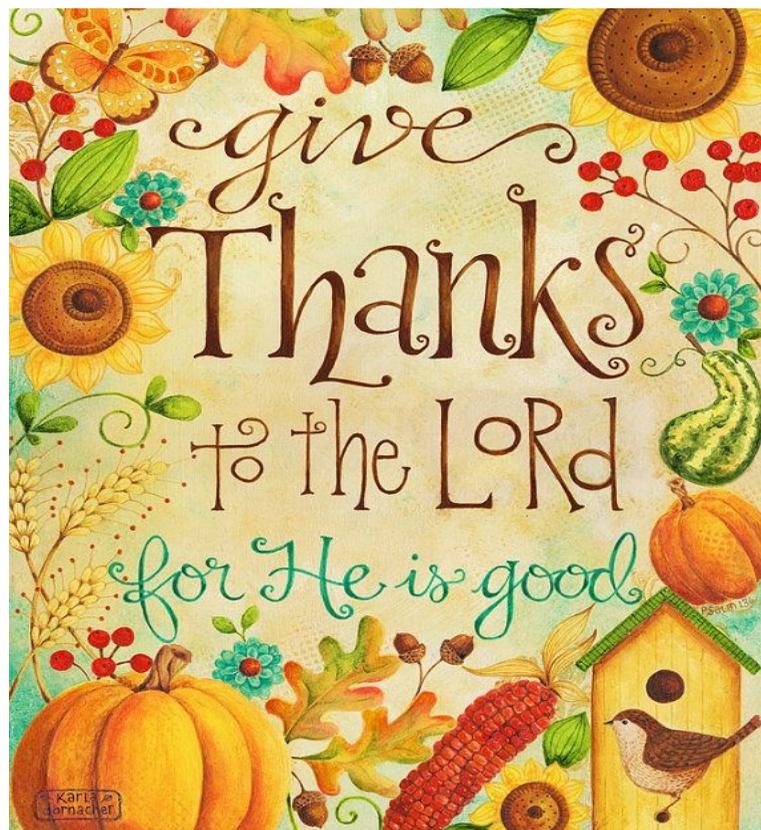




First United Methodist Church of Springboro

# 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...*****A Season of Saints**

When you hear the word “saints” who comes to mind?

If you grew up Roman Catholic, you may think of those who have achieved sainthood in the eyes of the church. If you have lost a loved one, you may think of those who are now in heaven. If you are a football fan, you may think of that team in New Orleans. If you have been greatly influenced by a Christian mentor who is still living, you may also think of them as a saint.

If you use the definition of a saint as a person of virtuous living, a Christian who seeks to follow after Christ in this life and believes in eternal life in heaven, then the saints we celebrate can be living or dead, believers from every time and place.

During the month of November, I invite you to journey with me through *A Season of Saints*. What can we learn from the song of the saints in Revelation that calls us “to be one too”, as hymn #712 so simply proclaims? How can we learn from the stories of the saints that can help us to tell our stories of faith? How might we become living saints who give thanks for God’s mighty acts of salvation, love and grace?

November will be a month of celebrating the lives of those who have died among us this past year; the military veterans in our midst who each have a story of service and sacrifice; the blessings of God in our lives, and the call of God to come home to faith in his Son Jesus. Toward the end of the month we will begin to look ahead toward the good news of Christ’s birth as we sing the songs of Christmas and ponder the meanings behind the symbols of Christmas.

We do not have to wait to be honored for our faith after we are gone. Rather, we are called to learn from those who have gone before us to live by faith each and every day, responding to God’s presence in our lives now, willing to follow Jesus into the midst of our divided world today.

The final verse of hymn #712 proclaims this call to be a living saint in this way:

*“They lived not only in ages past;  
There are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus’ will.  
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,  
in church, by the sea, in the house next door;  
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.”*

May we give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us, and may we become the faithful others will give thanks for in the years ahead!



