

The Messenger

April 2015



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Casual Saturday night worship with the *Springs* at 5:30 PM

Sunday morning worship and Sunday school at 9:15 AM

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A word from Pastor Suzanne...

Dear friends,

During the 40 days of Lent we have engaged in solemn spiritual disciplines such as fasting and prayer in order to focus on the sacrifice that Christ made for us. On Easter Sunday we will celebrate the joy and victory of Jesus Christ and the decisive triumph of his resurrection. In this cosmic event we see God's ultimate power and authority over evil, death, and all that would separate us from God and life, love, hope, truth, beauty, and goodness.

Often we observe Easter Sunday and then move back into what feels like the ordinary routine. But Easter Sunday is only the beginning. It marks the start of the Easter Season, which lasts for 50 days until the Day of Pentecost. It is a 50 day celebration. It reminds us that we are Easter people, people of hope, joy and victory. The celebration is longer than the time of sacrifice and self denial. The colors of the season that you will see in the sanctuary are white and gold, symbolizing holiness, purity, joy, royalty, and victory over death.

As a congregation of Easter people, we will be making an even greater effort to celebrate the whole season of Easter this year. We have chosen to move our Easter egg hunt and Easter party to the Sunday after Easter. If someone questions why we're doing this, take the opportunity to tell them that Easter is more than a day, it is a season, and a way of life. Our children will share their Easter program on Saturday April 25th as part of the Saturday evening service. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, especially those with children, to hear the Easter story. In worship we will be focusing on the book of 1 John which teaches us to love one another as God has loved us. You will find lots of signs of new life and resurrection around the church during the Great 50 Days of Easter.

I encourage you to find a way to celebrate the Great 50 Days...eat a chocolate egg or jelly bean every day, do a good deed every day, find one way to give thanks and celebrate God each day. We have so much to celebrate. We are Easter people!

Happy Easter!
Pastor Suzanne



Worship In April

April 4th-5th: Easter Sunday!

Scripture:

Message: Living the Easter Life

April 11th-12th:

Scripture: I John 1:1-4

Message: Eternal Life

April 18th-19th:

Scripture: I John 1:5-2:11

Message: Walking in the Light

April 25th-26th:

Scripture: I John 2:12-27

Message: Choosing What You Can Love Forever



April Events

- 1-5: Interfaith Hospitality Network Hosting
- 2: Maundy Thursday
- 3: Cross Walk /Good Friday
- 4 & 5: Easter services
- 6: Covenant Bible Study
- 7: *Matthew for Everyone*
- 7: SPRC Meeting
- 8: Parent Connection
- 8: Choir and Handbells
- 11: Women in Faith
- 12: Easter Party
- 13: Covenant Bible Study
- 13: Mission Team
- 13: Administrative Council
- 14: *Matthew for Everyone*
- 14: WIF Bible Study
- 14: Stephen Ministers
- 15: Clearcreakers
- 15: Choir and Hand Bells
- 16-18: Bob Evans Fundraiser
- 17: Movie Night
- 18: Church Spring Clean
- 19: Youth Group
- 20: *Understanding Grief* class
- 20: Covenant Bible Study
- 21: *Matthew for Everyone*
- 21: Trustees
- 21: Building Committee
- 22: Choir and Hand Bells
- 24: Easter Play Rehearsal
- 25: Easter Play
- 25: Youth Pancake Dinner
- 26: Youth Pancake Breakfast
- 27: UMM Bible Study
- 27: Covenant Bible Study
- 28: *Matthew for Everyone*
- 28: Stephen Ministers
- 29: Choir and Hand Bells

See details in this newsletter



Lay Leader Report

After the intense winter it is so good to be thinking spring. As I write this in March, we are thrilled to see daffodils and crocus sprouting in our yards. Trees are full of buds and anxious to pop forth with spring leaves and flowers. God's amazing world is so beautiful in spring.

While our senses yearn for those signs of spring, our hearts turn to Holy Week. It is always so good to worship, praise and thank our God for the events and commemorations of Holy Week. These events include the joy of Palm Sunday, the somber reflections of Mandy Thursday, the pain and great love that was on full display on Good Friday, then the amazing power of God on Easter Sunday. Hallelujah, Christ is Risen!

Looking at training for our laity, our district's Lay Servant Ministries team will offer a set of classes on April 17-18. These include the Lay Servant Introduction class, and a class on discovering our Spiritual Gifts. The Introduction class teaches some basic United Methodist concepts and positions the students to take more advanced classes thereafter. This district class on Discovering Spiritual Gifts is similar to the classes that Rev. Doug Dean leads. But there are differences in the two class offerings. I have taken both and find value in each and have learned about myself in each.

The next class of the Certified Lay Ministry Academy will begin in the fall of 2015. Please see me to discuss what this class means and costs. We can also discuss the ministry that the program enables. Now that I have completed all of the work required to being named a Certified Lay Minister, I look forward to being so named in June at Lakeside. Then I will begin my work in ministry, most likely in Springboro. I am quite excited about this.

