

MAY 2023

# CROSSBEAMS

Cheviot United Methodist Church



## Lydia Circle



Lydia Circle is a women's fellowship group supporting each other and the missions of the church.

Meetings are in Werner Lounge the second Tuesday of the month from 1:00-2:30 PM. All women are welcome!

Join us on Tuesday, May 9 at 1pm in Werner Lounge for "Stewards of the Earth."



**Worship with us**  
**Sunday Service @ 10am**  
**View previous sermons at**  
**[www.youtube.com/@cheviotumc](http://www.youtube.com/@cheviotumc)**

**Visit our website or call the office**  
**for information and to learn how**  
**to join our in-person and online**  
**Bible studies.**

## Lydia Circle Food Collection - May 13

Lydia Circle's quarterly collection for Westfed Pantry/ Elizabethtown UMC Food Collection is Saturday, May 13 from 10am - noon in the CUMC front parking lot.

- **Westfed special requests:** crackers, peas.
- **Monthly needs:** canned fruit & vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, pork & beans, pasta & pasta sauce.
- **Elizabethtown requests:** personal care items (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products).

Thank you for your continued support of these local missions.

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# Spring is in the Air

by Lois Schalk-Hartley

Must be spring  
The hole in the middle  
Of the gnarled mulberry tree  
Has company again

Must be mating season  
That unlikely bird  
Common among its class  
Has caught the urge  
To find a suitable mate

Must be nesting season  
In and out of that hole  
In the mulberry tree They come and go  
Each twig helps to build a nest

Must be birth  
Mama and papa now  
Fly back and forth to the nest



Bringing food and watching  
Carefully they do their parenting

Must be commitment  
Papa bird stands guard  
His trill so loud  
He watches carefully  
He protects his babies

Must be design  
Each spring they begin again  
Faithful to their Creator's plan  
Eager and faithful to do what  
They were created to do

Must be God!  
The One who sees each creature  
Created for His pleasure and ours  
The earth displaying His handiwork  
We rejoice again in Him

*"How many are Your works, O Lord, in wisdom You made them all, the earth is full of Your creation".*  
[Psalm 102:24]

*"The Heavens declare the glory of God, the earth shows His handiwork".*  
[Psalm 19:1]

## Matthew 25



Beginning March 1, 2023,  
Matthew 25: Ministries will  
only be requesting donations  
of clean, empty plastic pill  
bottles for inclusion in

shipments of medical supplies.  
Thank you to all who bring in Pill Bottles for  
Matthew 25, please note their new guidelines are  
effective March 1.

Lisa Cox



## God's Gift

God stepped down from Heaven  
And fashioned with His Hand  
The dust into His likeness  
And spread man o'er the land

Then He added beauty  
And tenderness and love  
And patience and loveliness  
The meekness of a dove

He added understanding  
And love for one another  
Mankind was truly blest  
God gave to us a Mother!

*"Her children rise up and call her blessed"*  
[Proverbs 31:28]



# United Methodist Church Clergy Human Sexuality / Disaffiliation Issue Update

CUMC leadership recognizes that we need to resume our review of where the United Methodist Church issue regarding clergy sexual orientation stands. The repeatedly postponed 2020 General Conference (due to COVID19) is still scheduled for April 2024 and will be the first General Conference held since the 2019 Special General Conference. At that conference, the push to change the Book of Discipline to no longer cite sexual orientation as a reason to be denied as a candidate for ordination was defeated. Since then, those supporting the effort to change the discipline have continued to explore new approaches to achieve this result.

On **Sunday, May 21, starting at 6 pm**, we will hold a second all-church information session. This session will be held in the sanctuary. We will continue the review of background material that started at the March 12 information session and provide relevant updates on the changing landscape around this issue.

At this May 21 session, there will be a straw poll of the attendees to help leadership determine whether or not it appears to be appropriate for our congregation to pursue disaffiliation in the midst of the current disruption to membership and ministry. All members of CUMC are invited to participate this information session. The more active members who attend, the easier it will be to determine the will of the congregation.

Anyone wishing to research information prior to the information session on May 21, can use the following URLs to access information from the United Methodist Church denomination website, the West Ohio Conference of the UMC website regarding disaffiliation, and the newly formed Global Methodist Church denomination website:

- <https://www.umc.org/en>
- <https://www.westohioumc.org/disaffiliation>
- <https://globalmethodist.org/>

Tom Kindervater (email: [LayDelegateAnnConf@CheviotUMC.com](mailto:LayDelegateAnnConf@CheviotUMC.com))  
Lay Delegate to West Ohio Annual Conference

# April 16 Church Conference Summary

The Church Conference was called to order at 6:01 pm by Rev. Wendy Lybarger.

Thirty-two people were in attendance from Cheviot UMC, of which four were not members.

The letter from District Superintendent Rev. Jennifer Lucas authorizing Cheviot UMC to hold a Church Conference on this date and time was read by Rev. Lybarger. The letter recommended choosing a new leadership slate based on a one church board model and authorizing Rev. Lybarger to preside over the Church Conference.

Rev. Lybarger presented a tutorial on “Church Leadership Options in the UMC: What, How, and Why.” The core information was distributed to all attendees as a handout. The focus of the handout was to 1) highlight the differences between a traditional Church or Administrative Council/Ministry Council leadership model (as described in UMC BoD paragraphs 252-258) and a Simplified Accountable Structure, “One Board,” or Leadership Board model (as allowed by UMC BoD paragraph 247.2); and 2) describe how the “One Board” model functions. There were two Q&A sessions during the presentation by Rev. Lybarger.