***Worship In November***  
***"A Season of Saints"***

November 4/5—All Saints Celebration/  
 Holy Communion  
 "The Song of the Saints"  
 Revelation 7:9-17

November 11/12  
 "Stories of the Saints"  
 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

November 18  
 A Casual Christmas Carol Sing  
 Christmas in Springboro Weekend

November 19  
 "Thanksgiving of the Saints"  
 Deuteronomy 8:7-18

November 25  
 Hanging of the Greens

**Advent Worship Series**  
**"Coming Home"**

November 26  
 Yearning to Go Home  
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19



## Events

- 1: Christmas Play practice
- 1: Wonderful Wednesday
- 1: Choir/Hand Bells
- 4: WIF Peanut Brittle Baking
- 4: Congregational Golf Outing
- 5: United Methodist Men
- 5: Jr. High Church, Lunch, Fellowship
- 5: Confirmation
- 5: 9th—12 Grade Youth Group
- 6: Prayer Team
- 6: Finance Team
- 7: Parent Connection Study
- 7: 5th—8th Gr. Hope House Mission
- 7: Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 8: Lunch with Kirby @ Springboro Int.
- 8: Wonderful Wednesday
- 8: Christmas Play Practice
- 8: Choir/Hand Bells
- 11: Women in Faith Candy Making
- 11: Pancake Dinner
- 11: Mission 56 Game Night
- 12: Pancake Breakfast
- 12: Christmas Play Music Practice
- 12: God Squad
- 12: Kids Who Care
- 12: 9th—12th Youth Group
- 13: Prayer Team
- 13: Administrative Council
- 14: Tuesday Bible Study
- 14: Parent Connection Study
- 14: Stephen Ministers
- 14: WIF Bible Study
- 15: Clearcreakers
- 15: Wonderful Wednesday
- 15: Christmas Play Practice

### **Lay Leader Report**

The arrival of the month of November reminds us that a day has been set aside each year to offer thanks. It is good to take inventory of the bounty of blessings that has been poured over and on us. To begin, we have a Savior. All the other gifts from God, no matter of their importance to us, rank beneath our need to have a Savior.

Think of it, one day a year to be thankful....

Really, we should set aside one day a year as **Take For Granted Day**, then spend the remaining 364 days in Thanksgiving. Our lives and world would be so much better if we could be thankful with greater frequency and fervor. **364 days of being thankful** and one day to take things for granted. WOW! If such were true, can you imagine the family gathers on Take For Granted Day? Would those events resemble everyday life now? If so, perhaps it is time to join me in trying to raise thankfulness.

More details of a potential adult mission trip are being formed. The timing of Mission team leader training and deadlines for this publication are such that I attended Volunteer in Mission training after these words were written but before they appeared in print. I know that my preference for a trip is to visit a Caribbean island for our efforts, but such is much more difficult to arrange. So, the most likely target for any trip is Florida. Timing is most likely in the late winter, 2018. Pastor Doug has contacts with a strong team that works in Haiti. I am in contact with them

to see how we can help there as well.

Locally, I continue to invite folks to help us at Otterbein Avalon, Springboro, during our Sunday 1:30 worship service and our Wednesday 1:00 game time. Please see me for details in how we can spread God's love to our aging saints. Those who are reluctant to drive hundreds of miles to do mission work might be interested in the 5 minute drive to Otterbein, and an hour of being with our senior saints. Please consider joining us in this service to our God and our aging friends.

November 28 has been designated as Giving Tuesday in the United Methodist Church. I strongly encourage all to consider making a gift to one of the United Methodist projects or teams, like United Methodist Committee on Relief. Or consider one of the conference Advance Specials. I am an advocate for The Gathering, a Middletown church that serves "the least of these" in Middletown. This amazing congregation has been designated as an Advance Special. More details will appear in weekly bulletins in November.

- David Finney





### ***All Saints Celebration***

On the weekend of November 4/5, we will celebrate All Saints by remembering church members and loved ones 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, October 31.

### ***Church Conference***

On Monday, November 27, all members of FUMC are invited to attend our annual Church Conference, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Rev. Laura Saunders from Franklin First United Methodist Church 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.

