

new way day church



“The prophecy is made up and its true. It’s about all of us. Right now, its about you. And you still can change everything.”
The Lego Movie

“Everything is better when we stick together.”
The Lego Movie

LEGO has essentially taken the concrete block, the building block of the world and made it into the building block of our imagination.
Ayah Bdeir

What do Harley-Davidson, LEGO, and Apple have in common? They are all based on communities.
Martin Lindstrom

You don’t know true pain till you stepped on a LEGO barefooted.
Every Parent Everywhere

The end is the final page of a book. In LEGO, it’s not a thing.
John Comley



Clifton United Methodist Church

May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Live Stream at 9:15 and recorded for later viewing

“We Stand for Love!”

GATHER

VIDEO OF THE CLIFTON UM COMMUNITY – MEDITATION WHILE WAITING

Communications Coordinator

Nick Federinko

GREETING AND WELCOME

Rev. David W. Meredith, Pastor

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ is Risen! Christ is indeed! Alleluia!

Please let others know you are worshipping with the Clifton United Methodist Church on-line community. Make a comment in Facebook or send an email to office@cliftonumc.com. Please include your location and the first names of those worshipping with you.

PRELUDE

Prelude on “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (Dennis UMH 557)
Hans Georg Nägeli (Swiss, 1773-1836)
Charles Callahan (US, b. 1951)
Luke Wiseman, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyle Rife, Worship Leader

Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff
but who delight in God’s teachings and meditate on them day and night.
Like trees planted by streams of water, those who delight in God’s ways will not wither.
Flourishing, they bear fruit appropriate to each season.
Through seasons of justice or compassion, seasons of change or of rest...
With wisdom and discernment, they blossom and they bloom.
Abundant is the harvest of those who trust in God.
Blessed is the community that follows the call of love.

HYMN OF RESURRECTION

Thy Word Is a Lamp (Thy Word)
The Blue Hymnbook, The United Methodist Hymnal, 601

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way, still you’re there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Now I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Kyle Rife

Holy One, open us to the possibility that we are being chosen to be new disciples with new ministries. Amen.

GODLY PLAY: THE PARABLE OF THE LEAVEN

Annie Burton, Youth & Children’s Discipleship Coordinator
Welcome the children to the front of the sanctuary with *Where Children Belong* (Ritchie)
The Black Songbook, The Faith We Sing, 2233

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

*THE PEACE

Annie Burton

This is the Good News—the grave is empty, the light shines in the darkness and the darkness never put it out, and
once we were no people but now we are God’s people. **Alleluia!**
Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.
Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Please share signs and words of God’s peace.

*After sharing signs of peace use the comment section of the Facebook Live Stream video to indicate interest in receiving
Clift Notes (church’s newsletter) by email or send an email to office@cliftonumc.com.*

ENGAGING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Kyle Rife

May the reading of your Word sanctify us in the truth and bring us to perfect joy. Amen.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Kyle Rife

During the emergent time after the ascension of Jesus.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶ “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Are The Church

by Donald S. Marsh and Richard K. Avery
Arr. J. Melms

Featuring our Youth/ Adult Band

Flutes: Melissa Mitiska, Amy Packard

Anna Peterson

Clarinet: Cece Mitiska. Samantha Searls

Piano: Madelyn Packard

Cello: Greg Rogers

Tuba: George Mitiska

Premiering our Lego Instrumentalists:

Ollie Long

Cece Mitiska

Nickolas Mitiska

Charley Packard

Madelyn Packard

Katie Waldfogle

Directed by: Jennifer Melms

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 17:10-12,16-19

Annie Burton

Christ prays to God for the disciples, leaders of the church.

¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy One, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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SERMON

Building a New Church: Lego Church

Rev. Robert English

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Building a New Way

Multicultural Music Ensemble
words and music by Martha Sandefer

*God is building a new way (3x)
Sending love and power our way
God is building a new way.*

*We are working to be free (3x)
Hate and greed and jealousy.
We are working to be free*

*God can feed our every need (X3)
Start with love, that is the seed.
God can feed our every need.*

*We are building a new church (X3)
Being in mission everywhere.
We are building a new church.*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE WAY OF JESUS: WITNESS AND INVITATION

Don Deems

OFFERING

Rev. David W. Meredith

God invites us to give the testimony of our hearts in practical offerings of money and time. Therefore let us testify to God's love by bringing our gifts.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS FOR MAKING OFFERINGS.

