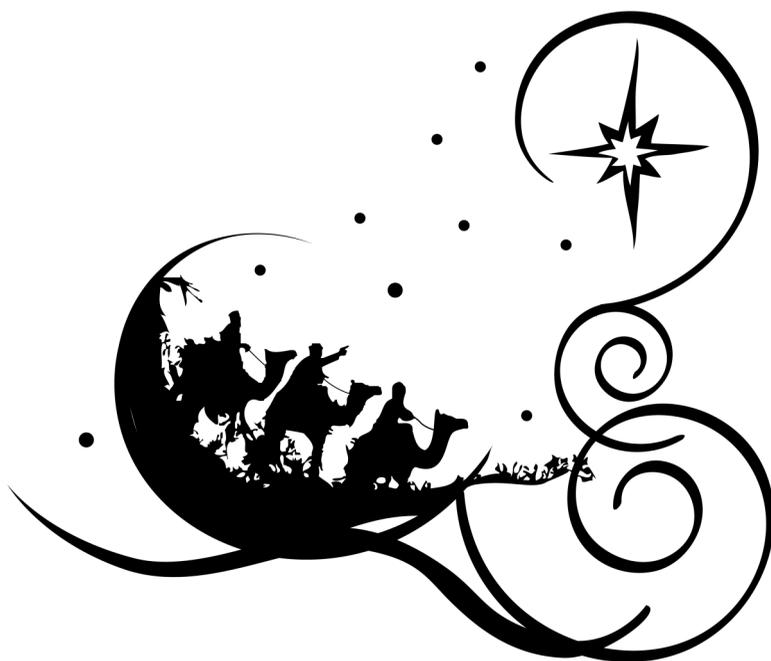




First United Methodist Church of Springboro

The Messenger

January 2019



Join us for worship each weekend:

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

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A word from Pastor Amy....**Three Simple Rules**

This January, as you ponder whether or not to make or keep any New Year's resolutions, I invite you back to our Wesleyan roots and a way of living that fulfills Jesus' words in Mark 12:29-31:

"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. ...You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

This way of living is based on words by the founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, yet revived for our modern times by the late Bishop Reuben P. Job. They are three simple rules to say, yet three profound rules to live by.

Do No Harm
Do Good
Stay in Love with God

In our world of deep division, divisions that reach down even into our churches and into our families, we need these rules to guide our relationships with each other. If we are honest with ourselves and one another, sometimes our words, actions and attitudes are not very Christ-like.

So these three simple rules are a gift to us. They are an invitation to live deeper as a follower of Christ Jesus, an invitation to live in such a way as to honor the image of God in each and every person that we meet, an invitation to learn a holy way of living.

This January, I invite you to ponder what these three simple rules could mean in your life. We will begin the month of January celebrating Epiphany, the coming of the magi as the conclusion of our Advent/Christmas series, then move into these Three Simple Rules. May they be for us a guide to continue to live in response to the good news celebrated at Christmas.





Worship In January

Jan 5/6
Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12
"Drawn to the Light"
Holy Communion

"Three Simple Rules" Series

Jan 12/13
Galatians 5:13-25
"Do No Harm"

Jan 19/20
Romans 12:9-18, 21
"Do Good"

Jan 26/27
John 21:15-19
"Stay in Love with God"

January Events

- 2: Choir/Bells
- 3: Bright Beginnings Classes Resume
- 6: Christmas Decoration Removal
- 6: Confirmation
- 7: Prayer Team
- 8: Tuesday Bible Study
- 8: Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 8: Women in Faith Bible Study
- 8: Stephen Ministers
- 9: Choir /Bells
- 13: All Youth Bowl-a-Thon
- 14: Administrative Council
- 14: Finance
- 15: Tuesday Bible Study
- 15: Trustees
- 16: Clearcreakers
- 17: Choir/Bells
- 21: Office Closed
- 21: Missions Team
- 22: Tuesday Bible Study
- 22: Stephen Ministers
- 23: Choir/ Bells
- 26: District Training Day
- 26: Chili Cook Off and Game Night
- 27: Confirmation
- 27: Church, Lunch, Fellowship
- 28: Prayer Team
- 28: Parents with a Purpose
- 29: Tuesday Bible Study
- 30: Small Group Night
- 30: Choir/ Bells Practices



Lay Leader Report

I typed 2019 the other day as I wrote something. First time I wrote that year as in the current year. Yes, time zips by in a great big hurry.

