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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....

Dear friends,

The first Sunday of October is always one of my most favorite communion services of the year—World Communion Sunday! As we gather at Christ’s table, we can celebrate that so many brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world also gather at the table that day.

As I partake, I think of family members in multiple states in multiple denominations also gathered around the table. As I partake, I think of seminary classmates and youth group members from Japan to Tanzania who are also gathered around the table. As I partake, I remember other communion tables in other local congregations and those who gathered there, some who have died and some who are now grown.

When we share in Holy Communion, we gather as a community of faith with a common faith and a common belief in Jesus. As the letter to the Ephesians proclaims: “There is one body and one Spirit...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.” (Eph 4:4-6a)

Our challenge is—how do we live out such oneness that we proclaim at the table of Christ?

As individuals, as local congregations, as denominations, our common faith is anything but common. Even within my own family we have different styles of worship and different church polity. What may be vital in one tradition becomes a roadblock in another. When we spend so much energy focused on what divides us, we will have little energy left to share our common faith in Christ.

One of my favorite images for the church is as the family of God. And yes, most families are a bit dysfunctional. We may share a common heritage, yet have vastly different skills and personalities. We may not always get along with one another, yet we remain committed to each other because we are still family.

This month, I invite you to ponder what we have in common with one another. What does it mean to be brothers and sisters in Christ? What does it mean that all of us are branches connected to the same vine in Jesus? How does what we share challenge how we interact with each other?

In all we do and say, may we proclaim the hope and love of Christ!

Together in Christ,
Pastor Amy





Worship In October

Worship Series:

“Participating in Our Ministries”

October 2nd/3rd: Holy Communion

Scripture:

Matthew 20:20-28, James 1:22-25

“Participating by Our Service”

October 8th/9th:

Scripture:

Matthew 28:16-20, 2 Timothy 1:1-14

“Participating by Our Witness”

October 15th/16th:

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

“The Saving of Zacchaeus”

October 22nd/23rd– Laity Sunday:

Message by David Finney, CLM

Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

“Cleansing”

October 29th/30th:

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

“A Word from the Dead?”



Events

- 2: Youth Scavenger Hunt
- 3: Trustees
- 3: Covenant Bible Study
- 4: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 4: 5th—8th Grade Hope House Mission
- 4: Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 5: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 5: Wonderful Wednesday/Choirs
- 9: Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
- 10: Covenant Bible Study
- 10: Finance Team
- 11: Women in Faith Bible Study
- 11: Stephen Ministers
- 12: 6th Grade Lunch with Kirby
- 12: Wonderful Wednesday/Choirs
- 13: Kids Who Care Hay Ride
- 14: 7th & 8th Grade Haunted Hay Ride
- 14: Cornerstone Class Movie Night
- 15: Women in Faith Meeting
- 16: Acolyte Training
- 16: God Squad and Mission 56 Corn Maze
- 16: Jr. & Sr. Youth Group
- 17: Covenant Bible Study
- 18: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 19: Clearcreakers
- 19: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 19: Wonderful Wednesday/Choirs
- 24: Mission Team
- 24: United Methodist Men
- 25: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 25: Stephen Ministers
- 25: Bishop Palmer “Life Together” mtg
- 26: 7th & 8th Grade Lunch with Kirby
- 26: Wonderful Wednesday—Halloween Party
- 28: 5th—8th Grade Bonfire
- 30: Jr. & Sr. High Grade Youth Group
- 31: Covenant Bible Study

See details in this newsletter

Lay Leader Report

As we enter a new month, I must first explain where I have been. I have not been in Sunday worship very much as I have been preaching at Waynesville United Methodist Church, following the tragic death of Rev. Gary Hughes. I have two more preaching dates there in the coming weeks as those good people continue to worship as they cope with the loss of Gary. Bishop Palmer and District Superintendent Todd Anderson want to give the people time to grieve, before a new pastor is appointed. But indeed, a new pastor will be appointed to Waynesville soon.

Speaking of Bishop Palmer, he will be in our district to meet with United Methodists on Tuesday, October 25 from 5:30 to 8:30. Bishop Palmer will discuss ***Our Life Together: Mission, Ministry, Future***. A light dinner will be served but registration is required at westhioumc.org/conference/event/orv-our-life-together-event. This event with Bishop Palmer will take place at Armstrong Chapel United Methodist Church, which is located at 5125 Drake Road, Cincinnati. I plan to attend so contact me to car-pool.

