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A CHRISTIAN BOOK REVIEW

One Minute After You Die

by Erwin W. Lutzer



Book Review by
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Earlier this summer, I lost my beloved husband of forty-eight years. After over fifteen years of caretaking, I loved him enough to finally be able to release him into the hands of his Redeemer, however, I had no idea how that eventual experience of loss would feel. The first few weeks were busy with planning his "Celebration of Life" service and enjoying the company and support of family, church family and dear friends. This third week has been an onslaught of nuances that have completely taken me by surprise. Out of the depths of great pain and despair, I remembered that I had several books in my personal library on heaven. I was desperate to read about what one could expect when a Christian passes from this life to the next. One in particular caught my eye.

"One Minute After You Die" by Erwin W. Lutzer was the medicine I

needed. Not that I didn't know and believe exactly where my husband was, but being reassured and reminded brought me great comfort. Erwin helps us peek behind the curtain a bit. He addresses things such as near-death experiences and their efficacy. First and foremost, Lutzer's words remind us of the assurance we have as exemplified



by Christ's death and resurrection. "Christ is the only one qualified to tell us what we can expect on the other side," says Lutzer. You will find other illustrations of biblical instances like when Stephen was stoned, he saw the heavens open up and Jesus standing, ready to greet him. Just as Jesus was there for Stephen, He will be with us in our passing from earth to glory!

While reading, you'll venture into other interesting topics which will provide a clearer understanding of issues concerning the afterlife such as hell, Hades, Sheol and Purgatory. He tackles the question of soul sleep versus being immediately present with the Lord.

There are many that have experienced the deep sorrow from losing a loved one. It is overwhelming and immensely heartbreaking. In fact, only days after my husband's passing, our family suffered the loss of an infant; it was devastating. One particular excerpt that encouraged

my heart also gave me a better perspective. It continues to help me cope. I pray it helps someone reading this. "Only death can give us the gift of eternity." I never thought of death as a gift. OK, my husband's death does not seem like a gift to me, but it most certainly is for him as well as to baby Mary Margaret. Someday, it will be a gift for me and to all those who have placed Christ in the premier position of their hearts.

If it's encouragement you need, there's plenty to go around in this publication. From glorified bodies, to no more tears, to eternal reunions, streets of gold, mansions, fragrances, a river of life, joy unspeakable and full of glory but the most euphoric moment will be when we finally see our Redeemer and Savior face to face and behold Him for all eternity.

If you're grieving or know someone who is, I highly recommend this book. *In My Father's house are many dwelling places, if it were not so, I would have told you: for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.* John 14:2-3 KJV

Erwin W. Lutzer (B.A., Winnipeg Bible College, Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, M.A., Loyola University; L.L.D., Simon Greenleaf School of Law) is pastor emeritus of Moody Church in Chicago, as well as a popular conference and radio speaker. He has written many books including *How You Can Be Sure That You Will Spend Eternity with God* and *Hitler's Cross*.



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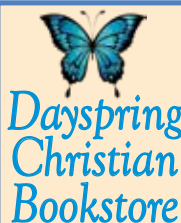
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The Assurance of God



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The summer has flown by and we are arriving into the autumn season of the year. Routines fall back into place after a summer of fun in the sun. This summer has been an unusual one with a family member having an accident in the early spring that set the course of summer to look a little different. Also a number of friends, some close to our hearts, others sweet friends from seasons of life we have walked, and some acquaintances that we simply know through different areas of our life are all walking impossibly hard moments and situations.

In witnessing these moments of loss due to death or experiencing serious illness, I have been reminded of the assurances of Christ. As a first-hand witness to these moments, we have been talking about God's assurance of His good truth, of His

presence, of His provision. In Isaiah 41:10 it says *Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of righteousness.* ASV We do not need to fear, worry, or doubt.

God is with us. He is protecting us and providing what we need when we need it. These deep losses that we have witnessed, or illness diagnosed, are extremely hard and impossible things to go through. But God is not swayed by this, He knew these days would come and He is there grieving with us, providing peace and giving hope.

What is harder is believing these beautiful truths when the answer is "no". We pray for safety, for healing, for a cure.....but sometimes the plan is not the answer we so deeply desire. It is in those moments that we need to rely on God even more, that we need to cry out to Him in our hurt, our sadness, our anger, and realize

that as any good parent does, even when we cannot give the answers that our children so desperately want to hear, we can give love and grace in those moments to help them along with their grief and help them to understand the given plan.

Comfort is given in Psalm 23:4 *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.* ASV God walks beside us with His assurance that He will never leave us, even in the darkest of valleys.

As we begin September and enter into new things like sending our children off to school, or college, a new job, or a new season like empty nesting, let us be assured the Lord is with us in everything that goes on in our lives. He loves us, He walks with us, He cries with us, He shows righteous anger with us, He simply wants to be in relationship with us. We could not ask for a better assurance in our lives than Christ.



Here is a quick and easy dinner recipe for those busy nights that seem to happen with September activities. Enjoy!

Greek Dinner Bowls

Marinate chicken thighs in about 1 cup olive oil, ½ cup balsamic vinegar, 3 Tbsp minced garlic, 1 Tbsp dried oregano, 2 tsp kosher salt, 1 tsp ground pepper. Grill chicken if possible, or pan fry. Make steamed rice (white or brown), layer in bowl with sliced cucumber, chickpeas, chopped tomatoes, pickled red onion, feta cheese, homemade or purchased tzatziki sauce, and chopped chicken thighs. Serve with naan bread.

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Guarding Against the Rise of Sophisticated Scams



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The Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office takes reports of people who are scammed almost every single day. These scams vary widely, and the criminals behind them have become more sophisticated than ever. We all know that stealing is wrong—the Bible tells us so—but that doesn't stop predators from taking your hard-earned cash. As we navigate this growing threat, we must remember that scripture also notes that "the prudent see danger and take refuge" (Proverbs 22:3). This reminds us that we have a duty to watch for those who mean us harm and be prepared to protect ourselves.

Our office has investigated a broad spectrum of fraud. We have handled cases where people have lost just a few hundred dollars, as well as one devastating

case where the victim lost over \$500,000.00. The tactics used are highly manipulative. For instance, one kind lady was convinced that she had won the Publisher's Clearinghouse sweepstakes. To collect her winnings, she was told she must pay the taxes up front. Trapped in this cycle, she made several payments until she had given away \$40,000.00.

