

The Messenger

May 2015



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

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A word from Pastor Suzanne...

Dear friends,

Happy Easter! We are still in this joyful season of 50 days that stretches from Easter Day to the Day of Pentecost. It is a season of celebration and of growing in our understanding of and commitment to living in the hope, peace, and joy that is based in the victorious resurrection of Jesus and his presence with us. It is a time in which we move from seeing the resurrected Christ in a historical context appearing to his disciples, to understanding his full authority over heaven and earth, to experiencing his eternal presence within us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Easter season covers many wonderful moments of faith such as Jesus appearing to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and in the upper room, cooking them breakfast after a miraculous catch of fish, giving Peter instructions to “feed my lambs,” and instructing his followers to “make disciples of all nations.”

After 40 days of appearing to them and helping the followers understand his resurrection, Jesus ascends into heaven. On Ascension Weekend, we will remember and affirm what the scriptures and creeds tell us: that Jesus “ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.”

Just before Jesus ascends, he promises to always be with his followers and to send them an advocate and comforter, the Holy Spirit. For ten days they wait in Jerusalem, and on the 50th day after the resurrection, which is also the 50th day after the Jewish festival of Passover, as they celebrated the Jewish festival of Pentecost or Shavuot, Jesus’ promise was fulfilled. The Holy Spirit was poured out on them in a new way and they were empowered to preach the good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Thousands came to faith in Christ that day. This was the beginning of the church as we know it today. Often we talk about Pentecost as the “birthday” of the church.

As we worship, study, and serve together during this joyful season, I pray that we will experience the presence of the resurrected Christ with us in even deeper and more profound ways that will help us to grow in joy, hope, and peace.

Blessings!

Pastor Suzanne



Worship In May

May 2nd/3rd: Holy Communion

Scripture: 1 John 2:12-27

Message: What You Can Love Forever

May 9th/10th:

Scripture: 1 John 3:11-4:6

Message: In Deed and Truth

May 16th/17th: Ascension of the Lord

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21, Acts 1:1-11

Message: Perfect Love

May 23rd/24th: Pentecost

Scripture: 1 John 5:1-13, Acts 2:1-13

Message: The Witness of the Holy Spirit

May 30th/31st: Trinity Weekend

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8, John 3:1-17

Message: The Trinity

MAY Events

- 2: Synergy Presentation
- 3: Bright Beg. Spring Sing
- 3: Grades 5-8th Lunch Outing
- 3: Youth Group
- 4: Covenant Bible Study
- 4: *Understanding Grief Class*
- 5: *Matthew for Everyone*
- 6: Choir and Hand Bells
- 7: Parent Connection
- 10: New Member Reception
- 10: Youth Group
- 11: Finance Committee
- 11: Admin Council
- 11: *Understanding Grief Class*
- 11: Covenant Bible Study
- 12: *Matthew for Everyone*
- 12: Women in Faith Bible Study
- 12: Stephen Ministers
- 13: Clearcreakers
- 13: Choir and Hand Bells
- 15: Roberts Piano Recital
- 16: Women in Faith
- 17: High Attendance Sunday
- 17: Youth Group
- 18: *Understanding Grief class*
- 18: Covenant Bible Study
- 19: *Matthew for Everyone*
- 19: Trustees
- 19: Building Committee
- 20: Choir and Hand Bells
- 23: Parenting Class
- 23: Mission 56
- 24: Church Birthday Party
- 24: That Music Place Recital
- 26: *Matthew for Everyone*
- 26: Stephen Ministers
- 27: Choir and Hand Bells
- 31: Graduate Sunday

See details in this newsletter



Lay Leader Report

Sometimes, change can be threatening. We've all experienced unwelcome change in many forms. But other forms of change are so very welcome. Change like: high school and college graduation; end of school year for younger students; end of school year for school staff; retirement for school employees (well done, Zandra Woody!); the arrival of wonderful perennial flowers like irises and lilacs; and the possibility of new opportunities.

We rejoice with our graduates and their proud families. The future holds many possibilities for our graduates and we pray that the grads will make solid choices and remember to praise and thank God along each journey.

