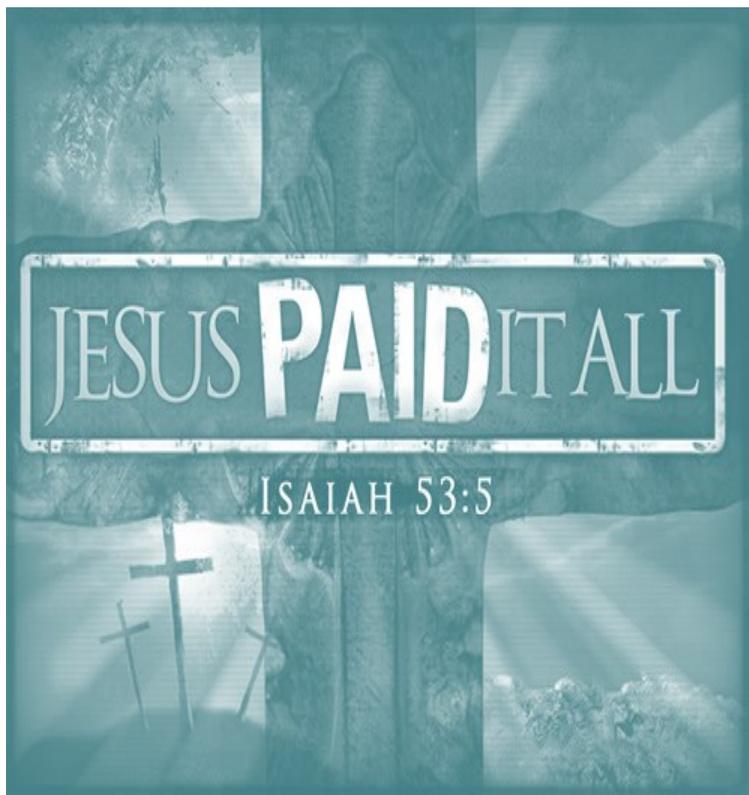




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# The Messenger

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Join us for worship each weekend:

Casual Saturday night worship with *Springs* at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday morning worship and Sunday school at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday worship and children's church at 10:35 a.m.



**A word from Pastor Amy....****What does the resurrection mean to you?**

When I was the Associate Pastor at Worthington UMC, we invited church members—and not the clergy—to respond to this question as our Sunrise Service speakers. Most admitted that they had never tried before to put into words what the resurrection meant to them. For some, their responses came easily. For others, they grew in faith as they attempted to articulate what they believe and why.

**What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to you, your life, your faith?**

The death and resurrection of Jesus are central to our faith and identity as Christians. Most religions view Jesus as a great prophet and teacher. Only Christians identify Jesus as the Son of God who died to forgive our sins and rose to offer us the hope of life eternal.

The resurrection of Jesus is so central to our faith identity that every time we gather for worship we celebrate a mini-Easter. Even in Lent, as we journey toward the cross, our worship services proclaim a Risen Savior. Every day as we go about our daily lives, we are called to live as those who cling to a resurrection faith.

Yet keep in mind that without the cross, there is no resurrection. We cannot fully celebrate the joy of Easter morning without pondering the agony of Good Friday. There is no Risen Savior without the death of Jesus.

I look forward to our Holy Week and Easter celebrations that are detailed later in this newsletter! May we journey together through the Easter season to celebrate what the resurrection means in our lives today.

*Please pay special attention to Page 8!*

*It contains all of the details for our Holy Week and Easter season celebrations!*





### **Worship In April**

April 1/2—Holy Communion

Message: Love in Return

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21

Kirby Cain

April 8/9—Palm/Passion Sunday

Message: Sacrificial Love

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11,

Matthew 27 selected verses

April 13—Maundy Thursday

At Springboro UCC 7:00 p.m.

April 14—Good Friday Cross Walk

Begins at Covenant Presbyterian 11:45 a.m.

April 15/16—Easter

Message: Love Rises

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

April 22

Message: Telling Your Story

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43

April 23—One service at 10:00

Message by Bishop Gregory Palmer

April 29

Message: Walking in Faith

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Jennifer Fry

Sunday, April 30

Message: *Happy Day!* Easter Play

## April Events

- 1: Spring Cleaning
- 2: 5th—8th Church, Lunch, Fellowship
- 2: 9th—12th Youth Group
- 2: *When Helping Hurts* Study
- 3: Prayer Team
- 3: Covenant Bible Study
- 4: Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 4: Tuesday Bible Study
- 4: Women in Faith Bible Study
- 5: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 5: Wonderful Wednesday
- 5: Choir and Bells Practices
- 8: Women in Faith Meeting
- 9: Palm/Passion Sunday
- 9: 7th—12th Youth Group
- 9—16: Interfaith Hospitality Network
- 10: Covenant Bible Study
- 12: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 12: Choir and Bells Practices
- 13: Maundy Thursday Service at UCC
- 14: Good Friday Cross Walk
- 15&16: Easter Services, No Sunday School
- 17: Covenant Bible Study
- 17: Missions Team
- 18: Tuesday Bible Study
- 18: 5th—8th Hope House Mission
- 19: Clearcreakers
- 19: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 19: Choir and Bells Practices
- 20: Newsletter Folding
- 20: 6th Grade Lunch with Kirby
- 22: Women in Faith Lunch Outing
- 23: One Sunday Service @ 10:00
- 23: Mortgage Burning/Easter Party
- 23: 9th—12th Youth Group
- 24: Prayer Team
- 24: United Methodist Men

