

# AMLIN UMC

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## RECONCILING MINISTRY



*Here at Amlin, all are invited to come as you are to praise the Lord and receive the Good News of Jesus Christ. We believe that we are all called to love our neighbor and that all people are worthy of love. It is our differences that make us whole. If you are new to Amlin, we hope you'll find a place where you are warmly welcomed and feel at home.*

## OUR MISSION

*Go and make disciples for the transformation of the world!*

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DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

AS WE STEP INTO JANUARY 2026, I WANT TO BEGIN BY GIVING THANKS TO GOD FOR EACH OF YOU. A NEW YEAR ALWAYS INVITES REFLECTION, ON WHERE WE HAVE BEEN, WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED, AND HOW GOD HAS CARRIED US THROUGH. IT ALSO INVITES HOPE, BECAUSE THE GOD WHO WAS FAITHFUL YESTERDAY IS ALREADY PRESENT IN ALL THE DAYS AHEAD.

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR DOES NOT MEAN WE START FROM SCRATCH. WE CARRY WITH US THE PRAYERS, RELATIONSHIPS, STRUGGLES, JOYS, AND LESSONS OF THE PAST YEAR. THROUGH THEM ALL, GOD HAS BEEN FORMING US, SHAPING US INTO A PEOPLE

WHO LOVE MORE DEEPLY, SERVE MORE FAITHFULLY, AND TRUST MORE FULLY. AS SCRIPTURE REMINDS US, “THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER CEASES; HIS MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN END; THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING” (LAMENTATIONS 3:22–23). JANUARY IS OUR REMINDER THAT GOD’S MERCY MEETS US FRESH AGAIN.

AS WE LOOK AHEAD, I BELIEVE THIS IS A SEASON FOR HOPE ROOTED IN FAITH, NOT OPTIMISM BASED ON CIRCUMSTANCES. HOPE GROUNDED IN CHRIST GIVES US COURAGE TO KEEP SHOWING UP, EVEN WHEN THE ROAD IS UNCERTAIN. IT STRENGTHENS US TO BEAR ONE ANOTHER’S BURDENS, TO EXTEND GRACE, AND TO REMAIN FAITHFUL IN BOTH ORDINARY AND HOLY MOMENTS.

IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, WE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW TOGETHER AS A CHURCH THAT SEEKS TO LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL IN PRACTICAL WAYS, THROUGH WORSHIP THAT CENTERS US IN GOD’S PRESENCE, THROUGH LEARNING THAT DEEPENS OUR FAITH, THROUGH SERVICE THAT REFLECTS CHRIST’S LOVE, AND THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS THAT REMIND US WE DO NOT WALK THIS JOURNEY ALONE. GOD IS STILL CALLING US FORWARD, STILL EQUIPPING US, STILL USING US FOR PURPOSES GREATER THAN WE CAN IMAGINE.

AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A COMMUNITY, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO ENTER THIS NEW YEAR WITH OPEN HEARTS. MAKE SPACE FOR PRAYER. STAY CONNECTED TO ONE ANOTHER. BE GENTLE WITH YOURSELVES AND WITH THOSE AROUND YOU. AND TRUST THAT GOD IS AT WORK, EVEN IN PLACES WHERE WE CANNOT YET SEE THE FULL PICTURE.

I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO SERVE ALONGSIDE YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS, YOUR GENEROSITY, AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO KEEP WALKING TOGETHER. MAY 2026 BE A YEAR MARKED BY RENEWED HOPE, DEEPER TRUST, AND A GROWING AWARENESS OF GOD’S PRESENCE AMONG US.

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (ROMANS 15:13).

BLESSINGS,  
PASTOR JACKSON



# 2026

HAPPY  
*New Year*

WHEN THE CAROLS HAVE BEEN STILLED,  
WHEN THE STAR-TOPPED TREE IS TAKEN DOWN,  
WHEN FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE GONE HOME,  
WHEN WE ARE BACK TO OUR SCHEDULES,  
THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS:  
TO WELCOME THE REFUGEE,  
TO HEAL A BROKEN PLANET,  
TO FEED THE HUNGRY,  
TO BUILD BRIDGES OF TRUST, NOT WALLS OF  
FEAR,  
TO SHARE OUR GIFTS,  
TO SEEK JUSTICE AND PEACE FOR ALL PEOPLE,  
TO BRING CHRIST'S LIGHT TO THE WORLD.

—MICHAEL DOUGHERTY

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

If you scrub your hands of sin and refuse to entertain evil in your home, you'll be able to face the world unashamed and keep a firm grip on life, guiltless and fearless. You'll forget your troubles; they'll be like old, faded photographs. Your world will be washed in sunshine, every shadow dispersed by dayspring. Full of hope, you'll relax, confident again; you'll look around, sit back, and take it easy.

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JOB 11:14-18

**“There are far  
better things  
ahead than any  
we leave behind.”**

—C.S. LEWIS, AUTHOR

Widows. Widowers.  
& Singles

# WWS EVENT

WWS WILL MEET ON SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 18, 2026, AT 1:00PM AT  
LUCKY'S IN HILLIARD. RSVP TO JOAN  
LASSON.

## New Sermon Series

Join us for a new series:  
The 5 E's:  
"The 5 E's" (The Essentials of being the church).

Embraced In God's Love.  
Encourage to Follow Jesus.  
Empowered By the Holy Spirit.  
Equipped for a Purpose.  
Engaged In Mission and Ministry.