As we make New Year's Resolutions about exercise and weight loss, I encourage all to consider daily prayer and study. And I wish for our people to be more successful with including prayer and study in our lives than I am with exercise and weight loss.

Look for a small group to join. We have groups that meet on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and even Saturday. I still intend to launch a virtual class, a study in which each of us participates in accordance with our unique schedule. I've let this languish, time for me to get moving on this.

Also, if FUMC does not offer a small group on a desired topic or at a desired time, consider looking into launching a new group. Having more small groups in our church is a good thing. Ask Pastor Amy, Jenn Fry, Pastor Doug, or myself on how to begin.

Please hold Saturday, January 26 as our Ohio River Valley District will conduct our annual day of worship, fellowship and training. All 122 United Methodist churches of our district are invited to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and greet other United Methodists and to perhaps pick up a nugget or two of importance during the training or keynote address. I know I will attend this

event, please see me to car-pool.

So, embrace the new year, look for new opportunities to serve, new opportunities to learn, and new ways to worship our God and King!

David Finney

***God specializes in things
fresh and first hand.
His plans for you this year
may outshine those of the past.
He's preparing to fill your days
with reasons to give Him praise.
- Joni Eareckson Tada***



District Annual Leadership Training Day

On January 26, 2019, the Ohio River Valley District will have a training day for church leaders. The focus of this day will be “Growing Young” with Jeff Mattesich featuring a key note address and practical workshops. The training will take place at Armstrong Chapel, 5125 Drake Road, Cincinnati, OH 45253, from 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m. For the list of workshops or to register go to <https://www.westohioumc.org>.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed December 25 through Tuesday, January 1. Please call ahead if you need to be in the church building that week. Pastor Amy will be on vacation during this time. Please contact David Finney (937-572-2130 or shakerdavid@hotmail.com) in an emergency. In addition, the office will be closed on Monday, January 21 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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.
- “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.



JANUARY EVENTS



All Youth Bowl-a-Thon

Our annual All Youth Bowl-a-Thon will be held on Sunday, January 13. This event provides an opportunity for all the children of the church (from K-12th grade) to get together for an afternoon of fun while raising funds for missions. This year we will be at Poelking Lanes by the Dayton Mall from 2:00 to 4:00 for K-4th grade and 2:00 to 5:00 for 5th-12th grades. If you would like more information, please contact Kim Crosen or Brian Schlise.

Christmas Decoration Removal

We are in need of volunteers to help remove and put in storage our Christmas decorations. We know, this isn't nearly as much fun as putting the decorations up but it is a needed task. Please consider giving a few hours to help on Sunday, January 6 after second service. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Gregg. (Thank you in advance for helping.



AND GAME NIGHT

Get your aprons out, your best chili recipe ready, grab your favorite game and join us on Saturday, January 26 for our annual Chili Cook-off and Game Night. We will have prizes for the best tasting, the most creative presentation, etc. Each entrant will need to provide their own 4x4 card table (decorated of course!) and chili cooked up and brought in warm (there aren't enough outlets for everyone's crockpots). For planning purposes, if you plan on bringing a chili, please sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054AAAAF2BA46-chili1>. If you are unable to sign up in advance, please don't let that stop you from joining the competition! Last minute entrants welcome.

Family Life Committee will provide hot dogs and drinks. If you're not a chili cook, just bring a side or dessert to share. We could also use donations of prizes (gift cards or small gifts). Donations can be dropped off in the church office. Come early for worship at 5:30. The dinner will begin at 6:30. If you can help with this event, please contact Tina Stafford. Thanks!

Way Forward Gathering

Join Bishop Gregory V. Palmer and other conference leaders for a **Way Forward Gathering** to discuss the called General Conference scheduled for February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, MO. These gatherings will include an opportunity to hear about the key proposals to the General Conference from the **Commission on a Way Forward** and will include a time for Q&A and sharing your thoughts about the options verbally or in writing.

