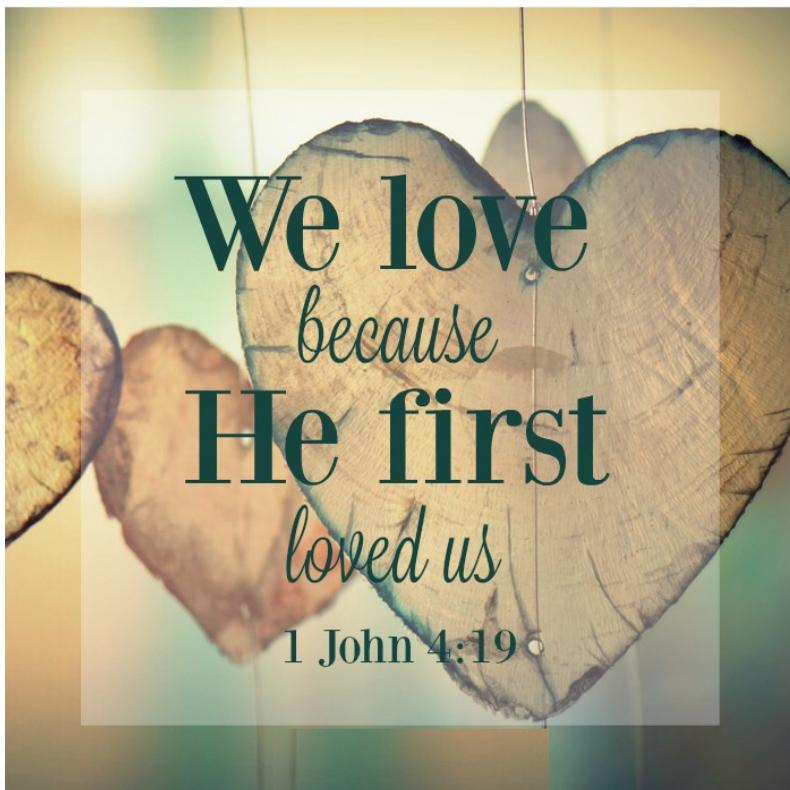




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# The Messenger

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Join us for worship each weekend:

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

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

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



**A word from Pastor Amy....**

What do you remember about 1968?

Were you affected by the turmoil of war and the struggles for civil rights, or were those only stories seen on the nightly news? Was your life affected by marriage or birth, by death or transition? Are you too young to remember 1968, or like me, not yet born?

CNN once called 1968 a year of triumphs and tragedies. Our country was rocked by the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr and Robert Kennedy, the war in Vietnam and racial protests at the Summer Olympics. Boeing introduced the 747 jumbo jet and Apollo 8 orbited the moon. Russian tanks invaded Czechoslovakia. Richard Nixon was elected president.

In the midst of the turmoil of that year, when the world seemed to be on the verge of collapse, something new was born. On April 23, 1968, in Dallas, Texas, The United Methodist Church was born from a merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. These two denominations had a long history of shared belief as they both claimed a spiritual inheritance of the Christian faith through John Wesley.

Dr. Albert Outler, in his sermon at that Uniting Conference in Dallas, expressed high hopes for a church that was truly “catholic [meaning universal], evangelical, and reformed.”<sup>1</sup> I think what he offered then was a vision for a church that would reach out with the good news of Jesus across the world in such a way that would transform the world.

Bishop Palmer, our West Ohio Conference resident bishop, says this as he looks back at 50 years of the UMC: “So here we are at the 50th anniversary of our church, and I see and sense hopeful possibilities. Yes, I know what’s going on in the Church, in our church and in the world, and I still see hopeful possibilities - if only we would follow the Risen Christ into the world where he is already at work in the power of the Holy Spirit.”<sup>2</sup> He then invites us once again to be people of prayer. Praying for the Church. Confessing our failure to be an obedient church. Praising God for the ways our lives have been touched by The United Methodist Church. Seeking God’s missional direction for the future of the Church.

No matter what name is on our building, no matter what turmoil is in our world, we are still called to be the church, the people of God who claim the name of Christ and seek to transform the world through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are still called to be people of love and hope, of truth and accountability, of forgiveness and grace, of passion and purpose. May we be people of prayer and possibility in 2018!