Other scammers weaponize stolen information. In one case, a scammer compromised a victim's email and saw a message confirming an upcoming hotel stay in Pennsylvania. The scammer designed a targeted fraud scheme around this timeline, making the victim believe he had failed to pay a fine for a red-light camera citation in that area and that a warrant was issued for his arrest. Panicked, the victim paid \$2,500.00 over the phone.

Similarly, another victim who was having trouble having a baby had



her email compromised. A scammer called the young girl pretending to be a laboratory, explaining that her insurance was not accepted for the upcoming lab work. They claimed she needed to pay \$2,000.00 over the phone immediately to keep her appointment. The victim's emotions raised her anxiety, causing her to pay the money without questioning the caller. These emotional traps are common, just like scams threatening arrest for missing jury duty or IRS impersonators threatening jail for back taxes.

Among the fastest-growing frauds are "romance scams." Perpetrators target victims—usually older individuals—by sending a picture and spending weeks or months building rapport. Once an emotional relationship is established, they ask for money. By then, the victim is emotionally invested and hands over large amounts out of

loyalty to their new companion. These cases are heartbreaking because the victims are simply looking for a friend, making their inherent kindness and loyalty the very traits that fraudsters exploit.

New scams are developed every day—too many to discuss in this forum. However, most share common red flags. First, scammers create a false sense of urgency to spike your anxiety and force a bad choice. Second, they threaten official legal action or promise something too good to be true. Lastly, they demand unusual payment methods, such as Bitcoin or retail gift cards.

Recovering these funds is often impossible, as many scammers operate overseas using public Wi-Fi and false identities. If you receive a suspicious call or email, protect yourself. Hang up and contact your local law enforcement agency. We can help you determine if an interaction is fraudulent and assist you if you have already given money away.



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King Solomon - 1 Kings 4:29-31

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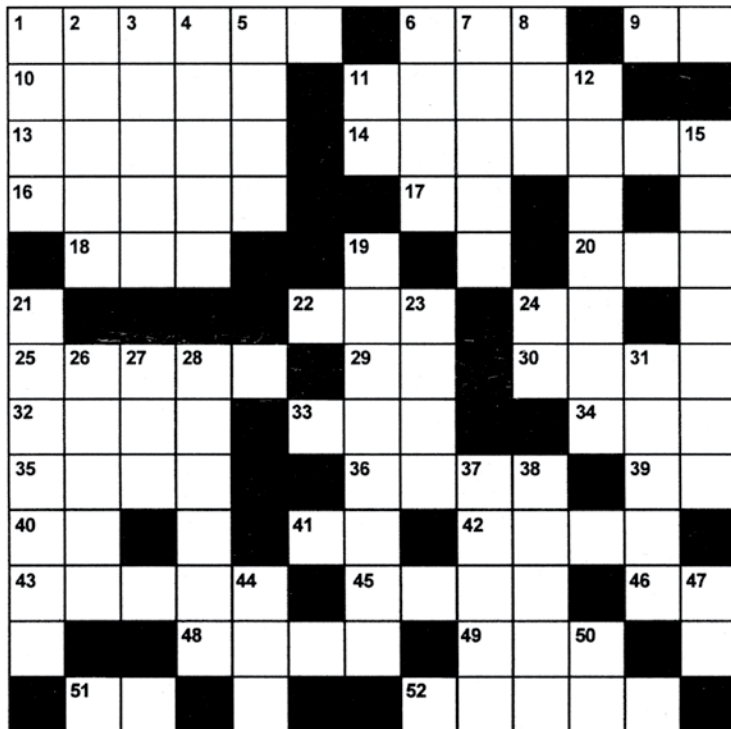


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1. When thou makest a feast, call the poor, the _____. (Luke 14:13)
6. He came unto his _____. (John 1:11)
9. Exist.
10. Set thine house in _____. (2 Kgs. 20:1)
11. Beam cross section.

13. Come upon.

14. Harbor.
16. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a _____ for me. (Ps. 142:3)
17. Year (abbr.).
18. Fermented beverage.
20. Loafer.
22. Encountered.

24. The men of Beth-el and _____. (Ezra 2:28)
25. Turn yourselves from your _____. (Ezek. 14:6)
29. See!
30. There shall come a _____ out of Jacob. (Num. 24:17)
32. Record.
33. Short for James.
34. First female.
35. Louse eggs.
36. Recedes.
39. Short for Albert.
40. Overhead transportation.
41. Roman numeral four.
42. A Hindu queen.
43. Governing assembly.
45. Greatest of them _____ to the least. (Jonah 3:5)
46. Note in musical scale.
48. The eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no _____ of thee. (1 Cor. 12:21)
49. Fuss.
51. Direction.
52. Wherewith one may _____ another. (Rom. 14:19)

5. Pertaining to Celts of Scotland.
6. Weought to _____ God. (Acts 5:29)
7. Come to me, all you who are _____ and burdened. (Matt. 11:28 NIV)
8. Short rest.
11. Part of verb *to be*.
12. Person of Moab.
15. Praise him with the _____ and dance. (Ps. 150:4)
19. For I know whom I have _____. (2 Tim. 1:12)
21. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear _____. (John 1:8)
23. Laid it in his own new _____. (Matt. 27:60)
24. Equally.
26. Give us day by day our _____ bread. (Luke 11:3)
27. Choose.
28. Course of study.
31. Assist.
37. Man shall not live by _____ alone. (Matt. 4:4)
38. Girl's name.
44. But ye have made it a _____ of thieves. (Matt. 21:13)
47. His mother marvelled _____ those things which were spoken of him. (Luke 2:33)
50. Coming from.

DOWN CLUES

1. Mothers.
2. Space for sports event.
3. Perfect.
4. *Meter* in London.

Constantine, the Answer to Prayer



Doug Frautschy
Dover, OH

One of the greatest challenges of the early Church was persecution. As we have previously noted, persecutions tended to be limited in time and place. Only a few persecutions were empire wide, and those didn't last long. But no doubt, Christians prayed for relief from persecution. The answer to prayer came in the form of a Roman General and Emperor, Constantine the Great.