### ***Confirmation***

Youth in 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade (and older) are invited to join Pastor Amy and Vicki Robinson on the journey called Confirmation, a journey of learning and service in which youth grow in their love of God and love of neighbor in order to claim for themselves their commitment to follow Christ. The first meeting of the new confirmation class will be **Sunday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m.** If you are interested but were not able to make the October orientation meeting, please contact Pastor Amy before the meeting ([pastoramy@fumc ofspringboro.org](mailto:pastoramy@fumc ofspringboro.org) or 937-748-2612).

### ***Trustees Outdoor Work***

Our church Trustees (who care for our church facility and parsonage) have been busy sprucing out the exterior of our church. In the last few months they have:

- cleaned out gutters
- maintained new landscaping
- cleaned out courtyard
- pulled weeds
- ground stumps
- trimmed trees
- removed dead bushes by church sign
- pulled vegetation around garage

Whew! If you get a chance, please thank them for helping to keep our church grounds looking so nice!

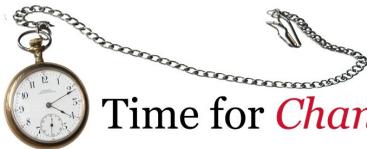




We are in the process of updating our telephone prayer chain. This group of dedicated volunteers receives urgent prayer requests and passes them on to others on their chain so that we can quickly have prayers lifted to God. If you would be interested in participating in the prayer chain or if you are 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.

### ***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.



### **Time for *Change***

#### ***IHN Fundraiser***

The weekend of November 4/5, we will be celebrating the time change by participating in an Interfaith Hospitality Network fundraiser - Time for Change. Please save your change and throw it into the bucket to support IHN. This year they plan to do some much needed maintenance on their vans and buses and will replace car seats that are nearing the end of their life cycle. To learn more, visit their website [www.ihnwc.org/time-for-change](http://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.

### ***Welcome New Acolytes***

On October 8, five students learned about the important role of acolyte in our church. Please welcome our new acolytes: Victoria Clemons, Felicia Goins, Olivia Ingalls, Chloe Robinson, Page Veren.

### ***Church Office Closed***

The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

### ***Pop-Up Tent***

Did you loan a pop-up tent to church during VBS? If so, we have it in the church office. We would like to return it to its rightful owner. Please let us know if it belongs to you. Thanks!

### ***November Events Continued***

- 17: Bazaar Set Up
- 18: Christmas Bazaar
- 18: Carol Sing during Saturday Service
- 19: Christmas Play Music Practice
- 19: Bible Pizza Night
- 19: 9th—12th Youth Group
- 20: Prayer Team
- 20: Missions Team
- 21: Tuesday Bible Study
- 21: Parent Connection Study
- 25: Hanging of the Greens
- 27: Prayer Team
- 27: Church Conference
- 28: Tuesday Bible Study
- 28: Parent Connection Study
- 28: Stephen Ministers
- 29: Lunch with Kirby @ Jr. High
- 29: Christmas Play Practice
- 29: Choir/Handbells
- 30: Parent Connection Special Event

### ***Stewardship Giving and First Steps Campaign***

Thank you to each of you who have thoughtfully considered your contribution to the church for 2018 and returned your commitment card. Returning your commitment cards to indicate how you plan to give faithfully to God's glory helps us set our budget and plan ministries for the next year.

The First Steps committee would also like to thank everyone who has prayed about their role in helping our church and capital campaign be successful. Through your generous and intentional giving, we are over halfway toward our goal to raise \$50,000 in Step 2 of our First Steps Campaign, which will fund worship enhancements. As of October 15, you have generously given \$28,689—which means only \$21,311 remains to be raised. Information on how your donations will be used is in the next article. With your commitments, we will continue to move forward with changes aimed at enhancing and expanding the existing worship space.

If you have not yet had a chance to return your commitment card, they may be returned to the church office or put in the offering plate during services.

