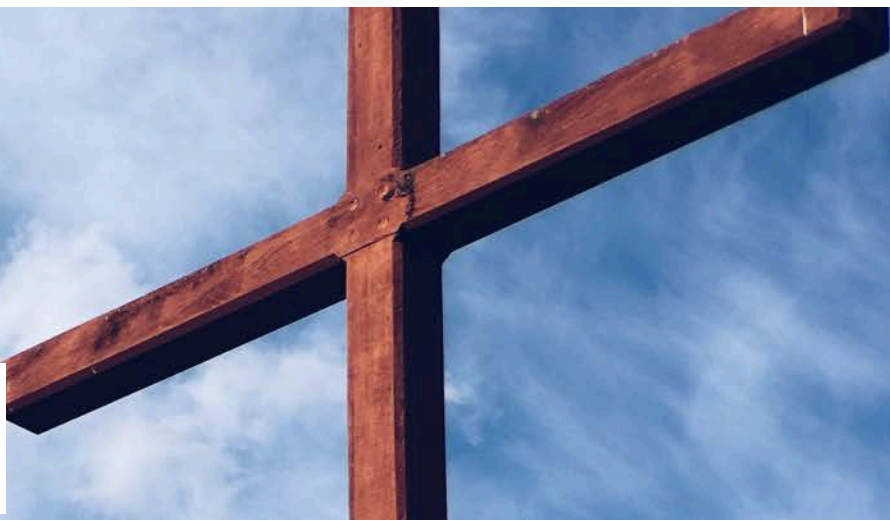


THE COURT STREET COURIER

December 2025



CORNERSTONE
Global Methodist Church



A Note from Pastor Nathan

COMFORT from the CRADLE, CROSS, CROWN, and
CAMPAIGNS

Looking for some comfort or encouragement this Christmas season of Advent? Try spending time in Isaiah's chapter 40 while thinking about the details below of our financial campaigns!



As I read Isaiah 40, I hear various portions of Handel's classical music oratorio "Messiah" ringing in my ears such as the tenor solo, "*COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE*, saith your God!" Handel was reminding us that the prophet Isaiah had declared that the birth of God's Son Jesus would bring comfort to those who trust in the Lord – for now God is truly *WITH* us. He's here. One of us. He understands. He's who Paul later called the "Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so *that* we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

As you read Isaiah 40 you might also be reminded of the cross of Jesus, upon which Jesus hung and died so that "...sin has been paid for." (Is. 40:2) *HE* did it *for us*! Then as we continue in the chapter and get down to verses 22 and 23 we read of the power and majesty of the Lord who: "sits enthroned above the circle of the earth... stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent..."

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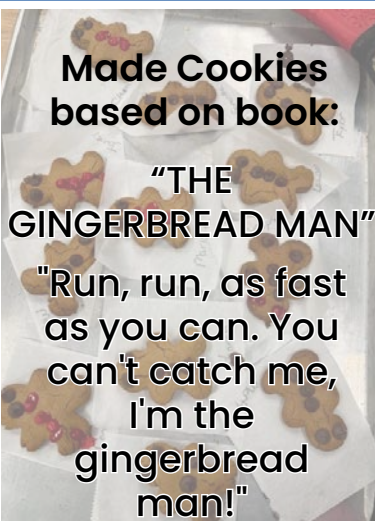
and "...reduces the rulers of this world to nothing"(vv. 22-23). Jesus as the resurrected one who wears The Crown is the one who can help us overcome anything that comes against us!

And just when you think this chapter couldn't pack any more encouragement into it, we read those famous words of the Isaiah: "Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint!" (40:30-31) WOW! Friends, that is some powerful strength we can receive from the Lord!

Here's where I get even more excited: as I read Isaiah 40 this Advent, I realize that for the most part it *reminds* me of things I *already* know because--praise the Lord--The *Church* – the children of God – *taught me these things*! And now, this Fall we just concluded two financial stewardship campaigns that support our ability as a church to help future generations to know these truths of Scripture!

In our strong Annual Stewardship Campaign for 2026, we have *exceeded* last year's pledge amount AND had more than two-dozen more pledges than last year; and in the SERVE Capital Campaign our pledges *exceeded* 2 ½ times our annual stewardship pledges, which in the church campaign world is an indication that you all are *incredibly* generous to the Lord! (1x is ok; 2x is good; 2.5+ is *GREAT*!) May you be comforted and encouraged this Advent with *all* Jesus has done in the past for you, is doing now through our church, and will be doing in our future! "Comfort Ye, my people!" – saith your God. ☺ Merry Christmas!!