We wish a joyous Spring Break for those who are heading out of town during that week. And to all, we wish a joyous and safe Easter.

David Finney

Worship Messages Now Available

Pastor Suzanne's worship service messages are now posted on the church website, fumcof-springboro.org. They are under the "Media" tab.

Wonderful Wednesdays on Hiatus

Wonderful Wednesdays for this school year concluded on March 25. It has been a great year of learning and fellowship with a lot of good food thrown in! Please join us again in the fall when we resume Wonderful Wednesdays.

New Social Group - Dinners 4/8

Dinners 4/8 are groups of six to ten people who gather at least three times over the course of three months for a meal and for fun and fellowship. The purpose of Dinners 4/8 is to help church members meet new people they might not otherwise— new members, old members, Saturday and Sunday service attendees - all get to intermingle. The group is open to everyone. The dinner groups are mixed aged groups and are definitely not a "couples" group. We encourage any singles or widows or widowers to join in also.

Dinners will be held at group members' homes or another location decided by the group. Typically, the host for each month will hold a pot-luck meal at their home providing the meat and a general plan for what they would like people to bring (i.e. dessert, veggie, starch, salad). But it doesn't have to occur that way - the group can decide what works for them! Dinners should be held the second Saturday of each month starting after 7:00 (so Saturday service attendees can participate). Dinner groups will run for a three month cycle, then we will form new groups. If you have any questions, please call Jynn Schlise. For the first round of Dinners 4/8, please sign up on the table in the Fellowship Hall by March 28 or email/tell Jynn. If you can't make the first round, watch bulletins and newsletters for sign ups for future rounds.

Dragons Games

Once again the men's group will work Dayton Dragons games to fundraise. We have raised over \$2,500 annually; with the funds going for church and community needs. This year, we expect to raise even more as the Dragon's organization has given our church an increase in pay based on our excellent work record. We have committed to work 15 games in the suites at Dragons games, with five people needed each of those nights. The 2015 game dates are:

- April 13, 16, 24,
- May 6, 21, 27,
- June 1, 11, 15, 30,
- July 10, 13, 21
- Aug 12, 27

All men and women of the church, age 16 or over, can work. If you are interested please contact John Stalcup .

Spring Clean-Up Needed?

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



Church Groups – Meetings/Schedules

Women In Faith

Women In Faith will meet on Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. for a business meeting. The meeting will be in the music room. The WIF Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.

Clearcreakers Senior Group

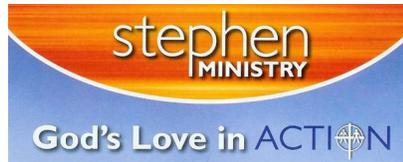
The Clearcreeker's will meet April 15, in Fellowship Hall at 11:30. The program for April will be "The Dulcimer Friends of Caesars Creek". This is a small dulcimer group from Waynesville. We will be having pizza for lunch. Please bring a salad or desert to share and please remember to bring your own eating utensils. Try to join us for some good music, food, and fellowship. If you have questions, please call: Liz Fielder, Vivian Beatty or Clara McLemore.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men will be active during April. We will meet for Bible Study on Monday, April 27 at 7:00. All men and boys of the church are invited to this informal study. We will be in service in three ways during April. First, we will serve breakfast to our church's IHN guests on Saturday, April 4. Then on April 18, we will serve breakfast to the church on Trustee Work Day for the church spring cleaning. Finally, starting on April 13, we will begin our annual fund raising effort as we work in food service during Dayton Dragons baseball games. We carry food and beverage to the suites before and during 15 games. If we are able to staff all 15 games, we will earn over \$3,300 for the season. In 2014, the money we earned at ballgames was dispersed in this way:

- Tithe to church general fund
- Imagine No Malaria
- Freedom Schools in Ohio
- *Strength for Service* devotionals
- Local missions/projects (like SCAC, Redo Day at school, memorial gifts)

For more information on this fund raising effort, please see the article on the previous page. Also, please let John Stalcup know of your interest and availability. We thank John for his wonderful leadership with this important effort.



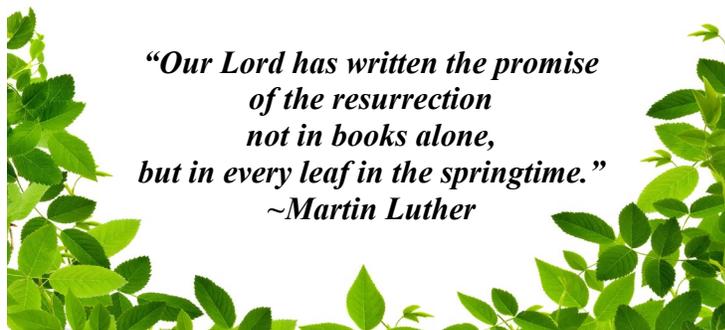
A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them – tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Our Stephen Ministers have received special training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Karen DeRosa, Susan Raihala, or Zandra Woody. *Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!*

