



UMC of Macedonia Messenger

**Our Purpose is to Praise, Glorify,
and Love God**

**Our Principles are Humility, Grace, Prayer,
Love, Compassion and Service**

May 17, 2021

NEWS & UPDATES

**PASTOR RUSS & LYNN'S LAST
WORSHIP SERVICE AT UCMC
WILL BE**

JUNE 27.

**BE SURE TO
MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS!**



**Congratulations to Linda
Bloom who retired May 14
after 25 years as a nurse
midwife at the Cleveland
Clinic.**

**God Bless Linda on her
retirement!**



SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

**Congregational singing re-
turns!**

PRAISE GOD!

**The altar flower sign up
sheet
is back!**

If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar in honor/memory of a loved one, the sign up sheet is now available at the Welcome Center. The cost is \$30 for a bouquet.



Looking for VOLUNTEERS for this year's Vacation Bible School:

Discovery on Adventure Island!

Sunday, June 27 -Thursday, July 1 from 6-8PM.



- As of right now we don't know if we will be able to provide dinner beforehand as we have done in years past due to COVID protocol.
- The Assembly (includes Music), along with Storytime, and Craft sessions will be held indoors and the SCIENCE and RECREATION sessions will be held *outdoors*.
- We could use help several weeks **BEFORE** the event with decorations, getting the crafts together, etc. and **DURING** the event with each of the five different sessions for all five evenings. This will include leading the sessions, being a co-leader, and helping the children navigate between the different sessions.

Rotary Club of Nordonia Hills confirms Paul Harris Awards to Pastor Russ Ham, Carolyn Hansinger and Althea Marquardt



Steve Bugenske, President of the Rotary Club of Nordonia Hills, confirmed the Paul Harris Award on three of our church members on Tuesday, May 11th. Our members were recognized for their work in the community both local and international which is the foundation of Rotary, "Service Above Self". The three awards were given to **Rev. Russ Ham, Carolyn**

Hansinger and Althea Marquardt.

Rev. Russ Ham

Rev. Ham was recognized for his work in the community as well as internationally. Under Russ' leadership the church implemented many community programs such as a community-wide Dinner Out, addiction support groups and teen programs both at church and at Nordonia High School.

Locally, Rev. Ham provides personalized addiction support services to the greater Akron area. Every week he attends AA meetings to support people who are in recovery. Russ also helped start a "Street Ministry" on the west side of Cleveland near St. Malachi Church, where the church provides clothes, personal items, and food to the homeless and poor people in the neighborhood. Because of this work, Russ was tapped by Summit County Executive Eileen Shapiro to serve on the Summit County Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Board. The ADM Board is comprised of 14 community volunteers who provide leadership in policy formation and fund allocation. They, along with ADM Board staff, assess community needs, plan, and manage public resources in order to provide essential services. to those.

Rev. Ham's international work includes Emsizini, a school in Zimbabwe he was instrumental in starting in 2007-2008. Rev. Russ supports the school by raising funds, encouraging the students and staff, assisting with the construction of the buildings and implementation of various school programs. Rev. Ham has traveled to Zimbabwe countless times to help get the school get started and continue operating. He has worked tirelessly for the school and its students.

Carolyn Hansinger & Althea Marquardt

In addition to being very active in the UMC of Macedonia, Nordonia Hills Community, and other civic groups, both Carolyn and Althea actively support and assist the OPEN M ministry of Akron. The OPEN M ministry was started in 1968 at a time of poverty, crime, riots, and war in an attempt to address injustices of inner-city life. Longstanding Akron neighborhoods were being destroyed and businesses were firebombed, looted, and damaged. Four churches came together in the chaos to establish an urban ministry in one of Akron's hardest-hit neighborhoods. The churches used the neighborhood as their parish and ministered in Opportunity Park, inspiring the name Opportunity Parish Ecumenical Neighborhood Ministry (OPEN M). Over the years, the ministry has grown to include a free medical clinic and food service to help people who are financially challenged.