Looking back a couple weeks, a few from our congregation were privileged to attend the Installation Service of our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Todd Anderson. Carol and I were among those 400+ United Methodists in attendance. We enjoyed several reunion moments with Patty Sands following the service. She is doing okay, but she greatly misses Jim. Rev. Jim and Patty served at

FUMC in the 1990's. Rev. Jim passed away earlier this year.

There were many striking moments during the Installation service. High point in my opinion was the processional in which elements and symbols of the Christian Faith were brought into the sanctuary. Our own Vicki Robinson carried in the vestment stole for Dr. Anderson, which he then wore during the service. The vestment stole represents the high honor it is to be called into ministry and to answer that call. Zoe Hams carried in the Holy Bible. Then my friend Graham Rush-ton carried in the United Methodist Book of Discipline. I did not recognize Graham as he carried the Discipline. It was only later that I recognized Graham – he lives at Hope House and is in my weekly Accountability Class with the Hope House residents. Graham is a returning citizen and a member of The Gathering. The Gathering, of course, is the United Methodist church that Vicki Robinson and I work to support in Middletown. I am so pleased that Graham was given the honor of carrying the Discipline into the sanctuary that day and we rejoice in his progress and in the good work of The Gathering.

Speaking of Hope House, Kirby Cain leads our youth in providing meal service at Hope House. This is so good for Kirby to lead our kids in serving the least of these in this way.

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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.

Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, September 18 our 2015-2016 Confirmation Class joined the church. They spent nine months intentionally practicing and learning more about their faith within the life of our church. Please join us in congratulating them in this important step in their faith journey. The 2016 Class: Lauren Bell, Alex Bindemann, Elizabeth Eng, KC Horning, Donna Ronyak, Abby Savin, Emily Schlise, Karoline Shellhause, Ryan Talbot, Caleb Zimmerman.

Wonderful Wednesdays Continue

Join us each week for Wonderful Wednesday, an intergenerational 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. Youth can also join other studies if they would like.
- **Top Ten United Methodist Beliefs:** What do we stand for? What makes us vital? What biblical insights are key to our understandings of God? Explore what we believe as United Methodists— the big, important things that draw us together as people of faith. Don Adams combines the mind of a scholar and the heart of a pastor to engage us in the central elements of a distinctively Wesleyan life 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, based on J. Ellsworth Kalas' book, 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.

We hope you will join us for another series of great evenings of togetherness and fellowship shared among all ages of our congregation!



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!

Tech Team Needed

Our church is looking for volunteers to help serve on a Tech Team. These people will handle the audio/visual needs during services. Responsibilities would include setting up equipment before each service, running the slides during services and managing audio for music. In addition, they may serve as an adjunct arm of Trustees in helping to determine best practices and resources for the church on the technology front (for example, internet provider options). If you are interested in serving your church family in this way, please let Rebecca in the church office know (937-748-2612 or rebecca-fumc@gmail.com).

Christian Kid Power Punch

For our "Kid Connection" kids (ages 4 through 4th grade) we are offer "Christian Kid Power Punch" program which shows the children what a great feeling it is to follow Christ's footsteps.

Children receive "Power Punches" during Sunday school if they have chosen to do a great or unbelievably kind thing for another and/or have showed the fruits of the spirit that help Jesus' light shine through them. In order to make sure that children are actively working towards their "Power Punches" parents are asked to sign off on great deeds their children are participating in and have children bring the forms back the following Sunday. Examples of "Christian Kid Power" include: helping to take care of themselves, others or the environment, showing compassion, being a friend, helping without being asked, taking care of God's creatures or a pet, having a good attitude, telling someone about Jesus, God, and church, inviting a friend to church, or learning our Bible verse.

It is our hope that while children may first do good deeds to receive the Power Punch, they will continue to live and model "Christian Kid" behavior because they will start to see how their actions can make a difference in others' lives.

Youth Choir Forming

If you love to sing and you are in 3-8th grade, please join us. We will rehearse after the Children's Moment (2nd service) for about 15-20 minutes each week. Any questions please see Shelly Houser.

