



# THE SONLIGHT

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## WELCOME OUR NEW CONGREGATIONAL CARE PASTOR



Pastor Bonnie L. Loudner is a retired Ordained Deacon in the West Ohio Conference. She was consecrated as a Diaconal Minister in 1992, then ordained to Full Deacon in 1997. Bonnie has served as Associate Pastor at numerous churches since 1986 with experience in all areas of ministry. Bonnie retired in 2012 and immediately sought out ministry opportunities outside the walls of the church. She began this new journey when she was hired by Goodwill Industries in Chillicothe, Ohio to start a Mentoring Program for “At Risk Youth.” Bonnie said, “It was immensely gratifying to see the life changes that occurred when youth were matched with an adult they could trust.” The grant was only for 3 years and was not renewed. Some of the young people who benefitted from that program continue to stay in contact with Bonnie today. She is still their biggest cheerleader!

The next adventure began at Sojourners in Vinton County, an organization that focuses on the needs of young people in today’s world ~ from high school dropouts, homeless youth, drug addiction and much more. Bonnie’s responsibilities at Sojourners were to recruit people to become foster parents and then walk them through all the state requirements to become licensed care givers. Bonnie says, “It was ministry that filled me with great passion and compassion for Foster Parents and the broken children they are given to love and to heal.”

Finally, the birth of a new granddaughter called Bonnie back to Dayton to become Amelia’s caregiver while her parents worked. During that time, Bonnie began to really miss her service with people. After a phone call to the District Superintendent seeking “something to do”, she was quickly appointed part time to serve two small churches in the Clinton County area. She has cared for Amelia and the people at Sharon and Zoar United Methodist Churches for the last five years.

Bonnie has been married to David for 53 years. They have four grown children and six grandchildren. Paul’s wife, Nancy Jo and their children have remained in Pitman, New Jersey since his death. Jason & Terese and their children reside in Columbus, Ohio. Rebecca & husband, Jason, live in Centerville, Ohio about 10 minutes away from Suzanne, her husband, Eric, and Amelia.

Bonnie will join the ministry team at Sulphur Grove in September. She is anxious to tell you her story of God’s grace and direction throughout her years of ministry, especially how God has brought her back “HOME” to serve all of you who affirmed her calling and sent her forth on a lifelong journey of serving our Lord.

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“Growing Disciples, Living and Sharing God’s love”



# Coffee Chat



You may have noticed a change in the front of the Taylorsville campus. The old brick sign with changeable type is gone. The sign was in bad shape and had served the church well for decades. The Trustees recognized the historical significance of the sign and wanted to honor that history. While the old sign is gone, the historical Sulphur Grove Evangelical United Brethren Church capstone of the sign has been preserved.

When the new flagpoles were installed at the TV campus, a concrete pad was poured between the flagpoles as a foundation for the new home of the capstone. Much thought went into preserving Sulphur Grove's history. The bricks that form the base for the capstone are from the old parsonage. Yes, some of the old parsonage bricks were saved for such a time as this!

Removing the old sign that was somewhat of an eyesore for some, will make way for any new church sign proposed by the MCCI signage team while preserving the historic capstone. No, a new sign will not be in the same spot as the old sign due to right of way issues, but it will make way for a new sign that will be perpendicular to Taylorsville Road and hopefully be capable of conveying multiple messages to passersby. Take a moment to thank the Trustees for preserving Sulphur Grove's history.

You may have heard that the church is exploring the possibility of moving the Y campus to the Brandt UMC church. The biggest question is probably "Why?" There are two primary reasons why the Y campus might move. The first is mission. It is very difficult to make disciples of Jesus Christ without either Sunday School (S.S.) or other form of Christian education. Marty rather regularly shared with me his disappointment that a family with children would come to visit the Y service, stay a few weeks, and once they realized there was very little for their children, they would not come back. Moving the Y campus to the Brandt church would provide space for S.S. classes. The second reason for moving the Y to the Brandt church is financial. It would benefit greatly both the Y and Brandt congregations to "pool" their resources financially making each more effective in mission and ministry.

As I write (8/23), nothing has yet been decided about such a move. I want to assure everyone that neither I nor the church leadership intend to force the folks at the Y to move to the Brandt church. That would be counterproductive. I am *encouraging* the Y and Brandt congregations to pray about this possibility. I ask that all the people of Sulphur Grove would be in prayer asking God to make God's will abundantly clear to the Y and Brandt congregations as well as the church leadership.

