

September /October/November 2025

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Worship Leadership Opportunities

Worship is not just something you watch other people do, and there are several ways you can help lead our Sunday morning worship services this fall!

Be a Liturgist!

Liturgists lead our prayers and read our scripture lessons on Sunday mornings

Contact Ronald Leonard to join the Liturgy team!

rleoo32015@yahoo.com

Sing in the Choir!

Everyone is invited to make a joyful noise! Our first rehearsal is Sunday, September 7 at 8:30 am

Contact **Beth Polen** to join the Crossroads Choir!

beth@crossroads120.org

FROM THE PASTOR



I truly cannot believe where the summer went.

My children have gone back to school, and it feels like only last week we were still anticipating all of our fun summertime activities ahead.

Summer may have seemed short, but it was busy. Our church and Canton for All People have accomplished incredible things these past few months, and I am grateful for the support of so many who helped bring new homes to the Shorb area, new coats to 186 kids at Gibbs Elementary, and for the nearly 30,000 servings of fresh produce given out at the Shorb Market.

The renovation of the Canton Calvary Mission is also fully underway, and I find myself already excited for *next* summer, when kids from our neighborhoods can start registering for what will be the nicest daycare and preschool in Stark County!

This fall is also the time for us to undertake a change in our own building at 120 Cleveland Ave. Wesley Hall has long been at the heart of our ministry in downtown Canton. It is where meals are prepared for thousands of people in need, where community groups gather and where wedding receptions and funeral dinners are held.

With all of that sustained use, there is no doubt that Wesley Hall is in need of care.

Planned renovations to the kitchen and community space will cost around \$85,000, and will allow us to continue our vital work with dignity, safety and hospitality. The good news is that the first \$50,000 has already been committed, and our goal this fall is to raise the remaining \$35,000 so that Wesley Hall remains a place of nourishment - both physical and spiritual - for generations to come.

My family and I are personally pledging the first \$1,000 towards that goal, and I ask you to simply give as you are able. There will also be work days scheduled for people of all abilities to be able to help with this long-needed project.

As we head into a new program year, let us embody Christ's love in action, beginning with Fall Kickoff Sunday on September 14, and take all of these faithful and exciting steps together as followers of Jesus.

In grace and peace,

The Reverend Don Ackerman

HUD Secretary Shines Light on Good Works of Canton for All People





Housing and Urban Development Secretary Scott Turner recently visited Canton and stopped by some of the Canton For All People homes and projects, meeting Pastor Don and bringing national attention to this important work.

For the full story and more photos, visit the East Ohio Conference news site, eocumcnews.com.

Your Church Leadership Council

Ted Hall, Chairman

Stephanie Bradford, Kevin Crog, Jane Fleischer, Jim Groves, Jim Kennedy, Renee Lilly, Ronald Leonard, Bill Rogers, Steve Shoop, Lisa Varavvas

If you have any questions, compliments or concerns for your church leadership council, please contact Ted Hall at tedwhall55@gmail.com

The Village

A Moms-Helping-Moms Ministry

We always need:

Clothing/Shoes (2T & below)

Bedding • Diaper Bags • Cribs • Changing Tables

Strollers • Pack & Plays • Bouncers

High Chairs • Bathtubs • Monitors • Mattresses

Sippy Cups • Diaper Pails • Books

Contact Erin Ackerman to get involved! emallon@kent.edu

What Can I Do? How Can I Help?



2025 COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE Ohio's Annual Reentry Community Gathering

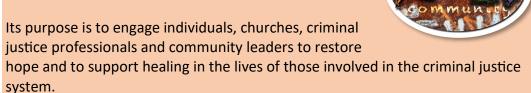
H.O.M.E. For the Future

September 24 (Virtual) and September 25 (In-person Regional Sites) Day 1: 9AM-3PM · Day 2: 10AM-3PM · Register: westohioumc.org.

Join with us in creating a community response that will offer: **H**ope, **O**pportunities, **M**entoring and **E**ncouragement (H.O.M.E.) with our young justice-impacted neighbors. This year, we lean into the research, best practices, and emerging opportunities to support individuals who were incarcerated as children and are returning as adults.

Looking for a positive connection for someone you care about? Come to the Community Experience. Looking for new co-laborers? Come find like-minded and purposeful people to make an impact with. Looking for do something beyond yourself or your organization? Come to the Community Experience and discover new opportunities to change lives, systems and communities within your capacity.

All In Community is a joint ministry of the East Ohio and West Ohio Conferences of The United Methodist Church.



If you would like to receive updates on the ministry's work, please e-mail Melanie Thomas (mthomas@eocumc.com) to be added to the mailing list.

Learn more about and support the All In Community ministry at eocumc.com.



Bishop Jung to Visit Crossroads

Monday, September 8, 2025 9:00 AM

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will be visiting our church in September, and you are invited to meet him!

While he is here, he will be discussing with us:

Do we have faith? Do we have fire? Do we have fruit?

If you have this Monday morning available, you are welcome to be part of the conversation and meet our new Ohio Bishop in person!

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky
- Charles Wesley

Charge Conference

Saturday, November 1 · 1:00 PM Simpson United Methodist Church · 4900 Middlebranch NE

A Charge Conference is an annual meeting of the leadership of a pastoral Charge presided over by the District Superintendent. The work of the Charge Conference includes reviewing the mission and ministries of the Charge, adopting a budget for all congregations within the Charge, recommending candidates for ordained, lay or other forms of ministry, setting salaries and compensation for pastors and staff appointed by the bishop and much more.

