



First United Methodist Church of Springboro

# The Messenger

July 2017



*The flowers appear on the earth,  
The time of singing has come  
And the voice of the turtledove is heard on our land  
Song of Solomon 2:12*

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.

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**A word from Pastor Amy....****Summer of Heroes**

The Summer of 2017 is unofficially the “Summer of Heroes.” At church heroes are being celebrated at Creation Camp and VBS, during worship and even Sunday School. We are celebrating local heroes, remembering biblical heroes likely and unlikely, all while referencing comic books heroes. In the theaters now are two movies I want to see with strong empowering leads—*Wonder Woman* and *Cars 3*.



I had to laugh when I returned from Annual Conference and saw the comic book words on the front wall. Some may call them “pop art.” I call them “word pows.” Officially they are “onomatopoeia sound effects.” Yet how many of our kids these days—or even their parents—have never seen them used in the classic television shows or read them in comic books? In my mind they go hand in hand with the original *Batman* TV show, whose theme song many of us have been singing this month after that same week Adam West, the original Batman, died.

If you had to choose one word for your personal word art to describe you, your life, or your faith, what word would you choose? Would it be a word like “bang”, “splat”, “ouch” or a word like “wow”, “pop”, “woohoo.” Would your word imply more of a struggle or more of a celebration?

I realize my word may depend upon the day, or upon the season of my life. Currently, “wow” seems to fit me as I am overwhelmed by the support of those around me as well as the opportunities that lie in front of me, personally and in ministry.

Twenty years ago this summer I was ordained a provisional member of the West Ohio clergy. I am thankful today for the heroes and heroines of the faith who shaped my journey and continue to influence my ministry. Some are living; some have passed on to glory; some are fictional; and some are biblical.

Who are your heroes and heroines? How can you give thanks for their influence on your life this summer? How can you then be open to the influence you have on other people? These are thoughts to ponder during the “Summer of Heroes 2017.”

May God guide us on this journey we call life and faith!

Pastor Amy



### ***Worship In July***

July 1, 2—Holy Communion  
*Gideon's Need for a Sign*  
 Judges 6:11-24a

July 8, 9  
*Not Gonna Bow Down*  
 Daniel 3:1, 3b-6, 12-18

July 15, 16  
*The Heart of David*  
 1 Samuel 16:1-13

July 22, 23  
 Service led by Mission Trip Youth

July 29, 30  
*The Courage of Abigail*  
 1 Samuel 25: 2-3, 14-19, 23-28a, 32-35



- 2-9: Interfaith Hospitality Network
- 3: Prayer Team
- 5: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 5: Choir
- 10: Prayer Team
- 10-28: Creation Camps (M-F)
- 11: Tuesday Bible Study
- 11: VBS Teen Training
- 11: 5th – 8th Hope House visit
- 11: Finance Team
- 11: Stephen Ministers
- 12: VBS Decorating Day
- 12: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 12: VBS Volunteer Overview
- 12: Choir
- 15: Senior High Youth Reds Outing
- 15/16: New Member Reception Service
- 16: VBS Decorating/Set Up
- 17: Prayer Team
- 17-21 Evening VBS
- 18: Tuesday Bible Study (at library)
- 19: Otterbein Avalon
- 19: Choir (at Mabees)
- 23: Sr. High Youth Group Bon Fire
- 24-28: Daytime VBS
- 24: Prayer Team
- 25: Tuesday Bible Study (at library)
- 26: Choir
- 28: VBS Clean Up & Volunteer Pool Party
- 29/30: Five on the Fifth Sunday
- 31: Prayer Team

### ***Lay Leader Report***

Our church's five-person delegation to West Ohio Annual Conference has returned home. We appreciate the prayers of everyone as we were away. I am privileged to attend as a Certified Lay Minister. I guess it is a sign of my advancing age that I knew some of the pastors we honored and remembered at Lakeside. During the memorial service, I was proud to stand in memory of Rev. Gary Hughes and Mrs. Vickie Chrisley. Gary served as our pastor in the 1980's and Vickie's late husband Ron, immediately succeeded Gary in the late 1980's. Ron was our pastor when I lost my father and he was a significant source of comfort for me.

