

August 2026

1640 Salem Road, Caledonia, OH 43314
 419-947-5383 MarionSalemChurch.org
 10 am Worship 9 am Sunday School

Join Us for a Circuit-wide
 Worship Gathering

ALLEGHENY WEST
 THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 
Columbus East Circuit

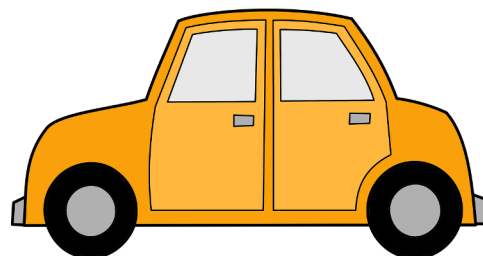


with Allegheny West
 Associate Conference Superintendent
 Dan Gildner

Mon., Aug. 10
@ 7 pm

Reynoldsburg Community Church
 1636 Graham Rd.
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

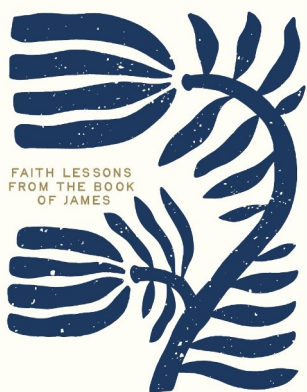
"Joshua told the people, 'Consecrate yourselves, for
 tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.'"
 (Joshua 3:5)



We are hoping to plan transportation
 for all those who would like to attend
 the circuit-wide gathering at
 Reynoldsburg Community Church
 with the new Associate Conference
 Superintendent Dan Gildner. If you
 would like to attend, please use the
 sign-up sheet on the Information
 Table in the Sanctuary to let us know
 your interest in attending and
 transportation preference.

**The deadline to sign-up and
 guarantee planning for
 transportation is Sunday, Aug. 2**

GROWING UP



LUANN RILEY

**7-week study
 starting
 August 4th
 5 pm**

"Growing Up"

**Faith lessons
 from the book of
 James**

Please contact Amy McGuire
 to sign up!

Donuts and Devo Special 8/2!

Some Thoughts before I Go...

Bishop Jeffrey E. Greenway



GLOBAL
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**PART ONE: SOME THOUGHTS FOR
 LOCAL CHURCH PASTORS AND LEADERS**



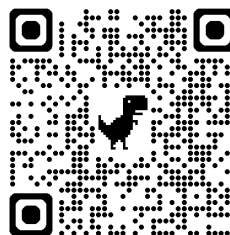
Video from Annual Conference.
 Join us at 9am for this special
 presentation.



Wishing you a very
blessed year,
Mary Wickersham
We love you!!

Every 6 years representatives of Global

Methodists from all over the world gather together to discuss the business of the Church. This year the General Conference is meeting Aug. 30th—Sept. 5th in Johannesburg, South Africa. To begin that work, we are joining with our brothers and sisters for pray over this important gathering. Please go to <https://www.beautyofholiness2026.org/prayer-guides> or use the QR code here:



There are two prayer guides. The 40-day prayer guide began July 15th and the 14-day prayer guide will begin August 24th.



To the church of God as found at Marion Salem Church, called to be saints together with those in every place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ: You are miracles of God's grace and mercy!

You may have noticed a large change between this and last month's newsletters from previous months. The first page no longer contains my monthly article on the front page. Why? The main reason for this is that we want the congregation to focus on opportunities for discipleship and invitation. In fact, there are many things that are coming up because the school year will be starting in August. This month's front page

focuses on three events that are discipleship opportunities. First is a special presentation of the teaching moments from Jeff Greenway as he prepares for retirement. Jeff has been our conference superintendent for these formative first years of the Allegheny West conference. He shares 10 nuggets for local congregations to take to heart. This video will be August's devotion for Sunday school on the 2nd. The next item is an opportunity to gather with others in our area to hear from the Associate Conference Superintendent Dan Gildner. This is a meeting at Reynoldsburg Community Church on August 10th. We're hoping to arrange transportation, so please let us know if you are interested in attending. Finally, Amy is gearing up for the *Growing Up* study.