Other Group Meeting Dates

- April 7 – Staff Parish Relations Committee – 7:00, Conference Room
- April 13 – Missions Committee – 7:00, Fellowship Hall
- April 13 – Administrative Council – 7:00 Room TBD
- April 14 and 28 – Stephen Ministers, Music room and Senior High Room (on 14th) and Conference Room (on 28th)
- April 21 – Trustees – 6:00, Conference Room
- April 21 – Building Committee – 7:00, Conference Room



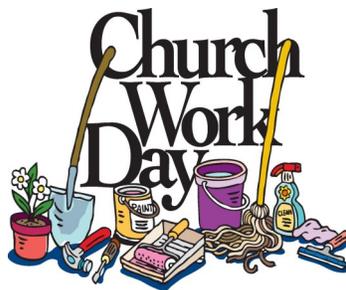


Interfaith Hospitality Network

Due to an emergency need, we will have the Interfaith Hospitality Network families staying with us March 29 through April 5. Please consider giving the wonderful gift of your time and work in preparing meals or doing activities with the children or most importantly, being an overnight host or hostess (the easiest job). An online sign up is available at www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-interfaith3 or you can contact Jennifer Fry. Thank you in advance for opening your hearts to help these families in need during Holy Week.

Pancake Breakfast to Support Youth Programs

The Junior and Senior High will sponsor a pancake dinner/breakfast (depending on the service you attend) on Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26. Pancake dinner will be served after the Saturday evening service on April 25 and after both morning services on Sunday, April 26. Your donations will support the mission work being done in the community by our kids and will support the summer youth mission trip to Logan, WV where we complete work projects in the local community. Mark your calendars and come out to enjoy pancakes with your friends in the congregation. Your support will help build and support our youth programs!



2015 Spring Cleaning Day

Please join us from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 18 for some spring cleaning at the church. Many hands make light work. Please consider giving time for a church spruce up! Sign-up sheets for materials and activities will be in the Fellowship Hall in April. If you are aware of anything that needs special attention, please notify Rebecca in the church office (748-2612 or rebeccafumc@gmail.com). United Methodist Men will provide breakfast for all volunteers starting at 8:30 a.m.

Holy Week, Easter and the Easter Season

As we complete the 40 day season of Lent in which we prayerfully reflect on what Jesus did for us and why, we will continue our “journey” to the cross with Palm Sunday and Holy Week celebrations. Following Holy Week, we will start the most important season of the church, the Easter season, with Easter Sunday services. Following Easter Sunday, we will continue the celebration throughout the season.



- **Palm Sunday, March 29:** We will remember Jesus' journey into Jerusalem and the start of Holy Week. We will have our annual palm waving by the children during services, as well as “Symbols of Holy Week” stations set up for families to visit. During Sunday school and Children's Church, children will be creating resurrection eggs and learning details regarding the events of Jesus' last week before crucifixion and resurrection.
- **Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.**—Service at United Church of Christ, 5 West Mill Street
- **Good Friday, April 3, 11:45 a.m.**—The annual Cross Walk will begin at Covenant Presbyterian, 415 N. Main Street and proceed south down Main Street to the intersection of South Main and Mill Street. At the end of the walk, there will be a short service at United Church of Christ. Join us in the annual procession in remembrance of the walk Jesus took on Good Friday.
- **Easter, April 4, 5**— Services will be held Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:15 a.m. and 10:35 a.m. Please join us as we celebrate Christ's resurrection with special music, flowers and the shared joy of our church family! Please note there will not be Sunday school for the children as we would like families to worship together.
- **Easter Party, April 12**— This year we will hold our Easter Party on April 12, a week after Easter. This will be a great way to continue the joyous celebration of Jesus' resurrection and our salvation. The party will include a pot luck lunch (Family Life Committee will provide the main course), an Easter egg hunt and games. Please bring a dish to share. We are also asking for small, individually wrapped candy donations for the egg hunt. Donations can be left in the basket marked “Candy Donation for Egg Hunt” in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Easter Program, April 25**—The children will be performing an Easter play during the April 25 Saturday service. There will be a play practice and pizza party for participants at 6:00 on Friday, April 24.

Bob Evans Fundraiser

Our Mission Team is holding a Bob Evans Fundraiser on April 16, 17 and 18. And all you have to do is eat! The mission team will receive 15% of your order value for both dine in and carry out orders. A flyer for each diner must be presented at time of checkout. Please pick up copies of the flyer at church or use the copy on the next page of this newsletter. We are not allowed to distribute them on the property. Thanks for supporting our mission team!



Movie Night

The next Movie Night will be on Friday, April 17. You enjoy a night out, while the kids enjoy a night in at the church! Space is limited to 60 children, so call or email (748-2612 or kim-func@gmail.com) to secure a spot for your children. \$10 per child. Everything is included in that price: pizza, drinks, popcorn.