We thank our God for the beauty of spring. Warmer days, green lawns and fields. Blooming and blossoming trees, the return of perennial flowers, the planting of annual flowers combine to paint a beautiful picture all around us.

At this time, I celebrate new possibilities. I will begin my duties as a Certified Lay Minister after Mother's Day and will be officially recognized as a CLM in Lakeside at Annual Conference. As a newly-minted CLM, I will begin working on a couple fields of focus at FUMC: helping seniors to find ways to serve and helping men to grow spiritually. So look for programs and ministries aimed at either or both of those groups. Which of course means that senior men will receive a double dose.

Annual Conference will take place on the shore of Lake Erie on June 10-13. Our district is still recruiting at-large delegates so it is still possible to sign up to attend and have full voting-rights. So please see me for more information.

May 24 will be a significant day in the life of the church. Aldersgate Day and Pentecost Sunday both occur on that day. We will celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' early followers as recorded in Acts chapter two. Aldersgate Day remembers the date that Methodism founder John Wesley noted that his heart was strangely warmed as he considered Paul's letter to the Romans and the realization the blood of Christ caused Wesley's sin, even his, to be forgiven. Wesley used these words "I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, **even mine**, and saved me from the law of sin and death." So let us celebrate on May 24 as each of us can say, even my sins are forgiven.

Not all change is good and we understand that. But the change described here is exciting. I encourage all to look for the good, look for God in all things.

~ David Finney



New Members

We will welcome new members into our church family on Sunday, May 10. If you are interested in joining the church, please let Rebecca in the church office (748-8675 or rebeccafumc@gmail.com) know so we can make sure to include you.

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. Upcoming game dates are May 6, 21, 27 and June 1, 11, 15, 30. All men and women of the church, age 16 or over, can work. If you are interested please contact John Stalcup .

Church Kitchen

Thanks to our Women in Faith group, we have a kitchen that has been deep cleaned. We ask all who are using the kitchen to please follow a few steps to keep it looking great and working well for all of us:

- Labels are available for items left in the kitchen. Please use them so we know if items are available for general use or are for a specific purpose.
- Please put away items and not leave them on the counters. Also, please dry and store dishes after washing. If you are not sure where something goes, take a best guess and let Rebecca know. If it needs to be moved, she will do so.
- Please check for items before purchasing. We frequently have supplies left from previous events that can be used. This is especially the case for condiments like ketchup and mustard. Please do not buy any plastic forks, napkins or straws. We have an abundance of these items.

Memorial Day

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.



Church Groups – Meetings/Schedules

Women In Faith

Women in Faith have supported several different areas of the church in March and April using the funds we have raised through activities like the Cookie Walk and Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show. We gave gift certificates to the Franklin and Springboro food pantries for inclusion in the Easter baskets they distribute each year. We also recently made a \$1,000 donation to the church to be applied toward the building fund. We continue to work on finding another set of banners for the sanctuary, finding a new Mission Table for Fellowship Hall and restocking the kitchen.

WIF has prepared soup, fruit baskets and cookies for church members who are no longer able to get out as much as they did in the past, usually because of age or serious illness. We have a list of about 15 individuals in our "Friendship Circle" who receive these items. If you know of someone you think would appreciate being included, please let us know.

All women in the church are invited to attend our meetings and become involved in the group. It is a great time of fellowship and service. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m. We will again be cooking for our "Friendship Circle".

Clearcreakers Senior Group

The May meeting will be a special celebration and luncheon for our members commemorating the 35th Anniversary of the Clearcreakers. This meeting will take place one week early, May 13 at 11:30 and will be held at Anderson's "Life Celebration Center". We will have a buffet luncheon and entertainment by the "Storms Creek Blue Grass Band". This banquet center is located by the Anderson Funeral Home near the Franklin Wal-Mart. If you did not sign up for this luncheon at April's meeting, please contact Liz, Vivian or Clara.

United Methodist Men

Our final Bible study for the summer occurred in April, so no such session will be held in May through August. This is because we understand that our guys are busy with many events and chores during the summer. We also understand that the need to grow spiritually is not limited to bad-weather months, so we will work on this.

We are working on a sports-related party to be held in early summer. More details will come regarding this event.