Bringing S.S. classes back to the TV campus and working to make it possible to have S.S. with a combined Y and Brandt congregation is just one more step in positioning Sulphur Grove to be more effective in its 150 year history of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Blessings & Peace,

*Bary*



## WATCH OR LISTEN LIVE!



Traveling this fall? Visiting parents, grandparents or grandkids? You can still worship with your friends and neighbors at Sulphur Grove. The Taylorsville campus broadcasts the 10:45 am service live on the internet. To view simply go to the SGUMC website at [sulphurgrove.org](http://sulphurgrove.org) and click on the colorful Sulphur Grove icon to watch the video feed. If you have a slow internet connection you can access the audio only feed at <https://mixlr.com/sulphur-grove> to listen to the service. You can hear all the music, all the prayers, and even the jokes! Livestreaming of the Y services is coming soon!



## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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### HOMEFULL REPORT

I want to thank Jim & Rita Carmen and Dave Farlee for all their help. This month we served 98 meals to the ladies and families. We served our usual lunch of chicken & noodles, green beans, rolls, cupcakes this month, fresh fruit, fruit drinks and water. We served everything we had and received many thanks from everyone. We always serve the first Saturday of every month. If anyone is interested in joining the group, please let me know (Clela Farlee: farlee@sbcglobal.net).

### WANNA RING? CALL NOW!



Maybe you always dreamed or wanted to play the piano or an instrument but didn't have the time. You can learn to ring handbells and make your dreams come true. Handbells help reinforce and strengthen your ability to read music, enhance rhythm skills and counting beats all in fun. You would be

amazed at how much fun it is to ring bells and create music with others.

Give DeAnn Long a call (937-974-9345) and learn to ring bells. WE NEED YOU!!!

### WANTED: COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES



It is the start of a new school year! We are planning to send our traditional fall care packages to our college students. Depending on the Covid-19 situation, this could change to gift cards. It is extremely important, parents and grandparents, that

you submit new information or verify old addresses, so that we do not miss anyone. Do include those students who are studying virtually. Please turn the names in **ASAP** to Nancy Trent at [Tonyponcho@aol.com](mailto:Tonyponcho@aol.com) or text 937-681-2701. Providing this information in a timely manner helps with buying supplies and allows those making or supplying goodies to budget accordingly. Thank you.

### FINAL EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP BUCKET APPEAL



The time to donate monies for an emergency clean-up bucket is quickly drawing to a close. We will be collecting money through September 15, 2021 then our collection will be sent off to Church World Service to provide buckets for those who are victims of natural disasters.

Please consider spreading God's love in this way. A bucket is \$75 plus a \$3 shipping fee. To give just designate "Emergency clean-up Buckets" in the memo line of your check so our Treasurer knows the intent of the money. Through the end of July, Sulphur Grove has generously given \$809 which will help many disaster victims. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity. Sulphur Grove is blessed to be a blessing.

In His Love and Service,

Jean Mahan

Missions Committee

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY INFO

#### Sunday Morning

Beginning **Sunday, September 5th**, we will be starting a new Bible study, **Listening to God**.

Does God hear us? Does God speak? How can we connect with God when all seems to be lost? What is our role in listening? Through studying both biblical characters and teaching, the ten studies in this study will help us understand how to seek and find an ever deeper dialogue with God. We will be meeting in **room 302/303** at 9:30am, following the first service. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend, please contact Bill Baker, [bbaker@donet.com](mailto:bbaker@donet.com), so a study guide will be available for you.

#### Tuesday Evening

Beginning **Tuesday, September 14th**, we will be starting a new Bible study, **God's Love: Knowing God Through the Psalms**. These 10 lessons will help us gain a greater understanding of the character of our loving God. God cares for us in so many ways. He offers help, calms our fears, guides and strengthens us. This study will help us find how God brings true satisfaction to our lives.

We will be meeting in room 302/303 from 6:00PM to 7:30PM. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend please contact Bill Baker, [bbaker@donet.com](mailto:bbaker@donet.com), so a study guide will be available for you.

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### ATTENTION ALL MEN

The 3rd Annual MEN IN THE PARK EVENT!

When: Sunday, September 26th, 2021

Time: 1 pm to 4 pm

Where: Carriage Hill Metro Park - Cedar Lake Shelter  
7891 Shull Rd. Huber Hts, OH 45424

Bring your favorite grilling food / side dish.