LET'S BE

# FRIENDLY FARE

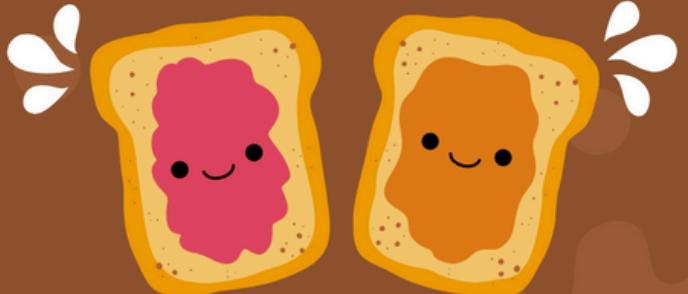
## DONATIONS NEEDED:

- BREAD, PEANUT BUTTER, & JELLY
- INDIVIDUAL BAGS OF SNACKS & GRANOLA BARS
- BROWN LUNCH SACKS, & ZIPLOCK SANDWICHES BAGGIES
- CASH DONATIONS



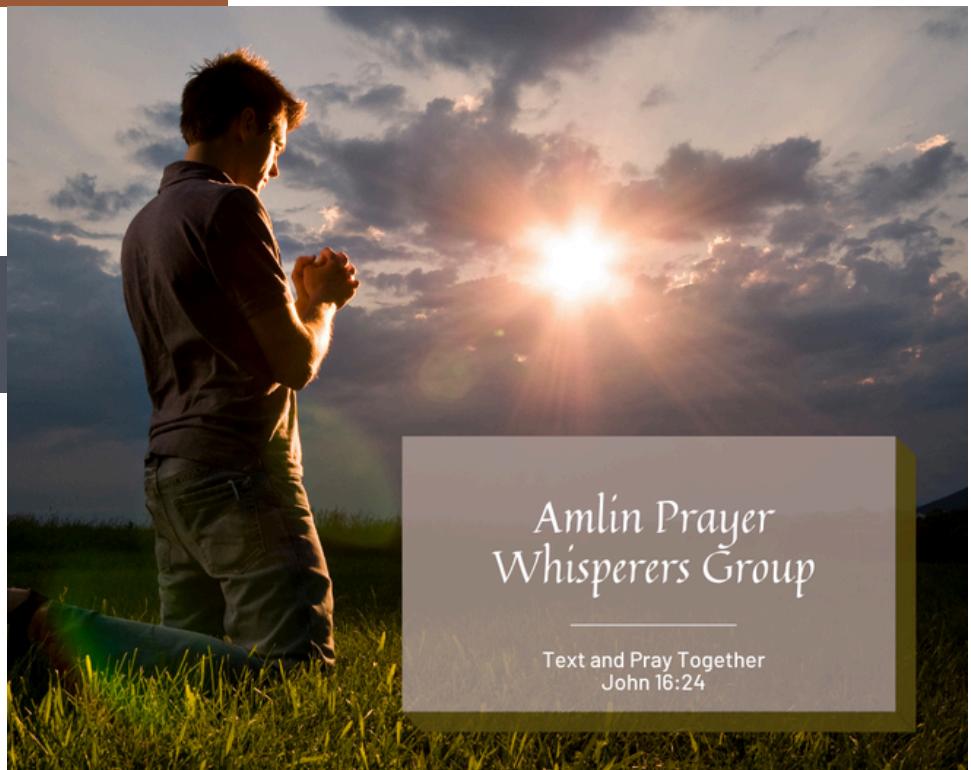
TOGETHER

JOIN US IN THE CHAPEL ON  
SUNDAYS AFTER CHURCH TO  
PREPARE MEALS FOR  
JORDAN'S CROSSING



# FRIENDLY FARE

IN MISSION



# MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY



SAVE THE DATE: MLK DAY CELEBRATION SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

THE OHIO EPISCOPAL AREA WILL CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 AT 4:00 PM AT CLAIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 293 E. BARTHMAN AVENUE, COLUMBUS.

UNDER THE THEME, BENDING THE ARC 2026, THE EVENT WILL FEATURE REV. DR. JACK SULLIVAN, JR., FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, AS THE GUEST SPEAKER.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

# BUCKET O'BILLS SUNDAYS



Coin Free

**THIS MONTH WE WILL BE  
COLLECTING FOR JORDAN'S  
CROSSING.**



Only \$160  
per  
Month



 **5441 COSGRAY RD.**  
**DUBLIN**

# PRESCHOOL

@ *Amlin*

- 2 teachers
- Mondays and Wednesdays
- Morning Classes 9:30-11:30
  - 2 openings
- For ages 3, 4, & 5, must be potty trained  
*Follow the Hilliard City Schools calendar*



Play and  
faith-based  
learning

**REGISTER TODAY**



614-893-3260



Amlincommunitypreschool@gmail.com



## **STATE OF THE CHURCH**

**NOVEMBER GIVING: \$9,586.94**

**BUDGET: \$15,114.00**

**DECEMBER GIVING: \$11,129.94**

**BUDGET: \$15,114.00**

**\*BUDGET IS THE AMOUNT THAT IS NEEDED**

**AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

**NOVEMBER: 28**

**DECEMBER:**



## CALENDAR:

1/18: WWS AT 1PM AT LUCKY'S HILLIARD

1/19: MLK JR DAY

1/26: LEADERSHIP MEETING AT 7PM IN THE NLC