These events are intended for any United Methodist, both clergy and lay. Each person wanting to attend **MUST** complete an online registration form, which can be done by going to www.westohioUMC.org/WayForwardGatherings.

Thursday, January 17, 2019, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at New Vision UMC. Cincinnati

For more information about the **Special Session of the General Conference** and to familiarize yourself with the work of the **Commission on a Way Forward** as you prepare to attend one of these gatherings click this link: www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session



Late December Reminders

Christmas Eve Services

- 4:30 p.m.— Children’s Christmas Program “Angel In A Baseball Cap”
- 7:30 p.m.— Candlelight service with choir
- 10:30 p.m.—Candlelight service with communion

Sunday after Christmas Service

We will have one Sunday worship service on December 30 at 10:00 a.m. There will not be Sunday School classes offered this day, or service on Saturday , December 29.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

The Interfaith Hospitality Network families will be with us **December 23-30**. Please consider giving the gift of your time in preparing meals or doing activities with the children or being an overnight host or hostess. To sign up, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054AAAAF2BA46-interfaith12> Please reach out to Jennifer Fry if you have any questions!

2019 Flower Calendar

We thank everyone for their support in providing Sanctuary flowers each week. The flower calendar still has many open dates for 2019. It is located on the wall just outside the Sanctuary in Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to sign up in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please make sure you print all the information clearly to ensure we can put the correct information in the bulletin. 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 and the date for which you are purchasing flowers so we can track payments. 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.

Giving Statements

The Finance Committee is happy to announce that this year we have the ability to send giving statements by email. This will allow us to send the statements more efficiently saving both time and money. Look for giving statements to be emailed the second week of January. Traditional giving statements will be mailed via USPS for anyone the church does not have an email or upon request.

FUMC 2019 Budget

Thank you for your continued faithful giving to God through First UMC. Without your tithes and offerings, we could not reach as far, touch as many, or offer as much. As we enter 2019, we want to provide you with an overview of FUMC's budget for the year, approved by Finance and Administrative Council. Our total spending is projected to be approximately

\$324,185. This spending can be categorized into eight general areas:

- **Worship**—We gather weekly for worship to praise God, focus on God's word and connect with one another. These expenses include music, communion and worship supplies as well as salaries for musicians and a portion of Pastor Amy's salary and benefits.
- **Connectional/Mission**—Our apportioned giving supports mission and ministry through our district, conference and the global United Methodist church, from training events to church camps to Africa University. The amount is determined by the conference based on our membership and operating expenses.
- **Youth Ministry**—FUMC has a vibrant youth ministry that seeks to build up the next generation of God's disciples. These expenses pay for the services of our youth directors as well as program costs for youth programs for all grades.
- **Education**—Growing as disciples is a cradle to grave journey. These expenses assist with curriculum, VBS, and salaries for children and adult education as well as nursery care.
- **Leadership**—As she leads our church family in following God and God's ways, a portion of Pastor Amy's salary and benefits are in this category as well as funding for staff training.
- **Administration**—There are many expenses to keep the church functioning administratively. These expenses include such items as office supplies, copiers, postage, FICA and administrative salaries, including a portion of Pastor Amy's salary and benefits.

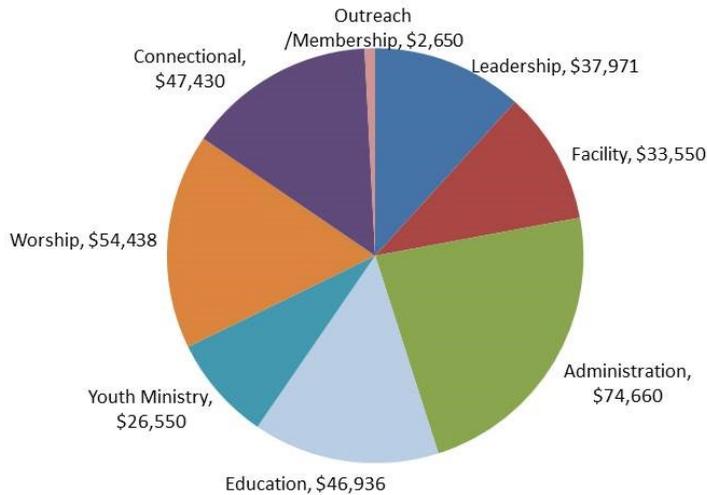
- Facility—Our church has been entrusted with our building, parsonage, and church property as a base from which to reach out to our community and our world. These expenses include utilities, repairs and maintenance salaries. A portion of this category is offset by a monthly payment from Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool.
- Outreach and Membership Care—Hospitality, Stephen Ministers, Fellowship and Family Life and general communication are all ways we strengthen our connections with one another.

