

*Chapel Point of View*  
*One Lord, One Mission, Two Churches Serving Scioto Township*  
*Global Methodist on Main & Scioto Chapel*  
*December 2024 - January 2025*

**A Word from the Pastor – “God with Us”**

“Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will call him, Emmanuel (Emmanuel means ‘God with us’)” (Matthew 1:23 CEB). There are a lot of amazing things that happen at Christmastime, as far as God and the Bible goes. The angel appears to Zechariah in the very old age of he and his wife Elizabeth, announcing they will have a child who will be filled with the Holy Spirit before His birth and “will make ready a people prepared for the Lord” (Luke 1:17). The angel appears to Mary telling her she will have a son, without having union with a man, who will “the Son of the Most High” (Luke 1:32). Joy overflows for Mary and Elizabeth as they share time together (Luke 1). Joseph is assured that this is God’s doing for the woman who pledged to him in marriage (Matthew 1). God provides the way for a Bethlehem birth in a most humble estate and includes shepherds and wise men (Luke 2 & Matthew 2).

It really is an amazing story throughout and shows God orchestrating each turn in miraculous ways. And we can rejoice in every bit of it. But what is the key event that makes it all meaningful, pulls it all together, and speaks into human history like nothing else can? Three simple words: God with us. The greatest of all these miracles found in the first two chapters of the gospels Matthew and Luke and pronounced with symbology in the Gospel of John is this: God became a human being.

Scholars and biblical writers alike struggled with the idea of seeing God face to face. It was Moses who was able to do this, and live! The Israelites shied away from God’s presence, saying Moses, “you speak to us, and we’ll listen. But don’t let God speak to us, or we’ll die” (Exodus 20:19). So, Moses met God on the mountain and at many other times (commonplace), and lived, and shared with the people numerous times and in many circumstances what God had said to tell them (Exodus – Deuteronomy).

But now, in Jesus, God becomes a human being and lived among the people. God did what the most learned Israelites determined was impossible. But it’s not only possible, it is God’s design. God desires to come near. God desires to live among us. The Christmas story shows that God came for all people, “to as many as did receive and welcome Him” (John 1:12 AMP). He came to Zechariah and Elizabeth. He came to Mary and Joseph. He came to the shepherds and the wise men. He came and was laid in a manger, a feeding trough. And He came for every one of us, to as many as will receive Him.

The conclusion of Jesus coming to earth is that He doesn’t leave us here as orphans, but He continues to come to be among us as the Spirit of Jesus. Sometimes we want Him. And sometimes we don’t. We want Him at certain times and in certain places, and at other times in our human nature we say, maybe not audibly, “just let me live my life.”

But that’s not why He came. He didn’t come so we could have Him and everything else too. He came to be “God with us,” when we want Him and when we don’t. He came to be Lord, Lord of heaven and earth, and Lord of every part of our lives.

And we might say “that’s too big, I can’t do that.” That’s exactly why we need Jesus – because living for Him is not something we can do on our own; we need the Spirit of Jesus, God with us. And it simply comes down to one decision at a time.

We’re going to fail, and we do fail. But we choose to live in the reality of right now “am I with You or not, God?” We confess when we aren’t. We bow our knee once again and ask forgiveness. And we see the power of a God who is with us, over and over again. And over time, we see a God who is with us and helping us walk with Him. Jesus came to be Emmanuel, God with us, the most amazing miracle! Are you letting Him be that?

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

**Holy Spirit Seminar – Friday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4pm at United Theological Seminary in Dayton**  
**"Longing for the Glory of New Creation"**

The Holy Spirit opens up a clearer vision of our experience with Jesus, initiates a more focused vision of God's Kingdom, and reveals a sharper edge of expectations for us and the Church.

Therefore, the Holy Spirit calls us to a clearer vision of Jesus for ourselves a focused vision of God's Kingdom and to have great expectations for The Church.

Romans 8:18-27 offers a glimpse of the eschatological calling of the Spirit-filled life, one characterized by groaning with the Spirit, while hopefully waiting for the redemption of our bodies and the glory of the children of God. While Western Christianity discourages the messiness of this vocation, a hallmark of worldwide Spirit-filled Christianity is the willingness to join with the creation and the Spirit in hopeful groaning, sighing, and longing for the glory that is to come.

Led by **Dr. Cheryl Bridges Johns**, Director of the Global Pentecostal House of Study and Visiting Professor of Pentecostal Studies, this seminar explores ways for Christians in the U.S. to enter more deeply into the depths of the sighing, groaning, and joyful work of the Holy Spirit. Visit [united.edu/holy-spirit-seminar](http://united.edu/holy-spirit-seminar) to learn more. Registration \$75, Livestream \$50. Open to anyone. Pastor Brian and Samantha will be attending and serving on the prayer team.

