

Upcoming Sermons

- June 2** "Things I've Learned"
V. Keep It Up
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Recognition of Graduates
Dr. Dave's last Sunday
- June 9** "So, What's Next?"
Jesse Reznik Preaching
- June 16** Pastor Heidi Preaching
Sacrament of Baptism at 9:30 Service
ASP Mission Team Consecration
Father's Day
- June 23** "Dear Church"
Pastor Heidi's last Sunday
- June 30** Rev. Paul Milliken Preaching

CONNECTIONS

May Mission Month

Thank you for contributing to "May Mission Month". The Mission Team here at Medina UMC has been very busy.

Below are examples of what we have been doing:

- **Mother' Day Cards:** Mother's Day cards were available for a donation to UMCOR to help with school kits.
- **Backpack Mission:** The youth joined us for our Backpack Mission. We shopped for 30 backpacks to be given to Caring for Kids INC for children entering the foster system.
- **Medina Mission-Nottingham:** We cleaned up yards and patios at Nottingham!
- **Churchwide Challenge:** We ended the month with a churchwide challenge. This challenge was a thank you to all the local police departments! We assembled care bags wishing them a safe summer and letting them know we appreciate what they do to keep our community safe!

Be on the lookout for other ways to serve with the Medina UMC mission team throughout the summer!



Youth Mission Trip June 23-29

We're going to Lawrence County, KY! With ASP, we go where there's a need— and the need is in Lawrence County!

[Here's a little bit about the community:](#)

Population: 15,863 **Per Capita Income:** \$18,890
Terrain: Mountainous **Living Below Poverty Level:** 25%
County Seat: Louisa, KY **Major Employers:** Food Distribution Service

Pastor's Grapevine



Earlier in my ministry, every now and then I would slip into thoughts of what it would be like to pastor my home church Grace UMC. I suppose most pastors have done the like. It is kind of a natural thing to ponder. Well it didn't happen with which I am quite fine. However, for the last five years, Grace has been pastored with great effectiveness by my nephew Kyle (how weird is that?). The Tennant moniker is on the bulletin! Last Sunday afternoon Chris and I were in the sanctuary at Grace for my great nephew's baptism (Does "great" make me old or something? I am not sure how I feel about that designation). Kyle and his wife Stephanie struggled many months to have a child. A lot of pins and needles, crushing disappointments, and prayers were along the way. So, Sunday was pretty special. To top it off I was tapped to perform the sacrament. How neat is that? When I asked the parents for the name of the baby the response was "Jack Stephen Tennant." This blew me away (of course I already knew the name, but it was the occasion). Here I was standing in the sanctuary of my home church from where I was called into the ministry nearly 50 years ago to baptize a baby whose name was also my dad's "Jack Tennant," a committed member of Grace and follower of Jesus.

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Medina UMC Missions is offering a chance to give a Father's Day gift that will benefit many around the world. You may purchase your Father's Day cards in honor of or in memory of a special loved one. Cards will be available for purchase June 2-16. Proceeds will benefit UMCOR Flood Buckets (United Methodist Committee On Relief).

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8:15 am (Traditional)
9:30 am (Contemporary)
11:00 am (Traditional)
Church Phone: 330-725-4943

Sunday Worship

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Medina UMC Prayer Concerns

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| Bill Reiheld | Jim Bartoul | Vicky Marshall |
| Pat Blansett | Phyllis Conser | Richard Spieth |
| Lilly Woods | Carol Ulrich | Mackenzie Clutter |
| Ken Ferguson | Heather Cooke | Ken Ledford |
| Braxton Scott | Renee Blackford | Ruth Brenner |
| Pat Zeisel | Betty Banevich | Carol Gibson |
| Mary Cutler | Brenda Wolfe | Beth Mitchell |
| | Howard & Marilyn Bratt | |

Prayers for our military & civilian personnel & families

Patrick Donnelly (GA), J.D. Ferut (FL), Joseph Fetterman (OK), Adam Finger (MO), Jonathan Handwerk (TX), Mark Hornfeck (VA), Johnathon Meier (NC), Jessica Mock (Japan), Dylan Quaid (TX), Jamie Coleman, Tom & Erin Skinner (CA), and Steven Brooks (Syria)

