



First United Methodist Church of Springboro

The Messenger

November 2016



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....

When I think of the month of November, I think of the word GRATITUDE. Gratitude is defined as the quality of being thankful or a readiness to show appreciation. As I work on worship themes for the Sundays in November, gratitude describes each week of worship:

- On All Saints Day we are grateful for having known those who have died this past year
- On Veterans Day we are appreciative of those who sacrificed in service for our country
- On Stewardship Sunday we are thankful for the opportunity to share our financial blessings as a way of saying thanks to God
- On Thanksgiving we are grateful for family and friends
- On the first Sunday of Advent we begin the journey of thankfulness for Christ's coming

Gratitude does not take away from the challenges we face in life. Rather, I believe that an attitude of gratitude prepares us to put the challenges of life in proper perspective. Are we complaining over wants rather than needs? Are we viewing life with fear or with faith? As we face a presidential election in November, I, too, find myself slipping into negative thoughts and speech, pessimistic about the future of our country and our world. Fear, distrust, worry—they can all drain the energy from our lives until we have no room for faith, hope and thankfulness.

Maya Angelou once said, "Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer." One of my seminary classmates struggled with health issues enough that some days it took all her strength to get out of bed, let alone concentrate in class. Yet her life was steeped in gratitude, for God's presence, the support of friends and professors, and even the ability to live another day. She kept a gratitude journal during that long struggle that really helped her live by an attitude of gratitude.

Gratitude will focus us on who and what matters. Who do we need to thank for being present in our lives? How are we showing our appreciation for God's presence in all that we do and with all that we are? Even in the midst of struggle, are we thankful for the trials of life that make us stronger?

As you journey through the month of November, I invite you to develop an attitude of gratitude. Try each evening to list five reasons to be grateful for that day. Say thanks to someone you often take for granted. Be intentional in how you participate in the church as a way of showing your appreciation for God's presence in your life.

Remember the words of Lamentations, which proclaim: "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (3:22-23)

Together in Christ,
Pastor Amy



Worship In November

November 5/6 :
All Saints Day and Holy Communion
"Possessions Obsession"
Luke 12:13-21

November 12/13: Stewardship Sunday
"Giving Where It Belongs"
Luke 20:20-26

November 19:
A Casual Christmas Carol Sing
Christmas in Springboro Weekend

November 20:
"Remember and Give Thanks"
Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 100

November 26:
Hanging of the Greens

*Advent Worship Series—
Characters of Christmas*

November 27:
"John the Baptist"
Matthew 3:1-12



Events

- 1: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 1: 5th—8th Grade Hope House Mission
- 1: Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 2: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 2: Wonderful Wed./Choirs/Play Practice
- 5: WIF Peanut Brittle Baking
- 5: Trustees Outdoor Work Day
- 5: Box City
- 6: 5th—8th Church, Lunch, Fellowship
- 6: God Squad
- 6: Kids Who Care
- 6: Listening Circle
- 7: Covenant Bible Study
- 8: Women in Faith Bible Study
- 8: Stephen Ministers
- 9: Wonderful Wed./Choirs/Play Practice
- 10: Listening Circle
- 12: Women in Faith Buckeye Making
- 12/13: Youth Pancake Dinner/Breakfast
- 12: Mission 56 Game Night
- 13: Jr. & Sr. Youth Group
- 14: Finance Team/Administrative Council
- 14: Covenant Bible Study
- 15: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 15: Listening Circle
- 16: 6th Grade Lunch with Kirby
- 16: Clearcreakers
- 16: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 16: Wonderful Wed./Choirs/Play Practice
- 19: Women in Faith Bazaar & Luncheon
- 20: Bible Sunday/Pizza with Pastor
- 20: Listening Circle
- 20: Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
- 22: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 26: Hanging of the Greens
- 28: Stephen Ministers

Lay Leader Report

As a (hopeful) reformed chronic complainer, I always anticipate November and the national day of thanks. By an act of Congress, we observe Thanksgiving Day every November. Many families set aside time during their gatherings to intentionally and verbally give thanks for life's blessings. This is especially meaningful for someone like me who complains all too frequently. When I reflect on the blessings that God has poured on me, I am humbled. The list of blessings begins with our Savior, Jesus. Jesus taught, healed, and loved us. He continues to do all of these even today. He took our many faults, flaws and sins to the cross. This amazing act freed each of us, giving us hope for today and tomorrow.

The list of Thanksgiving blessings includes this nation and the privilege we have to elect our government leaders. So many on Earth do not enjoy this right, so we should embrace it and vote on November 8. There is no reason to complain about the outcome, if no ballot is cast. So vote!

My prayer is that each of our FUMC family is able to celebrate this Day of Giving Thanks, with loved ones. It is a great blessing to love those near and dear to us.

I continue to meet weekly with the men staying in Middletown's Hope House. This weekly discussion on accountability is important for the men living at Hope House and it is important for me. I am blessed to have this opportunity to meet with these guys every week. The cornerstone of every discussion is Jesus Christ and I am so pleased that I am permitted to share Jesus as an advocate for

healthy decision-making.