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

- May 11 – Finance Committee – 6:45, Fellowship Hall
- May 11 – Administrative Council – 7:30, Fellowship Hall
- May 12 and 26 – Stephen Ministers, Music room and Senior High Room (on 12th) and Conference Room (on 26th)
- May 19 – Trustees – 6:00, Conference Room
- May 19 – Building Committee – 7:00, Conference Room



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. Auction items will be available after services on Sunday for bidding. The first auction will end at 1:45 and the second at 4:15. Please feel free to join the bidding fun to raise money for our pre-school.

High Attendance Sunday

On Sunday, May 17 during the first service, we will honor children who have achieved high attendance in Sunday School this year. These children have missed fewer than six Sundays of Sunday school from September through May. Children will be awarded with a special pin which has bars to attach for every year of high attendance and a gift certificate for the "K".

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) by Friday, May 22.

Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held in Springboro from 1:00 p.m. May 16 to 8:00 a.m. May 17. This life-changing event 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. Ways you can get involved include:

- **Honor/Remember** – For the month leading up to the Relay, we will display an honor and remembrance board in Fellowship Hall. Please add names, pictures, stories, etc. in honor of those battling and surviving cancer and in remembrance of those lost to this awful disease. This board will then be used as our team banner and displayed at the event.
- **Walk** – Join the team at www.relayforlife.org/Springboro (Team: Boro United Methodist (FUMC)). Or contact Daryl Hams or Zandra Woody. A team member will be on the track for the entire event but you are welcome to walk as much or as little as you would like.
- **Donate** – Sponsor your favorite walker or make a donation to the entire team.
- **Purchase a Luminary** – Luminaries line the track and are lit just after dark in a very moving ceremony of remembering those who lost their lives to cancer.
- **Take Part in the Survivor/Care Giver Ceremony** – Cancer Survivors walk the first lap of Relay followed by those that provide care to them. A reception to honor survivors is held following this lap.
- **Visit the Event** – Relay for Life is a wonderful community event. Please consider stopping by North Park to visit our team and see what Relay is all about. Our team has it's own campsite on the track, so bring a chair and stay awhile!

For more information about Relay for Life, please see the display located in the Fellowship Hall, check out the website www.relayforlife.org/Springboro or contact team captain Daryl Hams or Zandra Woody.

Church Birthday Party!

Pentecost is also known as the birthday of the church and we are celebrating! On Sunday, May 24 our youth groups will be serving birthday cake and punch between services and collecting cake mixes/icing, and small toys that will go to the local food pantries for needy children's birthdays. A collection box will be available throughout the week for donations. The children will also celebrate during Sunday School and Children's Church.



Rummage Sale

The Youth Group's annual rummage sale will be held on Friday, June 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.

Late April Reminders

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!

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.

Warren County Prayer Breakfast

The Warren County 19th Annual National Day of Prayer Breakfast will be on Thursday, May 7, 2015 from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. at the Hillcrest Baptist Church, 820 Central

Ave. in Carlisle. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Reservations should be made by April 30. Please call the Countryside YMCA at 513-932-1424, Hillcrest Baptist Church 937-746-4248, or Warren County Commissioners Office 513-694-1254. Please see flyer on bulletin for more information.

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Centerville Community Band

Centerville Community Band has a full schedule of concerts over the next few months.

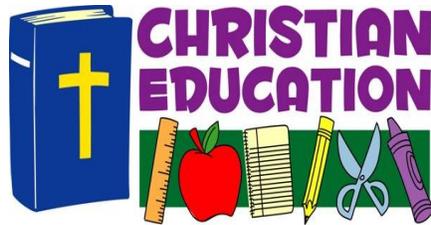
- April 26, 2015, 3:00 p.m. - Combined concert with New Horizons Band at Temple Beth Or, 5275 Marshall Road
- May 2, 2015, 12:00 p.m. - Warren County Career Center for their community day
- July 3, 2015, 7:00 p.m. - Americana Concert at Stubbs Park in Centerville
- August 8, 2015, TBD - Westerville Concert
- August 16, 2015, 7:00 p.m. - Concert at Stubbs Park in Centerville
- September 16, 2015, 7:00 p.m. - Children's Concert, Benham's Grove

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*. The performance will also include Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*. The 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.



