



# Connect

Newsletter of Central Trinity UMC

## The Questions: Part II

by Pastor Jon Exman

“Every question we carry ultimately finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Jesus helps us in our questions because He is the Answer.”



Last month we tried to answer some of life's hard questions. This month we look at 5 of the biggest questions about our faith. Here are some of the honest doubts that arise when we seek to place our faith in God.

### 1. Does God really exist?

In a skeptical age, many wonder if belief in God is wishful thinking. Romans 1:20 says, “For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.” Psalm 19:1 says it this way: “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”

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**Look at the stars, the intricacy of life, your own conscience—God has not left Himself without witness.**

## **2. If God is good, why does He allow suffering?**

This is perhaps the most painful question of all. The Bible doesn't ignore it; it meets us in it. **Paul speaks of it in Romans 8:18: "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."** He adds to that with Romans 8:28: **"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."** James 1:2-4 speaks of suffering this way: **"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."**

Remember these words. Suffering is not the final word—God redeems it, walks with us through it, and will one day end it forever.

## **3. Is the Bible really true?**

With so many competing voices, can we trust this ancient book? Yes—because it is God's very word. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 tells us this: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." It has stood the test of time, fulfilled prophecies, and changed countless lives because its Author is faithful.

## **4. How can I know God's will for my life?**

So many people ask this difficult question. We want specific directions, but God often calls us to deeper trust. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."** Then again Paul helps us out in Romans 12:2: **"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."** As we know Him through His Word and prayer, His will becomes clearer day by day.

## **5. How can I have genuine faith in God?**

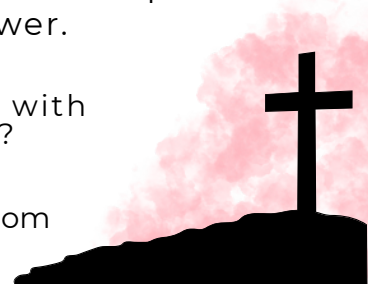
Many wonder if their faith is real or just emotion. Scripture defines it beautifully in Hebrews 11:1: **"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."** This continues in verse 6: **"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."** Faith is not blind—it is a confident trust in the God who has proven Himself faithful.

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# Family Life

by Lesa Exman

Your go-to spot for updates, tips, and opportunities to help children and youth grow in faith.



Summer is one of the best seasons for our youth to connect with one another, have fun, and grow in their faith. We're looking forward to a meaningful summer together!

## Youth Group Outing

### Tuesday, June 9 Mohican Adventures

*River Tubing, Aerial Park, Go-Karts & Miniature Golf*

Leave the church at 8:00 a.m.

Return around 7:30 p.m.

This will be a full day of excitement! Please have your youth **RSVP to Lesa by Wednesday, June 3.**

## Wesley Church Camp

We are excited to send four of our youth to Wesley Church Camp the week of June 21–26. Please keep these young people in your prayers — that they will have a wonderful time and, most of all, grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus. Sunday Youth Group Summer Schedule:

- **June 7** – No Youth Group
- **June 14** – Swim Party at Alicia Jordan's house (4:00–6:00 p.m.)
- **June 21** – No Youth Group (Dropping off campers)

I will be on vacation from **June 28** through **July 12**, so we will not have Youth Group those three Sundays. We look forward to gathering again on **July 19** for a Church Swim Party at the

Dresden Pool (more details coming soon!). Here's the rest of the summer schedule:

- **July 26** – Scoops & Youth Game Night (6:30–8:30 p.m.)
- **August 2** – Youth Group
- **August 9** – Glow Night
- **August 16** – Fair Night (More info coming soon)
- **August 23** – Youth Group
- **August 30** – Youth Group

I am so thankful for all of you and for the wonderful volunteers in this ministry who pour so much love and time into our children and youth each week.