Good news out of Otterbein Avalon is that Pastor Dan has been hired as chaplain. I no longer lead these saints in their weekly worship. My role now is to assist Pastor Dan and to help Activities Director Alora Langdon in the weekly spirited BINGO sessions. I have so much fun playing goofy games with Irene, Helen, Carolyn, Gail, Alta, Sandy, Joan, and Roger. Others drop in for games now and then, but these are the regulars. They are also the regular attenders of the weekly worship services. I can close my eyes and hear them singing the old hymns and loudly reciting the Lord's Prayer. These people have absolutely touched my heart. We at FUMC will be with the people for worship and BINGO in November on the 2nd, 16th and 30th. On each of these dates, I will leave the church parking lot at 1:15 for the short drive the Bunnell Hill Road location. I encourage all to join us on those Wednesdays in November.

No district training events are on the short-term horizon, but this will change as we head into 2017.

For now, by joyous, be thankful, and vote!
- David Finney

November Events Continued

- 28: United Methodist Men
- 29: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 29: First Steps Team
- 29: Church Conference
- 30: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 30: Choir/Play Practice

See details in this newsletter



All Saints Celebration

On the weekend of November 5/6, we will celebrate All Saints by remembering loved ones and church members who have died in the last year. If you have a loved one you would like included in our bulletin, please submit their name, relationship to you and date of death to the church office by Tuesday, November 1.

Listening Circles

Pastor Amy is conducting Listening Circles through the end of November. This is an opportunity for you to spend some time with her in a small group setting, learn more about each other, and talk about the vision and mission of our church. Upcoming November dates are the 6th at 6:30 p.m., the 10th at 9:30 a.m., the 15th at 6:30 p.m. and the 20th at 7:00 p.m. Sign ups sheets are available in Fellowship Hall and online at www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaa_f2ba46-listening.



2017 Stewardship Campaign

Pastor Amy has already reminded us in worship that we are all called to participate in the ministries of the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. On Stewardship weekend, November 12/13, you will be invited to make a financial commitment for the coming year to our General Fund, to intentionally share your gifts through the church for the glory of God. Consider the many ways you are in outreach through the General Fund: your connectional ministries reach around the world; your staff reach out with the love of Christ to children, youth and adults, with funding for outings and events; utilities keep the building cool in the summer and warm in the winter for bible studies and Clearcreakers, scout troops and worship services; trustees keep the building in shape for IHN and Sunday School. Early in November you will receive a letter and commitment card in the mail. Please prayerfully consider how you can be intentional with your General Fund giving.

Church Conference

On Tuesday, November 29, all members of FUMC are invited to attend our annual Church Conference, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Rev. Carrie Jena will be our presiding elder to assist us in working through our yearly business of electing officers, setting pastoral compensation, recommending candidates for ministry, and updating the membership roll. We will celebrate what has gone well this year, and set goals for next year. The Church Conference is the official decision-making body for the local congregation in relation to the broader connection of the UMC.



Community Days Booklet Fundraiser for Youth Groups

Please consider purchasing a Community Days booklet and showing your support for the Junior and Senior High kids service projects and mission work funds. Booklets are loaded with fantastic offers that will be available at the Bon-Ton family of stores during the Community Days event November 9 through 12. For every booklet we sell, we keep the entire \$5 purchase price. Our goal is to raise \$1,000.

Each booklet includes a \$10 off coupon that can be used on an item priced at \$10 or more, a value worth double the \$5 price of the booklet! And there is a 25% shopping pass! The coupons in the booklet can be used at any Bon-Ton, Bergner's, Boston Store, Carson's, Elder-Beerman, Herberger's, or Younkers stores. Thanks for your support and happy shopping!

Interfaith Hospitality Network Update

We have exciting news from IHN to share with you. Due to a generous offer from New Freedom Church in Lebanon, IHN is embarking on a project that will allow them to **DOUBLE** their shelter capacity. NFC has recently moved from their facility downtown to a new facility. In doing so, they've left behind a building in downtown Lebanon that they wish to use for community outreach. IHN will be renovating a wing in that facility on Warren Street which will be used to house additional IHN families. There is often a waiting list of up to two months for people to enter the IHN program. This facility will be able to provide housing for four families and an overnight host. IHN expects to have the facility ready for occupancy by April 2017. By no means does