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 are available online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-womens1> or you can contact Rebecca in the church office (rebeccafumc@gmail.com or 748-2612). For more information on the class, please see Jennifer Fry.

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. To sign up, please either let Rebecca in the church office know or go online to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-making2>. You will need to read chapters one through seven for the first session. See Rebecca in to order books. The book is also available from Cokesbury in electronic form.

Holy Java

Holy Java continues their six week study called *Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You* through May 17. This study is by bestselling author John Ortberg. It 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.

Please watch the weekly bulletin inserts for information on the next study Holy Java that will begin at the end of May. For more information on Holy Java, contact Maria Dershem or just pop in class anytime!

Cornerstone Adult Class

In April, the Cornerstone Adult Sunday School class will finish their study of 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.

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!

Methodist Summer Camps

Registration is open for the West Ohio Conference's annual summer camp program at 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.

This year, "One Day Adventure" camps are offered on June 8 and 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These are the perfect way to get a glimpse of what happens during a week at camp. The cost is only \$10 and is available for ages 6 to 12. For more information on both the one day and full week camps, please go to westohiocamp.com.

VBS 2015

Registration for our 2015 Vacation Bible School is now open! To register, please go to 2015.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcspringboro. 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 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

As always, VBS can not happen without a dedicated crew of volunteers. Please consider sharing your time and talents. Volunteers may sign-up using the link given above. Decorating Days will begin soon. Listed below are craft supplies needed to help 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



Kids Who Care (K-2nd grade) and God Squad (3rd and 4th grade)

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



Mission 56 & Junior High Youth

What an incredible Easter Season we are having at FUMC and the youth have been actively involved in every aspect of this celebration. A big "Thank You" goes out to the youth for their assistance with the Easter Party, Kim's Movie Night, the Pancake Dinner/Breakfast and Easter Program this past month. More importantly, I hope you took some time to know Jesus more and felt his love and presence in your life.

Yours in Christ,
Kirby

Weekly Activities

Sundays— Youth Group: The Junior High (grades 7 and 8) Youth meet 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).

Wednesdays - Prayer and Worship (PAW): 6th, 7th and 8th graders gather at their school for a time of prayer and worship. The Junior High meet with from 6:50 - 7:15 a.m. in Mr. Youst's classroom and the Sixth Grade meet with Kirby from 6:50 - 7:20 a.m. in the Multi-purpose (Band) Room.

Fridays - 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.

Mission 56 and Junior High Youth Activities Continued

May Special Events

- **Sunday, May 3 - "Church, Lunch & Fellowship" (Grades 5 – 8):** Please join Kirby for the 10:35 a.m. Sunday morning service. Following the service, the youth will go out to lunch together, then either return to the church or go to a special location for a time of fun and fellowship. We should be done no later than 3:00 p.m. **Parents** - Kirby could use at least one volunteer to assist him for the lunch and activity time. You may need to drive youth to lunch if there are too many for the bus. **Please RSVP if you are willing and able to help.**
- **Tuesday, May 5 - Hope House Mission: Center for Women and Children:** Provide dinner and games or crafts (or play outside) 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 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, May 13 - Lunch with Kirby at Springboro Intermediate (Invite a Friend):** Kirby will bring pizza, chips, drinks and dessert. Each youth is asked to bring \$4 for lunch (any extra will go toward supporting Fayou from Haiti).
- **Saturday, May 16 - "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, January 17 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 3rd Saturday of the month is hosted by Southwest Church.
- **Saturday, May 16 – "Engage Your City":** Looking into serving our Community. More details to come.
- **Sunday, May 17 - "The Summit"** - The next Summit South is happening at Liberty Heights on Sunday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. A great experience where youth from Warren County come together and worship God. There is NO cost!
- **Wednesday, May 20 - Lunch with Kirby at Springboro Junior High (Invite a Friend):** Kirby will bring pizza, chips, drinks and dessert. Each youth is asked to bring \$4 for lunch (any extra will go toward supporting Fayou from Haiti).
- **Saturday, May 23 – Mission 56 Gathering:** Join Kirby for the 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening service, then we will share a time of fun, food and fellowship. The evening will end around 8:00 pm.

