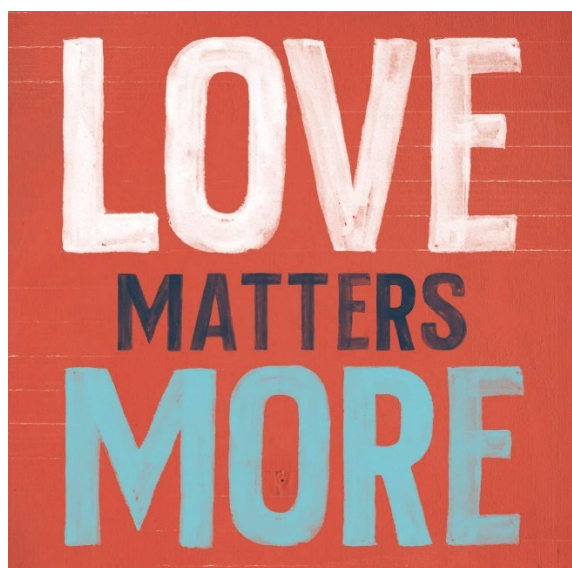


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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joan Stott, based on Psalm 85, Philippians 4:7 & John 14:27

LEADER: We come to worship and praise our loving God, and rejoice in God's tender mercy towards us.

PEOPLE: **Great is the love of God.**

LEADER: We come to worship and honour our merciful God, and rejoice in the wonder of forgiven and forgotten sin.

PEOPLE: **God's mercies are new every day.**

LEADER: We come to worship and revere our glorious God, who enriches life and speaks peace into the hearts of all faithful people.

PEOPLE: **Let us share the peace that passes all understanding.**

*HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies
UM Hymnal #185

When morning gilds the skies
my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day
when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear
when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
In heaven's eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th' eternal song
through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Text: Edward Caswall (1854), vs 3 Robert S. Bridges (1899)
Music: Joseph Barnby (1868)

SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:5-7 (NRSV)

⁵ For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with excellence, and excellence with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN LEADERS

Jill Croswell
Sue Troller

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

O God, we ask you to take our Stephen Ministers into your care. You have blessed them with particular gifts and talents and have provided them with an opportunity to learn more about helping people. May they serve you with the power of the Holy Spirit; may they be quick to serve, patient in listening, willing to share themselves. Give to us thankful hearts for them, and show them in times of stress and satisfaction a special measure of your mercy and joy. Keep them strong in the faith you have given them for the sake of Jesus, who cares for all of us in every way forever. Amen.

HYMN

It is Well with My Soul
UM Hymnal #377, refrain only

It is well, With my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873
Music: Philip P Bliss, 1876

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PASTORAL PRAYERS

posted by Theresa Coleman
inspired by with allusions to Psalm 23, John 10 and 1 Peter 2

Dearest Lord,
Holy Lamb of God,
Shepherd of the world,
You lead us to places of rest and relief.
You are our provider, sustainer and we will never
want for Your Presence.

Holy Lamb of God,
You are the Good Shepherd.
We follow You Lord because we know Your voice.
We know that You will lead us through the valley of
the shadow of death. You are Yourself the Gate—
we come to the Throne of Grace through You.
Anoint us with Your Holy Spirit: help us to devote
ourselves to Your good teachings, to worship, to
fellowship and to prayer.

Holy Lamb of God,
today we pray for our sisters and brothers,
especially for those who suffer. We pray for the
children— those who live in plenty, but also for those
who live in want. We pray for all of those who live
alone, the homebound and the aged. We pray for
those who are absent from us. We pray for those who
grieve and mourn. We pray for those who are
imprisoned by addiction or disease.

Holy Lamb of God,
Help us to follow the example of Christ. Help us to
rejoice that we have been healed by His wounds!
Once we were wandering like lost sheep, but now we
have turned to Your Shepherd, the Guardian of our
souls. All we can say is thank You and pray that Your
goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our
lives. These things we pray in the name of your Son,
the Holy Lamb of God, who taught us to pray saying...

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

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GIVING

*RESPONSE

#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NRSV)

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but
do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging
cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers and
understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I
have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not
have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my
possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may
boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or
boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its
own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of
wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but
rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all
things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will
come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for
knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only
in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when the
complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹
When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a
child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult,
I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see only a
reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to
face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully,
even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith,
hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest
of these is love.

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MESSAGE

*Love Matters More—
Everything is in Service to Love*
Rev. David W. Brown

HYMN

God will Take Care of You
UM Hymnal #130

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Refrain:

*God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.*

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
when dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.
(Refrain)

All you may need God will provide,
God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.
(Refrain)

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you.
(Refrain).

Words: Civilla D. Martin
Music: W. Stillman Martin

BLESSING

inspired by Psalm 84:11-12

The Lord is our light and our protector.
God gives us grace and glory.
No good thing will the Lord withhold
from those who do what is right.
Blessed are those who trust in Lord.