- Mail a check to the church.
- Authorize your bank to pay the church, via the bank's Bill Pay feature.
- Add GivePlus+ app (available on Google Play) to your smartphone, set up an account, decide which fund, the amount and if recurring or once.
- Use our website, www.cliftonumc.com, click the Paypal donation button, your donation will be processed thru Paypal.
- Another way to reach Paypal Giving Fund is by using the QR code on the right or the IP address: paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/170771.
- Make a direct Paypal payment from your Paypal account to our Paypal account via email (there will be no transaction fees.) Instructions on Paypal.



QR code to Clifton UMC
Paypal Giving Fund.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Halleluja (Halle, Halle)
The Black Song Book, The Faith We Sing, 2026

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halleluja! Halleluja!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kyle Rife

Jesus has made God known to us. We already belong to God. And so we dedicate these gifts to God's service and to the glory of God's name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. David W. Meredith

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (SUNG)

The Black Song Book, The Faith We Sing, 2278

*Our Father in Heaven, holy is your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, forever and ever.*

SENDING FORTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SENDING FORTH

Kyle Rife

HYMN FOR MONDAY

Lord, Speak to Me (Canonbury)
The Blue Hymnbook, The United Methodist Hymnal, 463

*Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou has sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.
O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.
O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.
O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.*

BLESSING

Rev. David W. Meredith

Today and tomorrow, today and tomorrow,
Lo, I am with you always, when we try to do your will,
I am with you always, when we go where we do not know,
I am with you always, when we meet one we do not recognize,
I am with you always, where faith ends and doubt begins,
I am with you always, and should we forget you . . .
I am with you always, today and tomorrow,
today and tomorrow, you are with us always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for a New Day
J. Wayne Kerr (US, b. 1958)
Luke Wiseman, organ

RESUMING MINISTRY TOGETHER OUTDOORS

If you were a part of Easter Sunrise, you experienced the joy of long-awaited reunion the first time in a long time that so many of us have been together in one physical place! What a sigh of relief after a long year! Over the coming months, we will be finding more ways for us to safely get together outside.

Outside, the air circulation, combined with masks and appropriate distancing practices, means that it is lower risk to be together in groups. We can experience the joy and connectedness that comes from being together with a significantly reduced risk of virus transmission.

Regular indoor worship can only resume when the risk is sufficiently lowered. Until the transmission rates are holding below 5%, and the vaccination rate is over 50% for our region, and until there is an available vaccination for children, it does not seem prudent to do indoor worship. (And even when we are in person indoors, live stream worship will continue to be offered.)

Yet, we are on our way to these numbers if we do the right things correctly, together. Get vaccinated, wear your mask, watch your distance (6 feet inside, 3 feet outside), wash your hands, and please stay home if you are sick.

Let us model the way forward by practicing care for the people around us. In addition to outside activities (see below), there will be opportunity for some in-person interactions at church, inside. The church from Monday-Friday will be open to visits. Come by to pray. Stop in for a counseling appointment. Volunteer. Participate in a small group study. Community groups are also resuming their weekly activities, including 12 step programs, Clifton Cultural Arts Center, Easter Seals, and others. This re-opening weaves our interpersonal relationships and connections back together. We are committed to safely finding ways to be the church together.

Here are some of the outdoor in-person activities coming up in the near future:

May 16	1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Caring Car Caravans
May 18	8:00 pm	Eagles Softball (River City Sports Complex , 5993 Linneman St 45230)
	9:15 pm	Eagles Softball (River City Sports Complex , 5993 Linneman St 45230)
May 22	4:00 pm	Wild Church @ Burnett Woods Bandstand
May 30	12:00 pm	Concert on the Lawn @ the DeGreg's

We're glad you came to join with us in our worship time today. We hope you'll come again.

A Reconciling Congregation: The people of Clifton United Methodist Church believe God's love is expansive and unconditional and that through Christ God has called us to love one another as God loves us. We welcome all people: all genders, gender identities, gender expressions, races, ages, cultures, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, economic circumstances, family configurations, or differences of faith perspective. We celebrate the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a child of God.