Constantine, who adopted the full name, Gaius Flavius Valerius Constantinus, was born in 272 the son of a Roman General and a “woman of low birth,” possibly a concubine. His father became one of the Tetrarchs serving under the Emperor Diocletian. Constantine eventually served in his father's army in Britain. When his father died in 306, the army declared Constantine

their new General and Tetrarch. When the sickness and death of the Emperor left a power vacuum, the Tetrarchs fought amongst themselves to determine who would become the next Emperor.

Eventually in 312, after many battles, Constantine confronted one of the other Tetrarchs, Maxentius, and his much larger army at the Milvian Bridge, a bridge over a small river north of Rome. Although the stories vary, apparently Constantine had a dream or vision of Christ who appeared to him before the battle and told him to fight under the sign of the Chi Rho ☩. These two Greek letters are the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ. Constantine ordered his troops to put the symbol on their shields, and against all odds, they proceeded to win an overwhelming victory. With Maxentius dead and out of the picture, that left Constantine, Maximinus, and Licinius as the remaining Tetrarchs.

Prior to this vision and battle, it is unlikely that Constantine had any significant connection to Christianity. This vision apparently began Constantine's journey to become a Christian. In February of 313, he and Licinius agreed to the so-called Edict of Milan. This was an informal agreement to allow religious freedom throughout the parts of the empire controlled by them. It allowed the free practice of all religions, specifically including the Christian religion, and returned property previously confiscated from Christians, but it did not endorse any religion. Not surprisingly, it also had a political angle as Maxeminus was not allowing religious freedom in his part of the empire and they hoped that this would undermine his support.

Christians were almost universally overjoyed and saw this as a long-awaited answer to prayer. It became even better when Licinius defeated Maxeminus and religious

freedom was enjoyed by the whole empire. Eventually the two allies Licinius and Constantine came into conflict and after a series of battles and intrigues, Constantine emerged as the sole Emperor around 324. Christians again viewed this as an answer to prayer as Constantine had reportedly become a Christian himself.

Imagine the joy and relief of Christians when after 300 years, persecutions stopped and the Emperor became a Christian. Some saw Constantine as an almost messianic figure. Eusebius, the Bishop of Caesarea wrote a flattering four volume biography called *The Life of Constantine* where he compares the Emperor to Moses. Unfortunately, he ignored many of the actions of Constantine that are not in harmony with appropriate moral behavior of a Christian. For

~CONSTANTINE,
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Diane Kalajainen
New Castle, PA

We are constantly hearing about the war with Iran. We hear about attacks and destruction but not anything about the Iranian church. Christianity has grown in spite of the war and the persecution against believers.

According to the ministry of Back to Jerusalem's June issue of 2026, "Iran is experiencing the largest revival in the world today." The article further states "the most powerful weapon in Iran today—the good

News of Jesus Christ."

To give more insight into this Iranian revival, let's look at the life of Mohammed Nikbakht.

Mohammed was a political activist who bravely spoke out against the oppressive Iranian regime. However, one day while searching for news about his country, he found a satellite broadcast of the ministry, Iran Alive. Instead of hearing about Iranian politics, he heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. He came to realize that only Jesus can change man's heart. After coming to this realization, he decided to forgo political activism and spend his life sharing the gospel.

Mohammed did participate in those early nationwide protests. He was wounded. Consequently, he was arrested and placed in prison. At present he is in one of the worse prisons in Iran.

This has become his mission field. Mohammed shares Jesus with fellow inmates, he strengthens new believers and encourages brothers in Christ who are suffering for their faith to persevere.

Having observed the life of her brother, Mohammed's sister began to listen to the broadcasts of Iran Alive. She is now a believer and resides in Germany. Her desire is to strengthen believers.

Hormoz Shariat, president of Iran Alive, states "Today, millions of Iranians are searching for hope in the midst of political uncertainty, economic hardship, and spiritual hunger. God is awakening Iranians to the truth of Jesus like never before. We are witnessing God transform a nation."

Jesus is the light and hope of our world. He is shining brightly in Iran despite the peril.

Today, why not take a few minutes to pray for our family in Iran and for many more to come to know Jesus? Isn't it amazing that we live thousands of miles apart; yet by God's spirit they can feel our prayers?

Source: Iran Alive newsletter, July, 2026
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~CONSTANTINE, continued from page 8

instance, Constantine famously killed his second wife and oldest son, perhaps due to a suspicion of infidelity.

The moral of this story is to be careful what you wish for. The Emperor's conversion and the end of persecution was certainly positive, but that does not mean that all the Church's problems were solved.

Christians are not exempt from the vices outlined in Mark 7:21-22, and when those vices show up in church leaders backed by the government, they can do a lot more damage. This era of government involvement in the Church magnified problems that were simmering just under the surface, and the culture of the Church was forever changed.

Softly and Tenderly

A story I heard was about the hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling". It was written by Will Lamartine Thompson, born on November 7, 1847, in East Liverpool, Ohio. Thompson had quite a busy music ministry. He would travel around in a horse and buggy to small towns in Ohio, singing his songs wherever he went.

The song was based on Mark 10:49 KJV *And Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.*

Thompson was inspired to devote himself to writing while attending a meeting by popular evangelist, Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899).

When Moody was dying in the hospital, he told Thompson, "Will, I would rather have written 'Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling' than anything I have been able to do in my whole life." So powerful is this song that even Moody recognized its ability to bring people to God.

The hymn is a gentle and loving reminder that Jesus calls everyone to come home to Him. Its tender and pleading invitation makes it one of the most effective invitation hymns in Christian worship. It is a wonderful and gentle song you can share with family and friends.

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,

Calling for you and for me;

See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,

Watching for you and for me

Come home, come home, Ye who are weary, come home;

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,

Calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, Pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,

Mercies for you and for me?

Come home, come home, Ye who are weary, come home;

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,

Calling, O sinner, come home!

O for the wonderful love He has promised, Promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,

Pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home, Ye who are weary, come home;

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home!

