



Our Mission: To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

May, 2022 Rev. Darlene Robinson, Pastor

Pastor's Front Page Message

Dear Wildare Family,

"Time is filled with swift transitions!" These words are from a hymn that I grew up singing and oh how true it is. I may not have understood it completely when I was a child but I certainly do now. According to Macon.com, this verse is a reminder of how "life can change so quickly..." Sometimes life changes quickly for the better and sometimes it changes for the not-so-better. The refrain states and also has the title of the hymn in it as follows: "Build your hopes on things eternal. Hold to God's unchanging hand." During these times of seemingly uncertainty in our world and in our lives, this is definitely a hymn we need to have in our hearts.

This hymn, "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" by Jennie Wilson, reminds us of the following scripture, **Isaiah 41:13** says: "For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you'." God is basically saying, "I've got you!" "I have you!" "I've got your back!" "I've got your hand and I will not let go!" That sounds so comforting to me. The question is will we pull away or swat His hand away from ours as He is trying to hold onto our hand? As we move onward together in ministry and in our lives let's remember that sometimes change is inevitable but as it comes, good or not so good, we are to hold on to God's unchanging hand.

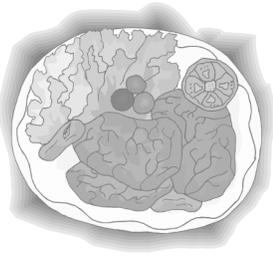
In this prayerfully manageable tail end to this "Return back to the pit from whence you came virus, in Jesus' name," He is the One we are to trust. Nothing is a surprise to Him, although it may be a surprise to us, we still have to remember that He will sit with us, walk with us, roll with us, stroll with us, provide for us and/or basically travel with us no matter what our needs are, where we are or where we go or are going. I know that it seems like some things are moving slower than some of you would like in and out of the church but rebuilding, refocusing and regrouping after covid 19 is taking some time to do in most of our churches and world.

One reason is because people have developed many new habits over these past 2 years that are now hard to break because they really enjoy these new habits. However, with that being said, thank you to all who have stayed the course and continued the good fight of faith in whatever capacity you could here at the church. I pray that you will continue to do so as we still have much work to do for the Kingdom. Come on back as you feel comfortable. Continue to join us online on Sunday mornings and please let us know if you want to be Zoomed in to our bible studies, etc... as and if we are able to do so. The Lord is continually blessing Wildare UMC in so many areas whether in-person or online. Yes, we have a few things to get done but overall God is good to us and we are grateful and thankful! I hope you get a chance to look up the hymn and read or listen to the other lyrics. I believe that it will bless your soul!

The month of May is Christian Home month. We will also celebrate Mother's Day, the National Day of Prayer, Memorial Day Sunday (and maybe even tentatively Graduate Sunday), just to name a few. We also want to have a combined service on Sun., May 22, 2022 in order to have a meeting after worship to continue some discussions regarding the future of our beloved United Methodist Church. Please continue to pray for the needs of Wildare UMC and for God's guidance in every area of ministry and of our lives! God is moving by His Spirit and the best is yet to come!! Happy Mother's Day to all of our mom's!!

Be Encouraged in Jesus!!

Pastor Darlene Robinson



Join Us For Supper!

CHURCH DINNER

MAY 21, 2022
4-6 PM

Swiss Steak
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Pie or Cake
Beverage

\$10.00 Adult
\$4.00 Children
Under 4 free

Take-out available -
Call 330-637-2266
Between 3:30-6 PM

I once knew someone who was always depressed and made life difficult for herself and those around her. She could never appreciate the “good” in her life, only the negative. It was hard to spend time with this person because no matter how happy you were, once you were in her presence for a few moments you felt depressed too. I would always try and have her look at all the positive things in her life which so outweighed the bad, but it didn’t really make a difference. I told her to get up each day and thank God for one good thing in her life.

I sat with this lady when she got sick and was dying. All she could say was, “*Why couldn’t I go back to when I wasn’t sick and was happy?*” That broke my heart because I didn’t ever remember her being happy.