Then during the service of ordination, I knew two of the candidates who were commissioned as Provisional Elders. Laurie Steele serves with me on the district's church location and building committee. She is now pastor of Hartzell UMC, the church that Will Leasure served until January of this year. Katie Steele was also commissioned. Her mother and father are friends of mine and in fact, Katie participated in one of the Lay Servant Ministries classes I led a few years ago. I can now say that a one-time student of mine is now a pastor. Of course, I had NOTHING to do with her call into ordained ministry, but I will boast anyway. Then to round out the list of pastors, I knew three of the pastors who retired from service this year.

I have not been in worship in Springboro on Sundays very frequently. I had three preaching gigs in late May and early June. It is a blessing to be called to share with these congregations, but I do miss seeing my FUMC friends on those Sunday mornings.

Please note that our district will offer Lay Servant Ministry training classes on July 14-15 at nearby Middletown First UMC. Among the classes offered is an examination of stewardship and the much requested Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts. I encourage all to consider either of these classes. See Pastor Amy or myself for more information.

My work with the marginalized in Middletown continues and takes a fair amount of my time and efforts. I am pleased to have this opportunity and it is my honor to serve these folks, who are truly the least of these. Please let me know how you might visit with us to observe, or even to assist in my work at Hope House or at The Gathering UMC.

A new class of the Certified Lay Ministry Academy will begin in September. If interested, please speak with Pastor Amy or myself about this.

Enjoy the summer!

David Finney



### ***New Member Reception***

FUMC will have a new member class in late June/early July and receive people into membership on July 15/16. If you are interested in becoming a member of First United Methodist, please contact Mike Stull at 937-546-7168 or [stullhome@gmail.com](mailto:stullhome@gmail.com).

### ***Choir Practice Locations***

Our church is going to be a busy place in July. As a result, Heavenly Host Choir will practice in the Sanctuary on July 5 and 26 and at the Mabee's home on the 19th.

### ***Lay Servant Ministry Training***

The Ohio Valley River District will offer three Lay Servant Ministry classes on July 14 and 15. The class options include:

- Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries—called the Basic class (in Spanish only)
- Afire with God—a look at living a life of stewardship
- Discovering Our Spiritual Gifts—discerning and unlocking those Gifts of the Spirit that are in each of us

They will be held at Middletown First UMC . If you are interested in learning more, please see Pastor Amy or David Finney.

### ***Giving Reminders***

For those who made commitments to the church, please watch for mid-year giving statements in July. These are not bills, just information to know what your giving has been to date this year relative to your stewardship commitment.

Also, if you are interested in Online Giving for FUMC, we have FAQ brochures and step by step instruction booklets at the welcome center and on the table outside the Sanctuary. To sign up, go to <https://e-giving.org/FirstUnitedMethodistChurchofSpringboroSpringboro> or click the link located on the Online Giving tab of the church website. Online Giving allows you to set up an automatic giving plan, change your giving plan, make a one-time gift or view your online giving statement at your convenience.

Questions, please contact Tracy Stull at 748-8699 or [financeteamfumc@gmail.com](mailto:financeteamfumc@gmail.com).

### ***Office Closing***

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for the holiday.



**July 2017** 

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**Church Groups  
Meetings/Schedules**

**Women In Faith**

The next Women in Faith meeting will be in September, when they will begin planning for the Christmas Bazaar. For information on the group, please call Judy Cook,, Barb Mills or Jean Reazer.

**Clearcreakers Senior Group**

There will be no Clearcreakers meeting in July and August --- they will resume meetings on September 20. In the meantime, if you would like information on the group, please contact Linda Tennant or Martha Rutherford .

**United Methodist Men**

Five men from FUMC served on a project on May 20. On that day, our guys went to Middletown to prepare and serve breakfast to the participants in the men’s fellowship at The Gathering United Methodist Church. We served pancakes, scrambled eggs and bacon to 25 men. Then The Gathering served us as we joined them in their monthly post-breakfast Bible study. Look for more opportunities like this as we seek ways to improve our study of scriptures and to reach out to others in service.

**Other Group Meeting Dates**

July 11—Stephen Ministers  
July 11—Finance



**Heroin Crisis In-Service  
Special Presentation August 8, 2017**

Given the record number of deaths nationwide from heroin overdose and our region’s location at the epicenter of the crisis, it’s astonishing how few of us know much about the situation beyond the headlines. Here’s a unique chance for our church members and community to be better informed and to grow in compassion for those trapped in addiction...and in understanding of how our community and church might help those affected by this terrible drug.

