

Chapel Point of View
One Lord, One Mission, Two Churches Serving Scioto Township
Global Methodist on Main & Scioto Chapel
February - March 2025

A Word from the Pastor – “Lifting Jesus Up”

Happy New Year in our Lord as we move into the second month of the year and towards Lent! In this year of 2025, we are looking at the singular goal of “Lifting Jesus Up”, how we do that individually and as a church community. I would like to start by saying the goal in Christianity is knowing Christ, abiding in Him, and as a result, becoming more Christlike. These are all things we are called to in scripture and as being a Christ-follower. And this leads to “knowing Christ and making Him known” as many Christian organizations declare and the scriptures bear out; the one naturally leads to the other, all part of the Christian journey. This mantra leads to its climax of being in the very presence of Christ as He is central and emanated to all of creation for all of eternity in the new heaven and new earth. Therefore, “Lifting Jesus Up” is tied into everything we are called to and what will be for all of eternity. As we hold this as a goal, knowing Jesus leads to lifting Him up.

So, let’s look at some of the ideas involved with this. Jesus said in John 12:32 “when I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.” Even though He was referring to His crucifixion (being lifted up from the earth), it only makes sense that when anything or anyone is lifted up, we think about this idea or person more and converse about it or Him with others. And as many times when Jesus spoke, there were multiple thoughts we could and do get from His words. But more than that, there is power in these words of Jesus, and we know there is power in Jesus and His name. So, what are we doing to lift Him and His name up, and likewise, drawing ourselves and others to His crucifixion and whole way of being?

John the Baptist, even though Jesus said of him no one born is greater (Matthew 11:11), said of Jesus, “He must increase, and I must decrease” (John 3:30). As many people and followers were drawn to John at the height of his ministry, he makes this statement. It behooves all of us to lift Jesus up as we minimize ourselves and maximize Him, just as Jesus said as recorded in Matthew 16:25 (parallels to John 12), “All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives **because of me** will find them.” As we set our lives to the side and lift Jesus up, His purposes are revealed to and lived through us. May we be like John and decrease so that Jesus can increase. How do we do this?

Us decreasing and Jesus increasing can be as simple as how much do we think of Him? How much do we lift Him up in our internal thoughts? How much are we praying while we are going about our day-to-day tasks? Is He Lord? As we make conscious decisions to set aside ourselves and put Him first-place as often as it takes each day, then we start to gain a sense more and more of His Lordship in our lives. We want to do Bible study, desiring for Him to transform us. We want to read His Word. We want to pray and seek His face. We want to allow this internal dialogue of His Spirit talking to us and guiding us and our decisions. But we also realize and start to notice more vividly how our flesh and external circumstances are always at the door, ready to pull us away from Him directing our steps.

Beyond this internal thought life and the battleground of the mind, as we choose Christ and live into His purposes, we also want to be with fellow believers who are trying to live out this life as well. We recognize we are on the same team, we can grow in trust of one another, community is God's design, transparency and authenticity are hallmarks of what we called into in Christian community, and being with one another not only helps us know Christ better but also helps to lift Him up and to find greater ways to do that together and with others we interact with.

A crescendo of small group discipleship of knowing Jesus and lifting Him up occurs in greater magnification of Jesus in our communal worship times. We want to lift Jesus up when we are together! Jesus living in greater amounts in us and us being better aligned with Him and within our groups brings greater impact as we join together, all people invited, centering wholeheartedly in lifting Jesus up during corporate worship. "May Jesus Christ be praised!" as the hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" helps us sing out.

And then the "Lifting Jesus Up" mantra does not stop there. May it spill out to the streets, in our work locations, all interactions with others, just as Jesus said, "I will draw everyone to me." Yes! We are called to be a witness, to witness boldly, and it takes place as we center on Jesus and lift Him up internally, personally, in small groups, in our whole church fellowship, and then through the Holy Spirit to anyone we encounter, as He leads us. Yes! Let us be "Lifting Jesus Up" in 2025 to ourselves and everyone!

Yours for the Kingdom of God here on earth as it is in heaven,
Pastor Brian

Combined Calendar of Events - February - March 2025

Date	Event	Time	Weekly *	Location
2-2	Worship Service	10:45 am	*	GMM
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2-2	Pastries & Wired Word	10:30 am	*	SC
2-3	Women's Christian Fellowship host- Sandy Fruchey & Betty Fisher	7:00pm		SC
2-3	GMM Trustees	6:00pm		GMM
2-5	Men's Meal & Bible Study- Galatians	5:30pm	*	GMM
2-5	Choir Practice	7:00pm	*	SC
2-6	Women's Bible Study-Romans (childcare provided)	5:30 pm	*	GMM
2-6	Men's Bible Study-studying 1 st John	9:00 am	*	GMM
2-6	Bible Study – studying Phillipians	4:00pm	*	GC Library

