

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00am Praise Service 10:00am Sunday School all Ages/Refreshments 11:00am Traditional Service 6:00pm Donnie Abraham Concert CFH	31 10:00am Jefferson County Resource Network 6:30pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Pickleball	1 3:30pm After School Program 6:00pm HR Committee Meeting FI/204 7:00pm Friends Practice	2 1:00pm Purpose Driven Knitting Class 6:00pm Kingdom Kids 6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	3 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Modern Eve Out to Eat at the Ville 6:00pm Praise Band Practice 6:30pm Pickleball	4 8:30am Home School FH & Gym 5:30pm Community/Discipleship CFH/GYM	5 9:00am Bright Star Home School CFH/GYM 10:00am AA Meeting 10:00am Delta Kappa Gamma Luncheon FH
6 9:00am Praise Service 10:00am Sunday School all Ages/Refreshments 11:00am Traditional Service 3:00pm Indian Creek Wrestling Banquet CFH	7 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Christian Ed Meeting CFH/YR 6:30pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Pickleball	8 3:30pm After School Program 6:30pm Outreach Committee Meeting FH 7:00pm Friends Practice @ Hope Cottage	9 1:00pm Purpose Driven Knitting Class 6:00pm Kingdom Kids--Jesus is The Light--Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt CFH/GYM 6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	10 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Ladies Night FH 6:00pm Praise Band Practice 6:00pm TERA Radio Group CFH 6:30pm Pickleball	11 8:30am Home School FH & Gym	12 9:00am Make Ham Loaves FH 10:00am AA Meeting 10:30am Men's Bible Study Room 209
13 Children's Bell Choir Both Services PALM/PASSION SUNDAY 9:00am Praise Service 10:00am Sunday School all Ages/Refreshments 11:00am Traditional Service	14 6:30pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Pickleball 7:00pm CFH Board Meeting FH/108	15 3:30pm After School Program 7:00pm Friends Practice	16 11:00am Jefferson County Chamber CFH 1:00pm Purpose Driven Knitting Class	17 6:15pm SACRIFICIAL MEAL 6:30pm Pickleball 7:00pm MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE	18 8:30am Home School FH & Gym	19 10:00am AA Meeting 10:30am Men's Bible Study Room 209
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What is the MOST important thing in your life? Many things are very important to most of us – family, friends, health, security, God, work, finances, etc, etc. But what is THE most important thing in your life? For all followers of Jesus, hopefully our answer is the same – JESUS! For that is what it means for Jesus to be the Lord of our lives – He is number 1! Not near the top, not one of many, not even a close second to family, but truly everything we do as Christians should revolve around the Lordship of Christ over our lives.

This Lenten season our worship theme is, “Seeking First God’s Kingdom,” as we look at various areas of our lives and what it means for Jesus to be our first and foremost priority. Please join with us each Sunday through Easter, and for our special services as well, as we honor the One who laid down His life for us so that we might truly live – now and forever.

2 Corinthians 5:15, Pastor Clint

Worship Opportunities through Easter

(Please join with us in person if possible, or online if necessary)

Lent 2025 Worship Theme: "Bible Alive 2025! ~ Seeking First God’s Kingdom"

Sunday, March 30 – Fourth Sunday of Lent. Theme: “Seeking First God’s Kingdom – Serving Like Jesus,” Matthew 20:24-28, Phil. 2:3-11. Memory verse: Matthew 20:28.

****Gospel Concert from Amish Country ~ “RENEWAL” 6:00pm in the Center for Hope. Love offering will be received. Please join us and invite others!**

Sunday, April 6 – Fifth Sunday of Lent. Theme: “Seeking First God’s Kingdom – the Priority of Worship,” Psalm 95:1-7, 96:1-9, 100:1-5. Memory chapter: Psalm 100.