If you are a member of this church, YOU are encouraged to attend this important meeting happening at Simpson United Methodist in November!



What are we interested in? What do we talk about? What do we do?

City Council Meetings · School Board Meetings

#WorkersOverBillionaires Labor Day Events

Support Our Veterans Rallies · Collecting Care Items

AND MUCH MORE!

Join us!

Our Next Meetings:

Sundays, September 7 & 21
October & November Dates TBA

11:15 am - Wesley Hall

Contact Megan Smith for more information:

adchic0819@yahoo.com

Our community action group is making a difference in the world!

Weekly Happenings

Choir

Most Sundays · 8:30 am

Our Crossroads Choir rehearses most Sunday mornings at 8:30 am in the choir room

Our first rehearsal of the program year will be Sunday, September 7

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Most Wednesdays · 9:00 am

For just about as long as there has been a church, there has been a Men's Prayer Breakfast

> All men are welcome Wednesday mornings for food and fellowship!

Gibbs Food Ministry

Most Fridays · 2:00 pm

This ministry has an immediate impact on the lives of students at Gibbs Elementary school

Come to the education wing most Fridays to help sort and deliver food

Welcome New Members!

Earlier this year, we were happy to bring several new members into our community!

Please welcome:

Gary and Jeanne Barr

Georga and Mitch Boulton

Carissa and Matt Keller & Margot and Alex

David and Paula Kliem
Caroline Kliem
& Phoebe

Renee Lilly

Aimee Morse

Melissa and Steve Shoff & Lilly

Annette Woods

You are welcome here! All are welcome at Crossroads!

The 90s Club

Happy 90th to Jane Hose (seated below), whose birthday was on August 2, and who was celebrated with a surprise gathering at her house with many familiar faces in attendance!



And happy 90th birthday to Jim Lindesmith on September 17. Jim is a backbone of the Men's Prayer Breakfast and a backbone of the church!

Also congratulations to Elaine Snyder who joined the 90s Club on her birthday back in March!

Congratulations to Jane, Jim, Elaine and everyone else who is also in the 90s club!



September, **October** & November **Birthdays**

9/4 - Destiny Lewis

9/5 - Ryan Jeffries, Eric Neff

9/7 - Diane Schuler

9/9 - Kate Harmon

9/11 - Barbara Kestel, Noah Ott, Lilly Shoff 9/13 - Michael Fleischer

9/14 - James Kestel

9/15 - David Young

9/16 - Zachary Crog

9/17 - Jim Lindesmith

9/23 - Gregory Radosevic, Jhena Smith

9/25 - Caroline Kliem

9/26 - Josie Musisca

9/27 - David Ewing

10/1 - W. Robert Morrison,

Ronnie Cottrill, Beth Toalston

10/2 - Carissa Keller

10/4 - Henry Ackerman

10/7 - Lisa Varavvas

10/8 - Pat Kirk

10/10 - Kathy Dilley, Richard Kuhn

10/12 - Sharia Williams

10/14 - Brett McWilliams

10/18 - Isaac Detchon

10/19 – Harper Leebens, Sally Mendell 10/24 – Becky Wilson

10/25 – Daniel Peters 10/26 - Daniel Harsh

10/27 - Jeri Johnson,

Nathan Taylor, Anna Radosevic

10/30 - John Thiessen, Joanne Spees

10/31 - Erin Smith

11/2 - Andrea Edie

11/3 - Monica Noel

11/5 - Donna DiLauro

11/7 - Janice Ballos, Brandon Ballos

11/8 - Grant Ballos

11/9 - Jace Bagrich, Thomas Croston

11/11 - Andrew Thompson

11/12 - Aaron Detchon, Daniel Thompson

11/13 - Ross Monat

11/16 - Grant McWilliams

11/17 - Barbara Hegnauer

11/18 - Mike Lovette

11/20 - Halle Copeland

11/23 - Adyn Ackerman

11/25 - Donald Miller

11/26 - Sylvia Snyder

11/27 - Miriam Ballos, Rob Pierson

11/28 - Mitch Boulton

11/30 - Harold Walters

All Saints' Sunday - November 2,2025 10:00 am Bring a framed photo of a loved one who has entered into eternal life CROSSROADS



A Chorus for a Cause & Harmony Ringers Concerts

Join our faithful choir members Karen Zotta and Paula Neff for several concerts this Fall

Visit
achorusforacause.org
&
harmonyringersofoh.org
for the dates and times

Women of faith Circle

The First Tuesday of the Month at 1 PM

Denny's on West Tusc September 2 - October 7 - November 4

The Women of Faith meet at Denny's on the first Tuesday of every month for food and lively Scriptural discussion

Contact Nancymae Scheurer for more information

nbshymn@yahoo.com
All women are welcome!

Crossroads Online

We produce a video almost every week with a piece of music from our sanctuary and a special, unique message from Pastor Don.

You can watch these videos when they premiere Sundays at 10 am - or anytime after that! See Our Social Media Presence below for the Facebook and YouTube details!

Our Weekly Email Newsletter

If you are not already on our weekly email news list, visit this link to sign up:

cantonforallpeople.org/email

Our Social Media Presence

We publish videos and updates on our Facebook and YouTube pages weekly

You do not need to be registered or have an account at either site to see our public-facing information, so just point your browser to

facebook.com/CantonCrossroads youtube.com/@CantonCrossroads

Submit Your News

If you have an item
for our Sunday bulletin, newsletter,
email newsletter or Facebook page,
please email it to
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christopher@crossroads120.org

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Worship Every Sunday In Our Historic Sanctuary

10:00 am

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