### ***First Steps Facility Changes***

The First Steps Committee hopes to have the new audio enhancements for the Sanctuary in place before Christmas services. We are still working to nail down the specifics for visual enhancements, a new door leading to the narthex that will be more soundproof, and adjustments to the back wall. Once these specifics are finalized, they will be shared with the congregation to assist in

imagining what a new back wall will look like and how it will function. We hope you are as excited as we are to make these enhancements to our Sanctuary happen in the near future.

### ***Online Giving Update***

You may have heard our messages sharing that we have a new service to help us become more faithful stewards. Now, there are two different ways we're able to give. We can, of course, continue with traditional (collection plate) giving. However, we can also give our tithes and offerings online. This is a really quick way for us to give -- especially if we are traveling or are serving elsewhere during the service (like serving with the youth). It's easy to sign up and doesn't take much time. Just click on the Online Giving tab on the church's website or go directly to our personalized site at: <https://giving.ncsservices.org/fumcofspringboro>.

New things can often seem overwhelming and many of us like to do things the way we have always done them; but by being able to give online, we have much greater flexibility. We can set up how often we want to give, how much we want to give, and to which ministries we want to give.

We encourage all of you to pray about how God is calling you to give and be a faithful and obedient steward in our mission of making disciples for Christ.

For more information, you can go to the Online Giving tab on the church's website ([www.fumcofspringboro.org](http://www.fumcofspringboro.org)) or email the finance committee at [financeteam-fumc@gmail.com](mailto:financeteam-fumc@gmail.com). Thank you.





## 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 4 and 11 (see page 11 for details) and of course, at the Bazaar on November 18. If you would like any information on Women in Faith, please contact Judy Cook.

### Clearcreakers Senior Group

The Clearcreakers meeting will be November 15 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. The program will be the History of Ohio presented by Helen Sproat from the Springboro Historical Society. The luncheon will be a traditional Thanksgiving meal with turkey, mashed potatoes, 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.

Looking ahead, the date for the December Clearcreakers meeting has been changed to the second Wednesday, December 13, instead of the third Wednesday due to a scheduling conflict with the Springboro High School Jazz choir. Questions, call: Linda Tennant or Martha Rutherford .

**Please note:** Clearcreakers follow the same schedule for inclement weather as the Springboro Community Schools.

### Stephen Ministers - Thanksgiving

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." November reminds us that practicing gratitude in all circumstances—even the bad ones—is so very important. It takes faith, trust, and love to remain grateful during difficult times. If you're having a hard time finding your gratitude in the midst of difficulty, remember that Stephen Ministers are trained to help you find it. Speak with Pastor Amy, Zandra Woody or Susan Raihala for more information.

*May the God from whom all blessings flow  
fill your heart with gratitude  
this Thanksgiving and every day.*

### United Methodist Men

The men and older boys (10 years and up) of the church will meet for breakfast and devotions on Sunday, November 5, from 8:00 to 9:00, in Fellowship. We invite all to come for breakfast and a faith-based discussion. There might be some rehash of the previous day's football action as well. Come join us! Please contact David Finney at 937-572-2130 or shakerdavid@hotmail.com for more information.

### Other Group Meeting Dates

November 6—Finance Team

November 7 —SPRC

November 13—Administrative Council

November 14, 28—Stephen Ministers

November 20—Missions Team

November 27—Church Conference



## Events

### ***Pancake Dinner and Breakfast***

Come support the youth group as they host a pancake dinner after church service on Saturday, November 11 and a pancake breakfast after each service on Sunday, November 12. 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!

### ***Bible Night Pizza Party***

Children in third grade and older who have not yet received their Adventure Bibles will receive Bibles on Sunday, November 19 during first service (9:15). These children and their parents are invited to join Pastor Amy at 5:30 that evening for pizza and pop as they learn to use their new Bibles. Please let us know if your child needs a Bible by responding to the church office (937-748-2612).

### ***Congregational Golf Outing***

The youth of the church invite you to an intergenerational, congregational golf outing on Saturday, November 4. The outing will be a four person team scramble at Jamaica Run Golf Course with the first tee time at 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in attending,

please let Brian Schlise know by Wednesday November 1 (937-272-6167). He will need your name and your desired partner.

