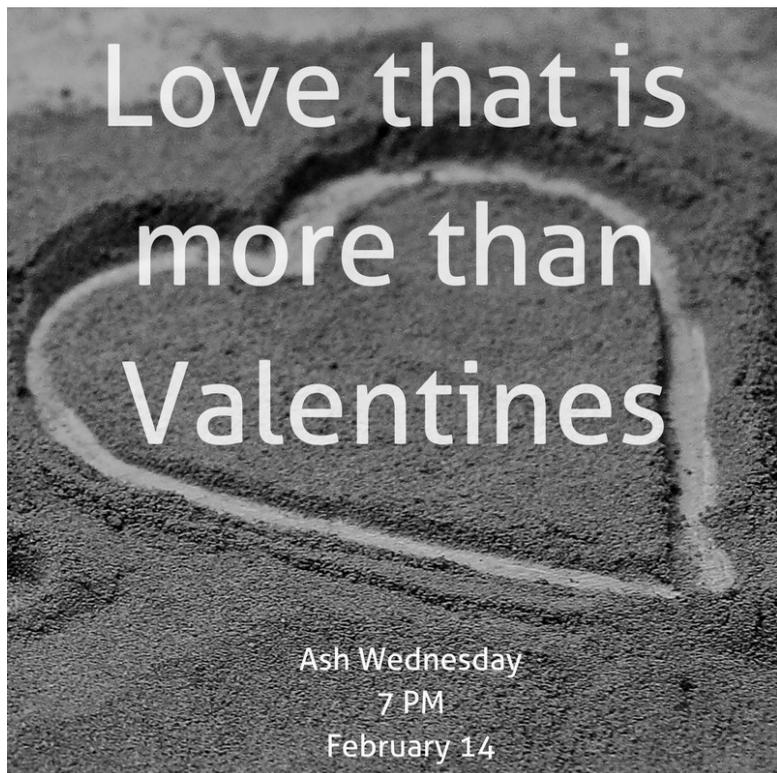




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Join us for worship each weekend:

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.

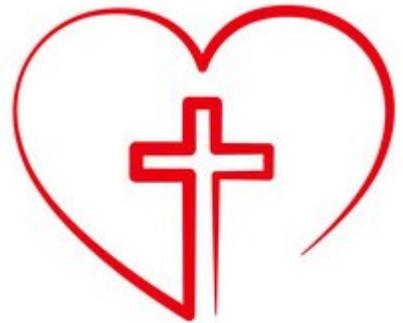


A word from Pastor Amy...

“Foolish Love”

God has a sense of humor.

- How else would you explain why spiders and snakes survived on the ark?
- How else would you explain the motley crew that comprise our clergy in West Ohio Conference, of which I am one?
- How else would you explain trusting sinful human beings with the good news of Jesus?
- How else would you explain that the season of Lent this year begins with Ash Wednesday on Valentine’s Day, and ends with Easter on April Fools’ Day?



Lent is the season of the church year leading up to Easter, 40 days, not counting Sundays, that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent is a season of preparation for the coming of Easter, a time to reflect on and get ready for the good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection, and what difference that good news makes in our lives. Lent is often viewed as a time to focus on our relationship with God.

This year will be no different—I invite you to focus on God’s “foolish” love for you and your “foolish” love for God. We are all sinners yet God still loves us! The world may say that our faith is foolish, yet when is love ever foolproof? We are called to love God in response to God’s love for us.

So this Lent, our sermon series will be titled “Foolish Love” and reflect on how we as Christ’s followers are to carry out his foolish love in our lives.

This Lent, we will learn our love languages, and how to better speak the love languages of those around us, during Wonderful Wednesdays. This is true whether you are single or married, teen or adult. (See page 6)

I am thankful for God’s sense of humor. After all, I am created in God’s image—and so are you! May we laugh a little, learn a lot, and love God and one another during this season of Lent.

