

**NORTHRIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
4610 Derr Road  
Springfield, OH 45503  
July 2023

**Greetings! Happy 4th of July! Happy 247th Birthday, America!**

How many of us remember the Bicentennial Celebration in 1976? To me, that seems like a few short years ago. I was in a meeting since then and mentioned all the activities that happened during the Bicentennial—parades, community celebrations, etc. Everyone looked at me like I was crazy....then it dawned on me that most of the people in the room were born *after* that event. Talk about feeling old!

While we are grateful for the sacrifices made by those who have served and are in our Armed Forces, have we told God how grateful we are for the sacrifice He gave of his only begotten son? Jesus' death on the cross gave us our ultimate freedom from our sins and gave us eternal life. All we have to do is confess those sins, ask for forgiveness, declare Jesus is Lord of our life, and readily accept the gift of salvation.

Let's take the time to remember how our freedom was won—here in this lifetime and eternally!

**Karen Grube, Lay Leader**

### **WOODE WEDDINGS**

July 1st was a pre-wedding celebration for Vickie Choin and John Woode. They will be married January 7, 2024 in Illinois, but will live in Arizona.

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After church on Sunday, August 6, we will be having a wedding card shower for Mackenzie Hanna and Levi Woode. They will be married in Pennsylvania on August 13, and will be living in Scotland attending veterinary school.

They are unable to accept physical gifts as they don't know where they will be living. If you would like to make a monetary gift, they can accept American dollars or Sterling Pounds. They can also use Amazon Gift cards from the UK, but not American gift cards.



### **STELLAR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** "Shine Jesus' Light"

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 17 through July 20 from 6PM to 8:30PM. If you are able to help, please contact the church at 937-399-1909.

We need help with Administration, Registration, Opening and Closing Programs, Time/Rotation, Imagination Station, Games, Bible Adventures, Snacks, Photographer, Group Leaders, Additional Volunteers, Set Construction.

Invite people from the community—let's reach out to all children. We can make memories for them and lead them to be disciples of Christ.

Missions has asked that the children donate spaghetti or boxed macaroni and cheese during Vacation Bible School.

### **Changes to the NUMC Directory:**

Mindy Petry's phone number is 937-869-1708

It should be Arnold, Dan & Lana (not Linda).

Those who should be removed due to death: Roslyn Bullock and Don Flowers.

Scott Jones is now living in Indianapolis, IN.

Dale King's phone number is 937-450-1952.

John and Joanie Lewis' address should be 5005 Dresden Road, Zanesville, OH 43701. The home phone number is no longer valid, but Joanie's cell number is correct.

Nancy Zerkle's cell phone number is 937-926-0075.

If there are other changes, please let the church office know.

Pastor: Rev. Ken Woode  
Secretary: Mrs. Melanie Bender  
Phone: 937-399-1909

## THANKS TO ALL

Did you notice that the columns at the front portico have been redone? Thanks to the Trustees for getting the outside of the church looking great!

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Thank you to everyone who donated funds for Clean-Up buckets to the Missions Team. With your help, we were able to provide 3 buckets. Thanks to Cheryl Hinkle for being our shopper extraordinaire!

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Thanks to the Youth Group for the great service they presented during Youth Sunday. Congratulations to our high school and college graduates—best wishes for a bright future!

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“Normal” after Covid will not be as normal we were previously used to.....however, we are having coffee and cookies after church. There is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen ledge if you are interested in providing cookies. Three dozen cookies have been adequate for now. We are not asking for anything fancy—just something to nibble on while you chat with other parishioners.

## FACEBOOK WEDNESDAY HAPPENINGS

Bible Study on Wednesday at 11:00 is also shown live on Facebook. If you can't make it in person, please feel free to watch it later.

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Usually on Wednesdays, there is a post for prayer requests placed on the church's Facebook page. If you are aware that anyone in the church is ill or in the hospital, please contact the church or contact Karen Grube (937-232-1956). We recently found out a parishioner was ill, but the church was unaware.

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Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, West Ohio Conference, presents a “Prayer and Praise” segment (usually 18-20 minutes long) on Wednesday's around 12:15pm. Any presentation is posted to our church Facebook page the same day. You have a chance to hear our Bishop preach as well as address concerns and situations that need our prayers.

## JULY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 1

8:30 AM—Men's breakfast at Studebaker's on 41

9:30 AM—Walkers

12:00 Noon—Women's luncheon at Studebaker's on 41

2:00PM—4:00PM—Vickie Choin and John Woode Pre-Wedding Celebration

Sunday, July 2

10:00 AM—Worship in person and on line

Monday, July 3

10:00AM to 2:00PM—Quilters and Sewing Group

1:30PM—Small Group (QR)

Tuesday, July 4—OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, July 5

9:30AM—Walkers; 11:00AM—Bible Study

Saturday, July 8

9:30AM—Walkers

Sunday, July 9

10:00AM—Worship in person and on line

Monday, July 10

10:00AM to 2:00PM—Quilters and Sewing Group

1:30PM—Small Group (QR)

Tuesday, July 11

9:30AM—Clifton Share Group (QR)

7:00PM—Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, July 12

9:30AM—Walkers; 11:00AM—Bible Study

Saturday, July 15

9:30AM—Walkers; Tingley Birthday Party (FH)

Sunday, July 16

10:00AM—Worship in person and on line

Monday, July 17—VBS (6:00PM to 8:30PM)

10:00AM to 2:00PM—Quilters and Sewing Group

1:30PM—Small Group (QR)

Tuesday, July 18—VBS (6:00PM to 8:30PM)

9:30AM—Clifton Share Group (QR)

4:30PM—Caregiver's

Wednesday, July 19—VBS (6:00PM to 8:30PM)

9:30AM—Walkers; 11:00AM—Bible Study

Thursday, July 20—VBS (6:00PM to 8:30PM)

Saturday, July 22

9:30AM—Walkers; 2:00PM to 7:00PM—Conley Graduation

Sunday, July 23—VBS CELEBRATION

10:00AM—Worship in person and on line

Monday, July 24

10:00AM to 2:00PM—Quilters and Sewing Group

1:30PM—Small Group (QR)

Tuesday, July 25

9:30AM—Clifton Share Group (QR)

Wednesday, July 26

9:30AM—Walkers

11:00AM—Bible Study

Saturday, July 29

9:30AM—Walkers; Belford Birthday Party (FH)

Sunday, July 30

10:00AM—Worship in person and on line

Monday, July 31

10:00AM to 2:00PM—Quilters and Sewing Group

1:30PM—Small Group (QR)