

## PRELUDE ✦ WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE

### CALL TO WORSHIP :

Call: O God, you formed us in hidden places and knew us before we knew ourselves.

**Response: We praise you, for we are wonderfully made.**

Call: Your thoughts toward us are beyond counting; your knowledge of us is deeper than our understanding.

**Response: We come seeking the truth you reveal.**

Call: You meet us as we are and call us into deeper life.

**Response: We come to worship, ready to listen and respond.**

**OPENING PRAYER :** Holy God, you knew us before we knew ourselves. You are at work in us beyond our understanding. Like Nicodemus, we come with questions, drawn toward your truth and stirred by your Spirit. Meet us here. Shape us as your people. Teach us to trust the movement of your Spirit and to follow where you lead. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN :** Hymnal 454 - *Open My Eyes That I May See*

### PASSING THE PEACE

**SPECIAL MUSIC :** *Everlasting Life* - Chancel Choir

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SCRIPTURE :** John 3:1-21 (NLT)

**SERMON :** Eye Opener with Pastor Eva Marie Wolfe

### OFFERING ✦ DOXOLOGY

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:** Faithful God, you are present among us. You are always at work shaping us as your people. We offer these gifts in response to your call. Use them to form us as a community that follows Jesus. Teach us to live by your Spirit in the world. Through our giving, we place ourselves in your care. Amen.

**PRAYER HYMN :** Hymnal 393 - *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

### PRAYERS AND PRAISES

**CLOSING HYMN :** Hymnal 413 - *Where He Leads Me*

## BENEDICTION ✦ POSTLUDE

#### Call to Action:

- Notice where the Spirit of God is moving around you.
- Write down what you see.

## Announcements

**OUR SAMARITAN HOUSE goCO** our serving event will be Tuesday, January 27 at 5:30pm where we will serve dinner to the ladies and children at The Samaritan House. All women are welcome to join at either event!

**THE MOBILE HOPE FOOD PANTRY** will be having their annual planning meeting on Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00pm in the Community room. Anyone currently serving or interested in learning more are welcome! Dessert provided. Questions? Contact Chris Shepherd at 419-806-9262. Come help serve on Sat., February 14th, beginning at 8:30am here at Shawnee UMC. We are collecting small boxes of chocolate for Valentine's day.

This year, during Holy Week, an old tradition is returning! On **MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 2, 2026)**, we will be participating with other area United Methodist Churches in a production at Trinity UMC of "Lord, Is it I?" Gentlemen, please let Pastor Em know if you'd like to accept a role as an apostle in this production.

**A DISCIPLE'S PATH** – Lenten Class. Pastor Em will lead this Lenten class using the book *A Disciple's Path* by James A. Harnish. This class is for adults of all ages who want to explore faith more deeply, reconnect with the church, or prepare for profession of faith or reaffirmation of baptism. Dates and times during Lent will be set by the group. Participants will need the *A Disciple's Path Daily Workbook* (available through the church or from major retailers); the *Reader's Companion* is optional. Please let Pastor Em know if you are interested.

Shawnee UMC has been invited to host the **Bishop's Day on the District** on Saturday, February 21, where we will welcome around 150 clergy and 100 laity throughout the day to hear from and worship with Bishop Jung and district and conference staff! We need your help in order to be welcoming and gracious hosts. We are looking for (4) people from 8:30am-10am and (4) people from 3pm-4:30pm to welcome and direct people. We also need 1 person willing to set up/refill breakfast supplies, and 1 person willing to set up/refill lunch supplies. If you would be willing to serve in this exciting way, please contact Pastor Em or Pastor Lori!

The **Our Daily Bread** group invites you to serve on Thurs, Feb. 5 from 11am-12:30pm at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen (125 S Central Ave). We'll be helping serve lunch to those needing food!

## Upcoming Dates

**01.27** - Samaritan House goCO serving event 5:30pm  
**01.27** - The Mobile Hope Food Pantry annual planning meeting 7pm  
**01.28** - Healing Strings 6:30pm  
**02.05** - Our Daily Bread serving and sing-a-longs 11-12:30pm

*Healing Strings* every 2nd & 4th Wed. - 6:30 PM in the Centrum.  
*Connections* every 1st & 3rd Wed. - 6:00 PM in the Solid Rock Cafe.  
*Sing-a-Longs* every 1st Thurs. - 11:00 AM at Our Daily Bread.

