



London, Ohio Est. 1813

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# THE TOWER CALL June/July 2026

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 Our directory is online for members. Access it from our website—contact Gail for the password.  
[gail@londonfumc.org](mailto:gail@londonfumc.org)



## LONDON FUMC VBS:

**July 19-23, 2026**

To register or volunteer visit:  
[WWW.LONDONFUMC.ORG](http://WWW.LONDONFUMC.ORG)

### what to know

Drop students off by 5:30 PM.  
 Dinner is provided.

Pick students up at 8:00 PM.

#### Location:

52 N Main Street

London, Ohio.

#### Volunteers:

Volunteers arrive at the church no later than 5:00 PM each night.

### Contact

Katelyn Hanna

[Katelyn@londonfumc.org](mailto:Katelyn@londonfumc.org)



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**At Road Trip VBS** your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are on the go with God. They will become Travelers and discover how God is with them wherever they go!

Interactive Bible lessons reveal each Mile Marker to equip your Travelers for an active life with God. Your Travelers will also discover our Green Light Verse (Bible memory verse), which will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

Join us as we discover how God is with us everywhere!

#### Schedule

- 5:00-5:30 PM - Check-in
- 5:30-6:00 PM - Dinner
- 6:00-8:00 PM- VBS Programming
- 8:00 PM - Pick-up

#### Stuff to bring

- bottle of water
- secure shoes (avoid sandals and slippers)
- hats and sunblock lotion (for outdoor play)
- change of clothes for emergencies (for younger kids)

#### Stuff not to bring

- food, unless they are for health reasons
- water balloons, guns, other water toys
- skateboards, roller skates, roller blades
- cell phones, handheld gaming devices, and other electronics
- anything that resembles a weapon

**\*Everything is free!**

\*Children ages 3-10 are welcome to participate.

**Lots of volunteers will be needed to decorate ahead of time, lead children from activity to activity, and serve as hall monitors. Please let Kate know if you can help.**



## The Pastor's View

Reverend Dave Leckrone

Senior Pastor

Hi everyone

Ah those lazy days of summer. Summer is a great time of year, but hardly lazy, and I doubt it ever was. I spent the summers of my youth on the farm making/hauling hay, mowing pasture and assorted other farm jobs. And of course the days we went out to haul in the hay (little round bales you loaded by hand) it was invariably the hottest days of summer. Sainted memory

The church stays busy in the summer also. I'll lift up several things to keep in your prayers as we move forward: The youth group leaves for their mission trip to Costa Rica on June 14th, returning on the 20th. VBS is the week of July 19th, and Confirmation class begins in July as well. These are important events, and what a blessing that these things are focused on our children and youth. There is much to celebrate here at London First UMC

Have a great and safe summer!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dave". The script is cursive and fluid.

Pastor Dave



There are sign-up sheets on bulletin boards around the church for the 2026 Confirmation Class. This is for children who will be turning 12 this coming school year, and up.

Please sign up your child if you are interested and you will be contacted about the official start date, time and location of the classes.

You can also contact Gail in the church office to sign up—[gail@londonfumc.org](mailto:gail@londonfumc.org), 740-852-0462.



*Youth Adventures:*

The youth group had a service weekend in May, serving two congregation members, and had a great end of year party! It was a good school year where we learned about the Psalms and how to apply them in our prayers and to our lives.

*Looking Ahead:*

The youth group will go on a mission trip to Costa Rica June 14- 20, 2026 where we will be serving in schools, community art projects, and sports camps.