Clifton United Methodist Church welcomes, cares for, and affirms all people in God's Beloved community. We work toward making real the expansive, just, transformative, inclusive love of Jesus within ourselves, our communities, and our world.

Our part time staff and related clergy:

Rev. David Meredith, Pastor	Rev. Benji Sayre, Associate Pastor & Wesley Foundation
Rev. Robert English, Associate Pastor for Alt. Expressions of Church	Rev. Brent Dearnell, Deacon, Colocate
Rev. Nancy Turner, Deacon, Pastoral Care	Rev. Marianne Wilson, Deacon, Children's Hospital
Bill Beer, Music Director	Jennifer Melms, Children's Music Director
Luke Wiseman, Organist	Annie Burton, Coordinator of Children's & Youth Discipleship
Adam Hall, Children's Ministry Aide	Rachel Marcum, Children's Ministry Aide
Kendra Pressley, Children's Ministry Aide	
Nick Federinko, Communications Coordinator	Lorri Phile, Church Administrator

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Living the love of Jesus no matter what.

THIS WEEK AT CLIFTON CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 16th

8:15 am
9:15 am
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Prayer and Preparation
WORSHIP SERVICE: Livestream.
Caring Car Caravan

Sanctuary

TUESDAY, MAY 18th

8:00 pm
9:15 pm

Eagles Softball (River City Sports Complex , 5993 Linneman St 45230)
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THURSDAY, MAY 20th

4:00 pm
5:00 pm
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Staff Meeting via Zoom
Online Children/Youth Choir Practice (contact Jen Melms for Zoom code)
Creative Worship Planning—"The Greatest Showman"

SATURDAY, MAY 22nd

4:00 pm

Wild Church at Burnet Woods Bandstand

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 25	6:45 pm	Eagles Softball (River City Sports Complex , 5993 Linneman St 45230)
	9:15 pm	Eagles Softball (River City Sports Complex , 5993 Linneman St 45230)
May 27	6:00 pm	Creative Worship Planning—"The Greatest Showman"
May 30	Noon	Phil DeGreg Lawn Concert—Bring a chair, blanket and picnic lunch
June 1	8:00 pm	Eagles Softball (River City Sports Complex , 5993 Linneman St 45230)
	9:15 pm	Eagles Softball (River City Sports Complex , 5993 Linneman St 45230)
June 10	6:00 pm	Creative Worship Planning—"The Greatest Showman"
June 24	6:00 pm	Creative Worship Planning—"The Greatest Showman"
July 8	6:00 pm	Creative Worship Planning—"The Greatest Showman"

As a community of members and friends we commit to God and to each other that we will support Clifton United Methodist Church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

... our prayers

Linda Lancaster, Jeannine & Jack's daughter-in-law, recuperating at home, health issues; Jack Lancaster, Bayley Place, health issues; Nancy Millwater, hip replacement surgery; Jeannine Lancaster, many concerns; Benji, Sayre & his family (Molly, Clark, & Annie Kate and Benji's mom, Karen and in-laws Ralph & Doris Malany)); Margaret Tomer, struggling with health concerns; Mary Brestel, cancer; Matt & KC Cottrell, expecting their first child; family & friends of Corinne Gutjahr, who died on Mother's Day; family and friends of Cecelia Bolus, Bill Beer's grandmother, who passed away; family and friends of Ed DeGreg, Phil's dad, who passed away 5/12; Anne Tapia & Ernie Long, expecting their 2nd child; Betsy Mann, who will be undergoing stem cell treatments for multiple myeloma this summer; Marlene Kane, in hospital with a severe infection;

...our gifts,

WEEKLY GIVING: 5/9 \$19,127.52 Inside Out Campaign: \$376,557.11



THE ULTIMATE DIAPER BAG: MATT AND KC COTTRELL ARE EXPECTING THEIR FIRST CHILD. Following this link to Signup Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4DA9AF2EA6FA7-diaper>) for items to create the Ultimate Diaper Bag. (If you don't see an item listed that you typically donate, it means I currently have that item on hand) Also added to the signup are a few extra boxes of diapers for a yet unnamed family expecting their 2nd child. You can drop off items at the home of Rich Davis/Jenee Clark, the church, or bring to the ball games on Tuesday nights.



