



A Message from Pastor Jonathan:

Our church has taken a significant step in the life of this congregation. On April 18, 2023, the vote was taken to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. After an extended season of learning, prayer, question-asking, discernment, and more prayer, the large majority of members present at the church conference voted to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. The discernment was that this portion of the body of Christ can best continue on its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ by walking the path separately from the UMC. At a later vote that night, the new name for the church was chosen to be Cabot Methodist Church.

Over the next months, we will be working through the steps required to make this transition. This includes officially establishing a new corporation with the state, writing bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, applying for employee identification numbers, transitioning our signage, and establishing bank accounts. As we work on these items, we are still United Methodist until everything is completed. On June 14th, the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference will have its vote to approve the disaffiliation of Cabot and the many other churches that have discerned the same direction. Our disaffiliation will then need to be finalized sometime between that date and August 15th.

One of the significant factors is the costs that will be paid to the annual conference. The largest percentage of this cost is related to pension obligations for pastors who have served here in the past, with additional amounts for the property to be released from the trust clause and for one year of apportionment payments. We will find out the final total in May. As a congregation, we will need to give in order to meet these costs. If you would like to give to this above and beyond your regular offerings, you may do that by marking it for Disaffiliation. You can use your giving envelopes by using the yellow ones labeled Special Offering, or you can give online, or you can just mark your check or offering with the word Disaffiliation. I have been so encouraged by those who have already begun this. In the first five days after the vote, you have given more than \$36,000! Praise God!

One person shared with me that they had been saving for a significant purchase, but they have decided to delay that purchase and give that money for the future of this congregation! This is one of many clear signs that God is moving among us. We are so grateful for all who are stepping out in obedience to what God is laying on your heart.

Since the full amount is due relatively soon, we might need to take out a loan to pay the total on time. The church conference also voted to authorize this. The Finance Committee and the Administrative Board will determine the exact amount of the loan if needed. Our goal is to make sure that we have sufficient funds available through this season of transition, so we don't put ourselves in a more difficult spot as we launch into the next phase of our ministry.

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Cabot, Pennsylvania 16023
707 Winfield Rd.

Cabot United Methodist Church



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**Cabot UMC
Newsletter**



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How to Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00 am -1:00 pm

Note: Summer office hours, 9:00am-12:00pm, begin June 5th.

724-352-2074

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youth@cabotumc.com

Worship Schedule

Saturday 6:00 pm Worship Service
Sunday 9:15 am Sunday School
Sunday 10:30 am Worship Service

Note: 9:30 am summer Sunday Worship time begins May 28th.



May 5 Friday with Friends: Kickball and Campfire

May 8 Admin Teams Meetings

May 13 Church Work Day

May 14 Mother's Day

**May 15 Food Bank Truck Delivery
Food Bank Packing**

May 17 Food Bank

May 20 Men's Breakfast @ Kelly's

May 21 Worship Committee Meeting

May 22 COM Meeting

May 25 Book Club with Kate

May 28 Summer Worship Time and Office hours begin.



June 12 Admin Teams Meetings

June 17 Men's Breakfast @ Kelly's

June 18 Father's Day

**June 20 Food Bank Truck Delivery
Food Bank Packing**

June 21 Food Bank

June 26-30 VBS

June 26 COM Meeting

June 29 Book Club with Kate

See enclosed calendar for full schedule.

For latest updates, sign up for the Cabot UMC Happenings email by contacting Jacy Barbiaux @ program@cabotumc.com or check the Cabot UMC website.



May Birthdays

Kylee McGee	2nd
Jamie Timko	2nd
Janice Bachman	4th
Paige Hostrander	4th
Kelly Hanson	5th
Hannah Barbiaux	9th
Evan Wimer	9th
Kaylee Comperatore	13th
Mark Hack	13th
Paula Duke	15th
Hallie Kildoo	18th
Brennen Snyder	20th
Cole Travis	20th
Kayla Travis	20th
Tyler Duke	21st
Emily Govan	27th

May Anniversaries

Marlyn & Sam Mendicino	4th
Kevin & Maria Travis	23rd



Did you know you can give your tithes and financial offerings electronically on our website? Click on the "Give" button on our home page, cabotumc.com, where you can create an account and securely give. Also, you can directly mail in your offering to the church at 707 Winfield Rd, Cabot, Pa 16023, just mark your offering as to where you want it designated on your envelope. We thank you for your generosity towards God's church.

