



## THE TALLMADGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER



LOVE with intention LIVE as God's footprint LEAD people to discipleship.

### **A Vision for God's Future: Embracing the Beauty of a Native Wildflower Meadow**

Sowing seeds is one of Jesus' parables which is contained in all three of the synoptic gospels (see Mt 13, Mark 4, or Luke 8). In Matthew's version, between the parable itself and the explanation of the parable, Jesus talks about why he speaks in parables.

Matthew 13:16-17 sums it up, "But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

The parable is about life sprouting from seeds. There are reasons given that keep the seed from doing what is intended. The good seed is meant to be planted, to grow, to flourish and produce fruit.

To all the people of the Tallmadge and Stow UMC's I hope that you keep this analogy in mind whenever you see the progress being made in planting what will become a beautiful native wildflower meadow in the front lawn of the Tallmadge Church. (Stow folks, this will require a short road trip.) Over the next one to three years the uniform green of a traditional lawn, but by a vibrant tapestry of wildflowers swaying in the breeze. This transformation from turf to meadow is more than a landscaping trend—it's a celebration of nature's resilience and beauty. A native wildflower meadow inspires a sense of wonder, connecting you to the rhythms of the local ecosystem while offering sanctuary to pollinators and wildlife.

Both churches have been through some years of decline and discouragement. Yet there are still many people who joyfully hold onto a vision for a future of life and flourishing beauty. There are people in both churches who faithfully prepare for including and teaching the children who are part of the congregation with a vision of many children in the future. There are people who plan and prepare studies and events to bring encounters with a real and living God through an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ.

As the wildflower meadow takes, begins this transformation, may we pray expectantly for lives transformed by the Holy Spirit and the lived love of the faithful people in our congregations!

Blessings,  
Pastor Scott

**WORSHIP WITH PASTOR SCOTT  
9 AM SUNDAYS IN THE SANCTUARY  
ENJOY YOUR COFFEE AND TREATS WHILE YOU ARE IN SERVICE**

# BIBLE STUDIES & GROUPS

Here are the latest opportunities to strengthen your faith and connect with the church community.



## GROWING CHRISTIANS

The Adult Sunday School class meets every week following the early worship service. New members and visitors are always welcome! We invite you to share your joys and concerns, hear the perspectives of others, and enrich your worship experience.

Join us at 10:05am in the Pioneer Room right after the 9:00am service.



## GROUP STUDY/ DISCUSSION

In-person & zoom Tuesdays 11:00 AM.  
Pastor Scott is examining the Scripture passage & developing the sermon for the following Sunday morning.  
Please email Pastor Scott to be added to our group: [smlow45@gmail.com](mailto:smlow45@gmail.com)



## Movie Night!

### THE MONDAY NIGHT DINNER AND A MOVIE GROUP

We gather at 6pm for a potluck dinner, bring a dish to share. We eat during the show and have a discussion after.

We welcome everyone to join us.

Pastor Scott

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## MEN'S GROUP

Men, join this group for coffee, donuts & friendship. Each week, a different person leads a faith-related devotion/discussion that may begin with Scripture or a topic of choice. As needed, this group also helps with projects.

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month we meet at Bob Evans Howe Ave.**

**Thursdays 8:30 AM (Church Pioneer Room)**



## Administrative Council Meeting

**In the Pioneer room.**

The next meeting is at 7:00pm on

Wednesday May 13, 2026

All members of the church are welcome.



## Women's Monthly Breakfast

TUMC Women's Fellowship would love to see you at our monthly breakfast. We meet the second Saturday at

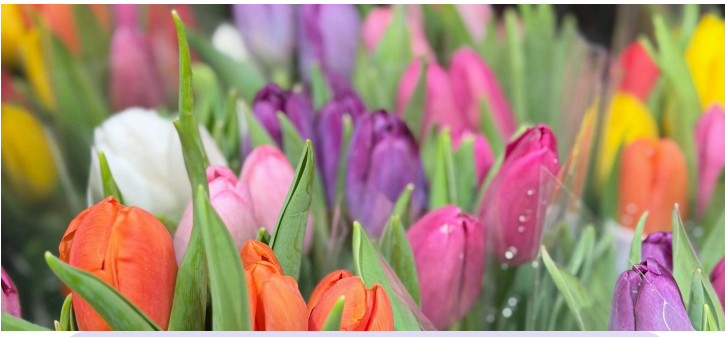
**Brimfield Panera.** We discuss women of the Bible, while we enjoy our coffee and bagel. Come join us on **May 9, 2026 9 am**

## CHILDREN'S Sunday School

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10:05AM

Pre-K Thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Teen Helpers



## Prayer's For Healing

- DIANNE BRATT
- TIM BROWN
- SCOTT CAMPBELL
- ANDY COTTON
- KATHY DAVIS ( KIM AND JANET NIECE)
- JOHN & MARY DUFF
- JENNIFER FISCHER
- RON & MARGIE GOODELL'S GRANDSON RONAN
- RON GOODELL
- RICK HARTMAN
- KAREN HENRY'S Great Great Nephew
- OWEN CHARLES KUHN
- PAT MOLLAHAN
- GLORIA MULHOLLEN
- TY ROGERS
- CRAIG SCHLEY
- LORI'S SISTER SHARI
- DONNA STEWART
- PEGGY TROCHOWSKI'S DAUGHTER STEPHANIE