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### *Lay Leader Report*

Two spectacular events in the life of the church are ahead of us in April. First is Holy Week, that 8-day pilgrimage of faith. We will begin with the joy of Palm Sunday as we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The four Gospel accounts in the New Testament are filled with the teaching and healing that Jesus did from Sunday through Thursday of Holy Week. Then of course, is Good Friday. Without the Lord God, this would be remembered as just a day of pain, agony and death. For each of pain, agony and death is present as the church leaders of the day had the Roman civil government condemn, punish, then crucify our Savior. The pain that Jesus felt, the agony that his followers and family sensed as they watched him die on the cross is beyond comprehension. Each of these feelings were present, and are very real. Our sins are forgiven because of Jesus' amazing sacrifice. He bore the whip, the nails and pain of the cross for each one of us. Claim that grace which Jesus poured out on us.

But because God is in control, the pain and death of Good Friday is not the end of the story. For God raised Jesus from the dead, giving us hope for life after death. The glory and love of Easter is so very real. To quote Pastor Adam Hamilton when asked if he truly believes in life after death, "I not only believe it, but I'm counting on it". I too am counting on it.

Be a part of the worship experiences of Holy Week: Palm Sunday with the parade of palm-wavers, the reflection and Holy Communion of Maundy Thursday, the experiencing of Je-

sus absolving our sin as we solemnly walk down Main Street with the Cross Walk. Then be with us on Easter morning as we celebrate anew that Jesus Christ, our Savior, defeated the grave by rising again! Hallelujah!

Holy Week is so special. Then just seven days later, we commemorate a different, and yes, less important, journey. We celebrate that the mortgage that our church took on when we expanded our school wing, entry access and Fellowship Hall, has been Paid in Full. I was a part of the effort to have these important building enhancements imagined and I was pleased when the construction work completed. But the resulting mortgage was a concern. But our generous people and our careful financial stewards have retired the mortgage allowing us to burn it on April 23. Making our joy complete that day will be Bishop Gregory Palmer, who will speak. I have heard Bishop Palmer speak many times and have met him a few times. I am always impressed by his faith, ability, and powerful message. I not only believe that he will bring us an inspiring message on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, I am counting on it.

So join us during Holy Week, then again on April 23 for the mortgage burning and to meet Bishop Palmer.

A personal note – I am pleased to report that my request to continue to serve as a Certified Lay Ministers has been approved by our district and the conference center. As a result, I am now officially a CLM for another 2 years.

- David Finney



### ***First Steps Campaign Step 1 Achieved!***

Through your faithful giving our church family has paid off the church mortgage in full! The First Steps committee is planning a special mortgage burning service and celebration on April 23 (see page 8).

We encourage continued giving to support Step 2 of the First Steps Campaign which will raise \$50,000 for worship enhancements. We are already on our way, having \$7,193 donated towards Step 2 as of March 12. Thank you for your support of our church and its future!

### ***Easter Flowers***

The deadline for ordering Easter Flowers is April 3. In late March, the Flower Committee will take orders before Saturday evening services on March 25 and after both services on Sunday, March 26. If you miss them, you can call the church office by Monday morning, April 3 to place an order. Flowers will be \$10 each (paid when ordered) and can be purchased in memory or honor of someone. Varieties available are hyacinths, lilies, tulips, and daffodils. The hyacinths and tulips will come in assorted colors. The flowers will be used to decorate the altar on Easter morning. They will be provided by Flowers by Roger, Inc. After Easter services, you are welcome to take home and enjoy your flowers.

### ***Wonderful Wednesdays on Hiatus***

The final Wonderful Wednesday for this school year will be on April 5. It has been a great year of learning and fellowship with a lot of good food thrown in! Please join us again in the fall when we resume Wonderful Wednesdays.

### ***Spring Clean-Up Needed?***

Is your yard a mess from the harsh winter? Do you need help cleaning out the garage? Do you want help spreading fresh mulch in your flower beds this spring? The Senior High Youth are willing to help out if you are in need of some extra hands and strong backs. Please contact Brian Schlise at 937-272-6167 to talk about what jobs you need help with and to schedule a date and time the youth can come to your place and attack the job. We look forward to helping you out.

### ***Church Group Information Needed***

Our church historian, Savannah Martin, is in need of information about our various church groups. She is looking for activities and missions the groups have undertaken in the past few years, information on membership and photos of the groups. If you do not have photographs, Savannah will be happy to come to a meeting or event and take pictures. If you are part of a church group that has not yet provided information, please give Savannah a call.