Giving Update

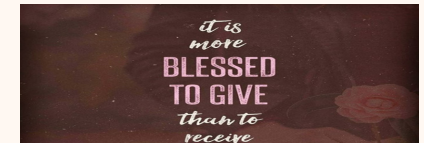
Contact the office with any questions or for more details about these financial updates.

Offerings Received to the end of Feb.

\$57,624

Budgeted to the end of Feb.

\$65,555



Special Penny Offering

Results

April Penny Offering to

Mended Little Hearts

\$423.00



May Penny Offering to The Mission Barn: Mobilizing resources (such as cleaning buckets and hygiene kits) to those in need due to natural and manmade disaster, in our region and beyond.

(5/20 & 5/21)- 3rd weekend

Thank you to all who contributed.
You are making a difference



GriefShare

If you've experienced a loss or know someone who has, GriefShare is a Christ-centered support resource led by compassionate leaders who are there to help. A new 12-week session is meeting on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the church library, and it's not too late to join in. The cost of the workbooks has generously been provided for. See Karle Anderson the church office with questions.



Christian Camping

Give your teenagers or children an amazing experience with Jesus in the outdoors this summer at camp! Our church is specifically partnering with Wesley Woods Best of Summer Sampler the week of July 30-Aug. 4, and scholarships are available from the church. Check out the table in the Welcome Center or contact the office for info about scholarships, Wesley Woods, Jumonville, and more.



Lead a Group

You can lead a group in studying the Bible or reading a Christian Book! Even if you never have before, we can provide you with training and materials to lead a discussion that will help others (and you!) grow in their faith. You can lead using a book you choose, or select from the many excellent ones we have available. We are looking for new groups during Sunday school and other times during the week.

Contact Jacy Barbiaux (programcabotumc.com)

or

Pastor Jonathan for more information



We have a small group for men who would like to grow in their faith while being encouraged and challenged by one another. Wednesday nights at 7:00pm. 134 Grimm Road, Sarver (Don Marlowe's house). Contact Don, Roger Kennedy, or Pastor Jonathan with questions or to sign up.

Our Giving Table



In the Welcome Center we have a table with cards printed with different types of materials you can donate toward our community ministries. Browse through and take a few in order to help provide items for our youth ministry, current needs for the Matrona Family Resource Center, or Food Bank donations. This table is regularly refreshed with new items, so feel free to pick up a couple of cards each week. When you return the items, please put them in the donation box in the Welcome Center.

A Message from Pastor Jonathan: Continued

In the coming weeks, we will also be making the decision about where our next steps will take us. The two strongest options are to affiliate with the Global Methodist Church or to start as an independent church. Be watching the announcements for a meeting with a leader from the Global Methodist Church who will share with us about that denomination, which has been formed with many churches who have disaffiliated in a similar situation as us. In the meantime, you can learn more at www.globalmethodist.org.

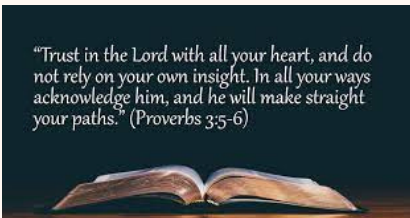
As many of you know, my decision as a pastor is independent from the decision of the local church. However, it is also obviously very much influenced by your decision! At the church conference I shared that I will continue in my discernment process of hearing from God in these coming weeks. I have certainly found a home among this congregation, and I'm extremely grateful to be a part of this church. I have not sensed God leading me away, but I need to continue to listen for the clarity of his direction now that the congregation's decision has been made.