2-6	Satellite Soul Sisters-contact Kathy Morris 740-412-3682	6:30pm-8:30pm	*	Darbyville Community
2-8	Progressive Dinner-start at GMM, then Scioto Chapel, end at South Bloomfield	1:00-4:00pm		GMM, SC, SB
2-9, 2-23, 3-9	Youth Group-all Middle & High School welcome!	6:00pm-7:30pm		GMM
2-10 & 3-10	GMM Ad Council	6:00pm		GMM
2-11 & 3-11	Sewing Guild	2:00pm		GMM
2-13	GMC Connectional Conversations online-see Pastor Brian to sign up	9:00am		
2-16 & 3-16	An Evening of Worship	6:00pm		GMM
2-17 & 3-17	Teams 4 Him Church Council	6:00pm 7:00pm		SC
2-26 & 3-26	Ladies Coffee at Pick 'em Up Joe's All ladies welcome!	9:00 am		W Scioto-CP
2-23 & 3-23	Community Cupboard Collection			GMM
2-28	Family Game Night -- bring your favorite game - All ages welcome! (Pizza, veggies & cookies served)	6:00pm - 8:00pm		SC
3-3	Discipleship Meeting	6:00pm		GMM
3-3	Women's Christian Fellowship Host-Jodi Hastings & Karan Shipley	7:00pm		SC
3-4 & 3-6	Beginning of Spring Semesters for HopeStrong Commercial Point			
3-5	Combined Ash Wednesday Service	7:00pm		GMM
3-8	Beef Noodle Dinner-Drive Thru	3:00-6:00pm		SC
3-9	Daylight Savings Time Begins Turn clocks ahead 1 hour			
3-31	Trustee Meeting	7:00pm		SC

CP Free Store hours every Monday 6-8pm and every Saturday 10am to Noon

February Birthdays

March Birthdays

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
2	Matthew Dotson	3	Betty Fisher
3	Terrie Rogers	12	Judy Beckman
4	Sherry Albright	14	Bobby Duvall
4	Boyd Boone	18	Brian Sherrick
4	Randy Drake	21	Eileen Dunham
7	Karan Shipley	23	Tony Merriman
8	Patsy Hastings	25	Madison Fausnaugh
10	Harv Crego	25	Steve Sherrick
12	Jeff Writsel	26	Perry Fausnaugh
12	Tonia Lawless	27	Mike Pettibone
16	Mason Duvall	28	Drew Gable
19	Adam Sherrick	30	Rylan Writsel
21	Clare Morrison	31	Rylie Derouaux
22	Anna Goodbar		
23	Shane Comer		
24	Andrew Dotson		



February Anniversaries

March Anniversaries

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
11	Jim & Patsy Hastings	6	Lee & Jan Stevens
16	Steve & Jill Thompson	21	Chad & Katie Morrison
		31	Craig & Vickie Fleming

Global Methodist on Main

28 Main Street, Commercial Point, Ohio 43116

614-877- 3539

Church Service 10:45 AM

www.gmchurchonmain.org

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Announcement—Global Methodist on Main Scholarship

Global Methodist on Main is offering a college scholarship of \$500. To be eligible, the student must live in Scioto Township or be a member or constituent of Global Methodist on Main, will have graduated high school with at least a B (3.0) grade point average, and be registering as a college freshman. Application forms with all the details are available through Teays Valley High School guidance office.



TRUSTEE UPDATE

We are continuing to modify the ramp deicing system. We have had it running on the existing system and although it worked, we needed to change things to make it work better. Thanks to Evan and Mike for working on this.

After we complete the ramp, we will be either modifying the existing handrails or having new ones made so we can install and use the steps once the winter weather clears. Until the handrails are ready to install the steps will be taped off for safety reasons.

The old kneeling rails are going to be modified shorter and installed so they could be removed if necessary. The shortening will allow people to access the pulpits and altar from the sides and center.

With Spring on the horizon, Spring cleanup projects will be coming up as well.

Warren Hutchinson

Trustee Chairperson

Global Methodist On Main Christmas Joy mission is officially complete! 60 families received meal boxes and toys/gifts for all the kiddos! Thank you to so many including but not limited to Scioto Township Professional Firefighters Local 4000, Encounter Church, Commercial Point Community Men's Club Foundation, our church members at Global Methodist On Main, a "secret shopper" that donates a large amount every year, and the CP community we are able to provide all of this. We cannot express enough gratitude to those who help us make this possible year after year. We know that the families really appreciate the help and it really makes a difference. Thank you all for your help! (Pics are only of volunteers helping pack the meal boxes. Families receiving assistance are kept anonymous)



Looking forward to 2025!



INTRODUCING CHURCTRAC

ChurchTrac is the new software **Global Methodist on Main** uses for attendance, giving, events, calendar, and accounting.

Church Connect-This is the part of ChurchTrac that is for the church members and visitors to use. On this webapp folks can:

- Give online, access giving history, and statements.
 - View/Register for upcoming events.
- New Visitors/Existing members can get connected
- View the online church directory of those who opt into it.
- Mark attendance for themselves and family members.
 - Manage their personal and family profiles.

By opening your camera and scanning the QR Code below or going to this web address <https://gmchurchonmain.churchtrac.com> you can find yourself on the church's Church Connect page. Here you will want to create an account to use all of the items above, including online giving.