Tony Vasilakis and Rich Bertagna, both active community leaders and volunteers who work with inmates in area prisons, will present an **hour-long program in our sanctuary on August 8 starting at 7:00.** Come learn how the heroin “business” hooks people, what steps are being taken to prevent and treat addiction right now, and what still needs to be done.

Don’t miss this amazing opportunity! Feel free to invite friends and neighbors to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Zandra Woody or Susan Raihala .



# JULY EVENTS

## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **Interfaith Hospitality Network**

Our Interfaith Hospitality Network guests will be us from July 2-9. We are using Sign Up Genius for volunteers to sign up to provide meals, lead activities, set up/take down room, and be overnight host – look for the link in Pastor Amy's weekly update email or you can view it at <http://bit.ly/2rlCKi8>. Schedules are also in Fellowship Hall. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us serve our IHN guests.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Please see page 9 for information on VBS training, decorating, set-up and more!



### **Church Picnic and Rally Day**

We will combine our Rally Day and church picnic for a wonderful fun day on August 20. So mark your calendars now for our end of summer celebration and the kick off of our new Sunday School year.



### **Interfaith Hospitality Network Run4Home**

If you're a runner or walker, please consider joining the IHN Run4Home 5k on July 4 at Armco Park. For more information about the 5k, or IHNWC in general, please visit their website at [www.ihnwc.org](http://www.ihnwc.org).

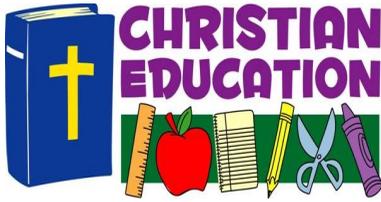
### **Centerville Community Band**

The Centerville Community Band will perform free concerts over the summer and fall. Concerts are at 7:00 p.m. unless noted.

- Monday, July 3: Americana Concert at Stubbs Park in Centerville
- Monday, July 17: Bethany Patio Concert at Bethany Lutheran Village
- Sunday, August 20: Stubbs Park Summer Concert Series
- Sunday, August 27: Concert at Epiphany South - ice cream social at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 8: Children's Concert at Benham's Grove in Centerville at 3:00 p.m.

If you like Big Band sounds, another recommended concert is the *Tom Daugherty Orchestra* performing at Stubbs Park on Sunday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m. as part of Centerville's summer concert series.

**The same God who built a 100,000 mile ring around Saturn also made the tiny feather of a humming bird.**  
- David Jeremiah



### ***Holy Java***

The Holy Java Sunday School class will conclude their study of *Follow* by Andy Stanley in July. Religion says, "Change and you can join us." Jesus says, "Join us and you will change." There's a huge difference. Jesus doesn't expect people to be perfect. He just wants them to follow him. Being a sinner doesn't disqualify anyone. Being an unbeliever doesn't disqualify anyone. In fact, following almost always begins with a sinner and unbeliever taking one small step. In this eight-session video-based Bible study, Holy Java will take a journey through the Gospels as we trace Jesus' teaching on what it means to follow.

For more information on the Holy Java class, please contact Maria Dershem. The class meets at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the conference room.

### ***Cornerstone Class***

In July, Jane Cook will lead the class on a study of how God feels about being dumped through the words of Malachi. The class will also look at God's message for action when doing what you are called to do through the book of Zachariah. For more information on the class, please contact Barb Geiger.

The Tuesday morning Bible study continues their study of the Book of James. In July the class will meet on 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the music room. On the 18th and 25th, the group will meet at its regular time at the Springboro Library due to VBS being held at church.

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

The Women in Faith Bible Study will take a break over the summer, resuming their studies in September. Please watch for more information on their study for the fall in the September newsletter and in bulletin inserts. For information on the study group, please contact Lorraine Sower..

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

Slots are quickly filling for our summer Creation Camps. These camps help enrich and expand a child's summer experience. Half days are still available and there is very limited availability for full and extended day camps. To check availability and to register, please go to [brightbeginnings.campbrainregistration.com](http://brightbeginnings.campbrainregistration.com). Full details of the camps are available at [brightbeginnings.fumcof-springboro.org](http://brightbeginnings.fumcof-springboro.org).