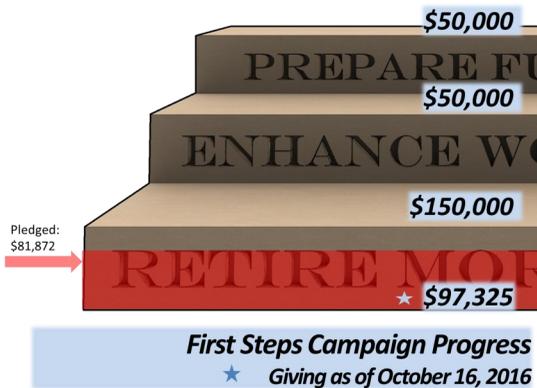
this affect the current church rotation, which will continue as it always has. However, this does mean that there is a need for more host and support churches. If you know of a congregation that would like to support IHN, but can't, due to facility or other restrictions, or if you'd like more information on this project, please reach out to Jennifer Fry at 937-776-6261.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Hosting

We will be hosting IHN from December 21 through December 31 (please note this is a few days shorter than our normal two weeks, due to the school calendar). Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to help during that time. In particular, we will be looking for anyone who can come in on Tuesday, December 21 between 4:00 and 5:30 to help with bedroom set up. But we also will need volunteers for meals, activities, and overnight hosts. One of the comments that we hear regularly from our IHN families is how much we seem to care about them and their comfort. In July, we did nails with the girls, had a game night or two, played outside, and in general provided fun, meaningful activities for the families on all but one night of their stay. The meal rotation also worked very well, with no duplication, and seven nights of awesome food! Every mom commented how much they appreciated their time with us, and several were disappointed to have to move onto a new church. Thank you for all you do to support IHN and make our families comfortable and happy during a difficult time in their lives! Please reach out to Jennifer Fry if you have any questions!

2017 First Steps Campaign Progress

As announced in worship on October 15/16, we are now under \$30,000 to meet our Step 1 Goal of the First Steps Campaign and pay off our mortgage! Thank you for your giving this year. We plan to complete Step 1 (retire mortgage) and move forward with Step 2 (enhance existing worship space) in the next year, yet that can only happen with your assistance. On Stewardship Sunday, please consider extending your pledge to the First Steps Campaign over and beyond your General Fund Commitment.



Offering Envelopes

With the falling leaves, the Finance Committee starts thinking about the new year. In an effort to be good stewards of both our finances and the environment, we are evaluating our offering envelope needs for 2017. We do not want to order too many and we do not want to order too few. There is a sign up sheet outside the door of the Sanctuary in Fellowship Hall. If you did not receive envelopes this year, but would like to have them next year, please write your name

and place a check mark under the "Need Box of Envelopes" column. If you received envelopes this year, but do not need them for next year (for example, you have signed up for the Online Giving), place a check mark under the "Do Not Need Box in the Future" column. On a related note, if you have been thinking about signing up for the Online Giving in 2017, you can set up your account now, but delay the start until the new year. Please contact Tracy Stull (financeteamfmc@gmail.com) with any questions.



We are in the process of updating our telephone prayer chain. This group of dedicated volunteers receives urgent prayer requests and passes them on to others on their chain so that we can quickly have prayers lifted to God. If you would be interested in participating in the prayer chain or if you are currently on it but can no longer take part, please let Rebecca in the church office know. We are also considering starting an e-mail prayer chain. If you would be interested in this, please let us know.

Welcome New Acolytes

On October 16, four students learned about the important role of acolyte in our church. Please welcome our new acolytes: Zachary Erwin, Timothy Haines, Leah Shellhause, and Wade Shellhause .

Wonderful Wednesdays Continue

Wonderful Wednesdays continue through November 16. Please join us for this inter-generational opportunity to come together for dinner, worship, and small groups. The evening includes dinner at 6:00, a short time of table-side devotions from 6:45 to 6:55 and break out study groups from 7:00 to 8:00.

Break out groups for the fall include:

- **Kid's Club** (Ages 4 - 4th Grade): Explores the Bible through games, art, stories and fun!
- **Youth** (Grades 5-12): Kirby meets with 5th—8th graders and Brian leads the 9th—12th graders covering topics geared to the age group.
- **Top Ten United Methodist Beliefs:** Explore what we believe as United Methodists—the big, important things that draw us together as people of faith. Find the transformative power of Wesleyan faith and be inspired to live a more full life of discipleship. This Faith/lab class led by Pastor Doug.
- **“Life from the Upside”:** The news of our day and the struggles of this life can constantly pull us down. Yet God is still at work in our world, and there is still hope. Pastor Amy leads this study that deals with Scripture and themes on such topics as messy beginnings, not letting others define you, the positives in our weaknesses, and finding your own self-worth.
- **Choir and Hand Bell Choir Practice** – at 7:00 and 8:00 respectively.
- **Nursery care** is available for younger children.



Fall Yard Clean Up

The Senior High youth will be happy to help with fall yard clean up, leaf raking, picking up sticks, etc. for congregation members in need of help. Please call Brian Schlise at 937-272-6167 to schedule a job.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.



Did You Know?

Stephen Ministers are specially trained to care for people dealing with chronic, ongoing problems. Perhaps you're caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or autism, or you've been diagnosed with a chronic health condition, or you have a loved one with a serious mental illness or addiction. Whatever the chronic issue, a Stephen Minister CAN help. Call Susan Raihala or Zandra Woody for more information.