### ***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 12, 19, and 26 and at Saturday evening services on November 11, 18, and 25. Each poinsettia is \$10 with payment made when your order is placed. Deadline for ordering is noon on December 4. Poinsettias can be ordered in memory or in honor of a loved one and come in red and white. Thanks!



Our annual Hanging of the Greens will begin at 5:30 p.m. on November 25 with a worship service that focuses on the Christian meaning of several of the symbols of the season assisted by the Confirmation class. Following worship we will share around the table; soup will be provided, please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. We will conclude the evening by decorating the church for the Christmas season. All ages are welcome to share in this evening.





# wonderful WEDNESDAY

Wonderful Wednesdays will run until **November 15** this fall. Please join us each of these Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We start each evening with a time of community prayer in Fellowship Hall before breaking into small groups for discussion and learning. Snacks and water are available. The offerings for the last few weeks of fall session include:

- **Kid's Club** (Ages 5 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade): Explores the Bible through games, art, stories and fun! (During November the focus will be on Christmas Play practices. See practice schedule on page 14)
- **Youth** (Grades 5-12): Kirby will meet with 5th—8th graders and Brian will lead the 9th—12th grader covering topics geared to the age group. Youth can also join other studies if they would like.
- **Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic**: This powerful book tells the true story of how addiction devastated Portsmouth, Ohio through the collision of prescription pain pills and cheap heroin. Pastor Amy continues to lead a discussion of this best selling book with a focus on the impact in our community and what FUMC can do to help battle the epidemic. Books can be ordered through the church office for \$12.00
- **The Redemption of Scrooge** shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study will "bless us every one" and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith. Led by David Finney for three weeks—Nov. 1, 8 and 15. Books are not required but can be ordered in the church office if desired (\$10).
- **Choir and Hand Bell Choir Practice** – at 7:00 and 8:00 respectively

Nursery care will be available for children under age 5. We hope you will join us for another series of great evenings of togetherness and fellowship shared among all ages of our congregation!

**“Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.”**  
**2 Corinthians 4:15**

### ***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 4. Also, WIF will be making buckeyes and/or other candies on Saturday, November 11 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. This 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.



First United Methodist is involved with Christmas in Springboro in many ways. 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 12 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 18). Please see article on page 12 for details on event and help needed.

- We will have our **Second Annual 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.

### ***Late October Reminders Halloween Party***

Our Wonderful Wednesday gathering on October 25 will be a special Halloween Party for all ages. On this night we will gather at 6:00 p.m. for a meal together followed by a short devotional, then a costume contest and intergenerational games and fun. Costumes are encouraged —please nothing violent or bloody. Our time together will conclude at 8:00 p.m.

### ***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 29 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 during services on October 28 or 29. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of children in need!




 CHRISTMAS  
BAZAAR


### ***Church Bazaar and Luncheon***

The FUMC Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, November 18, 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 - cream of broccoli and vegetable beef soup, chili, pulled pork and hot shredded chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, macaroni and cheese and apple dumplings with ice cream from 10:30 to 3:30. 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 our success in the past is the generosity of our church members donating many of the items available for sale and, most of all, their time. 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 <http://bit.ly/2xwJ0et>. The list for helping the day of the event can be found at <http://bit.ly/2zf2L7s>.

**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 or Mary Jane Hansel if you have questions. Two big sellers in the Country Store are our special peanut brittle and buckeyes. Please see page 11 for details on sessions to make these treats.

Items for **Grandma's Attic** can be dropped off the week of November 12. 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 3:30 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, vegetable beef soup and chili to be brought to church on Saturday morning. Donations of pop, bottled water and ice are also needed and can be dropped off Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Menus for these items will be available in Fellowship Hall and on the Sign-Up Genius. If you have questions or comments, Judy Cook is the contact for the café.



## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ***Breakfast With Santa and Holiday House***

Saturday, December 2 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 “Treasures of Christmas” 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 8. 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 17, 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.