Please pray:

For safe travels to and from for the group of 15 who are going

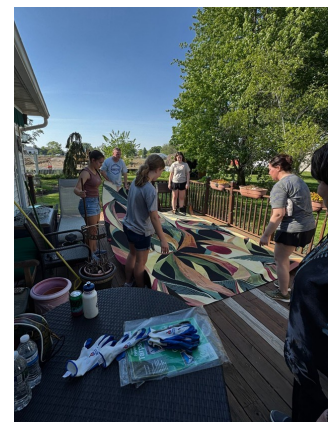
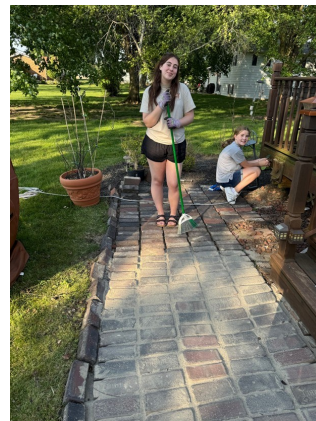
That we are able to bridge the communication barrier and spread the gospel

For us to stay healthy (I.e. not get travel sickness)

For us to have great connecting time with the Lord and each other

*Thank you for pouring into and praying over the students this year!*

*Kate*





### **Why are we updating our website?**

The cost to host our website, mobile app, online giving and live streaming from our current provider is just short of \$4,900 per year. About two years ago the software company we use to manage our church's membership database and giving records introduced a hosting platform with most of the same features we have now for an annual cost of \$2,750 per year. Switching to the new platform will save the church over \$2,000 annually and it will fully integrate the online giving with the system currently being used to manage giving records.

### **What will change?**

August 3<sup>rd</sup> is the target date to cut over to the new system. The new website will go live at that time. The website will have a new look and feel, but the majority of the content has been carried over from our current website.

If you watch services online, we will still stream to the website, Facebook and YouTube, but the ROKU app will no longer be available. Those that use the ROKU app should switch to using the YouTube app on their smart TV's and subscribe to the church's YouTube channel to watch services online. There is no cost to subscribe, but it will make finding the services easier.

If you have installed the church's mobile app on your phone you will need to un-install that app and download the new mobile app from either the Apple Store, or the Google Play Store once the new website is live.

If you have a recurring gift set up currently, you will be given directions in July on how to cancel your recurring gift in the current system. During the transition please continue giving either in person, or by doing one-time gifts online. Once the new site is online, you will be able to set up a new account and resume your recurring giving under the new system.

### **What do we need you to do now?**

Since this system is tied so closely to our membership database, it is critical that we have up to date contact information. Setting up an online giving account will ask for the e-mail address that we have on file since that is how the giving is tied to the membership database. There is also a text messaging option on the new website. In order for the church to make use of this feature, we need to have the correct cell phone number on file. So, please contact Gail ([gail@londonfumc.org](mailto:gail@londonfumc.org), 740-852-0462) and give her the cell phone number(s) and e-mail address(es) that you want us to have on file.



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## 2026 VBS Student Registration Form



Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Family/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Friends of your child at this church \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contacts

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

----- (for church use only) -----

Assigned Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Are family members helping with VBS? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Has your email address changed? Have you moved locally? Have you moved away and will no longer attend church here? Did you know you need to resign if you leave, or we can transfer your membership to a new church? Did you drop your home phone and now use a cell phone? For these and other reasons, please contact Gail

## Saturday, June 27

Volunteers needed! Rick and Sheryl Dickerson are once again coordinating this lunch during the Strawberry Festival/COBRA Show. Proceeds benefit the Madison County Food Pantry and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. To volunteer, call Sheryl at (614) 738-8369



*JOIN US FOR LUNCH*



*First United Methodist Church  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm*



*Price - \$7.00 includes:  
Sandwich - Chicken or Sloppy Joe  
Potato Salad  
Chips  
Cookies  
Drink - Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade*



*Single items may be purchased*





## You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

**Where:** London First United Methodist Church  
52 North Main Street, London

**When:** Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.

*Trusted by over 11 million customers.*

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

### Who should attend:

Anyone **age of 40+**

### Special Pricing for \$129

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening

### 4 ways to book your appointment...

Call **800-324-9458** and use  
promo code **HABC001**

Visit  [LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](https://llsa.social/habc)