Awaken Lay-Equipping Weekend at Rolling Plains Church, 3350 Moxahala Park Rd, Zanesville  
Friday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 6-9pm & Saturday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30am-4:30pm (snacks, breakfast & lunch on Saturday) \$50 by Dec 22, \$75 after – register at [AlleghenyWestGMC.org](http://AlleghenyWestGMC.org)

Saturday, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4pm The Spiritual Fire of Discipleship, Mission, and Evangelism in your Church at Hebron New Life, 925 Main St, Hebron \$25 – register at [AlleghenyWestGMC.org](http://AlleghenyWestGMC.org)

Winter Jam Concert at Schottenstein Center, Columbus – Saturday, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, starts at 5pm, \$15 at the door – we will carpool – adults & youth

Sunday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> & Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm New Beginnings Church (corner of 104 & 316) Worship with Redemption Flood

Pastor Appreciation:

Samantha and I would like to thank everyone for all the appreciation we have been shown over the last month or so. You are all a blessing! I also thank God for all the ways you have been so supportive of my trip with the team from Allegheny West to Kenya. Every prayer, thoughtfulness, and encouragement helped produce a rich, meaningful, and beneficial trip. We look forward to the next steps forward with Kenya and for a long-lasting, life-changing experience for both conferences and everyone involved, including all the people who will be reached by this connection. For anyone who missed the Kenya Presentation, it is available on either church's Facebook page, dated Nov 10th or 11th. May God bless us all to be a blessing as we draw close to Him in this Advent & Christmas season and the New Year.

Love in Christ,  
Pastor Brian

### *Combined Calendar of Events - December 24 - January 25*

Date	Event	Time	Weekly *	Location
12-1	Worship Service	10:45 am	*	GMM
12-1	Worship Service	9:00 am	*	SC
12-1	Pastries & Wired Word	10:30 am	*	SC
12-2	WCF Dinner at Pizza Cottage	6:00 pm		Circleville
12-4	Men's Meal & Bible Study on Hiatus until January 8 <sup>th</sup> - starting Galatians	5:30pm	*	GMM
12-4	Bell Choir practice until Christmas	6:00 pm	*	SC
12-4	Choir Practice	7:00pm	*	SC
12-5	Women's Meal & Bible Study-Romans (childcare provided)	5:30 pm	*	GMM
12-5	Men's Bible Study-studying 2nd Peter	9:00 am	*	GMM
12-5	Bible Study – Advent study	4:00pm	*	GC Library
12-5	Satellite Soul Sisters-contact Kathy Morris 740-412-3682	6:30pm-8:30pm	*	Darbyville Community
12-5	GMM Trustees	6:00pm		GMM
12-6	Decorate GMM float at Kuzelka's	6:00pm		Kuzelka's
12-7	Christmas Toy Drive at Scioto Twp Fire Department	9:00am-1:00pm		Fire Dept
12-7	Women-at-Risk Jewelry Party by SC-WCF in shelter house at GMM	1:00pm-3:00pm		GMM shelter house
12-7	Christmas Parade followed by Christmas Tree Lighting 12-8	4:00pm 6:00pm		CP

12-8	Cookies, Cards & Carols-all children are welcome	3:00pm-5:00pm		SC
12-8, 22, & 1-12	Youth Group-all Middle & High School welcome!	6:00pm-7:30pm		GMM
12-9	PICCA HEAP signups	9a-1:00pm		GMM
12-9 & 1-13	GMM Ad Council	6:00pm		GMM
12-10 & 1-14	Sewing Guild	2:00pm		GMM
12-14	Caroling in Circleville-all welcome	2:00pm		Meet at SC
12-14	An Evening of Worship with "All Things Made New" praise band	6:00pm		GMM
12-15	GMM Christmas Dinner after Worship with a Special Guest	12:15pm		GMM
12-16 & 1-20	Teams 4 Him Church Council	6:00pm 7:00pm		SC
12-18	Westfall CARES Christmas - Bagging Distribution	4:00pm 5:00pm		Westfall Elementary
12-18 & 1-22	Ladies Coffee at Pick 'em Up Joe's All ladies welcome!	9:00 am		W Scioto-CP
12-20	Christmas Joy prep for food & toys	5:30pm		GMM
12-21	GMM Christmas Joy Distribution	9am-1:00pm		GMM
12-22&1-26	Community Cupboard Collection			GMM
12-24	Christmas Candlelight Service	6:00pm		GMM
12-24	Christmas Candlelight Service with the Debut of the Bell Choir	7:30pm		SC
12-31	Family Fun Night-New Year's Eve-bring your favorite snack & game Everyone is welcome!	8:00pm-Midnight		GMM
1-6	Discipleship Meeting	6:00pm		GMM
1-6	Women's Christian Fellowship Appetizers & Desserts	7:00pm		SC
1-19	An Evening of Worship	6:00pm		GMM
1-27	Trustee Meeting	7:00pm		SC
1-31	Both Churches-Jordan's Crossing	4:30pm		Meet GMM