First Steps Campaign Progress



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★ Giving as of September 18, 2016

Our First Steps Campaign is making great progress! As of September 18, we have received \$83,965 toward the campaign. This puts us more than half way towards achieving the first step of the campaign—retiring our mortgage. Thank you for your continued giving towards the First Steps campaign!

Giving Greener

Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is your offering check one of the few checks that you write anymore? You can give "greener" by using our Online Giving Program. Simply go to our church website and click on the Online Giving tab or go directly to our custom site at <https://e-giving.org/FirstUnitedMethodistChurchofSpringboroSpringboro> to enroll. You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check or forgetting your envelope.

Church History

Savannah Martin has recently agreed to serve as our church historian. Thank you Savannah! In bringing our records up to date, she

needs to get input from our church groups on major activities over the past few years. She would greatly appreciate it if heads of the different church groups would contact her (937-266-3840 or abbyfanatic@yahoo.com) to discuss your accomplishments. In addition, she is in search of photos that depict the life of our church over the past five years. If you have any you would like to share, please let her know.

Bishop's Life Together Events

During the month of October, Bishop Gregory V. Palmer will be visiting each district to talk about *Our Life Together: Mission, Ministry, Future*. Our district's meeting will be Tuesday, October 25 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Armstrong Chapel UMC in Cincinnati. To learn more and to complete the required registration, please go to www.westohioumc.org/conference/event/orv-our-life-together-event. Please contact Tim McCoy, Episcopal Office Administrator, with questions at tmccoy@wocumc.org.

Prayer Chain

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.

Field Trip Forms

We ask parents of our youth to please complete a 2016/2017 Family Information Card and Field Trip Permission Form. These forms need to be completed each year to ensure that all information is up to date and to give permission to FUMC staff and volunteers to transport students. The forms can be found in the Narthex on the welcome table. Please take the time to fill out and sign the form and return it to your child's youth group director (Kim Crosen for K-4th grade students, Kirby Cain for 5-8th grade and Brian Schlise for 9th—12th grade).

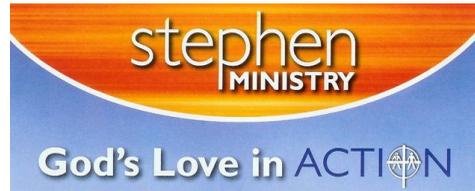
Fall Yard Clean Up

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.

Lay Leader Report Continued

I have spoken on behalf of The Gathering on many occasions. Included in my travels are four visits with United Methodist Women. I met with UMW at three cluster meetings across our district, then I met with two circles at John Wesley United Methodist Church. The president of UMW in our district, Judy Grigsby, recognized me with a pin that celebrates 150 years of United Methodist Women. Since we do not have a UMW circle at FUMC, I may be the only UMW member in our congregation. I chuckle at this, but I am proud of the legacy of service to others and education of women that are the two guiding principles of UMW as they serve and worship our Savior.

- David Finney



Helping a Friend through Divorce

If a friend or loved one is going through a divorce, you might feel at a loss. How do you help? What can you do? What should you say...or not say? How do you answer their questions about God and divorce, about the kids, about money?

Consider talking to Zandra Woody or Susan Raihala about connecting your friend to a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers receive specific training in caring for people through divorce and can make that difficult crisis feel a little less lonely and a lot more connected to God's love and care. Stephen Ministers also have access to resources within the community to help with the practical concerns surrounding divorce.

Remember that your church's Stephen Ministers are skilled, confidential care providers serving not only our church but our community as well. We are here to help.

Stephen Ministry: Christ Caring for People through People



Church Groups Meetings/Schedules

Women In Faith

WIF will meet on Saturday, October 15 at 9:00 a.m. We will bake pumpkin bread to be delivered to our "Friendship Circle Members" (members of the church that are no longer able to attend church on a regular basis). WIF will hold their annual bazaar on Saturday November 19 during Christmas in Springboro. We will have our luncheon cafe, Grandma's Attic (with gently used household items), the Country Store with homemade baked goods, candies, breads and various other items and room rentals for vendors to display and sell their crafts.