We will have the grills going and provide soft drinks, water, plates and utensils.

Also, if you like to fish, bring your rod and some bait!

Good food, good fun and good fellowship!

No rsvp required. Come as you are! Hope to see you there!

Have questions or need info? Please call Dan Bertke at: 937-901-8310.

### GRUB ON THE RUN CONTINUES ITS RECORD SETTING PACE!

The July Grub-on-the-Run, held on Tuesday, July 24, served another 244 dinners. While this was a high number, this was down a bit from the all-time high of 284 meals in June, we continue on a record setting pace. So far this year, your Grub Team has served more than 1,500 meals. This puts Sulphur Grove on pace to serve more than 2,600 meals this year alone!

Keeping up this record setting pace tells your Grub team that there continues to be a great need for meals in Huber Heights. We will always have room for more people at Grub. Invite your old friends, invite your new friends, and invite your soon to be friends to join us for the next Grub-on-the-Run.

### DID YOU MISS YOUR CHICKEN CASSEROLE FROM THE AU- GUST GRUB-ON-THE-RUN?

Those of you who joined us for Grub-on-the-Run in August had a chance to dine on a delicious chicken vegetable casserole meal. If you missed this magnificent dining experience in August, then you can plan your special picnic dinner for September 28 to dine on your porch, your deck, or your patio. We will be serving Sloppy Joe fixins with a bun, chips, applesauce and dessert provided by your Grub-on-the-Run servants. Mark your calendar for September 28 at 5:00pm to drive through Grub-on-the-Run, pick up your meals, take them home, and enjoy your picnic dinner.

Plan your picnic, **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 28**, pray that God's face will shine upon you and that you can enjoy your picnic meal.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- That our neighbors at Hardee's on the corner of Taylorsville and Brandt Pike have been permitting Sulphur Grove to put a sign on their lawn advertising a "FREE MEAL" at Grub-on-the-Run each time we host Grub? Hardee's does this even though Grub is in direct competition with them in serving the people of Huber Heights. Next time you patronize this gracious neighbor's restaurant be sure to say "Thank You."
- That your Grub Team is waiting for your suggestions for menu items? If you have something in mind for the menu that can be made to feed 250+ people and served take-out style, we would love to hear your ideas.
- **Grub-at-the-Grove Needs YOU!** It takes 30-40 servants doing everything from shopping for supplies, baking desserts, making the meal, greeting and seating the guests, serving the meal, clearing the tables, to carrying out the trash and washing the dishes to make Grub-at-the-Grove go. When we re-open "business as usual" for Grub-at-the-Grove, we need a full complement of volunteers. There is plenty of room on the Grub servant team for any person interested in being a volunteer. Please call or email Vicki Minning at 937-236-0048 or vickiminning@gmail.com.



## UMW NEWS ...

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### **All ladies are invited to attend UMW meetings and events**

- **CARITAS** will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 1 at 9:30am. The program will be led by Clela Farlee. The Fish item is toilet paper. For more information contact Marge Graves (937)441-7667 or margsocks@aol.com.
- **NEW DIMENSIONS** will meet Tuesday, September 14 at 7pm, location to be determined. Stephanie Payne will lead us in Chapter 4, "Encouraging One Another". The Fish item is toilet paper. For more information contact Darlene Rabe (937)307-5489 or [rabedc@aol.com](mailto:rabedc@aol.com).

Those wishing to contribute monetary donations for the Baby Ready Baskets send checks to Linda Hamm 4328 Dobbin Circle, Huber Heights OH 45424. Make checks out to Sulphur Grove UMW and designate for Baby Ready Basket.