The pie chart below provides a graphical depiction of our budget expenditures.

Thank you for your faithful financial commitments. Please note that this budget projects a shortfall based on past receipts. Yet if we are intentional and generous in our future giving, God can and will work through us in life-changing ways here in Springboro and around the world. May we worship God through our giving.

Copies of our line item budget are available upon request from the church office.

First United Methodist Church 2019 Budget





2019 Slate of Officers/Committee Positions

Thank you to all who have served our church this past year. Without the countless hours of so many members sharing their spiritual gifts, we would not be able to accomplish all we do. Thank you also to those who have answered the call and will be serving in 2019.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Ad Council Chair	Alan Kerrick
Recording Secretary	Judy Cook
Lay Leader/CLM	David Finney
Lay Member	Jack Hott
Treasurer	Kevin Houser
Financial Secretary	Tracy Stull
Staff-Parish Relations	Bill Hammett
Trustees	Harry Ingalls
Connection	Mike Stull
	Sara Erwin
Fellowship/Family Life	Sandra Wray
	Katie Veren
Stephen Ministry	Zandra Woody
Worship	Jack Hott
Missions	Jennifer Fry
Women in Faith	Judy Cook
United Methodist Men	Dusty Dersham
Historian	TBD
Pastor	Amy Haines
(staff) Christian Education	Kim Crosen
(staff) Adult Discipleship	Doug Dean
(staff) Youth Director	Brian Schlise

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Bill Hammett

David Bell	Maribel Pesavento
Diane McCrystal	Sally Strahl

Greta Talbot
Lay Leader: David Finney
Lay Member: Jack Hott
Pastor: Amy Haines

TRUSTEES

Chair: Harry Ingalls

Arlene Brown	Ken Haines
Steve Haines	Harry Ingalls
Jeff Erwin	Daniel Veren
Belinda Mallett	Lisa Wray
Matt Perry	

FINANCE

Treasurer: Kevin Houser
Financial Secretary: Tracy Stull
Lay Member: Jack Hott
Pastor: Amy Haines
At Large: Bill Delbridge
Susan Stalcup
Jackie Winzeler

NOMINATIONS

Chair: Pastor Amy
Lay Leader: David Finney
Andrea Cook
Kristy Shetterly
Sandra Wray

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CARE

Chair: Jennifer Fry
Stephanie Bindemann
Arlene Brown
Lois Eley
Cindy Hunsaker
Alan Kerrick
Connie Miller
Greta Talbot
Beth Wenzel

WORSHIP

Chair: Jack Hott
Communion Steward: Anna Wade
Assistant Communion Steward: Amber Stull
Flower Coordinator: Jane Gregg
Hanging of the Greens Coordinator: Jane Gregg
Sanctuary Preparation: Greta Talbot
Ushers: Ron Griffith, Jack Eley, Ron Fogle

NURTURE AND MEMBERSHIP CARE

Loaves and Fishes Ministry: TBD
Funeral Meals: Judy Cook
Stephen Ministry: Susan Raihala, Zandra Woody
Transportation Ministry: Harold Masteller

FELLOWSHIP/FAMILY LIFE

Fellowship Coordinator: Sandra Wray
Family Life Coordinator: Katie Veren
Kathy Ball
Kara Hampton
Amber Stull
Linda Tennant
Susan Tiffin
Mike Zimmerman

CONNECTION

Sara Erwin
New Member Class: Mike Stull
Greeters: Kerri Dome

COMMUNICATIONS

Website: Jean Reazer
Facebook Page: Maria Dershem



Church Records and Keys

Any church members who have been serving in leadership roles requiring them to keep church records or have a church key, please remember to pass them on to members who may be taking over your role in the new year. If you are passing on a key, please notify Kerri in the church office (748-2612 or fumcpringboro@gmail.com) so that we have up-to-date records of members with keys.