Pastor Amy





Worship In February

February 3/4
Holy Communion
"Encouraged"
Isaiah 40:21-31

February 10/11
Scout Sunday
"Empowered"
2 Timothy 1:3-7

February 14—Ash Wednesday
6:00 Dinner/7:00 Service
Pastor Terry Carlisle
from United Church of Christ
providing message for joint service

February 17/18
"Foolish Love...is the Message of the Cross"
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

February 24/25
"Foolish Love...is Honest"
Mark 8:31-38

February Events

- 3: Women in Faith
- 3: God Squad
- 4: Confirmation
- 4: 7th—12th Youth Super Bowl Party
- 5: Prayer Team
- 6: 5th—8th Hope House Mission
- 6: Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 7: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 7: Wonderful Wednesday
- 8: Choir and Bells Practices
- 9: Movie Night
- 10: Adult Social Outing—Top Golf
- 10/11: WIF Cookie Walk
- 11: Scout Sunday
- 11: Jr. High Church, Lunch, Fellowship
- 11: Kids Who Care
- 11: 9th—12th Youth Group
- 12: Prayer Team
- 12: Administrative Council
- 13: Tuesday Bible Study
- 13: Finance Team
- 13 Women in Faith Bible Study
- 13: Stephen Ministers
- 14: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 14: Ash Wednesday Dinner & Service
- 15: Newsletter Folding
- 15: Lunch with Kim - Springboro Inter.
- 16/17: Believe Conference
- 18: 9th—12th Youth Group
- 19: Missions Committee
- 20: Tuesday Bible Study
- 20: Parent Connection
- 20: Trustees
- 21: Clearcreakers
- 21: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 21: Wonderful Wednesday
- 21: Choir and Bells Practices
- 22: Jr. High Lunch with Kim
- 22: Adult Social Outing—Warped Wing

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Lay Leader Report

My daily prayer time includes confession of my known sins. I know of some of the wrong things I have done, and I am aware of some of the undone good things that I have skipped. But it is also true that I am unaware of my sins of both types. I find myself now praying for more awareness of my sins. That unfortunately, is very humbling. O God, make me aware of those who need me, yet I pass by.

The cold weather makes me very mindful of the homeless. My weekly class at Hope House is unfortunately, quite full now. This means the homeless men of Middletown have abandoned their camps under the Miami River bridge, and have taken refuge in Hope House. I have been leading the Monday morning class at Hope House for two years now. I have to admit, I was uneasy, almost afraid the first few times I went inside their building. Two years of praying with these men, leading these men in study, have led me past my uneasiness. Now the overriding emotion I feel is compassion. Jesus told us in one syllable words, *to care for the least of these*.

Another of my service areas for the past two years is with Otterbein Avalon. I originally entered into this relationship with Avalon in order to provide service opportunities for FUMC people. I wanted our people to have a local avenue for service. My wish was that our people, especially the retired, would flock to this opportunity to serve the lonely, by pushing a wheel chair, and singing a hymn or playing a game. With the wonderful exception of Jacque Pickett, I have failed in this regard. But we carry on because Jacque and I are having a wonderful time working with the Avalon residents. If curious, ask Jacque about her experi-

ences at Otterbein Avalon, Springboro. Then consider joining us for Sunday afternoon worship or Wednesday afternoon BINGO.

We continue to be in contact with Volunteers in Mission, (ViM) the United Methodist organization that connects mission workers with mission opportunities. We could step away from the UM church and countless mission teams do indeed step into the mission field outside of the UM church. But I very much want us to work within ViM. A key attraction of ViM is their guiding principle is that mission work is about relationships, not tasks. As a result, ViM teams only go where they are invited. Then when the teams are in the field, their relationships with the local residents are more important than the work itself. This really rings with me – mission work is about people, not hammers and nails. But, the ViM infrastructure is not yet in place for a Florida hurricane relief project. So it is still hard to predict when we will be able to take our mission trip. My dream remains to work one trip within the continental US. Then if our experience is positive, perhaps take our next trip to a Caribbean island.

Ohio River Valley District's Lay Servant Ministries team will offer three classes on March 2 - 3 at Anderson Hills UMC in Cincinnati. We will offer the Basic class (*Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries*), a class on planning and leading worship, and a class on the mission field entitled *God's Mission, Our Journey*. Please see district website or Pastor Amy or myself to register. I will attend the Missions class, so please contact me if anyone wants to carpool.

