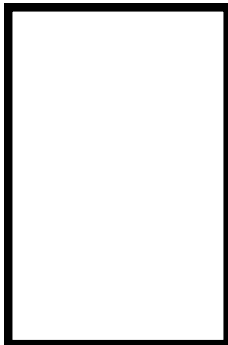
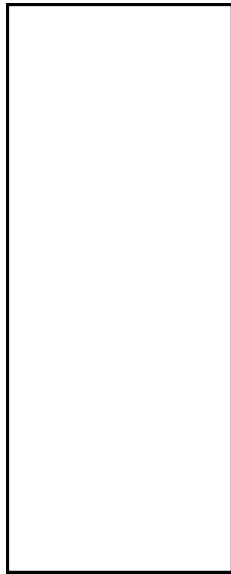




Coming soon!
Drive-in Movie Night!
 Refreshments provided. Family themed movie to be shown. Load up the kids & join us for a fun night under the stars.



Congratulations to the SUMC Softball Team & their first place status!
 They've won the first round in the playoffs! Come down to Softball City (behind Nappi's Roller Den in Ashtabula) on Monday, August 1 at 6pm to cheer them on for the next two games!



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Circuit Rider

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Karen and I both want to express our gratitude for the abundant manner in which you, the many good folks at Saybrook welcomed us on July 3rd. With your Staff Parish Chair's leading, you welcomed us with cards and notes but also an abundant number of gift cards and lap robes for both Karen and I. We are enjoying the most beautiful hanging basket as well as many other delights. The abundant breakfast that was coordinated for our first Sunday July 3rd, as with everything of that day will long be remembered. We feel so very welcomed each and every Sunday, from the time we approach the pavilion, to the moment we have to head down the road. We do so appreciate the welcome for our entire family as our children and grandchildren have been welcomed and enjoyed their time with you along the beauty of the lake shore. May Our Lord richly bless our time together.



In His Service, With You,
 Pastor Vernon and Karen



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

As the world continues to change around us, I came across this article I'd like to share with you. Please take a few moments to read it in its entirety. I'd be interested to hear your thoughts.
 Pastor Vernon

Congregations Gone Wild

By . JEFFREY MacDONALD

August 7, 2010
Swampscott, Mass.

THE American clergy is suffering from burnout, several new studies show. And part of the problem, as researchers have observed, is that pastors work too much. Many of them need vacations, it's true. But there's a more fundamental problem that no amount of rest and relaxation can help solve: congregational pressure to forsake one's highest calling.

The pastoral vocation is to help people grow spiritually, resist their lowest impulses and adopt higher, more compassionate ways. But churchgoers increasingly want pastors to soothe and entertain them. It's apparent in the theater-style seating and giant projection screens in churches and in mission trips that involve more sightseeing than listening to the local people.

As a result, pastors are constantly forced to choose, as they work through congregants' daily wish lists in their e-mail and voice mail, between paths of personal integrity and those that portend greater job security. As religion becomes a consumer experience, the clergy become more unhappy and unhealthy.

The trend toward consumer-driven religion has been gaining momentum for half a century. Consider that in 1955 only 15 percent of Americans said they no longer adhered to the faith of their childhood, according to a Gallup poll. By 2008, at least once, or dropped it altogether, the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life found. Americans now sample, dabble and move on when a religious leader fails to satisfy for any reason.

In this transformation, clergy have seen their job descriptions rewritten. They're no longer expected to offer moral counsel in pastoral care sessions or to deliver sermons that make the comfortable uneasy. Church leaders who continue such ministerial traditions pay dearly. A few years ago, thousands of parishioners quit in St. Paul, Minn., and Community Church of Joy in Glendale, Ariz., when their respective preachers refused to bless the congregations' preferred political agendas and consumerist lifestyles.

I have faced similar pressures myself. In the early 2000s, the advisory committee of my small congrega-

tion in Massachusetts told me to keep my sermons to 10 minutes, tell funny stories and leave people feeling great about themselves. The unspoken message in such instructions is clear: give us the comforting, amusing fare we want or we'll get our spiritual leadership from someone else.