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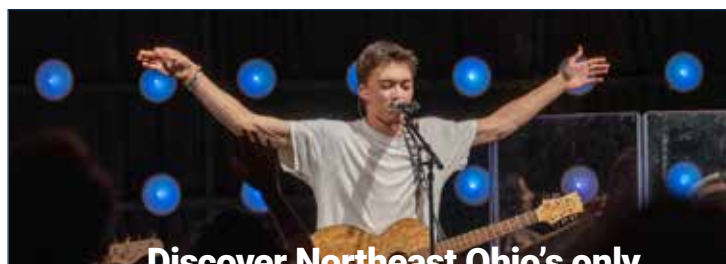
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Four days later, I got a response from Christian Faith Publishers. They worked with me and had me submit my manuscript. It would go before a four-person review board. I needed four people to read it and like it. A few days later, I was contacted by another reputable publisher that wanted me to submit my manuscript. This one had a ten-person review board. All went quiet for a couple weeks as I very impatiently waited.

One day, Christian Faith Publishing called and said I had been approved! I was very surprised. *Sandy's Orphan* was going to get published!

Three hours later, after my agreement with Christian Faith Publishing, the other publisher called. *Sandy's Orphan* had been approved there too! The other publisher was disappointed they missed *Sandy's Orphan* by three hours. So much for the 1 to 2% chance of being published. I wish I could take all the credit. All I did was scratch the itch by typing the thoughts that consistently came to my mind. God did not speak to me and I did not have visions. Thoughts would come to me and I would type them.

The closest thing I had to a vision was waking up out of a dead sleep at 3am. I saw a picture in my head. That picture would be the cover photograph for *Sandy's Orphan*. I immediately got up, went to my lap top and typed an EXTREMELY detailed description of the cover of the book. Much later, I received an email from the publisher with the art department's first draft for me to review and make corrections. I clicked on the place to open the photo. I was breathless and totally stunned to see the exact photo I saw that night at 3am. It was an emotional experience for me. The art department must

How GOD Inspired Me to Write

have been quite pleased to not have to make any revisions.

I kicked back and was very honored that God had chosen me to perform a task that might make some difference in some people's lives, both Christians and non-Christians. I wasn't in it for money or prestige. I believed that God would have that novel end up in the hands of those he wanted to read it.

Oh, about that itch. It came back. I finished two more faith-based novels very quickly. The second itch was named *Forty to Life*. It was submitted to Christian Faith Publishing and was approved on March 8, 2026. The third itch was named *From Forgiveness to Prison*. It will be submitted for publishing in the not too distant future.

My purpose in this writing is not to sell books. It is to tell you not to ignore an itch to do something that is good. It doesn't have to be a screenplay, a novel or a lifetime commitment like being a priest or pastor. It can be as simple as someone you have an itch to call that might need to hear from you. It can be as simple as a visit, a get well soon card or an invitation to meet for lunch. If you get an itch to do something nice, it could be the Holy Spirit urging you to complete a task that may be much more important than you think.

May God bless you and keep you.

He Knows You, and He Still Loves You



Elizabeth Morris
Age 17
Uhrichsville, OH

There are moments when we look at our lives and wonder, "How could God still love me after everything I've done?" We can become so focused on our mistakes, our weaknesses, and the things we wish we could change that we forget who God is.

But here is the truth: He knows you, and He still loves you.

God knows every part of your story. He knows the mistakes you've made, the moments you regret, the things you struggle with, and the parts of yourself you may try to hide. Nothing about you surprises Him. And yet, He continues to reach for you with grace, mercy, and love.

I was forgiven—not because I was worthy, but because He is.

I was loved—not because I was lovable, but because God is love.

I'm a child of God—not because I'm good enough, but because He is, and He created me.

Our worth doesn't come from being perfect. It doesn't come from never making mistakes or having everything together. Our

worth comes from the God who created us and loves us.

Sometimes we think we need to become better before we can come to God. But God doesn't ask us to clean ourselves up before approaching Him. He invites us to come as we are and allow Him to transform our hearts.

His grace reminds us that our past is not more powerful than His forgiveness. Our failures are not greater than His mercy. And our imperfections cannot make His love disappear.

You may not feel worthy today. You may feel like you've messed up too many times. You may wonder if God could really love someone like you.

He can. He does. And He always has.

You are not loved because you earned it. You are loved because God is love.

You are not God's child because you are perfect. You are His because He created you and calls you His own.

So, when the enemy whispers that you're not enough, remember who God says you are. When shame tells you to hide, remember that His grace invites you closer.

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You've traveled many roadways
As the years of life have passed,
And followed God along the paths
Where your lot has been cast.

As you have traveled onward
From scenes of old to new,
He's brought you to this moment,
To show His care for you.



Wesley Vaughn
Dover, OH

So many loved ones in your life
Have now gone on before
To join the angels and the saints
Upon the Golden Shore.

Just beyond the Pearly Gate
Is where they wait for you;
So have a Blessed Birthday:
You're now one-hundred-two!

*Thou wilt show me the path of life:
In thy presence is fulness of joy;
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¹ Listen to what the Lord is saying to His people:

“Stand up and state your case against Me. Let the mountains and hills be called to witness your complaint.

² “And now, O mountains, listen to the Lord’s complaint! For He has a case against His people Israel! He will prosecute them to the full. ³ O My people, what have I done that makes you turn away from Me? Tell me why your patience is exhausted! Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you

out of Egypt and cut your chains of slavery. I gave you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to help you.

⁵ “Don’t you remember, O My people, how Balak, king of Moab, tried to destroy you through the curse of Balaam, son of Beor, but I made him bless you instead? That is the kindness I showed you again and again. Have you no memory at all of what happened at Acacia and Gilgal and how I blessed you there?”

⁶ “How can we make up to You for what we’ve done?” you ask. “Shall

we bow before the Lord with offerings of yearling calves?”

Oh no! ⁷ For if you offered Him thousands of rams and ten thousands of rivers of olive oil—would that please Him? Would He be satisfied? If you sacrificed your oldest child, would that make Him glad? Then would He forgive your sins? Of course not!