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I am still not sure what to make of this soon to be retirement gig. No, I don't know what I am going to do. A special thank you to Andi Green and her (unidentified) team who pulled it all together. Great fellowship and excellent food. Also, thanks to Rev. Paul Milliken for his "charming" wit and sometimes questionable and consistently inaccurate observations. It was great to see many of you there. Thanks too for all your cards and blessings. If you missed this or you want more, you are welcome to the retirement service in the Hoover Auditorium, at Lakeside, Ohio, Monday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Financial Update

A great job for our Easter Offering. We reached our goal of \$20,000! (\$20,039) Thanks so much for your generosity. For the month of April, the General Fund received \$77,270 (including Easter offering) which makes the total given to date \$268,059 representing a 9% increase over 2018. As a result, our apportionments to the East Ohio Conference are current through the end of April.

However, you've got my worry machine cranking again, it appears for the month of May we are falling behind in our financial resources. Giving is especially critical right now as we manage this pastoral transition and the associated expenses. Parsonage repairs and updates, equipment purchases, and moving expenses are already in motion. It will take \$17,157 to remain current for the next two months and be in a position to receive reimbursement for moving expenses from the conference. You have a knack for rising to the occasion as you are faithful in your support.

East Ohio Annual Conference at Lakeside, Ohio

Our delegates for annual conference are Mike McClintock and Jesse Reznik. They will be gathering in Hoover Auditorium with all the other lay delegates and clergy, June 10-13.

Just so You Know

My last Sunday with you will be June 2, only a week away. The official retirement date is July 1 but since I have vacation time, I decided to take it now. Part of my reasoning is to give you a chance to have a break and recover from me before Pastor Tal steps in. His first Sunday with you will be July 7. Pastor Heidi will have the "conn." (In case you were wondering "conn" is a 19th century naval term referring to the "conning tower" of a warship from which the commanding officer piloted the ship. The term was made famous and written into pop culture through Star Trek. It is when Captain Kirk says "Sulu – you have the Conn").

The East Ohio Conference official moving day is Monday, June 24. On this day Pastor Heidi and her family will move out of the parsonage and set off for the Brecksville UMC. Pastor Dawan and his family will arrive in Medina and move in the next day, Tuesday, June 25.

After June 2 you will not see Chris or me around the church. We want to provide as much space as possible for Pastor Tal and Pastor Dawan to get established and be embraced into the life of MUMC. Without meaning to be too harsh, I will no longer perform any funerals, baptisms or weddings, nor any visitations. While I will always love you and have a passion to help, you will need to see Pastor Tal. You will not be disappointed. If by chance I run into you at Buehler's, Target, Home Depot, Star Bucks, Yours Truly, or public events you may not recognize me in my ball cap and sunglasses. I may only say to you "What's up? You don't need to answer with a laundry list, just a nod, or a thumbs up or down, whatever is appropriate will do. (Now you realize I am pulling your chain but still I must give room for new relationships to develop between you and your new pastors. There must be boundaries. Thanks for understanding).

Blessings,
Dave



Winona Stout

Jeffrey Robson (Terry Robson's nephew)
Lucia Lohner (Mark Lohner's mother)
Jean Gerhard (Karl Gerhard's mother)
Michael O'Neil (Chris O'Neil's father)



Kids In Faith

Summer Sunday school begins Sunday, June 2! The children will begin an all new summer adventure called, 'Cave Quest, Following Jesus the Light of the World.' Preschool Children age 3-K will visit Tad's Preschool Pool in room 122. After a time at Exploration Stations, they'll join the elementary students for a time of music, mission, Bible Points and prayer before spelunking back to their classroom for awesome crafts, games and KidVid videos. Elementary students will start off their morning with Imagination Station in room 205 and then join the preschoolers for the Cavern Opening in room 204. Then, it's off to Deep Bible Quest for the Bible story, Spelunker Sports and Games, or KidVid Cinema to learn how everyday kids shine Jesus' light in the midst of hardship. The schedule for June is as follows:

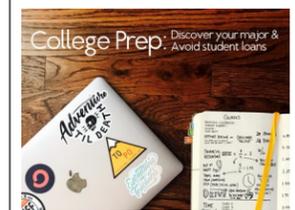
Preschool (Age 3-k) Room 122
Elementary (1-6 grades) Room 205