Holy Week Worship Experiences

Sunday, April 13 - PALM/PASSION SUNDAY. Theme: “Seeking First God’s Kingdom ~ Eyes Fixed on Jesus,” Hebrews 12:1-3. **Children's Bell Choir at both services.** Distribution of Palms.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE & SACRIFICIAL MEAL
MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 17**

SACRIFICIAL MEAL - begins at 6:15pm in the sanctuary, then proceed to the Fellowship Hall (see article in this newsletter with explanation of this meaningful experience.)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE - 7:00pm in the
Sanctuary** Theme: "Seeking First God’s Kingdom – Jesus’ Footsteps Of Suffering,” 1 Peter 2:21-25

Sunday, April 20 - EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION CELEBRATION!

Theme: “Seeking First God’s Kingdom – Living for Jesus Today (& Every Day)!”

2 Corinthians 5:15-6:2, 1 Cor. 15:1-6, 57-58. Memory verses: 2 Cor. 5:15, 17.

9:00am – Lighthouse Praise Easter Resurrection Worship Service.

10:00am – Sunday School for all ages/Refreshments in the Fellowship hall. Easter Egg Hunt for children

11:00am – Traditional Easter Resurrection Worship Service.

Sunday, April 27- “Seeking First God’s Kingdom – Hearts Burning within Us,” Luke 24:32.

Sacrificial Meal Explained



For several decades in our church it has been a tradition to offer a "Sacrificial Meal" experience on Maundy Thursday before our Communion Service. However, we now realize that there are many in our congregation who do not know what the "Sacrificial Meal" is or why we have it. It is a quiet, solemn opportunity during Holy Week to focus on Jesus and His sacrificial love for all of us. This year we will meet in the sanctuary on Maundy Thursday, April 17, by 6:15pm. There will be about 10 minutes of reflective devotions, and then everyone will quietly proceed to the Fellowship Hall for a "sacrificial meal" together. The meager meal consists of a small bowl of rice soup, crackers, some cheese and fruit. It is not a meal intended to fill our stomachs, but a light meal and time of quiet devotion to nourish our souls. The silence of the occasion and sparse meal are to help us more thoroughly reflect on Jesus' suffering, sacrifice and the price He paid for the sins of the world. At about 6:55pm we will proceed back up to the sanctuary for the Maundy Thursday Communion Service, which begins at 7:00pm. There is no talking during any of this "sacrificial meal" time from 6:15-7:00pm. Our Nursery will be available for those children who are too young to participate and stay quiet for this solemn experience.

Anyone is welcome to participate, but for planning purposes it is helpful to have a general idea of how many to prepare for. Please consider participating in this unique spiritual experience, and please sign the "RSVP sheet" in the back of the sanctuary or Center for Hope by April 14th if you plan to attend. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY FAITHBUILDERS ~ 6:00-7:30pm

Please join us each Wednesday for Kingdom Kids, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study.



Wednesday FaithBuilders Schedule:
6:00-7:30 ~ Kingdom Kids and Youth Group
6:30-7:30 ~ Adult Bible Study

April Youth News

April 1st: Youth Mission Week Forms and Deposit are Due!

April 2nd: Youth Group 6-7:30pm

April 9th: Youth Group help with Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt 5:45-7:30pm

April 16th: No Youth Group due to Holy Week

April 23rd: Youth Group 6-7:30pm. Help set up Rummage Sale

April 30th: Youth Group Pizza Party 6-7:30pm

Youth Mission Week June 15-19 Open to all active WMC Youth Members 7th-12th Grade (Must attend youth group 4 times before mission week and help with fundraiser). \$50 deposit and registration form due April 1st. (\$100 total for trip) We are in need of many chaperones so mark your calendars and come help the most amazing Youth Group in the world and serve our amazing Lord! Questions? Call Tif 740-317-0609 Pick up a registration form from the Youth Room.

Summer Camp is right around the corner. WMC will be offering a \$150 scholarship per camper. Pick up a form in the back of the sanctuary and Center for Hope today. Forms due June 1st. Ask Tif for more information.

VBS MUSIC INFORMATION

In preparation for VBS 2025, the music department would like to assemble a small group of youth and adults to be a part of this year's VBS praise/dance team. The praise/dance team will join the praise and worship leader in opening and closing VBS each night. Rehearsals for this group will begin in June. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please see Cynthia Lytle or Macklyn Weilert.