All these are opportunities for you to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. That's important, because we can only invite someone to go deeper if we have done so ourselves. We're working our invitational muscles over the next several weeks for Back to Church Sunday on September 20th. More details are to come, however, we'll have a fellowship meal following to encourage conversation and relationship building after worship. In the meantime, VBS Presentation Sunday will be August 2nd, so worship will be down in the gym. The weekend before River Valley students return we will be having a special worship service for the blessing of backpacks, students, and teachers on August 16 (that's a great time to invite people!).

Summer is a great season for growth, not only physically but we can grow a lot spiritually too! Consider how you might encourage others to join in worship or a small group. And as you're thinking about how, make a prayerful choice on who you will invite. You have opportunity with all that is going on at Salem Church. You have the means with the many learning opportunities in the month of August. All that is left is motive and I pray you are inspired with the urgent need to reach out to save the lost, and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Blessings 🙌,

August Sermon Series

DISCIPLESHIP BOOT CAMP

2nd: VBS Presentation

9th: "What Do You Have"

Matthew 15:32-38

16th: "You Get What You Put In"

Matthew 23:13-15

23rd: "Fruitfulness"

Luke 13:6-9

30th: "Freshly Squeezed"

Judges 7



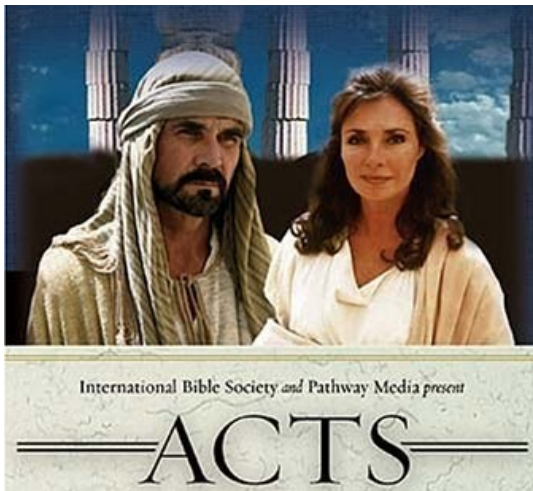
New Members Class

Those interested in joining the Professing Membership of Marion Salem Church are invited to join the 6-session New Members Class that will begin in July. Classes will be held after worship in the New Room off the gym. Lunch will be provided. Because of work and holiday schedules the classes run on the following Sundays:

Session 2—August 2	Session 5—September 13
Session 3—August 16	Session 6—September 27
Session 4—August 23	



Please see Pastor Jason if you would like to attend. All are welcome to attend, whether you already are a member, desire to become one, or would like to join in this group of discipleship.



Monday Bible Study

Join in the study where we watch the Word come to life with the Visual Bible's presentation of the Book of Acts. We are trying to take a chapter a week, however the schedule may spillover.

August 3rd: Acts 22
August 10th: No Study (Circuit Meeting)
August 17th: Acts 23
August 24th: Acts 24
August 31st: Acts 25

Basic Christian Faith Wednesdays 7pm

Join Pastor Jason for an engaging time of discussion as we explore basic teachings of Christian Faith. This is a paced study and you can drop in anytime.

August Studies:

5th: Study continues
12th: Study continues
19th: Study continues
26th: Study continues

Spaghetti Dinner
to Support **Aspire Ministries**

2026
March 21
May 30
August 29


Donations


Aspire
MINISTRIES

Waldo Methodist Church
Serving 4:30 till 7pm

Gluten Free Available
Carry out
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Aspire Events

Hello Marion Salem,



I'm Tara Klenzman, the new Head of School at Rhema Academy. I want to take a moment to update you on what God has been doing this year. When we opened our doors, we only had 23 students from grades K-9. By the end of the year, we hit 25. Now, we are at 34 and growing! (Now serving through 11th grade). Though it may seem small, God is doing a mighty work. The families and students at Rhema can attest to the growth they have seen in their lives educationally and spiritually.

