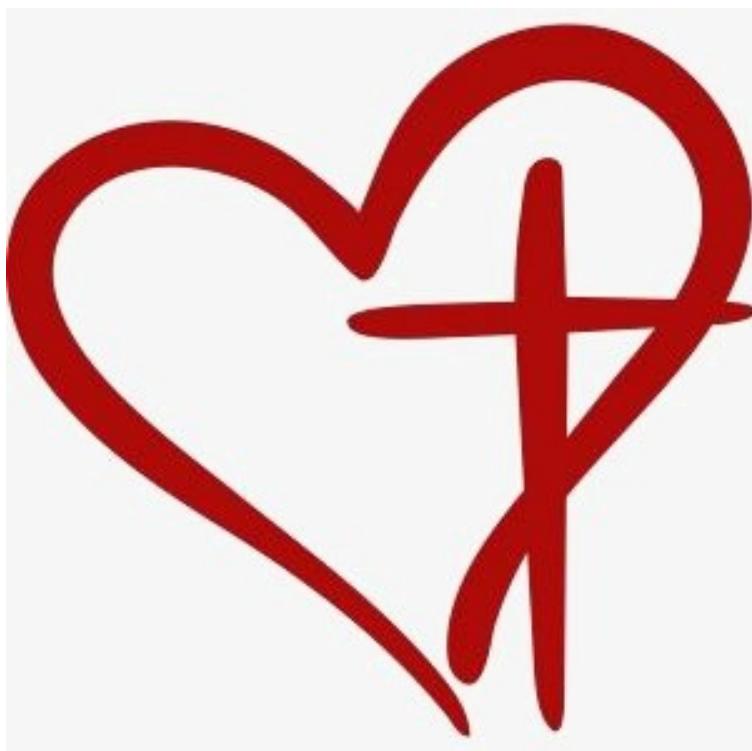




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Join us for worship each weekend:

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... Breakthrough Prayer

Because of our prayer chain, prayer team, and sharing of joys and concerns in worship, First UMC of Springboro is known as a praying church. Prayer is a way we lift up one another. When we pray we are tangibly living out what we believe, that prayer makes a difference.

Yes, God's answers to prayer are not always what we hope for. Healing can take many forms. Sometimes God has a greater outcome in mind for us than what we ask. Yet no matter how God responds to our prayers, we are encouraged to continue to be in conversation with God. Prayer is the food that sustains our life with Christ and aligns us to God's ways in this world.

During 2019, I invite you to pray with me for a new vision for this congregation. This vision will re-focus our mission and ministries, our passion and purpose together as the body of Christ in this time and place. This vision will guide us to our niche here in Springboro, the specific ways God is calling us to reach out in love to our neighbors, and how to put feet to our call to transform the world as disciples of Jesus.

This prayer for new vision is called a Breakthrough Prayer. Sue Nilson Kibbey defines a Breakthrough Prayer in this way: "Inviting God's Spirit to breakthrough anything that holds us captive, so that we can boldly move forward and fulfill God's intention for why we exist as Christ's body, right now and beyond." (*Floodgates, p.33*) This prayer is not lifting up our own agendas, but listening to the guidance of the Holy Spirit moving through the people of God in this congregation.

We will begin this prayer journey during February, when everyone, of every age, will receive a Breakthrough Prayer card, inviting all to pray the prayer daily, at 7:48am and/or 7:48pm. (748 is Springboro's phone exchange.) Imagine the power of all of us lifting up the same prayer to God at the same time each day! Set a timer on your watch or computer. Stop in the middle of your committee meeting or choir to pray. If you find yourself somewhere unique at the time you stop to pray, send the church a picture and we will scroll those in the announcement slides. Get your entire family involved! Take turns reciting the prayer aloud. Say it together. Discuss what the words mean and why we pray it.

Together, may we invite God's power and presence to renew us. Come, Lord Jesus!

"Faithful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us, to lead us into a new season as your church. Breakthrough what holds us back from living for you in our lives and in our congregation. Give us ears to hear, eyes to see, faith to respond, and the courage to follow where you lead. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen."