**Stand as you are able*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Carol Ney

Liturgist at 9:40 – Beth Eberle

Armstrong Chapel Handbell Choir @ 9:40

Directed by Chester Imhausen

Prelude Canticle of Hope -Dobrinski
Offertory Jubilation -Parrish

Congratulations to Grace Strader and Kevin Smith who were married yesterday at Armstrong Chapel. Grace is the daughter of Bryan and Angie Strader.



FELLOWSHIP

Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40 service!

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



ONLINE
GIVING



Fall Kick-Off Brunch

Saturday, October 1

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Featuring special guest, Laurie Polich Short

Author of When Changing Nothing Changes Everything

Eyes To See

Early Registration \$25 per person Sign up by 9/25

\$30 9/26 - 10/1

*For more information and to sign up visit our home page at
www.armstrongchapel.org*



Direct link for brunch registration: <https://bit.ly/3bZPNmm>

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Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

There are times when every one of us experiences difficulties

HELP HOPE HEALING

God never intended for us to go through these experiences alone. That's why God has brought us together as a congregation - and why we have Stephen Ministry.

Every week, a Stephen Minister will meet with you - privately and confidentially - to listen, care, encourage, support, and reflect Christ's presence in your life.

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received 50 hours of training to minister to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time in life.

Rene Beck
Jill Croswell
Sandy Donovan
Jane Florer
Julie Holland
Andy Mauk
Jodie McElwee
Greg Miller
Becky Patterson
Martha Rassi
Vivien Shaw
Russell Sims
Debbie Sims
Sue Troller

stephenministries.org
armstrongchapel.org

If you'd like to learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone else, contact Pastor David Brown or email:

stephenministry@armstrongchapel.org

Thanksgiving with our neighbors at State Avenue UMC in Lower Price Hill

The meal isn't until November 20 ... but now is the time to plan our annual Thanksgiving meal with the families of State Avenue UMC in Lower Price Hill. We will serve a meal to approximately 100 people in the community. What's needed? Donations, food preparations, transporting, serving and more.



Outreach

Thanksgiving

Dinner

VOLUNTEER & DONATE FOOD

- **FOOD NEEDED**—Prepared turkey, green beans, pie, cornbread, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, drinks, fresh fruit (apples, bananas, etc.), cupcakes, and more.
- **FIRST SHIFT**—meet at Armstrong, drop off food, and prep food between 11:30am-1:30pm.
- **SECOND SHIFT**—load food, transport to State Ave, and set up for meal 1:30-3:30pm.
- **THIRD SHIFT**—Serve meal at State Ave and clean up. 3:30-5:30pm.

SIGN UP TODAY for this hands-on outreach!

<https://bit.ly/3DtsFlI>

Contact Dianna Sheely with questions at 513-561-4220.

STEPHEN MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO: Restoring Hope and Supporting Healing with Crime Victims and Survivors

Presented by Jami Nathan
All In Community Training & Ministry Coordinator
for the West Ohio Conference UMC
Saturday, October 8, 10:00am-12:30pm
in the Armstrong Room

During this workshop, we will explore where and how people are experiencing harm, the levels of victim impact and what our immediate responses should include when harm has occurred. Ways to equip victim/survivor allies to support long-term social, emotional, and spiritual healing will be shared and discussed. Resources, tools and opportunities for deeper growth to utilize in your restorative justice endeavors, care ministry, and Stephen Ministry victim/survivor care responses will be given.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: westohioumc.org/conference/equipping-events

Cost: \$10 General Participation

\$15 CEU (UMC)/Certificate of Participation (Non-UMC)

This session offers 0.20 CEU or a Certificate of Participation for 2.0 hours.

Questions? Contact Jami Nathan at jami.nathan.22@gmail.com.

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Membership Class
Sundays, October 9, 16, and 23
from 11:00am-1:00pm
Armstrong Room

Lunch will be provided. If you will need childcare, please let us know. Come learn what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church and Armstrong Chapel. Sign up by checking Box #4 on your Connect Card or go to <https://bit.ly/3xuP3gr> to sign up online.



FALL CONCERT
Featuring Ashley Hall-Tighe, Cornet Soloist
Sunday, October 16 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
A Free-Will Offering will be taken for the Band.

Chess & Parker Kids Club



As a part of Parker Kids Club, we have a partnership with the Cris Collinsworth Proscan Foundation to offer chess to our tutoring students. Each year we have 10-15 students that participate with the goal of preparing for the Queen City Classic Chess Tournament. **In order to have Chess Club, we need one volunteer (or two) to join us at J.P. Parker Elementary in Madisonville on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30pm as an adult volunteer assistant to the Chess Instructor.** Contact Dianna Sheely (513-561-4220, dsheely@armstrongchapel.org) for more information and to volunteer this fall!



District Superintendent Installation Service

Sunday, September 25 at Sharonville UMC, Bishop Palmer from the West Ohio Conference UMC will be in our District for the installation of Jenn Lucas as our new District Superintendent. The service will begin at 4:00pm.