

WELCOME TO GOD’S HOUSE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning, God...

People: Swept over waters, spoke light into existence, created day and night and called it good.

Leader: As the days and nights of creation filled with life, God...

People: Made humanity out of the dirt to love and tend creation, to be loved and tended by God.

Leader: As we lost our way, God...

People: Sent Jesus, Love Incarnate, to show us the way back.

Leader: On the day Jesus came to the banks of the Jordan River to be baptized,

People: God declared, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Leader: Let us, then, follow Jesus into the waters, remembering our baptism.

People: God claims us as beloved children, the family of God.

OPENING PRAYER Holy God, Eternal Spirit, we thank you for baptizing us into one body in Jesus the Christ. Wash over us with your Spirit, that, like Jesus, we may serve you in serving humanity. Baptize us with the fire of your truth, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

🎵 I Sing the Almighty Power of God | Hymnal Page 152

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

🎵 Special Music

CHILDREN’S TIME

Gen. 1:1–5 | Leader: The Word of God, for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God!**

GOD CREATED. NOW WHAT? - Rev. Dr. Lori Reiber

OFFERING

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING God of redemption and new life, we focus once more this day on the greatest gift ever given -- Jesus, our Savior. Today, we are able to share in his baptism and receive the promises of God's love. As we look with hope to the new year ahead, help us to live and give of ourselves as those who know what a great gift we have been given. May it move us to give our whole selves more freely! In the name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray! Amen.

🎵 Morning Has Broken | Hymnal Page 145

PASTORAL PRAYER | LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION AND REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Nourishing God, you tell us not to fear for you are with us. But we are so full of fear that we cannot love you with our whole heart. We use the freedom and power you have given us, not to resist evil, injustice, and oppression, but to rebel against your love, to hurt our neighbors, and ignore the cries of the needy. Cleanse us of our fear. Give us the courage to put our whole trust in your grace, and help us to resist evil, injustice and oppression, to love our neighbors, and to help the needy.

🎵 All Things Bright and Beautiful | Hymnal Page 147

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE Friday, Jan 12, 2024 from 5:30-9pm—Sat., Jan. 13, from 9-Noon. Childcare will be provided if needed. *(There is an optional Friday night social event after we close.)* Soup & Salad Meal & Continental Breakfast provided. Let us give thanks to the Lord & start off the New Year with the best possible attitude! This retreat will focus on the things that we are grateful for! We'll also dive deeper into the spiritual discipline of giving thanks in all situations. Time will be spent developing a gratitude journal, reflecting on scripture, experiencing prayer stations & spending time with friends & fellow disciples. This retreat is geared towards adults *(but if there is enough need for childcare, we will offer some special activities for the kids as well)*. **Please RSVP to Pastor Lori Reiber by Wednesday to attend.**

HOSPITAL VISITS If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please call and let us know! Many times the hospitals do not notify us, and we do not want to miss visiting anyone. 419-991-4806. Or if you would like to join our hospital visitation team, let us know. We could always use more people to add to our team!

SERVE WITH US AT OUR NEXT MOBILE FOOD PANTRY on Sat., Jan 27 at Shawnee UMC! Please arrive at 7:15am to help unload the truck and sort the food. We will be both inside and outside that morning. All ages are welcome to help, this can be a great family activity! To help get people ready for the super bowl, we are collecting cans of soup to hand out. Let us know you plan to help by signing up on the church app or by contacting the church office.

MOBILE HOPE SUPER SUPPER POTLUCK in the Solid Rock Cafe on Wed., Jan. 10, 2024 at 6pm Make your favorite soup, salad or bread to share (drinks & dinnerware will be provided). After breaking bread together, we will discuss ideas to improve & grow the food distribution and service to our community! Please RSVP to Chris Shepherd at limabean1@woh.rr.com or text 419-806-9262 (Please include your name)

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH SOME OF THE OTHER CHURCHES IN OUR AREA? Learning some best practices? Join our District Superintendent for our Cluster District Training Day: Sunday, January 28, 2024 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm at Spencerville Trinity UMC | 119 N. Main St., Spencerville Deadline to register is January 27, 2024. Please email pastorlori@shawneeum.chuch or call the office if you are interested.

2024 GIVING ENVELOPES are now available at the Welcome Desk. We use non-numbered envelopes for cost saving purposes. If you do give through these envelopes, please make sure to always write your name on there so you can receive credit for your giving.

JANUARY 28TH CHILI COOK OFF 12:00 P.M. IN THE SOLID ROCK CAFÉ Everyone is invited to our first Youth Fundraiser Chili Cook off! Enter your best chili by signing up (email or text Lisa at kidsminlisa@gmail.com or 614-746-9465). \$5.00 to sample chili (cornbread, cookies & drinks included). You can “vote” on your favorite chili with dollars and change- so bring your cash!

OUR SAMARITAN HOUSE goCO will meet twice during the month of January. On Tuesday, January 9, we'll have a time of planning and fellowship at The Grind (320 S Cable Rd) at 11:30am. Our serving event will be Tuesday, January 23 @ 5:30pm where we will serve dinner to the ladies & children at The Samaritan House. All women are welcome to join at either event!

A BIG THANK YOU for your generous contributions to our Christmas gift! It is very much appreciative. From your Shawnee UMC Staff.

SUMC FAMILY & YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

EVERY SUNDAY: QUEST SUNDAY SCHOOL for 5th grade & up. We will begin at the 11:00 worship service for the music & then head to the Youth Room after the songs for a discussion of the Scripture, snacks, activities and fellowship. All youth are welcome but High Schoolers are encouraged to serve in worship, the tech team, Roots Kids Ministry or elsewhere.

YOUTH GROUP for 5th grade and up! 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Solid Rock Café (every Sunday unless noted) Join us for fun, fellowship, games & Bible study & discussion about real life Biblical application

REMIND MS & HS youth and their families are invited to sign up on the Remind app to get up to date information, links to event sign-ups, and more. Sign up by texting the following code to 81010.
High School: @ygsumctumc Middle School: @mssumctumc



UPCOMING CALENDAR


- Jan 21 - Youth Group Snow Tubing Trip at Mad River Mountain
- Jan 27 - Mobile Food Pantry
- Jan 28 - Chili Cook Off
- Feb 5 - Family Promise week starts
- Feb 11 - Superbowl Sub Sale
- Mar 10 - Craft & Cookies
- Mar 23 - Mobile Food Pantry
- Mar 31 - Easter
- Apr 8 - Family Promise week starts
- Apr 20 - Spring Fling Craft Show
- Apr 26 - Family Movie Night
- May 5 - Blessing of the Bikes
- May 18 - Mobile Food Pantry
- Jul 15 - Family Promise week starts
- Jul 27 - Mobile Food Pantry

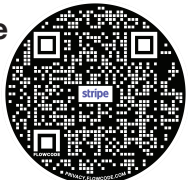
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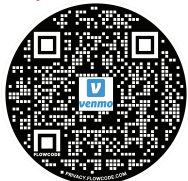
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OFFICE HOURS	
MONDAY	8:30am-3:30pm
TUESDAY	8:30am-3:30pm
WEDNESDAY	8:30am-11:30am
THURSDAY	8:30am-3:30pm
FRIDAY	8:30am-3:30pm

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Text the word Shawnee to the number 844-242-4708.



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January 7, 2024 | 9:30am Service

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