Church Groups Meetings/Schedules

Women In Faith

Women in Faith will not hold a business meeting in November since everyone is working very hard on making the Christmas Bazaar happen. We hope to see many of you at our peanut brittle and buckeye making sessions on November 5 and 12 (see page 10 for details) and of course, at the Bazaar on November 19.

The WIF Bible study continues on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. This will be the last month of study in *Parables from the Back Side*. At our next meeting, we will begin a study of *Know What You Believe* by Paul E. Little. If you would like any information on our group, please contact Judy Cook.

United Methodist Men

The men of our church are working on an upcoming event, which will most likely be held on a winter Saturday morning. Our intention is to invite a dad to share views on contemporary life as a dad. Details, like date and speaker identity, will follow. Our intention is to serve a meal, share time with our speaker, then share ideas of what/when/how our men should be engaged in activity. We will consider spiritual, mission and social events, in our planning and invite men to join us.

Until we are able to pull this together, we will continue to meet for our monthly Bible study sessions. In November, we will meet on the 28th, at 7:00 at the church. All men and older boys are invited to join us for this study, which will include scripture and a discussion on how that scripture is related to issues facing us today.

Clearcreakers Senior Group

The Clearcreakers meeting will be November 16 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. The program will be Dixieland Music presented by the New Horizons Band of Cincinnati. The luncheon will be a traditional Thanksgiving meal with turkey and stuffing provided. Please bring a side dish, salad or desert to share. Please remember to bring your own eating utensils. Try to join us for some fun, food, and fellowship.

Please note: The date for the December Clearcreakers meeting has been changed to the second Wednesday, December 14 instead of the third Wednesday due to a scheduling conflict with the Springboro High School Jazz Choir.

Questions call: Linda Tennant or Martha Rutherford .

Other Meeting Dates

Staff Parish Relations Comm.—November 1
 Stephen Ministers—November 8 and 28
 Finance—November 14
 Administrative Council—November 14
 First Steps Campaign Team—November 29





Events

Pancake Dinner and Breakfast

Come support the youth group as they host a pancake dinner after church service on Saturday, November 12 and a pancake breakfast after each service on Sunday, November 13. The youth group will be doing all the work so you can come and enjoy a meal with your friends at the church - feel free to invite others as well. The meal is free, but donations (recommend \$5/person) will be accepted. Money earned will support youth mission projects around town and will help pay for their summer mission trip. We hope to see you there!

Peanut Brittle and Buckeye Making

For many years, Women in Faith has been making peanut brittle to sell at the Christmas Bazaar. It takes a minimum of 10 workers and several hours to produce 100 cans of peanut brittle, which is our goal. They will get together to make peanut brittle at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 5. Also, WIF will be making buckeyes on Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 to 12:00. Again, they welcome help in making these traditional treats.

Come anytime and stay as long as you are able. WIF members have a good time doing this; it is a great opportunity for new members, old members and those in-between to get to know each other. Both the buckeyes and peanut brittle are some of the Country Store's biggest sellers.

Trustees Outdoor Work Day

Our church Trustees (who care for our church facility and parsonage) will have an outdoor work day on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 to 12:00. They invite anyone in the church who would like to help with fall spruce up jobs on the grounds of the church. We hope you will participate in this opportunity to help the outside of our church make a great first impression!

Bible Night Pizza Party

Children in third grade and older who have not yet received their Adventure Bibles will receive Bibles on Sunday, November 20 during first service (9:15). These children are invited to join Pastor Amy at 5:30 p.m. that evening for pizza as they learn to navigate through their new Bibles. PLEASE LET US KNOW if your child needs a Bible. Pastor Amy will help the children learn to use their Bible. Parents are invited too. Please RSVP to the church office (748-2612).

Poinsettia Sales

Bring a festive glow to the Sanctuary by placing your order for a poinsettia. Orders will be taken between services by members of the Flower Committee on November 13, 20, 27 and December 4 and at Saturday evening services on November 12, 19, 26 and December 3. Each poinsettia is \$10 with payment made when your order is placed. Deadline for ordering is noon on December 5. Poinsettias can be ordered in memory or in honor of a loved one and come in red and white. Thanks!

Christmas in Springboro

First United Methodist is involved with Christmas in Springboro in many ways. Our participation is especially fitting this year given the theme "*Christmas, Perhaps, Means a Little More*". We believe that little bit more is the good news of Emmanuel, God with us. We hope you will be able to take part in the celebrations with us!

- We are excited to be a part of the **Christmas in Springboro** parade again this year! We will decorate the bus and preschool wagons on Sunday, November 13 from 1:00-4:00. In addition, all youth (and adults too) are invited to join us on Saturday, November 19 as we parade through Springboro.
- Our annual **Christmas Bazaar** will be held the Saturday of Christmas in Springboro (November 19). Please see article on page 13 for details on event and help needed.
- **New this year** will be a **Christmas Carol Sing**. In the spirit of Christmas in Springboro, the 5:30 p.m. service on Saturday will be transformed into a carol sing. Invite your friends and neighbors to come out of the cold for this time of sharing in the songs of the holiday season.

