a sales meeting.

No one will be asked for an account number, a signature, or a pledge card. Come listen. Take what is useful. If a private conversation would help later, that door will be open.

Who should come

- **Anyone about 60+** associated with a church, and also owns an IRA, 401(k), home, or life insurance policy.
- **Couples who disagree about “how much is enough?”** and adult children helping parents with RMDs or papers.
- **Anyone who has said,** “We would give more if it didn’t feel like we were taking it from the kids.”

Your host • Tom Wyatt, JD, CFP®, AIF®, CExP

President, Lifetime Financial Growth — Columbus. Advising families, business owners, and ministries on retirement income, charitable giving, and exit planning since 1998. Capital University Law School; Ohio Bar and U.S. Supreme Court; magna cum laude, University of Toledo College of Business.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

— 2 Corinthians 9:7



All three of our churches are operating under a ONE- BOARD model (S.A.L.T.). But that doesn't mean that the board members do all the work. The boards do establish the vision and make policy and decisions but the work to be done is done by teams. Team leaders do not have to be a board member - they can be anyone from the congregation. Your team may meet anywhere - at the church, a restaurant, or people's homes. Time & place are up to the team members. Your team may meet without the pastor being present at the meeting - However the pastor is very interested in what teams are doing and would appreciate a phone call or email. If your team wants to clean up around the church buildings and it doesn't require funding - go for it but let the pastor & board members know what you are doing. If your team wants to do a mission and it will require funding from the church - then please contact the pastor first and then a board member. Board meetings are open and anyone may attend -especially if you want to present an idea or ask for funding. If you are unsure - ask the pastor or a board member.

Pastor Scott Racut - Cell: 440-812-8858; email: Sracut@roadrunner.com

Pastor's Associate, Jackie McLaughlin, CLS - 440-669-6100; jmclaughlin1234@aol.com

Northern Light Cooperative Ministry Board

Chapel	Park	Perry
Judy Uehlinger	Lora Diak	Annette Verga
Janet Vickery	Eileen Wittine	Erika Fulginiti

Chapel's S.A.L.T. Board	Park's S.A.L.T. Board	Perry's S.A.L.T. Board
Mike Whipple	Lora Diak	Ken Rodd
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Mike Davis		Randy Morris
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Madison Historical Society

P.O. Box 515 • Madison, Ohio 44057 • 440-417-1959

Dear Community Leader,

The Board of the Madison Historical Society would like to invite you to our grand opening of the History Center and Museum. It will be held:

September 19, 2026 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm
126 West Main Street
Madison, Ohio

The event is free and open to the public. There will be musical entertainment by some local nurserymen musicians as well as refreshments. Please stop in and check out our efforts to preserve and present the unique history of Madison, Ohio.

We are holding this event in conjunction with Ohio Open Doors. Our building was formerly the location of Madison Village Hall and the Village Police Department. Before that, it had been a Carnegie library from 1919-1974.

Please share this information with your staff, family, and friends.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Swackhamer, MHS President

CHRISTMAS IS ONLY FIVE MONTHS AWAY

The countdown to Advent has begun

Northern Waters DISTRICT-WIDE CANTATA

A Time of Praise and Worship

DATE & TIME

Sat., Dec 12, 2026 • 5:00 PM

LOCATION

UMC of Macedonia
1280 E. Aurora Rd. Macedonia, 44056

DIRECTOR

Maestro W.E.L. Scrutchings



WE'RE RECRUITING SINGERS, INSTRUMENTALISTS & SPEAKERS FOR THIS ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENT!

Even if your church has already planned an Advent celebration, this is a wonderful chance to worship God in word and song alongside brothers and sisters from churches all across the district.

REHEARSALS IN THE SANCTUARY OF THE UMC OF MACEDONIA

REHEARSAL DATE	DAY	TIME
Oct. 17	Saturday	10:30 AM
Oct. 31	Saturday	10:30 AM
Nov. 7	Saturday	10:30 AM
Nov. 21	Saturday	10:30 AM
Dec. 5	Saturday	10:30 AM
Dec. 11 — Final	Friday	Time TBA

RSVP DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 21

In order to ensure there is enough music ready at the first rehearsal — please sign up at eastohio-reg.brtapp.com/NorthernWatersDistrictCantataRegistration or contact Lisa Huston in the District Office at (330) 499-3972 ext. 204 with your number of performers no later than Sept. 21.

Come join us as we lift our voices to celebrate the coming of Emmanuel!



OPEN MIC NITES

at the Old Chapel

**Bring your instrument & your voice for food
& refreshments followed by fun.**

We supply food, drink, drum kit, sound system, electric keyboard, & amplifiers.

You bring acoustic or electric guitar, violin, flute, tambourine, anything- or play ours.

"Acoustic", folk, & Christian sheet music will be supplied jam & bring your own favorite or original songs.

Any age or skill is welcome!!

Thursday Evenings

6:00

3875 Main Street, Perry Village, OH

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