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

This year, the Senior High youth mission trip will be in Detroit from July 6 to 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.



Bright Beginnings Buzz

In April, the children learned about spring and the earth! "The Earth is the Lord's" (1 Corinthians 8:22) was our Bible verse for the month. We planted, worked with dirt, sand, flowers and more. Pastor Suzanne led us in Children's Church again this month, leading the children in an exciting and meaningful mini-worship experience full of music, prayer and scripture. The children had a lot of fun creating various art projects, planting plants and more. They had visits from the Rainbow Lady. All in all, it was an exciting month!

In May, the children will be learning about animals and insects! Visits from animals will be exciting. In addition, we'll be holding our annual "Spring Sing and Art Show" concert and silent auction fundraiser, a carnival and graduation!

A.C.E.—Active Christian Enrichment

Our A.C.E. kids had a great time in April focused on spring! With the nice weather and school breaks, they spent a lot of time outside and on fieldtrips, including to GAC Fitness, the K and local parks. 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

The final Bright Beginnings special education session for parents of students will be on May 7. The program is *Safe as Necessary, Not as Possible*. The sessions 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).

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 is now underway. Details on each week's camp theme and a link to the registration form are available on the church website (fumcof.springboro.org) under the "Events" tab.

Creation Camp Offerings

- **Half-Day camps (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) - \$82 per week** 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)** 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
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



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.

- **Renewal Needed—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. If you have already registered, an annual renewal is required. Please renew by May 1 so we can continue to receive community rewards.
 - * 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.
- **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.
- **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 at 937-550-9412.
- **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.dorothylane.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 Yeaman at trperr@gmail.com or at 937-550-9568.
- **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 at Cindy.Hunsaker@teradata.com or call 937-903-0848 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 first service 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.



May is a "Five on the 5th" Month

In early December, Rev. James Freshour delivered a ministry moment about UMCH Family Services in Columbus. This outreach program of the United Methodist Church finds, provides and strengthens homes for children. The organization is a comprehensive provider of community-based adoption, foster care and family mental health services to children at risk for abuse, neglect and mental illness. In 2015, our Holy Java

Class is asking our church to participate in UMCH Family Services' "Five on the 5th" program. On the four months with five Sundays, they ask people to make a \$5 donation to the organization. The funds collected will be used to help the organization provide faith-based children's and family mental health treatment in Ohio. The second of the four fifth Sundays in 2015 is May 31. If you would like to contribute on that Sunday, simply place the \$5 donation in one of the pew envelopes and mark it UMCH Family Services.

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.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Fund Raiser

On July 4, 2015, Interfaith Hospitality Network of Warren County will hold a Run 4 Home 5K and Kid's Fun Run. The event will be held at Warren County Armco Park. The 2014 Run 4 Home hosted 300 runners and walkers and raised \$15,000 in much needed funds. The goal for this year is to have 500 participants and raise \$25,000. IHN is currently seeking sponsors for the event. Sponsorships are available for \$150, \$250, \$500, \$750 and \$1,000. If you are interested in sponsoring, please see Rebecca in the church office for details and a copy of the form.



Cards Requested

Jered Pritchett began basic training a few weeks ago. He would appreciate cards and notes from home. His address is:

PRITCHETT, JERED
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4TH PLT "LEGION"
5970 S. Boundary Road
Fort Sill, OK 73503

Jackson Area Seed Ministry Collection Results

Wow! The people of the Jackson area should have a bumper crop this year. We collected 238 seed packets and \$87 (\$40 of which helped defray shipping costs). Thank you to all who contributed! Also a special thanks to Lois Eley who led the collection effort.



From Jackson Area Ministries:

“Thank you for your recent gifts of vegetable seeds and \$47 to the Gardening Program of Jackson Area Ministries. Without gifts such as yours we would not be able to help over 3,000 families in southeast Ohio raise their own fresh produce....It is amazing how the gift of seeds can impact so many lives. We are glad you are a part of our ministry.”

Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show

Women in Faith would like to thank everyone for their help with the spaghetti dinner and talent show. So thank you to those who helped prepare and serve the food, to all those who brought in cakes for dessert and to those who shared their talent in the show. Special thanks are due to our youth for serving the dinner, to Vicki Kuhn and Peggy Grimes for accompaniments and leading the sing along, to Devin Cook for projecting the talent show lineup, to Brian Schlise for being the emcee and to Barb Mills, who took charge of the kitchen for this event and Judy Cook, who organized the talent show. This very enjoyable time for everyone raised \$350 for WIF mission work!

Easter Meals

Our Mission Team would like to thank everyone who contributed to the donation of items for our Easter meals for local families through the Springboro and Franklin Food Pantries. We were able to provide meals for 137 families. A special thank you to Women in Faith and United Methodist Men for making significant financial contributions and to Stephanie Bindemann for leading the effort.

From Franklin Area Community Services:

“Your generous donation to the Franklin Area Community Services (FACS) on March 27, 2015 of 97 Easter meal bags including \$10 Kroger cards is greatly appreciated. It will help us to continue providing assistance to our clients with their basic human needs.”

Thank You's Continued

From West Ohio Conference

To the Saints of Springboro First United Methodist Church,

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way..." - 1 Corinthians 1:4-5

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During these days of Lent we look forward with anticipation to the feast of Easter and new life through the Risen Christ. Thank you for all that you do to share the gift of this new and abundant life as you "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

We do not do this work of disciple making and transformation alone. We are a connectional church. One expression of this is our connectional giving opportunities. Through our connectional giving we partner together to support, equip and strengthen local churches, community outreach ministries, develop leaders and participate in global missions. Together we are literally sharing the Gospel near and far in word and deed. I hope you will take the time to visit www.westohioumc.org to see and rejoice at the many ways your faithfulness in connectional giving is making disciples of Jesus Christ, renewing the church and changing the world.

Most of all receive this note as a "shout-out" saying "Thank You and "Well Done" for participating in our connectional giving covenant at 100% in 2014. I know it wasn't always easy to get there but you persevered and the church and the world are different because of your generosity and faithfulness.

Your servant in Jesus Christ,
Gregory V. Palmer, Resident Bishop

Personal Thank You

The Olson Family would like to thank our church for all the cards and condolences as well as the meals offered to them following the passing of Bill's mother on Good Friday. It is wonderful to be part of such a caring Christian family.

- Bill, Holly, Daniel and Rachel Olson

Celebrating a May Birthday

1 - Daniel Miller	14- Will Hampton
2 - Adam Wilhelm	15 - Lois Eley
3 - Janet Jackson	16 - Leigh Anne Tennant, Lois Cox, Rebecca Delbridge
4 - Sharon Griffith, Kevin Houser, Tina Stafford, Julia Miller, Jane Cook	18 - Allison McCormick,
6 - Zach Miller, Shelly Houser, Ruth Crane	19- Kim Crosen
7 - Hannah Richard	21 - Greta Talbot
8 - Eric Thomison	22 - Erik Kogler
10 - Linda Pierce, Bill Combs	25 - Joy Mindling, Annette Eng, Amber Stull, Dusty Dershem
11 - Kyle Woodall	28 - Alex Bindemann
12- Emily Kline, Bob Lulich, Jessie Hall, Loren Foley	30 - Ashley Bauman
13- William Potts	31 - Ed Kuhn, Rory Houser

Celebrating a May Anniversary

5- John & Susan Stalcup	27-Terry & Kristy Shetterly
7- Alan and Stephanie Bindemann	29-Ted & Greta Talbot, David & Retta Willis
8 -Kevin & Shelly Houser	30-Mike & Kara Hampton,
9 - Michael & Tracy Stull	
13-Bob & Sandy Moser	

May Volunteers

	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Cookies</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>
May 3	Belinda Mallett Kirby Cain	Open @ 9:15 Helen Tiffin	Tina Yeamans	Jason Pickett Family
May 10	Open @ 9:15 Beverly Haun	Noah Townsend Open @ 10:35	Open	Jessie Hall
May 17	Kirby Cain Becky Pickett	Open @ 9:15 Faith Hampton	Open	Belinda, Ivan & Elena Mallett
May 24	Doug Dean both svcs	Open	Cornerstone Class	Cornerstone Class
May 31	Susan Raihala Jane Gregg	Open	Open	David & Retta Willis

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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

