

Today's Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 (NIV)

4 Such confidence we have through Christ before God.

5 Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.

6 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

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

Lisa Wackler

Call: 614-746-9465
kidsminlisa@gmail.com

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Social Media



Church Center (App)
Check in Here!



Church Website



Shawnee & Trinity
UMC Youth Group



Church Facebook

Giving

VANCO give through our website
www.shawneeumchurch/giving

GIVELIFY download the app and
locate Shawnee UMC



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 11, 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!

Lead Pastor
Rev. Dr. Eva Marie Wolfe

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Pastor Lori Wright

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NOTE: PASTORS' OFFICE HOURS MAY VARY DUE TO MEETINGS, VISITS, AND OTHER MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR EITHER PASTOR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

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Traditional Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO GOD’S HOUSE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls ordinary people to extraordinary acts of love

People: We come, ready to listen for God’s call

Leader: God equips people to carry out a mission they could not accomplish on their own

People: We remember that our strength and our sufficiency come from God.

Leader: So let us open our hearts to God's call today.

People: Here we are, Lord. Send us. Use us. Teach us to love as Christ loves.

ALL: Let us worship the God who calls us, equips us, and sends us.

OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious God,
Open our hearts to hear Your call and give us courage to follow wherever You lead. Remind us that our strength comes from You, and that in every season of life, You can use us to share Your love to others. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Jesus Calls Us Hymn 398*

PASSING THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: *How Will They Know?*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 (NIV)
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Love to Live, Live to Love ~ Pastor Lori Wright

OFFERING ✦ **DOXOLOGY** Hymn 95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Loving God,
Your goodness has created us, Your bounty has sustained us, Your love has redeemed us. May we share Your love and grace with others - not only with our lips, but in our lives as we answer the call to follow Jesus wherever He may lead us. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

WORSHIP SONG *Take My Life and Let It Be Hymn 399*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN: *Here I Am, Lord Hymn 593*

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

POSTLUDE

CALL TO ACTION

Each day, ask “God, how can You use me today?”

Contemporary Worship

OPENING WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Goodbye Yesterday

WELCOME TO GOD’S HOUSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS

CONTINUED WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) / Forever Reign

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MESSAGE

Love to Live, Live to Love
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TIME OF REFLECTION

Send Me

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

CLOSING SONG

Yes I Will

BENEDICTION

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