Worship In February

Feb 2/3

Three Simple Rules:
Stay In Love With God
John 21:15-19
Holy Communion

Feb 9/10

The Pressing Crowd
Luke 5:1-11

Feb 16/17

The Expectant Crowd
Luke 6:17-26

Feb 23/24

The Questioning Crowd
Luke 6:27-38

February Events

- 2: Women in Faith
- 3: United Methodist Men
- 3: Sub Pickup
- 3: Confirmation
- 4: Prayer Team
- 5: Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 6: Small Group Night
- 6: Choir and Bells Practices
- 8: Movie Night
- 9/10: WIF Cookie Walk
- 10: Scout Sunday
- 10: Kids Who Care
- 10: Mission 56 Church, Lunch, Fellowship
- 11: Prayer Team
- 11: Finance Committee
- 12: Tuesday Bible Study
- 12: Women In Faith Bible Study
- 12: Stephen Ministers
- 13: Small Group Night
- 13: Choir and Bells Practice
- 15/16: Believe Conference
- 18: Office Closed
- 18: Missions Committee
- 19: Tuesday Bible Study
- 19: Trustees
- 20: Clearcreakers at Doubledays
- 20: Small Group Night
- 20: Choir and Bells Practices
- 21: Newsletter Folding
- 23: Junior High Church, Dinner, Fellowship
- 24: Confirmation Class
- 25: Prayer Team
- 26: Tuesday Bible Study
- 26: Stephen Ministers
- 27: Small Group Night
- 27: Choir and Bells Practices



Lay Leader Report

Yep, winter is upon us. These words are typed in the days following the mid-January, 8 inches deep snow fall that we received. I pray that all remained safe and warm as the snow fell. I know my grandchildren enjoyed playing in the snow as did their 8 months old puppy. The puppy, named Charlie, experienced snow for the first time in his life and he loved it. The kids enjoyed making Snow People and throwing snow balls at me.

As a televised sports junkie, February is such a fun month. Perhaps I am the only one, but I really enjoy televised coverage of: the Super Bowl, the Westminster Dog Show, PGA Tour event at Pebble Beach Golf Club, and the Daytona 500. A goofy mixture of events, but I enjoy each one.

But this February is not all giggles and fun. These are serious matters facing our church. I ask all to be praying for the United Methodist Church, both the big church and our local congregation as General Conference convenes on February 23 in St Louis. My prayer is for all to have a conciliatory heart, that we find ways to remain together, instead of seeking ways to split apart. I pray for the delegates who will gather in St Louis and for all United Methodists in the thousands of United Methodist churches.

I finally have arranged to conduct and moderate an online Lenten study. The intended audience includes those who seek to broaden their faith understanding, but face daunting schedules which precludes the ability to attend a

traditional face-to-face study. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, on March 6, and for the following 6 weeks, I will use Facebook to post assignments, make video streams available, and ask study participants to think and write. I will then ask us to ponder what each other has written to see if we can learn from each other. We will read and study Pastor Adam Hamilton's book, *Simon Peter*. This book is based on what we know about the life of the impulsive, loving, Peter, the Rock on which Jesus built his church. Please let me know of any interest in this class offering.

Stay warm, enjoy winter activities, and look for those early signs of spring.

David Finney



Praying Our Way Forward

We are One in Christ

2:23-2:28 pm

Pray for

- General Conference 2019
- Our Delegates
- God's Leadership for the church



Fellowship Time

A 2019 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 <https://bit.ly/2CvkVne>.

2019 Flower Calendar

We thank everyone providing Sanctuary flowers each week. The flower calendar for 2019 (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.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 18 for Presidents Day.

Online Lenten Study

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6, we will conduct a Lenten study, with all participation being done online, and not in person. This will allow the class participants to do the study work, at their own time, at their own pace.

Every Wednesday, March 6—April 17, our moderator, David Finney, will post the weekly reading assignment, make the weekly video available, and will post the follow-up questions. We will then ask class participants to come back to our Facebook page with some regularity to consider, and potentially respond to posts by other class participants. The class discussion will be moderated and we will insist that all back and forth conversation will be done as members of the Body of Christ. But the back and forth can be enlightening as we learn from each other.

We will study Pastor Adam Hamilton's latest book, *Simon Peter, Flawed but Faithful Disciple*.

The text is available in hard copy from Amazon or Cokesbury. Electronic versions are also available for those who want to download to their reading devices.

More details will come at the end of February regarding how to connect through Facebook to the class site.



Small Group Night

We learn best together with others. For fellowship, study or choir, you are invited to our Wednesday Small Group Night!

We begin with dinner together at 6:00pm, \$3 per person.

Then from 6:40pm-8:00pm we will divide up into the following small groups. Choose the one that best suits you.