Also, if you have a church key which is rarely used, please consider returning it to the church office. We have front door keys available to be loaned out when needed on an occasional basis.



New Church Pictorial Directory

It's that time again! Can you believe it's been almost five years since we finished the last church directory? We will be working with LifeTouch again and have identified times and dates at the beginning and end of January. We specifically chose the beginning of January so those families with college students can take advantage of the family portrait opportunity before they head back to school.

Picture days will be:

- **January 3 and 4 from 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.**
- **January 5 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
- **January 23 and 24 from 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

We would love to have all church members and active constituents be a part of our directory. What a great way to add faces to names of those you worship and serve beside! If you attend regularly we would love to have you participate and be in our directory.

Also -- please invite your friends and family to have professional family portraits taken. Everyone receives a free 8x10 - and there is no obligation to purchase additional photos. Senior Citizens, Military, and First Responders (active and veteran) receive a 20% discount on all purchases, everyone receives a \$10.00 off coupon, and if you bring a canned food item for the food pantry on the day of your appointment, you receive an additional \$5.00 off coupon -- and they are stackable!

Strong participation is key to a successful and helpful directory. You can schedule your appointment at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yitjrrqe/> or, if you don't have access to internet or have an e-mail address, please contact Stephanie Bindemann (937-307-4587) for assistance with scheduling. There is also a link to the scheduling site on our website under Events. We will also be available to assist with sign up in between services.



If you have had a change to your address, phone number or email, please contact Kerri in the church office, so we can update your information. This is always important, but especially so as we work toward creating a new directory!

Church Groups Meetings/Schedules

Women In Faith

Women in Faith's first meeting of the new year will be on February 2 (no January meeting). They will plan their annual Cookie Walk, to be held February 9 and 10. Beginning in February, WIF invites all women of the church to join us the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 in Fellowship Hall.

If you would like any information on the group, please contact Judy Cook .

United Methodist Men

Men of our church will meet for coffee, prayer and fellowship on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 8:00 am at the church. During this time, we will pray, have a brief devotional, talk a little business, and talk a fair amount of football. We will also discuss our next service project. All men of the church are invited to join us.

During the week of February 16, David Finney will travel to Salisbury Maryland for a Men's Conference on living as Christian Men in 21st Century USA. Temple university's Dr. H. Jean Wright will address the conference. See David Finney about travel to Maryland and for more information on the conference.

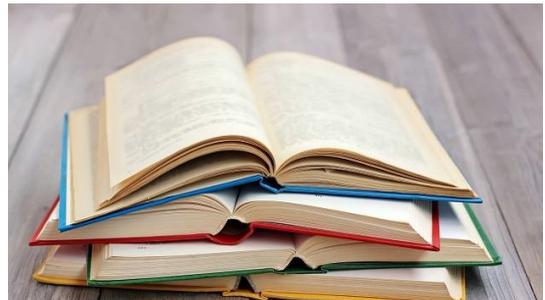
Men of our church will serve breakfast to our Interfaith Hospitality Network guests on Saturday, December 29, beginning at 6:45. Men and youth are invited to join us as we cook and serve our guests.

Clearcreakers Senior Group

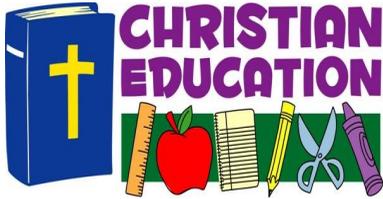
Clearcreakers will meet January 16 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. The program will be a "White Elephant Gift Exchange". You must bring a wrapped gift with a value of at least \$5.00 to participate. Pizza, salad and dessert will be provided. Please bring your own drink. Also, please bring a food item to donate to the food pantry. Join us for some fun, food, and fellowship. Questions, call: Mary Jane Hansel or Vivian Beatty .