### ***Christmas Eve Services***

#### ***December 24***

9:15 and 10:35 a.m.—Children's Program  
7:30 p.m.—Candlelight with Choir  
10:30 p.m.—Candlelight with Communion

### ***Election Day Turkey Dinner***

Parkview UMC (3713 Benner Road, Miamisburg) will an Election Day Dinner on Tuesday, November 7 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.

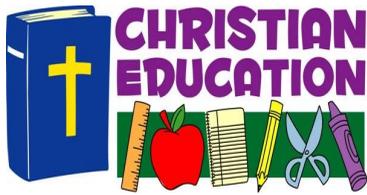
### ***Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra***

Kelly Ronyak invites you to ring in the holidays with a concert by the Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra's Christmas concert. The free concert will feature dancers from the Gem City Ballet Company and will be at the Dayton Masonic Center on Saturday, December 16 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

### ***Sugarplum Festival of Trees***

The Sugarplum Festival of Trees is an annual holiday extravaganza that supports Dayton Children's Hospital. Browse and bid on the fabulously decorated Christmas trees and pick up some homemade Christmas gifts and decorations including wreaths, ornaments and more! The event is held November 17-19 at the Masonic Temple in Dayton. Besides an open to the public boutique, there are also ticketed events including a Gala, a Ladies Luncheon, a Prince and Princes Ball and Breakfast with Santa. Proceeds from this event will support the TWIG Auxiliary's \$1,000,000 pledge for the Mills Cancer and Blood Disorders Center. For more information and tickets, please go to <https://childrensdayton.ejoinme.org/SFOT2017>.





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

The Tuesday morning Bible study will conclude their study of *The Book of James* in November or December. They will then begin a new study of 1st and 2nd Peter and Jude. If you are interested in joining this weekday study, please let Rebecca in church office know so that a book can be ordered for you (\$7). The class meets the second, third and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the music room. For November the meeting dates will be the 14, 21, and 28.

### ***Cornerstone Class***

Beverly Haun will teach the Cornerstone Class in November. The focus for the month will be on acts of compassion. The Cornerstone Class meets in the music room on Sunday mornings at 9:15. The class will not meet on November 26. For more information on the Cornerstone Class, please contact Barb Geiger..

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

The Women in Faith Bible Study continue their study of *Parables from the Backside, Volume 2* by J. Ellsworth Kalas on November 14. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Conference room at 7:00 p.m. All women in the church are invited to join the study.

### ***Holy Java***

The Holy Java class will complete their study of *The Daniel Prayer* by Anne Graham Lotz in early November. Many people today find that their prayers don't "work." And like a broken cell phone, DVD player, or TV remote, they throw prayer out as unnecessary "clutter" in their busy lives. Anne Graham Lotz has found that while prayer does work, sometimes the "pray-ers" don't. So she has turned to the prophet Daniel for help. This study is aimed at helping you pray effectively for your nation, for your families, and for yourself.

Please watch bulletin insert for information on the class meeting dates and offerings at the end of the month. For more information on Holy Java, please contact Maria Dershem.

### ***Children's Christmas Play***

The children's Christmas Play preparations are well underway. We are excited for the play to serve as our message during the 9:15 and 10:35 services on Sunday, December 24. The November schedule for play practice is as follows (all times are during second service unless otherwise noted):

- Wednesday 11/1: Play practice 6:30—8:00
- Wednesday 11/8: Play practice 6:30—8:00
- Sunday, 11/12—Music practice after Children's Moment during 2nd service
- Wednesday 11/15: Play practice 6:30—8:00
- Sunday, 11/19—Music practice after Children's Moment during 2nd service
- Wednesday 11/29: Play practice 6:30—8:00

**Weekday Education Ministries****Contact: Kim Crosen****937-748-2612, [bbcpfumc@gmail.com](mailto:bbcpfumc@gmail.com)****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.—Active Christian Exploration**

Our A.C.E. children’s world journey moves on to Europe in November. They will experience the culture, games, cooking, weather and more as they learn about the continent.

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](mailto:kimfumc@gmail.com).