Drop off details:

- We open the doors for drop off at 5:45 p.m. Please enter through the front doors of the church.
- Have your children stay with you until we have collected your registration forms and payment, and have given them a name tag.
- If you have your forms already filled out, this should go quickly.

What happens after you leave:

- Parent Volunteers help supervise the evening. We should have a 1-8 ratio.
- Pizza and drinks are served as soon as you leave, and popcorn will follow during the full length movie.
- The kids will enjoy a newly released on DVD movie.

Pick up details:

- Children **MUST** be picked up by someone on the registration form who has ID.
- We try to do this in an orderly fashion, so we ask that you wait in the lobby as we match you up and have you sign them out.
- Please pick up promptly at 9 p.m.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kim Crosen.

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Graduate Sunday

If you are a senior in high school or college, we want to celebrate your graduation with you! We will be honoring all graduates on Sunday, May 31 during regular services. In order to make sure we do not accidentally leave anyone out, please jot down answers to the following questions so that we can brag a bit about you!



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

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

Bright Beginnings Spring Sing

Bright Beginnings Christian Pre-School will hold their annual Spring Sing fund raiser on Sunday, May 3. This event includes an art show and choir concert by Bright Beginnings' students, and a silent auction with many items to bid on. Everyone is invited to attend.

Relay for Life

May 16 and 17 will be the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life. It is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and fight back against the disease. Once again our church will be represented under the team name Boro Methodist (FUMC). You can join the team or donate at www.relayforlife.org.

Rummage Sale

The Youth Group's annual rummage sale will be held on Friday, June 26 from 8:00 to 2:00 and Saturday, June 27 from 8:00 to 12:00. So now is the time to start cleaning out your closets and basements to help provide donations for the sale. We will start accepting donations on June 14.

The logo features the word "Upcoming" in a green, cursive font, positioned above the words "COMMUNITY" and "EVENTS" which are in a bold, purple, sans-serif font.

Gospel Concert

Parkveiw United Methodist Church in Miamisburg is sponsoring a gospel concert featuring the Scioto Ridge Boys. The concert will be on Sunday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. Parkview UMC is located at 3713 Benner Road, Miamisburg, 45342.

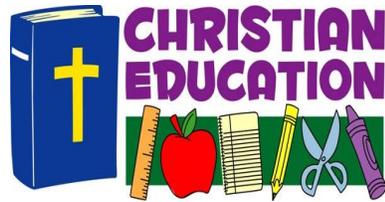
Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra

Church member, Kelly Ronyak, invites you to the upcoming Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra concert *Freedom and Joy*. Dr. Herbert Woodward Martin narrates Abraham Lincoln's profound words of democracy set to music in Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*. Also, Ludwig Van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony will be presented in its entirety. You won't want to miss Beethoven's message of humanity and eternal brotherhood in his final *Ode to Joy*. The single performance will be held on Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m. at Bellbrook High School Auditorium.

An Evening with Chonda Pierce

Chonda Pierce, a Christian comedian, will perform on Saturday, May 9 at Cornerstone Church of God in Lebanon (1004 Columbus Avenue). Tickets are \$40, \$25 or \$18 in advance. Groups of 10 or more can purchase advance tickets for \$10 each. Tickets can be charged by phone at 800-965-9324 or reserved at itickets.com. Please see the flyer on the Mission bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for more information.

*"Life is not intended to be simply a round of work.
A moment's pause to watch the glory of a sunrise or sunset is soul satisfying,
while a bird's song will set the steps to music all day long."
~Laura Ingalls Wilder*



Understanding Grief, Helping Yourself Heal

Pastor Suzanne will offer a five week small group utilizing the very helpful book, *Understanding Grief, Helping Yourself Heal* by Alan Wolfelt. It will take place on Mondays at 7:00 beginning April 20. If you have lost a loved one over the last few years, please consider joining us. You will discover that you are not alone in your journey of grief and that sharing about your grief in a small group setting helps your heart to heal. Please contact Rebecca in the church office to register for this class and let her know if you would like us to order a book for you.

Holy Java

Beginning the Sunday after Easter (April 12), Holy Java will begin a new six week study called *Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You*. When is the last time you thought about the state of your soul? The health of your soul isn't just a matter of saved or unsaved. It's the hinge on which the rest of your life hangs. It's the difference between deep, satisfied spirituality and a restless, dispassionate faith. In an age of materialism and consumerism that tries to buy its way to happiness, many souls are starved and unhealthy, unsatisfied by false promises of status and wealth. We've neglected this eternal part of ourselves, focusing instead on the temporal concerns of the world—and not without consequence.

Bestselling author John Ortberg presents another classic that will help you discover your soul—the most important connection to God there is—and find your way out of the spiritual shallow-lands to true divine depth. With characteristic insight and an accessible story-filled approach, Ortberg brings practicality and relevance to one of Christianity's most mysterious and neglected topics. For more information contact Maria Dershem or just pop in class anytime! For a pre-view of the class, please go online to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L34ZYGLhFMY>.