Preschool Happenings November



Made Cookies
based on book:

"THE
GINGERBREAD MAN"
"Run, run, as fast
as you can. You
can't catch me,
I'm the
gingerbread
man!"

Better Than
Yesterday
with Carly Truitt

Class Offerings January 2026

Coming in January 2026



Course Leader
Jim Lillibridge

Financial
Management
Courses

(Details Coming Soon)

Register w/Church App
peggy@ourcornerstone.org

Retired Members' Birthdays/Anniversaries, Financial News & Announcements



2 Radonna Miller
2 Beverly Gage-Rogers
3 Connie Sabins
4 Jackie Lazenby
6 Frank Craver
7 Deborah Harwood
11 Tim Herron
23 Susie Butts
23 Jeanne Stults
23 Norma Merrill
29 Trudy Wilkerson
30 John Van Gilder
31 Sharon Wade



28 Keith & Joanne Huffman



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WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NAME
ADDED TO OUR BIRTHDAY
AND ANNIVERSARY LIST IN THE
COURT STREET COURIER?
WE'D BE HAPPY TO ADD YOU!!

Please notify the office:
janet@ourcornerstone.org
or call
937-642-4712

A Festival of

Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 21
9AM in the sanctuary

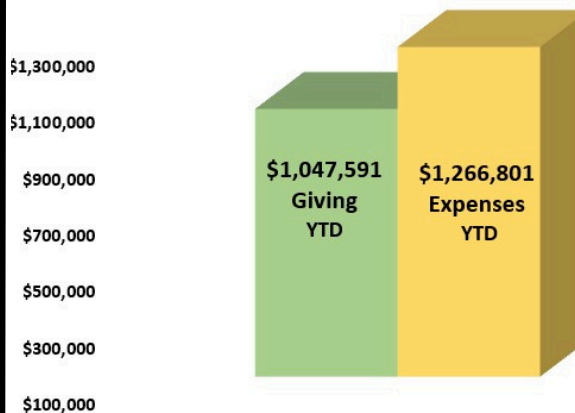
Christmas Cantata presented by the
traditional musicians of Cornerstone

"Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears
our burdens." Psalm 68:19

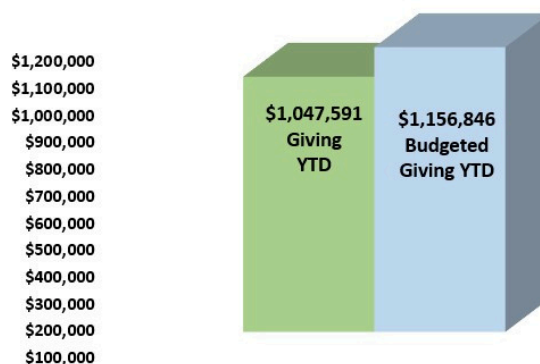
Financial News



Giving vs Expenses Year to Date Oct 2025



Giving vs Budget Year to Date Oct 2025



Kevin Mabry
Family &
Friends
Christmas
Concert



December 21
7pm

Burnside Family
Life Center

Family Spotlight

Meet Scott & Loretta Weeks

Scott's parents are Judy & Harry Weeks were from Plain City. His father passed away many years ago, but his mother still lives there with Scott's brother Andy. He also has a sister, Janet Johnston of Plain City. Loretta's Parents – Jerry & Mary Young from Marysville, are both deceased as is her sister, Louise. Scott grew up in Plain City and attended Jonathan Alder HS; Loretta grew up between Raymond and Broadway and attended MHS.

We were both farm kids, and both participated in high school sports – Scott played baseball and basketball, Loretta played softball and volleyball. We were both very involved in the FFA and earned our State Farmer Degrees. We were pretty sure we would be farming in our adult lives! Scott grew up on a large grain farm and Loretta grew up on a smaller livestock farm. We officially stopped farming around 2013 when the growth of our plumbing company left no time for it. Although Loretta begs Scott at least once a month for cows!

We just celebrated our 41st anniversary on November 10th, 2025. We met at the Plain City Barn Dance for those who remember it. We were both in High School at the time and would go there with our families. We even held our wedding reception there. We have two sons: Chris (37) is married to Catherine and has one child, Camden, who will be 4 soon. They live in Marysville and Chris works with them at Weeks Plumbing, Inc. Nate (34) is married to Gaby and they have a daughter, Gloria, who is 7. They live in San Antonio, TX which is entirely too far away. Nate is a Chiropractor there. We have a niece, Kylie (36), who lives in North Lewisburg. She has two children who call us grandma and grandpa, they are Wulfric (8) and Lorelei (6).

We are the owners of Weeks Plumbing, Inc. here in Marysville. We started our business 31 years ago and are blessed to serve our community through our company. Scott oversees the New Construction division of the company and our son, Chris, manages the Service division. Loretta oversees the office team handling HR, Accounting, and Customer Service.