As we prepare for the upcoming bazaar we hope church members and friends will consider saving any household items, decor, and especially holiday decorating items that they are no longer using to Grandma's Attic for resale. We will be collecting these items as it comes closer to the bazaar. Also if anyone is interested in renting a room at the church to display and sell their crafts during the bazaar please contact Mary Jane Hansel. All funds earned at the Bazaar will go to the mortgage reduction, various church needs, the food pantry, and various other missions. Please help us to make this a huge success!

United Methodist Men

The men of our church are all invited to join our men's group. We meet on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Our October meeting will be on the 24th (due to trick or treating on the 31st). We hope you will join us once a month as we study God's word, discuss its application in men's lives today and find ways to work together to serve God in our church and community.

Clearcreakers Senior Group

The Clearcreakers meeting will be a picnic at Clearcreek Park on October 19 at 11:30 weather permitting. If weather does not permit, the meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall. Hotdogs, buns and eating utensils will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Try to join us for some fun, food, and fellowship.

Advance Notice: The December Clearcreakers meeting will be held a week earlier on December 14 due to a scheduling conflict with the Springboro High School Jazz Choir.

Questions, call: Linda Tennant or Martha Rutherford .

Other Meeting Dates

Trustees—October 3
 Staff Parish Relations Committee—October 4
 Finance—October 10
 Stephen Ministers—October 11 and 25
 Mission Team—October 24

***Servant Leadership Opportunities at
First United Methodist Church***

Without so many unpaid servant leaders, our church could not be in mission and ministry as we are within the church and within the community. Thank you to all who serve!

This is the time of year that the Nominations Committee looks to update for 2017 our many leadership teams. Our desire is to connect people to places that match their passions and gifts for the glory of God. Please consider serving on one or more of these teams and letting us know your willingness to do so.

Administrative Council: This group is the official and legal decision making group of the church. It is made up of committee chairs, small group leaders, and at large members.

Finance: This group oversees and reports on the finances of the church and sets the budget each year.

Stewardship: This group helps us connect the spiritual reasons we give with mission and vision and the financial needs of the church.

Staff-Parish Relations: This group oversees the staff of the church, working to hire, support, and evaluate those who serve us in paid positions.

Trustees: This group oversees the maintenance of church property.

Nominations: This group works to fill the leadership positions of the church.

Worship: This group cares for the details of worship such as flowers and seasonal decorations as well as gives direction to the nature and style of our worship.

Christian Education: This team helps with Sunday School, VBS, and our youth groups.

Missions: This group facilitates the many missions of the church such as Interfaith Hospitality Network, support of the local food pantries, and special mission offerings.

Connection: This group welcomes those who come through our church doors and seeks to help them become a part of our church family.

Communications: This group works to share what's going on through our church with others in our community.

Tech Team: This group sets up and runs the audio/visual during worship and advises trustees on tech needs throughout the church.

Fellowship and Family Life: This group makes sure that we have refreshments during the fellowship time on Sunday mornings. It also provides opportunities for our church family to come together throughout the year at events such as the chili cook-off and the Easter party.

Loaves & Fishes: This group provides meals for those recovering from surgery or going through a difficult time.

Funeral Meals: This group provides a meal at the church following a funeral to give family and friends a place to gather and support one another.

Weekday Greeters: This group will greet at the door anyone who comes to the church during morning office hours and direct them to the office or appropriate room.

Other: Where is God leading you to serve? Please share with us!

I am interested in serving God through my church in 2017!

Name _____

Phone number _____

Area of interest _____

“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.”
Ephesians 4:11-13





Events

Youth Hunger Event

On Sunday, October 2, all church youth (Kindergarten through 12th grade) are invited to participate in a scavenger hunt for food donations for local food pantries. Youth will gather together for lunch then form teams to hit Springboro neighborhoods to gather donations. The event will run from noon to 3:30. We are asking each child to bring \$3.00 for lunch. We are also accepting donations of food items at church that weekend. Thank you in advance for helping our youth make a positive impact for those in need in our community.

Cornerstone Class Movie Night

The Cornerstone Adult Sunday School Class will hold a pizza dinner followed by a movie on Friday, October 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the church. Movie title is not yet available, but Pastor Doug who is in charge of the movie assures us that it will be outstanding. Anyone who has been thinking about attending the class or simply wants to know more about the class is cordially invited to attend and can contact Barb Geiger for additional information or to let us know they will attend.