New Women's Study

We will offer a new Women's Study series beginning in June. We will start with, *Jeremiah: Daring to Hope in an Unstable World*. When we look around at today's world, hope usually isn't the first word that comes to mind. In many ways we live in an unstable world where marriages fail, bank accounts run low, friendships end, and the everyday demands of a fast-paced life get us down. In the Book of Jeremiah, we find God calling out to His people with a message of hope—a message that intentional living is possible even in an unstable world. But how do we do this? Where do we start? Jeremiah offers women hope for living in an uncertain world by learning to navigate the challenges and circumstances of their lives.

This six-week study examines God's words of instruction through the prophet Jeremiah, and provides women six guidelines for intentional living to overcome fear, worry, and doubt as they surrender their will to God's and put their hope in Him alone. Combining rich study of the Book of Jeremiah with practical life application that resonates with the realities and experiences of today's women, this study inspires all women to dare to hope, remembering that God is rich in mercy and love and has good plans for us.

The class will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning June 10 and running until July 15. Preview books are available in the church office for no charge. Sign ups for the class will begin in May. For more information, please see Jennifer Fry.

Cornerstone Adult Class

In April, the Cornerstone Adult Sunday School class will continue studying the book of Hebrews. The class meets each Sunday at 9:15 in the music room. We have lots of discussion and great fellowship. Everyone welcome. For more information, please contact Rosemary Culbreath.

Covenant Bible Study

The current class of Covenant Bible Study will begin the final eight week session on April 6. Pastor Doug Dean will begin the series again later in 2015 for anyone who was not able to make the first offering.

Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton

From participants of the last two classes...

"This class was so enjoyable and just what the doctor ordered (actually I believe it was more what God ordered)..."

"Great format, safe environment, my favorite class in years! Thank you!"

"This class has saved my life and is causing me to be a better Christian."

The Bible is an amazing, confusing, complicated, simple, difficult, easy book to read. It challenges, stresses, pushes, and shapes us as God reveals each new thought and idea to us. We find ourselves embracing new thoughts and abandoning old ones as we strive to grow deeper in our understanding of Holy Scripture and of God's plan for us and our world. This book is designed to do what it says: help you find a way to make sense of the Holy Bible.

Take the journey. It begins on Wednesday night, June 10, and continues for five more Wednesdays, ending on Wednesday, July 15. Six weeks that can bring you closer to God. Pastor Doug leads. Limited to ten. See Pastor Doug for details. You will need to read chapters one through seven for the first session. See Rebecca in the office to order books. The book is also available from Cokesbury in electronic form.

Matthew for Everyone

Pastor Suzanne's Bible study, *Matthew for Everyone* meets each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in learning more about the class, please contact Rebecca in the church office (748-2612 or rebeccafumc@gmail.com).

Summer Sunday School

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

VBS 2015

As we move into spring, it's time to start planning for Vacation Bible School. It takes several months of planning to pull off the wonderful program that helps bring God's word to many children both within our church and the greater Springboro community. Our evening session will be held the week of July 20-24 from 5:45—8:45 p.m. Our morning session will be the following week, July 27-31. Volunteer sign-ups will be in future bulletins and Decorating Days will begin soon. Given below is a list of supplies that will be needed to make this two wonderful weeks. We will begin taking your donations in early summer. Thank you for your continued support of this great outreach program for children.

- Cardboard rolls (toilet paper, paper towel, gift wrap rolls, etc.) - 1000
- Tempra Paint—5 to 10 bottles
- White Printer Paper—3 reams
- White Cardstock—5 reams
- Cardstock in multiple colors—5 reams
- Clothespins—500
- Popsicle sticks (1000 large and 1000 small sized)
- Markers
- Paper plates - 500
- Tissue paper in different colors
- Pipe cleaners - 1000
- Straws, multicolored—1000
- Fabric scraps (~ 6 inch squares or larger) - 350
- Glitter—5 to 10 bottles
- Magnet tape—10 rolls
- Flower Seeds—1 large bag
- Topsoil—1 large bag
- School Glue—10 large bottles
- Newspapers
- Rubber bands—700
- Black, yellow, green, and red construction paper—5 reams
- Small and large craft puff balls
- Googly eyes for crafts - 1400
- Dot dobber markers—lots
- Large Bowtie Pasta—2 bags
- Yarn—2 or 3 rolls
- Narrow painters tape—5 rolls
- Watercolor paints
- Construction paper, varied colors
- Plastic table cloths—4
- Baby wipes—3- 4 containers
- Paper towels—3 to 4 rolls



Methodist Summer Camps

Registration is open for the West Ohio Conference's annual summer camp program at the three beautiful camps - Camp Wesley, Camp Otterbein and Camp Widewater. The excitement and joy of going to camp allows every child to hear and respond to God's call in their life and will encourage young hearts in understanding their call from Jesus. Whether it is in one of the new kayaks, singing praise songs at an evening worship service, or seated around a crackling campfire, God uses these and many other moments at camp to foster spiritual growth in real and transforming ways. Our program guide and video can't help but get you excited about camp! More information at westohiocamp.com.