For over **30 years**, both Carolyn and Althea have prepared food, delivered it to Akron and served lunch for up to 200 people at the OPEN M facility. Over the last couple years, the number of recipients has been reduced, however, it is still an important ministry for the Akron community. At Christmas, both ladies organize the program that allows UMC of Macedonia to “adopt” 50 children to provide Christmas presents that their families cannot purchase. Both these ladies are recognized for their contributions over the many years to the local Nordonia Hills community and the Akron area, but also as they continue to work diligently on these programs even though they are in their 80's. We are so lucky to have such caring individuals as part of our community.

-Peggy Spraggins

Unified Church Board Update for May

The UCB met last week for the May meeting. The Board discussed the following topics:

- **Church's Finances** – Thanks to federal payroll protection and the continued support of our congregation, the church is in a good financial position.
- **Parsonage Facelift** – A list of repairs and cost estimates has been made. It was approved by the UCB. The repairs are scheduled to be made by July 15th when Pastor Lorrin Radzik and her family are expected to move in.
- **Continued Re-opening of the Church and Its Programs** – Making adjustments as needed as more people are attending service in-person on Sundays. Worship will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and our website.
- **Transition tasks** for the last week in June and the first week in July – Planning for Russ' last worship service on June 27th and Pastor Lorrin's first service on July 4th.
- **Revising the Church's Organizational Structure** – Discussion to amend the organizational structure to reflect the role and positions of the Unified Church Board, the Pastor, District Superintendent and Bishop.

Changing to a One-Board model allows us to use "Task Groups" to accomplish a task or a project. Once a person is identified as the chair or leader of the Task Group, they will ask other members of our congregation to assist as they are needed. When the task or project is completed, the group can be disbanded. The Task Group on church finances and Christian education is ongoing. We need all our church members to operate the church and its programs efficiently and effectively. When you are asked to serve on a Task Group, please prayerfully consider it.

The next meeting of the Unified Church Board will be **Monday, June 14th at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

-Peggy Spraggins, Chair

APRIL INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

Consolidated Income & Expense

Expenses	2021 Budget**	Total Expenses		Year-to-Date	
		Q1	Apr	2021	2020
Personnel*	\$223,585	\$62,543	\$20,081	\$82,624	\$89,071
Office*	\$23,668	\$7,280	\$1,850	\$9,130	\$8,974
Mortgage*	\$57,119	\$29,713	\$4,967	\$34,680	\$19,294
Facility*	\$62,298	\$21,493	\$4,158	\$25,650	\$41,377
Parsonage*	\$11,331	\$5,009	\$674	\$5,684	\$4,929
Misc & Bank Fees*	\$2,000	\$765	\$185	\$950	\$760
Apportionments*	\$71,062	\$19,296	\$5,765	\$25,062	\$9,668
Spiritual*	\$8,561	\$10,111	\$3,165	\$13,275	\$29,582
Total Expenses	\$459,624	\$156,210	\$40,845	\$197,055	\$203,655
Contributions		\$125,658	\$38,907	\$164,565	\$216,443
Investment Income		\$3,861	\$5,980	\$9,841	(\$6,085)
Miscellaneous Income***		\$44,667	\$1,229	\$44,667	\$11,472
Total Income		\$174,186	\$46,116	\$219,073	\$221,830
Income more/(less) than need		\$17,976	\$5,271	\$22,018	(\$17,409)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description of Associated Expenses</u>
* Personnel:	Salaries, Insurance, Benefits, Travel & Expense
* Office:	Equipment Leases & Office Supplies
* Mortgage	New sanctuary
* Facility:	Utilities, Maintenance, Insurance
* Parsonage:	Taxes, Maintenance, & Utilities
* Misc and bank fees	Banking and brokerage fees
* Apportionments:	UMCNEO Conference Support
* Spiritual:	Church Music, Education, & Missions

** Budget reduced to reflect PPP loan contribution.

*** Miscellaneous YTD income includes \$40,972 for a non-reoccurring PPP loan. If loan is not forgiven, Budget is understated and YTD turns negative.

Trees of Remembrance and Recognition Planted

Last month, two Sun Valley Maple trees were planted on the front lawn of the church. One is planted in the memory of church member Gil Holland who passed away in June 2019. Gil's family provided memorial funds for the tree in his memory.



