

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025

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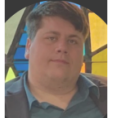
Smithville
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**TO LOVE
CHRIST
TO SERVE
CHRIST
TO SHARE
CHRIST
NO MATTER
WHAT IT
TAKES**



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Dear Smithville UMC,

I pray all is well with you!

As we enter the second half of 2025, I want to ask the question what makes us healthy? What makes us healthy as individuals? As a church? and as the body of Christ? Through the next 6 months, I want to explore with us our ideas of being healthy for God.

During one of the counseling courses I took in seminary, Dr. Price taught us that our health can be understood in 5 parts. All of these parts interact and overlap. Knowing these five parts can be helpful. If we wish to be truly healthy as individuals and as a church, we must work to be healthy:

- 1.) Physically (Physical/body)
- 2.) Mentally (Mental/brain)
- 3.) Emotionally (Emotions/heart)
- 4.) Volitionally (Volition/will)
- 5.) Spiritually (Spiritual/soul)

Many times I find myself reflecting on Romans 12 where Paul reminds us of God's call for us to be a living sacrifice. This call is one of the hardest in the gospels as it calls us to live out our lives for Christ, often sacrificing what we want, for what God wants. Part of being a living sacrifice is being as healthy as we can be, so that we can do what we can for Christ.

Over the next 5 months we will explore each of the 5 health categories, where we see them in scripture, and how they can help us be a living sacrifice. This month and over the summer, I ask us to reflect on which one is holding us back currently. Then after we explore all 5, I will ask us the same again. The hope is that as we explore these, we can become healthier for Christ and work towards being a healthier Body of Christ.

Blessings,
Pastor James

Month's Events

Talk To Us

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Hygiene Closet
Sunday, July 20, 4 PM



Meetings
Finance July 10 at 7 PM
Missions July 24 at 7 PM

Offering and Attendance

Sunday, June 1, 2025—Offering

Loose Collection 16.00
 General Fund..... 3,696.00
\$3,712.00

Items Not in General Budget:

Building Fund 350.00
 Liberty Prep Grad..... 450.00
 Sign Campaign..... 175.00
 Men's Group Pickleball..... 40.00
 Rummage Sale..... 20.00
\$4,747.00

In-person Worship Service 46
 ONLINE Worship Service views 203

Sunday, June 8, 2025 -Offering

Loose Collection 30.00
 General Fund..... 1,810.00
\$1,840.00

Sign Campaign..... 200.00
 Building Fund..... 70.00
\$2,110.00

In-person Worship Service 51
 ONLINE Worship Service views 188

Sunday, June 15, 2025-Offering

Loose Collection 5.00
 General Fund..... \$4,105.00
\$4,110.00

Items Not in General Budget:

Camp 50.00
 Gym..... 80.00
 Building Fund..... 220.00
\$ 4,460.00

In-person Worship Service 48
 ONLINE Worship Service views 188

Sunday, June 22, 2025-Offering

Loose Collection -0-
 General Fund..... \$1,730.00
\$ 1,730.00

Items Not in General Budget:

Building Fund..... 125.00
 Misisons..... 25.00
 Sign..... 25.00
 Parsonage..... 600.00
 Buehlers..... 300.00
\$2,805.00

In-person Worship Service 44
 ONLINE Worship Service views 137

Sunday, June 29, 2025-Offering

Loose Collection -0-
 General Fund..... \$1,340.00

Items Not in General Budget:

Building Fund..... 20.00
\$1,360.00

In-person Worship Service 39
 ONLINE Worship Service views 216

Smithville United Methodist Church					
Finances at a Glance					
May 2025					
	Monthly Beginning Balance	Monthly Income	Rentals	Monthly Expenses	Monthly Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 21,373.73	\$ 8,419.12	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 12,984.26	\$ 22,208.59
3 Paid \$3426.94 behind 1 Apportionment of \$1713.17					
Designated Accounts	\$ 28,816.57	\$ 106.78	\$ -	\$ 243.03	\$ 28,680.32
Building Fund	\$ 55,225.03	\$ 685.00	\$ -	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 34,410.03
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	\$ 87,690.77	\$ 104,998.83		
Investments	Last Month	Net Change	Current Month		
General Reserve Fund	\$ 22,819.48	\$ 715.82	\$ 23,535.30		
Mission	\$ 15,494.31	\$ 486.03	\$ 15,980.34		
Education Grant	\$ 107,441.19	\$ 3,370.27	\$ 110,811.46		
Total Investments	\$ 145,754.98	\$ 4,572.12	\$ 150,327.10		

SERMON CORNER

July 6

Psalm 63:1-8

Luke 5:1-11

“Getting the Call”

Sometimes God calls us in the middle of our “ordinary” everyday lives and gives us the “extraordinary” opportunity to start a new journey with him.

July 13

Psalm 91

John 15:1-17

“Getting Real”

Having a real, authentic relationship with Jesus is central to our faith as Christians. Do we really devote ourselves to connecting with God and knowing Christ?

