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from the desk of Pastor James



Dear Church,

In July, I discussed that one way we can gain a broader understanding of our health as human beings is by breaking it down into five categories: Physical, Volition, Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual. In August, I will be focusing on physical health. I invite you to read Mark 2 as we explore Physical Health.

Physical Health tends to be the category of “health” we understand the best and are most used to. It refers to our body, whether we are physically in shape, without sickness or injury, and how our bodies are doing.

Physical health is the category we can see and, as such, tends to be the health we are most aware of. Physical health is also the health we get taught (or at least told) about the most, some good and some bad in our society.

When we look at scripture, we tend to see God focused on two aspects when referring to physical health.

- 1.) Are you sick or injured?
- 2.) Are your basic needs (food, water, sleep, shelter, safety) taken care of?

In Mark 2, we see Jesus addressing people’s need to be healed and their need for food (injured and basic needs). At the beginning of Mark 2, Jesus physically heals a man who was paralyzed, so that he might walk again. As we look at the rest of Mark 2, we can see Jesus debating with the Pharisees over eating. Jesus continues to prioritize that people be fed enough so that they may survive and that this physical need be met.

When we look at physical health today, we have a lot of struggles. Two of the struggles I wish to bring up for consideration are:

- 1.) Whose needs are not being met?
- 2.) Are we more worried about our physical health or our beauty standards?

Scripture points us to work on meeting our physical needs, while also caring for the physical needs of our neighbors. Are we and are they getting enough food? Are hygiene items available? Are people getting enough time to rest appropriately? Many of our mission and ministries focus on our call from God to help our neighbors with their basic needs. How are we doing that as a church? How can we continue to do so?

The other point I wish to make is how our society is full of voices telling us that beautiful is healthy and you’re beautiful if you buy certain products. The truth is beauty is not health. In fact, many times the most beautiful models and celebrities can be the unhealthiest. We see ourselves and our neighbors struggle with this. God continues to call us to care for our health so that we can care for ourselves and our neighbors. Society calls us to care for our beauty so that we will continue to buy their products.

This month I invite you to read Mark chapter 2. I invite you to choose one of the two topics on Physical Health above- 1.) Basic needs or 2.) health vs beauty and pray on it. Ask yourself, “How am I as an individual and we as a church meeting our basic needs and help our neighbor with theirs?” or “How am I as an individual understanding physical health over beauty expectations?” “Where do I see someone that I love, or a neighbor whom I am called to love, struggling with beauty expectation and physical health?”

May we be reflective and know that we are blessed by God,

Pastor James

from the desk of Pastor Aimee



It is hard to believe that we are already in August! This summer has been a whirlwind of activity, change, joy and new adventures. It has been a season of finding my footing, settling in, and beginning to build relationships. It has been a wonderful first month in this new appointment – a month of joy, of new friendships and new opportunities to serve the Lord together! It has been an exciting and busy month!

As we begin to journey forward together, one of the things that I would love for you to know is how much I look forward to getting to spend time with you. If you, or someone you know would ever like a visit, a phone call, or to go have coffee or lunch with me, I am happy to do that. I believe that the Lord has created us to live in community with one another and that in doing so we can pray with, encourage, and help one another grow in our relationship with Jesus.

In all things, it is my prayer that we will, as disciples of Jesus Christ, will focus our hearts, minds, and energy on loving and serving Jesus by loving and serving the community and world around us. We are called to be the church - the living, moving, active body of Christ in this world. It is the joy and desire of my heart to join with you as we go out to make disciples for Jesus Christ – together!



Despite the day starting off with rain, CCHO welcomed over 1,000 people to their annual Great Grill off in June! The campus was filled with smiles as family and friends enjoyed inflatables, carnival games, train rides, tractor rides, facepainting, and more. The energy was high, and everyone enjoyed an afternoon of great food and family fun!

CCHO's amazing sponsors, donors and grill teams continue to make this one of the best events in Wooster. The donations help hurting boys and girls experience safety, connection, and healing. It's not just about the burgers, it's about awesome kids!



Month's Events

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Hygiene Closet

Sunday, August 17, 4 PM



Meetings

Finance August 14 @ 7 PM

Adm Council August 21 @ 7 PM

Missions August 27 @ 7 PM

Offering and Attendance

Sunday, July 6, 2025—Offering

Loose Collection 10.00
 General Fund..... 4,271.00
\$4,281.00

Items Not in General Budget:

Building Fund 155.00
 Sign Campaign..... 320.00
 Apportionments..... 35.00
 Missions..... 600.00
\$5,391.00

In-person Worship Service 40
 ONLINE Worship Service views 230

Sunday, July 13, 2025 -Offering

Loose Collection -0-
 General Fund..... 5,195.00
\$5,195.00
 Sign Campaign..... 70.00
 Building Fund..... 425.00
\$5,690.00

In-person Worship Service 42
 ONLINE Worship Service views 237

Sunday, July 20, 2025-Offering

Loose Collection -0-
 General Fund..... \$1,915.00
\$1,915.00
 Items Not in General Budget:
 Lib Prep 3,700.00
 Sign Campaign..... 25.00
 Building Fund..... 125.00
\$ 5,765.00
 In-person Worship Service 34
 ONLINE Worship Service views

Sunday, July 27, 2025-Offering

Loose Collection 5.00
 General Fund..... \$ 750.00
\$ 755.00
 Items Not in General Budget:
 Building Fund..... 25.00
 Sign..... 200.00
 Parsonage..... 500.00
 July payroll..... 762.50
\$2,242.00

