

Pathways June 2025





What's Happening

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> Worship Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary

Dan's Doort

Ron's Roost

Saturday, June 28th 5:30 pm

3853 Race Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45211

Voted Cincinnati's Best Fried Chicken!

RSVP

Dee Iverson 513-310-6551 deeiverson0@gmail.com

VBS UPDATE

Registration closes on Monday, June 2nd. If you know of someone who is still planning on attending, please remind them to register.

The sign up sheet to volunteer is on the table in the Narthex. Even if you only have one evening or a small amount of time, we could use your help. Please join us in making this event special for all the kiddos!

For an electronic version of newsletter please visit our website: www.journeyccc.com

Pastor Words of Wisdom

Now that we have officially introduced Membership Sundays to our worship services moving forward, I wanted to talk a little more about them! As you may have heard, on the last Sunday of each month we will be adding a Call to Discipleship into our service.

This will be an opportunity for anyone to come forward while we sing a Hymn of Invitation and do one (or more!) things related to your faith and our church. You can:

Officially join the church! This is a way for you to become a member of Journey Community Church. You simply have to commit to our mission statement - walking with Jesus and serving our community. Once a member, there are dozens of ways for you to participate in the life of the church, and we'd love to have you.

Reaffirm your membership to the church! Basically the same as above, but it's an opportunity to recommit to the mission of the church and renew your place in our community.

Declare your desire to be baptized! No, you won't be baptized on the spot, but it's a way to share with the congregation that you have decided it's time to get baptized. We can then plan a Sunday in the future where we will baptize you as part of our service.

Reaffirm your faith or baptism! Sometimes we need an opportunity to be reminded of our baptism and the faith that we have committed our lives to. This is a chance to deepen that commitment and receive support from the pastor and the congregation.

Each and every person is welcome to do any of these each time we have a Membership Sunday, or to not do them at all. It's completely up to you! It can also be something that you plan for by talking to me ahead of time, or a spontaneous decision in the moment as you respond to God calling you forward.

There is no right or wrong way to approach this, and you can always talk to me more if you have questions.

One of the wonderful benefits of coming forward is that it allows the entire congregation to support you as you take the next steps forward in your faith journey. You are not in this alone, and it is a lovely reminder of the community that surrounds each and every one of us.

Whether you want to publicly declare your faith, receive some prayer, or are simply following your heart, there will be a place for you up front whenever you decide you are ready.

Our community is open to all, and there's always room for one more!

BC





6/3	Brian Carr	6/6	Mark Heitman	6/13	David Lynch
6/5	Debbie Schaefer	6/13	Cheryl DuPriest	6/22	Jordyn King



7/1	Carol Lommer	7/12	Roxanne Reed	7/24	Scott Sauer
7/2	Steven Turner	7/15	Molly Marshall	7/27	Kristen Woods
7/3	Annie Efkeman	7/16	John Rogers	7/28	Lyndelle Murphy
7/6	Donald Lerch	7/18	Haley Hauer	7/29	Sonya Heitman
7/8	Brittney Heitman	7/23	Nancy Klusmeier		-

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Our Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 9th, in Fellowship Hall, will be here before we know it. This is the weekend of the "the Longest Yard Sale" which runs hundreds of miles along State Route 127 (Hamilton Avenue) so we hope to get a lot of shoppers. If you haven't started yet, now is the perfect time to start looking through your drawers, closets, basements or attics for items that you no longer need or want and would like to donate to the sale. Please note that we will not be taking donations of clothing. Items may be dropped off at the Church Office at any time. If you have larger items, or if you are unable to bring the items to church yourself, please call Linda Woods at 513-289-5335 to make arrangements for them to be picked up.

We will need volunteers to help with pricing items, setting up in the Fellowship Hall, helping customers the day of the sale, cashiering and cleaning up after the sale. Linda will have a sign—up sheet very soon in the Narthex for those interested in volunteering. We hope you can help if you are able. Watch for more information in upcoming issues of Pathways as more details and plans are formed.

Please Continue to Remember in Frayer:

Home Bound Members Wm & Eileen Church Alice Graber Ruth Hoeweler Lynn Hoffman Emmett Izer Nancy Lanza Donald Lerch Melitta Marx Bob Runk Marlene Sheward Elaine Sloan

Special Prayer Request
Our Service Men and Women
The Country of Ukraine
Civil War in the Sudan
Victims of Children Trafficking
For Everyone in the Wildfires of California
Friends & Family Currently Experiencing Grief

Nola Apro Victoria Baumstead Christina Bast Barb Brewer Mike Burriss Andy Campbell Mark Carothers Bobbie Compton Logan Cowan Carrie Devine Mercedes Dreier Cheryl DuPriest Terry DuPriest Ethan, student of Missy Kim Ferry Sue Geary Ken Handley Lin Heald Teresa Howard Mike Iverson Janet Koehler John Koehler Rob Langdon Jessica and Baby Titus Judith Lewis-Combs Bill Luke Vicki Luke Catherine Lynch Harper Manning Dan McDonald Sara McQueen Debbie Nungester Roger Purcell Ruth Purcell Nathan's Grandmother Ricky Renier Vicky Ritz Steve Rogers Cherie Lynn Sauer Tom Schumm Amy Wadl Summer, Mom's Family **Paul Tensing** Chris Shannon AJ Walker Pastor Kendall Washington Leslie Washington Chad Wilcocks Karen Wilson Bruce Wright Kamaria's Mom & Family Ann Winkler Paula Zellner Rick Zellner Kip Zimmer

> Please keep the office informed when Names can be removed or need to be added Bold typed names were just recently added

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The newsletter deadline for the July edition is Wednesday, June 18th. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our weekly community dinners will be held on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Tuesday's of the month.

Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

ONLINE GIVING

We do have online giving set up for Journey Community Church. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, https://journeycomchurch.churchtrac.com, or you can also use the CR code below. Once in the system, you can input your envelope number and it records directly to your record. If you have questions, please let us know. All financial help at this time is much needed and appreciated.

Thanks so much, Finance Team





If you have a Kroger Community Rewards Card, you can select our church for receiving rewards.

The name has officially, in Kroger's records, been changed to Journey Community Church, but it still may say St. Paul United Church of Christ on the website. They associate more by account number than name of business.

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, June 22nd. All are welcome!

FACEBOOK PAGE

We started a new Facebook Page. Here is the new link! https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025889658215

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In Loving Memory



In Memory of James Maybury

In Memory of Bill Carter

Brenda, Michele, Brian, & Tracy

Bonnie & Steve Rogers









PLEASE HELP US with LIGHTS AND DOORS

On several occurrences lately, we have found lights being left on and inside doors open.

Please be sure to check doors before you leave.

Please check to make sure that the lights are off in the building when you leave.







LIVE STREAM OR GO BACK AND SEE A WEEK (OR TWO) THAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Here is the link that will take to watch a live service, or to even go back and watch a service that you may have missed.

https://www.youtube.com/@journeyccc/streams

Worship Leaders in June



Terry DuPriest 6/1/2025

Ben Sauer 6/8/2025

Vicki Celenza 6/15/2025

Missy Sauer 6/22/2025

Steve Lighthall 6/29/2025

Communion Servers in June

Terry DuPreist Missy Sauer 6/1/2025

Ben Sauer Louise Pitcher 6/8/2025

Vicki Celenza Robin Lighthall 6/15/2025

Missy Sauer Lois Bates 6/22/2025

Steve Lighthall Dee Iverson 6/29/2025

Greeters in June

Vicki Celenza 6/1/2025

Steve Lighthall 6/8/2025

Robin Lighthall 6/15/2025

Lois Bates 6/22/2025

Judith Lewis-Combs 6/29/2025



Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

Mt. Healthy Alliance is in need of the following items:

Deodorant Hand Soap Dishwashing Liquid Non-Perishable Foods Shampoo Toilet Paper

Toothpaste Laundry Detergent Toothbrushes

Personal Care Items

Spring Cleaning Supplies

DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON?

We are digitizing all of our photos, many of which were given to the church of past events. However, there is a great number of them that are unmarked of who is in the picture. Maybe you could help us identify these folks? If you recognize someone in any of the photos, please let Anne know so that she can mark the file.

We are still trying to determine what exactly we will do with the pictures. However, since they are all on the computer now, the original pictures will be available in the future. We are considering placing them on a couple of tables during coffee hour, and if it is someone you know and would like to claim that picture, it will be yours.



MEET THE ZWOSTER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Zwoster Scholarship Committee and the Journey Community Church Board are pleased to announce the recipients of the Zwoster Scholarship. Our recipients for the 2025-2026 School year are Logan Cowan, Dylan Poynter, and Allie Staudigel.

Logan Cowan will begin this fall at Mount St. Joseph University. At this time, he has expressed interest in their Liberal Arts Program. Graduation is targeted as May of 2029.



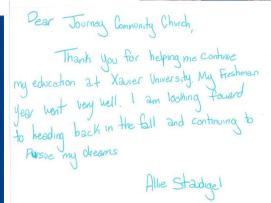


Dylan Poynter will begin his third year at Columbus College of Art and Design this fall. He is working on his degree in Game Design and Development. Graduation is targeted as May of 2027.

Allie Staudigel will begin her second year at Xavier University this fall. Her major is Biomedical Science with a Bachelor's Degree of Science and Art, Pre– Physical Therapy with a minor in Theology/ Ministry. Graduation is targeted for May 2028.







Another school year is complete here at St. Paul Early Learning Center! Before we finished off the year, we hosted a few evenings of fun for the children and families. Our 3 year old class took part in an amazing FAMILY DANCE PARTY! Mrs. Oaks and Ms. Clare prepared an evening of silly songs, fun, and great memories! Ms. Clare's husband was the entertainment as he played his guitar! The children ended the evening with a few songs of their own!

The 4 and 5 year old classes took part in a fun filled evening as well! Mrs. Birdsong, Mrs. Wiesman, Mrs. Rostron, Mrs. Shockley and myself hosted a night full of singing, dancing, and some tearful goodbyes! We celebrated as only preschoolers can! We ended the evening with awards and a final hurrah to our graduates! A huge thanks to Miss Anne who volunteered her time and ran the sound system and was our DJ for the evening!

We are already planning and looking forward to our school year in the fall! Spreading God's goodness to our little learners is a huge blessing! Thank you, Journey Community Church, for your support!



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	Monday	luesday	Wednesday	Inursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Jazz Trio DOC New Church Dev	2	8	4	2	9	7 MG 8 VV
		Community Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 PM			AA - 8 PM	
8 George Theders UCC Strengthen the Church	6	10	11	12	13	14
					AA - 8 PM	AA - 8 PM
	16 VBS 5:30 - 8 PM	17 VBS 5:30 - 8 PM	18 VBS 5:30 - 8 PM	19 VBS 5:30 - 8 PM	20	21
					AA - 8 PM	AA - 8 PM
22 George Theders	23 Brian Vacation	24	25	26	27	28
			Anne Vacation		AA - 8 PM	AA - 8 PM
	30				Building Team meets after Worship on Sunday's as needed.	FH = Fellowship Hall ELC = Early Leaming Center HS= Head Start