⁸ No, he has told you what he wants, and this is all it is: *to be fair, just, merciful, and to walk humbly with your God.*

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2026 Ohio Swiss Festival Schedule

OCTOBER 1 - 3

OHIO SWISS FESTIVAL



Thursday, October 1

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
5 p.m.	Concessions & Rides Open	
5:30 p.m.	2027 Little Swiss Miss Contest	Pavilion Stage
6 p.m.	Huntington Bank & Bags Big Wheel Race	Main Street
8 p.m.	2027 Ohio Swiss Festival Queen Crowning	Pavilion Stage
8:45 p.m.	Garaway Marching Pirates	Main Street

Friday, October 2

ONGOING EVENTS

- 11 a.m. - Concessions & Rides Open
- Noon-9 p.m. - Craft Tent
- Noon-9 p.m. - Wine/Cheese Tasting (Dick Lahm Memorial Parking Lot, Broadway)
- 3-10 p.m. - Craft Beer Tasting (Tent on Main Street @ Broadway)

11:30 a.m.	North Coast Prost	Main Street
11:30 a.m.	Joey Tomsick	Pavilion Stage
Noon	Posting of Colors - American Legion Post 494	Main Street
Noon	Welcome & Summary of Program	Main Street
Noon	Nick Bonner	Wine Tent
1:15 p.m.	Cleveland Alphorn Society	Cheesemakers Statue
1:45 p.m.	Garaway Alphorns	Cheesemakers Statue
2 p.m.	Aaron Dussing	Pavilion Stage
2:05 p.m.	Killbuck Savings Bank Kiddie Parade	Main Street
3 p.m.	Matthew Wren	Craft Beer Tent
4 p.m.	Commercial & Savings Bank Kid's Tractor Pull	Steinstossen Pit
4 p.m.	Joey Tomsick	Pavilion Stage
4 p.m.	Polka Dance Lessons	Pavilion Stage
5 p.m.	BROTHERS	Wine Tent
7 p.m.	Aaron Dussing	Pavilion Stage
7 p.m.	Moonlyterz	Main Street
7:30 p.m.	Steinstossen Competition #1	Steinstossen Pit

Saturday, October 3

ONGOING EVENTS

- 11 a.m. - Concessions & Rides Open
- Noon-9 p.m. - Craft Tent
- Noon-9 p.m. - Wine/Cheese Tasting (Dick Lahm Memorial Parking Lot, Broadway)
- 3-9:30 p.m. - Craft Beer Tasting (Tent on Main Street)

7 a.m.	Cheese Chase Registration & Packet Pick-Up	Pavilion
8 a.m.	Cheese Chase 1-Mile Fun Run / Health Walk	Fire Station
8:30 a.m.	Cheese Chase 5K & 10K	Fire Station
Noon	Joey Tomsick	Pavilion Stage
Noon	Posting of Colors - American Legion Post 494	Main Street
Noon	Ohio Swiss Festival Tributes	Main Street
Noon	Mandolin Dave & Josh Compton	Wine Tent
12:30 p.m.	Yodeling Contest/Swiss Costume Contest (All Ages)	Main St
12:30 p.m.	Cheese Eating Contest	Main St
1 p.m.	Alphorn Grüezie	Cheesemakers Statue
1:45 p.m.	Military & Safety Forces Tribute	Main Street
2 p.m.	Matthew Wren	Pavilion Stage
2:05 p.m.	Antique Car Parade	Main Street
2:20 p.m.	Grand Parade	Main Street
3 p.m.	Visiting Queens' Speeches	Cheesemakers Statue
3 p.m.	Teddy Snyder	Craft Beer Tent
3:30 p.m.	Joey Tomsick	Pavilion Stage
3:30 p.m.	Polka Dance Lessons	Pavilion Stage
4 p.m.	Alphorn Grüezie	Cheesemakers Statue
4:30 p.m.	Steinstossen Competition #2	Steinstossen Pit
5 p.m.	Matt Pentello	Wine Tent
5 p.m.	Alphorn Grüezie	Cheesemakers Statue
5:30 p.m.	Matthew Wren	Pavilion Stage
6 p.m.	Schwingfest Demonstration	Steinstossen Pit
6:45 p.m.	Wheels Up	Pavilion Stage
7 p.m.	Homeroom Hangover	Main Street
7:30 p.m.	Steinstossen Competition #3	Steinstossen Pit

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If I had to describe the Ohio Swiss Festival in one word, that would be it. It is not magic like pulling a rabbit out of a hat. It is

something far bigger.

In my mind, who needs Disney when the most magical place on earth is Sugarcreek, Ohio on the fourth full weekend after Labor Day each year?

When I was a little girl, Sugarcreek was a magical place in and of itself. It was far, far away from our family dairy farm in Dundee. I loved going with my Dad to Sugarcreek Farmers Equity for feed for the cows. I remember going to the Swiss Hat with my Grandpa and Grandma Baab. I recall the trips to Alpine Hills Museum during the summer when my Grandma Baab would quilt on the upper level. I remember the town Back to School Sidewalk Sales in August where I saved money to buy the perfect school box for my desk in the third grade. It was green and had a picture of Bambi on it, along with Thumper. Moonlight Madness sales would bring my Mom and I to town for deals including a \$0.25 cheeseburger at McDonalds.

Yet, some of the best times in Sugarcreek have involved the Ohio Swiss Festival. I remember my first Kiddie Parade where my Principal Onley Heath walked by and took the time to stop and say hello and call me by name. Wow,

did I feel special! Famous was how I described it to my family.

Some 40 years later, also during the Kiddie Parade, Mr. Heath once again made me feel absolutely famous. I was taking photos of the event and found myself without enough hands to hold an umbrella while also handling and operating the camera as the parade rolled down Main Street. Mr. Heath came out of the crowd and shared his umbrella with me. At that moment, I felt just like Kindergarten me, absolutely famous.

Middle School Bev was in awe when the bus swung around Third Street onto Yoder Avenue on the way to Garaway High on Fairview during the week leading up to the Ohio Swiss Festival. Seeing all the rides set up made me feel like Sugarcreek was the place to be. After all, Dundee didn't have an event that brought rides to town nor did other places I knew like Winesburg or Wilmot or Walnut Creek. I knew rides were for big events like the Holmes or Tuscarawas County Fair so the Ohio Swiss Festival must have been a pretty big deal.

Those same rides brought me smiles as an adult watching my son's eyes light up when I handed him a ride pass for the day. Watching him place first in the Kiddie Tractor Pull when he was in Kindergarten as my Mom and I rooted him on is another priceless memory. My smile was hard to hide when Jason entered and took Second Place in the Yodeling Contest when he was 11. When asked how he was going to use his prize money, Jason said,



ALPHORN

"to ride the rides all day and night."