Congregations that make such demands seem not to realize that most clergy don't sign up to be soothsayers or entertainers. Pastors believe they're called to shape lives for the better, and that involves helping people learn to do what's right in life, even when what's right is also difficult. When they're being true to their calling, pastors urge Christians to do the hard work of reconciliation with one another before receiving communion. They lead people to share in the suffering of others, including people they would rather ignore, by experiencing tough circumstances — say, in a shelter, a prison or a nursing home — and seeking relief together with those in need. At their courageous best, clergy lead where people aren't asking to go, because that's how the range of issues that concern them expands, and how a holy community gets formed.

Ministry is a profession in which the greatest rewards include meaningfulness and integrity. When those fade under pressure from churchgoers who don't want to be challenged or edified, pastors become candidates for stress and depression.

Clergy need parishioners who understand that the church exists, as it always has, to save souls by elevating people's values and desires. They need churchgoers to ask for personal challenges, in areas like daily devotions and outreach ministries.

When such an ethic takes root, as it has in generations past, then pastors will cease to feel like the spiritual equivalents of concierges. They'll again know joy in ministering among people who share their sense of purpose. They might even be on fire again for their calling, rather than on a path to premature burnout.

G. Jeffrey MacDonald, a minister in the United Church of Christ, is the author of "Thieves in the Temple: The Christian Church and the Selling of the American Soul."

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 8:30am Worship @ the Park 7pm Lake Co. Cap- tains Game	1 10:00am Missions Produce Giveaway @ Plymouth 3- 5pm	2 6pm Trustees	3 6pm WOW	4	5	6 8a-12p— Church Work- day 8:30am Men's Group
14 8:30am Worship @ the Park	8 4-8p—Church Workday	9 6pm Membership	10 6pm WOW	11	12	13
21 8:30am Worship @ the Park	15 Produce Giveaway @ Plymouth 3- 5pm	16 6pm AD Council	17 6pm WOW	18 4-8p— Church Workday	19	20 8a-12p— Church Work- day 8:30am Men's Group
28 8:30am Worship @ the Park	22 Coat of Many Col- ors @Plymouth	23	24 6pm WOW	25	26	27
	29	30	31			AA Meetings Sunday @ 7pm

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**GOD LOVES
YOU22**



FREE EVENT, LIVE MUSIC & A MESSAGE OF HOPE

Date: Tuesday, September 27th

Time: 7:00PM EDT

Venue: The Youngstown Foundation
Amphitheatre

Address: 201 S Phelps St, Youngstown,
OH 44503

Parking: Event parking at the adjacent
Covelli Centre

Please bring your own chairs and blankets. Check venue website for lawn chair restrictions.

Mark your calendar for Youngstown's God Loves You Tour, which will give the lost an opportunity to know Jesus and encourage believers in their faith. The free evening will feature music by a guest artist and a message from Franklin Graham.

Visit <https://godlovesyououtour.com/events/youngstown/> for more information.



ALL CHURCH WORK DAYS

- **Saturdays: August 6 & 20**
8 or 9a to start and done by 11-12p
- **Monday 8th 4-8p**
Light Dinner Provided
- **Thursday 18th, 4-8p**
Light Dinner Provided

All times are suggestions, come as best fits your schedule. Something for everyone. There is organizing that needs done, riding out, cleaning, etc. Volunteers may pick a room. Before anything is tossed out double check with someone else.

From 2 Chronicles 34:10 we can garner that our Love for God moves us to show respect for church, a center for worship in the area. When new people come to the church we should want them to have a favorable impression gathering spot. Regular cleaning and maintenance are needed to ensure that the church remains appealing and attractive. We show our respect when we do what is needed to keep it in good condition. We should see it as a privilege to volunteer our time to assist in cleaning as well as "mend and repair" our place of worship.

All are welcome, all are needed, all help is appreciated.

AUGUST

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May God's blessings fall upon you.

1	Hunter Loudermilk	11	Ed Gray
1	Korey Stoneman	11	Bill Swanson
1	Jeff & Sue Nelson	12	Ken & Myrna Osten
3	Pat Sovine	16	Scott Solomon
5	Paul Miklos	17	Serenity Schaade
9	Delilah Butler	18	Norma Lambert
10	Hunter Stiltner	19	Carol Hammonds
10	Emilee Williams		



Girl Scouts

Saybrook United Methodist Church,
Thank you for letting our troop use your church to have meetings and other activities. We were looking for a place and you opened your arms. We are very grateful! This donation is a thank you for a wonderful year.