Acolyte Training

On Sunday, October 16 during the second service, (10:35), we will offer training for any student interested in becoming an acolyte. Children in third grade and above who are interested in serving in this way are encouraged to attend the training. It's fun and educational as they learn the history and meaning of the Acolyte and learn how they can be a part of this tradition. Please call or e-mail Kim with any questions (748-2612 or kimfumc@gmail.com).

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.





Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 that evening for pizza and pop as they learn to use 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).

Christmas Bazaar

Women In Faith's annual Christmas Bazaar will be held in conjunction with Christmas in Springboro on Saturday, November 19. Please watch for more information in the weekly bulletin and the November newsletter on how you can help make this another successful year!

Additional Upcoming Events

November 5—WIF Peanut Brittle Baking
 November 5—Box City
 November 12—WIF Buckeye Making
 November 12 & 13—Stewardship Weekend
 November 29—Church Conference

Breast Cancer Walk

If you are interested in leading a team for the Making Strides of Dayton Breast Cancer walk will be on Saturday, October 15, 2016, please contact Brandon Packnett at Brandon.packnett@cancer.org or at (866) 227-9474.

Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra

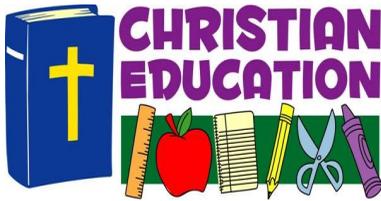
Church member, Kelly Ronyak, invites you to the upcoming MVSO concerts:

- Sunday October 2, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at Kettering Seventh Day Adventist Church - The season opener is filled with classical gems by Schubert, Offenbach, Johann Strauss Jr., and features Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture as the grand finale!
- October 28-30, 2016 at Dayton Masonic Center - The MVSO and the Dayton Playhouse team up to present "Fiddler on the Roof." A larger than life cast and chorus perform with the full symphony orchestra playing this memorable score. The performances will be Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Centerville Community Band

The Centerville Community Band will perform one final concert in the 2016 series on Sunday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m. This will be a children's Concert at Benham's Grove in Centerville. The concert is free and open to the public.





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 October, the class will meet on the 4th, 18th and 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the music room.

Cornerstone Class

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

Holy Java

The Holy Java Sunday School class continues their study of *Culture Shock* in October. In *Culture Shock*, the class will study how they can bring light rather than heat to the most controversial and divisive issues of our day. 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.

Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool

As we move further into the school year, students are getting into the school routine. The Bible verse for October is "I trust in God and I'm not afraid" (Psalm 56:4) and the Fruit of the Spirit is kindness. We have many fun events planned this month. We will hold our annual Pumpkin Patch the week of October 10th. During this event, the children get to walk through a straw maze, play festival games and pick out their very own pumpkin. We will also have a short fall break on Friday, October 21 and Monday, October 24 to correspond with the Springboro schools fall break. At the end of the month we have class Halloween parties and we will hold a Halloween Costume Parade on October 28 and 31. All in all, it will be an amazing month of fun and learning!

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

As part of our A.C.E. program, our students "journey" around the world exploring and learning about different areas of the great world God created for us. In addition, the student spend time playing games, making crafts and doing homework. For their fall mission, the ACE kids are helping with the shoe drive for the school in north Dayton. The drive will run until October 31 (see page 20).

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

On Thursday, October 13, Kids Who Care will go to Windmill Farms Hayride to pick a pumpkin for those less fortunate! We will meet at Windmill Farms at 5:15. If your child needs a ride or you would like to carpool, please meet at church at 4:45. We will go on our annual hayride, pick a pumpkin and then visit with the animals and playground. Tickets are \$9.95 for children and \$6.95 for adults.

God Squad

It's time for our God Squad students to have a fun time being lost and found at a local corn maze! On October 16, we will meet at the church after second service. We will go out to lunch and then head out to Tom's Corn Maze in Germantown. Please watch for an e-mail detailing exact cost. Children will also need money for lunch (fast food). This is an annual event and we have so much fun learning why we need to follow God's direction. On our own we get turned around in all kinds of directions!