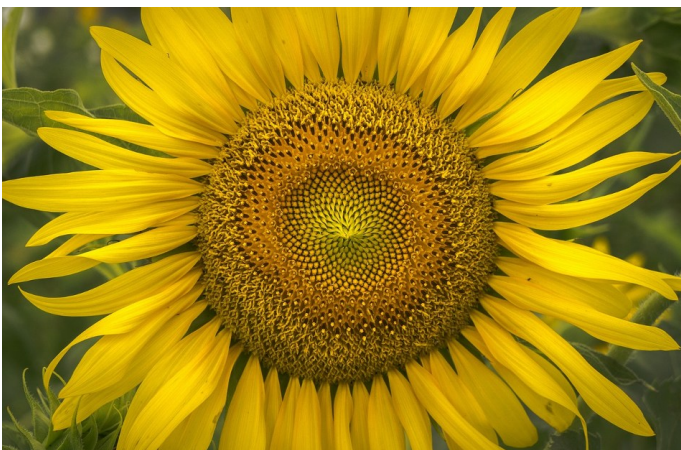
We have also gained three new teachers! Recently the staff returned from a Classical and Christian Teacher training from Mars Hill Academy in Mason, Ohio. I can attest, the information gained was transformational. Our students will benefit from the organizational and classroom practices, the Classical perspective of teaching Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric, as well as being cognizant that we are to focus on transforming not only the minds of the students but their hearts towards Christ.

I want to take a moment to let you know how much we appreciate the opportunity to share this space with your congregation. God is a God of beauty, order, and unity. We are very grateful to be in a place where these attributes of God are evident. Please pray for the transformation of the hearts and minds of the students of Rhema, that the school would continue to grow and succeed in teaching students to see the wonder in God's creation, and they would learn to Glorify God in all they do.

In Christ's Service,
Tara Klenzman
Headmistress
Rhema Academy



**Rhema is also recruiting for the 2026/2027 school year.
We hope to almost double enrollment for next year!**



Senior
Lunch

Senior Lunch

August 26th

Menu TBD

Food Pantry

Hours: Monday 10-noon



"He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; he gently leads those that have young." Isaiah 40:11

The Strivers Sheepdog Spot

ASSISTING THE GOOD SHEPHERD IN TENDING THE FLOCK, ESPECIALLY THE LAMBS AND THOSE THAT HAVE YOUNG



RV Teachers Return Aug 12

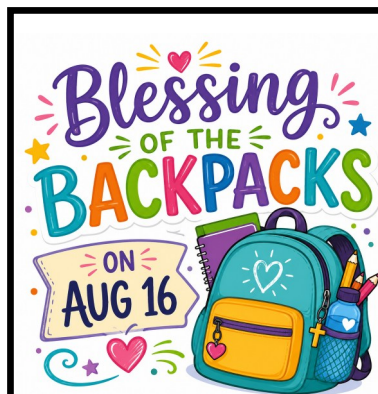
RV Students Return Aug 18

Please pray for all students who are going back to school this month, and especially for their parents as a new school year begins. Please also pray for the faculty, staff, administration, bus drivers, cafeteria

workers, and everyone else involved in the education of our children.

Strivers Youth Schedule

- **Aug 2 6pm:** Youth Group
- **Aug 4 4:45pm:** LEAPIN'
- **Aug 9 6pm:** Youth Group
- **Aug 11 4:45pm:** LEAPIN'
- **Aug 16 6pm:** Youth Group
- **Aug 23 6pm:** Youth Group
- **Aug 16 6pm:** Youth Group
- **TBA:** End of Summer Party



All who are going Back to School this year are invited to bring their backpacks, teacher's bags, or something else that represents your new school year to worship. Pastor Heather will lead us in praying over these items and our students, teachers, and others going back to school.

Lifewise Academy is coming to River Valley!

Pastor Heather will be the lead teacher! For more information, to donate, to volunteer, or to register a student, please visit <https://lifewise.org/program/3904844-river-valley-local-school-district/>.



Junior Youth Group Begins September 6!

A New Youth Group for students in Grades 4-6 on Sundays 4:00pm-6:00pm. Our theme verse is Psalms 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." **Adult and Teen Volunteers Are Needed!** For more information, contact Pastor Heather.