*1 –via footage from Uniting Conference on umc.org*

*2 –via westohioconference.org/conference/news*



### ***Worship In May***

May 5/6

Holy Communion

Message: "Abide in Love"

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21

May 12/13

Mother's Day and

High Attendance Recognition

Message: "Trust the Testimony"

Scripture: 1 John 5:9-13

May 19/20

Pentecost and

Graduate Recognition

Message: The Power of 50

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

May 26/27

Message: Born of the Spirit

Scripture: John 3:1-17



- 1: Adult Mission Trip Info. Meeting
- 1: Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 2: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 2: Finance Team
- 2: Choir & Hand Bells Practices
- 5: Women in Faith Meeting
- 6: Spring Sing
- 6: Confirmation
- 6: JH and SH Youth Groups
- 7: Prayer Team
- 8: Tuesday Bible Study @ Library
- 8: Stephen Ministers
- 8: Women in Faith Bible Study
- 9: Choir & Hand Bells Practices
- 13: High Attendance Sunday
- 13: SH Youth Group
- 14: Prayer Team
- 14: Hope House Mission
- 15: Tuesday Bible Study @ Library
- 15: Parent Connection
- 15: Trustees
- 16: Clearcreakers
- 16: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 16: Choir & Hand Bells Practice
- 17: Newsletter Folding
- 20: Graduate Sunday
- 20: Confirmation
- 20: Mission 56 Church, Lunch, Fellowship
- 20: JH and SH Youth Groups
- 21: Prayer Team
- 21: Missions Team
- 22: Tuesday Bible Study
- 22: Church Staff Meeting
- 22: Stephen Ministers
- 23: Choir Practice

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

As May arrives, I can say that I have nearly completed my first year as Spiritual Director with the West Ohio Conference Certified Lay Ministry Academy. The only event remaining is the recognition of this new group of CLM's, which will take place on Monday, June 4 at Lakeside during Annual Conference. I have been asked to return to serve with the next class of CLMA, which, given enough applicants, will begin in September. It has been a blessing for me to serve the larger church in this capacity.

This latest CLM class includes our own Jennifer Fry. I am excited to see the ministry work that Jenn moves into with her new credential and training. I encourage others in our FUMC family to consider this path to Lay ministry. Please speak with Jenn for her observations of the process, training classes, and ministry potential.

It is not too late to register to attend Annual Conference at Lakeside, as a Lay Member from our district. Anyone can attend any part of Annual Conference, but Lay Members enjoy voting privileges. The worship experiences promise to be stunning in their spiritual richness and beauty. The preaching, including Bishop Palmer, will be world class. I am always blessed by the worship at Lakeside. Jack Hott will be the Lay Member from our congregation. Alexa Lawhorn will attend as a District At-Large Youth Lay Member. Jenn Fry and I will be present as Certified Lay Ministers. Pastor Amy will be present as a clergy member of the Annual Conference.

In addition, she now serves as Secretary of the Annual Conference, and as such, will be seated on the dais during the proceedings as she carries out her duties. Please see Pastor Amy or myself for more information on attending or serving as a district at-large Lay Member.

I am pleased to see that Volunteers in Mission have now responded to our request to serve in the mission field, working to recover from the hurricanes that ripped through Florida late in 2017. See this newsletter for more details and our first Information Meeting, which will be on May 1.

I know I speak for others when I express my gratitude to Rebecca Delbridge for her wonderful service as church office manager. I am sure that we will recruit a qualified person to serve, but we will miss Rebecca's presence in the daily operation of our church. Thanks, Rebecca!

- David Finney

### ***May Events Continued***

- 29: Tuesday Bible Study
- 29: Church Staff Meeting
- 30: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 30: Choir Practice
- 31: Rummage Sale Set Up



### ***Church Office Manager Transition***

On Palm Sunday weekend Bill Hammett, Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair, announced that Rebecca Delbridge was stepping down as Church Office Manager on April 10th for another position. Rebecca has been a dedicated and valuable employee for the church and preschool since 2012. Thank you, Rebecca, for all that you have done! As of this printing applications are being reviewed and interviews are being set up. In the meantime, please be patient with Pastor Amy and the volunteers in the office and please pray for this time of transition and all involved.