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

Adult Reading Program



WCCS Inc. Adult New Readers is a program that offers free, individualized, one-on-one tutoring to adults needing help with reading or writing or who are learning English as a second language. To address a growing waiting list of students, a Tutor Training Workshop will be held Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, 12:30-3:30 at the 741 Building, 570 N. State Rt. 741, Lebanon, Ohio. The training and all needed materials are free. For more information or to register for the event, please contact Barbara Geiger.



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 class will resume on January 8. 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 Bible's native tongue is Hebrew. Three quarters of the Bible was originally written in that language. But no translation is perfect. Translators inevitably fail to capture everything taking place in the source language. So, using "*70 Hebrew Words Every Christian Should Know*," by Matthew Richard Schlimm, we will explore popular concepts: sin and forgiveness, soul, justice and judgment, law and instruction, atonement, and more, searching for what's missing from today's understanding. Beginning January 6, 9:15am, Music Room Pastor Doug Dean leading.

Holy Java

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 at mder-shem@mac.com



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. All women in the church are invited to join the study.



Bright Beginnings Buzz

In December, the children focused on the first Christmas, the start of St. Nicholas, and the Christian symbols of Christmas. We wanted them to know that God loves us so much that he gave us the greatest gift of all... Jesus! The children celebrated Jesus' birth with parties, various activities and performed a Christmas program called "The Christmas Journey".

In January the children will learn about winter and weather. Ice painting, snowflakes, opposites, winter wear and more will be discussed as the children learn about their environment and the world around them. The Bible verse for the month is "There will always be cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night." (Genesis 8:22). In addition, they will learn about Joy, their January Fruit of the Spirit and will join Pastor Amy in Children's Church.

2019– 2020 Registration

Bright Beginnings registration for the 2019-2020 school year will be held in late January for current students. Church families and people on the wait list will be able to register in early to mid-February. If you are interested, please contact Kim Crosen as soon as possible to get information on the pre-school and to arrange a tour. Kim can be reached at 748-2612 or kimfumc@gmail.com.



A.C.E.

Our A.C.E. kids have had a busy December. They learned about Christmas traditions in Scandinavia. In January, they will study Antarctica. At the end of January, they are going to partner with the Cornerstone Class to make valentines for veterans. If you would like to know more about our A.C.E. program, please contact Kim Crosen.





Parent Connection

We had a great month of December! We had a special stocking stuffing mission for the foster children of the First United Methodist Children's home. The donations were **so plentiful and generous** that we were able to fill 75 stockings for ages 2 months - 18 years old. We were so touched by your generosity, **thank you so much for donating!** We are finishing up our "Armor of God Study" and excited to start the study "Rocking Ordinary." Here is what is coming up this month with the Parent Connection!

Mondays - Bright & Fit in the Sanctuary with Fitness Blender

January 8, 15, 22, & 29 - Rocking Ordinary study at 10 a.m.

January 14th - Parents with a Purpose - SCAC 10-11 a.m.



Kids Who Care: K—2nd grades

God Squad: 3 & 4th grades

Contact: Kim Crozen

kimfumc@gmail.com, 937-748-2612

Kids Who Care

On January 13, we will have a Bowl-A-Thon to raise money for missions. This will be a joint activity for all the youth of the church (kindergarten through 12th grade). The event will be held at Poelking Lanes by the Dayton Mall from 2:00—4:00 p.m. Watch for an e-mail with more details.

God Squad

On January 13, we will have a Bowl-A-Thon to raise money to contribute to missions and activities. This will be a joint activity for all the youth of the church (kindergarten through 12th grade). We'll be at Poelking Lanes by the Dayton Mall from 2:00—4:00 p.m. We would love to have some parent volunteers to attend this event.

At the end of the month (January 20 and 27), we will be taking orders for sandwiches from the congregation. Orders will be delivered on February 3—Super Bowl Sunday.



Mission 56: 5th & 6th grades
Jammers: 7th & 8th grade

Weekly Activities

- **Every Friday – 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):** 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.

January Events

- **Sunday, January 13 – FUMC Children and Youth Bowl-a-Thon:** 2:00—5:00 p.m., Poelking Lanes by the Dayton Mall. Bowling will be \$2.75 a game. Pizza and drinks provided.
- **Sunday, January 27—Church, Lunch, Fellowship:** 5th—8th grade. Look for email for details.