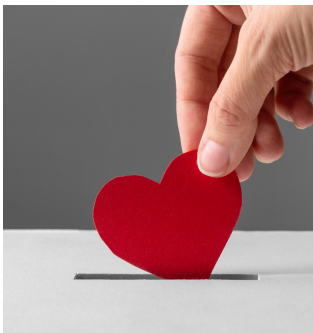
In essence, the One Church Board model consolidates all of the administrative governance responsibilities of the local church under a single board. Ministry programs and teams are unaffected by this change.

A motion to approve a One Church Board model, to be called the Leadership Board, was presented by Tom Kindervater. The motion was seconded by Sue Duebber. The motion passed with 26 votes in favor and 1 vote opposed.

A motion to approve a slate of candidates for the Leadership Board was presented by Tom Kindervater. The motion seconded by Linda Page. The candidates were: Dick Becker, Ken Boesherz, Sue Duebber, Rick Hinds, Joe Hoff, Bobbi Ostermeyer, Kathy Reeme, Emily Smith, and Tom Kindervater - Chairperson. The motion passed with 27 votes in favor and 0 votes opposed.

Rev. Wendy Lybarger declared the Church Conference over at 7:09 pm.

Copies of the full church conference minutes, including all Q&A, motion documents, and the presentation material presented by Rev. Lybarger can be obtained by contacting the church office. Any questions should be directed to Tom Kindervater at [LeadershipBrdChr@CheviotUMC.com](mailto:LeadershipBrdChr@CheviotUMC.com).



## May Mission Offering



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# JAM Ministry Update

From the "Mystery Manor" kick off theme 18 months ago, to this April's "Rise and Shine" theme, the JAM Children's Ministry has been seeking to connect children to KNOW God, LOVE Jesus, and SERVE others. It is a privilege to lead them weekly in fun and creative ways. We love their smiles, energy, questions, thoughts, fears, and desires. Boy, do they love to eat. They are amazing and delight our souls!

Sadly, conflict within the church body, both nationally and locally, has impacted any numerical growth in the weekend Children's Ministry since our launch 18 months ago. We fell short in our ability to connect with families within the school community, neighborhood, and other outreach ministry teams by developing relationships that would create a curiosity to new families to visit the campus on weekends.

Through heartfelt prayer and great sadness, the JAM Team has recommended to leadership a summer suspension of Sunday Children's Worship. Our hope is that God will restore unity and vision for Cheviot so that we might be stronger and more loving as a body to do the good works he has laid out for us. The leadership has affirmed our recommendation and JAM Children's Worship will suspend beginning in May.

As we have been leading children each week, we are grateful for how God has spoken into our lives and grown us to know his amazing love. Your children and grandchildren have been like sponges, absorbing His words and ways. Thank you for the opportunity to share life with them. While we might be separated for a time, they will never be far from our thoughts.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. For there is one body, and one Spirit, even as we are called in one hope for our calling. One Lord, one Faith and one Baptism. One God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in us all. Ephesians 4:3-6

The JAM Leadership

## SAM (Senior Adult Ministries)

*SAM is a fellowship group organized for anyone ages 50 and up.*

Please join us for dessert in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 17 at 1pm. The Laurelview Ramblers will present a program of traditional Americana music from the Civil War to the string band era of the 1920s to contemporary folk music.

Reservations are requested by Sunday, May 14.

Bring a friend! Make your reservation by calling the church office: 513.662.2048 or via e-mail:

[SAMChair@cheviotumc.com](mailto:SAMChair@cheviotumc.com)



## Westfed Pantry Update

Thank you to all who've faithfully contributed to Westfed Food Pantry. This outreach to the local community would not be possible without your continued support.

Westfed accepts all unexpired food and toiletry items. Donations may be left in the Westfed baskets (bottom shelf) outside Werner Lounge at any time. Large paper grocery bags are also needed.

**Requested items for May: crackers and peas**

Westfed Pantry, located at Grace Lutheran Church, is open May 18 and May 25 from 1:30 – 2:30 pm to residents in zip codes 45211 and 45238. Thank you for your continued support.



## May Birthdays

May 2 - Laurie Rosendahl  
 May 8 - Todd Springmyer  
 May 9 - Angela Flight  
 May 11 - Anita Beason  
 May 12 - Hannah Cox  
 May 12 - Nick Cox  
 May 12 - Simeon Cox  
 May 12 - Carolyn St. John

May 14 - Bobbi Ostermeyer  
 May 16 - Carrie Jena  
 May 17 - Gary Mohr  
 May 19 - Fran Loudin  
 May 19 - Emily Smith  
 May 31 - Debbie Lueders



## May Anniversaries

May 10 - Larry & Linda Benken

# Sunday Hospitality



Hospitality is in need of finger foods for our Sunday morning fellowship hour, following the service.

If you would like to contribute a "goody", there is a sign-up sheet in Werner Lounge which helps the Hospitality Committee to know whether we need to fill in with additional items, and allows for a varied selection of items. [It is important you use the sign-up sheet]

Suggestions: cookies, donuts, coffee cakes, cheese and crackers, fruits and veggies, and other finger foods are welcome. Do you have a favorite recipe to share???

Your help will allow us to continue to have a nice reception on Sunday mornings. Thanks to all who have shared with us in the past!!!

Hospitality Committee

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