We also invited all Kids Who Care and God Squad youth to join in the All Youth Scavenger Hunt on October 2. Please see article on page 12 for details.



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 how difficult it is to balance out daily lives with schoolwork, extra-curricular activities, time with family and friends and church youth activities. My goal is to provide a variety of activities and events allowing everyone to get involved in one way or another. I greatly value our time together, whether I see you a few times a month or every week. If you haven't been involved, please look over the following schedule and consider joining us this month.

Yours in Christ,
 Kirby

Activities planned for the month of October:

Weekly Activities

- **Sunday Night Youth Group:** The Junior High (Grades 7 and 8) Youth will be meeting Sunday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. There will be a time of snacks, fun and fellowship (discussion). This month, Youth Group will be on Sunday, October 9, 16 and 30.

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Weekly Activities Continued

- **Wonderful Wednesdays:** The evening begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by a time of worship and small groups. Mission 56 and Junior High Youth meet with Kirby to get a better understanding of God's word and discuss topics related to youth and their walk with Christ. Wonderful Wednesdays are for families and there are small groups for all ages, so encourage your family to join us.
- **Every Friday - LIFT (Grades 6 - 8):** LIFT (Living in Faith Together) is meeting every Friday after school until 3:30 p.m. at Springboro Junior High and is led by Mr. Randy Youst, dedicated parents and students of Springboro Junior High and Springboro Intermediate. This is a wonderful opportunity of our youth to worship with other students from their school.
- **Every Wednesday Morning - PAW (Prayer & Worship) - Springboro Intermediate & Junior High:** 6th, 7th and 8th graders are gathering on Wednesday mornings with other Christian Youth at their school for a time of prayer and worship. The Junior High meet with Mr. Youst from 6:50 - 7:15 a.m. in his classroom and the Sixth Grade meet with Kirby from 6:50 - 7:20 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room (Band Room). Milk and donuts will be provided.

October Special Events (Look for future e-mails providing more details on events)

- **Sunday, October 2: Scavenger Hunt:** The children and youth of the church are encouraged to participate in this year's Scavenger Hunt from 12:00 noon – 3:30 p.m. We will have a time of fellowship and lunch

right after the second service, then head out to neighborhoods in our community to gather food for our local food pantries.

- **Tuesday, October 4 – Hope House Mission: Center for Women and Children:** Provide dinner and games or crafts for the women and children of Hope House in Middletown from 5:00 – 6:45 p.m. We need a maximum of six youth and one parent to assist in this opportunity to serve. The parent and youth will meet at the church at 4:15 p.m., load the cars and leave by 4:30 p.m. Should be back to the church no later than 7:30 p.m. **Please RSVP if planning on joining us.**
- **Wednesday, October 12 – Lunch with Kirby at Springboro Intermediate:** Kirby will bring drinks and dessert. Each youth is asked to pack their lunch. Also, each youth is encouraged to bring \$1 to support Faisha, our Compassion International sponsored child from Haiti.
- **Friday, October 14 – Haunted Hayride and Black Bog, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.:** Junior High Youth will be having a pizza party at church, then head out to the local Haunted Hayride and Black Bog (assuming it is open this year).
- **Sunday, October 16: God Squad and Mission 56 Corn Maze Trip:** Mission 56 is invited to join the God Squad for our annual trip to a local corn maze. We will leave right after church, stop somewhere for lunch, then head to the corn maze for a time of fun and fellowship.

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Junior High Continued

- **Wednesday, October 26 – Lunch with 7th/8th Grade at Springboro Junior High:** Kirby will bring drinks and dessert. Each youth is asked to pack their lunch. Also, each youth is encouraged to bring \$1 to support Faisha, our Compassion International sponsored child from Haiti.
- **Friday, October 28 – Mission 56 and Junior High Halloween Party and Bonfire:** The Tiffins have invited all youth, grades 5-8, to their home for our second annual Halloween Party/Bonfire from 7:00 pm – 11:00 p.m.



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 October 9, 16 and 30. On October 2, they will participate in the All Youth Scavenger Hunt to collect food items for local food pantries. In addition, we will be selling Elder Beerman Community Day booklets as a fundraiser (see article on page 6). Looking ahead, our Box City will be held on Saturday, November 5. Please watch for text messages with details on all upcoming events.