- *“God’s Messy Family: Finding Your Place When Life Isn’t Perfect”* taught by Pastor Amy, looks at the drama of some of our faith ancestors’ messy lives, and reminds us that even our “messy” lives fit into God’s plan for us as part of God’s family. Books are \$11 each and available in the church office.
- *“Pastrix”* taught by Pastor Doug, is the story of God’s call upon Nadia Bolz-Weber, and is an irreverent and honest and deeply resonant book for everyone who considers themselves a “misfit” yet is still seeking hope and mystery in their lives.
- *Kids Club*
- *Youth are encouraged to join a study or assist with the kids*
- *Heavenly Host Choir* (7pm start time)

The Winter session will run 5 weeks, from January 30-February 27.

The Lenten session will run 4 weeks, beginning March 13. Those classes will be announced next month.



Church Groups Meetings/Schedules

United Methodist Men

We will meet for our monthly coffee and devotions on February 3rd and March 3rd, both at 8:00 am. All men are invited to join us for these sessions.

Then on February 16, David Finney will be in Salisbury, MD for “Finishing Strong – Going the Distance for Your Family”. This is a men’s conference, aimed at helping us be better Dads, and better husbands. Men are invited to attend. Driving on February 15 and returning on February 17. Please let David know if you’d care to attend this event.

Then on March 24, along with the Confirmation Class, we will cook and serve to those who worship that day at The Gathering, in Middletown. More details will come in March, but save this date. We cooked for The Gathering in November and we were richly blessed by the warm people of Middletown.

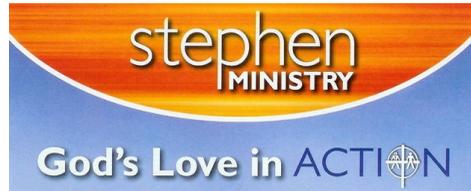
Women In Faith

Women in Faith's next meeting is on Saturday, February 2. They will have a Crime Prevention for Women Program with speaker, Dave Willis. 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" will be meeting February 20th at Doubleday's Restaurant on Rt.741 at 11:00 am. This will be a Valentine Luncheon - each "MEMBER" will be given \$10.00 toward his order. You will be responsible for anything over that and the tip. Each "MEMBER" MUST sign up for this luncheon by Feb. 5th - we have to give Doubleday's the number attending by Feb. 6th. Questions - contact: Mary Jane 746-0667 or Vivian 885-5698

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



Do You Know Someone Going Thru A Difficult Time?

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Zandra Woody or Susan Raihala. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with Pastor Amy, Zandra Woody, (937-748-9713) or Susan Raihala (937-238-1394), or call the church office.



February EVENTS

Movie Night

The next Movie Night will be Friday, February 8. 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:

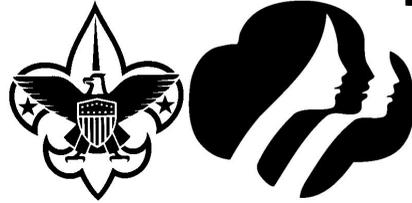
- Children MUST be picked up by someone on the registration form who has ID.
- Please wait in the lobby as we match you with children and sign them out.
- Please pick up promptly at 9:00 p.m.

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 3.

Scout Sunday



February 10 is Scout Sunday

All scouts are invited to wear their uniforms and attend worship on Sunday, February 10. 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 acolyte, liturgist, or usher.

Women in Faith Cookie & Candy Walk

Women in Faith will sponsor a Cookie & Candy Walk on February 9 and 10. A variety of cookies and candy will be displayed after services on Saturday and Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to mix and match their favorite cookies for \$3.00/dozen or 0.25 cents each. Buckeyes will be 3/\$1.00 or 0.50 cents each. Desserts will be \$6.00/dozen or 0.50 cents each. . 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 8. Thank you!



**March 6—Ash Wednesday
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.



Spaghetti Dinner

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner will be on Sunday, March 10. This joint effort between Women in Faith and the Youth Group will have one seating at 5:00 p.m. The three course dinner includes salad, spaghetti and meatballs, bread and dessert. Tickets are \$8 for adults if purchased in advance or \$10 at the door and \$5 for children (whether purchased in advance or at the door). Tickets will be sold on Saturday, February 23 and March 2 and Sunday, February 24 and March 3. We encourage advance purchase of tickets to help with planning purposes and to ensure you are able to partake in what is certain to be a great meal!

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra

Sunday March 3rd at 3:00pm at Kettering SDA Church Kelly Ronyak invites everyone to the MVSO winter concert “*Brahms, Bruch, Chadwick*”. It’s an antidote to the winter blues!

~Hungarian Dance No. 6 by *Johannes Brahms*

~Scottish Fantasy by *Max Bruch*

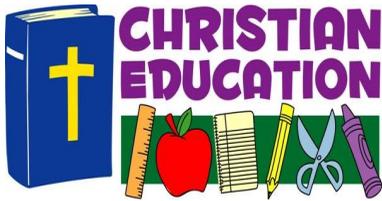
~Symphonic Sketches by *George Chadwick*

For more information and to sign up to receive e-mail reminders before each concert, please see the website at MVSO.org.