### ***Adult Mission Trip***

David Finney has recently heard from the Florida recovery coordinator for Volunteer in Mission, the United Methodist group we will be working with for the adult mission trip. Work sites are available in Tampa area, the Everglades, the Keys and around Naples. There will be an **Information Meeting on May 1 at 7:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall to discuss the specifics of the trip. At this point the trip will likely be in the fall.

### **Adult Social Outing Card Party for UMCOR**

Play cards for a worthy cause!

Tuesday, **May 22**, from 7-9pm, come out for a casual night of card playing in the church Fellowship Hall. Bring an appetizer to share; drinks will be provided. Buy your "chips" with a donation of your choice to UMCOR. For any amount—\$1, \$5, \$20, or more—you will receive the same number of chips. Questions? Contact Jim Tiffin.

### ***ORV Spring Conference***

Gather with other laity and clergy from the Ohio River Valley District to celebrate our ministries and look ahead to Annual Conference. The ORV Spring Conference will be held on Tuesday, **May 22** at 7pm at St. Paul Community Church in Madeira.

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

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

### ***Memorial Day***

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.



### Late April Reminders

- **New Member Reception:** We will receive new members into the congregation the weekend of April 28/29.
- **Spring Cleaning Day:** Please join us from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 28 for some spring cleaning at the church. Please consider giving time for a church spruce up.
- **Five on the 5th for UMCH Family Services:** Collecting donations for UMCH Family Services on April 28 and 29 in order to help make a difference in the lives of children in need!



### Bright Beginnings Spring Sing

Bright Beginnings Christian PreSchool will hold their annual Spring Sing fund raiser on Sunday, **May 6**. This event includes an art show, choir concerts by Bright Beginnings' students, and a silent auction with many items to bid on. Everyone is invited!

### High Attendance Sunday

High Attendance Sunday will be Sunday, **May 13**. On this day we will recognize students who have missed six or fewer weeks of Sunday School (or Wonderful Wednesday). Please watch for a letter from Kim Crosen in late April if your child is eligible.

### Graduate Sunday

If you are graduating this spring, we want to celebrate with you! We will be honoring all graduates on Sunday, **May 20** during regular services.

In order to make sure we do not accidentally leave anyone out, please jot down answers to the following questions so that we can brag a bit about you!

- School graduating from? If college graduate, what was your major?
- What are some of the highlights of your high school or college career? (sports, extra-curricular activities, community service, etc.)
- What are your plans for the future? (College— Which one? Major? Career path? Other plans?)

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

### Church Birthday Party!

Pentecost is also known as the birthday of the church and we are celebrating! On Sunday, **May 20** our youth groups will serve special treats between services and collect cake mixes/icing, and small toys that will go to the local food pantries for needy children's birthdays. A collection box will be available throughout the week for donations. The children will also celebrate during Sunday School and Children's Church.



### Rummage Sale

The Youth Group's annual rummage sale will be held on Friday, **June 1** and Saturday, **June 2**. So now is the time to start cleaning out your closets and basements to help provide donations for the sale. We will start accepting donations on Friday, May 25.

May 2018

Calendar  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

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

#### ***Women In Faith***

The next meeting of Women in Faith will be Saturday, **May 5** at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The group will be making cookies for the Friendship Circle. For information on Women in Faith, please call Judy Cook, or Jean Reazer.

#### ***Clearcreakers Senior Group***

The "Clearcreakers" will meet Wednesday, **May 16** in Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by a member of the Springboro Police Dept. It will focus on safety for seniors in regards to scams, etc. Lunch will be potluck with a "provided" ice cream sundae bar. Please bring a casserole or salad to share. Also please bring your own eating and serving utensils. For questions please contact Mary Jane Hansel or Vivian Beatty.

#### ***United Methodist Men***

The men of our church invite women to join us as we consider how we might serve our neighbors and our Lord, through an adult mission trip. We remember that in Luke 10, Jesus taught the lawyer that our neighbor is anyone in need, not just those who live on the same street as us.

A key tenet of the United Methodist Church's Volunteers in Mission organization is to value relationships. Our priority in all we do will be people. The people we meet while out in mission are far more important than any work we

accomplish. Relationships are more important than tasks! We will strive to keep this in our minds and eyes as we discuss, plan, then execute our mission.

Volunteers in Mission have 4 mission fields available in Florida now. These include Tampa area, working on low-income house restoration, Naples FL, where Irma came ashore, the Everglades and the Florida Keys. Our group will choose our work site as well as the duration of our stay on site. At any of the sites, we will be housed overnight in a United Methodist church building. We will be responsible for our own meals and transportation. But we will not be required to purchase building supplies – those will be provided by United Methodist Committee on Relief – UMCOR.