WHEN YOU HAVE EMPTY PLASTIC PILL BOTTLES, BRING THEM TO CHURCH. Place them in the basket to improve medical care in developing countries and to care for our environment. If you want your bottles to be included with shipments of medical supplies, follow the instructions for cleaning and sorting. Those instructions are available from the basket.



CLIFTON UMC IS COLLECTING PULL TABS to donate to Cincinnati's Ronald McDonald House. Bring tabs to church in any non-breakable container to be **placed in the container in the back of the sanctuary.** Christy Balmos (csbalmos@yahoo.com), or visit RMHCincinnati.org for more information. Your support of this program and the families of critically ill children is greatly appreciated.



WHEN YOU SHOP AT AMAZONSMILE, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Clifton United Methodist Church. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0616560> and support us every time you shop.

ENROLL IN THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM.

Visit's website at www.krogercommunityrewards.com or if you do not have access to a computer and would like to participate, please contact the church office and Lorri can assist you.

- Sign into your Kroger account with your email address/password. If you have forgotten, just click on "forgot password" and a link will be sent to your email to change your password.
- Click into the "Community Rewards" in your account summary.
- Enter **80273** or the first three letters of the organization's name, click search.
- Select Clifton United Methodist Church by clicking the circle to the left of the organization's name.
- Save changes.



A NEW GIVING PORTAL IS NOW AVAILABLE TO SUBMIT TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO ANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WITHIN THE WEST OHIO CONFERENCE. To give to Clifton United Methodist Church, simply complete the form at the following link: <https://www.westohioumc.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=99>. Follow the prompts to identify Clifton United Methodist Church, along with the amount of your donation. The conference will then remit the donation to Clifton United Methodist Church monthly through direct deposit. Convenience fees are charged by the credit card companies. *No fee is being charged by the Conference.* In addition, there are no service costs for the churches, as there are with other platforms. Please contact Lorri, the Church Administrator, for questions.

...our presence,

ATTENDANCE: WORSHIP: 5/9: 426 Live Stream: 151 households 9:15 am: 9



HEART FRIENDS CARAVAN AND PORCH VISITS: Sunday, May 16 between 1:00-3:00 PM

CELEBRATE team is organizing a caravan to visit our Heart Friends, outside with masks and safe distance. A caravan of 4-5 cars will travel to two residences of our elder members from Clifton UMC. At each they will share some time greeting one another outside on a lawn or porch or driveway, followed by a brief time of worship, devotion, and communion. The whole experience is designed for 30-40 minutes at each stop. The cars in the caravan will be filled with 10-12 persons of all ages from our congregation who want to share love, rebuild community, and reweave relationships that have been paused this past year. Each of the six caravans will include the Heart Friend and/or a Staff member from our congregation. We hope to have six different caravans!



WILD CHURCH, a new alternative expression startup, will have its service on Saturday, May 22nd at 4:00 pm in the bandstand in Burnet Woods Park (Clifton Avenue to Burnet Woods Drive to the Burnet Woods Bandstand—signage in the park. Come experience an alternative expression of church.



HELP CLIFTON UMC SUPPORT CAIN THROUGH 2020 HUNGER WALK! The 2021 Freestore Food Bank Hunger Walk will take place virtually on May 31, 2021. Once again, Clifton UMC is collecting donations for Churches Active in Northside (CAIN) via our "Clifton UMC Walks for CAIN" team. ALL proceeds go directly to CAIN to purchase needed food items through the Cincinnati Freestore. Every dollar goes a long way to stem food insecurity in Northside and surrounding neighborhoods. To donate go to the link below. And share the link on your network as well--leverage the power of social media on behalf of a good cause. Fundraising goal is \$1000. Thanks! Here's the link: https://secure3.convio.net/fsfb/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=1450&team_id=12120



PRIDE COMMUNITY NIGHT @ GREAT AMERICAN BALLPARK

We will meet at the Great American Ball Park for PRIDE Community Night on Friday, June 11th at 7:10 pm. Cost of ticket is \$16. A portion of each ticket sold will be donated back to Cincinnati PRIDE. Here is the link to signup genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4DAFAE22A0FF2-pride> Deadline to signup is May 23rd.