The second tree is in recognition of Rev. Russ & Lynn Ham for their service and commitment to God and our church during their ten years service at UMC of Macedonia.

Russ and Lynn were instrumental in many new programs, ministries, and missions and made a significant impact in the lives of many people over the ten years. This tree is to honor and recognize them for their work.

Next month, there will be plaques placed in front of each tree. Many thanks to **Marilyn Walko and Carl Jahn** who assisted in getting the trees planted.

A NOTE FROM REV. LORRIN RADZIK AND FAMILY:

UMC of Macedonia Church Family:

Thank you so much for sharing your prayers and love with the Radzik Family these past few months. We deeply appreciate your congratulations, prayers, and gifts for Oliver (and Sophia) as we welcomed him home. We were touched by the expressions of love, care, and sympathy at the unexpected passing of my mother. Thank you. You've already begun to welcome us and care for us, and for that we are so very grateful.



We look forward to joining you this summer and growing in relationship with God and with each other as we continue God's work together.

OPEN M Has A New Familiar Face

The first person you'll see down at the front desk of OPEN M is our former church secretary, Wanda Jesson. Wanda will be adding more duties, too, so we'll keep you informed.

It's Not About Food This Time; It's About Money!

OPEN M is planning to have a Fall Gala -their major fundraising event —in September, in-person this year, and our church has always supported it in a variety of ways. This year I'm hoping that we can be a sponsor mentioned in the program with a \$1000 total donation. All donations added together will help us get to our goal and I'll keep you informed as I get more information.. Save your pennies...er dollars. In addition, if you like to make up gift baskets that can be auctioned off, OPEN M is hoping to get a large supply.

Questions? Call Carolyn Hansinger at 330-467-1836 or e-mail cmhansinger@aol.com or call Althea Marquardt at

330-467-6435.



What is United Methodist Women?

United Methodist Women is a supportive, inclusive Christian membership organization where women like you grow spiritually, develop as leaders and serve and work to create a world in which all women, children and youth thrive. United Methodist Women is celebrated as the women's ministry of The United Methodist Church.

What does United Methodist Women do?

Our members nurture one another in community and support U.S. and international projects and partners improving the lives of women, children and youth with their prayers, volunteer and advocacy efforts, and financial gifts.



How does United Methodist Women support and grow its work?

Our members elect a representative board of directors that sets policy for the organization and determines the places we can make the most impact. Staff and members work to carry out the organization's goals and expectations. Members commit through their financial giving to support the transformation of lives around the world.

Who can join United Methodist Women?

Any woman who commits herself to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and to engage in mission, study, personal growth and social action can join. You don't have to be United Methodist or meet an age requirement to be a member.

It's easy to become a member of United Methodist Women; you can talk to someone you know who is already a member, or if you don't know a member, you can call our membership office at **212-870-3725** and learn more online at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org.

Give this pledge card to your unit treasurer.

PLEDGE TO MISSION CARD FOR

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of pledge: _____

For the coming year, I pledge \$_____ to be paid:

(check one) monthly quarterly yearly



MEMBERSHIP/PLEDGE CARD

(member retains)

United Methodist Women

This certifies that

(Member's signature)

is a MEMBER of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

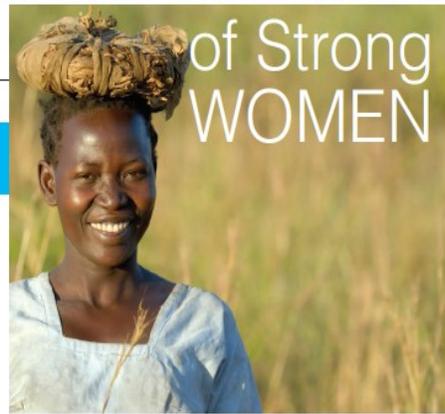
of _____ Church

President _____ Date _____

PLEDGE TO MISSION CARD

As a member of United Methodist Women,
I celebrate and commit to supporting United Methodist
Women's local, national and global mission outreach.

For the coming year, I pledge \$ _____



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