Children's Message Schedule

August 2	VBS
August 9	Pastor Heather
August 16	Ruth Lutz
August 23	TBA
August 30	TBA



Ice Cream Social 2026



**Proceeds to benefit
Aspire Ministries**

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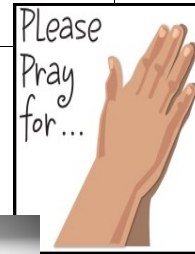
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion	3 Bible study 4 pm	4 Rhema Fun 4 pm James 5 pm	5 Bible study 7 pm	6	7	8 Family Center Reserved
9	10 No Bible study Circuit Day 7 pm	11 James 5 pm	12 Bible study 7 pm	13	14	15
16	17 Bible study 4 pm Ad Council 6:30 pm	18 James 5 pm	19 Bible study 7 pm	20	21	22
23	24 Rhema begins	25 James 5 pm	26 Bible study 7 pm	27	28	29
30	31					



1st Sunday every month in the
Family Center at 8:30 AM.

August—Upper Room

Sept.—Genesis Class



Pray for

Ron VonAlmen
Janet Schelb
Jude Stitzel
Family of Sheryl Campbell
Donna McKinnis
Vicki Adams
Israel
Judi Myers
Rick Hicks
Haiti
Mike Dilsaver
Steve Crock
Paul Messenger
Sean McLeod
Jamie Marquis
Family of Inda Lama
Janie Wooten
Mary & Bill Linn
Andrew Pfeiffer
Tierney Bender
Jim Miracle
Nathan Long
Sean Hert
Mary Galloway
Terry Fisher
Bob Howser family
Brock Parker
Heidi Gregory

Nursery Schedule

8/2 Conni McChesney & Robbi Smart
8/9 Avy Bauer & Kathy Fisher
8/16 Linda Seitter & Charisse Smith
8/23 Amy McGuire & Robbi Smart
8/30 Robbi Smart & Susie Williams

Children's Church

8/2 No Children's Church
8/9
8/16
8/23
8/30

Birthdays

8/5 Avy Bauer
Jesseca Wagner
Brynlee Wyeth
8/10 Marilyn Shroyer
Sean McLeod
8/12 Max Strine
8/17 Mike Dilsaver
8/23 Jesse Bauer
8/26 Addison Jordan
8/29 Roger Burden
Rob Weisbrodt

ANNIVERSARIES

8/5 Steve & Jenny Bayles
8/7 Phil & Marilyn Shroyer
8/9 Rick & Julie Roth
8/17 Rob & Tracy Weisbrodt
8/18 Brian & Becky Oliver
Tony & Charisse Smith
8/20 Paul & Ellen Messenger
Chuck & Annette VanVoorhis
8/21 Ric & Cindy Harvel
8/22 Hunter & Caitlin Smith
8/25 Mike & Penny Rose

GREETERS

8/2 Tony & Charisse Smith
8/9 Marcia Burden & Linda Seitter
8/16 Hunter & Caitlin Smith
8/23 Janet Burns & Susie Williams
8/30 Bruce & Conni McChesney



Luc Crawford

- Grand Champion Commercial Ewe
- Senior Sheep Showmanship - 4th place
- 1st and 3rd place with Market Lambs

Aiden Jordan

- Grand Champion Market Steer
- Outstanding Market Beef Exhibitor

Addison Jordan

- Market Hogs: 1st and 2nd places in classes

Colby Jordan

- Market Steer: 2nd place Rate of Gain, 3rd place in class
- Reserve Champion Bred, Born, and Raised in Marion County Steer

Collin Loyer

- Market Steers

Grand Champion BBR Steer

3rd Place Overall BBR Steer

3rd Place Overall Market Steer

4th Place Overall Market Steer

1st Place Junior Beef Skillathon

2nd Place Junior Beef Showmanship

Marissa Loyer

- Market Goats

1st Place Senior Goat Skillathon

2nd & 3rd Places in Classes

- Market Steers

1st Place Senior Beef Skillathon

1st Place in Class

Riggins Pollock

- 2026 Goat Prince
- 1st place in Beginner Showmanship for Market Goat
- 3rd place in Middle Weight Market Goat
- 6th place in BBR Market Goat
- 7th place for rate of gain for his Market Goat
- Sold his peach pie for \$175
- Won the corn hole contest for his age division with Wyatt Kantzer as his partner

Carter Bayles

- 1st place - Beginner Beef Feeder Showmanship
- 1st place - Beginner Beef Skillathon
- 1st place - Beef Feeder Class
- 1st place - Breeding Heifer Class
- Received several ribbons with his market steers

Audrey Bayles

- Showed a Beef Feeder in the Pee Wee Show

Piper Croskey

- 3rd place Market Chickens

Marion County Fair 2026

