

9 am Worship

Rev. Erin Porter, Pastor

5-28-2023

Welcome!

Whether you're just visiting or looking for a church home, we're glad you've joined us as we gather to worship today and celebrate the life-changing work of Jesus Christ.

New Here?

We're honored you're here. If you are new or a guest, we welcome you to join us in worship of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. After the service, please join us in Memorial Hall for refreshments and conversation.

What to Expect

Casual. Formal. Quiet. Talkative. Hands raised. Heads bowed. Sitting. Standing. You'll find a little bit of everything here as we all worship in our own ways. But most of all, you'll find friendly, imperfect people who love Christ.

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An asterisk () notes that you are invited to stand.*

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Gathering

Bill & Sharon Couch, Matt Rogers

Welcome & Announcements

Invitation of the Holy Spirit to be present with us

*Call to Worship:

Pastor: Gather us in; the brokenhearted and the joyful.

People: Gather us in; the weak and the strong.

Pastor: Gather us in; the fearful and the brave.

People: Gather us in; the young and the old.

Pastor: Gather us in; to sing of God's works.

People: Gather us in; to praise Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Gather us in; to worship and wonder.

People: Gather us in; to know of God's love.

*Worship in song "We Will Glorify" (Hymnal no. 66)

Children's Message & Noisy Offering

Offering

*Doxology (Hymnal no.621)

*Offering Prayer:

All: Holy Spirit, you search the recesses of our minds and the depths of our hearts. You call us to be not only givers but also receivers of your gift of grace. We believe that you will multiply our gifts to draw us nearer to your side. As we offer these financial gifts, we are grateful to be joined to the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Scripture Matthew 6: 1- 18

Message: "Who Are You When No One is Watching?" Pastor Erin

*Song of Response: "Higher Ground" (Hymnal no. 447)

*Benediction

*Departing Song: "Living for Jesus" (Hymnal no. 492)

Next Steps

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. // Romans chapter 10, verse 9

Become a Christ Follower

God loves you and has a special plan for you. But our sins – the wrong things we all have done – separate us from God, who is Holy and perfect. The penalty for sin is eternal separation from God. But Jesus Christ paid this penalty for you when He died on the cross. When you decide to trust Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you will be saved and have eternal life with God. *Want to know more about becoming a follower of Jesus? See Pastor Erin.*

Become a Member

Being a church member is a great way to learn more about faith, Jesus, and the good news of the Gospel. *Want to know how it can happen? See Pastor Erin.*

Need to meet with the Pastor? Contact the church office by phone or e-mail to arrange an appointment.

Connect

During Church

Play Time & Lesson (Birth - Kindergarten)

Got kids? Let us minister to them through active play and Bible lesson while you are in the service. Available in the Play Room in the Lower Level after the Children's Message.

Kids Church (1st - 5th Grade)

School-agers grow in Jesus every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month with fun learning activities during the worship service. Children go to the Lower Level meeting room after the Children's Message.

After Church

After Church (all ages) // end of service 'til end of Sunday School

After the service, all are welcome to light refreshments and friendly conversation in Memorial Hall.

Sunday School // 10:40 am - 11:30 am

Dive more deeply into the things of God with sharing, reflections on life, and study after the service:

Adult Study: (Adults, young and old) in Lower Level

Studying the Bible in depth, utilizing various guides and leaders' commentaries.

Kids Elementary: (pre-Kindergarten thru 5th Grade) meets in the Upper Room

Jr. High/High School: 6th Grade thru High School) meets in Lower Level

Play Time & Lesson, Too: (2yrs- Preschool) in CA Nursery Room in Lower Level.

Grow (*** = new event)

Interested in small group Bible study or prayer gathering? We have groups ready for you to join. Contact the church office by phone or e-mail for more detailed information.

Fellowship & Study with Shirley White // Tuesdays // 10am – 11am Social gathering with devotional materials and refreshments. Meets in Memorial Hall.

Bible Study at Mr. Smith's Coffee Shop with Pastor Erin // 2nd & 4th Tuesdays // 1pm – 2pm Reading and discussing selected Bible passages in the common area of the coffee shop. Meets at Mr. Smith's Coffee Shop, 140 Columbus Ave, downtown Sandusky. Meeting in Memorial Hall until Mr. Smith's reopens after the fire.

Thursday Night Dinner & Bible Study with the Austin's // Thursdays // On break for the summer // 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. study. Check with Dan and Holly for more information.

Community

(*** = new event)

"Come As You Are" with Teri Meyers // 3rd Saturday // 6pm - 7:30 pm *Alternative worship service and potluck meal. Testimonies and recovery principles such as 12 steps to recovery. Meets in Memorial Hall.*

Game Day at Mr. Smith's Coffee Shop // 2nd & 4th Mondays // 1 pm. *A variety of games will be played and fellowship enjoyed. Come and enjoy the coffee! Meeting in Memorial Hall until Mr. Smith's reopens after the fire.*

Serve

We have opportunities for additional Praise and Worship leaders to begin the Sunday service. *If you feel led to perform 2 numbers as an introduction to Sunday worship, we would appreciate that. Contact Matt or Carly Rogers for more information.*

Women's Service Group // On break for the summer, Floating Schedule // 9:30am – 11am *Intergenerational group get-together with brunch, devotionals, and focus on service projects to benefit CAUMC and the community. Meets in Memorial Hall.*

Give

CAUMC ministries, missions, and operating expenses are supported solely by your offerings. There are three ways to donate funds to CAUMC: cash, check, and online with TITHE.LY. Go to www.TITHE.LY or get the app in Google Play or the App Store. Sign up for an account and search for *Columbus Avenue United Methodist Church*.

CAUMC is a 501 (c) (3) entity. All contributions are tax-deductible. Our Treasurer's monthly reports are available on the table on the landing at the rear of the sanctuary. Ask a greeter for a copy!

The coming week at a glance:

****May 28th through June 4th ****

Today: Sunday School – all ages (Jr. High/High school meets the 2nd, and 4th Sundays of the month) – 10:40 a.m.

Monday: The Church Offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. No chair exercises with Nancy Kamps.

Tuesday: 10-11 a.m.—Fellowship and study with Shirley W. in Memorial Hall.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. – Chair exercises with Nancy Kamps in Memorial Hall.

Give Thanks

*This space is available for anyone to express their thanks for God's blessings. You may leave a message on the church answering machine, place a note in the offering plate, or leave a note on the desk in the office.

What is the Noisy Offering?

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays, the children of the church collect loose change from the congregation in special tins, thus making it a "noisy offering". The funds collected are deposited into a Discretionary Fund administered by our Pastor to meet unexpected needs in our church family on a confidential basis. Thank you to all who faithfully contribute!