### ***Name Tags***

Please remember to wear your name tags to services. It helps visitors and new members get to know us better!

| April 2017 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| 30         |     |     |     |     |     |     |

### **Church Groups Meetings/Schedules**

#### **Women In Faith**

The next meeting of Women in Faith will be Saturday, April 8

at 9:00 in Fellowship Hall. (Note date change due to Spring Cleaning.) At the meeting, we will make soup to take to our Friendship Circle friends. At the March meeting, WIF voted to provide \$400.00 for gift certificates of \$10.00 each to be included in of the Easter meals baskets distributed by the Springboro Community Assistance Center and the Franklin Food Pantry. They have also begun to investigate how they can contribute to Step Two of the First Steps Campaign.

Women in Faith are planning a lunch together at a new tea house in Waynesville called "Remember When" for Saturday, April 22. We invite any women of the church interested in coming to join us. For information on Women in Faith, please call Judy Cook, Barb Mills or Jean Reazer.

#### **Clearcreakers Senior Group**

The Clearcreakers meeting will be a Hawaiian Luau on April 19 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. The program will be steel drum music by Brian Malone with a hula contest and door prizes. Please feel free to dress for the occasion. Hawaiian chicken, pulled pork and green beans will be served. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share and please remember to bring your own eating utensils. Try to join us for some fun, food, and fellowship.

Questions, call: Linda or Martha.

### **United Methodist Men**

UMM will prepare breakfast for the Interfaith Hospitality guests on April 15. Then they will hold their monthly Bible study on April 24 at 7:00 p.m. For more information on the group, please contact David Finney at shak-erdavid@hotmail.com or 937-572-2130.

#### **Other Group Meeting Dates**

April 4—Staff Parish Relations Comm.

April 25—Stephen Ministers

April 17—Missions Team



#### **When Caregivers Need Care**

Every time you fly, the flight attendant tells you to put on your own oxygen mask first... then assist others. Yet too often, people who are caring for others put their own needs last... which makes providing care even more difficult.

If someone you know is taking care of a loved one with a chronic illness, disability, or dementia, there's a great way you can help them get their own oxygen mask in place: tell them about Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide care to those who are caring for others and to help them through the rough patches by listening, caring, encouraging, and providing emotional and spiritual support. A Stephen Minister can be a fresh breath of oxygen for a struggling caregiver.

To learn how to connect someone with Stephen Ministry, talk with Zandra Woody or Susan Raihala.



## Events

### **Interfaith Hospitality Network**

The Interfaith Hospitality Network families will be with us April 9 through April 15. Please consider giving the gift of your time and work in preparing meals or doing activities with the children or most importantly, being an overnight host or hostess (the easiest job). Please contact Jennifer Fry if you can help out. Or you may sign up online at <http://bit.ly/2ndY8EP>



### **Spring Cleaning Day**

Please join us from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 1 for some spring cleaning at the church. Please consider giving time for a church spruce up before Easter services and our mortgage burning celebration! Sign-up sheets for materials and activities will be in the Fellowship Hall in late March. If you are aware of anything that needs special attention, please notify Rebecca in the church office ([rebeccafumc@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccafumc@gmail.com) or 748-2612).

### **Movie Night**

The next Movie Night will be Friday, April 28. Limited to 60 children, so reservations are needed ([748-2612/kimfumc@gmail.com](mailto:748-2612/kimfumc@gmail.com)). Price of \$10/child includes pizza, drinks, popcorn. Proceeds from Movie Night help fund scholarships for needy Bright Beginnings students. And our youth volunteers earn money towards mission trip. It's a win/win!

#### **Drop off details:**

- Front doors open for drop off at 5:45 p.m.
- Children should stay with parents until registration and payment collected and a name tag provided. Please complete forms before arriving to speed up line.

#### **What happens after you leave:**

- Adult and teen volunteers help supervise the evening. We should have a 1-8 ratio.
- Pizza and drinks are served followed by popcorn during the full length movie.

#### **Pick up details:**

- Children MUST be picked up by someone on the registration form who has ID.
- Please wait in the lobby as we match you with children and sign them out.
- Please pick up promptly at 9:00 p.m.

If you have, please don't hesitate to contact

#### **April Events continued from Page 3**

- 25: Tuesday Bible Study
- 25: Stephen Ministers
- 26: Parent Connection
- 26: Jr. High Lunch with Kirby
- 26: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 26: Choir and Bells Practices
- 28: Movie Night
- 30: Easter Play during Sunday services
- 30: Mission 56 Church, Lunch, Fellowship
- 30: 7th—12th Youth Group

*Details found in this newsletter*



## Holy Week

### *Holy Week Worship Schedule*

- **April 8 and 9, Palm/Passion Sunday** services at our regular times. We will celebrate Jesus' entry with palm waving by the children and Symbols of Holy Week stations.
- **April 13, 7:00 p.m.—Maundy Thursday:** Service at United Church of Christ, 5 West Mill Street
- **April 14, 11:45 a.m.—Cross Walk on Good Friday:** The walk will begin at Covenant Presbyterian, 415 N. Main Street and proceed south down Main Street. It will conclude with a short service at Springboro United Church of Christ. Join us in the annual procession in remembrance of the walk Jesus took on Good Friday.
- **April 15, 16—Easter:** Services will be held Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:15 a.m. and 10:35 a.m. Please join us as we celebrate Christ's resurrection with special music, flowers and the shared joy of our church family! There will no Sunday school that day so families can worship together.