Even during the weeks we don't meet, I encourage families to stay connected and keep pointing our young people toward Jesus. Summer is a great time to nurture those faith conversations at home and strengthen friendships within our church family.

Parents, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. Let's pray together that this summer will be filled with joy, strong friendships, and meaningful growth in faith for all our youth.

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# POOL PARTY

SUNDAY 19 JULY

DRESDEN POOL



# Year-to-Date Financial Report

by Holly Ruetz



“Thank you for generously giving to the ministries of Central Trinity.

Here is a breakdown of what your gifts supported in April 2026.”

## April 2026

**Personnel: \$23,143** (Salaries & Benefits)

**Administrative: \$1,134** (Office supplies)

**Christian Education: \$1,345** (Easter events, Adult Sunday School books, BFKS youth event)

**Property: \$5,391** (Maintenance, Utilities, Insurance)

**Worship: \$782** (Choir music, choir member stipends, Easter flower balance, candles)

**Outreach: \$5,304** (Apportionments, Advertising)

**Non-budgeted designated giving total \$1,798**  
(Altar flowers, Bowl for Kids Sake, Easter flowers)

**April Attendance:**  
140

**YTD Income:**  
\$145,989

**YTD Expenses:**  
\$148,732

**YTD Budget Target:**  
\$154,174

*In Loving Memory of*



*MaryJane McDonald*

July 13, 1935 - May 25, 2026

*In Loving Memory of*



*Judy C. Stanton*

January 26, 1948 - May 19, 2026

With sadness, we share that MaryJane McDonald and Judy Stanton passed away during the past month. We give thanks for their lives, their faith, and the love they shared with our church family. Please keep their families and loved ones in your prayers during this time.

# Ministry News



## Lead Pastor

Jon Exman

## Children's Ministries

Lesa Exman

## Director of Music

Jim McLaughlin

## Chancel and Children's Choir

Ann Sims

## Wesleyan and Carillon Bells

Andy Ruetz

## Ignite Worship

Katlyn Border

## Custodian

Dennis Dunlap

## Treasurer

Holly Ruetz

## Financial Secretary

Rick Mohler

## Secretary

Monica Bevan

## United Women in Faith

**United Women in Faith** meets Monday, June 1, 6 p.m., at the church. The program is "Never Stop Learning," based on Acts 8:26–40. Listening to the genuine in ourselves and others is what allows us to learn and grow. We can only hear the "sound of the genuine" when we become quiet and still enough to be attentive.

In June, **United Women in Faith** is participating in **Stud-A-Thon** with Habitat for Humanity to decorate studs with words of encouragement to be used in the walls of new construction for houses. Check for more details to come in the bulletin.

## Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets 5 p.m., in the parlor, most Thursdays during the summer; check with Jayne Dunlap or Janice Deal. All are welcome for stitching, praying, and fellowship.

## Memorial Gifts 2025-2026

**The Memorial Committee** is grateful for the generosity shown through memorial gifts given in honor and memory of loved ones. These gifts continue to support meaningful ministries within our church community.

For 2025–2026, memorial funds have been designated for the purchase of an iPad and Bible software for a Youth Ministry Leader to support Bible study preparation, lesson planning, and youth discipleship.

Memorial funds will also help provide metal photo tiles for the Disciple Hallway Display, celebrating the life and ministry of our church family through meaningful photographs and memories.

The Memorial Committee sincerely thanks everyone who has contributed to the memorial fund. Your generosity continues to bless our church and its ministries.

**ZANESVILLE  
MEMORIAL  
CONCERT BAND  
2026  
SEASON**

**ZANE'S LANDING PARK**



**MAY 31**

***Horizons***

**JUNE 14**

***Voices That  
Inspire***

**JUNE 28**

***America250***



**JULY 12**

***Circus Days***

**JULY 26**

***Toward a  
More Perfect  
Union***

**All concerts start at 7:00  
All concerts are FREE**

-  Rain location for the first concert on 5/31, is Secret Auditorium.
-  Rain location for all of the other concerts are Zanesville City Schools STEAM Center, located behind the middle school at 1429 Blue Ave.