Text the word **"circle"**  
to **216-279-1607**

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

**Continual Prayer Requests**  
 Bobby Dorn, Gladys Griffith, Joyce Hildebrand, Sue Minner, Sally Sisterhen

**CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS**  
 Avalee Adams, Carol Albright, Rachael Allen, Harriet Baker, Laura Beyer, Ernie Boyd,  
 Joe Brackett, Kim Braddock, Jayden Clark, Becky Cress, Toni Daniels, Michelle Decoe,  
 Woody Draper, Allison Engle Porter, Linda Finney, Phyllis Follrod, Tylor Freeman, Kristy Foote,  
 Carole Gordon, Jane Hackworth, John Harbage, Dee Heilman, Linda Holloway,  
 Gary and Cindy Hoback, Roger Horsely, Gary Hunter, Dan Jones, Jeannie Justice, Jim Justice,  
 Ray Justice, Cody Leavens, Cris Martinez, Jerod McKenzie, Chuck Miller, Aiden Norton, Sue Osborn,  
 Pauline Persing, Richard Peterson, Julianne Phillips, Alicia Pullin, Michele Ramsey, Marco Ranalli,  
 Howard & Lillie Reynolds, Steve Richmond, Frank Salyers, Laura Schoeller, Miles Schrock,  
 Jill Wyatt Setty, Nancy Snyder, Robert Stallings, David Stewart, Rob Suter, Alta Vance,  
 Hayden Weese, Gretchen Wingert, Avalene Wyllie, Sandy Young, Heather Zollman

**SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY**  
 Lt. Colonel John Crisp ~ Navy Lt Commander Tom Crisp, Captain Emily Minner, MD.  
 2nd Lt Cheney Gross ~ 2nd Lt Luke Peart ~ Sgt First Class Mathew Rowley  
 Caiden Craig—Private First Class ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Garrett Weldon

All troops deployed for the war on Iran  
*Please pray for the family and friends of those who have given their lives for our nation.*

<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>		
<b>2026 USHER SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
John Foote, Chair Debra Hay Cathie Littleton Dan Jones	Chair David Emrick Maryann Emrick	Melinda Scott, Chair Ric Bell
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>
David Ladd, Chair John Foote Felica Isaacs	Matt McCann, Chair Karen Summers Melinda Scott	Bill Benedum, Chair Tom Minner Debra Hay
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>JULY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>
Chair Ric Bell Mike Jenkins Christa Jenkins	Felica Isaacs, Chair Tara Shoemaker Cathie Littleton	Joe Brackett, Chair David Emrick Maryann Emrick
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>
Bill Benedum, Chair Tom Minner	David Ladd, Chair Joe Brackett Bob Minner Tara Shoemaker	Matt McCann, Chair Karen Summers Mike Jenkins Christa Jenkins
It is that time of year to set the 2026 Usher Schedule for our Church. To volunteer, please contact: Karen Summers - meemeesummers@yahoo.com Regina Bogenrife - timandginabogenrife@yahoo.com		

**2026 Liturgist Schedule\***

JANUARY	Henry Comer
FEBRUARY	Sue Mosier Vinny Cover Nixon Gross Reagan Gross
MARCH	Ann Pickens
APRIL	Tony Reeder
MAY	Mikki Budd
JUNE	Bob Minner
JULY	David Emrick
AUGUST	Abby Kraus Ann Pickens Kate Hanna
SEPTEMBER	Sarah Clawson Noah Clawson
OCTOBER	Melinda Scott
NOVEMBER	Don Weldon
DECEMBER	Lorraine Terry

*\*Please notify Gail Baker if you are not available to serve during these months—this was the order from 2025.*

Madison County Public  
Transportation Provider:  
Fayette Madison Transit



SERVICE HOURS AND FARES WILL BE CHANGING

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday through Friday:  
7am-10am and 2pm-5pm

MISSION

To serve the people in our service area by planning, providing, and maintaining a safe, efficient, reliable, and accessible transportation system.