### *Easter Program—Happy Day!*

On April 30 during both Sunday services, our children will present an Easter program. Practices for the play are Sunday's during second service and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00. Any child age 4 and up is welcome to participate. Please see Kim Crosen if you have any questions.

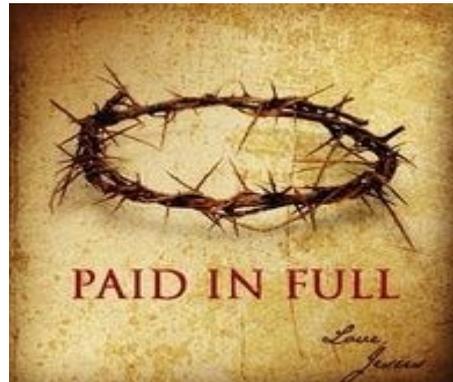
### *Mortgage Burning and Easter Party Celebration*

Mark your calendars for a day of celebrating Easter and our debt-free status on April 23! The theme for the day will be "Paid in Full". Jesus paid for our sins in full through his crucifixion and resurrection. And through our church family's generous giving we have now paid our mortgage in full.

The schedule for the day is:

- 10:00 - 11:15: One worship service with Bishop Palmer providing the message
- 11:30 - 12:00: Mortgage burning on front lawn
- 12:00 - 1:00: Luncheon provided by First Steps and Fellowship & Family Life Committees
- 12:30 - 1:30: Easter party activities
- 1:00 - 1:30: Easter Egg Hunt for children

To assist in our meal planning, we are asking for RSVP's for the luncheon. Please sign up by April 10 online at <http://bit.ly/2mudyGz>. If you do not have access to the internet, you may call in your attendance to the church office (937-748-2612).





### ***Bright Beginnings Spring Sing***

Bright Beginnings Christian Pre-School will hold their annual Spring Sing fund raiser on Sunday, May 7. This event includes an art show and choir concert by Bright Beginnings' students, and a silent auction with many items to bid on. Everyone is invited to attend.

### ***High Attendance Sunday***

High Attendance Sunday will be Sunday, May 14. We will recognize students who have missed six or fewer weeks of Sunday School (or Wonderful Wednesday) that day. Please watch for a letter from Kim Crosen in late April if your child is eligible.

### ***Graduate Sunday***

If you are a senior in high school or college, we want to celebrate your graduation with you! We will be honoring all graduates on Sunday, May 21 during regular services. In order to make sure we do not accidentally leave anyone out, please jot down answers to the following questions so that we can brag a bit about you!

- School graduating from? If college graduate, what was your major?
- What are some of the highlights of your high school or college career? (sports, extra-curricular activities, community service, etc.)

- What are your plans for the future? (College— Which one? Major? Career path? Other plans?)

Please, include your full name and the answers to the questions and send them to the church office (rebeccafumc@gmail.com).

### ***Rummage Sale***

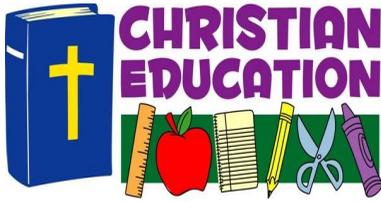
The Youth Group's annual rummage sale will be held on Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3. So now is the time to start cleaning out your closets and basements to help provide donations for the sale. We will start accepting donations on Sunday, May 28.



### ***Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra***

On Sunday April 30, 2017 at 3:00 pm, MVSO will present their "*Invitation to the Dance*" concert which features many great orchestral works that were written for dance or inspired by dance. Works include: Weber—*Invitation to the Dance*, Saint-Saëns—*Danse Macabre*, Dvorak—selected *Slavonic Dances*, and Ponchielli—*Dance of the Hours*, Liszt—*Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2*.





### **Holy Java**

The Holy Java Sunday School class will conclude their study of *Son of God: The Life of Jesus in You* on April 2. The class will not meet on April 9, 16 or 23. Then on April 30, they will begin a new study. Watch the bulletin insert for more information on the new class. For more information on the Holy Java class, please contact Maria Dershem (mdershem@mac.com). The class meets at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the conference Room.

### **Cornerstone Class**

The Cornerstone Class meets in the music room on Sunday mornings at 9:15. On April 2 and 9, the class will conclude their study of *Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It*. The class will not meet on April 16 or 23. Watch for bulletin announcements about the class focus on April 30 and in May. For more information on the class, please contact Barb Geiger.