Hanging of the Greens

The Annual Hanging of the Greens will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a worship service that focuses on the Christian meaning of several of the symbols of the season. Following worship we will share around the table; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will conclude the evening by decorating the church for the Christmas season. All ages are welcome to share in this evening.



Late October Reminders

Halloween Festival

We will hold a special Halloween Festival/Wonderful Wednesday on October 26 for kids of all ages. Activities will include dinner, a pumpkin bake-off contest, a "get-to-know-you" scavenger hunt, among others. There will be short service that focuses on Christianity and Halloween traditions. Following the service, we will have intergenerational activities and fun. The main course will be provided, please bring a side dish but no desserts unless they are part of the pumpkin bake-off.

Five on the 5th for UMCH Family Services

First United Methodist continues to support UMCH Family Services in Columbus through their "Five on the 5th" program. UMCH Family Services is an outreach program of the West Ohio Conference which finds, provides and strengthens homes for children. On the four months with five Sundays, they ask people to make a \$5 donation to the organization. October 30 is the last fifth Sunday for 2016. If you would like to contribute, simply place the \$5 donation in one of the pew envelopes and mark it UMCH Family Services. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of children in need!





Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Breakfast With Santa and Holiday House

Saturday, December 3 will be our annual Breakfast with Santa and Holiday House. Plan to join us for a fun morning of pancakes, sausage, activities and a visit from the jolly old elf himself! Afterwards, parents can leave the little ones for four hours of fun in our Holiday House where they will experience, explore, and create as they move through our "Journey to Bethlehem" theme. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins or call Kim or Ida at 748-2612.

Movie Night

Mark your calendars now for the next Movie Night. It will be on Friday, December 9. Information about registering your children will be in the December newsletter.

Travelers Christmas Service

If you are like many people and don't get to celebrate Christmas at First United Methodist due to traveling to spend the holiday with family, now is your chance. On Sunday evening, December 18, we will offer a Traveler's Christmas Candlelight Service. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth with a candlelight service at 5:00 p.m.

ami Valley Symphony Orchestra

Church member Kelly Ronyak invites you to the free MVSO Holiday Concert at Dayton Masonic Center to be held on Saturday December 10 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Because it will be open seating, please arrive early for the best seats. The holiday concert will include holiday orchestral favorites and will feature dancers from the Gem City Ballet Company and local vocal soloists. The program is designed to entertain the whole family. Come get in the holiday spirit with us!

Upcoming MVSO concerts in 2017:

- Sunday February 26, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. — Beethoven Emperor Piano Concerto, Mozart Cosi fan tutti Overture and Mozart Symphony No. 40
- Sunday April 30, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. — Our *Invitation to the Dance* concert features orchestral works that were written for or inspired by dance from Weber, Saint-Saens, Dvorak, Ponchielli, and Liszt.

Election Day Turkey Dinner

Parkview UMC (3713 Benner Road, Miamisburg) will an Election Day Dinner on Tuesday, November 8 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Carry-out is available. The price is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children 6 to 10 (5 and under are free). Purchase tickets at 866-4630 or info@parkviewumc.org.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Church Bazaar and Luncheon

The FUMC Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, November 19, during the annual Christmas in Springboro community celebration. The church will be open from 10:00 to 4:00. An indoor, sit-down café will serve a variety of family-friendly foods such as soup, sandwiches, chili, macaroni and cheese and apple dumplings with ice cream from 10:30 to 3:00. Our Country Store will feature all-homemade food items such as buckeyes and peanut brittle and Grandma's Attic will have gently-used household items, paperback and hard cover books and holiday decorations at very reasonable prices. Individual vendors will sell items such as jewelry and crafts in the church's Sunday School rooms.

The bazaar is Women in Faith's major fundraiser, allowing us to do many projects supporting our church and community. One reason for this is that church members have always been generous, donating many of the items available for sale and, most of all, their time. We will be passing the envelope for monetary donations at the Saturday and Sunday services on October 29 and 30. We have done this in years past and it is a great help in defraying the costs of supplies for the café. We have a Sign-Up Genius for volunteers as well as the usual sign-up sheets in Fellowship

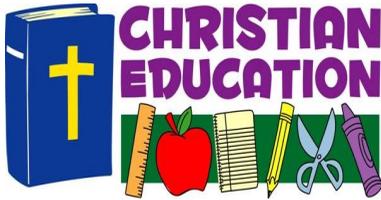
Hall. The sign up list for food items is at www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-women. The list for helping the day of the event can be found at www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-women2.

