

Today's Scripture: Genesis 26:17-25 (NLT)

So Isaac moved away to the Gerar Valley, where he set up their tents and settled down.

18 He reopened the wells his father had dug, which the Philistines had filled in after Abraham's death. Isaac also restored the names Abraham had given them.

19 Isaac's servants also dug in the Gerar Valley and discovered a well of fresh water.

20 But then the shepherds from Gerar came and claimed the spring. "This is our water," they said, and they argued over it with Isaac's herdsmen. So Isaac named the well Esek (which means "argument").

21 Isaac's men then dug another well, but again there was a dispute over it. So Isaac named it Sitnah (which means "hostility").

22 Abandoning that one, Isaac moved on and dug another well. This time there was no dispute over it, so Isaac named the place Rehoboth (which means "open space"), for he said, "At last the Lord has created enough space for us to prosper in this land."

23 From there Isaac moved to Beersheba,

24 where the Lord appeared to him on the night of his arrival. "I am the God of your father, Abraham," he said. "Do not be afraid, for I am with you and will bless you. I will multiply your descendants, and they will become a great nation. I will do this because of my promise to Abraham, my servant."

25 Then Isaac built an altar there and worshiped the Lord. He set up his camp at that place, and his servants dug another well.

Kids & Youth

The Nursery

Infants - 3yrs.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

Sign up for Remind:

Youth Group 6th thru 12th
text @ygsumctumc to 81010

Director of Family Ministry

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kidsminlisa@gmail.com

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Church Center (App)
Check in Here!



Church Website



Shawnee & Trinity
UMC Youth Group



Church Facebook

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VANCO give through our website
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 27, 2026



✦ 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 the 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



We're Here for You!

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Worship

PRELUDE: *Holy Forever*

WELCOME TO GOD’S HOUSE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Call: Today we celebrate 175 years of ministry at Shawnee United Methodist Church—years of worship and fellowship, teaching and service, baptisms and communion, weddings and funerals, hymns and praise songs.

Response: Many, O Lord, are your wonderful works; they are more than can be numbered.

Call: Countless children, parents, and grandparents have called this church home. Countless prayers of supplication, thanksgiving, and praise have risen from this place.

Response: With gratitude, we remember the generations who have passed their faith on to us.

Call: Many witnesses have gone out from here to share the gospel in this community and beyond.

Response: We give thanks for lives changed, neighbors served, and Christ’s love shared.

Call: Our story is not finished. There are new chapters still to be written and new generations still to come.

Response: God has been faithful through every generation. With hope, we celebrate the story that is still being written.

OPENING PRAYER:

God of every generation, we give you thanks on this day of celebration. Be present with us as we worship. Open our hearts to your Word and our lives to your Spirit. Renew us in faith, deepen our love for one another, and prepare us to follow wherever you may lead. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *God Plants the Seeds of Love (Inside Panel 3)*

PASSING THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: *The Church I Grew Up In*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

175 YEARS: THE SHAWNEE STORY

SPECIAL RECOGNITION *Marilyn and LaDoyt Martz*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 26:17-25 (NLT)
*The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

SERMON: Becoming Good Ancestors~ Pastor Eva Marie Wolfe

175TH ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

Rev. Don Wilson, District Superintendent

OFFERING ✦ **DOXOLOGY** Hymn 95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

God of every generation, we offer these gifts with gratitude for all that has been entrusted to us. Bless what we offer today, and use it in the continuing ministry of this church. Through our giving and through our lives, may we share the love of Christ and faithfully carry forward the work you have given us to do. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

WORSHIP SONG *Goodness of God*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN: *This is A Day of New Beginnings Hymn 383, vv. 1-4*

BENEDICTION *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE

CALL TO ACTION

This week, borrow a book and remember: someone had it before you; someone will have it after you. For now, it is your turn.

God Plants the Seeds of Love — Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
(DARWALL’S 148TH, “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”)

God plants the seeds of love.
God nurtures them by grace—
And so a loving church was started in this place.
God’s garden grows.
God’s harvest is a blessing as love overflows!

We’ve served one hundred years,
and seventy, and five—
And here in Lima we have helped our neighbors thrive.
We’ve sought to be
A justice-seeking voice in our community.

And in this loving place, we do what love inspires:
We sing of faith and hope and love in joyful choirs.
Each song reveals
The good news of the gospel, God
that your love heals.

The world is changing still;
and, God, it’s by your grace:
We share your justice, love and welcome in this place.
Your garden grows!
Here, as we’re nourished, as we plant, love overflows!

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Upcoming Events

- 09-27 - Potluck 11:30am (TODAY)
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- 09.30 - Bible Study 9am (SRC)
- 09.30 - Sermon Discussion 10:15am (CR)
- 10.01 - Choir Practice 5:30pm (Sanctuary)
- 10.02 - Bible Study with Mark Miller 6 pm (SRC)
- 10.04 - Care & Bike Show 3-5pm

Recurring Events

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- Healing Strings** every 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30pm (Centrum).
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- Pieces Of Peace** every 1st Tue. 6pm (CR)
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