### **Tuesday Bible Study**

The Tuesday morning Bible study continues their study of the Book of James. In April the class will meet on April 4, 18, and 25 and not on April 11 (please note this is different than the normal schedule) at 10:00 a.m. in the music room.

### **Covenant Bible Study**

Pastor Doug Dean's Covenant Bible Study class continues on Monday evenings at 7:00 in the conference room. Covenant is an in-depth group bible study in which participants read and discuss the Bible together, learning how to love God, and each other, better. Watch for e-mails regarding class location on April 10 and 17.

### **Women in Faith Bible Study**

The Women in Faith Bible Study regular meeting time is the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. They continue their study of *Know What You Believe* by Paul E. Little. This month's meeting will be on April 4 in the music room due to the church hosting IHN families on its regular meeting day. For information on the study, please contact Lorraine Sower.





### ***Bright Beginnings Buzz***

In March, our preschoolers enjoyed visiting with people working in a variety of professions as part of our Community Helpers month. The Bible verse was “Love your neighbor as you love yourself” and the fruit of the spirit was be Faithfulness.

April will be focused on spring and the beautiful gift of this earth that God has given us. We will celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day. In support of this focus, our Bible verse is “God saw everything that he had made and, indeed, it was good.” (Mark 11:9). The Fruit of the Spirit is Patience.



### ***A.C.E.***

At A.C.E., our before and after school program, we had a fun-filled March. We enjoyed our visits with our high school mentors we call ACE Amigos. The kids also had Fun Fridays and a great St. Patrick’s Day. In April, ACE students will “travel” to Scotland. They will also celebrate Easter and spring. If you would like to know more about our A.C.E. program, please contact Kim Crosen.



On Monday, April 3, our Parent Connection group will be going to SCAC from 10:00 to 11:30 to help stock the shelves. Anyone from church is welcome to help out. Then on Wednesday, April 26, we will have a Table Talk on “Busy Families/Healthy Meals” at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Please let us know if you plan on participating. If you need child-care, please contact the Becky Frost at [bbcp-fumc@gmail.com](mailto:bbcp-fumc@gmail.com).



### ***West Ohio Conference Summer Camps***

Each summer, the West Ohio Conference offers a variety of summer camps at their three facilities—Camp Otterbein, Camp Wesley and Camp Widewater. If you are interested in learning more about the exciting summer adventures they offer, the church office has a copy of their 2017 Summer Camp Guide. Please stop by to learn more or go to [www.westohiocamps.com](http://www.westohiocamps.com).

***See page 13 for information on FUMC/  
Bright Beginnings Summer Creation Camps***



**VBS 2017**

As we move into spring, it's time to start planning for Vacation Bible School. It takes several months of planning to pull off the wonderful program that helps bring God's word to many children both within our church and the greater Springboro community. Our evening session will be held the week of July 17-21 from 5:45—8:45 p.m. Our morning session will be the following week, July 24-28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteer sign-ups will be in future bulletins and Decorating Days will begin soon.

Listed below are supplies that will be needed to make this two wonderful weeks. We will begin taking your donations in early summer. As a part of the craft station, we will be completing service projects to donate to various groups in the local area. The donated items will allow the campers to show their love for others through these service projects. Thank you for your continued support of this great outreach program for children. If you have any questions on these class supplies, please contact Sarah Wrazen (swrazen@gmail.com or 703-994-1788).

- 700 toilet paper/paper towel rolls
- Puffy paint, assorted colors
- Material scraps (we need 2 inch wide x 30 inch strips, we can cut to size)
- 5 rolls masking tape, 1 inch width
- Washable markers
- Sharpie Markers, assorted colors
- 350 felt squares, 8 x 8 inches, various colors
- Felt scraps (any size)
- Craft foam with adhesive backing (any size)
- 350 feet of thin elastic
- 350 square feet of aluminum foil
- 175 square feet of cardboard (cereal boxes, cracker boxes, etc. are perfect)
- Foam shapes and letters (small size)
- 875 feet of 1 or 2 inch ribbon that looks like it could be on a medal (red/white/blue striped, etc.)
- Glue sticks
- School glue
- 350 large paper clips
- 22 blocks of floral foam (the green stuff) medium sized
- 22 medium baskets (about 9x12 inch or something close to that)
- 50 sheets each of dark green, red, yellow, and orange tissue paper
- 350 wooden skewers
- Ribbons
- Cardstock, various pastel colors
- 350 small white cardboard boxes
- Yarn
- Scrapbook, origami, or wrapping paper scraps
- Fabric scraps
- Model Magic air-dry clay
- Salt
- Masking tape
- Pony beads in yellow, orange, red, and navy blue (350 each color)
- 200 pipe cleaners, various colors
- 350 resealable snack or sandwich baggies
- 350 clean baby food jars
- 700 paper plates
- 12 plastic tablecloths (large rectangle to fit on the fellowship hall tables)

### ***Summer Creation Camps***

First United Methodist Church, in conjunction with Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool and A.C.E. (Active Christian Exploration), is excited to offer summer camps to help enrich and expand a child's summer experience. This summer's theme is Hero Headquarters. Each day will be a hands on experience as we undertake new adventures through games, cooking, science, art and more. Registration is now underway at [brightbeginnings.campbrainregistration.com](http://brightbeginnings.campbrainregistration.com). Please see Bright Beginnings' website ([brightbeginnings.fumcofspringboro.org](http://brightbeginnings.fumcofspringboro.org)) for detailed information on the camp offerings.