- David Finney



Fellowship Time

A 2018 sign-up sheet for providing treats and hosting fellowship time between Sunday services is now available for scheduling. We all enjoy this time of fellowship so we encourage anyone who would like to provide cookies, donuts or other homemade or store bought treats to please sign-up for one of the upcoming Sundays. Treats should be dropped off in the kitchen by 9:00 a.m. We ask for two people to provide 3 dozen cookies/treats each. You may also sign up on line at <http://bit.ly/2mT2wv5>.

Lay Servant Training

Our district's Lay Servant Ministries Team is once again offering training classes for the Lay people of our district. The classes offered are

- *Introduction to Lay Ministries*
- *Leading Worship* (led by West Ohio co-Lay Leader, Mary Shumard)
- *God's Mission...Our Journey* (a course about mission trips).

The training will be held on March 2 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on March 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Anderson Hills UMC, 7515 Forest Ave. on Cincinnati's east side. The cost is \$35 and covers meals (dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday), text and instruction. Registration can be done at website www.orvumc.org/events/ohiorivervalley/register or by phone 513-421-2057 or through David Finney (513-572-2130).



Music Ministries

First United Methodist Church is blessed to have a very active music ministry, including:

- Heavenly Host Choir—provides music most Sundays for 9:15 and 10:35 services,
- Joyful Noise Bell Choir—provides music on Sunday mornings six to nine times per year,
- Springs Praise Band— provides a mix of favorite hymns, Christian contemporary, and other special music at the Saturday 5:30 p.m. service each week,
- Jesus and Me (JAM) Children's Choir— practices during second service on Sundays and sings several times a year.

In addition to these groups, instrumental and vocal soloists are occasionally used for services. If you are interested in getting involved with any or all of our musical ministries, please contact the church office for contact information and practice times.

February Events Continued from Page 3

- 24: Mission 56 Church, Dinner, Fellowship
- 25: Confirmation
- 25: 7th—8th Grade Youth Group
- 26: Prayer Team
- 27: Tuesday Bible Study
- 27: Parent Connection
- 27: Stephen Ministers
- 28: Wonderful Wednesday

Details found in this newsletter

Wonderful Wednesdays

Our winter session of Wonderful Wednesdays continue with a group devotional at 6:30 and then breakout into various studies until 8:00. Topics for the second half of the winter session include:

- *The 5 Love Languages*: There are many ways to say, "I love you." Sometimes we use our words; sometimes we show love through our actions. Dr. Gary Chapman believes that there are five fundamental love languages, and often in relationships we rarely have the same love language! Come explore with Pastor Amy these five love languages, and learn better ways to communicate with your spouse, your children, your friends. Take the assessment prior to class at www.5lovelanguages.com.
- Kids Club for ages 4 through 4th grade
- Mission 56 and Junior High (5th—8th grade)
- High School (9th—12th grade)
- Choir and Bells Practices
- Nursery for the youngest attendees
- Note: *The Gospel According to Star Wars* led by Pastor Amy will conclude on February 7.

We hope you will join us for great small groups and fellowship this winter!

2018 Flower Calendar

We thank everyone providing Sanctuary flowers each week. The flower calendar for 2018 (located on wall outside the Sanctuary) still has multiple openings. You are welcome to sign up in honor or in memory of a loved one. Flowers are \$20 per request. Payment can be made by placing an envelope in the offering plate. Please be sure to mark the envelope "Flowers" and include your name. If you provide your own flowers, there is no fee but we do ask that you let the church office know by the Tuesday before the weekend services.

First Steps Campaign

The First Steps Committee has been very busy in the last few months enhancing our worship experience. The new chairs are in place, allowing more flexibility with seating, speakers have been placed in the Fellowship Hall and check out the window wrap on the door in the Fellowship Hall. In the next six months look for a flooring upgrade to the altar area and more audiovisual upgrades. Thanks to all of your generosity, our sanctuary continues to be improved!

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 19 for Presidents Day.