Bright Beginnings offers a Parent Connection program which provides parents an opportunity to come together to build a fellowship with other parents, share ideas, and experiences while building relationships with one another. Church families are also invited to attend. Please RSVP to Becky Frost at [bbcpfumc@gmail.com](mailto:bbcpfumc@gmail.com) if you will be attending.

Upcoming Parent Connection events include:

- November 27: Parents with a Purpose—10:00—11:00 a.m.: Join us to help stock shelves, date donations, organize and clean the Springboro Community Assistance Center. Gather with fellow parents to make a difference.
- November 7, 14, 21: Special Study 12:00—2:00 pm.: Final three sessions of “Unglued”, a six session course which discusses how to make wise choices in the midst of raw emotions. Know with confidence how to resolve conflict in your important relationships.
- November 28: Table Talk—12:00 to 2:00 p.m.: “Goodness—Children and Materialism”
- November 30: Special Event—Cookie Craze with Miss Lisa. Learn some simple cookie decorating techniques to wow your family, guests and friends! Just in time for the holidays! Stay tuned for more information, including time.





**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 12 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 12, God Squad we will meet at the church after second service. Pick up will be at 2:30. Please watch for more information in bulletin inserts and via e-mail.



**Mission 56: 5th & 6th grades**  
**Jammers: 7th & 8th grades**  
**Contact: Kirby Cain**  
*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

### **November Weekly Activities**

- **Sunday Night Youth Group:** No Sunday Night Youth Group scheduled for November due to a variety of special events.
- **Wonderful Wednesdays:** The last Wonderful Wednesday this fall will be on Wednesday, November 15.
- **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) - Springboro Intermediate & Junior High:** 6th, 7th and 8th graders have the opportunity to gather with Christian Youth at their school for a time of prayer & worship from 6:45 - 7:20 a.m. Milk and donuts provided.

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### November Special Events

- **Sunday, November 5 – "Church, Lunch & Fellowship" (Junior High):** 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.
- **Tuesday, November 7 – 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.**
- **Wednesday, November 8 – 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 them.
- **Saturday, November 11 & Sunday, November 12 – Pancake Dinner/Breakfast Youth Fundraiser:** Annual Fall Pancake Dinner (Saturday) and Breakfast (Sunday) to raise funds for our Youth Program. **Look for a special e-mail with times for volunteering.**
- **Saturday, November 11 – 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.
- **Saturday, November 18 – 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 25 – Hanging of the Greens:** Plan to join members of the church for worship, dinner and decorating.
- **Wednesday, November 29 – Lunch with Kirby at Springboro Junior High:** 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.



**Senior High Youth (9th—12 Grades)**

**Contact: Brian Schlise**

**Brianschlise@habeggercorp.com**

**937-748-9711**

Upcoming events for Senior High Youth include:

- Sunday, November 5, 12, and 19—Youth group from 7:00 to 8:30
- Need all hands on deck for Pancake Dinner/Breakfast on November 11 and 12—please watch for more information via text

**It's not what we have in life, but who we have in our life that matters"**

**-J. M. Laurence**





## Love. Grow. Serve.

### *Volunteer, Mission & Outreach*

**Opportunities** Please contact Rebecca in 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.
- **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.dorothylane.com/clubdml/](http://www.dorothylane.com/clubdml/)
- **goodneighbor.pl.** Re-registration is needed each year.
- **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.
- **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.

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

### ***Box Tops for Education***

Our Missions Team continues to collect Box Tops for Red Bird Mission in Kentucky to benefit their schools. They are also now collecting Tyson food labels. There are bins in which to place the box tops and labels located in the black stand across from the music room. If you need more information on the program, please contact Arlene Brown at 937-272-5857. Thank you.

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

We will be hosting IHN from December 26 through December 31. 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 26 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. 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 at 937-776-6261 if you have any questions!

Please note there will also be a training for IHN volunteers on Saturday, November 11 in Room 102 at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church located at 123 East Street, Lebanon. The training will start at 9:00 a.m. and will last approximately 2 hours. Please RSVP by November 3 (513-934-5250).