- **Half-Day camps (9 a.m.- 12 p.m.) - \$87 per week** Offered throughout the summer for children aged 3 yrs.—entering 6th grade. During the morning children will begin in a large group setting where they will hear the Bible verse, sing silly songs, learn fascinating facts and relish in the wonder of our world. Afterwards we will separate into age appropriate groups and explore through art, games, cooking and science stations as we create, experiment, play and discover.
  - **Full Day camps (9 a.m.- 4 p.m.) - \$155 for 5 days, \$140 for 4 days, \$126 for 3 days and \$95 for 2 day\* (includes 1/2 day camp)** For children entering K–6th grade in coming school year. During the morning children will participate in half day camps. Afternoons will consist of field trips, special visitors, in depth projects and more! Parents provide a packed lunch daily.
  - **Extended Day camps (6:30 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.) - \$181 for 5 days, \$163 for 4 days, \$144 for 3 day and \$106 for 2 days\* (includes 1/2 day and full day camps)** Allows children (entering K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) who need care before /after regular camp times to come in between 6:30–9:00 a.m. and to stay as late as 6:30 p.m.
- \*There may be incremental fees based on additional costs of field trips**

#### **Camps:**

- Week One (June 5-9) - Super Hero Training Academy
- Week Two (June 12-16) - Hometown Heroes
- Week Three (June 19-23) - Comic-Con
- Week Four (June 26—30) - Animal Allies
- Week Five (July 10-14) - Plant Power
- Week Six (July 17-21) - Steam Team
- Week Seven (July 24-28) - Hero Central (Please note: our 1/2 day is our morning VBS which requires a separate registration)
- Week Eight (July 31-August 4) - Good vs. Evil

**Please note that we are CLOSED July 3-7**

Contact us: 937-748-2612, [kimfumc@gmail.com](mailto:kimfumc@gmail.com)





**Kids Who Care: K—2nd grades**  
**God Squad: 3 & 4th grades**  
**Contact: Kim Crosen**  
**kimfumc@gmail.com, 937-748-2612**

**Mission 56: 5th & 6th grades**  
**Jammers: 7th & 8th grade**  
**Contact: Kirby Cain**  
**Cain.kirby@gmail.com, 937-684-1097**

**Kids Who Care (K-2nd grade)**  
**God Squad (3rd and 4th grade)**

Kids Who Care and God Squad will not meet in April. Instead we encourage the families to enjoy spring break. We also encourage you to join us for the Holy Week activities and the Easter festivities (see page 8 for details). These are wonderful events that cement the families' commitment to worship together.

**Mission 56 & Junior High Youth & Parents,**

As we get closer to Easter Sunday, may we continue to reflect on our relationship with Christ and remember the sacrifice he made for all of us.

Yours in Christ,  
 Kirby

**Weekly Activities**

- **Sunday Night Youth Group:** Junior High Youth Group will meet from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 9 and 30.
- **Wonderful Wednesdays:** The final Wonderful Wednesday of this school year is on Wednesday, April 5. Bring your family for our family style meal, worship and small group time.
- **Every Thursday – LIFT (Grades 6 - 8):** LIFT (Living in Faith Together) meets after school until 3:30 p.m. at Springboro Junior High.
- **Every Wednesday Morning - PAW (Prayer & Worship) - Springboro Intermediate and Junior High:** 6th, 7th and 8th graders have the opportunity to gather with Christian youth at their school for a time of prayer and worship from 6:45 - 7:20 a.m. Milk and donuts provided.

*After every darkness there is light.  
 After every winter there is spring.  
 And after every discouragement  
 there is a dream.  
 There is hope for tomorrow  
 because of your faithfulness  
 day after day,  
 year after year,  
 generation after generation.  
 ~ Dr. Robert H. Schuller*