OUTDOOR LAWN CONCERT WITH PHIL DEGREG AND FRIENDS May 30th at 12:00 pm (Noon) (Cicada/Rain date: July 11th).

You are invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets, picnic lunches or beverages to enjoy while sitting at a social distance. The address is 3360 Bishop Street. There is some street parking on Bishop or Wentworth. It is less than a 10 minute walk from the church if you would like to park there and head on over.

... our service and witness,

Worship Leaders: 5/16 Kyle Rife 5/23 Robbin Luck 5/30 Steve Depoe 6/6 Mark Waldfogle 6/13 Jim Bodle



CREATIVE WORSHIP PLANNING FOR THE SUMMER OF 2021—"The Greatest Showman" and "The Naked Path of Prophet" in 1 Samuel—**Thursday, May 27th, 6:00-7:30 pm.** Interested persons will gather via Zoom to launch the planning of the annual worship services featuring the intersection of a movie musical and scripture from 1 Samuel 1-18, and worship. Please let Pastor David or Bill Beer know of your interest.

Topic: "The Greatest Showman" Planning Group

Time: **May 27, 2021 06:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88529404031>



CLIFTON SPIRIT WEAR SALE -- Tee-shirts, polos, and hoodies are once again on sale! **Orders need to arrive at the Clifton Office by May 27th** with delivery late June. Tees come in a variety of colors -- check for color options on polos and hoodies. You can order online (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4DAFAE22A0FF2-stand>) if you prefer, but there is a modest service fee charged per order. If you prefer to pay by check, download the form or find one in your May Spirit bag, complete it, and mail it with your check to the Clifton Office. Church address is 3416 Clifton Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45220. Questions? Contact either [Susan Allen](#) or the church office for more information.

YOU CAN SHIP ITEMS FOR THE FOLLOWING MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRIES TO THE CHURCH. SEND AN EMAIL TO OFFICE@CLIFTON UMC.COM TO NOTIFY LORRI THAT YOU ARE SHIPPING ITEMS FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS. THANK YOU.

PHIL (CAIN Ministries) For the month of November. Phil will continue to collect toilet paper. This essential item is unable to be purchased with SNAP benefits and so is a valued commodity. Your neighbors in Northside thank you.

MANNY (ROBERTS ACADEMY: SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER) The Roberts Academy School Based Health Center is essentially a health care clinic located inside of a pre-K-8th grade elementary school in East Price Hill. The clinic provides both acute and well visits, preventative care, vaccines, prescriptions and health education to the students, teachers and families of Roberts Academy and also to underserved children and families in the surrounding community.

List for requested items: Travel sized toiletries, underwear for boys and girls (ages 3-12), socks for boys and girls (ages 5-teens), Chapstick, Sanitary pads (for teens- thin pads for varying flow), Children's chewable multivitamins (with and without iron, any size bottles), stickers, fidget spinners, reusable water bottles, fruit that does not spoil quickly (apples, clementine), gift cards for misc. expenses in the SBHC..



CLIFTON EAGLES SOFTBALL SCHEDULE: FIRST HALF OF SESSION ONE

DATE	TIME	FIELD	OPPONENT
April 27	6:45 pm	Field 4	W — 19-9
	8:00 pm	Field 4	W — 15-10
May 11	6:45 pm	Field 5	W — 17-15
	9:15 pm	Field 4	W — 15-10
May 18	8:00 pm		Stars
	9:15 pm		Switch Hitters
May 25	6:45 pm		Stars
	9:15 pm		Bombers
June 1	8:00 pm		Drinkers
	9:15 pm		Goon Squad

May Birthdays:

May 22 Sharareh Khosravani
May 24 Nick Federinko
May 27 Mindy Reuter-Matthews
May 28 Kendra Pressley
May 29 Shirley Blair
May 30 Jason Fishburn
May 30 Jim Watkins

May Anniversaries:

May 15 Tom & Mona Berger
May 19 Sarah Fischer & Aaron Fleming
May 28 Jon Dudley & Erin Lord

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES:

Amanda Arrasmith Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Colleen Arrasmith West Clermont High School
Taelor Hickey Garrett-Evangelical Theological School
Peach Owen Albion University
Mimi Richmond Lesley University in Cambridge MA
Danielle Watkins Northern Kentucky University

PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR THE MUSIC SURVEY. You will have a chance to see the various choir videos compiled this year for worship anthems via the YouTube link, and you will be asked to pick your favorites. Think of yourselves as the CUMC Oscars committee selecting this year's best!