Keep Your Plastic Bags!!

Indian Creek has asked us to continue collecting plastic bags till March 31st. They are less than 500 pounds away from their goal. After we deliver them on the 31st, we will continue to collect them for one more week (April 7th) and use those bags for our rummage sale. Thanks for participating.

Outreach Committee

Baked Potato Brunch

Thank you so much for coming to the Baked Potato Brunch. We raised \$953 for the Raise the Roof project. We promise to get more regular potatoes next time. We didn't dream we would run out. Again, thank you.

Modern Eve

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Modern Eve is having their Out to Eat Meeting on April 3 at the Ville Restaurant at 6:00 pm.

Wintersville Methodist Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast Group will be meeting at **Eat N Park on Saturday, April 26 at 9:00am.** All men are invited to attend, if you have any questions, contact Dale Tombs (870-930-8367). All men are welcome to join us.

"Raise the Roof! – Pig Giveaway"

One of our church members, Chad Johnston (operator of Johnston Farmstead), graciously agreed to raise and then prepare a pig to help raise funds for our "Raise the Roof!" project. We will have a drawing on June 1 to determine first, second and third prize; 1st: ½ pig and small chest freezer, 2nd: ¼ pig, 3rd: ¼ pig. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$10 each and we are hoping that many of our church family will not only participate, but also encourage others to do so. For all who are willing to help in this way, we have packets of 10 tickets prepared for you to take with you and "sell". They are available for pickup in the back of CFH/Sanctuary after both worship services and include an instruction sheet. Please sign out each packet taken. Thank you for supporting our project in this way!

Biennial Church Auction

We are planning on having another Church Auction on **Saturday, May 17 beginning at 10:00am.** We will also have a concession stand both days. All monies raised will go to the **final** "Nehemiah 2.0 Raise the Roof" Campaign project. So, if you have items that you think will be good auction items or if you have any questions, please contact Michele Purviance 740-424-7464, Bob Woods 740-457-7156 or the church office 740-264-1676.

After-School Program

There is one month remaining for you to volunteer for our After-school program. We meet on Tuesdays from **3:30- 5:30 pm.** This is our 3rd year and we have a wonderful group of children. You will definitely make a difference in the lives of these children- and in your own life, too. See Kitty or Tiffany for more information.

Prayers for Lent



Please continue to pray that God will touch and impact lives in a powerful way during this holy season. Our Lenten theme for 2025 is, **"Bible Alive 2025! ~ Seeking First God's Kingdom"**

Please also try to participate in our regular worship services, special services, Wednesday or Thursday adult Bible study and spiritual growth opportunities during this season. Lent is a season of spiritual preparation, repentance, and renewed LIFE in the Lord, and your prayers and participation will truly make a difference for the up-building of God's kingdom.

Donations of Candy/Easter Eggs for Easter Egg Hunt



As we prepare for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, we're reaching out to our church family for your generous support. The children eagerly anticipate this tradition, and your contributions play a vital role in its success. Candy/plastic Easter eggs donations can be dropped off at the back of the Center for Hope or Sanctuary. Thank you for your continued generosity, support, and love for our children.

Children's Bell Choir



The Children's Bell choir has been asked to perform on **Palm Sunday, April 13th** at both **services**. Practice for Palm Sunday will be at 9:30 am -10:00 am on **March 30 & April 6** in the Fellowship Hall. All children are invited to join the Bell Choir.

Nursery & Kingdom Kids Volunteers Needed

The Nursery and Kingdom Kids are seeking out volunteers to fill in when someone is out sick or there is a need. If you would be willing to volunteer occasionally, please stop by the office and give them your name and address or contact Kristen Starkey. Thank you.

Ladies Night!!

Ladies Night Thursday, April 10. Bring your favorite appetizer to share. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Tif know if you can come. Open to all Ladies ages 13 – 101!!

THANKS, JANET!