## BIRTHDAY'S

<b>Diane Mulhollen</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Debbie Schmid</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Richard Storey</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Ryan Prior</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Carolyn Wolcott</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Marnie Sanders</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Matthew Keel</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Avery Randolph</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>John Wolcott</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Steven Knauss</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Cooper Randolph</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Janet Storey</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Grace Elliott</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Kayla Delaney</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Josh Low</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Sam Low</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Linda Crissey</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Joe Divencenzo</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Ryan Bradley</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Karen Viall</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>John Benedetto</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Joyce Chapman</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Matthew Smith</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Michael Smith</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Joan Trent</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>David Bartlett</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Jonathon Lewis</b>	<b>30</b>

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2026 Goodworks Mission Trip

June 21st thru 27TH ALL are welcome to join.  
see Pastor Scott.

### VBS Stow

Where- UMC Stow Methodist Church  
When- June 7,14, 21, & 28 ( Sundays)  
Time - 10:30 till noon  
Ages-3 yrs old to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
6<sup>th</sup> grade and older can help  
Can attend 1,2,3,or all 4 weeks



Use the link to register your child and or Volunteer:  
<https://stowumc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

### The Stow UMC Preschool is now HIRING a Lead Teacher for the 2026/27 School Year!

Requirements include a degree in Early Childhood Education or related field, classroom experience, and strong communication and classroom management skills.  
If working with young children is your passion, we would love to talk to you about joining our team! Send your resume and cover letter to [stowumcpreschool@outlook.com](mailto:stowumcpreschool@outlook.com) by May 11th!

### UMC IN STOW INFORMATION

Pastor Scott preaches at Stow each week or the link below is Youtube where you can also watch live or anytime.

Stow United Methodist Church  
Sunday Worship Schedule  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/@umcstowworship6985>

Pastor Scott's meetings at Stow:  
The Committees meet second Tuesday every month.  
Administrative Board meet fourth Tuesdays  
JAN, MAR, MAY, JULY, SEPT, & NOV

# GIVING

## MISSION COLLECTION LAST DAY TO DROP OFF JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> 2026



### HOME CARE KITS

- liquid household cleaner - 56-80 oz. total (no spray bottles)
- dish soap - 42-64 oz.
- liquid laundry detergent - 100-150 oz. total
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 five-gallon round bucket with resealable lid



### PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS

- 1 hand towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 toothbrush (no multipacks)
- 1 bar soap - 3-4 oz.
- 1 shampoo - 12-19 oz.
- 1 deodorant - 2-3 oz. (stick, roll-on, or pump)
- 1 lotion - 8-10 oz.
- 1 one-gallon resealable plastic bag
- \$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag



## PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS AND HOME CARE KITS

**EACH KIT HAS A LIST OF ITEMS TO  
INCLUDE AND A ITEM BIG  
ENOUGH TO PUT ALL OTHER  
ITEMS IN.**

**THERE IS A BOX IN THE NARTHEX  
TO LEAVE THESE IN**

**A GOOD WAY TO GIVE BACK.  
YOU CAN DO AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE  
AS YOU WANT. EVERYTHING HELPS.  
QUESTIONS CALL PAM AT THE  
CHURCH TUESDAYS OR WEDNESDAY  
MORNINGS**

## HELP NEEDED

### WE ARE IN NEED OF HELP

In order to plant the Wildflowers we need someone to disc the area, which means to disc the ground so that the ground is broke up in order to plant the seed. If you know of anyone who can do this please let Scott know.

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



### BLUE DEVILS DARE TO SHARE

**(D2S) program.**

**D2S is a weekend nutrition program that provides food to kids in need in the Tallmadge Schools. To help with packing and delivery, contact Pastor Scott.**

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



## TUMC LOVE FUND

Our church has a fund that allows Pastor Scott to confidentially help persons/families in need.

## TO GIVE TO ANY OF OUR MISSIONS

Note on your check or GIVE on the church website and click "Other" at checkout and it will require you to note what it is for. Thank you for your generosity!



## THE PEOPLE'S CLOSET

We are open the first Saturday of each month from 9am-12pm.



There will be a group workday every Saturday from 9am to 12pm except the second Saturday each month we will work after the Women's breakfast. If anyone is interested in volunteering either or both days, please contact Sue Snyder. If anyone has items to drop off for donation, and nobody is at the church, items may be left safely inside the shed next to Door 4 (By the Fellowship Hall entrance)

### **School Supplies Needed**

Peoples Closet would like to have school supplies on hand year round for children that need them during the school year. If you are able to donate any items on the list below please drop off at The People's Closet. Thank you Sue

No 2 pencils  
Pencil pouches  
Pencil sharpener  
Markers  
Eraser  
Plastic folders  
Glue sticks  
Scissors  
Colored pencils

# Our Members

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS  
WHO DONATED TO OUR MISSION  
TRIPS

Our dinner was a success we raised  
\$1250.00

ALONG WITH \$375.00 FOR Pampered  
Chef Party

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Deadline to submit to the monthly  
newsletter is the third Wednesday of the  
month.

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