**BEST
OF
DAYTON
WINNER**

DAYTON MAGAZINE

We are excited to announce that Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool has won the honor of being named the BEST preschool in Dayton for 2017! Thanks so much for all of your support and love! Kim would also like to thank the wonderful Bright Beginnings teachers and staff who love and nurture the children as their own and help them grow and develop socially, emotionally, physically, intellectually and spiritually. Our church should be proud of the incredible impact the preschool is having in the community!

February 2018						
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25	26	27	28			

Church Groups Meetings/Schedules

Women In Faith

Women in Faith will meet on February 3. They will make soup for members of our Friendship Circle and plan their traditional Cookie Walk, which will be held after all three services on February 10 and 11. WIF invites all women of the church to join us the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you would like any information on the group, please contact Judy Cook at 937-514-6141 or judyschris@aol.com.

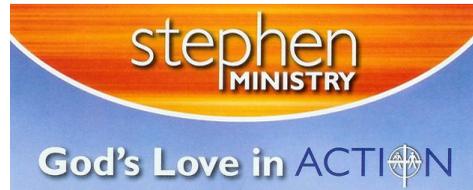
Clearcreakers Senior Group

The Clearcreakers meeting will be February 21 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. The program will be "Bingo for Chocolate Prizes". Pizza will be provided—please bring a salad or dessert to share and please remember to bring your own eating and serving utensils! The February "helpers" are Clara, Liz, and Mary Jane. For more information, please contact Mary Jane Hansel 937-746-0667 or Vivian Beatty 937-885-5698.

Please Note: "Clearcreakers" follow the same inclement weather closing as Springboro Schools.

Other Group Meeting Dates

February 6—SPRC
 February 12—Administrative Council
 February 13—Finance
 February 13 & 27—Stephen Ministers
 February 19—Missions
 February 20—Trustees



Help a Hurting Friend

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them—tell them about our Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministers have received extensive training to provide high-quality, one-on-one Christian care to people who are hurting. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. Care lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's powerful.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with Pastor Amy, Zandra Woody, or Susan Raihala or call the church office.



FEBRUARY EVENTS

Movie Night

The next Movie Night will be Friday, February 9. Space is limited so reservations are needed (748-2612/kimfumc@gmail.com). Price of \$10 per child includes pizza, drinks, popcorn.

Drop off details:

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

Contact: Kim Crosen, kimfumc@gmail.com

Sub Sale

Don't forget to pick up your Super Bowl subs ordered from God Squad group on Sunday, February 4.

February 11 is Scout Sunday

All scouts are invited to wear their uniforms and attend worship on Sunday, February 11. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will help lead and be emphasized in the 9:15 service. The Girl Scouts will help lead and be emphasized in the 10:35 service. Please contact Ken

Haines if you have a scout who would like to help as a greeter, liturgist, or usher.

Women in Faith Cookie Walk

Women in Faith will sponsor a Cookie/Cupcake Walk on February 10 and 11. A variety of cookies and cupcakes will be displayed after services on Saturday and Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to mix and match their favorite cookies for \$3.00/dozen. Of course, the huge variety of cookies offered would not be possible without the support of our Women in Faith members. As always, we are asking for donations of baked goods to support this fundraiser. They may be brought to church beginning Friday, February 9. Thank you!

Adult Social Outings

There will be two Adult Social Outings in February:

- 10th—Top Golf at 3:00 p.m.
- 22nd—Warped Wing Brewery—Meet at church at 5:30 p.m. or meet at brewery at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Brian Schlise at 937-272-6167 or brianschlise@habeggercorp.com

February 14—Ash Wednesday Celebrate God's love for you this Valentine's Day with our Ash Wednesday meal and service!

Join us as we mark the beginning of Lent with a service of repentance and the receiving of ashes. We will have a joint service with the United Church of Christ in our sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to join us at 6:00 p.m. for a meal of beef or chicken and noodles. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Late January Reminders

Chili Cook-off and Game Night

The annual Chili Cook-off and Game Night will be Saturday, January 27 at 6:30. Each entrant should provide their own decorated 4x4 card table and warm chili (there aren't enough outlets for everyone's crockpots). If you're not a chili cook, just bring a side or dessert to share. Family Life Committee is providing hot dogs and drinks. We are still in need of donations of prizes (gift cards or small prizes) which can be dropped off in the church office. For more information, please contact: Katie Veren.