VEHICLES

All vehicles are accessible to accommodate mobility devices.



STARTING JAN 1, 2026  
NEW FARES:

\$2.00 one way within the city of London  
\$2.50 one way outside London but within Madison County.  
\$5.00 one way to Fayette County  
Out of county trips are \$3.00 per mile

RESERVATIONS

Advanced reservation is requested.  
Same Day and advanced reservations are scheduled as availability allows.  
To schedule a ride on our Transit, call 740-335-9628.



[www.londonfumc.org/church-directory](http://www.londonfumc.org/church-directory)

Contact Gail in the church office for the password. This is a good way to get addresses for mailing cards, or calling other members.



Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of summer-time—for the warmth of the sun, the longer days, and the beauty of Your creation all around us. Thank You for the gift of rest, for time to pause, and for the laughter of family and friends.

As the pace of these months shifts, draw my soul closer to You. Open my eyes to the joy in simple moments and give me the grace to be fully present wherever I go. Protect my loved ones in our travels, and let our homes be places of peace and refuge. Warm my heart with Your love, so that I may be a blessing and a light to others. In Your holy name, Amen.



Enjoy Sunday Brunch at **The Butcher Block Restaurant** and take your church bulletin with you! The Butcher Block is graciously giving back to our church! 10% of your Brunch guest check comes back to our church when you present your church bulletin to your server. Lots of great choices!!!



Thank you for your cards and prayers. It means so much in dealing with the uncertainty.

Joe Brackett



TOWER CALL

Michael Turner & Debra Hay	2-Jun
Dick & Pat Snyder	3-Jun
Mike & Jan Potts	9-Jun
David & Jackie Barker	12-Jun
Sean & Jodie Pikens	12-Jun
Ron & Marilyn Stewart	12-Jun
Randy & Diane Crisp	14-Jun
Brandon & Courtney Brock	20-Jun
Craid & Sue Pass	21-Jun
Glenn & Grace Feyh	23-Jun
Dave & Annette Rinesmith	24-Jun
Joe & Sharon Brackett	30-Jun
Kenny & Jenny Davis	8-Jul
Randy & Linda Finney	10-Jul
Matt & Haley Rowley	14-Jul
Ted & Julie Basinger	16-Jul
Michael & Christa Jenkins	22-Jul
Allen & Mindy Foucht	25-Jul
Dan & Debbie Jones	25-Jul
Steve & Liz Pronai	27-Jul

Nolan McKenzie	9-Jun	Rheba Smith	12-Jul
Parker Stewart	9-Jun	Cheryl Engle	13-Jul
Mary Norton	10-Jun	Gina Bogenrife	14-Jul
Ashley Hammond	11-Jun	Annette Clevenger	14-Jul
MJ Boyd	12-Jun	Abby Krauss	15-Jul
Mick Harris	12-Jun	Allison Porter	16-Jul
Zachary Jasper	12-Jun	Kennedy Fellure	17-Jul
Jen Minner	13-Jun	Gregory King	19-Jul
Marty Shoemaker	13-Jun	Robin Ladd	21-Jul
Tim Bogenrife	14-Jun	Larry Peters	22-Jul
Ned DeCamp	14-Jun	Bob Daugherty	23-Jul
Joan McKinley	15-Jun	Logan Minner	24-Jul
Kevin Garverick	16-Jun	Kristie Minner	24-Jul
Gary Cleaver	17-Jun	Laura Schoeller	25-Jul
Bryce Hamilton	18-Jun	Mandy Comer	26-Jul
Jason Benedum	19-Jun	Carolyn Snell	26-Jul
Rho Adkins	21-Jun	Charlie Summers	26-Jul
Roberta Byerly	23-Jun	Karen Summers	26-Jul
Anna Cover	23-Jun	Kimberly Crumley	27-Jul
Sharon Reynolds	23-Jun	Dave Heuser	28-Jul
Barbara Andrix	24-Jun	Courtney Brock	29-Jul
Bev Eades	25-Jun	April Duffey	29-Jul
Kevin Lohr	26-Jun	Linda Finney	29-Jul
Doris Minner	26-Jun	Joe Payton	29-Jul
Emily Payton	26-Jun	Ryan Ladd	30-Jul
Julianne Phillips	26-Jun	Hunter McConkey	30-Jul
Jen Dennison	27-Jun	Glo Foote	31-Jul
Noah Krauss	28-Jun	Sue Pass	31-Jul
Tommy Boyd	29-Jun	Ivan Payton	31-Jul
Ernie Boyd	29-Jun	Jonah Payton	31-Jul
		Valerie Peart	31-Jul
		Tara Shoemaker	31-Jul