Country Store: The most popular items are buckeyes, cookies, fudge, caramels, cinnamon rolls, quick breads, pies, cakes and brownies. Items can be dropped off Friday afternoon or before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Helpers are also needed to sell the items. Contact Betty Marvin, 937-746-1056, or Mary Jane Hansel, 937-746-0667, if you have questions. Two big sellers in the Country Store are our special peanut brittle and buckeyes. Please see page 10 for more information on a preparation session for them.

Items for **Grandma's Attic** can be dropped off the week of November 14. Holiday decorations, kitchen items, other housewares, pictures, jewelry, books (paperback and hard cover), etc are all welcome. (No clothes, please.) Helpers for setup and selling are also needed. Barb Mills and Retta Willis are the ones in charge here.

Luncheon Café will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. It requires volunteers for the preliminary cooking for the café on Friday and for shifts on Saturday for cooking and serving. We are also asking for donations of broccoli soup, chili, pulled pork and macaroni and cheese to be brought to church on Saturday morning. If you have questions or comments, Judy Cook is the contact for the café.





Covenant Bible Study

Pastor Doug Dean's Covenant Bible Study class continues on Monday evenings at 7:00 in the conference room. Covenant is an in-depth group bible study in which participants read and discuss the Bible together, learning how to love God, and each other, better.

Tuesday Bible Study

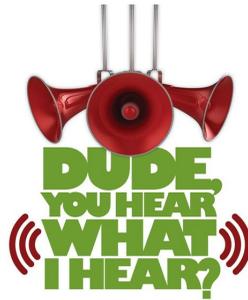
The Tuesday morning Bible study continues their study of *Paul for Everyone*. In November, the class will meet on the 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th in the music room.

Cornerstone Class

The Cornerstone Class meets in the music room on Sunday mornings at 9:15. In November, Beverly Haun will lead the class in a study of sacrifices. For more information on the class, please contact Barb Geiger.

Holy Java

The Holy Java Sunday School class will conclude their study of *Culture Shock* in mid-November. They will then begin an Advent study. Please watch for e-mails and the bulletin for details on the study topic. 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.



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Eve Program

"Dude, You Hear What I Hear"

Our annual Christmas Eve program is in the works... please let us know if you are willing and able to help in any way with the set, scripts, practices, songs, etc. We need a special team for this special service!

November rehearsals will be during second service on Sundays and on Wednesday evening the 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th.

We are excited and blessed to be able to lead such a special evening! Please joyfully consider being a part of the excitement and helping to spread the good news! Contact Kim at 748-2612 or kimfumc@gmail.com for more information.

***"Worship of the masterful creator
begins with a grateful heart."***

- Joe Stowell



Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool

In November, the children will focus on food and giving thanks. The children will be going on field trips, weighing, measuring, cooking, and having a feast! The Bible verse is "O, give thanks to the Lord." (Psalm 105:1) and the Fruit of the Spirit is goodness.



A.C.E.—After-school Christian Enrichment

Our A.C.E. children's world journey moves on to Asia. In November they are traveling to the Philippines and Hong Kong and will learn about each country's culture, games, and foods! The ACE kids would like to thank everyone who donated to the shoe drive to help students at a school in north Dayton. We think it is very important for our students to learn about helping others through the A.C.E. mission work. Thank you for supporting this important learning opportunity!

If you are interested in more information on our wonderful Bright Beginnings or A.C.E. programs, please contact Kim at 937-748-2612 or kimfumc@gmail.com.



Kids Who Care: K—2nd grades

God Squad: 3 & 4th grades

Contact: Kim Crosen

kimfumc@gmail.com, 937-748-2612

Kids Who Care

We hope you can join us on Sunday, November 6 as we give thanks and help others: Kids Who Care will meet from 3:00 to 4:30 for snack and a scavenger hunt through the church to find items to put together flood buckets for UMCOR.

God Squad

On Sunday, November 6, God Squad we will meet at the church after second service. We will go to lunch then go on a scavenger hunt through Kroger for healthy item to fill baskets. Afterwards, we will return to church to make and package energy balls and take them to our firefighters and police officers as a way of saying "Thanks for keeping us safe". Not only do we help teach some grocery purchasing and kitchen skills, we get to have a lesson on thankfulness and also get to tour the fire department! Children will need to bring \$10 for lunch and purchases. Pick up will be at 2:30.





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

Mission 56 & Junior High Youth & Parents,

I know that November can be a very busy month for most families. Please take the time to read through this information and place as many of these activities on your calendar as possible. Looking forward to our time together.

Yours in Christ,
Kirby

Here are the activities planned for the month of November:

Weekly Activities

- **Sunday Night Youth Group:** Sunday Night Youth Group will be on Sundays, November 13 and 20.
- **Wonderful Wednesdays:** The last Wonderful Wednesday this fall will be on Wednesday, November 16. We hope you will join us on November 2, 9 and 16.
- **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):** 6th, 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. Milk and donuts provided.