Many thanks,
GS Troop 80232

Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 80232 for their donation to the church.
We're thankful we are able to welcome and serve you.

Take me out to the ballgame! Join us Sunday, August 7, at 7pm at the Lake Co. Captains Game. It's Family Night, Princess Night, and Sunday night fireworks. Each ticket is \$9 and a food/drink voucher is \$8. Please contact Cheryl McLaren for more information. Enjoy the game and fellowship of your church family!



As a local United Methodist Congregation we promise to honor God with:

Our Prayers

Our Churches, Our Shut Ins, Our Military,

Our College Students, Our Pastor & Family, Missionaries, Dee Ann Rich, Ethan & Ashley Batschelet, Ed & Linda Gray, Richard Clugh, River, Betty Hansen, Richard & Grace Arnold, Jim & Phyllis Wright, Dean Moore, Howard Hewitt, Erik Pimentel, Kurt Brindley, Eva DeCamillo, Roy Stiltner II, Linda Johnson, Sarah Brown, Mary Lewis, Stoneman Family, Jackie McKee, Jim McKee, Keith Youngberg, Louise Ebetino, Chuck Ebetino, Ruth Falcione, Becky Reese, Karen Klimek, Barb Swiger, Karen May, Kelly Forren, Tom & Donna Orr, Monna O'Connor, Justin Nelson, Rick Arnold, Lisa Buck, Virgil & Carol Hammonds, Gary & Debbie Munson, Jeff & Sue Nelson, Ron McIvaine, Charlene Hopkins, Mike Greenwood, Marilyn Wenner, Kathy Feiler, Ken Elliot, Dixie & Larry Leggett, Christy, Cheryl McLaren, Billy Hudson, Janice, Bob M, Jim, Joyce, Rich, Vicky, Sue Hogan, Robin Nagle, Lou Buck, Christa, Mike & Jennifer, Bill Swanson, Autumn Wright, Rose Wright, Edie Ann, Denny & Bobbi Heil, Diane (Swiger), Chuck & Janette Davis, Lloyd & Judy Richards, Don & Mary Clugh, Sandra Corbett, Diana, Betty Cochran, Barb Swiger



It's time to **STUFF THE BUS!**
We're collecting school supplies to help local children around the area prepare for going back to school starting now through August 20th. The OH Tax Free Weekend is scheduled for August 5-7 which is the perfect time to pick up some supplies.
Drop off your donations at the church or when you visit the Lake Service on Sundays. As of right now, our contacts have advised they do not need notebook paper but everything else such as pencils, glue, crayons, backpacks, lunchboxes, markers, scissors, and

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Elmer's glue bottles and sticks
Backpacks
Pencils #2
Pens - black and blue
Pink Erasers
Composition Books
Spiral notebooks - red,yellow,green,blue
Supply boxes 8x5x2(rectangle)
Crayons (24)
Colored Pencils
Rulers (plastic or wood)Washable
watercolor paints
Dry erase markers
Boxes of Kleenex

Dry erase markers colored
Dry erase markers black
Highlighters
Scissors
Pencil sharpeners
Washable color markers (10 count)
Single subject spiral notebooks
Index cards
Black fine line marker
Zippered pencil bag
2" binder (3-ring, any color)
Wide ruled subject notebooks
College ruled subject notebooks
Pocket Folders with prongs

Our Gifts

Stewardship Update

Year to Date as of 05/31/2022

General Budget \$72,889.34

Expenses -\$87,488.03

Deficit -\$14,598.69

Our Service

Worship Services

Sundays at 8:30am

at the Saybrook Township Park

Doughnuts and coffee are provided.
Bring your lawn chairs if you like.
Come worship together and enjoy the beauty of the park and the lake that God has made.

You are also invited to stop at the church on Wednesdays from 9a-5p for Taize and communion on the rail, and at 6p for **WOW** service.

Our Sunday morning service can be viewed via YouTube. You can find the link on our Facebook page or our website.
www.saybrookumc.com