Some of my first independent assignments when working for a daily newspaper included covering events that were part of the Ohio Swiss Festival. I met people who have become lifelong friends like Jeri Middaugh, Sugarcreek's first and only female mayor. I have met and enjoyed learning about many of the young ladies who have represented Sugarcreek and the Ohio Swiss Festival well as Queen. They travel

thousands upon thousands of miles while showcasing Swiss heritage, the Ohio Swiss Festival and the Village of Sugarcreek. Many have special places in my heart. Recently I ran into a former Queen who is excited for when the time comes for her own little girl to run for Little Swiss Miss. That was one of those full circle moments for me as I see the next generation become involved, willing to carry on traditions.

I love seeing Queens and

~ SWISS FESTIVAL, story continued on page 17

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KIDDIE PARADE

~ SWISS FESTIVAL, continued from page 15

Little Swiss Misses grow during their year of service. Many have made amazing strides in terms of poise and self confidence. Hearing their first speeches and seeing them say their farewells are often night and day experiences.

I have had the pleasure of working alongside Ohio Swiss Festival royalty for over 20 years in different ways with the organization and with community events in Sugarcreek. Many have gone above and beyond from helping to sell items at the Sugarcreek Business Association auction to helping with a Bike Safety

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New Phila Church of Christ

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BALTIC

Baltic Zion United Church of Christ
203 N. Butler St 330-897-6855
Rev. Dr. Jim Henniger
• Sunday Worship 9 am

The Branch Church at Countryside
2236 SR 93 Baltic - 330-401-6643
Campus Pastor: Eric Schrock
www.thebranchchurchohio.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John Lutheran Church
206 S Butler St.
• Sunday Worship 8:30 am

BOLIVAR

Bible Baptist Church
11150 Glenpark Road NE 330-316-7096
Pastor Doug Kilchenman
BelieveTheBible.org
• Sunday Worship 10:15 am

Bolivar Community Church
241 Pine Street | 330-874-3104
Pastor Aaron Rae
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Bolivar United Methodist Church
256 Poplar Street | 330-874-2930
www.bolivarumc.org
Rev Gordon Furbay
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Faith Baptist Church
9481 SR 212 NE | 330-874-3014
Floyd Stanfill, Sr. Pastor
www.faithbaptistbolivar.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John United Church of Christ
409 Park Ave SE
www.stjohnbolivar.org
Pastor Don Perks
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC
156 Poplar Street S.W. | 330-874-4540
Pastor Michael Pozzuto
stpaulbolivarpastor@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

DENNISON

Dennison Foursquare Gospel Church
7325 US 250 SE | 740-922-4433
Pastor Rod Phillips
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Church of God
403 N. 3rd Street | 330-204-1511
Pastor Jim Wallick
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Presbyterian Church
301 Grant St. | 740-922-5743
Pastor Carolyn Behrendt
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist
123 S. 7th St. | 740-922-5471
Pastor Dr. William J Blake
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Park Christian Church
236 Miller Ave. | 740-922-4118
www.parkchurchonline.com
• Sunday Worship 10 am

New Hope (Formerly Pleasant Valley)
4195 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Pastor Jerralyn A. Myers 330-987-1259
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Roxford Methodist Church
611 Roxford Church Rd
www.roxfordchurch.org
330-343-5359
Pastor Bro James Manbeck
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Strait Gate
501 N. 2nd St. | 330-407-0862
Pastor Michael O'Guin
• Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm

DOVER

Bisel Church
3108 Bisel Church Rd. | 234-423-0001
Pastor Roger Warnes
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Burning River Church
420 W 3rd St
www.burningriverchurch.net
Pastors Dode Overton & Hombre Liggett
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Church of the New Hope
3735 Schneiders Crossing Rd NE
330-343-7980 | Pastor Daniel E. Legg
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Dover Alliance Church
228 E. 3rd St | 330-364-3113
Sr. Pastor Rev. Bruce Sexton
www.doveralliance.com
• Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 am

Dover Baptist Temple
2896 State Route 800 | 330-364-5228
Rev. Christopher Rhodes, Sr Pastor
office@doverbaptisttemple.org
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Dover Bible Church
4173 Minard Rd NW | 330-343-3413
Pastor Mark Britton
doverbiblechurch.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Dover Faith Global Methodist Church
420 N. Wooster Ave. | 330-343-9224
Pastor Shelly Nordine
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Dover First United Methodist
1725 N. Wooster | 330-343-1322
Pastor Wes George
www.doverfirst.org
• Sunday Worship 10:20 am

First Baptist Church
140 Regent Street 330-364-2010
Rev. Rasheed As-Samad, Pastor
• Sunday Worship 11 am

First Christian Church
3029 N Wooster | 330-364-3520
Pastor Josh Robinson
Doverfcc.com
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am

First Moravian Church
319 N. Walnut Street | 330-364-8831
Pastor Jay Petrella
• Sunday Worship 10 am

God's Family Church
3573 Mt Pleasant Rd NW
330-934-3719
Pastor Bill Johnson
godsfamilychurch3@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Grace Bible Fellowship
310 Main St | 330-451-6878
Pastor - Dan Branch
www.gbftusc.com
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am

Grace Lutheran
216 N Wooster | 330-343-6915
Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi
• Sunday Worship 10 am

LifeBridge Community Church
301 N. Wooster Ave.
Pastor Eric Miller
• Sunday Worship 10 am

New Life Church of God
115 South Ave. | 330-987-4032
Co-pastors Larry Gross & Brett Hughes
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

NewPointe Community Church
3950 SR 39 NW | 330.602.5600
Lead Pastor Dwight Mason
www.newpointe.org
• Sunday Worship 9 & 11 am

Reformed Fellowship Church
454 E. Front St. | 330-432-0295
Pastor Michael Thomas
www.rfcdover.com
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Ruslin Hills Church
5839 Ruslin Hills Rd NW
330-343-7682
Pastor Bill Breon
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John's United Church of Christ
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The Summit-Dover

302 E. Slingluff Avenue | 330-343-6142
Pastor Rob Coburn
www.thesummitdover.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Winfield Community Church

5247 SR 516 NW
330-343-1494 | winfieldchurch.org
• Sunday Worship 9 am

DUNDEE

Dundee Church of God

8027 SR 516 | 330-852-2045
dundeecog@outlook.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Dundee United Methodist