We will hold our first **Information Meeting** on **Tuesday, May 1, at 7:00**. We will discuss the four potential sites, accommodations, estimated costs, and potential dates. We understand that this time may not be convenient for all who are potentially interested in mission work. Please let David Finney know if you are interested, but not available to attend on this date.

We are called to serve. Please consider joining us in the mission field

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

May 1—Staff Parish Relations Comm.

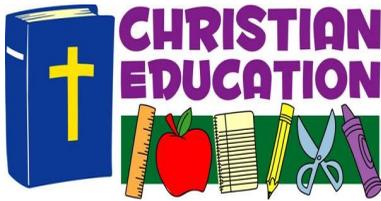
May 2—Finance

May 8, 22—Stephen Ministers

May 15—Trustees

May 21—Missions Team





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

The Tuesday morning Bible study continues their study of 1 Peter using *The Early Christian Letters for Everyone* as the class book and the associated study guide, both by N.T. Wright. The Bible study meets every Tuesday (except the first Tuesday of the month) at 10:00a.m. in the community room at Springboro Library (**please note change**). Attendees are asked to bring their own coffee/water.

### ***Cornerstone Class***

The Cornerstone Class meets in the music room on Sunday mornings at 9:15a.m. In May, Margot Borst will lead the class discussion around four different Psalms. For more information on the class, please contact Barb Geiger.

### ***Holy Java***

Holy Java will begin a new six week study of *The Family Dilemma* by Chris Hodges on May 6. Christians today face a dilemma: in a world that seems to reject everything we believe, how do we walk closely with God without caving to pressure *or* alienating those we hope to reach? By examining the life of the prophet Daniel, Hodges shows us that we *can* hold firmly to biblical beliefs without becoming obnoxious, insulting or mad. We *can* stand strong while loving others well. Be-

cause standing for truth isn't about winning the argument; it's about winning hearts. And when we learn the secret of connecting before correcting, we discover that we *can* respond to today's hard questions without compromising grace or truth. Holy Java meets in the conference room on Sundays at 9:15. For more information on the study and the class in general, please contact Maria Derthem.

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

The Women in Faith Bible Study continues their study of *Parables from the Backside, Volume 2* by J. Ellsworth Kalas on May 8. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except in the summer) in the conference room at 7:00 p.m. All women in the church are invited to join the study. For information on the study, please contact Lorraine Sower.

### ***Summer Sunday School Leaders Needed***

Our children need leaders this summer to help them in their Sunday school connection. Our regular leaders will take a much deserved break and we need some new leaders to continue the connection during the summer months. If you are interested in helping and making a positive difference in our children's lives, please contact Kim in the Education office (748-2612). We will need help in our 2-3 year old class, Kid Connection (4 yrs. through 4<sup>th</sup> grade) and Mission 56 (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade). Classes may be blended depending on number of leaders available. Please consider serving one or two Sundays this summer. You will have a blast and help our chil-



### **Vacation Bible School Registration**

Our Vacation Bible School theme this year is  
**Rolling River Rampage!**

Our evening session will be the week of **July 16** from 5:45—8:45 p.m. The morning session will be the week of **July 23** from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

VBS will take kids on awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible characters and discover that God is always with them. VBS Rolling River Rampage uses epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help kids experience the ride of a lifetime with God!

**Registration for this summer's VBS will open the week of May 1.** The link to sign up is <http://2018.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcspringboro>. Our VBS is very popular so don't delay in signing up your children.



### **Bright Beginnings Buzz**

In May, the children will learn about animals and insects! The children will enjoy visits from animals during May. These activities reinforce our Bible verse "Let the Earth bring forth creatures of all kind." (Genesis 1:24) and the Fruit of the Spirit of gentleness. Pastor Amy will lead us in our final Children's Church sessions of the school year. In addition, we'll hold our annual "Spring Sing and Art Show" concert and silent auction fundraiser, a carnival and graduation!

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



Our A.C.E. kids had a great time in April focused on Earth Day! The children also "visited" Africa. ACE will wrap up a great year together with outdoor play and activities. If you would like to know more about our A.C.E. program for school-aged children please contact Kim Crosen.