IHN Volunteer Training

On January 28 after second service, our church will hold a special training/information session about Interfaith Hospitality Network. Anyone who has helped in the past or plans to volunteer in the future are strongly encouraged to attend. Training is a requirement for churches participating in the program. Lunch will be provided. Watch for details on signing up in mid-January.



Holy Week Schedule

- **March 24 and 25, Palm/Passion Sunday** services at our regular times
- **March 29, 7:00 p.m.—Maundy Thursday:** Service at United Church of Christ, 5 West Mill Street
- **March 30, 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.
- **March 31 and April 1—Easter:** Services will be held Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:15 a.m. and 10:35 a.m.

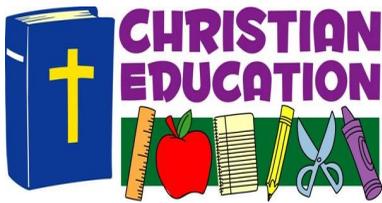
Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Miami

Valley

Symphony Orchestra

The Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra will perform "An Evening of Rodgers and Hammerstein Classics" on Saturday February 24 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday February 25 at 3:00 p.m. at Dayton Masonic Center. Please come enjoy the most beloved tunes from the writing team that ushered in the "golden age" of musical theater. This special concert style production features the entire symphony orchestra along with a grand scale chorus and soloists performing hits from Carousel, South Pacific, The King and I, Oklahoma!, The Sound of Music, and more!



Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study continues their study of 1 Peter using *The Early Christian Letters for Everyone* as the class book and the associated study guide, both by N.T. Wright. The book and study guide can be ordered from Rebecca in the church office (937-748-2612 or rebeccafumc@gmail.com). The cost is approximately \$28 which can be paid when the books are picked up. The Bible study meets every Tuesday except the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 in the music room.

Cornerstone Class

The Cornerstone Class meets in the music room on Sunday mornings at 9:15. In February, Jane Cook will lead the class in the conclusion of their study of the minor prophet Zachariah and then will move onto Joel. The class is finding many lessons for today's world and situations in the study of the minor prophets. For more information on the class, please contact Barb Geiger.

Holy Java

Holy Java will conclude their study of *God is Closer Than You Think* by John Ortberg on February 11. Then on the 18th, they will begin a new, five week study of *He Chose the Nails* by Max Lucado. With his characteristic insight, Lucado examines the extraordinary circumstances surrounding Christ's crucifix-

ion and explains why the cross is central to our own search for significance. Holy Java meets in the conference room on Sundays at 9:15. For more information on the study and the class in general, please contact Maria Dershem.

Women in Faith Bible Study

The Women in Faith Bible Study continues their study of *Parables from the Backside, Volume 2* by J. Ellsworth Kalas on February 13. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Conference room at 7:00 p.m. All women in the church are invited to join the study.



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—for children, teens and even families!. If you are interested in learning more about the exciting summer adventures they offer, the church office has a copy of their 2018 Summer Camp Guide. Please stop by to learn more or go to www.westohiocamps.com.



Bright Beginnings Buzz

In January our preschoolers learned about winter and weather. “There will always be cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night” (Genesis 8:22) was our Bible verse. In late January, “Remy & Friends”, a Christian entertainer, came to visit and entertained them with puppets, plate spinning and more while giving them Christian messages.

In February the children will be learning about God’s love. The Bible verse for the month is “Love never ends” (1 Corinthians 13:8) To reinforce the theme, they will talk about friends, family, and love and experience “Someone Special” day, Valentines parties and more.



A.C.E.

In January, our A.C.E. students “traveled” to Antarctica. February will see them traveling to and learning about Australia. February 5—9, A.C.E. will partner with the Cornerstone Sunday school class to make valentines for veterans. If you would like to know more about our A.C.E. program, please contact Kim Crosen.



Bright Beginnings will begin a new “Table Talk” series for parents (including church families) on Tuesday, February 20. The topic will be *The 5 Love Languages of Children*. The series will be held on Tuesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 and will run until March 13. Both lunch (\$5) and childcare are available. Please contact the Becky Frost at bbcpfumc@gmail.com to RSVP.