**April Special Events**

- **Sunday, April 2 – "Church, Lunch & Fellowship" (Mission 56 & Junior High):** 10:35 a.m. Sunday morning service, lunch and a time of fun and fellowship. Pick-up will be around 3:00 p.m. One parent volunteer needed to assist with lunch and fellowship time.
- **Thursday, April 13 – Maundy Thursday Service – Springboro United Church of Christ:** Each year, Springboro FUMC and Springboro UCC come together for a 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service. We hope you and your family will join us for this time of worship.
- **Friday, April 14 – Cross Walk, 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.:** We hope you and your family will join us for this meaningful event as we carry a cross down main street and remember what Jesus went through on what we now called "Good Friday". The walk begins at Covenant Presbyterian Church and ends at Springboro United Church of Christ.
- **Tuesday, April 18 – Hope House Mission: Center for Women and Children:** Provide dinner and games or crafts for the women and children of Hope House in Middletown from 5:00 - 6:45 p.m. **Please RSVP if you plan on joining us.**
- **Thursday, April 20 – Lunch with Kirby at Springboro Intermediate:** Kirby will provide pizza, chips, drinks, and dessert. Each youth is asked to bring \$4 and will be allowed to invite a friend to join you.
- **Sunday, April 23 – FUMC Special Service and Easter Party:** Join us as the church celebrates being debt free. Bishop Palmer will be our guest speaker that morning. Following only one service and the mortgage burning, there will be games and an Easter egg hunt. Lunch is also included in

the plans. The event will end around 2:30 p.m. Look for special e-mails with more detail.

- **Wednesday, April 26 – Lunch with Kirby at Springboro Junior High:** Kirby will provide pizza, chips, drinks, and dessert. Each youth is asked to bring \$4 and will be allowed to invite a friend to join you.
- **Sunday, April 30 – Easter Program, Both Services:** Join us for the annual Easter Program presented by the children of the church. Mission 56 will stick around afterwards for lunch and fellowship time. Pick-up time will be 2:00 p.m.



**Senior High Youth: 9th—12 Grades**

**Contact: Brian Schlise**

**[Brainschlise@habeggercorp.com](mailto:Brainschlise@habeggercorp.com)**

**937-748-9711 and 937-272-6167**

The Senior High Youth will have regular Sunday evening Youth Group on April 2, 9 and 30 from 7:00 to 8:30. We will also help church members with spring yard work. Please watch for texts with details on the help needed. If you want more information on our Senior High Youth Group or any of the planned activities, please contact Brian Schlise.



## Love. Grow. Serve.

- **Kroger Community Rewards Program:** Please register our church as your Kroger Plus Community Rewards recipient. Through the program, we earn a quarterly check based on your purchases at no cost to you. Money earned goes to our First Steps Campaign. Questions, please contact Mariel Pesavento.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Crotchetiers and knitters are needed to make prayer shawls for those in our church experiencing a difficult time in their life. The finished shawls will be blessed. If interested, contact Sonia Dermis.
- **Loaves and Fishes Ministry:** Our church is blessed to have a Loaves and Fishes Ministry which provides meals for church members after birth of children, in times of serious illness or at other critical family times. If you are interested in providing meals on an occasional basis or would like more information, please contact Tina Yeamans.
- **Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor Program:** This program allows the church to earn money based on your spending at DLM. Just complete a Good Neighbor Form and designate our church. We are listed as First United Methodist Church – Springboro and our program ID is 815. You can find the forms in any DLM stores or online at: [www.dorothylane.com/clubdln/goodneighbor.pl](http://www.dorothylane.com/clubdln/goodneighbor.pl). Re-registration is needed each year.

### **Volunteer, Mission & Outreach**

**Opportunities** Please contact Rebecca in the church office ([rebeccafumc@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccafumc@gmail.com) or 748-2612), unless otherwise noted, if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

- **Fellowship Hosting:** The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers who want to help us with just one or two events per year (e.g. Chili Cook-off, Rally Day, etc.). If interested, please contact Rebecca in the church office.
- **Cookies:** If you are interested in providing treats for fellowship time between the services, there is a sign-up sheet on the fellowship table or through the Church Needs link in Pastor Amy's weekly e-mail. Treats do not need to be homemade or be cookies— any treat is welcome. We also appreciate the weekly donations being made to help off-set our expenses.

### **Franklin Food Pantry**

The Pantry at Franklin Area Community Services continues to assist many people facing personal and financial hardships. Hundreds of our neighbors in need from Franklin, Springboro and Carlisle come to The Pantry every week. In 2016 we distributed about one million pounds of food to feed hungry families. The Pantry is in need of more volunteers to keep this safety net in our community strong. We have volunteer opportunities each weekday morning and afternoon and Wednesday evenings. To learn more or want to volunteer, please call or email the Director, Terry Coyle at 937-746-7791 or [facs@Ameritech.net](mailto:facs@Ameritech.net).

## ***Volunteer, Mission and Outreach Opportunities Continued***

### ***Seed Collection***

It's time to get ready for spring! The Green Thumb Garden Project of the Jackson Area Ministries is beginning their seed collection. This will help persons who have lost their jobs, senior citizens, families on low or fixed incomes. The seeds needed for this year are beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, corn, cucumbers, green bush style beans, lettuce, radishes, spinach, greens, squash, pumpkins, and turnips. They will also take cash donations to purchase bulk corn and bush bean seeds and seed potatoes and tomato plants. The seeds will go to 3,000 gardeners in 18 Ohio counties. The deadline for the seed collection will be Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017. Thank you for your generosity in prior years!