November Special Events

- **Tuesday, November 1 – Hope House Mission: Center for Women & 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.**
- **Sunday, November 6 – "Church, Lunch & Fellowship" (Grades 5 – 8):** 10:35 a.m. Sunday morning service, lunch and a time of fun and fellowship. Pick-up will be around 3:00 p.m. One parent volunteer needed to assist with lunch and fellowship time.
- **Saturday, November 12 and Sunday, November 13 – Pancake Dinner/Breakfast Youth Fundraiser:** Annual Fall Pancake Dinner (Saturday) & Breakfast (Sunday) to raise funds for our Youth Program. **Look for a special e-mail with times for volunteering.**
- **Saturday, November 12 – Mission 56 Game Night:** After our Pancake Dinner, the Mission 56 Youth will get together for a time of fun and fellowship. Pick-up time will be 9:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, November 16 – Lunch with Kirby at Springboro Intermediate:** Kirby will provide pizza, chips, drinks, and dessert. Each youth is asked to bring \$4 and will be allowed to invite a friend to join you.
- **Saturday, November 19 – Christmas in Springboro "Women in Faith" Luncheon:** Youth volunteers are needed to help promote, serve and clean-up for this special luncheon held at our church during Christmas in Springboro.
- **Saturday, November 26 – Hanging of the Greens:** Plan to join members of the church for dinner and decorating.



Senior High Youth (9th—12 Grades)

Contact: Brian Schlise

Brianschlise@habeggercorp.com

937-748-9711

Our senior high youth will have regular Sunday evening meetings on November 13 and 20. Other events this month include:

- Box City on Saturday, November 5.
- On November 12 and 13, we will have our annual Fall Pancake Dinner (Saturday) and Breakfast (Sunday) to raise funds for our youth program. All youth are encouraged to work one of the shifts that weekend. Look for a special e-mail with times for volunteering.
- Helping at Women in Faith Bazaar Luncheon during Christmas in Springboro (November 19)

In addition, we will finish selling Elder Beerman Community Day booklets as a fundraiser (see article on page 6). Please watch for text messages from Brian Schlise for specific meeting times and events.



Personal Thank You's

Many thanks to the church family for your prayers and cards when my brother Gerald passed away. I greatly appreciated you all thinking of me at this time of sorrow.

~ Fern Morgan

Thank you for the prayers and sympathies expressed to my family and me after the recent death of my dad. Your support means a lot to me. His death came rather quickly and was relatively peaceful. Mom is doing OK. Dad touched a lot of people's lives in his 89 years. He was a great dad!

Blessings,
Mark A. Shimer

Scavenger Hunt Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in and/or donated to the Missions Team's Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt on October 2. We were able to make very large food donations to both the Springboro Clearcreek Assistance Center and the Franklin Area Community Services organization.





Volunteer Opportunities

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

- **Kroger Community Rewards Program:**

Please register our church as your Kroger Plus Community Rewards recipient

- * Sign in (if already a member) or create an account (select “Register” in the upper right corner) at Kroger.com
- * Once logged in, go to “Community” then “Community Rewards”.
- * Our group number is 83759 or type in Springboro First United Methodist Church
- * Select bubble next to our church
- * Hit enroll (will automatically update if you are already enrolled)
- * Follow prompts.

Through the program, the church earns a quarterly check based on purchases by Kroger Rewards customers. There is no cost to you to participate in the program. **Money earned through the program goes to our First Steps Campaign.** Questions, please contact Mariel Pesavento .

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Are you a crotchetier or knitter? If so, would you like to make a prayer shawl for a special friend or member of our church experiencing a difficult time in their life? It is a most rewarding ministry to let members know how much you care and share in their unhappy or happy moments. The finished shawls will be blessed. If interested, contact Sonia Dermis .

- **Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor Program:** Our church is part of the Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor program. This program allows us to earn money based on your spending at DLM. All you have to do is 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.

- **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. The group is in need of some additional volunteers to make and/or deliver meals. If you are interested in helping 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.). If interested, please contact Rebecca in the church office.

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- **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 you can go online at www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-fellowship. The treat does not need to be homemade nor does it have to be cookies—donuts, muffins, cupcakes, etc. are also welcome. We also appreciate the weekly donations being made to help off-set our expenses.



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.



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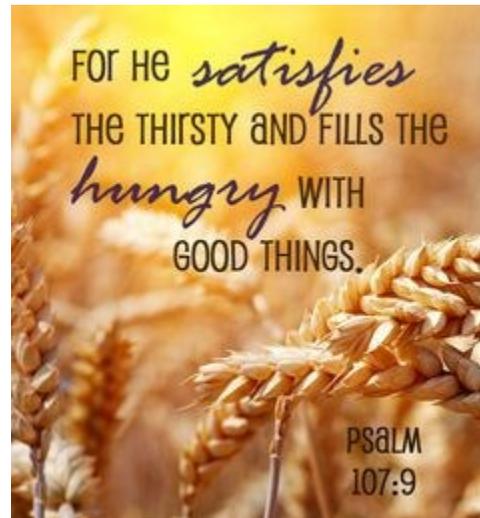
Volunteers Needed

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Warren County Community Services has multiple opportunities for volunteers age 55 and older through their RSVP Volunteer Program. These include working with:

- Warren County Genealogical Society,
- AARP Tax-Aide Program,
- Hospice of Butler and Warren Counties,
- Warren County Head Start,
- Warren County Adult New Readers program,
- Lifespan Guardian Friendly Visitor program,
- and at several local schools.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact the RSVP Volunteer Program at 513-695-2252.