Also on Tuesday, February 22 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., the Parent Connection group will be doing pallet painting with Corks and Crafts at Sycamore Country Club. The cost of the craft and instruction is \$40. Food and beverages can be purchased separately. To register for the event, please go to <http://www.corksandcrafts.biz/list-of-events/custom-pallet-sign-22218-sycamore-creek-country-club-springboro>. For more information, please contact Becky Frost at bbcpfumc@gmail.com.

2018-2019 Registration

Bright Beginnings registration for the 2018-2019 school year began in late January for current students. Church families and people on the wait list will be able to register in mid-February. If you are interested, please contact Kim Crosen as soon as possible to get information on the preschool and to arrange a tour. Kim can be reached at 748-2612 or kimfumc@gmail.com.





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

In January, all our youth participated together in a Bowl-A-Thon. We had a great time bowling to raise money for activities and missions!

Kids Who Care

Plan on meeting on Sunday, February 11 for an afternoon of sharing God's love. We will be making valentines cards and flower pots for Hillspring Retirement Home residents and will deliver to them! Please meet at church at 3:00 with pick-up at 5:00 p.m.

God Squad

We will be doing a little bit of fundraising and a little bit of fun! We took orders for subs on January 21 and 28. On Saturday, February 3 we will worship together from 5:30 to 6:30. Following the service, we will assemble subs for our own meal and to fill orders. Pick up will be at 8:30. We will pass out subs on Super Bowl Sunday (February 4).



Mission 56: 5th & 6th grades
Contact: Kim Crosen
kimfumc@gmail.com, 937-748-2612

- **Tuesday, February 6 – 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 to Kim if you plan on joining us.**
- **Friday, February 9 – “Movie Night”, 5:15 – 9:30 p.m.:** We will have our first Movie Night of 2018 for children in grades K-4. Youth volunteers needed. Watch for an e-mail to sign up.
- **Thursday, February 15 – Lunch with Kim at Springboro Intermediate:** Kim will bring drinks and dessert. Youth are asked to pack their lunch.
- **Saturday, February 24 – “Church, Dinner, & Fellowship” (Mission 56 Only):** 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening service, dinner and a time of fun and fellowship. Pick-up will be around 8:30 p.m. One parent volunteer needed to assist with lunch and fellowship time.

Jammers: 7th & 8th grade**Contact: Kim Crosen****kimfumc@gmail.com, 937-748-2612**

- **Sunday, February 4, 6:00—8:30—Super Bowl Party** : Join the Senior High youth for a Super Bowl party at church. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.
- **Tuesday, February 6 – 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 to Kim if you plan on joining us.**
- **Friday, February 9 – “Movie Night”, 5:15 – 9:30 p.m.:** We will have our first Movie Night of 2018 for children in grades K-4. Youth volunteers needed. Watch for an e-mail to sign up.
- **Sunday, February 11 – "Church, Lunch & Fellowship" (Junior High Youth):** 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.
- **Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17 – Christ in Youth “Believe” Conference** –Believe Conference held at the BB&T Arena on the campus of Northern Kentucky University. Cost will be \$80 per youth along with money for food. **Let Kim know if you are planning to attend.**
- **Thursday, February 22 – Lunch with Kim at Springboro Junior High:** Kim by will bring drinks and dessert. Youth are asked to pack their lunch.
- **Sunday Night Youth Group:** Sunday Night Youth Group will be on Sunday, February 25 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Confirmation

The confirmation class will meet on February 4 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. (note time change) and on the 25th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room. They will also attend the Believe Conference on February 16 and 17. If you have not yet paid for the conference (\$80), please do so as soon as possible. Checks made out to FUMC can be dropped in the church office.

**Senior High Youth: 9th—12 Grades****Contact: Brian Schlise****Brianschlise@habeggercorp.com****937-748-9711**

The Senior High Youth will have regular Sunday evening Youth Group on February 11 and 18 from 7:00 to 8:30. On February 4 the group will have Super Bowl party from 6:00 to 8:30 (leaving at half time). Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

We also encourage our youth to join the church family for an Ash Wednesday meal and service on February 14. Please see page 8 for details.