It is so easy for me, if I allow myself to look at the negative things in my life and not the good. Yes, life is hard and there are many challenges each of us face and they can drag us down. BUT, I have a choice and you have a choice as to how we will live each one of the days God allows us to have here on this earth. As soon as I begin to dwell on the negative, I stop and make myself focus on all the positive and thank God for all the “Blessings” I have. Read with me “*The Most Beautiful Flower*”.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FLOWER

The park bench was deserted as I sat down to read beneath the long straggly branches of an old willow tree. Disillusioned by life with good reason to frown for the world was intent on dragging me down, and if that weren’t enough to ruin my day, a young boy out of breath approached me all tired from play. He stood before me with his head tilted down and said with great excitement, “Look what I’ve found!” In his hand was a flower and what a pitiful sight, with its petals all worn, too little rain, too little light. Wanting him to take his dead flower and go play, I faked a smile and then shifted away. But instead of retreating, he sat next to my side and placed the flower to his nose and declared with surprise, “It sure smells pretty and it’s beautiful too, that’s why I picked it, here it’s for you.” The weed before me was dying or dead, not vibrant of colors, orange, yellow or red. But I knew I must take it or he might not leave, so I reached for the flower and replied, “Just what I need.” But instead of him placing the flower in my hand, he held it in mid-air without reason or plan. It was then that I noticed for the very first time that weed-toting boy could not see; he was blind. I heard my voice quiver, tears shone like the sun as I thanked him for picking the very best one. You’re welcome he smiled and then went off to play; unaware of the impact he had on my day. I sat there and wondered how he managed to see a self-pitying woman beneath an old willow tree. How did he know of my self-indulged plight? Perhaps from his heart ... blessed with true sight.

Through the eyes of a blind child at last I could see the problem was not with the world; the problem was me. And, for all those times I myself had been blind, I vowed to see the beauty in life and appreciate every second that’s mine. And then, I held that wilted flower up to my nose and breathed in the fragrance of a beautiful rose. I smiled as I watched that young boy, another weed in his hand, about to change the life of an unsuspecting old man. (Author Unknown)

May we all take a moment before our God, asking that we might be blessed with true sight so that we are able to see with our hearts. Then pray that God uses us this day in the lives of those disillusioned by life that they might “see” and “smell” the fragrance of His love. May we seek to be “*The Most Beautiful Flower*” in someone’s life.

We are so Blessed,

Brigitta

VBS invites children of all ages to get on a roll with God The goal of Food Truck Party is to help children build on the practice of using daily prayer to turn to God for their needs - and also to serve as the hands of God in ensuring that the needs of others are met. Enjoy music, crafts, Bible stories, games, snacks and more!

Vacation Bible School

June 20-24

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Children 4 yrs. to completed 6th grade

Anyone wishing to help as a teacher, teacher assistant, story teller, games, crafts, snack kitchen, or music/skits contact Lindsay Price. Or you can message her through Facebook. We also have a Wildare VBS Facebook page. **We are still in need of a pre-school teacher!**

Any youth who have completed 7th grade and up, we would love to have your help.

Even is you have helped in the past, you need to let us know that you are willing to help this year. Call the ministry office at 330-637-5000 if you are interested in helping. We need your T-shirt size as well as the area you want to help with! There are helper forms at both entrances of the church.

Registration forms coming soon!!!

The vacation Bible school celebration will be held on **Sunday, June 26th with a combined 10:30 a.m. worship service** in the Family Life Center

"Give us this day our daily bread" Matthew 6:11



Administrative Board Meeting

Thursday, May 19 @ 6:00 pm via ZOOM meeting as well as in person in the connector. A link will be emailed to all team members. Please note that all chairs and ministry leaders are asked to attend and share about their ministries. If unable to attend, please send a report that can be shared.

Fellowship Opportunities

Anyone interested in planning and/or participating in some monthly fellowshiping opportunities such as movie nights, board game playing, etc....please let Pastor Darlene know. Thanks!

Save-The- Dates:

Our next Visioning Meeting is being scheduled for Sat., 9/10 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sat., 9/24 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Join us as we plan out 2022/2023 and share our visions for Wildare. Everyone is welcome!!