### **Remaining Camps:**

July 10-14 - Plant Power

July 17-21 - Steam Team

July 24-28 - Hero Central in conjunction with VBS—Now Full

July 31-August 4 - Good vs. Evil

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

### ***Tuesday Bible Study***



### ***Vacation Bible School -***

#### ***All the Information You Need to Know!***

We are looking forward to another great year of Vacation Bible School.

- **Theme:** *Hero Central* will take kids on awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. VBS Hero Central uses epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help kids discover their strength in God!
- **Dates and Times:** Our evening session will be the week of July 17 from 5:45—8:45 p.m. The morning session will be the week of July 24 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
- **Registration:** It is not too late to register for our evening VBS session. The link to sign up is <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/fumc.springboro>.

### ***Volunteering***

With close to 300 children expected, we will need lots of help! Volunteers can sign up on the website listed for registration. Or, if you prefer a more traditional sign-up method, you can turn in the sign up form found on the next page to Kim or the church office.

We will hold a couple of special training sessions to prepare our volunteers for these two special weeks. Please plan on attending:

- July 11 1:00—3:00: VBS Teen Helper Training
- July 12, 6:30—8:00: VBS Overview for workers (includes dinner)

### ***Decorating Day***

We will have one final VBS Decorating Day on July 12 from 1:00 to 3:00. Please help us finish up making the props and decorations for VBS. For more information, please contact Kim Crosen at 937-748-2612.

### ***VBS Set-Up Day***

We need your help! Our church will be transformed into an exciting city-scape for Vacation Bible School on Sunday, July 16 following services. We are in need of as many volunteers as possible to make this happen. So please consider giving your time. You'll be rewarded with a treat when we are done! Please let Kim Crosen know if you have any questions ([kimfumc@gmail.com](mailto:kimfumc@gmail.com) or 748-2612).

*A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was,  
the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...  
but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.  
- Forest E. Witcraft*

***VBS Snack Supplies***

- Carrots (26 pounds)
- Ranch Dressing (10 bottles)
- Stick Pretzels (8 bags)
- Twist Pretzels (8 bags)
- Cheese cubes (20 pounds—cubed or blocks)
- Rice Krispy cereal (12—12 oz. boxes)
- Vanilla icing (25—16 oz. cans)
- Green & Red Apples (125)
- Grapes (20 lbs.)
- Goldfish crackers (36—8 oz. bags)
- Butter (2, 4 stick boxes)
- Marshmallows (16—10 oz. bags)
- Lemonade drink mix (10 tubs)
- Popped Corn (4 bags of unpopped corn)
- Raisins (15 packages of 20 oz.)
- Bottled water (10—24 packs)
- Paper Plates—large (780)
- Paper plates—small (260)
- Paper bowls (260)
- Plastic knives (260)
- Small plastic cups (1300)

***VBS Craft Supplies***

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

**VBS Volunteer Form**

**CALLING ALL PEOPLE LOOKING FOR FUN.....**  
**LET'S START THE FUN AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:**  
**Session 1- JULY 17-21 FROM 5:45-8:45 p.m.**  
**Session 2- JULY 24-28 FROM 9:00-12:00 a.m.**  
**YOU PICK WHICH SESSION WORKS FOR YOU!**

We are in need of lots of volunteers who love having fun to help make this year's Vacation Bible School a successful community ministry. You don't have to have any previous experience, just a desire to help, have fun and contribute to God's plan in these children's lives.

If you are an adult or youth interested in helping out, please fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate or to the church office. Please check any/all areas of interest you have:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter/Registration Helper                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Supply Gatherer      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School-aged Leader                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Props and decorating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool Leader                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Craft Assistant(s)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science Leader                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up & take down   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Story-telling characters                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Leader(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snack Server(s)                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Babysitting/Nursery  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Leader                                             |                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need more information to help you decide? Please check here. |                                               |

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Session: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer training sessions will be held:

- July 11, 1:00—3:00: VBS Teen Helper Training
- July 12, 6:30—8:00: VBS Overview for Workers (includes dinner)





**Kids Who Care: K—2nd grades**

**God Squad: 3 & 4th grades**

**Contact: Kim Crosen**

**kimfumc@gmail.com, 937-748-2612**

**Mission 56: 5th & 6th grades**

**Jammers: 7th & 8th grade**

**Contact: Kirby Cain**

**Cain.kirby@gmail.com, 937-684-1097**

**Kids Who Care and God Squad**

We have had a great year of fellowship and mission with our Kids Who Care and God Squad students. The groups will be taking a break for the summer and will resume activities in the fall. If you are not on the e-mail distribution list and would like to be for the 2017/2018 school year, please contact Kim Crosen at 748-2612 or kimfumc@gmail.com.

