

May/June 2026

The Shepherd

“See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.”

- Song of Solomon 2:11-12

There is a quiet joy in these words—a reminder that God builds seasons into the rhythm of our lives. Winter has its purpose, but it is not forever. The cold, the waiting, the heaviness that sometimes settles over our spirits do not get the final word. God is always moving us toward renewal.

As spring unfolds around us, we see signs of His faithfulness everywhere. Buds push through the soil. Birds return with their songs. Light stretches a little longer each evening. Creation itself seems to preach a simple truth: God brings life out of what once felt dormant.

Many of us have walked through our own “winters”—times of uncertainty, grief, or spiritual weariness. Yet Scripture invites us to lift our eyes and notice the new things God is growing. Maybe it’s a restored relationship, a fresh stirring of hope, or a renewed desire to draw close to Him. Maybe it’s simply the reminder that He has not forgotten us.

This season, let’s pay attention to the “flowers appearing on the earth” in our own lives. Let’s listen for the Spirit’s gentle invitation to sing again. And let’s step into spring with gratitude, trusting that the God who brings life to the land is also bringing life to us. May this be a season of renewal, joy, and awakening for our whole church family.

Blessings,
Pastor Cyndi



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**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY**

(If we have missed your special day,
 please notify the church office to be
 added to the list! 330-482-2382)

Betty Belding May 4
 Donn Corban May 16
 Suzanne Crowl May 29
 Betty Ruppenthal May 31

Linda Winters June 22
 Phillip Nelson June 27

**If your birthday is in May and
 June it is not on the list we wish
 you also a very Happy Birthday.**



Christiana House

Christina House launches text-only crisis line.

The Christina House Domestic Violence Program has launched a text-only crisis line. Persons seeking help or information about domestic violence can text 234-335-7908 24 hours a day. A trained advocate will reply to the text message and offer advice, a listening ear, or referral to other resources. Information about any of the Christina House's services is available through the text line. The crisis phone line is also available 24 hours a day for phone calls at 330-420-0036.

The Christina House program includes an emergency shelter, legal advocacy, case management, and referral to other community resources. The legal advocate offers information about and assistance with protection orders. To connect with the legal advocate directly individuals can call 330-420-0845 Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. Additionally, the Christian House offers community education about healthy relationships, teen dating issues, and domestic abuse. The community education specialist can be reached at 330-744-3320 ext. 206.

Christiana House Needs list

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| Paper Towels | Canned Goods | Stationary | Shampoo |
| Disposable Diapers | Baby Wipes | Kleenex | Deodorant |
| Dry Food Mixes | Bath Soap | Bleach | Hair Spray |
| Toilet Paper | Underwear | Light Bulbs | AA Batteries |
| Disposable Razors | Toothpaste | Toothbrushes | Tampons |
| Sanitary Napkins | Laundry Detergent | Cleaning Supplies | |
| Disposable Razors | Towels/Washcloths | Beauty Certificates | |
| Pajamas for Women/Children | | Baby Clothes | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **In person Worship Services are on Sunday's at 10:30am Adult Sunday School @ 9:30 pm. Studying Jesus in Me by Anne Graham Lotz. Let by Pastor Cyndi**
- **Drive-Thru Ham Dinner, May 12th from 4:00 until sold out. Please call the church to reserve your dinner. 330 482-2382 The cost is \$10.00. Your dinner will include: Ham, Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce and a Brownie. If you would like to help in any way with this fundraiser, call Anne Brown.**
- **Geraniums may be ordered in memory or in honor of your loved ones. These flowers will be beautifully displayed at the altar during our Worship Service on Pentecost Sunday, which coincides with Memorial Day weekend. Order forms will be found as an insert in the bulletin soon. Price and deadline to order TBD. As is our tradition, the geraniums will be planted around the church, so we may remember our loved ones every time we see them.**
- **May 20th and June 17th One Board Meeting 4:30 pm.**
- **May 17th and June 28th, we will have Chef Brad's Brunch after Worship Service. This is a time for extended fellowship with our Church Family. Come and join us for good food, and good company.**
- **Annual Conference will be held in Wooster again this year. June 11th, 12th, and 13th. Pastor Cyndi and Monica Detwiler will be attending.**
- **June 17th will be our next Fellowship Breakfast at the Dutch House. Come and join us. All are welcome, no reservations needed.**

Parsonage Restoration Report

Restoration Overview

Praise God, the parsonage is once again ready for occupancy. Extensive repairs were necessary to restore the property to good condition after the previous tenant departed. During the vacancy, vital items such as the furnace, air conditioning system, water heater, clothes dryer, and stove were stolen. These were replaced by local companies, ensuring that the home was equipped and functional once again.