# ET Worship

Come as Yourself • Grow in Faith • Serve with Love

June 7, 2026

## Unfailing Hope

Psalm 33:17-22,  
Titus 2:11-15



June 14, 2026

## Unfailing Faith

1 Corinthians 1:4-9,  
Lamentations 3:21-23,  
Psalms 36:5-6



June 21, 2026

## Unfailing Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and  
verse 13,  
Romans 8:38-39,  
Psalms 136:1

### Service Schedule

Ignite (Modern) 9:00 a.m.  
Traditional: 10:30 a.m.

**Children's worship  
available each Sunday  
from: 8:50 to 11:30 a.m.**  
(Birth - Infants - 6th grade)



**Handicapped Parking available  
at North entrance of parking lot.**

June 28, 2026

## Guest Preacher



To watch the  
service!

### Ushers

Doug Brigg  
Dan Kieffer  
Duane Deal



# Music and Volunteers

## Music During the 10:30 a.m. Service



**June 7**  
Abby Robbins

**June 14**  
Samantha Roush & Samuel Estrada

**June 21**  
Jennifer Shields's Music Ensemble

**June 28**  
Jeremy Roush

## Volunteers 9:30 a.m.

**June 7**  
Patty Bradley

**June 14**  
Katie Garret

**June 21**  
Amy Stanton

**June 28**  
Holly Ruetz



## Volunteers 10:30 p.m.

**June 7**  
Lexi Sims & Lilly Bradshaw

**June 14**  
Lexi Sims & Lilly Bradshaw

**June 21**  
Lexi Sims

**June 28**  
Lexi Sims & Lilly Bradshaw



## Regular at Central Trinity



**9:00 a.m.** Ignite Service  
**9:00 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:30 a.m.** Traditional Service  
**10:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**6:30 p.m.** CT Youth



**11:00 a.m.** Bible Studies



**5:00 p.m.** Angel Wings PSM

## Kids Own Worship

**June 7**  
Lesla Exman

**June 14**  
Amanda Smith

**June 21**  
Lesla Exman

**June 28**  
Lori Wyatt



**Everybody is Welcome! Join us for our regular church activities, including worship services, Bible studies, fellowship gatherings, and special events. No matter where you are on your faith journey, there is a place for you here at Central Trinity UMC. We look forward to welcoming you and growing together in faith and community.**

**JOIN NOW** ➔



Central Trinity United Methodist Church



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# Birthdays and Anniversaries

This month, we joyfully celebrate the birthdays of these cherished Central Trinity family members! May the year ahead be filled with blessings, joy, and new opportunities to grow in faith and love. Be sure to wish them a happy birthday when you see them!

<b>Ethan Reilly</b>	06/01	<b>Luke Carpenter</b>	06/12	<b>Jody Hinton</b>	06/25
<b>Gwendolyn Goldsmith</b>	06/03	<b>Wyatt James</b>	06/12	<b>Mia Wilson</b>	06/25
<b>Penelope Higdon</b>	06/04	<b>David Shook</b>	06/13	<b>Jim Garrett</b>	06/26
<b>Annabell Higdon</b>	06/04	<b>Sam Durfee</b>	06/13	<b>Joseph Buck</b>	06/26
<b>Ayla Davis</b>	06/05	<b>Gordon Clutter</b>	06/13	<b>Stephanie Fusner</b>	06/27
<b>Amy Radcliffe</b>	06/06	<b>Eric Shields</b>	06/15	<b>Melissa Kuhlman</b>	06/27
<b>Mallary Trout</b>	06/07	<b>Ashtynn Ehrnfield</b>	06/16	<b>Kelsey Ball</b>	06/27
<b>Vincent Bevan</b>	06/08	<b>John Miller</b>	06/17	<b>Steve Welker</b>	06/29
<b>Lucy Fleck</b>	06/09	<b>Barbara Roberts</b>	06/19	<b>Romney Bunker</b>	06/29
<b>Elise Burtnett</b>	06/10	<b>Max Zimmerman</b>	06/20	<b>Douglas Dilley</b>	06/29
<b>Leslie Dunmead</b>	06/12	<b>Griffin Roberts</b>	06/22	<b>Blake Stubbins</b>	06/30