Bright Beginnings Parent Connection group will continue with the Table Talk series on May 15. The topic will be "Safe as necessary, not as possible - how to avoid helicopter parenting while building your child's self esteem." Childcare and optional \$5.00 lunch is available, please RSVP to Becky Frost.

**VBS 2018**

As we move into spring, it's time to start planning for Vacation Bible School. It takes several months of planning to pull off the wonderful program that helps bring God's word to many children both within our church and the greater Springboro community. Our evening session will be held the week of July 16-20 from 5:45—8:45 p.m. Our morning session will be the following week, July 23-27 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteer sign-ups will be in future bulletins and Decorating Days will begin soon.

Listed below are craft supplies that will be needed to make this two wonderful weeks. We will begin taking your donations in early summer. Thank you for your continued support of this great outreach program for children. If you have any questions on these class supplies, please contact Sarah Wrazen.

- 300 sheets light brown cardstock
- 300 piece dark brown cardstock
- 10 rectangular tablecloths, light colored, solid (no patterns)
- 1200 feet various colors/patterns of duct tape, 1.5 or 2 inch wide
- Newspapers (we need as many as possible)
- 12 one hole punches
- 150 feet yarn (any color)
- 150 feet ½ inch ribbon, any color
- Foam shapes of forest animals, bugs, or letters, various colors
- 44 cups of baking soda
- 22 cups of cornstarch
- Small plastic toy bugs, butterflies, forest animals, no larger than 3 inches
- 600 inches self adhesive magnet strips, (it comes in rolls, or 1 inch strips)
- 2 or 3 large bags birdseed
- 600 craft sticks, jumbo sized
- 900 feet multicolored yarn (the kind that changes colors in the ream)
- 300 wooden clothespins
- 150 pieces cardstock, various light colors

***West Ohio Conference Summer Camps***

Summer camps are right around the corner! Our three West Ohio facilities—Camp Otterbein, Camp Wesley and Camp Widewater—offer a wide variety of camps for children, teens and even families! Registration deadlines are fast approaching. For camp details go to [www.westohiocamps.com](http://www.westohiocamps.com).

If you have a son or daughter attending a West Ohio church camp this summer, please let Pastor Amy know by May 1 to receive a UMM partial scholarship!

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

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

- **Half-Day camps (9 a.m.- 12 p.m.) - \$89 per week** Offered throughout the summer for children aged 3 yrs.—entering 6th grade. During the morning children will begin in a large group setting where they will hear the Bible verse, sing silly songs, learn fascinating facts and relish in the wonder of our world. Afterwards we will separate into age appropriate groups and explore through art, games, cooking and science stations as we create, experiment, play and discover.
  - **Full Day camps (9 a.m.- 4 p.m.) - \$158 for 5 days, \$143 for 4 days, \$129 for 3 days and \$97 for 2 days\* (includes 1/2 day camp)** For children entering K–6th grade in coming school year. During the morning children will participate in half day camps. Afternoons will consist of field trips, special visitors, in depth projects and more! Parents provide a packed lunch daily.
  - **Extended Day camps (6:30 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.) - \$185 for 5 days, \$166 for 4 days, \$147 for 3 days and \$108 for 2 days\* (includes 1/2 day and full day camps)** Allows children (entering K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) who need care before /after regular camp times to come in between 6:30– 9:00 a.m. and to stay as late as 6:30 p.m.
- \*There may be incremental fees based on additional costs of field trips**

#### **Camps:**

- Week One (June 4-8) - Magic of the Midwest
- Week Two (June 11-15) - Magnifying the Mid-Atlantic
- Week Three (June 18-22) - Navigating New England
- Week Four (June 25-29) - Surfing into the Southeast
- Week Five (July 9-13) - The Sizzlin' Southwest
- Week Six (July 16-20) - Galloping through the Great Plains
- Week Seven (July 23-27) - Purple Mountain Majesties (Please note: Our half day is our morning VBS which requires a separate registration)
- Week Eight (July 30-August 3) - West Coast, Best Coast
- Week Nine (August 6– 10) - Islands of Adventure—Full/Extended Day Only

**Please note that we are CLOSED July 2-6**

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





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

The next event for Kids Who Care and God Squad will be in June before we break for the summer. Please watch for announcements in the bulletin insert and the June newsletter. If you are not on the e-mail distribution list, please contact Kim Crosen at 748-2612 or [kimfumc@gmail.com](mailto:kimfumc@gmail.com).