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# September

## Worship SCHEDULE

**TAYLORSVILLE**

**Worship 8:30am & 10:45 am**

**YMCA**

**Worship 10:30 am**

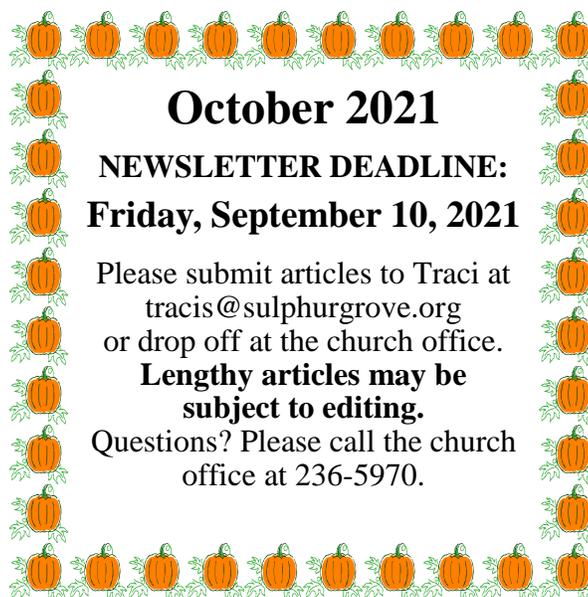
<p><b>September 5</b>  <i>"The Power of Storytelling:                      The Need to be Thanked"</i>                      Luke 17: 7-10</p>	<p><b>September 5</b>  <i>"The Power of Storytelling:                      The Need to be Thanked"</i>                      Luke 17: 7-10</p>
<p><b>September 12</b>  <i>"The Power of Storytelling:                      The Cost of Discipleship"</i>                      Luke 14: 25-33</p>	<p><b>September 12</b>  <i>"The Power of Storytelling:                      The Cost of Discipleship"</i>                      Luke 14: 25-33</p>
<p><b>September 19</b>  <i>"The Power of Storytelling:                      That's Not Fair!"</i>                      Matthew 20: 1-16</p>	<p><b>September 19</b>  <i>"The Power of Storytelling:                      That's Not Fair!"</i>                      Matthew 20: 1-16</p>
<p><b>September 26</b>  <i>"The Power of Storytelling:                      With Whom Do You Identify?"</i>                      Luke 15: 11-32</p>	<p><b>September 26</b>  <i>"The Power of Storytelling:                      With Whom Do You Identify?"</i>                      Luke 15: 11-32</p>

Please keep in mind, if you do not feel comfortable returning to church just yet, online streaming will continue to be available.

**SULPHUR GROVE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS—YEAR TO DATE AS OF JULY 31, 2021**  
**On-line giving available on our website at [www.sulphurgrove.org](http://www.sulphurgrove.org).**

Total General Fund Giving	\$353,660.59
Transfers to Budget	\$900.76
Total General Fund Income	\$354,561.35
Total General Fund Expenses	\$385,180.68
Loan Balance	\$522,000.61
Payment to Loan Principal	\$1,136,472.45

Monthly detailed finance reports are available through the church office. Please contact Ray Fosnot at [treasurer@sulphurgrove.org](mailto:treasurer@sulphurgrove.org) or 236-5970 if you would like to receive a report or have questions.



**October 2021**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
**Friday, September 10, 2021**

Please submit articles to Traci at [tracis@sulphurgrove.org](mailto:tracis@sulphurgrove.org) or drop off at the church office.  
**Lengthy articles may be subject to editing.**  
 Questions? Please call the church office at 236-5970.

## Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church Ministers

**The People of Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church including:**

**Barry Baughman.....Lead Pastor**  
**TBD .....Pastor Y Location & Brandt UMC**  
**Bonnie Loudner ..... Congregational Care Pastor**

**Eric Munson .....Director of Youth Ministries**  
**Candy Buffenbarger... Director of Children’s Ministries**  
**Samantha Seeberg..... Taylorsville Choir Director**  
**Norman Moxley ..... Y Worship Leader**  
**Jessica Voline ..... Y Production Worship Specialist**  
**Lea Warren ..... Technical Multi-Media Specialist**  
**Gary Carmack..... Brandt Worship Leader**

**Ray Fosnot ..... Treasurer**  
**Jenny Vossler ..... Financial Secretary**  
**Traci Schaaf ..... Administrative Assistant**

**TAYLORSVILLE**  
 7505 Taylorsville Road  
 Huber Heights OH 45424  
 (937) 236-5970  
 Worship ~ 8:30am & 10:45am  
 Kiawanda Language Worship  
 3:00pm -5:00pm in Holden Chapel

**YMCA**  
 7251 Shull Road  
 Huber Heights OH 45424  
 (937) 236-9622  
 Worship ~ 10:30am

**BRANDT**  
 6805 East US 40  
 Tipp City, OH 45371  
 (937) 845-8025  
 Worship ~ 12:00pm

**Taylorsville Office Hours:**  
 Mon - Thurs: 9:00am - 1:30pm  
 Closed on Fridays until further notice  
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