## 80s and 90s+

<b>Marcie Hunter</b> 06/13 (86) 322 E Taylor St. Zanesville, OH. 43701	<b>Virgene Murphy</b> 06/20 (81) 2860 Chandlersville Rd. Zanesville, OH. 43701	<b>Richard Lothes</b> 05/23 (80) 1300 Somers St. Zanesville, OH. 43701	<b>Rodney Humphrey</b> 06/29 (90) 479 Stewart St. Zanesville, OH. 43701
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**We thank God for the gift of each of these lives!**

"I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well."

—Psalm 139:14 (NKJV)



A wedding anniversary is a beautiful reminder of love, commitment, and the journey shared together. As a church family, we celebrate these special milestones and give thanks for the lasting bonds that reflect God's love.

Roger & Virgene Murphy	<b>06/06</b>	Daniel & Sheryl Hartman	<b>06/25</b>
Brad & Ann Sims	<b>06/12</b>	Jon & Lesa Exman	<b>06/25</b>
Jerry & Julie Siddle	<b>06/15</b>	Laura & Andy* Clutter	<b>06/25</b>
Ann & Kyle* Fleck	<b>06/18</b>	Michael & Jody Hinton	<b>06/26</b>
Neala & Keith* Young	<b>06/19</b>	Melinda & Karl* Kaiser	<b>06/28</b>
William Murphy II & Carol Murphy	<b>06/23</b>	Heidi & Matt* Williams	<b>06/29</b>
Darren & Lori Talbot	<b>06/24</b>	Bruce & Judith Sindeldecker	<b>06/30</b>



June



Note:  
80s & 90s+ in bold letters

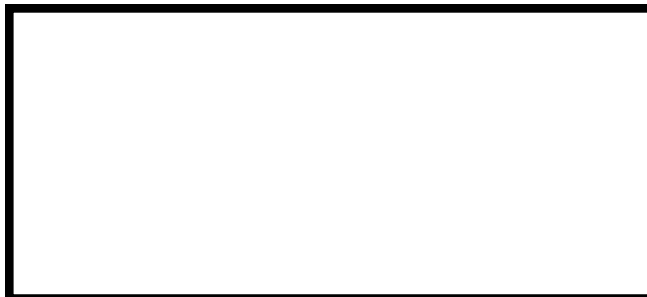
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. UWFaith	2	3 11:00 a.m. Bible Studies	4 5:00 p.m. Angel Wings PSM	5	6
7 Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Ignite Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service 03:00 Tyler Driggs Recital	8	9 Mohican Adventures	10 11:00 a.m. Bible Studies	11 5:00 p.m. Angel Wings PSM	12 ConnecT due Date	13 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. DAR/SAR <b>Marcie Hunter (86)</b>
14 9:00 a.m. Ignite Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service Youth Swim Party	15	16 6:30 p.m. Staff Parish	17 11:00 a.m. Bible Studies	18 5:00 p.m. Angel Wings PSM	19	20 <b>Virgene Murphy (81)</b>
21 9:00 a.m. Ignite Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service Youth Dropping Off (Camp)	22	23 <b>Roger Lothes (80)</b>	24 11:00 a.m. Bible Studies 6:00 p.m. Trustees	25 5:00 p.m. Angel Wings PSM	26	27
28 9:00 a.m. Ignite Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service Tyler Driggs Recital	29 <b>Rodney Humphrey (90)</b>	30				

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