## MISSION 56

**Mission 56: 5th & 6th grades**  
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**[kimfumc@gmail.com](mailto:kimfumc@gmail.com), 937-748-2612**

### 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.

### May Special Events

- **Monday, May 14 – 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 4:00 - 6:45 p.m. **Please RSVP if you plan on joining us.**
- **Sunday, May 20 – "Church, Lunch & Fellowship" (Mission 56):** 10:35 a.m. Sunday morning service, picnic 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.

*"Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people— your family, friends, coworkers, and even strangers you meet along the way.  
 - Barbara Bush*



*Jammers: 7th & 8th grade*

*Contact: Kim Crosen*

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



*Senior High Youth: 9th—12 Grades*

*Contact: Brian Schlise*

*Brianschlise@habeggercorp.com*

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

**Weekly Activities**

- **Sunday Night Youth Group:** Junior High Youth Group will meet from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, **May 6 and May 20.**
- **Every Friday – LIFT (Grades 6 - 8):** LIFT (Living in Faith Together) meets after school until 3:30 p.m. at Springboro Junior High.

**May Special Events**

- **Monday, May 14 – 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 4:00 - 6:45 p.m. **Please RSVP if you plan on joining us.**

**Confirmation**

The journey of Confirmation continues for 10 of our 8th and 9th graders! A session with Pastor Amy and Jane Cook will be held on May 6 from 6:00-7:00pm in the music room. A session with mentors will be held on May 20 from 6:00-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please keep the confirmands and mentors in your prayers!

**Weekly Youth Group, 7:00-8:30pm**

**Sun, May 6** Trip to K

**Sun, May 13** Bake and Deliver Goods

**Sun, May 20** Ultimate Frisbee/Park Outing

**May Special Events**

**Thursday, May 31-** Rummage Sale Setup  
10am-4pm

**Youth Mission Trip**

Plans are underway for June 26– July 1 to Youngstown, Ohio!

We are currently in need of a couple more chaperones, either for a full or partial week. If you can serve in this way, or have any other questions on the trip, please contact Brian.





## Love. Grow. Serve.

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

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

- **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.
- **Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor Program:** This program allows the church to earn money based on your spending at DLM. Just complete a Good Neighbor Form and designate our church. We are listed as First United Methodist Church – Springboro and our program ID is 815. You can find the forms in any DLM stores or online at: [www.dorothylane.com/clubdml/goodneighbor.pl](http://www.dorothylane.com/clubdml/goodneighbor.pl). **Re-registration is needed each year.** We made over \$125 in 2017.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Crocheters and knitters are needed to make prayer shawls for those in our church experiencing a difficult time in their life. The finished shawls will be blessed. If interested, contact Sonia Dermis.
- **Loaves and Fishes Ministry:** Our church is blessed to have a Loaves and Fishes Ministry which provides meals for church members at critical family times. If you are interested in providing meals on an occasional basis or would like more information, please contact Tina Yeamans.
- **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.).
- **Cookies:** If you are interested in providing treats for fellowship time between the services, there is a sign-up sheet on the fellowship table or through the Church Needs link in Pastor Amy's weekly e-mail. Treats do not need to be homemade or be cookies—any treat is welcome. We also appreciate the weekly donations being made to help off-set our expenses.
- **Gordon Food Service:** If you are shopping at GFS for the church, please be sure to let them know we are part of the *Gordon Go!* program, which earns points for future discounts off purchases. We are listed as Springboro First United Methodist Church (account #2038279). Please note, purchases have to be for the church. Points cannot be earned on personal purchases.

### **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. Thank you.

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

#### ***Otterbein Avalon***

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

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



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

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

#### ***Franklin Food Pantry Assistance Needed***

The Pantry in Franklin is in need of volunteers Monday-Friday to pick up food donations from various grocery stores, including DLM, and deliver to The Pantry before it opens at noon.

If you have one (or more) mornings to volunteer for this delivery, please contact Terry Coyle at 937-746-7791 or email [fac@ameritech.net](mailto:fac@ameritech.net) for more information.



#### ***Dayton VA Medical Center***

Dear congregation,  
On behalf of the veterans, families and staff of the Dayton VA Medical Center, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the donated snacks, socks, t-shirts, magazines, and briefs.

Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern that you feel for our veterans and their service to our country.

Your contribution makes it possible for us to enhance the care we provide for our nation's heroes, the veteran patient.

Again, thank you for caring.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Pleasants  
Chief, Voluntary Services

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

Thank-you for all your prayers, cards, hugs and words of encouragement in the passing of my mother, Bertha H. Osborne. I felt very loved & supported by such a warm, loving congregation.

Sincerely,  
Penny Grimes

### ***Interfaith Hospitality Network***

Thank you to everyone who volunteered time, donated milk money, and/or cooked delicious meals for our IHN guests this Easter. We had five families for a total of 13 adults and children. It was a loud and boisterous week, but the families were happy and remarked both to me and Linda about how great the food was! Thanks again for your continuous support of this awesome ministry!

Jennifer Fry

### ***Jackson Area Ministry Seed Collection***

Thank you so much for your generous donation of seed packets and money to enable the people of the Jackson area to grow their own food for their families. Through your generosity we were able to send them approximately 225 seed packets. Thank you again.

Lois Eley, Missions Committee

### ***Easter Meals Gift Cards***

Thank you to everyone who donated toward and supported our new Easter Meals concept. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase 190 food only gift cards for families in Springboro and Franklin to enjoy their Easter meal their way!! Thank you for supporting this vital mission!!

- The Missions Team

To all the pastors, staff and congregation, I want to personally thank you for your amazing generosity in providing Meijer gift cards to clients of The Pantry. I work the front desk on Thursdays and had the privilege of giving your envelopes to each and every client who came in today. I really wish you all could have seen the astonishment and huge smiles that appeared as they realized what they had been given. Their thanks were directed at us, but we made sure to tell them we would pass them on to you, the givers of a wonderful gift.

Thank you a million times. Have a blessed Easter.

Sincerely  
Anne Stremanos  
Volunteer at The Pantry

### ***Celebrating a May Birthday***

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| 1: Daniel Miller   | 16: Leigh Anne Tennant, Lois Cox,<br>Rebecca Delbridge       |
| 2: Adam Wilhelm  | 18: Allison McCormick  |
| 4: Sharon Griffith, Kevin Houser,<br>Tina Stafford, Jane Cook        | 19: Kim Crosen, Josh Petry                                   |
| 6: Shelly Houser, Ruth Crane   | 21: Greta Talbot   |
| 7: Hannah Richard  | 22: Erik Kogler, Alexa Lawhorn,<br>Dorothy Johnson           |
| 8: Eric Thomison   | 24: Olivia Ingalls   |
| 10: Linda Pierce, Bill Combs,<br>Amelia Lawhorn                      | 25: Joy Mindling, Annette Eng,<br>Amber Stull, Dusty Dershem |
| 11: Kyle Woodall   | 28: Alex Bindemann   |
| 12: Emily Kline, Bob Lalich, Jessie Hall,<br>Loren Foley, Kathy Ball | 30: Ashley Bauman  |
| 14: Will Hampton, Roger Gollihugh                                    | 31: Ed Kuhn, Rory Houser                                     |
| 15: Lois Eley, Niolana Roeder  |  |
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### ***Celebrating a May Anniversary***

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| 5: John & Susan Stalcup         | 13: Bob & Sandy Moser                        |
| 7: Alan and Stephanie Bindemann | 14: Chuck & Amy Roderer                      |
| 8: Kevin & Shelly Houser        | 27: Terry & Kristy Shetterly                 |
| 9: Michael & Tracy Stull        | 29: Ted & Greta Talbot, David & Retta Willis |
| 12: John and Jessie Golconda    | 30: Mike & Kara Hampton                      |

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

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### ***May Volunteers***

	Liturgists	Acolytes	Cookies	Altar Flowers
May 6	Belinda Mallett Open	Noah Townsend Dean Dershem	Rowena Estill	Memory of Donna Miller
May 13	Patti Hammett Beverly Haun	Open Timothy Haines	Open	Jessie Hall
May 20	Belinda Mallett Mike Hampton	Noah Townsend Dean Dershem	Graduation/ Pentecost Party	Sonia Dermis
May 27	Noah Townsend Jane Gregg	Open Open	Open	Ted and Greta Talbot



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*Matthew 6:33*