### ***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 at 513-727-4395 or shak-erdavid@hotmail.com

### ***Operation Christmas Child***

If your household would like to put together shoe box kits for Operation Christmas Child, Covenant Presbyterian Church in Springboro and New Covenant Church at 4340 Union Rd, Middletown, are local drop off sites during the week of November 13. As a congregation we will be focusing on more local ministries this Christmas.

### ***Franklin Food Pantry***

The Pantry at Franklin Area Community Services continues to assist many people facing personal and financial hardships. The Pantry is in need of more volunteers to keep this safety net in our community strong. They 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.



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

***Resources for those in need***

***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***

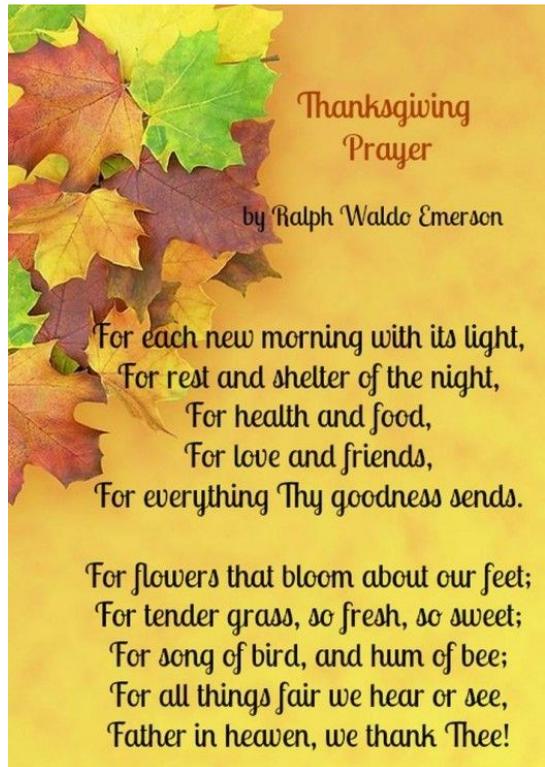
Hospice Care of Middletown, The Woodlands of Middletown and Catholic Charities have joined forces to offer a caregiver support group. The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the second floor activity room of The Woodlands of Middletown, 3000 McGee Ave, Middletown. For more information, please contact Care Line at 513-869-4483.



***Personal Thank You's***

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during my surgeries. I have made a lot of friends at First UMC and each one is very special to me.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Vivian Beatty



### ***Celebrating an November Birthday***

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| 2: Kelly Johnson, Jamie Lawhorn          | 15: Shirley Routzong, Nancy Clark                              |
| 3: Terry Shetterly                       | 16: Debbie Johnson   |
| 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,<br>Kelsey Rodrer           |
| 9: Bob Moser, Bradley Hohulin            | 23: Jane Charlton, William Delbridge,<br>Ryan Talbot, Jim Cook |
| 10: Donna Miller                         | 24: Vicki Robinson   |
| 11: Jason Karasek, Sonia Dermis          |  |
| 12: Jeff Erwin                           |  |
| 13: Alicia Buterbaugh                    |  |
| 14: Harry Hall, Greg Moster              |  |

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### ***Celebrating an November Anniversary***

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| 1: Chad & Stephanie Boley    | 15: Pat & Kendra Foley   |
| 2: Chris & Joyce Kylin       | 17: Deron & Angela Click |
| 6: Jason & Stephanie Karasek | 25: Ken & Amy Haines     |
| 10: Keith & Tina Stafford    | 27: Bob & Linda Leese    |
| 11: Harold & Amy Ingalls     | 28: Ben & Sue Fry        |

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*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. 5	Open Open	Noah Townsend Open	Open	Jane Gregg
Nov. 12	Open Kara Hampton	Open Open	Open	Fern Morgan
Nov. 19	Open Joy Mindling	Noah Townsend Faith Hampton	Open	Sonia Dermis
Nov. 26	Open Jane Gregg	Open Timothy Haines	Open	Lois Cox



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*Matthew 6:33*