Without further ado, here are the nominees for favorite choir anthems of 2020-21:

- ◆ September: "We Are Travelers on a Journey." A celebration of church community.
- ◆ October: "Psalm 23." With our very own string quartet.
- ◆ November: "Shine Like the Sun." A tribute to our Saints.
- ◆ November: "Roll Down, Justice!" Honoring our commitment to social justice.
- ◆ November: "Tapestry of Love." Another tribute to the kinship of faith.
- ◆ December: "Veni Emmanuel." Our rousing rendition of the traditional Advent tune.
- ◆ January: "Come to the Water." Remembrance of our baptism and the welcome to all to be part of the family of God.
- ◆ February: "Shine a Little Light." Bringing the love of God into the world, and featuring our congregants shining their figurative lights, and the CUMC band.
- ◆ March: "Come Home." An original melody for the well-known hymn, "Softly and tenderly." Our Lenten invitation to turn back to Christ.
- ◆ April: "Lonesome Valley." A Good Friday meditation.
- ◆ April: "Can't Keep-a That Glory In!" Our Easter celebration in song.

Below is the YouTube Link (copy and paste) for a review of the above listed videos. You may wish to have pen and paper ready to make any notes or mark down your favorites as you view them. You'll be asked to rank your top 3. Please note, because of a copyright flag, ads will accompany this video.

<https://youtube/VDxKmpPmV1c>

If you want your opinion included, please complete the survey by the end of Tuesday, May 25.

And the little statue goes to... Find out on Sunday, May 30.

CHAMPIONS OF ORDER

Sam Schloemer/Andy Briggs	Curators of History & Archives
Peggy Crane	Order in the Sacristy
Don Deems	Order in the Storage area in the back of the Sanctuary
Kalyn Klontz	Order in the Kitchenette at the back of the Sanctuary
Brian Montgomery	Order in the small Kitchen by the Parlor
Tom Berger	Order in the Kitchen on the Lower Level
Valerie Johnson	Care for inside plants
Jenee Clark/Luke Wiseman	Care for outside container plants, gardens, and litter removal.
Karla Perry	Order in the Tomer Library
Easter Seals Neighborhood Hub Clients	Care for the Children's Garden
Hank Genter	Care for Fabric Art

If you would like to help any of these Champions of Order, please contact them.

PASTOR DAVID'S SCHEDULE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Sunday	8:00 am – 8:00 pm	Worship, Visits, Study Groups
Monday	Time Apart	
Tuesday	8:30 am-4:30 pm	Ohio River Valley Urban Ministry
	5:30 pm-8:00 pm	Study Groups
Wednesday	9:30 am-5:00pm	Office, Visits
Thursday	9:30 am-8:00pm	Office, Ministry Meetings, Study Groups
Friday	9:30 am-5:00pm	Office
Saturday	Study Day	
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CHURCH COUNCIL 2021

Church Council & Administrative Team Chair	Anne Tapia (2021)
Lay Leader & Congregational Life Chair	Bobbi Ruddock (2022)
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Steve Depoe (2023),
	Leslie Haxby McNeill (2023)
Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference	Susan Allen (2022)
Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair	Linnea Lowe (2021)
Finance Chair	Bob Robinette (interim)
Treasurer	Paul Spearman (2021)
Trustees Chair	Doug Rife (2022)
Alternative Expressions of Church	Rev. Robert English/ Steve Depoe (2023)

Administrative Team Classes

<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Linnea Lowe	Doug Rife	Debra Evans
Paul Spearman	Bobbi Ruddock	Leslie Haxby McNeill
Anne Tapia	Mark Waldfogle	Steve Depoe

Congregational Life Teams

CELEBRATE Chair	_____ (2023)
GROW Chair	Storey Mecoli (2021)
RECONCILING Co-Chairs	Joe Gardner (2022)
	Aaron Fleming & Sarah Fischer (2023)
SERVE Chair	Anne Housholder (2022)
WELCOME Chair	Kalyn Klontz (2021)
WITNESS Chair	Samantha Searls (2023)

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS COACH

Martha Gardner (2022)