- June 2 Bible Point: Jesus gives us hope Key Verse: "Oh Lord, you alone are my hope." (Psalm 71:5)**
Preschool Exploration Stations: Bible Activity page, play clay, buried treasure, cave tunnel
KidVid Cinema: Preschooler Emily shines Jesus' light, giving hope-and her hair-to cancer patients
Elementary Imagination Station: Build Stalagmites, rock inspection, geode gem discovery, 'Make a Change' house
Deep Bible Quest: While hoping for the room lights to come on, God's people waited and hoped for Jesus
- June 9 Bible Point: Jesus gives us hope Key Verse: "Oh Lord, you alone are my hope." (Psalm 71:5)**
Preschool Exploration Stations: Bible Activity page, play clay, buried treasure, cave tunnel, soda-lightful bubbles, egg spelunking
Craft & Play: 'Change a Home' bank
Elementary Imagination Station: Build Stalagmites, rock inspection, geode discovery, 'Make a Change' house, Finding Hope
KidVid Cinema: Preschooler Emily shines Jesus' light, giving hope-and her hair-to cancer patients-receive Bible Buddy
- June 16 Bible Point: Jesus gives us hope Key Verse: "Oh Lord, you alone are my hope." (Psalm 71:5)**
Preschool Exploration Stations: Bible Activity page, play clay, buried treasure, cave tunnel, soda-lightful bubbles, Geode gems, message movers
Games: Parachute Praise
Elementary Imagination Station: Build Stalagmites, rock inspection, geode gem discovery, 'Make a Change' house, Finding Hope, Digital Puzzle Picture
Sports & Games: Pass the Splash & Bright Light Tag
- June 23 Bible Point: Jesus gives us courage Key Verse: "Take courage. I am here." (Matthew 14:27)**
Preschool Exploration Stations: Bible activity page, play clay, Cave creations, sink or float?
KidVid Cinema: Bryan faced a frightening hurricane that could have shaken his faith, but he and his family held onto the courage Jesus gives
Elementary Imagination Station: Talk-starter Stalagmites, cave formation exploration, make cave snot
Deep Bible Quest: Weather stormy seas and courageously walk on water as did Peter
- June 30 Bible Point: Jesus gives us courage Key Verse: "Take courage. I am here." (Matthew 14:27)**
Preschool Exploration Stations: Bible activity page, play clay, Cave creations, sink or float?, walk on water
Craft & Play: Fingerprint flashlights or cave snot
Elementary Imagination Station: Talk-starter Stalagmites, cave formation exploration, make cave snot, courageous challenge
KidVid Cinema: Bryan faced a frightening hurricane that could have shaken his faith, but he and his family held onto the courage Jesus gives

Visitation Team: The MUMC Visitation team has been gaining members and bringing smiles to those in need of companionship or a little "pick me up"! By continually adding new volunteers and growing the size of our Care Visitation Team we are showing the MUMC congregation how well they are being cared for. All it takes is you.....and a little bit of your time to make it happen. Now, without any further adieu, here is the name of our team: **Caring Servants.** Our mission is demonstrating care for all and knowing that we are all called to be servants for the glory of God. Please see Jesse in the Church office or give him a call @ 330-725-4943, if you are interested.



Dear MUMC Music Ministries & Bell Choir,
Words cannot express my thanks for the wonderful gifts you shared with me. It has been an amazing journey we've travelled together. Especially the bell team - thank you for growing with me in every new challenge we endeavored to undertake. More importantly, thank you for your friendship. I will carry you in my heart always.
Chris (Tennant)



Do you have kids in high school, heading to college or in college? Did you know that 28% of all college students change their majors or transfer schools in the first year? It's common to rack up a lot of student loan debt as students try to figure out which career really interests them, and who pays that back, and how? Helping students find the right direction early helps to minimize unnecessary debt. On June 13th at 7pm here at MUMC, Amanda Sharratt, financial coach and Stacy Knox, career counselor will be sharing college prep tips for success, including their own story in the making of how Amanda coached Stacy's daughter, Riley as a high school senior and prepared her to avoid debt. Riley is going to be a junior at Kent State, studying Business Marketing, and so far, she remains debt free! Save your spot today! Registration is a suggested donation of \$20 per family.