Our greatest pleasure is our family and especially our grandchildren. We both love camping and were able to take a wonderful trip out west last year to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary. We visited the Badlands, Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons and saw so much of God's amazing creation. We hope to go to Glacier National Park and back to the Tetons in 2026. In addition, Scott enjoys trap shooting and Loretta likes paper crafting (scrapbooks/card making) and embroidery.

We came to be part of Cornerstone because we lived on Court Street in Marysville and were looking for a church closer to home. Some friends who attended the Methodist Church said we should check it out. We loved the sanctuary (no contemporary service then), the choir was absolutely amazing, and Pastor Schimfessel was so welcoming and

Family Spotlight

wonderful. Then, during our early days attending, Loretta got pneumonia and we remember being amazed with the love and care of so many people – strangers really – bringing meals, sending cards, and letting us know they were praying. We knew it was the place for our family to belong, and we joined 31 years ago last May.

We have so many great memories of the church but two specifically; when our Church started having a Contemporary Service, Loretta and another member at that time created the slideshow every week and ran the screens every Sunday morning. It was definitely a much smaller scale and not nearly as technical as it is now – it's amazing to see how it has changed over the years. The other memory we both hold dear was our mission trip to Mexico to visit the Casa de Misericordia Orphanage and the blessing of having our son Nate make the decision to serve there after college. It's a story far too long for this space, but we went several times over the years, and it remains a special and important part of our lives.

Our church is truly a loving and caring church of wonderful, giving people who want to serve the Lord. When Loretta worked at the Church, she had an opportunity to see just how many people serve behind the scenes to make sure the work God has put before our Church is done. They didn't seek notice or require praise; they just wanted to do what God led them to do. We are all given Gifts of the Spirit and can use them to serve God *and in so doing, we can deepen our own faith.*

Scott was raised in church and has 12 years of Sunday School perfect attendance pins to show that his roots run deep in his faith. But he says he didn't know a deeper, more personal relationship with God until his Emmaus Walk. He came to have a much closer, stronger faith after that weekend. Loretta was not raised attending church but began attending after she met Scott. Something she never expected to witness was the healings and miracles that have been shown to her through the years.

Loretta's favorite verse is 2Tim 1:7 (KJV) – "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love, and a sound mind". This became her strength verse after dealing for many years with depression and anxiety. If God was promising a "sound mind", then she could cling to that when the dark days were so hard. Scott's favorite verse is Philippians 4:13 – "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". He said that when he must make hard decisions or when life is stressful, this is what comes to his mind.



Happenings Around Church

New Path Gala *November 6-7, 2025*



Men's Breakfast *November 8, 2025*



Advance Commitment Service *November 9, 2025*



Outbreak - Christmas Party *October 25, 2025*



Happenings Around Church

KICK Club Singing

November 23, 2025



Thanksgiving Dinner

November 27, 2025



Operation Christmas Child

Boxes shipped - 592



Scout sorting Cards for Christ

November 18, 2025



Upcoming Dates

Wednesday morning groups at the church: 7am Men's Bible Study, 9am Golden Girls, 10:30am Faith Sisters
All welcomed to any group!

Wednesday evening groups at the church: 6:30pm (Various Adult Classes, Outbreak, and KICK Club)

For more information check the church calendar, with the ministry leader, or Pastor Peggy
(Pastor Peggy - peggy@ourcornerstone.org)

Dec 2	6pm	Caring Hearts Grief Support Group (Courtyard)
Dec 6	10am	Gingerbread Bash (BFLC)
Dec 7	5:30pm	Scioto Valley Brass & Percussion Concert (Sanctuary)
Dec 7	6pm	Quake - Christmas Party (BFLC)
Dec 8	9:30am	Christian Quilters (Room 157)
Dec 9	6pm	Christmas Caroling (BFLC Lobby)
Dec 9	7pm	Emmaus Gathering (Sanctuary)
Dec 21	9am	Choir Christmas Cantata (Sanctuary)
Dec 21	7pm	Kevin Mabry Family & Friends Christmas Concert (BFLC)
Dec 24		Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
		3pm: Family Service with Puppets (BFLC)
		5pm: Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
		5-5:30pm Special Christmas Music
		7pm: Contemporary Worship Service (BFLC)
		9pm: Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
		9-9:30pm Special Christmas Music
		(Communion served after each service, No nursery for all services)
Dec 25-Jan 1		Office Closed
Dec 28	9&10:30am	Family Worship - No KICK, Nursery Open

Notify the church office, if you would like added to the Court Street Courier mailing.