Blood Drive

May date! May date! Urgent need for Blood! Wildare U.M. Church Blood Drive Thursday, May 12 from noon to 6PM. Bring your appetite- we serve homemade food and desserts! Register online at Redcrossblood.org

Thank you church family! Please continue to donate food and desserts. It really does make a difference. Any questions? Call Marcy (330-847-0613) or Patty (330-889-2662)

East Ohio Annual Conference

Thurs., 6/9/22 - Sat., 6/11/22
East Ohio Annual Conference,
J.S. Knight Center 77 E. Mill St., Akron, Ohio



Toddler/Nursery Schedule for May:

11:00 am

9:00 am

- 1 MiKayla
- 8 Abbey S
- 15
- 22 Ed (combined 10:30 service)
- 29 Hope

As Needed

Jr. Church Schedule 4 years-Grade 5 for May:

11:00 am

- 1 Shana & Duke
- 8 Abby L
- 15 Beth
- 22 Lynda & Murray (combined 10:30 service)
- 29 Shelly

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next prayer breakfast will be on Sunday, May 15 at 7:00am in the FLC

Wednesday evening Bible Study is held at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Join us!

Please Pray For:

Shirley M., Mark M., John K., Karen V., Virginia W., Louie P., Gary N., Ben, Raymond, Marcy C., Missy, Patty B., Casey, Patrick's mom Linda, Frank, Sara & Family, Mike G., Ukraine, protection for fruit trees during freeze warnings



Deadline to get information in to Hope for June Wings/newsletter is Wednesday, May 25.

Tithes and Offerings

Thanks again for your support financially to Wildare! Your stewardship helps us grow our ministries and reach more people for the Kingdom! You may mail any offerings to: Wildare UMC 7211 North Park Ave. Cortland, OH 44410 or give online and in person during worship.

Recording Our Faithfulness for the month of April (four Sundays):

- Average Sunday School Attendance: 14
- Average Worship Attendance: 107
- Average of Tithes & Offerings: \$4642.00
- Weekly budgeted amount needed: \$5478.00
- Giving YTD \$82,108.00

**Food Pantry/Give Away
Note time change**

Thanks so much for all who helped serve over 150 families in April.

Stats:

- Total Families Served - 150
- NEW Families Served - 18
- Families without Children - 98
- Families with Children - 65
- Total Individuals served - 389**
- Children (birth-17) - 120
- Adults (18-59) - 176
- Seniors (60+) - 112

Our next giveaway will be May 7 from 10am-12pm. **Packing bags with non-perishables will be done on Friday, May 6 @ 4:00.** We will continue to serve our community the first Saturday of the month. If you want to help, simply show up the morning of the giveaway a little early and we will assign you to a team.

Dates to Remember:

- May is Christian Home, Asian Pacific American Heritage and Older Adult Recognition Month
- May 1 - Native American Ministries Sunday
- May 5 - National Day of Prayer
- May 6 - May Friendship Day
- May 8 - Mother's Day and Festival of the Christian Home
- May 22 - Heritage Sunday
- Graduate Sunday
- May 24 - Aldersgate Day
- May 26 - Ascension of the Lord
- May 29 - Ascension Sunday/Memorial Day Sunday
- May 30 - Memorial Day
- June 5 - Pentecost Sunday (Everyone is asked to please bring in a red geranium.)

Come Visit Us Online at Our Church Website

www.wildareunitedmethodistchurch.com
Information about upcoming ministry, download our church phone app, online giving, our weekly sermons on video and more! AND, at our FaceBook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/WildareUMC/>
Also, on Twitter, YouTube and Instagram

Wildare Family Picnic

(Combining the Mother/Daughter Banquet and Father/Child Picnic)

Sunday, June 12 from 5:30 until dark

Everyone is invited: Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents, Sons, Daughters, and Friends

Jim and Linda Knepp's house.

(1022 Hyde Shaffer Rd, Bristolville)

If the weather doesn't cooperate, it will be moved to the Family Life Center.

Brenda Jarvis will be our featured guest.

This is an informal, often very muddy, picnic. Bring an appetite, a dish to share, lawn chairs, fishing poles (boots if you are walking back to the pond) and bug spray. The fish and mosquitos invite themselves to the picnic.

Drinks, silverware, plates, condiments, and a main meat dish will be provided.

Corn hole boards will be available.