When using Online Giving, **we would encourage you to use an ACH withdrawal by adding your checking account instead of using debit/credit cards which incur a higher giving fee.** If you use an ACH withdrawal from your bank there is a flat 0.25 fee for each time you give, no matter the amount. Using a debit/credit card has a fee that comes from Visa, Mastercard, etc. **There is a place to select that you want to help cover the fee.** You can even set up automatic withdrawals to come out monthly, weekly etc. Please get with Samantha for any questions or concerns you have. We are excited to see how folks like this and use this.

SCIOTO CHAPEL PAGE

6337 ST. RT. 316, WEST, ASHVILLE, OH 43103
Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

www.sciotochapelgmc.org
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CHRISTMAS BELLS WERE RINGING



It took some practicing but it was worth the effort as all enjoyed “Joy to the World” played by the hand bell choir on Christmas Eve. Those pictured (or almost) are Betty Carstens, Brookelynn Burgan, Jan Stevens, Patti Crego, Blade Ballard, Chelsey Gable, Becky Davis, Betty Fisher, Jodi Hastings, Sandy Fruchey, and Vickie Fleming. We so much appreciate Kathy Morris who is pictured directing the choir. God bless them all.

New officers were installed on January 5. Pictured are Sandy Fruchey, Trustee, Kathy Morris as Lay Member, Alternate to Conference, and Hope Strong Rep., John Crego and Chelsey Gable to Lay Leadership Com. and Jodi Hastings to HopeStrong and Jordan’s Crossing. Others were Anna Goodbar-Lay Leadership, Trey Fausnaugh, SPPR Drew Gable, Trustee, Terrie Rogers, Prayer Point Person, Mary Ellen Downs, Becky Davis, Perry Fausnaugh, & Karan Shipley, History Committee and Samantha Dunham, Safe Shepherding advisor.



MOVING WITH MISSIONS

We are currently doing winter kits until March 2. Families are signed up. We can take up to 18 more. If anyone wants to donate toilet paper, dish soap, trash bags, tooth paste, multi-purpose cleaner, laundry soap and dryer sheets. We will be doing the dog shelter project during the month of April, collecting dry dog food, treats, toys and leashes/harnesses/collars for Pickaway County dog shelter. There is a community baby shower March 27 with the Pickaway County library that we may collect diapers and wipes through September. They need to know if we choose to participate by March 20.

The Holiday Hugs project contributed toys for 3 families of the Westfall School district. Every other month we are having a representative of our various mission projects present the Children's Message at a worship service.

EASTER WILL SOON BE HERE

Ash Wednesday will be March 5 at Global Methodist on Main. All programing has not yet been determined but there is mention that we might observe our Sunrise Service in the barn with breakfast to follow—in the parish hall. We will have the drama skits during the 6 weeks of Lent. May we all be in prayer for these upcoming services during this Holy time of the year. Oh yes, and the hand bell choir will hopefully be ringing with their glad tidings for Easter Sunday.

PRAYER.

- Jason Ballard with cancer
- Family of Larry Beard
- Fires in California
- Gertie Detwiler recovering from surgery for cancer
- Russ Fruchey in rehab for Parkinsons and covid
- Linda Fruchey as caregiver for Russ
- John Kingsland with seizures
- Family of Tom Meier
- Tina Moser with cancer
- Mike Mowery with stage 4 kidney cancer
- Becky Phillips with heart issues
- Veteran-Mr. Phillips with gall bladder surgery
- Gayle Rivers with mini strokes
- Family of Jewel Roese
- Betty Smith recovery from throat surgery
- Don Smith who's losing eye sight
- Mikki Stout with heart concerns
- Linda Thomas with cancer
- Veterans who have lost their homes
- Missions
- Hopestrong programs at Scioto, West Middle and Westfall Schools
- Churches and people of Ukraine and Russia
- Our country
- War in Israel
- Westfall CARES

PRAISES – for all our many blessings





In an effort for all attending Scioto Chapel to have the opportunity to participate in prayers for our local, regional and global community, I will make every effort to include these important requests in the newsletter. The Allegheny West Conference is asking for prayer for Superintendent Dr. Rev. Jeff Greenway and our Bishop Mark Webb for wisdom and discernment. Locally, for each pastor along with their church leadership to stay true

and strong to God's Word. And, for protection as they serve. Globally, the current situation in Nigeria over the disaffiliation of those wanting to join the Global Methodist Church.

Pray for peace in this country. Please consider these requests in your daily prayers and help make Scioto Chapel a true "house of prayer".

Thank you,

Terrie Rogers, Prayer Point Person

BEEF & NOODLES DINNER

DRIVE-THRU ORDER & PICKUP ONLY

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH 3:00-6:00 PM

**HOMEMADE BEEF &
NOODLES**

MASHED POTATOES

GREEN BEANS

COLE SLAW

APPLESAUCE

ROLL

CHOICE OF DESSERT

ADULTS- \$10.00 CHILDREN UNDER 10- \$5.00

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