In-person Worship Service 38
 ONLINE Worship Service views 169

Smithville United Methodist Church Finances at a Glance June 2025

	Monthly Beginning Balance	Monthly Income	Rentals	Monthly Expenses	Monthly Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 22,208.59	\$ 12,733.43	\$ 680.00	\$ 12,660.00	\$ 22,962.02
5 Paid \$8565.85 behind 1 Apportionment of \$1713.17					
Designated Accounts	\$ 28,680.32	\$ 835.00	\$ -	\$ 45.71	\$ 29,469.61
Building Fund	\$ 34,410.03	\$ 465.00	\$ -		\$ 34,875.03

Yearly Financial Summary

	YTD Monthly Income Needed for Budget	Actual YTD Usable Income - including rental	Actual YTD Expenses
2025 Budget \$196,057.00	\$ 16,338.08	\$ 112,791.25	\$ 117,889.06

Investments	Last Month	Net Change	Current Month
General Reserve Fund	\$ 23,535.30	\$ 737.76	\$ 24,273.06
Mission	\$ 15,980.34	\$ 500.92	\$ 16,481.26
Education Grant	\$ 110,811.46	\$ 3,473.56	\$ 114,285.02
Total Investments	\$ 150,327.10	\$ 4,712.24	\$ 155,039.34

HELLO
My Name Is

Pastor Aimee

Favorite food? Favorite dessert?

I love food...LOLOL. My favorite things to eat is chicken fajitas and my favorite dessert is a tie between strawberry cheesecake and apple dumplings with ice cream.

What do you like to do on your day off?

In the summer I spend my day off playing with Grace and just being "mom" and spending the day with my family. When she is in school I try to catch up on chores, do a little crafting, and maybe go out to lunch with Scott.

Favorite season of the year and why?

100% Autumn. The fall is so breathtakingly beautiful! I love the colors, the smells, the fall activities, the temperatures...everything about fall!!! It is such a cozy season.

Ideal vacation?

My ideal vacation would be sitting on a porch of a cabin in the mountains with a good book, and a cup of coffee or sweet tea. There would also be plenty of time for playing games with my family and naps.

How do you pamper yourself?

I really don't very often. I like going to get a nice cup of coffee or lighting a good smelling candle and reading a book. Once in a blue moon, I will get my nails done...but not very often.

Excluding the Bible...favorite book or reading genre?

I adore Mystery novels! I don't like anything scary or gory...but really love a good mystery!

Any hobbies that you had or continue to have?

I used to scrapbook all the time, but when I have time, I like doing crafts, diamond paintings, and recently tried my hand with water color painting (I am awful but love it anyway!)

What makes you belly laugh?

Hearing children laugh and listening to their imaginations...Grace and Scott make me belly laugh all the time. I LOVE laughing!!!!

If you could hire someone to do a task for you that is difficult...what would you hire that person to do?

I would hire someone to do our landscaping and mulching at home to make it beautiful.

What are some things on your bucket list?

To drive across the US and go to Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, the Redwood Forest and to see the Pacific Ocean

To swim with a manatee

To go whale watching

To drive (because I am afraid of flying) to a cabin in the mountains and just rest.

SERMON CORNER

Better Together.

August 3

Pastor Aimee

Psalm 16:1-11

Romans 12:1-21

“Getting to Worship”

Worship is more than just routine. Our worship draws us to the throne of God where we rest, where we praise God, and where we are reminded who and whose we are. Worship reminds us of our purpose- to glorify God with everything we are.

August 10

Pastor James

1 Samuel 3:1-9

1 Samuel 3:10-14 and 7:15-17

“What are we called to today?”

What are we called to today? Not just what we have been, but what is our call now?

August 17

Pastor James

Exodus 20:1-7

Exodus 23:20-33 and Luke 10:25-28

“Love the Lord Thy God”

What is our covenant with God?

August 24

Pastor James

Luke 9:51-56

Luke 10:25-37

“Love Thy Neighbor”

Do we love or condemn our neighbors?

Samaritan examples.

August 31

Pastor James

Luke 10:25-28

Genesis 3:1-13

“Love Thyself”

Do we love ourselves?



COTC Food, Fun and Fellowship

Gathering together twice a month on Saturday mornings, the team enjoys preparing meals for shut-ins and others in need while enjoying a sweet time of fellowship with one another.



Smithville Hygiene Closet

Wanting to reach the underprivileged in their community, SUMC opens the church every third Sunday afternoon at 4 PM to distribute various hygiene products to those who come. Shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, laundry detergent and other items are given to those in need.



Apple Creek Food Pantry

Apple Creek UMC hosts a community food pantry. The food pantry is open the third Saturday of the month and acts as a supplemental way to help families in need get through the end of the month. They collect donations from the church, school, and community. Volunteers from the church and the community help run it.

Moreland Honor Banquet

Once a year Moreland UMC hosts an honor banquet for community members that are over 65. Moreland community who are members of the church and outside the church are invited to attend the banquet and be recognized for their care, service, and dedication to the Moreland Community. The Honor Banquet is one way that Moreland UMC gives thanks to the community and honors their neighbors.



A very successful mission project at Open M on July 17.

Thank to the six participants who helped with the mountain of food.



We had a wonderful time of fellowship and food st Church of the Cross as we welcomed Pastor Aimee on Sunday, July 13.



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Logan Shull
- 4 Patrick Miller
- 6 Cathy Rolf
Elfreide Lorenzen
Keith Peachey
- 8 Josh Nickles
- 12 Jordan Gingery
- 13 Kay Casterline
- 15 Rose Bauman
- 16 Jordan Vincent
- 20 Lisa Tilton
- 24 Nathaniel Gurich
Michael Ross
- 27 Aidan Dudley
- 31 Deborah Leach

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Allan & Rose Bauman
- 18 Garland & Sue Jackson



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