Door Prizes for all ages.

Ways to **RSVP by June 8th, 2022:**

Sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in the connector

Call the Church Office: 330-637-5000

Email the Church Office: Wildarehl@gmail.com

If you have questions call Linda at 330-442-3541

Children/Youth Director

The new Children's and Youth Director position has been posted. If anyone is interested, please contact the church by phone or email.

National Day of Prayer

“Exalt the Lord Who Has Established Us”

Prayer breakfast

Thursday, May 5 @ 7:00 a.m.

Jericho Center

2878 Warren-Meadville Rd., Cortland

\$10.00

Rsvp to Ndavid123@hotmail.com

Pastordan1954@gmail.com

or text to 330-883-6620

Combined Worship Service

We will have a Combined Worship Service on Sunday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. & an ALL church meeting following worship to discuss the future of Wildare UMC

Men's Tuesday Bible Study meets @ 8:00am

Wildare Walkers meet at 8:15am Monday, Wednesday, & Friday.

Bake with the Bible for Churches

Great for all ages! This 6-lesson program is perfect for Sunday School or intergenerational formation. Each lesson includes a simple recipe, discussion questions, and reading recommendations, as well as Scriptural and cultural-historical lessons. If any one is interested in participating in this unique, hopefully, intergenerational bible study experience beginning in May. **There will be a meeting for those interested in this ministry on Monday, May 2 at 4:30 p.m.**

May Mission of the Month

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is not just about sending a shoe box full of goodies!

Samaritans Purse partners with churches in more than 100 countries to train teachers who lead The Greatest Journey 12-lesson Bible study. These local believers teach boys and girls how to faithfully follow Christ - and to share about Him with their family and friends.



Graduating Seniors

If you have a 2022 graduating senior (high school or college), please notify the ministry office.

Open House

If you would like to have your graduating senior's open house information and/or commencement listed in the June wings, please notify the ministry office.



Thank You

Dear Pastor Darlene & Our Family at Wildare,
Wow! What a fantastic and generous Gift to the Lord's Rescue Work here at Bella! You made us smile :) knowing that God put Bella on your hearts ~There are miracles here every week ~and you're part of these Life Saving Stories....

We are so Grateful,
Tia & Your Bella Family

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Dear Wildare Church,

What a surprise and blessing it was to receive the special "Easter Basket". Thank you so much for thinking of me as I surely will enjoy all the goodies. Thank you Lynn for the delicious bread and those that took part in putting the baskets together.

Bless You,
Martha

Staff-Parish Relations

The Staff-Parish Relations Team is asked to please keep the following dates open for meetings: Thursday, May 5, Monday, May 9, and Thursday, May 12. Time: 6:30 p.m.

Public School Bible Classes

Want to offer Bible classes for your public school students during the school day-legally? School Ministries of Ohio will be holding an informational meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Champion Presbyterian Church at 4997 Mahoning Ave., Warren. Goal: Middle School start this fall.

For more information call
Mike Jones at 330-246-0805

Small Groups

Let's get back to our small groups!! Video teachings are available!! Let Pastor Darlene know if you are interested in facilitating a small group, learning how to lead a small group or just wanting to be a part of a small group, as well as, the times that you are available (Sundays in the morning or late afternoon/evening, during the week during the day or evening or Saturdays, etc...). These can be short-term groups like 4-6 weeks or longer.



This initial document is just for your information only to get the discussion started as to where we as a church will stand on this issue. **No actions have been decided yet by Wildare UMC regarding this issue of disaffiliation.** Whereas, there are some churches that have left, many are staying to see what happens in 2024 and then make their decision. We hope to have a meeting after a combined worship service on Sun., 5/22/22. The service is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow for those who can attend. We hope to share **balanced** information regarding this matter at this meeting. This is a decision not to be made lightly because there are many other implications. If you would like to watch a video by Bishop Tracy Smith Malone discussing this issue please refer back to your email forwarded from our church dated, 4/20/22. This is from the e-News at <https://eocumcnews.com/2022/04/18/april-18-2022/> We will share more information with you as we are able. However, please remember that **NO VOTE** has been taken by our church yet.