Repairs and Improvements

The entire house received a fresh coat of paint, thanks to Rodney McMurray. Becky McMurray contributed hallway entrance and kitchen light fixtures, which Rodney installed.

Flooring and Fixtures

Bob Belding removed the carpet, backing, and quarter round from the den and dining room. New flooring was installed in the den, dining room, and kitchen by a local company, an improvement arranged and overseen by Sam Detwiler.

Appliance Replacement

Monica and Sam Detwiler worked diligently to find the best deals for replacing the stolen appliances. They were able to purchase a used dryer, along with a new stove and refrigerator. The existing refrigerator, although still present at the parsonage, it needed to be replaced.

Additional Restoration Efforts

Karen Culp dedicated significant effort to cleaning, sanding, staining, and polishing the hardwood floors in the upstairs bedrooms, resulting in an enhanced appearance and improved overall quality of the space.

Insurance Claims

Communication with the insurance company was handled by Sam Detwiler, who ensured that all entitled compensation was received for the losses and repairs. The contributions made by all involved—whether through direct effort or financial support—have had a profound and lasting effect. We extend our sincere gratitude for your commitment and generosity. May each of you be blessed, as we have been blessed through your involvement and support.

Kids Club

In March, the kids talked about the upcoming Easter season and what happened during Holy Week.

We're now discussing The Creation, which they're finding very interesting.

The kids love coming to hang out with each other, the game room, and learning new things about Jesus.

I moved back here from California in 1995; my daughter was a year old. I immediately introduced her to church. Therefore, I became involved in Bible School and various events that involved kids. I also promoted church camp and Operation Christmas Child. I eventually started up Kids Clubs and Youth Groups.

Sadly, it is time for me to retire. I feel the kids need a younger leader who can help more with social media and other challenges they are facing. This season of Kid's Club will end at the end of May.

I want to thank Pastor Cyndi and all previous pastors who have supported me with the kids' program. Jeff Schrieber was a big help this year as he helped teach and chaperone/drive the kids when needed.

Also, thank you to all who helped at our meetings, Danny in the kitchen cooking extra food for us, and Brad for always having the lights on!

Thank you again to Ginny Nevelle for her monetary donations to help Kid's Club be able to function.

A special thank you to my mother (Sally Bricker) for all the years she came and handled our music! RIP Mom ☐

Karen Culp



Good as New Shoppe

Happy Spring!! The shoppe continues to be busy and we are constantly stocking Spring and summer merchandise. The shoppe looks very colorful. Our inventory consists of lots of very nice tops, dresses, purses, shoes and jewelry. Please stop in if you haven't recently been in the shoppe. Soon we will be cutting off take-in for spring and summer.

The merchants of Columbiana have scheduled several Market on Main events for all summer. These events are well attended and offer a "street fair" environment. Watch for these events which are held on a Saturday.

Recently the shoppe purchased a new sweeper for Brad to use at the church. Also, we were able to donate funds to the Playground Project and to both entities involved in the firework events this summer. As in the past we helped two separate individuals with their utility bill in the City of Columbiana.

We sincerely appreciate all of our volunteers who work a shift in the shoppe or assist with taken-in and pricing. With everyone's help we continue to be an asset to the Church and the community.

Thank you!

**Marge & Linda
Store hours Friday 10-4
Saturday 10-3.
Store Phone Number: (330) 831-0399**

United Methodists Women

We decided to continue are breakfast meeting through the summer. The next breakfast will be held on Wednesday, June 17 at 10:00 am at the Dutch Haus. As always, the breakfast is open to everyone and no reservation is needed. Each person orders from the menu and pays separately.

We will be having the next Ham Dinner on Tuesday, May 12 from 4:00 until sold out. Please call the Church at 330-482-2382 if you would like to reserve any dinners. The cost is \$10.00 per dinner and includes ham, potatoes, green beans, applesauce and a brownie. Pickup is in the turnaround off of Pittsburgh Street. No need to even exit your vehicle. Give Anne Brown a call, if you like to help with this fundraiser in any way.

Name: _____ Date: _____

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

MERRY MONTH OF May

Word Search

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- BASEBALL
- BLOSSOM
- BUMBLEBEE
- BUTTERFLY
- CINCO DE MAYO
- FLOWERS



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| GARDEN | MOTHER'S DAY |
| GEMINI | PIÑATA |
| GREEN | PLANT |
| LADYBUG | SEEDS |
| LAWNMOWER | SPRING |
| MAYPOLE | SUNSHINE |
| MEMORIAL DAY | TAURUS |
| MOM | TEACHER |

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Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Here is some scripture to remind us how important mother's are!

Proverbs 31:25-26 –

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue".

Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 21st, 2026

Here is some scripture to remind us how important Father's are!

Proverbs 20:7 –

"The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him."