6764 St Rt 93 | 330-852-1324
Deacon Randy Lewis
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Lakeview Baptist

10202 St Rt 93 | 330-878-7966
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

GNADENHUTTEN

Gnadenhutten United Methodist

220 N. Walnut St.
Lee Ann Dunlap
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

John Heckewelder

Memorial Moravian
133 S Walnut | 740-254-4374
Pastor Dave Geyer
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am

Restoration Centre

7550 Wolfes Crossing | 740-552-0413
Pastor Sandra Mann
• Sunday Worship 10 am & 4 pm

MIDVALE

Midvale Methodist Church

4383 E State St. | 330-339-2087
Pastor Kory Rowland
• Sunday Worship 10 am

MINERAL CITY

Atwood Lake Ministry

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Church of the Nazarene

4705 Center St. | 330-859-2724
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www.mcnazarene.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Mineral City Methodist Church

4821 Davis St. | 330-859-2011
Pastor Bob Smith
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. Paul's Community Church

8733 1st St | 330-859-2337
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Pastor Mark Gross
• Sunday Worship 9 am

Tabor Ridge Community Church

3398 Tabor Ridge Road NE
330-602-9765
Pastor John Dunn
jdunn19@roadrunner.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

NEW CUMBERLAND

Lake Drive Fellowship

8168 Lake Dr. NE | 330-364-6559
Lead Pastor: Rev. Larry G. Stitt
email: larrystitt@yahoo.com
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am & 6 pm

New Cumberland Methodist Church

4058 New Cumberland Rd NE
330-343-0029 | Pastor Jon Campbell
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Broadway Global Methodist

120 Church Ave. SE | (330) 339-1082
Pastor Harley Wheeler
www.thebroadwaychurch.org
• Sun Traditional Worship 8:30 am
• Sun Contemporary Worship 10:45 am

Calvary Baptist

1507 Oldtown Valley Rd | 330-339-1035
Pastor Donald Snow
calvarybaptistnp.com
• Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

202 East High Ave | 330-364-7571
www.emmanuelnp.com
Email: office@emmanuelnp.com
Pastor Rob Eller
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Emmanuel Church

1434 South Broadway
Rev. Scott Lawton 205-514-3044
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am & 7 pm

Faith Christian Church

2012 Pleasant Valley Rd NE
330-602-6008 | www.faithchristians.org
• Sunday Worship 9 am & 10:30 am

First Baptist Church

878 Commercial Ave SW | 330-339-1141
Troy Stogsdill | www.firstbaptist.church
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Christian

104 3rd St NW | 330-339-6715
Lead Pastor: Jim Borton
www.fccnewphila.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am

First Church of the Brethren

700 Fair Ave. NW | 330-339-5998
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Church of God

824 Tuscarawas Ave NW
330-343-3501 | www.npfccg.org
Pastors Billy and Leanna Roe
• Sunday Worship 10 am

First Church of the Nazarene

233 Fair Ave. NE | 330-343-7144
www.npnaz.org
Pastor Scott Jones, Lead Pastor,
• Sunday Worship 10 am

First Presbyterian Church

217 E. High | 330-343-7114
www.newphilapc.org
Rev Joseph Svancara
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First United Church of Christ

201 Fair Avenue NW, 330-339-6412
firstuccnp.com
Pastor Daniel Grimminger
• Sunday Worship 11:15 am

First United Methodist Church

201 West High Avenue | 330-339-6411
Pastor Ryan Cockrill
npfirstumc.org
• Service time 930am

Fry's Valley Moravian

594 Fry's Valley Road SW
(740) 254-9373
sharedmoravianministryohio.org
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Goshen Community

Church of the Nazarene
2501 David Rd SE | Ph: 330-339-3770
Pastor Lee Randolph
• Sunday Worship 1030 am

Holmes Church

Holmes Church Rd. | 234-423-0001
Pastor Roger Warnes
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am

Jerusalem Church (Evangelical)

1417 Stonecreek Rd SW | 330-339-2242
www.jcnp21.com | Rev Tom Hendershot
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Lifeway

742 Cookson Ave. SE | 330-339-9734
Lead Pastors Travis & Leslie Wright
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Legacy Church

233 Front St | 330-440-2539
Pastors Tommy and Shanda Miller
www.legacychurchclm.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Dennison Foursquare Church

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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New Life Center Ministries

1865 Roxford St (Barnhill)
330-339-5873
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Otterbein United Methodist Church

156 Beaver Ave | 330-343-4131
Pastor John Armstrong
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Preach the Word Ministries

327 Beaver Ave. NE | 330-440-2855
Pastor Lisa M. Meese
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Revive Church

335 Union Ave NW | 330-243-8544
Pastor Thomas Cunningham, D.Min., Ph. D.
reviveohio.church
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Schoenbrunn Moravian

2200 E High Ave | 330-339-1940
Pastor Ben Lippert
pastor@schoenbrunnmoravian.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. Peter's Church of Oldtown Valley

3640 Oldtown Valley Rd. SW
330-407-2835
secretarystpete@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

The Branch Church

140 West High Ave 330-401-6643
Campus Pastor: Josh Nims
www.thebranchchurchohio.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

The Restored Church of Jesus Christ, Dover Restoration Branch

1440 5th St NW
330-440-7066
Pastor: Tim Levensgood
• Sunday Worship 11 am

The Salvation Army

809 Emmet Ave. NW | 330-364-3811
Lt's Andrew & Amanda Allen Corps
Officers/Pastors
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Trinity Episcopal Church

122 3rd St. NW | 330-339-6439
• Sunday Worship 10 am

NEWCOMERTOWN

Calvary Methodist Church

149 W State St. | 740-498-8534
www.newcomertowncalvaryum-charge.org
• Sunday Worship 9:45 am

Christ Methodist Church

648 Oak St. | 740-498-8134
www.christnct.org
Sr. Pastor: Bracken Foster
• Sunday Worship 9 and 1030am

Church of the Nazarene

363 Neighbor St. | 740-498-7588
Pastor John Kohr
www.nctnaz.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Churches of Christ in Christian Union (CCCU)