The Word of God, the Inerrancy of the Bible and The United Methodist Church

Over the past several years, following the word of God has become a real and divisive issue between conservatives and progressives within the United Methodist Church.

Arguments that the UMC is becoming more liberal, drifting away from Biblical scriptures, and tending toward “conforming to the world”, have been at the forefront of a forthcoming split.

Issues such as sexuality and marriage and the LGBTQ, the top heavy governance structure, the usage of apportionment moneys, the Trust Clause that controls individual churches property, and the current method of appointments for Pastors are also on the table.

Five years ago the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) was formed with the goal of developing the Global Methodist Church (GMC) –a more conservative Evangelical church believing in the inerrancy of the Bible.

A piece of legislation referred to as the “Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation” was developed to go before the conference for a vote. This would have allowed for an amicable separation of property out of the UMC Trust with no or little cost. Now that the General Conference has been postponed until 2024 and the likelihood of the protocol not being passed, the GMC has announced its launch date of 5/1/2022.

For those churches who would wish to leave the UMC, and perhaps join the GMC or even become independent, a process of disaffiliation exists in the Book of Discipline (Article 2553). This process includes a financial cost that (for most churches) is prohibitive. Across the US , over 200 churches have currently left the UMC, including several Mega Churches.

Our East Ohio UMC Annual Conference is scheduled for June 6,7 & 8 2022 in Akron.

Our hope is that, at Annual Conference, Bishop Malone will provide a process to allow our Pastors and congregations to transfer to the newly formed Global Methodist Church (GMC).

UMC website: www.umc.org

GMC website: globalmethodistchurch.org

Wesleyan Covenant Assoc.(WCA): wesleyancovenant.org

Good news magazine: goodnewsmag.org



- 1 Tony and Lynne Zendarski
- 6 Doug and Ronda Way

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY:

- 11 Pastor Tal and Vicki Lewis
- 13 Rob and Michelle Scott
- 17 Ron Jr. and Sarah Imhoff
- 26 Jim and Katie Ross
Sean and Shannon Miller
- 27 Jeff and Hope List
Tim and Chris Merlino
- 28 David and Sarah Menosky
- 29 Dave and Sue Mahan
- 30 Jack and Mary Jo Rasmussen

BIRTHDAYS

MAY:

- 1 Lydia Fabian, Sue Mahan
- 2 Debbie Brown, Terry Johnson
- 3 Denise Starr, Bryan Kaster,
Wesley Baker, Trent Scarbrough,
Michael Andrella
- 4 Lena Shaffer
- 5 Brian Muresan
- 6 Roger Shaffer, Samantha Shaffer,
Marcy Chizmar, Tanner Lowe
- 7 Melissa Shafer, Patti Baker
- 9 Tayden Stewart
- 12 Carl Clark
- 13 Laura Perticone, Tricia Shafer
- 14 Mark Bockelman, Debbie Gula,
Ryan Mansfield
- 17 Ronald Imhoff Jr.
- 18 Bryan Carlson, Noah DeOliveira
- 19 David Hanson
- 20 Amy Andrella
- 21 Brenda Hanson,
- 23 Rochelle DeOliveira, Chris Merlino,
Reagan Mahan
- 24 Misty Edenfield
- 25 Kenneth Carey
- 26 Derrick Starr, Caleb Lewis
- 27 Marie Leigh
- 29 Peyton Weaver,
Paige Vondrasek
- 31 Rob Scott

Join us on Facebook to watch sermons live

(on Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/WildareUMC/> AND in person)

April Sermons below, see what you missed or watch them again on Facebook/YouTube/Twitter/Instagram

- 4/3/22 - Lord Have Mercy: When We Don't Recognize Jesus as Lord
Hebrews 9:1-14 (KJV), John 19:1-16
- 4/10/22 - Lord Have Mercy: When We Experience Highs and Lows
John 12:12-28
- 4/17/22 - Lord Have Mercy: He Has! He Did! He Does! He Will!
John 20:1-18, 30-31
- 4/24/22 - The 500; 1 Corinthians 15:1-20



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Sunday School Class
For Adult/Seniors at 10:10 am
Morning Worship at
9:00 am (Traditional - Sanctuary) &
11:00 am (Contemporary - FLC)

Come as you are!!

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