Eric Brunner	1-Jun
Kelley Clark	1-Jun
Jennifer Davis	1-Jun
Joey McClelland	3-Jun
Jack Rowley	3-Jun
Karolyn Wilson	6-Jun
Chad Lattimer	7-Jun
Codey Myers	7-Jun
Dustin Dickerson	8-Jun
Candi Edmunds	8-Jun

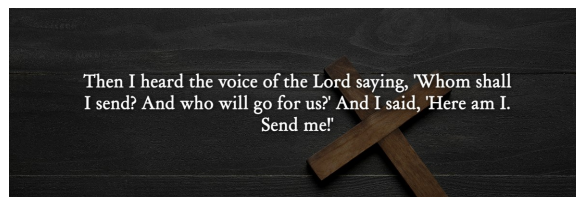
Jefferson McConnaughey	1-Jul
Reagyn Semler	1-Jul
Aaron Mabe	2-Jul
Lucy Summers	3-Jul
Dustin Jones	4-Jul
Diane Crisp	5-Jul
Hayley McConkey	5-Jul
Cynthia Boyd	6-Jul
Brenda Fitch	7-Jul
Kelley Meredith	8-Jul
Sally Warner	8-Jul
Justin Foucht	9-Jul
David Mabe	9-Jul
Marty Fellure	10-Jul
David Mohr	11-Jul



**High School:** Kyle Bell,  
Lukah McKenzie,  
Avery Semler, Tori Yoder

**College:** Logan Minner

**Medical School:** Captain  
Emily Minner, MD.



**Pray for our youth mission trip! Here are key items to pray for:**

- **Safe Travel and Health:** Ask for smooth logistics, necessary visa approvals, protection against illnesses, and physical strength.
- **Boldness and Clarity:** Pray that the Holy Spirit grants them the right words to share the gospel boldly, clearly, and with love.
- **Cultural Humility:** Request a flexible, patient, and humble spirit as they adapt to unfamiliar environments and customs.
- **Prepared Hearts:** Intercede for the local community, asking that the Holy Spirit prepares their hearts to receive the message.
- **Unity and Support:** Pray for deep team harmony and peace for the family members staying behind.



**Ballroom Dance Classes at FUMC!!!**

**Mark Cohen, the instructor**

Time2Dance with Mark was founded by Mark Cohen, a seasoned ballroom dance instructor with nearly 40 years of teaching experience. Mark's love for Ballroom dance began in the mid 80's, and he has since honed his skills to become a professional instructor in Columbus, Ohio. His commitment to excellence and passion for teaching shine through in every lesson he delivers. Mark's warm and friendly demeanor creates a comfortable learning environment for dancers of all levels, making Time2Dance with Mark the perfect place to start or continue your dance journey.

**Group Dance Classes—Mondays at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall**

Join our Group Dance Classes to learn new styles and meet new people in a fun and social environment. No partner required! \$25.00/person/month

**Private Dance Lessons by appointment**

Our Private Dance Lessons are personalized to your skill level and goals, providing one-on-one attention to help you improve your dance technique and confidence.



**Staff**

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