If you need more information on our Senior High Youth Group or any of the planned activities, please contact Brian Schlise at 937-272-6167.



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 as 513-855-4243.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Crocheters 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 at 937-550-9412.
- Loaves and Fishes Ministry:** Our church is blessed to have a Loaves and Fishes Ministry which provides meals for church members at 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/clubdlm/goodneighbor.pl. **Re-registration is needed each year.**
- Fellowship Hosting:** The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers who want to

Volunteer, Mission & Outreach

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

- help us with just one or two events per year (e.g. Chili Cook-off, Rally Day, etc.).
- 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.
- Gordon Food Service:** If you are shopping at GFS for the church, please be sure to let them know we are part of the *Gordon Go!* program, which earns points for future discounts off purchases. We are listed as Springboro First United Methodist Church (account #2038279). Please note, purchases have to be for the church. Points cannot be earned on personal purchases.

Franklin Food Pantry

The Pantry at Franklin Area Community Services continues to assist many people facing personal and financial hardships. The Pantry is in need of more volunteers to keep this safety net in our community strong. They 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.

Volunteer, Mission and Outreach Opportunities Continued

Box Tops for Education

Our Missions Team continues to collect Box Tops for Red Bird Mission in Kentucky to benefit their schools. They also collect Tyson food labels. There are bins in which to place the box tops and labels located in the black stand across from the music room. If you need more information on the program, please contact Arlene Brown at 937-272-5857. Thank you.

Otterbein Avalon

Springboro's Otterbein Avalon Center holds worship services on Sundays at 1:30. David Finney, CLM, assists with this service and encourages those who would like to help the elderly residents to also attend. Please bring a warm smile, a desire to help with wheel chairs, and a love of Christ to our weekly worship services.

In addition there is a weekly BINGO game on Wednesdays at 1:00. Again, bring smiles and a fun-seeking attitude to Otterbein Avalon, Springboro, located off of Bunnell Hill Road. For more information, please contact David Finney at 513-727-4395 or shakerdavid@hotmail.com.

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 .

Valentine's Day Cards for Veterans

The Cornerstone Sunday School class and Bright Beginnings Preschool are working together to create Valentine's Day cards for veterans. There will be a display area in the narthex with supplies for making homemade cards. Everyone is invited to make a card and leave it in the collection box. The display will be available February 5 through noon on the 11th.

Warren County Children Services

Have you ever considered opening your home to a child in need? Now may be the time. Our church has received a letter from Warren County Children Services asking for help as they work to identify more foster parents. Specifically they are seeking those willing to consider sibling groups or children over the age of five. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming foster/adoptive parents, contact Dana Gerstner at 513-695-1521. There is also a brochure on the Missions table in Fellowship Hall that provides more information.



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Celebrating a February Birthday

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| 3: Matthew Fry | 14: Jacob Hansman |
| 4: Derek Hott, Elizabeth Eng,
Ruth Melton | 17: Douglas Wilhelm |
| 5: Kyle Smith, Christopher Thelen | 18: Kelsey Smith, Adam Kline,
Lynda Smith |
| 7: Taylor Perreira | 21: Chris Wylie |
| 8: Ethan Hansman | 24: Jeremy Chapman, Beverly Haun |
| 9: Peggy Smith, William Click, Roy Cook | 26: Dudley Fry, Jessie Golconda |
| 11: Andrew Click, Amy Ingalls | 28: David Pierce Jr., Paige Veren |
| 13: Garry Haun, Ken Haines | |

Celebrating a February Anniversary

- 14: Ron & Diana Best,
Jim & Kelly Ronyak
23: Don & Barbara Files

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

February Volunteers

	Liturgists	Acolytes	Cookies	Altar Flowers
Feb. 4	Patti Hammett Open	Open Open	Open	Open
Feb. 11	Scout Sunday liturgists	Scout Sunday acolytes	Open	Bob & Linda Leese
Feb. 18	Open Open	Noah Townsend Open	Cornerstone Class	Open
Feb. 25	Belinda Mallett Jane Gregg	Noah Townsend Open	Open	Marjorie Poff



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"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:33