**Nicaragua Missions**

We would like to extend a huge thank you for your contribution to the Volunteer In Mission Nicaragua mission trip. The money that you gave will do a great deal for the local residents that we serve. The generosity of the church congregation and United Methodist Men has resulted in about \$1,400 being collected. What a generous church we have! A lot of good and many blessings can be accomplished with that much money. Praise the Lord!

-Jack and Lois Eley

The Gathering

Thank you so much for your support of our VBS Community Quest program in July. We so appreciate the food and volunteers who came to be with us in the midst of your own very busy VBS week. We are truly grateful. Blessings,

-Reba Collins and Your Gathering Friends

Elena Mallett Address

Elena Mallett is currently in Marine Corps basic training. Cards and letters of encouragement can be sent to her at:

Recruit Mallett, Elena A
4th RTBN PLT 4043 Co. P
PO Box 16445
Parris Island, S.C. 29905-6445



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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Volunteer Opportunities Continued

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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.



Senior Volunteers Needed

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.

*“Today, take a moment
to enjoy life in God’s world.
Savor the taste of fruit.
Eavesdrop on a bird and
listen to its song.
Revel in a sunset.*

*Let the world you inhabit inspire you to
worship the One who owns it.*

- Jennifer Benson Schuldt



Wonderful Wednesday Meals

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the main course for Wonderful Wednesday meals. Reimbursement of expenses can be made. We are also in need of a few volunteers to help with clean up each week. If interested, please signup at www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4aa5af23a75-fall.

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!

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.

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.

Otterbein Avalon

The October dates for visits with the senior residents of the Otterbein Avalon community will be Wednesday October 5 and 19. 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).

Shoe Drive

FUMC, Bright Beginnings, A.C.E. and Parent Connection are joining forces again to support a school in North Dayton in desperate need of gym shoes for their children. As a united force we would like to set a goal of 100 pairs of gym shoes (new or like new) youth sizes 10-13 and 1-3. If you prefer to make a donation, you can put it in the offering plate during the church service and mark it "Shoes for Kids", give it to Rebecca in the office or Shelly Houser (A.C.E. and Bright Beginnings mission coordinator). Many thanks in advance for your generosity!

Celebrating an October Birthday

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| 1: Matthew Delbridge | 16: Terry Dickten, Alan Kerrick |
| 2: Jim Hansel, Judy Wilhelm | 18: Harold Masteller, Charles Roderer |
| 3: Erica Miller | 19: Shirley McNeal, Karen DeRosa,
Nathan Hohulin |
| 5: Barbara Mills | 21: Emily Kylin |
| 6: Zach Young | 23: Derek Tincher |
| 7: Jane Gregg, Dick Coyle | 24: Samuel Golconda |
| 8: Christian Dokas | 25: Zach Dunigan, Tessa Sinclair |
| 9: Donna Ronyak | 26: Sue Combs |
| 11: Tyson Long, Theodore Erwin | 27: Katie Veren |
| 12: Tina Yeamans, Steven Yeamans,
Zachary Fry | 28: Devin Cook, John Golconda |
| 13: Daniel Olsen | 29: Faith Hampton |
| 14: Joelle Hammett | 31: Allyson Best, Caitlin Swick |

Celebrating an October Anniversary

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| 2: Jim & Mary Jane Hansel, | 10: Mike & Tina Zimmerman |
| 4: Bob & Mary Ann McIntosh | Daryl Hams & Suzanne Allen |
| 5: Ron and Jennifer Bell | 14: J.R. & Becky Pickett |
| 6: Eric & Vicki Robinson | 16: Bill & Holly Olson |

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

October Volunteers

	Liturgists	Acolytes	Cookies	Altar Flowers
Oct. 2	Open Open	Open Dean Dershem	Cornerstone Class	Stephanie Binde- mann, Sue Wade
Oct. 9	Open Becky Pickett	Noah Townsend Faith Hampton	Open	Jane Gregg
Oct. 16	Open Joy Mindling	Open Dean Dershem	Open	Lois Cox
Oct. 23	Open Beverly Haun	Open Dean Dershem	Open	Open
Oct. 30	Open Jane Gregg	Open Dean Dershem	Open	Judy Wakelee



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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