We are grateful for so many who serve in and through our church so faithfully. One such person is Janet Grimes. Janet has always helped in many ways, and over the past 4-5 years has gone "above and beyond" as our Director of the Center for Hope. While Janet will continue to administer the Center for Hope schedule, she will no longer be the primary church representative during events. Again, we are so grateful to Janet for her service for our church, our Lord, and His people, and especially for the spirit by which it has all been done. God bless you, Janet!

Dear Church Family,

I am stepping down from my job due to my husband's health conditions. I have been blessed for the last 18 years being the secretary at the church. I cannot thank Pastor Clint, Bob Woods, Tiffany, and all the staff and church family for your support and prayers. I will miss my job and all of you so much. God bless you all!

With love, Susan Thank you for all the cards and generous love offering.

**MODERN EVE
HAM LOAF SALE APRIL 13TH
4 Individual Ham Loaves (uncooked)
& 1 Container of glaze - \$9.00**

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: SUNDAY, APRIL 6th

Please circle time you will get your order
Saturday, April 12th, 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Sunday, April 13th, after both services

Please make checks payable to MODERN EVE

NAME _____ SERVICE ATTENDED _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

HOW MANY ORDERS _____

OVHC GALA ~ The Ohio Valley Health Center is hosting their Annual Gala on April 27. OVHC is the only free clinic in a 50 mile radius, and last year alone they met the needs of 434 active patients while providing healthcare and prescriptions valued at over one million dollars. Our church has been a sponsor of the Gala (their major yearly fundraiser) for the past few years and we would like to be a sponsor at the “silver” or “gold” level once again. If you would like to support this vital mission in this way, please donate to them directly in the name of our church, or mark your special giving to our church “OVHC”. And if you would like to attend the Gala, please see Ann Quillen for tickets. Thank you so much for supporting this important cause.

SUPPORTING MISSIONARIES KEN & SUE SAWKA ~ The Sawkas have devoted their life to overseas missionary work translating the Bible for people groups which have never before had God’s Word in their own native language. They will be back in the Richmond area this summer and need help with hands on work, including the construction of a garage and apartment. If you would possibly like to help in this way, please see Pastor Clint for more information.

2025 Easter Garden Order Form

Flowers Given in MEMORY of: _____

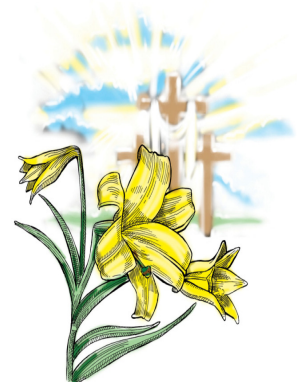
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Flowers Given by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Flower(s) placed in: _____ Sanctuary (or) _____ Center for Hope

FLOWERS	PRICE	QUANTITY
Azaleas	\$20.00	
Hydrangeas	\$20.00	
Hyacinths	\$10.50	
Lily	\$12.00	
Mums	\$10.25	
Tulip	\$10.50	



Our beautiful Easter Garden Flowers will once again grace our Sanctuary and Center for Hope on Easter Sunday.

Please indicate if you want your Flower(s) placed in the Center for Hope or in the Sanctuary. Center for Hope Flowers can be taken with you following the 9:00am Easter Service and Sanctuary Flowers can be taken with you following the 11:00am service. Please place your order in the offering plate or put in the container in the Sanctuary or Center for Hope. Please make check payable to Wintersville Methodist Church. **Orders are due by Sunday, April 6th.** No orders will be taken after Sunday, April 6, due to the ordering deadline from the distributor. Thank you. No flowers will be delivered to nursing homes this year.



“RENEWAL” IN CONCERT

Sunday, March 30 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Center for Hope! Come and enjoy an evening of Great Gospel Music led by Donnie Abraham who performs regularly at the Amish Country Theater. This is a free concert, as a love offering will be received. Everyone is invited!

MINISTRY FAIR APPRECIATION

Thank you to all who participated in our Ministry Fair on March 16. Please continue to pray about ways that God is calling you to be involved to serve and grow in faith, and then reach out and take that next step. It is always a blessing to serve God by serving others in Jesus’ name. Also, please consider being on our Center for Hope “Hosting Team”. It would be a big help at this time.