CP Free Store hours every Monday 6-8pm and every Saturday 10am to Noon (closed Dec 24-Jan 13 cleaning & organizing)

**December Birthdays****January Birthdays**

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
1	Jackie Writsel	1	JoAnn Stonerock
9	Julie Pettibone	3	Jared Musselman
11	Sarah Jahn	4	Eli Musselman
13	Ben Biller	8	Aaron Drake
14	Virgil Fausnaugh	10	Anna Moore
17	Michelle Sherrick	11	Cooper Goodbar
19	Simon Lapp	11	Rick Phillips
21	Trey Fausnaugh	12	Larry Beard
25	Colin Crego	14	Craig Fleming
25	Lauren Fausnaugh	15	Ethan Merriman
26	Ted Musselman	17	George Null
26	Ron Carpenter	24	Kathy Morris
28	Jill Thompson	25	Kathy Fausnaugh
29	Paula Kuzelka	26	Betty Drake
31	Bonnie Thomas	27	Judy Beard
31	Harold Eagle	31	Ted Rogers
31	Jackie Bowerman		
31	Piper Musselman		

**December Anniversaries****January Anniversaries**

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
8	David & Angela Renick	19	Kirk & Julie Crego
11	Drew & Chelsey Gable	23	Ted & Terrie Rogers
18	Robin & Kim Halley		

# Global Methodist on Main

28 Main Street, Commercial Point, Ohio 43116  
614-877- 3539

*Church Service 10:45 AM*

[www.gmchurchonmain.org](http://www.gmchurchonmain.org)  
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Brothers and sisters in Christ. I challenge you to pray for strangers. Not silently, even though that's good too. But face to face holding their hands, and asking their name as you do so. Step out of your comfort zone. Be brave and bold for Jesus. I've been doing this for several years now. And have never been told no when I ask if I can pray for them. Be brave for Jesus. You may be the only Bible these people ever read. You will be blessed as you bless. I promise you. Go with God. .

In Christ,

Peg Dotson, Lay leader

Happy Winter everyone from the Evangelism Committee! As we are moving into the Advent/Christmas season the Evangelism committee has slowed down some. We are having a Christmas Float in the Commercial Point Christmas Parade and Pastor Brian will be lighting the tree again this year. We are also planning a chili cook off in the future with a date to be determined still but keep an eye out on the church website [www.gmchurchonmain.org](http://www.gmchurchonmain.org) or follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on what's happening. The committee is also starting a small program that helps folks in the community with tasks they can't perform on their own, such as changing out lightbulbs, smoke alarm batteries, sorting through their cabinets and such and removing expired food items. This is a new thing for us and we are hoping to get it up and going soon. So if you know someone who might benefit from this free help please keep this in mind. We want to be helping in the community however we can, if you have ideas that you would like to share we are happy to hear them, you can send those ideas to Samantha Dunham, the Evangelism Chair at [sadunham14@gmail.com](mailto:sadunham14@gmail.com).

## DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship on main has been working on thoughts and ideas and have decided to make a prayer room at GMM, more to come. We decided to do skits again this year for Advent.

Christmas Dinner following service December 15th- You won't want to miss it, special Guest coming.....

Christmas Eve service for GMM - 6:00pm

NEW YEARS EVE FAMILY FUN NIGHT- 12/31/24 - 8:00 pm - Midnight

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Progressive Dinner - Feb 8th- more to come

THANKS, MELISSA MERRIMAN



The Missions committee at Global Methodist on Main completed their Thanksgiving Joy mission on Monday 11/25. 39 families received food boxes. A huge thank you goes out to our church and community members. We also received donations and assistance from Beck's Garage, Wild Wild West 4H Club, The Commercial Point Men's Club, and a "secret shopper" who wishes to remain anonymous.