Confirmation

Classes on Sunday, January 6 and 27 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Music Room.

Believe Conference

All 7th-8th graders are invited to attend, along with all of our confirmation class, the Believe Conference at BB&T Arena near Northern Kentucky University on Friday, February 15 and Saturday, February 16. Cost will be \$80.00 due by January 13th, to get the early bird registration.



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

On the 13st, we will participate in the All Youth Bowl-a-Thon from 2:00 to 5:00 at Poelking Lanes by the Dayton Mall.

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



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

Volunteer Opportunities

Please contact Kerri in the church office (937-748-2612 or fumcspringboro@gmail.com) unless otherwise noted, if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.

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



Advent Candles

Thank you to our church members and families who lit the advent candles in December. We pray that lighting these candles which symbolize the hope, love, joy and peace of our Savior's birth brought you comfort as you remembered your loved ones.

The Giving Tree/Stocking Stuffers

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Giving Tree and Stocking Stuffers. Through the Giving Tree program we sponsored 50 children. Each child receives at least 10 gifts so that amounts to approximately 500 presents the church and Bright Beginnings families provided! Also, thank you to all who provided wrapping materials and extra gently used and new toys. In addition, in conjunction with Bright Beginnings, we were able to put together 75 stockings to support the UMCH Children Services. You have shown the true meaning of the season through your gifts and time!

Veterans Socks & Underwear Collection

The Cornerstone Sunday School class would like to thank everyone who supported the collection of sports socks and underwear for the Veterans Hospital.

Children's Christmas Program

Thank you to all who are part of the Children's Christmas Program to be presented Christmas Eve. Whether your role is on "stage" or behind the scenes, you all play an important part in spreading the good news of Jesus' birth!





Personal Thank You's

We would like to give you our sincerest "Thank you!" for your generous contribution of over \$1200 toward the VIM mission trip to Costa Rica. Through your generosity, the mission team was able to build a house for a family of four, make repairs and improvements to a school and worship center for sixty disadvantaged children, and make repairs and paint a Methodist Church in need. The team was excited about the work that they accomplished and hope to return to Costa Rica again next year. Thank you again for your generosity!

Jack and Lois Eley

Thank you, church family, for your ongoing support! Ken and I, as well as the kids, appreciate your prayers and cards, small gifts and your generous financial blessing. The money will be put aside for a family trip this summer, hopefully to visit family out West. Thank you for being Jesus in your kindness and your care.

Pastor Amy and Ken

To my congregation family I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support and assistance. It means so much to me you were there for me when I truly needed it.

I want to apologize for the untimely event of having a nervous breakdown. With severe depression, lots of fear and a ton of stress when I have low stress tolerance I just had a meltdown. I'm sorry you had to be exposed to that.

I am going to stay away for awhile and focus on my mental health. I will be reading my Bible and praying a lot seeking God's guidance during this severely painful time in my life. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

God Bless you!

Savanah

Celebrating a January Birthday

4: Brian Schlise	25: Gwendolyn Boley
7: Connie Miller	26: Mary Ann McIntosh, Paul Siudzinski
9: Jason Thomison	27: Rocky Rice
10: Joe Kylin	28: Dave Cecil, Evan Thomison
11: Sharon Sinclair	29: Jude Hoy, Cameron Boley
14: Marc Richard, Angela Click	30: Abby Shetterly Miracle, Sean Foley, Zachary Erwin
17: Ron Fogle, Katy Shetterly	31: Anna Wade, Rachel Mosch Waldbillig
19: Charlie Smith, Bob Marvin	Shannon Clark
20: Elena Mallett	

Celebrating a January Anniversary

1: Roger and Lois Gollihugh

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

January Volunteers

	Liturgists	Acolytes	Cookies	Altar Flowers
Jan. 6	Open Open	Noah Townsend Nathan Haines	Open Open	Open
Jan. 13	Patti Hammett Open	Open Open	Open Open	Lois Cox
Jan. 20	Open Open	Easton Townsend Open	Open Open	Open
Jan. 27	Patti Hammett Jane Gregg	Open Timothy Haines	Open Open	Open



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