Thank you

Prayer Concerns

Please continue to pray daily for your church family and many others. Specifically please lift up: Family of Bob English, Baylis Family, Family of Roma Grose, Susan Potvin, Jeff (cancer), Hannah Siendeldecker, Betty Thompson, Jim Lash, Gary Swickard, Elaine Snider, Rusty Starr, Darla Bednar, Sanford Miles, Terry Pendleton, Linda Streblo, Pat Perry, Chris Briggs, Liz Kendle, “Leaders”, Debbie Wickham, Bev Sullivan, June Sweeney, Donna Henry, Susan & Jerry Matics, Doug & Regina Patterson, Emily Maurer, Darla Doan, Wrenlee Buxton, Neiko Boni (3 yr. old), Jonathan & Ty Lallone, Mike & Julie Rudy, Charlie Snyder, Daylaynee Howcraft, Larry Standiford, Quillen family, Ann Bass, Monroe DeLuca, Josh Beadnell, Charlotte Shively, Alva Striffler, Cathy Perry First, Joey Snider, Michelle Turner, Mary Alice Brandt, First Responders, Kennedy Harbin, Wendy Matthews, Joan Lantry, Sue Rooney, Tory Zink, Brian Adams



Financial Support of WMC Ministry & Mission

THANK YOU for serving the Lord and others through faithful financial giving. Our giving supports the fulfillment of our Mission: children and youth ministry, worship and Christian discipleship, outreach to our community and beyond, serving those within and beyond our church “walls”, looking forward to new and expanded ministry and mission through the Center of Hope, providing opportunities for worship and discipleship and fellowship in person and online, being a light in the darkness and providing encouragement, care, comfort, and hope.

Please prayerfully consider how you can generously support the good work that God is doing, and will be doing, through the Ministry and Mission of WMC. Financial support is necessary to help fulfill that mission.

Financial support can be given at the church, through the mail, and/or online through our website. (There is a small service charge for online giving). ALL giving is greatly appreciated and needed. **God has blessed us abundantly so that we might be a blessing to others. Thank you for carrying out God’s work in this way.**

Financial Giving 2025

	<u>Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Yr to Date Total (12 Weeks)</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
Unified Budget	\$ 7,825.00	\$97,118.97	(+3,218.97)
Center for Hope	\$ 2,875.00	\$34,323.00	(- 177.00)
	(for loan payment only)		

**“Nehemiah 2.0 – Raise the Roof!” (Roof/AC/Heat) Total \$267,286.00 !!
GOAL ACCOMPLISHED !! THANK YOU!!**

Average Attendance for March

	9am	11am	Online	Sunday School
Sunday Worship:				
March 2025	147	61	90	53

Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise. ²⁴Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. ²⁵Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.

Hebrews 10:23-25

The Beacon
April 2025

Wintersville Methodist Church

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Wintersville, OH 43953

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Don't Miss Out on Holy Week Services!



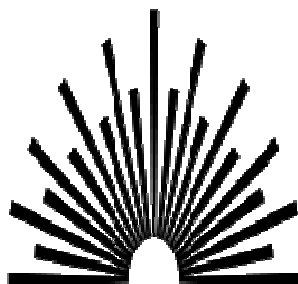
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Sunday Church Services
Praise Service ~ 9:00am
Sunday School ~ 10:00am
Traditional Service ~ 11:00am

Our Mission:

*****Connect with God** **Grow in Faith** **Serve in Love*****

Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday
8:30am -3:30pm



Pastor ~ Rev. Dr. Clint Quillen Jr.
Secretary ~
Dir. of Youth Ministries ~ Tiffany Manley
Directors of Worship Ministries ~ Wayne & Cynthia Lytle
Dir. of Children's Ministries ~ Kristen Starkey
Treasurer ~ Dana Sindeldecker
Custodians ~ Brad Jenkins, Barbara Strachan
Nursery/Preschool ~ Barbara Strachan, Karlee Warren
Sound Tech ~ Deacon Sindeldecker