While this church conference decision reflects the will of the majority of the congregation, I'm very aware that not all are in favor of this. I want to say to everyone that our congregation will continue in the spirit that we have loved, worked, and ministered. If you have found a home at Cabot, you will continue to find that the church will be the loving, caring, welcoming, Jesus-focused congregation that we have been. The church will not change because the name above the door changes. I anticipate that God will continue to grow us and lead us, and that always means changes, but they will not be because we are in a different denomination. The growth will be based on God's leading as we seek him and listen to him. I hope that we will all be able to continue moving forward on this path together. However, if you decide that you are not able to continue forward with us and would like to remain United Methodist, I will be happy to connect you with other churches and pastors in the area who will be remaining in the denomination. Our District Superintendent will also be available to help anyone who wants to remain in the UMC. There will be no animosity or sense of hurt toward those who make this decision. We will continue to be brothers and sisters in Christ, even if we worship in different denominations.

I know there are many questions and uncertainties through this time. I and the members of the Disaffiliation Team are available for questions or in-depth conversations related to the current season. Don't hesitate to reach out to the office with questions.

We believe God will continue to move us forward as he leads us in the work he has given this congregation over the last 200 years. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and we can trust his faithfulness. May he find us faithful in response to his grace!

In Christ,
Pastor Jonathan



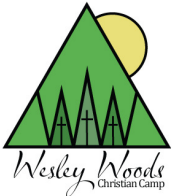


Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fish Fry this season! From baking desserts to setting up, washing dishes to frying food, cleaning up to taking orders, and so many other tasks; it would not have been possible without you. We served 3,159 meals and raised over \$11,000!

It is a blessing to have such an amazing team at this church to work together, serve our community, and raise funds for God's Kingdom work through Cabot Church!



I just want to thank all who helped make the Women's and Children's Good Friday Breakfast a success! Our church family is so awesome at helping when the Lord speaks. From everyone who provided food, helped with the set up and cleanup, those who helped serve, and those who helped with the children. Thank you all! It would not have been successful without all of the help. I am privileged to be a member of such a great congregation. Thank you again.
God Bless,
Marlyn



Dear Cabot UMC,

We thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. Your long term record of giving encourages us that the Kingdom of God still matters. And so, we continue to share the life-giving message and offer of salvation. Even through the pandemic, you have been faithful in supporting the work that God is doing.

Again, thank you for your part in the ministry of Christian Camping at Wesley Woods.

Gratefully,
Levi Dellamedaglia

On behalf of the Wesley Woods Board of Directors



Thank you to everyone at Cabot UMC for the beautiful plaque given to my family in memory of my father's passing.

Dan Spencer



Thank you to all who donated baked goods for Sunday School! Your delicious generosity is appreciated.

Matrona



A Family Resource Center
A Ministry of Cabot United Methodist Church
724-352-2074

Resources for families in South Eastern Butler County

Baby and Toddler Clothes, Maternity Clothes, Diapers, Baby Gear, Children's Books, Support Groups, Parenting Classes, Childbirth Classes

Resource Closet:

Open Weekly on Thursdays from 6-8pm
Or as needed, please call for details

Support Group for New Parents:

Thursdays from 7-8pm
Please call for details

Parenting and Childbirth Classes:

Meeting Weekly as needed, call for details

Matrona is a ministry of Cabot United Methodist Church located at 707 Winfield Rd, Cabot, PA.

If you are struggling with any aspect of pregnancy or parenting, or if you would like to volunteer or donate, please call or email children@cabotumc.com.

Matrona is growing and serving more families every week and we need helpers! If you'd like to be a part of blessing the families of our community, please contact Miss Kelly at children@cabotumc.com or 724-524-1809.

Global Methodist Church Information Meeting

As part of our discernment of next steps after we disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church, come hear from Janet Lord, a leader in the Global Methodist Church. She will share with us the vision of the GMC and what it could mean for Cabot Church serving the world as we make disciples of Jesus Christ. Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. For more information on the denomination, including the complete transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline, go to www.globalmethodist.org.

Women's Birdwatch Walk

Take the opportunity to join with other women for a time of connecting with God and one another through his creation. This birdwatching walk will be Tuesday, May 16 at 9:00 am. Meet at Buffalo Creek Nature Park (154 Monroe Rd., Sarver.) There is no cost. Contact the office or Michelle Moser with questions

VBS Volunteers

If you are interested in assisting with this year's Vacation Bible School, please attend an informational meeting May 7th immediately after worship (11:45am) in Room 7. VBS is from June 26-30 in the mornings, and we need many hands to make it work. Please consider this awesome opportunity to serve the children of our community.