Divorce Care

We will be starting a Divorce Care Support Group for adults and children. Meetings will be held very Monday from 6:30—8:00 pm from February 11 thru May 20. To register or for any questions please email Kim Crosen at bbcpfumc@gmail.com or call 937-748-2612.





Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study will conclude Jude and begin a study of the Letters of John using *The Early Christian Letters for Everyone* as the class book and the associated study guide, both by N.T. Wright. The Bible study meets every Tuesday except the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Springboro Library. If you have not previously participated in a weekday study and would like to, this is a great time to start!

Cornerstone Class

The Cornerstone class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Music Room. Margot Borst will be leading the class in February.

Holy Java

Holy Java will be finishing “Grace is Greater” by Kyle Idleman and beginning “Love Languages” by Gary Chapman. Holy Java meets in the conference room on Sundays at 9:15 a.m.. 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 meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Conference room at 7:00 p.m. On February 12, we will begin the study “Top 10 United Methodists Beliefs”. 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 go to www.westohiocamps.com.



Bright Beginnings Buzz

In February our preschoolers will be learning about God's love. Our theme of the month is Love, God, Family and Friends. Our Bible verse is "Love never ends" (1 Corinthians 13:8) and the Fruit of the Spirit is Love. Our preschoolers will be enjoying Valentine's Parties and our annual Someone Special days.

In March they will be learning about the community and we will enjoy special visits from various community helpers, including the Fire Department, Police, Doctor, Dentist and Veterinarian.



A.C.E.

In February, our A.C.E students will be "traveling" to North America. They will be learning the meaning of "Pura Vida" and how the Costa Ricans live out this motto in their lives. The kiddos will be writing a gratitude journal to help discover how to live out this philosophy. They will also learn about the red eyed tree frog and have fun diving into suction cup science. The annual Fun Football Friday will take place before the Superbowl, and Valentines day celebrations will make February a fun filled month.



Parent connection

We will begin a new "Table Talk" study this month, "Uninvited" by Lisa TerKuerst. We will be meeting on Tuesdays from 10 – 11:30. Childcare is available, please email Becky Frost at bbcpcfumc@gmail.com to RSVP.

We are holding our annual **Kindergarten Readiness** meeting on Thursday, February 21st at 9am and 1pm We are excited to have a guest speaker, Clearcreek principal, Carrie Corder. Childcare is available, please email Becky with what meeting you are planning to attend, and if you need childcare.

We are excited to continue with our Bright & Fit fitness classes on Mondays at 9 a.m. We do everything from yoga, HIIT, endurance cardio, and Pilates.

We will also be making Valentines for Veterans the first week of February.

2019-2020 Registration

Bright Beginnings registration for the 2019-2020 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

Kids Who Care

Plan on meeting on Sunday, February 10 for an afternoon of sharing God's love. We will be making valentine cards and flower pots for Hillspring Retirement Home residents and will deliver to them! Please meet at church at 3:00 with pickup 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 27. On Saturday, February 2 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 3).



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

- **Friday, February 8 – "Movie Night", 5:15 – 9:30 p.m.:** We will have our first Movie Night of 2019 for children in grades K-4. Youth volunteers needed. Watch for an e-mail to sign up.
- **Sunday, February 10 – "Church, Lunch & Fellowship": (5th and 6th only) 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.



Jammers: 7th & 8th grade

Contact: Kim Crosen

kimfumc@gmail.com, 937-748-2612

- **Friday, February 8 – “Movie Night”, 5:15 – 9:30 p.m.:** We will have our first Movie Night of 2019 for children in grades K-4. Youth volunteers needed. Watch for an e-mail to sign up.
- **Friday, February 15 and Saturday, February 16 – 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.**
- **Saturday, February 23 – “Church, Dinner, & Fellowship” (7th and 8th 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. Bring a friend.



Senior High Youth: 9th—12 Grades

Contact: Brian Schlise

Brianschlise@habeggercorp.com

937-748-9711

Please watch for text messages with the schedule for regular Sunday evening meetings and details for special events.

Confirmation

The confirmation class will meet on February 3 and 24 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room. They will also attend the Believe Conference on February 15 and 16. 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 off in the church office.





Love. Grow. Serve.

• 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.