Summer Creation Camps

First United Methodist Church, in conjunction with Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool and A.C.E. (Active Christian Exploration), is excited to offer summer camps to help enrich and expand a child's summer experience.

This summer's theme is Adventures in Action. Each day will be a hands on experience as we undertake new adventures through games, cooking, science, art and more. Registration will begin soon.

Details on the camp offerings found on next page.

Creation Camp Offerings—Adventures in Action

- **Half-Day camps (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) - \$82 per week** Offered throughout the summer for children aged 3 yrs.-5th grade. During the morning children will begin in a large group setting where they will hear the bible verse, sing silly songs, learn fascinating facts and relish in the wonder of our world. Afterwards we will separate into age appropriate groups and explore through art, games, cooking and science stations as we create, experiment, play and discover.
- **Full Day camps (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) - \$147 per week* (includes 1/2 day camp)** Offered nine different weeks throughout the summer for children in K-5th grade. During the morning children will participate in half day camps. Afternoons will consist of field trips, special visitors, in depth projects and more! Parents provide a packed lunch daily.
- **Extended Day camps (6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.) - \$173 (5 days)*, \$137 (3 days)* per week (includes 1/2 day and full day camps)** Allows children (K-5th) who need care before /after regular camp times to come in between 6:30-9:00 a.m. and to stay as late as 6:30 p.m.

***There may be incremental fees based on additional costs of field trips**

Camps:

Half Day, Full Day, Extended Day available all weeks

June 8-12: **Everest!**

June 15-19: **Stunts and Feats!**

June 22-26: **Jungle Safari!**

June 29-July 3: **Scuba Splash!**

July 6-10: **No camps offered**

July 13-17: **Wheels!**

July 20-24: **Amazing Race!**

July 27-31: **G-Force VBS!** (AM session is VBS)

August 3-7: **Camping and Creeking!**

August 10-14: **Sports of All Sorts!**

Please note that we are CLOSED July 6-10

Our regular A.C.E. (Active Christian Exploration) program begins the week of August 17. Our Preschool classes begin the week of August 31.

Contact us: 937-748-2612, kimfumc@gmail.com



Bright Beginnings Buzz

The children of Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool enjoyed learning about community during the month of March. Our bible verse was "Love your neighbor as you love yourself" (Mark 12:31). We enjoyed going to children's church with Pastor Suzanne—singing, praying and talking about how we need to care for others, always tell the truth and help one another. We had fun learning about different helpers in our community. Some classes worked with hammers and nails and created like builders do, others made doctor's kits, drove dump trucks in the sand, or explored our weather. The children became meteorologists! A real live dentist, a sheriff and local fire fighters, complete with fire trucks visited our whole school! It was a great month!

In April, the children will focus on spring. They will learn about new life as they watch caterpillars turn into butterflies and grow seeds into flowers. Our Bible verse for the month is "The earth is the Lord's" (Psalm 24:1). We will focus on "new life" and celebrate Jesus' life with God in Heaven. Our spring break will be from March 30-April 7.

Classes are very full for next year already, if you are interested in being a part of our preschool please contact Kim Crosen for an information packet and class availability. Thanks for your support in this growing and worthwhile ministry!

A.C.E.—Active Christian Enrichment

Our A.C.E. kids have had a great time in March traveling through Asia with stops at India, China, Russia and Thailand. If you would like to know more about our A.C.E. before and after school program, please contact Kim at 748-2612.

The Parent Connection

Each month, Bright Beginnings holds special education sessions for parents of students. These are at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with childcare provided. If you would like to attend any of these session, just let Rebecca or Kim know (748-2612).

- April 8: Children and Finances
- May 7: Safe as Necessary, Not as Possible



Kids Who Care (K-2nd grade)

The next meeting for Kids Who Care will be on Sunday, April 19. We will be going out to lunch and then heading over to SICSA for delivery of collected pet items and for a mini-camp. Kids should bring \$10 to cover lunch out and the cost of the mini-camp. We will be back to church at 3:30.

God Squad (3rd and 4th grade)

God Squad will meet on Sunday, April 26. We will begin with lunch following second service then move on to “Stage 2” of our Kindness Project. Watch for details via e-mail and in the bulletin inserts.



Mission 56 & Junior High Youth

I’m looking forward to celebrating Easter with each of you this month and remembering the sacrifice Christ endured for each of us. May you feel his presence and love during the Easter Season!

Yours in Christ,
Kirby

Weekly Activities

- **Sunday Night Youth Group:** The Junior High (grades 7 and 8) Youth will be meeting every Sunday (except for the first Sunday of the month) from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. There will be a time of snacks, fun and fellowship (discussion). Please note—there will not be a meeting on Easter Sunday, April 5.