Mission 56 & Junior High Youth & Parents,

July is Vacation Bible School month and we are hoping that each of you will get involved by building props, attending training and volunteering for at least one (but hopefully both) weeks of VBS. Vacation Bible School can't happen without dedicated volunteers, both adults and youth, to help with the different activities scheduled each day. If you are planning to volunteer for either or both weeks, please go to the following link, click on "Volunteer Sign Up" and let Kim Crosen know - <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcspringboro>.

Yours in Christ,  
Kirby

**Here are the activities planned for the month of July:**

- **Tuesday, July 11 – Hope House Mission: Center for Women and Children:** Provide dinner and games or crafts for the women and children of Hope House in Middletown from 5:00 - 6:45 p.m. **Please RSVP if you plan on joining us.**

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- **Tuesday, July 11 – VBS Teen Training:** All youth volunteering for Vacation Bible School are asked to attend a special training session from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Even if you have prior experience, Kim would still like you to attend and learn about what is happening this year.
- **Wednesday, July 12 – Final VBS Decorating Day Session:** This is the final session for completing VBS props and decorations. Please consider getting involved and help Kim complete everything needed for this awesome event. Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 12 – VBS Training for ALL Volunteers:** Kim is asking ALL Volunteers (teens and adults) to join her for dinner and a detailed description of what is happening this year at Vacation Bible School. Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, July 16 – VBS Decorating and Set-Up:** Youth and adults are asked to help set up for Vacation Bible School. Please let me know if you plan to be there. Time: 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- **Week of July 17 – 21, Vacation Bible School Evening Session:** 5:45 – 8:45 p.m.
- **Week of July 24 – 28, Vacation Bible School Morning Session:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Volunteers will need to show up at least 30 minutes before the start of each session to be ready for the participants to arrive. Look for an upcoming e-mail with details.
- **Friday, July 28 – VBS Clean-up and Pool Party:** All volunteers are asked to stick around and help clean-up after the last session of VBS. Following clean-up, the youth are invited to a pool party. Look for an e-mail with details.



**Senior High Youth: 9th—12 Grades**  
**Contact: Brian Schlise**  
**Brianschlise@habeggercorp.com**  
**937-748-9711 and 937-272-6167**

The Senior High Youth are looking forward to their mission trip to Michigan. They will be gone from June 27—July 2. They have worked hard at a variety of fundraisers to help pay for the trip. We appreciate the support of the congregation for these events so that our youth can experience the joy, fulfillment and pride of helping others and spreading God's good word.

Parents— Permission and Emergency Treatment forms will need to be completed for the trip. They can be found on the Welcome Center table in the Narthex. It will help us get started on time if you can make sure forms are completed and notarized and have copies of insurance cards attached prior to our departure day.

The senior high youth will also have an outing to a Reds Game on Saturday, July 15 and a bon fire on Sunday, the 23rd. Watch for text messages with more details.





## Love. Grow. Serve.

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

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

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

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

### **Franklin Food Pantry**

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

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

### ***July is Five on the Fifth Month***

UMCH Family Services in Columbus is an outreach program of the United Methodist Church that finds, provides and strengthens homes for children. On the four months with five Sundays, you can make a \$5 donation to the organization. The funds collected will be used to help the organization provide faith-based children's and family mental health treatment in Ohio. The next fifth Sunday is July 30. If you would like to contribute at services that weekend, simply place the \$5 donation in one of the pew envelopes and mark it UMCH Family Services.

### ***Late June Reminder: Treats for Veterans***

As part of the Cornerstone Sunday School class' outreach effort with the Dayton Veterans Medical Center, Beverly and Garry Haun will take goodies from our congregation to the VA Hospital for the 4th of July. Bagged snacks such as pretzels, chips, nuts, and cookies are welcome. They will also accept, and are especially in need of, flip flops (size M and L) and chapsticks. Unfortunately, they can no longer accept homemade goodies. Any donations must have the nutrition label on them. If you want to contribute, please deliver items to church by noon on Tuesday, June 27. Thank you.