Next up is Jordan's Crossing. We will be serving a Thanksgiving meal on 11/29. Kelsie, a member of the missions committee has done a wonderful job heading up this mission.

#### Upcoming Events:

12/7-Santa Claus is coming to town! 9am-1pm Scioto Township Fire Department will have a toy drive to support our Christmas Joy mission. Pancake breakfast provided, as well as visits with Santa. This is a free event, but they do ask that a toy donation is brought.

Christmas Joy-food box and toy distribution to those in need. We already have 44 families signed up. As above, we are working with the local schools to identify families. Missions chair has outreached to Scioto Township Professional Firefighters Local 4000 regarding partnering again this year. They have already responded and would like to donate hams for the Christmas meal, and of course hold their toy drive! We are so excited to work with them again!

Thank you,

Jenny Egan

# SCIOTO CHAPEL PAGE

6337 ST. RT. 316, WEST, ASHVILLE, OH 43103

*Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.*

[www.sciotochapelgmc.org](http://www.sciotochapelgmc.org)

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## W.C.F. HAVE BEEN BUSY



At their regular meeting November 7 the women gave a bridal shower for Becky (Bensonhaver) Davis. She was married October 5 to Don Davis. She got practical gifts, largely money as she has most everything a newly-wed couple would need. Blessings to both.

On November 9, the church held its fall chicken noodles dinner which was a little less attended than usual but the ladies still did well and everyone said it was very good. Pictured are those cookers and servers filling the containers for the carriers to deliver to the patrons awaiting in their vehicles at the back door.

The women will celebrate Christmas at the Pizza Cottage in Circleville at 6 pm on December 2.

On November 3, we recognized All Saints Day with a candle lighting ceremony for those associated with our church who passed on during the past year. They were Ben Stout, Aaron Congrove, Carol Teeters, and Joyce Riffle.

## MISSIONS WORK

In September we had a diapers/wipes drive partnering with Pickaway County Public Library for a community baby shower.

In October we held a Tacos for Toys dinner to kickstart a Christmas fund raiser. “Holiday Hugs” of toys, mostly, will be delivered December 11 to 3 families in the Westfall school district. On December 7 from 1 to 3 pm, there will be a jewelry sale fund raiser by the WCF for WAR – Women At Risk.

During the winter and through March we will be collecting laundry detergent, soap/pods, dryer sheets, 13 gal. trash bags, dish soap, toothpaste, toilet paper and paper towels for kits that will be distributed to needy families

## WHAT'S NEW

New Members – on November 3 we held a baptism in the outdoor pool at the home of the Bowermans on 762. Brookelynn Borgan and Blade Ballard were baptized and welcomed into our church as new members. The day was not too cold and the pool was heated.



There is a youth group started at GMM for middle and high school youth. They had good attendance at the first meeting November 3. It is hoped that Scioto Chapel youth will join and perhaps meeting locations will be shared.

Bells were ringing at our first rehearsal of the bell ringers on November 13. We plan to present a joyful offering on Christmas Eve.

Progressive Dinner. Just to get better acquainted with our fellow Global Methodists a progressive dinner has been planned for February 8. We will begin at GMM at 1:00 for appetizers, progress to Scioto Chapel for main course and end with dessert at South Bloomfield. We will have a sign-up sheet and any further instructions before the dinner.

Doris Jones is at Brookdale Pinnacle, Apt 3B, 1305 Lamplighter Dr. Grove City, OH 43123

#### PRAYER.

- Family of Terry Anderson
- Families with health issues and job needs
- Jason Ballard with cancer
- Bible need translated into 1268 languages
- Starla DeLong with broken pelvis, doing well and going home
- Brenda Ditter with blood clot—still unconscious after surgery
- Samantha Dunham results of testing
- GMC Churches in Africa and South America
- Janette Fausnaugh is in Mount Carmel hospital
- Cody & Karissa's new baby Elsie-not gaining weight
- Patsy Hastings recovering from fall
- Doris Jones in nursing care
- Scott Jones – personal
- Bernice McClure-has cancerous brain tumors
- Karen Musselman's family, with loss of sight, cancer and breathing issues
- Larry Leach with congestive heart failure
- Donna Ray has a tumor
- Flooding in Spain
- Hopestrong programs at Teays Valley and Westfall
- Churches and people of Ukraine and Russia
- Veterans who have lost their homes
- Our Country
- War in Israel
- Westfall CARES



#### PRAISE

- Tina Moser got good report on her cancer
- Boy on Becky's bus who is excited about HopeStrong!
- The Love of Jesus
- The blessing that our Charge Conference was. Much different from United Methodist.