Activities continued on the next page

Mission 56 and Junior High Youth Activities Continued

Weekly Activities

- **Every Friday - LIFT (Grades 6 - 8):** LIFT (Living in Faith Together) meets after school until 3:30 p.m. at Springboro Junior High 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 and Worship) - Springboro Intermediate and Junior High:** 6th, 7th and 8th graders have the opportunity to gather with 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). Juice and donuts will be provided.

April Special Events

- **Friday, April 3 – Cross Walk – 12:00 noon –** Invite you family to participate in this year's Cross Walk where members of the community carry a cross down Main Street in recognition of Christ carrying his cross for us. This is a very meaningful experience and a great way to start off the Easter weekend.
- **Tuesday, April 7 - Hope House Mission: Center for Women and Children:** Provide dinner and games/crafts for the women and children of Hope House in Middletown from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. We need a maximum of six youth and two parents to assist. The parents 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 pm. **Please RSVP if planning on joining us.**
- **Saturday, April 18 - "The Three" at the YMCA, 6:30-9:30 p.m.:** Springboro youth in Grades 6, 7 and 8 are invited to come to the Coffman YMCA from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 18 for three hours of fellowship and fun. Cost is \$3 for pizza and pop. Youth can swim, play basketball, play games in Teen Center or just hang-out. This monthly event on the third Saturday of the month is hosted by Southwest Church.
- **Sunday, April 12 - Church Easter Party (Grades 5 – 8):** Our Mission 56 and Junior High youth will help make the church Easter party fun for all the younger children. We invited all families to come enjoy the lunch and festivities. Kirby will send out details on the role the youth will take closer to event. Please note, this will replace our normal "Church, Lunch and Fellowship" for the month of April.

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Mission 56 & Junior High Youth continued

- **Wednesday, April 22 - Lunch with Kirby at Springboro Junior High (Invite a Friend):** Kirby will pizza, chips, drinks and dessert. Each youth is asked to bring \$4 for lunch (any extra will go toward supporting Fayou from Haiti).
- **Saturday, April 25 – Easter Program – Church, Dinner and Fellowship:** Join Kirby for the Saturday evening service where children from our church, including members of our Youth Group, will present the Easter Program. Afterwards we will assist Kim with putting everything away, if needed, and then partake in the pancake dinner served by the Youth (this is a fundraiser supporting the Summer Mission Trip). After dinner, we will have a time of fellowship and fun. Should be done around 8:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 29 - Lunch with 6th Graders at Springboro Intermediate (Invite a Friend):** Kirby will pizza, chips, drinks and dessert. Please bring \$4 for lunch (any extra will go toward supporting Fayou from Haiti).

**Outreach Project – Please support Fayou,
our Compassion International Sponsored Child**

Each time our Youth get together, whether for Sunday School, Youth Group, lunch or special events, each member of our youth group is encouraged to bring in \$1 to help support our sponsored child, Fayou from Haiti. Each month, we send \$38 to Compassion International to help support Fayou and provide for her education and personal well-being. Additional gifts are sent for birthdays, Christmas and Easter. Kirby is committed to making sure the financial support and gifts continue for many years to come. Your support in helping him provide for Fayou is greatly appreciated.

Senior High Youth Group (9th—12th grade)

The Senior High youth are beginning to plan for their summer mission trip. This year, they will be working Detroit. The dates of the trip are July 6 - 12. We will stay at the Central Methodist Church and be supporting the NOAH Project (a meal provider for the poor and homeless) along with supporting works projects inside the church and the community. A parent meeting was held in March but it is not too late to sign up. Please contact Brian Schlise at 937-272-6167s for more information.

Senior High Youth will also help church members with spring yard work (see page 5). Please watch for texts from Brian for specific dates and times to help.



Opportunities to Take Off in Faith!

Building off our Rally Day theme “Flight School—Take Off, Aim High and Soar with God”, we encourage everyone in our church family to “Take Off in Faith” through the various volunteer opportunities available. Please contact Rebecca in the church office (748-2612 or rebeccafumc@gmail.com) unless otherwise noted if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