• **Loaves and Fishes Ministry:** Our church is blessed to have this ministry which provides meals for church members after birth of children, in times of serious illness or at other critical family times. ***We are in need of a new coordinator. Please contact Pastor Amy if interested.***

• **Kroger Community Rewards Program:** Through the program, we earn a quarterly check based on your purchases at no cost to you. Please register our church as your Kroger recipient. Questions, please contact Mariel Pesavento.

• **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

Volunteer, Mission & Outreach

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

at: www.dorothyane.com/clubdlm/goodneighbor.pl.

- **Cookies:** There is a sign-up sheet on the fellowship table or through the Church Needs link in Pastor Amy's weekly e-mail. For treats for fellowship time between services. 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.
- **Box Tops for Education/Tyson Labels:** 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.
- **Otterbein Avalon:** David Finney invites you to engage with senior residents of the Otterbein Avalon community. If you are interested in attending, please let David Finney know (513-727-4395).
 - Worship is on Sunday at 1:30 pm
 - Bingo is on Wednesday at 1:30 pm
 - Both are in house #35

Volunteer, Mission and Outreach Opportunities Continued

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 4 through noon on the 10th.

First UMC in Mission Together 2018 Impact Report

We have always said we are small but mighty and 2018 certainly proved that to be true!

We started 2018 with IHN Volunteer Training Session with 15-20 attendees. We hosted IHN for three weeks, with a total of 10 families staying with us. Through a WIF donation and a special collection, we were able to send IHN nearly \$1500 to help replace a lost \$10k grant from Macys for Christmas in July. We also made a \$175 donation towards expenses for the 20th Anniversary Celebration, and in November collected \$140 for Time for Change. You are also always extremely faithful in "Milk Money" donations during our hosting weeks!

In March, we provide 190 Easter Meals through food only gift cards to both the SCAC (20) and The Pantry in Franklin (170). We delivered food from our food barrels on several occasions to both locations, and in November

we sent \$500 donations to each food pantry.

In July, we collected and assembled items for 50 flood buckets for UMCOR and have been able to store all of them in our district for use in Ohio. If necessary, these can be transferred later to other areas where they may be need more. Our Christmas Eve offering of \$2,490 was donated to UMCOR, as well, for a total cash donation to UMCOR of \$2,800.

We had a successful Ministry Fair in September with a number of tables highlighting all the work we do in the community and beyond. We sent 1300 Box Tops to Red Bird Mission, provided Christmas for 50 children through the Giving Tree, donated additional toys to The Pantry for other families, sent 225 seed packets plus \$45 to Jackson Area Ministries, and donated over \$1,200 to Volunteers in Mission to support Jack Eley's Mission Trip To Costa Rica.

As a Mission Team, we are grateful for the ongoing support of such a generous and loving congregation.





Personal Thank You's

Thank you Women In Faith for the beautiful fruit basket. I made fruit salad. I am getting mobility back. Thank you for the beautiful calls, cards, and prayers. I am truly blessed.

Shirley Pressel

A great big "THANK YOU" to the church and Pack #34 for helping us with our mission to the V.A. hospital. Because of you we were able to take about 1,100 items. God bless you for your support.

Cornerstone Sunday School Class

FUMC thank you for the gift at Christmas. I hope to be back playing music as soon as I am able. Thank you for the prayers, cards and get well wishes for my surgery in December.

The expressions of sympathy, in the passing of my Aunt Martha, were greatly appreciated.

Vickie Kuhn

Students of the Year Fundraiser— Kyle Beasley

I am honored to participate in the 2019 Students of the Year program, a seven-week initiative in which select high school students from around the country participate in a fundraising competition to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. I am proud to be raising critical dollars in honor of a young patient hero who is currently battling or is in remission from a blood cancer. Each dollar is a vote. The candidate team that raises the most money at the end of the seven weeks is named Student(s) of the Year. Our mission is to not only raise the most money but also to bring attention to blood cancers like leukemia, which is the most common form of cancer in children and teens.

Our goal is \$50,000 because if we reach this, I am able to name a research grant for blood cancer research in my grandfather's name, David Mabee. Our direct fundraising link is <https://events.lls.org/soh/tristatesoy19/kbeasley> . We can also accept cash or check made out to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Donations will be accepted through March 1. It would be wonderful if we could get everyone on board with us and help us reach our goal. I know my grandfather would appreciate it a lot!

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. 3	open open	Claire Veren open	open	open
Feb. 10	Boy Scouts Girl Scouts	Boy Scouts Girl Scouts	Cornerstone Class	open
Feb. 17	open David Yeamans	Noah Townsend open	open	open
Feb. 24	Belinda Mallett Jane Gregg	Easton 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