### ★ Our Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### ★ Our Vision

Shawnee UMC is on a spiritual journey to connect people with God and one another, equip disciples to do the Lord's work in this world, and restore our community, one heart, one home, and one neighborhood at a time, all in the name of Jesus Christ.

### ★ Our Values

Community, Inclusion, Respect, Compassion, Service

## Youth Ministries

Don't forget to check in on Church Center!

**The Nursery** Infants - 3 yrs. Old 9:30am and 11:00am

**Roots Kids Ministry** Preschool - 4th grade meet in Centrum at 11:00am

**Quest Sunday School** 5th grade and above meet in Centrum at 11:00am

### For More Information:

**Lisa Wackler** Director of Family Ministry 614-746-9465 kidsminlisa@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook: Shawnee & Trinity UMC Youth Group

Sign up for Remind: text @ygsunumc to 81010

## Meet Our Pastors

**Rev. Dr. Eva Marie Wolfe** Lead Pastor

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In the office : Tues., Wed., & Thurs.

**Pastor Lori Wright** Associate Pastor

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## Giving

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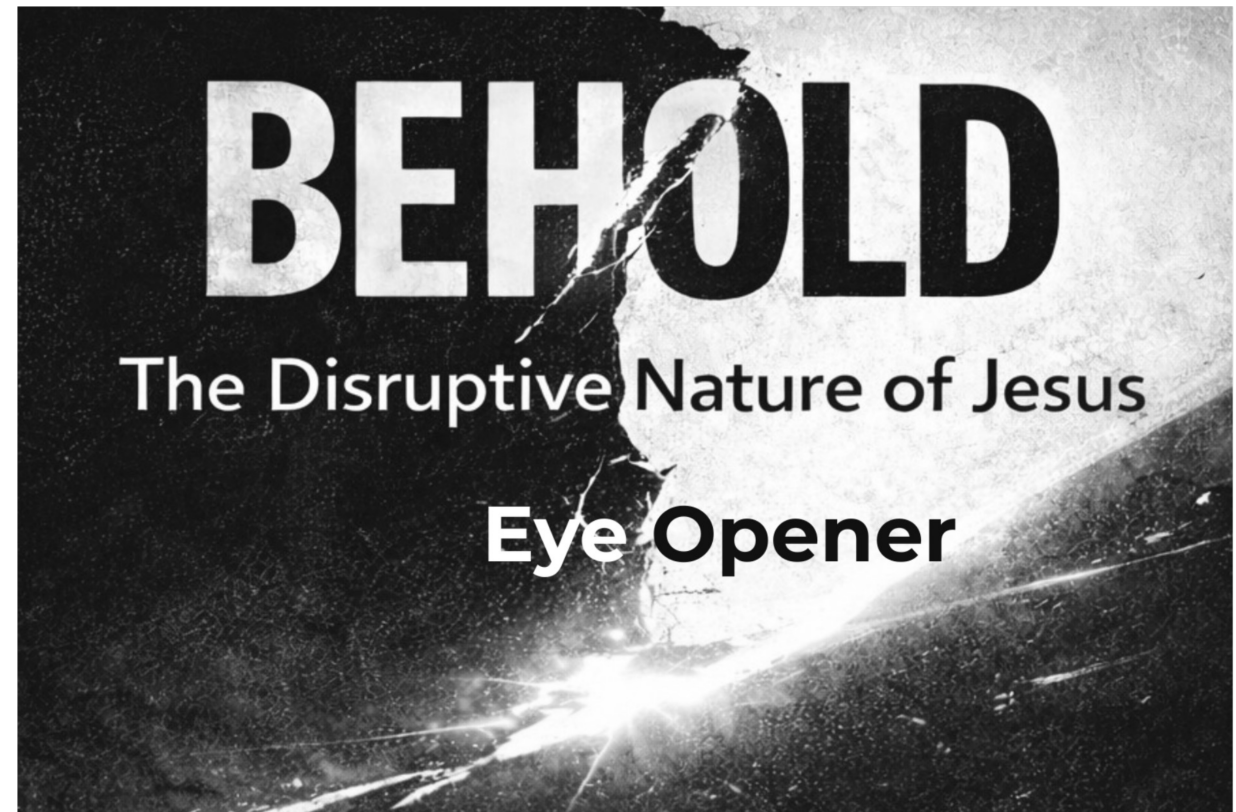
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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 25, 2026



9:30am Worship



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