- **Children’s Ministries:** Our children’s ministries are in need of leaders to help with various programs we offer. This is a great way to get to know the children and help them and you take off in faith! If you are interested in helping a little or a lot, please let Kim Crosen know.
- **Kroger Community Rewards Program:** If you haven’t already, please remember to register our church as your Kroger Plus Community Rewards recipient at Kroger.com.
 - * Sign in (if already a member) or create an account (select “Register” in the upper right corner)
 - * 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 this program, the church will earn a quarterly check based on purchases by Kroger Rewards customers. There is no cost to you to participate in the program. Questions, please contact Mariel Pesavento at 513-855-4243.
- **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. Pastor Suzanne will bless the finished shawl. 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. You must re-register each year for the donation to be made. 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: <http://www.dorothyane.com/clubdlm/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 and Members:** The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers to help host on Sundays between the services. Hosting involves making coffee and punch and putting out cookies to share between services. We are also seeking individuals who may want to help us with just one or two events per year (e.g. Chili Cook-off, Rally Day, etc.). Please contact Cindy Hunsaker if you are interested in helping.
- **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/60B054AAAAF2BA46fellowship/7328927. 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.
- **Church Historian:** Do you like scrapbooking? Then, this volunteer opportunity is for you! The church needs a Church Historian to keep an organized collection of materials and photos documenting the life of our church.
- **Funeral Meal Coordinator:** When families experience the loss of a loved one, FUMC hosts a funeral meal for the family and friends attending the service. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who provide food for the meals. However, we are in need of someone who would be willing to help coordinate the funeral meals. This person ensures volunteers are called, needed supplies are purchased and set-up and clean-up teams are in place. If you are called to volunteer, please contact the church office.
- **Greeters:** We are in need of people interested in greeting prior to services on the four 5th Sundays each year. We also want to build a list of substitute greeters who could help out occasionally when regular greeters are not available.

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.



Nicaragua Missions—Additional Opportunity

The organization that Jack Eley works with for his annual Nicaragua mission trip is in need of sponsors for the children to attend the Christian school. For the amount of \$360-400, a child will be provided with their Christian education, uniforms, and books for an entire year. If anyone would be interested in becoming a sponsor for a child in Nicaragua, please let Jack or Lois Eley know.

Be the Change

Our A.C.E. before and after school students are collecting quarters to support needy north Dayton students. If you would like to help, the quarter collection jar is in the Narthex.

Easter Candy Donations

We are accepting donations of small, individually wrapped Easter candies to be used for the Easter egg hunt at the Easter party on April 12. Please place them in the marked container in Fellowship Hall





Dayton VA Medical Center

Dear Congregation:

On behalf of the veterans, families and staff of the Dayton VA Medical Center, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for your donation of snacks and books.

Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern that you feel for our veterans and for the service they provided to all of us while in service to our country.

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

Again, thank you for caring.

Sincerely,

Glenn A. Costie, FACHE
CEO/Medical Center Director



April Volunteers

Altar Flowers

April 4/5—Easter Flowers

April 11/12—Gwen Curtner in honor of Rosemary

April 18/19—Marjorie Poff in honor of Cynthia

April 25/26—Lois Cox in memory of Tom Cox

Liturgists

April 4/5—Pastor Doug Dean, both services

April 11/12—Open at 9:15, Kara Hampton (10:35)

April 18/19—Open at 9:15, Joy Mindling (10:35)

April 25/26—Open at 9:15 Jane Gregg (10:35)

Acolytes

April 4/5—Jacob Hams (9:15), Open (10:35)

April 11/12—Open (9:15), Faith Hampton (10:35)

April 18/19—Both Services Open

April 25/26—Both Services Open

Hostess & Cookies

April 5— Open

April 12— Open

April 19— Open

April 26— Open

Please consider making our church just a little sweeter by providing goodies for fellowship time. You can sign up in Fellowship Hall or on line at :
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-fellowship>

*“Remember that you are needed.
There is at least one important work to be done
that will not be done unless you do it.”
~Charles Allen*

Birthdays in April

- 3 – Alice Martin
- 6– Ian Smith
- 7– Maxine Spencer,
Jared Wade
- 9 – Brayden Stull
- 10–Ron Best
- 11–Carol Finney, Jennifer Showalter
- 13–Peg Shimer, Diane McCrystal
- 14–Mary Fogle, Jenna Foley, Judy Cook
- 16–Tim Miller, Debbie Lalich
- 17–Jan Mosch, Jim Ronyak
- 18–Norma Glosser, Gene McCormick,
Cindi Newton
- 19–Kelly Smith, Dennis Smith
- 20–Lindsey Zimmerman
- 21–Linda Tennant
- 23– Thelma Graff, Sidney Long
- 24–Joan Bauman, Sally Shaffer
- 25–Caleb Zimmerman, Kelsey Richard
- 26– Mike Zimmerman
- 27–Shannon Dunigan, Norman Smith,
Steven Smith, Sharon Arndt
- 30–Lauren Moser, Ron Wilhelm,
Maddy Talbot



Celebrating an Anniversary in April

- 5 – Ron & Mary Fogle
- 9 – Kelly & Becky Smith
- 19– David & Barbara Mills
- 21–Jack & Lois Eley
- 24–Dan & Anna Wade
- 25–Gary & Sally Shaffer
- 27–Bob & Kim Crosen,
Mark & Julie Bernatz
Warren & Jane Miller
- 29–Eric & Laura Howard



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

New Mailing Address

Dr. Edwin Jones has recently relocated permanently to North Carolina. He has moved to a United Methodist Church affiliated community near his daughter. His new mailing address is 2600 Croasdale Farm Parkway, A261 The Homestead, Durham, NC 27705. His daughter writes that he would appreciate receiving mail and updates from his church friends.

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"Keeping First Things First!"

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

Matthew 6:33