### ***Easter Meals for Local Families***

Our Mission Team is once again asking our church to provide Easter meals for local families through the Springboro and Franklin Food Pantries. Last year we provided 150 meals. We hope to feed as many or more this year as a very tangible way of sharing our Resurrection faith. Please sign up to donate items on the sheets by the mission table. Collections continue until April 2. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Bindemann.

### ***Box Tops/Campbell Labels***

Our Mission Team will continue to collect box tops and Campbell food labels for Red Bird Mission throughout this school year. There are bins in which to place the labels and box tops located in the black stand across from

the music room. Thank you.

### ***Otterbein Avalon***

David Finney leads a group to engage with senior residents of the Otterbein Avalon community (located off north Bunnel Hill Road) every Wednesday. The carpool leaves from church at 1:15 and returns by 3:30. We will interact with the Otterbein residents through worship, singing and game time. If you are interested, please let David Finney know (513-727-4395).

### ***Medical Driver Ministry***

If you find you need someone to drive you to and/or from a medical appointment, our church offers a Medical Driver Ministry. This ministry is a free gift of love to members and friends with no charge or fee. We look forward to providing medical transportation whenever and wherever needed. To schedule a medical driver, please contact Harold Masteller.

### ***Five on the 5th for UMCH Family Services***

First United Methodist continues to support UMCH Family Services in Columbus through their "Five on the 5th" program. UMCH Family Services is an outreach program of the West Ohio Conference which finds, provides and strengthens homes for children. On the months with five Sundays, they ask people to make a \$5 donation to the organization. April 2017 is a month with five Sundays. If you would like to contribute, simply place the \$5 donation in one of the pew envelopes and mark it UMCH Family Services. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of children in need!





### ***Personal Thank You's***

Thanks to everyone for their cards and expressions of sympathy upon the passing of our Dad/Grandpa, Franklin Mallett. He was 94 years old and we were blessed to have him in our lives. We are at peace knowing that he is now resting with Mom/Grandma in our Lord's loving arms. We will miss him, but the love and support of our friends and family have truly been a blessing.

Belinda, Ivan, and Elena Mallett

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank all of you at Springboro First United Methodist Church for your prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy in the death of my sister, Ruth Claiborne.

Your kindness and caring is deeply appreciated.

God Bless,  
Rowena Estill

### ***Church Bulletin Chuckles***

You never know what is going to be in a church bulletin waiting to give you a good belly laugh. These are actual church bulletins or service announcements:

- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: ' Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 p.m.- prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 p.m. there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Please use the back door.

### ***Celebrating an April Birthday***

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| 3: Savanah Martin  | 19: Kelly Smith, Dennis Smith                                     |
| 6: Ian Smith   | 20: Lindsey Zimmerman   |
| 7: Maxine Spencer, Jared Wade                              | 21: Linda Tennant   |
| 9: Brayden Stull   | 23: Thelma Graff, Sidney Long,<br>Giovanna Roeder                 |
| 10: Ron Best   | 24: Joan Bauman, Sally Shaffer                                    |
| 11: Carol Finney, Jennifer Showalter,<br>Mary Lou Grothaus | 25: Caleb Zimmerman, Kelsey Richard                               |
| 13: Peg Shimer, Diane McCrystal                            | 26: Mike Zimmerman  |
| 14: Mary Fogle, Jenna Foley, Judy Cook                     | 27: Shannon Kelleher, Norman Smith,<br>Steven Smith, Sharon Arndt |
| 16: Tim Miller, Debbie Lalich                              | 30: Lauren Moser, Ron Wilhelm,<br>Maddy Talbot                    |
| 17: Jan Mosch, Jim Ronyak                                  |   |
| 18: Norma Glosser, Gene McCormick,<br>Cindi Newton         |   |
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### ***Celebrating an April Anniversary***

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| 5: Ron & Mary Fogle       | 25: Gary & Sally Shaffer                      |
| 9: Kelly & Becky Smith    | 27: Bob & Kim Crosen,<br>Mark & Julie Bernatz |
| 19: David & Barbara Mills | Warren & Jane Miller                          |
| 21: Jack & Lois Eley      |   |
| 24: Dan & Anna Wade       |   |

*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary,  
please let the church office know so we can add you to our list.*

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### ***April Volunteers***

|                    | Liturgists                      | Acolytes                  | Cookies              | Altar Flowers           |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| April 2            | Belinda Mallett<br>Dave Yeamans | Noah Townsend<br>Open     | Open                 | Thelma Graff            |
| April 9            | Patti Hammett<br>Joy Mindling   | Open<br>Open              | Open                 | Kerry & Lynn<br>Reynold |
| April 16<br>Easter | Doug Dean<br>Doug Dean          | Gracieann Ruskaup<br>Open | Yolanda Mosch        | Easter Lilies           |
| April 23           | Pastor Amy                      | Faith Hampton             | Celebration<br>Lunch | Bill & Patti<br>Hammett |
| April 30           | Belinda Mallett<br>Jane Gregg   | Noah Townsend<br>Open     | Patti Hammett        | Lois Cox                |



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*Matthew 6:33*