### ***Box Tops***

Our Mission Team continues to collect Box Tops for Red Bird Mission. There are bins in which to place the box tops located in the black stand across from the music room. Thank you.

### ***Otterbein Avalon***

David Finney leads a group to engage with senior residents of the Otterbein Avalon community 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).

### ***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.

### ***Caregiver Resource Group***

Hospice Care of Middletown, The Woodlands of Middletown and Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio have teamed together to form a caregiver resource group. The group meets every third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at The Woodlands of Middletown, 2nd Floor Activity Room, 3000 McGee Ave. Middletown, OH For information on the group, please contact Careline at 513-869-4483.





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

I am so blessed to be a part of this great congregation. You prayers, love, phone calls and cards during George's illness and then death have given me great comfort.

A special thanks to Pastor Amy for her calls, visits and prayers. We are all blessed to have her as our pastor. Special thanks also to the Cornerstone Sunday School Class and Heavenly Host Choir for your cards and the many that came to visit George. It was a great comfort to both of us. Many, many thanks to all of you and may God continue to bless each one and this great church.

- Sonia Dermis and Family

### ***Rummage Sale***

Thank you to everybody who supported the rummage sale. We had another successful year because of your donations, sharing the word about the sale, purchases, and support during set up and clean up. The kids worked hard to promote the event as well. At the end of the sale we were blessed to have earned enough money to support two kids' attendance at this year's mission trip. Thank you!

### ***Relay for Life***

Our church participated in the Warren County Relay For Life on June 10 at the Warren County Fairgrounds. We were one of 25 teams. We were able to raise \$277. The event raised \$14,392. These donations are used to fund life-saving cancer research, patient support services, prevention/education information and detection and treatment programs. Thanks to the cancer survivors who participated, all who donated money, walked laps, participated in event activities and purchased luminaries in memory of loved one lost to cancer.

Special thanks to Larry Woody and Joyce Pence for helping with setting up our site and to Kirby Cain for help with taking it down. Thanks to Karen Wenzel's family and friends who came and walked for an hour in memory of Karen who was very loyal to RFL. Thanks to Kirby who brought some youth kids to support this cause and Pastor Amy. A good time was had by all.

Zandra Woody

The church would like to add a special thank you to Zandra for coordinating our participation in Relay for Life each year!

### *Celebrating a July Birthday*

3: Chris Kylin	21: Barbara Files, Jackie Winzeler
6: Mariel Pesavento	22: Claire Koczak
10: Pat Masteller	24: Cameron Cross, Landon Thelen, Sophia Ingalls
11: Sharon Smithson	25: Keith Stafford
13: Leslie Haines	26: J. R. Pickett
14: Bev Thomas, Jean Stanley	27: Mary Allen, Terry Roeder
15: Jacob Hams	28: Grant Siudzinski, Ted Talbot
17: Diana Best	29: Kelly Ronyak
18: Mike Hampton	30: Morgan Winzeler
19: Bryce Crosen, Benjamin Zeigler	31: Don McNeal, Clara McLemore
20: Stephanie Roeder, Jack Poff	

### *Celebrating a July Anniversary*

3: Charlie & Peg Smith	20: Kyle Woodall & Wendy Tracewell, Bryan & Andrea Miller, Maria & Dusty Dershem
9: George & Carol Walling	
13: William & Rebecca Delbridge, Jim and Darlene Scott	24: Jan & Yolanda Mosch
	28: Kory & Kim Smith

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

### *July Volunteers*

	Liturgists	Acolytes	Cookies	Altar Flowers
July 2	Open Open	Noah Robinson Timothy Haines	Chris Wylie	Charlie & Peg Smith
July 9	Open Beverly Haun	Open Open	Sarah Wrazen	Marjorie Poff
July 16	Patti Hammett Open	Noah Townsend Open	Open	Carol & George Walling
July 23	Youth Youth	Open Open	Cornerstone Class	Cathy Swick
July 30	Open Jane Gregg	Noah Townsend Nathan Haines	Open	Ruskaup Family



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*Matthew 6:33*