560 W. State St. | 330-827-5587
Pastor Sonny Easterday
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Baptist

135 S River St | 740-498-6589
Pastor Wayne Baker
office@firstbaptistnct.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Hartwood Community Church

14206 Hartwood Rd
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Kings Community Church

5651 Kings Ridge Rd | 740-498-8534
http://web.tusco.net/kingsumc
• Sunday Worship 11:15 am

New Beginnings Church of God

309 W. Church St. | 740-492-1211
Pastor Queen E. Williams
• Sunday Worship 10 am

St. Paul Lutheran Church

121 South College St., 740-498-6682
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Victory Assembly of God

311 South College St. | 740-498-6547
www.victorynct.org
Pastor Jimmy Lewis
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Wesley Community Chapel (WCC)

17333 Chapel Rd | 740-610-4986
Pastor Rocky Tidd
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

PORT WASHINGTON

Countryside Baptist

4283 Shoemaker Rd SW
740-498-5500
Pastor Paul Harvey
www.countrysidebc.com
• Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

114 North High St | 740-492-4158
Pastor Jim Shamel
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

West Union Church

13679 Gilmore Rd
Pastor Garry Marlatt
• Sunday Worship 10:30

SANDYVILLE

Church of the Open Door

10984 Sandyville Rd NE
330-866-4523 | Pastor: Lisa L. Elliott
e-mail: elliottray@sbcglobal.net
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sandy Valley Church of God

11281 SR 800 NE | 330-866-9014
Pastor Joel Donahue
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

STONE CREEK

Grace Community Church

229 W. Jefferson St | 330-339-5007
Pastor Bill Mallernee
www.GraceChurchStoneCreek.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Salem Evans Creek

Lutheran Church
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Pastor Jean Coleman
• Sunday Worship 9 am

Zion Lutheran Church

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Pastor Jean Coleman
• Sunday Worship 10:30am

STRASBURG

Community Bible Church

201 2nd Street NW (Cross Café)
330-634-6187 | Aaron Minard-Pastor

First Lutheran Church

211 8th St. SW | Ph: 330-878-5581
www.firstlutheranstrasburg.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John United Church of Christ

516 N Wooster Ave | 330-878-5113
Pastor Jason Rissler
stjohnuccstrasburg@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

United Methodist

206 2nd St NW | 330-878-5179
strasburgumcoho.org
Pastor Matthew Wald
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

SUGARCREEK

Alpine Bible Church

719 Dutch Valley Rd. NE | 330-852-3300
Pastor Byron Stewart
office@alpinebible.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Barrs Mill Church of God

4677 St. Rt. 93 NW | 330-852-2508
Pastor Josh Wilson
www.barrsmillchurch.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Church of the Brethren

144 Yoder Ave | 614-507-4435
Pastor Nelson Brown
nelson.brown87@icloud.com
• Sunday Worship 10 am

First Mennonite

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Ragersville Zion Church

8831 Crooked Run Rd SW | 330-897-3151
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Shanesville Lutheran Church

SR 39 & 93 intersection | 330-852-2820
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sugarcreek United Methodist Church

212 North Broadway | 330-852-2885
Rev Randy Lewis
• Sunday Worship 9 am

Union Hill of Sugarcreek

7877 Union Hill Rd NW | 330-852-4449
Pastor: Jeff Calkins | unionhillumc.com
email: uhcofsugarcreek@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

TUSCARAWAS

Emmaus Chapel, IPCC

221 S. Main Street | 740-922-9269
www.emmausipcc.org
Pastor: Sam Brown
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Sharon Moravian Church

4776 Moravian Church Rd SE
740-922-5507

www.sharonmoravian.org

Pastor Lloyd Gooden
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church

215 Church St. | 740-922-2356
Pastor Wally Anderson

UHRICHSVILLE

11th Street Church Of God

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• Sunday Worship 10:30 am
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• Sunday evening 6:30pm
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Bethel Worship Center

634 N. Main St. | 740- 922-9848
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bwcuhrrichsville.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am & 6 pm

Cathedral of Praise

480 Morris Street | 330-987-6121
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Christian Temple

4249 Belden Dr | 740-922-2628
Pastors Larry & Janie Hostettler
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Church of the Nazarene

116 N. Dawson St. | 740-922-0456

• Sunday Worship 10:30

First Moravian Church

315 N Water | 740-922-0886
office@sharedmoravianministryohio.org
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

First Presbyterian

633 Main St Box 50 | 740-922-3692
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Grace Baptist Church

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Pastor Steve DeLong
sd4gbc@aol.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Grace Methodist

524 W 3rd St. | 740-922-4981
Pastor Larry Malterer
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Mount Bethel Community Chapel

88605 Bethel Rd
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Newport Methodist Church

8022 Newport Rd. SE
740-922-5564 | Pastor Kory Rowland
• Sunday Worship 8:45 am

Organic Church

1943 N Water St Ext | 740-922-1564
www.ucfoursquarechurch.org
Pastor Michael Brindley
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Pleasant Grove Church

8560 Edie Hill Rd
Jon Kinsey, minister
• Sunday Worship 9 am

Rush Community Church of the Nazarene

4941 Rush Church Rd SE | 740-254-9234
Pastor Brett Warkentine
www.rushnaz.org
• Sunday Worship 8:30, 10:45 am & 6 pm

South Side Gospel Chapel

7091 Deersville Ave Ext SE
740-922-6971 | Pastor John Cadwell
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John Worship & Praise Community Church

1030 Cook Street | 740-922-6026
Pastor Henry L. McNeil
www.sjwpc.info
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Uhrichville Christian Fellowship

132 Kutcham Dr | 740-229-7017
Pastor Jimmy Stull, Sr Pastor
www.ucfclm.com
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Uhrichville First Methodist

225 N Dawson St.
740-922-3881 | Pastor Kory Rowland
methodists@att.net
• Sunday Worship 11 am

ZOAR

Church of the Holy Trinity

1835 Dover-Zoar Rd NE | 330-874-4716
Father Jimmy Hatfield
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Zoar United Church of Christ

142 E. 5th St | 330-874-4641
Pastor Rev Dr Dan Grimminger
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

ZOARVILLE

Christian Chapel

7439 Main St | 330-859-2891
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Good Hope Lutheran Church

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GNADENHUTTEN

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Salvation Army

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