Summer Worship and Office Hours

Our church schedule changes a little beginning Memorial Day weekend. Sunday, May 28, our worship service will move to its 9:30 am time, with no Sunday School. (No change for Saturday night.) Then starting Tuesday, May 30, the office will be open 9:00 am until noon, Monday through Thursday for the summer. Fall hours will return after Labor Day.

Fish Fry Leftovers

Frozen fish from our fish fry is still available. If interested in making a purchase, speak with Rich James after Saturday night or Sunday morning worship services, or contact the office.



Pastor Jason McQueen is retiring on July 1, 2023, after over 34 years in ministry. He served as pastor of Cabot UMC from 2014-2019. If you were here during that time, would you please share how the Lord touched your life under the ministry of Pastor Jason? Maybe a memory - serious or funny. Maybe you have a story of the Jason McQueen family. Please also pass this along to anyone you know who also sat under the ministry of Pastor Jason. His last Sunday in the pulpit is June 18th. Mail your responses by June 5th so they receive them before they move.

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The ROCK Youth Ministry

The LORD is my Rock - Psalm 18:2

May 2023 Calendar

Wednesday, May 3rd	5:30 - 8:00 PM
Sunday, May 7th	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Wednesday, May 10th	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Wednesday, May 17th	5:30 - 8:00 PM
* Special Event- LOCK IN	
Friday, May 19th-20th	7:00PM - 8:00 AM
Sunday, May 21st	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Wednesday, May 24th	5:30 - 8:00 PM
Wednesday, May 31st	5:30-8:00 PM

*On Friday, May 19th, we will be having a Lock-In for the youth. It will start at 7pm and end at 8am on Saturday, May 20th. We will be making pizza's for dinner and pancakes and egg burritos for breakfast. I will be putting out donation requests for this event.

Current Special Needs: Good 2 or 3 qt saucepans, 6 or 8 qt stock pots, measuring cups and spoons. If anyone has any waffle irons that we could borrow that would be great! The youth would like to make waffles for dinner one night. Another item we are in constant need of is drinks. The youth go through a lot of juice, milk and water. We are asking for small bottles with twist caps (this helps in the prevention of unnecessary spills).

Any questions about the Youth Ministry? Contact: Paula Duke, Director youth@cabotumc.com or 724-968-6001



Cabot UMC Food Bank May Collection

Cabot UMC has a wonderful Food Bank, run by a group of dedicated, kind, and welcoming volunteers. The volunteers take inventory, assess the needs, order, sort, and distribute the food each month to community members. If you live in the area and are in need of assistance, please contact us.

For more information about the Cabot Food Bank, please call the church office.
Food distribution is on the third Wednesday of every month.
We have 2 time slots: 10:00 am - noon and 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

Situational Awareness - What Is It?

Developing situational awareness is an essential tool in your personal safety toolbox, and one of the easiest to overlook. About half of the time, we operate on "automatic pilot." Unconscious of what we are doing or how we are feeling, our mind wanders, and we react rather than choosing how we want to act. The other half of the time we're aware, but not usually with the level of situational awareness.

Situational Awareness and How it Differs from Normal Everyday Awareness

Situational awareness is: 1) noticing what is going on around you, combined with 2) an understanding of what is happening around you, so that 3) you can make educated guess as to what will happen or what will need to happen in order to stay safe in this particular situation.

Situational Awareness:

Perceiving: Noticing what is happening in your environment and what you are thinking and feeling - you pay attention to what is around you.

Comprehending: Understanding what is happening within your environment, a picture of what normal should look like - you pay attention to the anomalies.

Future-telling: Having a variety of potential "what if" action steps available to you depending on what happens within this situation. If your gut is telling you something is off, LISTEN. If your intuition or gut instinct is saying something is not right, you want to pay attention to that instinct.

Normal Everyday Awareness:

Basic awareness is the ability to perceive what is around you, but there is a lack of understanding.

Self-awareness is the ability to be aware that you're aware.

Self-focused attention consists of thinking about ourselves - it's the "in between" of basic awareness and mindful self-awareness.

When it comes to personal safety, use your awareness to let you know it's time to LEAVE if you can safely do so. Escaping and being safe is the primary goal. You hear someone yelling from the back of the library, so leave quickly out the front. You walk into the coffee shop and warning alarms go off in your mind ... Leave!