Time for Change for IHN

Do you save change? Are you looking for an opportunity to donate it to a great cause? IHN's Time for Change fund raiser will be the weekend of the national time change – November 5/6, 2016. Proceeds are being used to renovate a facility that will allow them to double their shelter capacity. To learn more, visit their website at www.ihnwc.org/time-for-change. Bring your change to help this great organization help others! There will be containers in the fellowship hall for collection.

Box Tops/Campbell Labels

Our Mission Team will continue to collect box tops and Campbell food labels for Red Bird Mission throughout this school year. There are bins in which to place the labels and box tops located in the black stand across from the music room. Thank you.

Otterbein Avalon

The October dates for visits with the senior residents of the Otterbein Avalon community will be Wednesday November 2, 16 and 30. The carpool will leave from church at 1:15 and return by 3:30. If you have questions, please let David Finney know (513-727-4395).

Grandma's Attic Donations Needed

As Women in Faith prepare for this year's Christmas Bazaar, they are requesting donations of household items, décor, and especially holiday decorating items for Grandma's Attic. We will be collecting them the week of

November 14. In the meantime, please consider saving any items of this type for WIF.

The Giving Tree

Look for the giving tree in the Narthex soon! The Franklin food pantry will supply us with children who need help this season. Each child will have five tags together, one for socks and underwear, one for hats and mittens, one for clothes, one for shoes, and one for something they really want! You are more than welcome to take all of the tags for the child you choose or you may take just one. Unwrapped items should be placed in a bag with the tags attached. Please watch for bulletin announcement of exact due date in early December. All help is greatly needed and appreciated!

In addition to the Christmas gifts for the children of the Giving Tree, we will collect "stocking stuffers". Please place new, small gifts in the marked container next to the Giving Tree. We're collecting for boys and girls age infant-18 years old. They will be distributed by the UMCH Family Services, Franklin Food Pantry and Springboro Community Assistance Center. Please help a child who is less-fortunate this Christmas season.

Wonderful Wednesday Meals

Thank you to everyone who has provided or will provide meals and/or clean up during our fall session of Wonderful Wednesday. It is so heartwarming to share this time of food and fellowship each week. We will soon have sign ups available for the winter session which begins January 18. Please watch the bulletin insert and Pastor Amy's weekly update for a link to the sign up.

Celebrating an November Birthday

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| 2: Kelly Johnson, Jamie Lawhorn | 15: Shirley Routzong, Nancy Clark, |
| 3: Terry Shetterly | 16: Debbie Johnson, Karen Wenzel |
| 4: Linde Kylin, Jaxon Long | 17: Cassidy Kylin |
| 5: Michael Stull, Amy Rodrer, Sara Erwin | 18: Nick Raihala |
| 6: Amanda Talbot | 19: Dan Wade, Dan Thomas |
| 7: Morgan Hunsaker | 20: Barb Geiger |
| 8: Joshua Martin | 22: Susan Raihala, Michael Yeamans,
Kelsey Rodrer |
| 9: Bob Moser, Bradley Hohulin | 23: Jane Charlton, Bill Delbridge,
Ryan Talbot, Jim Cook |
| 10: Donna Miller | 24: Vicki Robinson |
| 11: Jason Karasek | |
| 12: Jeff Erwin | |
| 13: Alicia Buterbaugh | |
| 14: Harry Hall, Greg Moster | |

Celebrating an November Anniversary

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| 1: Chad & Stephanie Boley | 13: Karen & Tony DeRosa |
| 2: Chris & Joyce Kylin | 15: Pat & Kendra Foley |
| 6: Jason & Stephanie Karasek | 17: Deron & Angela Click |
| 10: Keith & Tina Stafford,
Ron & Joy Lightcap | 25: Ken & Amy Haines |
| | 28: Ben & Sue Fry |

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

November Volunteers

	Liturgists	Acolytes	Cookies	Altar Flowers
Nov. 6	Kelly Smith Open	Elaina Leedy Dean Dershem	Kerry Leedy	Jane Gregg
Nov. 13	Belinda Mallett Kristy Shetterly	Noah Townsend Dean Dershem	Open	Fern Morgan
Nov. 20	Patti Hammett Joy Mindling	Open Dean Dershem	Open	Brad & Brenna Johnson
Nov. 27	Alan Kerrick Jane Gregg	Noah Townsend Dean Dershem	Open	Lois Cox



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

Matthew 6:33