July 20

Psalm 86:1-17

Luke 11:1-13

“Getting Connected”

Prayer is one of the most important things we can do to stay connected to our Creator. It is through prayer that we have a personal connection with God and come to know Him more intimately. We see Jess lean into a life of prayer to stay in communion with the Father-what can we learn from looking at the prayer life of Jesus?

July 27

Psalm 100

Philippians 2:1-11

“Getting to Serve”

When Jesus came into this world, he came as a servant. As disciples of Christ, we should have a servant’s heart.

I want to begin by thanking each of you for the kind, warm, and loving welcome you have given me and my family. It is such a joy for me to begin this time of ministry with you, and I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for us together! I cannot wait to get to know each of you, and to hear your stories! I know that new beginnings are not always easy; however, they can be filled with hope, new opportunities, and they offer us reminders that God is moving and working through both what “was” and what “will be.”

Although our time together is just getting underway, I am looking forward to being on this journey of faith and life with you. It is a beautiful thing to connect with one another. It is also a gift to know that we are part of a church family that deeply and sincerely loves one another, encourages each other, challenges each other to grow in our relationship with Christ, and that also seeks together how best to share the Gospel with the world around us.

In the book of Luke, when Jesus meets Matthew the tax collector, Jesus says to him, “Follow me and be my disciple” (5:27b). Matthew responds to Jesus by getting up, leaving everything and following Jesus. That, my sisters and brothers, is our highest calling as disciples of Christ; to go when and where Jesus calls us as we follow him. As one of your Pastors, it is one of my greatest joys to faithfully follow Jesus WITH you! What an honor it is to be called children of God – to be the body of Christ – to be led by the Holy Spirit....together!

Pastor Aimee

VACATION

Dear SUMC,

Bible School

On June 23-25 (Mon-Wed), we were blessed to all join in on VBS. Church of the Cross UMC, Oak Chapel UMC, New Pittsburg UMC, Smithville UMC, and Wooster UMC, were able to come together and provide a wonderful and heartfelt Vacation Bible School! Over the course of 3 days, we saw 29 kids (averaging 25 a day), 19 adult volunteers, and 11 youth volunteers. We started off every evening with a wonderful dinner! We then went to opening worship followed by break out sessions of crafts, games, story (scripture), and science. On Tuesday night we stuffed and sewed 29 bears to donate to the Wooster Fire Department. These stuffed bears will be used by the fire fighters and first responders to give to youth they meet during a call as a way to provide even a little comfort during a hard time.

The theme this year was "On the Road." While on the road we learned about Sarah and Abraham and learned that God goes with you wherever you go. We heard how Jesus met Zacchaeus on the road, called him down from the tree, and Jesus invited him to dinner. We learned that sometimes showing a little kindness, like inviting someone to dinner, can make a world of difference. On the third day we heard how Paul was on the road a lot as he proclaimed the gospel. We looked at how Paul would often go to places he didn't know and find himself in a new city. When Paul got to Corinth, he didn't know anyone, but he met Priscilla and Aquilla. By working with them he was able to make friends.

We learned that God can be with us as we make new friends!
We were blessed to learn how God is with us on the road of life! We are blessed to have so many volunteers and so much support! We give thanks to the congregations, volunteers, and leaders that helped make this meaningful VBS happen!



Pastor Aimee

Mon- 10am-noon at COTC and **1-3pm at SUMC**

Tues- Work (noon-1:30 lunch/check-in with Pastor James)

Weds- 10am-noon at Apple Creek and 1-3pm at Moreland,

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Fri- Day off

Sat- Errand/Event

Sun- Preaching/Event



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Dear Smithville UMC,

On Saturday June 14, 2025, I had the joy of being fully ordained. I want to thank you all for helping me on this journey. As I mentioned in my last newsletter, it has been a journey, as it is for all. I give thanks for your support, encouragement, and help as I worked on ordination. I want to thank all of you that were able to make the service that Saturday. It was a joy and a blessing to see you all gathered at that service. I thank all who were able to attend the meal on Sunday, June 22. I was overjoyed to be blessed by such an outpouring of support. I give thanks for all the cards of congratulations I received!

I give thanks to Smithville UMC, whom as a church, as the body of Christ, blessed me with new stoles that I may wear when I robe up in the fall! I rejoice at this gift and give thanks for being blessed by you all! Thank You for all the support, love, and joy you have blessed me with so far. I look forward to continuing as your pastor as we continue to journey together!

Thank You,
Pastor James



Photo Gallery of Pastor James'
Ordination
June 14, 2025
McGaw Chapel





Birthdays

- 2 Kristi Grimes
- 5 Pamela Beichler
- 7 Matt Miller
Lydia Evans
- 8 Linda Rader
- 11 Peggy Imhoff
- 15 James Thompson
- 17 Wanda Fetter
Andrew Shold
- 18 Priscilla Gresser
- 25 Nickolas Sayre
- 26 Dale Gurich
- 27 Lauren Shull

Anniversaries

- 10 Larry & Peggy Imhoff
- 17 Mark & Rose Evans
- 18 Dale & Carol Gurich
- 19 James & Donna Holderman
- 26 Bernie & Lee Ann Caldwell
- 30 Brandon & Angela Eicholtz



Outstanding in his field
 even on his mower!
 Thank you, David Kearnes

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