Original article by Tamara Yates, Self-Defense Instructor

May	Condiments
June	Paper Supplies
July	Pasta & Salad Dressing
August	School Supplies
Septemb	Cake Mix
Octob	Canned Pumpkin, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce
November	Baking Supplies
December	Canned Fruit & Cereal



707 Winfield Road, Cabot, PA 16025, Mon-Thurs 9:00am-1:00pm or contact the office to arrange another time. 724-352-2074
office@cabotumc.com

Operation Christmas Child

May

For May we are asking for personal care items!



Please remember to consider OCC when you come across sales and clearances. Things to look for: toys, small stuffed animals, cars, jump ropes, balls, some clothing items such as socks, shirts, sweatpants, hats and gloves. Watch for the good sales and stock up! For the full list go to the website --
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>.

Please mark items OCC and place in the wooden bin in the lobby. You can drop items off at any time (you don't need to wait for the appropriate month). Monetary donations can be made as well, which go towards shipping costs or purchasing additional items to fill the shoeboxes.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for this ministry please contact me. I am always excited to try something new and share my excitement with all of you and those beautiful children in our world!

Thank you so much!
Paula Scott
fellowshpecabotumc.com



Prayer squares are a smaller, more portable version of a prayer shawl. They can be kept in your pocket, purse, or backpack. They can be a reminder to stop and pray for someone or some situation. If you or a family member is in need of a prayer square, there is a basket of them on the table in the Welcome Center. Feel free to take as many as you need.

Also, if you or someone you know is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please take one from the gray cupboard in the Red Room. There is a notebook in which to record the shawl taken and to whom it is going. There are also bags and tissue paper if you wish to use them.

If you would like one of the Prayer Shawl members to help you, please ask.

The Prayer Shawl group meets the 2nd Monday of each month in room 14 at 7:00pm! Contact Bonnie Yates if you have any questions! Thank you!



Contact Sarah Smith if you have questions regarding Secret Sisters
724-352-3827 langmedic26emsn.com



MEN'S BREAKFAST
3rd Saturday of the Month

May 20th @ 8:00AM

Kelly's Family Restaurant
130 W. Main Street, Saxonburg
Questions, contact Rich James @ 724-816-3974



Book Club will be held on
May 25th @ 6pm.

Questions: Contact Kate Lindsey
library@cabotumc.com



PASTORAL CARE - MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

If you need medical equipment, please call Elaine Hinderliter at 724-352-1936. Also, if you have borrowed medical equipment and no longer are using it, you may return it to the church and inform us so others will have use of it.

We also have an electric scooter to give to anyone who can use it.
The batteries are dead and will have to be replaced.



"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

May these words speak to our hearts as we live our daily lives making choices that reflect who we serve.

Cheryl

Children's Ministry



Children and their parents are invited to join us for a light breakfast, games and lessons outside by the playground during our regular Sunday school tim. This will be a fun time to celebrate the end of the Sunday school year and the start of Summer.



Join us at Cabot UMC each Thursday 9am-2:30pm through May 18. Enjoy use of the gym, library, nursery and art room to supplement your other studies. Bring your lessons and gather with other home educating families for social time and group study. This day is open to any sort of home education. Traditional Homeschoolers, Cyber Schoolers and Un-schoolers, all are welcome.
Additional information can be found at the South Eastern Butler County and Surrounding Area Homeschoolers Facebook page.



Calling VBS Volunteers

It may be hard to believe, but Summer will be here before you know it, and VBS with it. The tentative dates are June 26th through 30th, and we'd love to have you join us. If you are interested in serving the children of our community through planning or volunteering please contact Miss Kelly at childrencabotumc.com or 724-524-1809



It can be hard for little ones to sit through the serious adult talk of a sermon, so we provide a fun alternative. On Sundays, kids leave the regular worship service after the Children's Message and come back in time for the Benediction. They'll sing songs, play games, do some art projects and listen to a Bible Story! Kids' Own Worship (KOW) happens during the regular Sunday worship services. Kids from Pre-K to 5th Grade can leave the service to enjoy their own lesson!