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Join us for worship each weekend:

Casual Saturday night worship with *Springs* at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday morning worship and Sunday school at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday worship and children's church at 10:35 a.m.



A word from Pastor Suzanne...

Dear friends,

The events in Charleston just a few weeks ago have added another layer of grief and intensity to our country's complicated racial history and present reality.

We know that while we have come a long way since the days of segregation and the Civil Rights movement, we are not where we hoped we would be in terms of race. Our country still does not look like the Kingdom of God banquet where every child of God is welcome, cherished, and sits side by side knowing that only together do they truly reflect the beauty and grace of God. Thankfully we have come a long way over the last 50 years and we have caught glimpses of this vision becoming reality. Often it has been faithful followers of Jesus who are listening closely to the still small voice of the Holy Spirit who, regardless of their differing views and backgrounds on race, have been able to come together in grace. This happened earlier this year within our district. People across our district with very different backgrounds and experiences, different politics and beliefs gathered to graciously listen and to seek to understand the others way of looking at the world on the topic of race.

Talking about race is a very personal thing. It is a difficult thing. There are no easy answers. It is easy to jump to conclusions. It is easy to get defensive. But we will not be able to heal and move forward into God's preferred reality unless we work together and follow the example of our district and create "Circles of Grace" around this part of our history and our present reality.

As I have been praying over all of these situations and recent conversations and letters sent out by our District Superintendent and Bishop, it struck me that the bottom line is that to move forward in the church and in our country around issues of race is going to take a whole lot of grace.

Why? Because we all come at these issues from different generational, economic, regional, and familial points of view. Many are still bearing the burden of years of feeling hurt and excluded because of their skin color or their family's history. Many see criticism of the past as criticism of their family heritage. Many are bearing the burden of personal experiences and interactions which have taught them to be wary of others. Many have found that they cling to one particular example as a reason for their views on race. Many have been frustrated because as they have tried to work toward racial equality they have felt as if their efforts have fallen on rocky soil. Many wish they could do more to bridge the racial divide in our country but don't know what to do or how to do it. Many have found that their racial views, understanding of history, and opinions on the topic of race have been undermined by partisan politics and the extreme rhetoric fueled by a 24/7 media. Many have gotten bogged down or frustrated in these sort of discussions rather than using their energy to work toward God's Kingdom reality.

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Worship In August

Worship Series Continuing through August 23rd
 "Restoration in Progress"

August 1st-2nd: Holy Communion

Message: "Restoring the Outside Too"

Scripture: Daniel 1:8-21,
 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

August 8th-9th:

Message: "Figures Don't Lie"

2 Samuel 11:1-15, Ephesians 3:14-21

August 15th-16th:

Message: "Restoring the Kingdom"

Scripture: Luke 10:1-9

August 22nd-23rd:

Message: "Restoring the Earth"

Scripture: Genesis 2:15, Matthew 8:23-27

New Worship Series Beginning August 29th

"The Big Ten+"

Reconsidering the 10 Commandments

August 29th-30th:

Message: "Number 1,2 & 3"

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-6



- 1: WIF Tea House Outing
- 2: "Pie in the Sky" Fellowship Sunday
- 2: Senior High Lunch and Hike
- 2: Grades 5-7 Church, Lunch, Fellowship
- 4: Grades 5-8 Hope House Mission Work
- 4: National Night Out
- 5: Theology Theater
- 5: Choir
- 8: Cornerstone Class Picnic
- 9: God Squad Messy Party
- 9: Grades 6-7 Youth Group
- 10: Synergy Presentation
- 11: SPRC Meeting
- 11: Stephen Ministers
- 12: Theology Theater
- 12: Choir
- 12: ACE Parent Meeting
- 13: Senior High Pool Party
- 14: Kids Game Night
- 15: Grades 4-7 Church, Dinner, Fellowship
- 15: UMM Sports Fun Night
- 16: Senior High Youth Group
- 19: Choir
- 23: Rally Day
- 23: Taste of Stephen Ministers
- 26: Choir
- 29: Senior High Church and Night Out
- 30: Bright Beginnings Meet the Teacher
- 30: Grades 6-7 Youth Group
- 31: Mission Committee

See details in this newsletter

A Word from Pastor Suzanne Continued

And so we give a heavy sigh. What can we do? But then we remember that we have “all sinned and fallen short of God’s glory and are justified by his grace” (Romans 3:23-24) And so we fall on the grace of Jesus. We let that grace wash over us. We extend it to others who think differently than we do. We let go of the past and we look toward God’s future, where all sit together at the Kingdom banquet of grace, laughing, and loving in spite of our differences because we know what’s most important: that we are all God’s children saved by grace and together we are the body of Christ.

Blessings!
Pastor Suzanne

A Letter from Our District Superintendent

June 20, 2015

Grace and peace in the name of Jesus Christ,

Dear friends, in the midst of the tension and turmoil of current events, we are committed to the reconciling work of Jesus Christ. The love of Christ compels His followers to the ministry of reconciliation, drawing all people together as we draw nearer to God. With this in mind, we are called, challenged, and compelled to no longer regard anyone from a human perspective, but from a Christ-centered point of view.

With Christ at the center, fishermen, tax collectors, religious leaders, , employees as well as opponents of the Roman Empire worked side by side to influence the world towards God’s preferred future. This powerful Christ-centered collaborative movement was accomplished in the midst of great change within the given culture. The same opportunity is ours regardless of theological, political, and or socioeconomic status. With this in mind, I am asking you to take action in response to current events.

At the end of last year, communities were divided over the deaths of young African-Americans at the hands of law enforcement. Pastors were especially attuned to the polarized opinions they saw in their congregations, ranging from unquestionable support of the police, to revolutionary calls for total change. In response, a group began meeting, calling their efforts “Come to the Table”, with the goal of bringing people of all perspectives together to listen to one another. In the winter, facilitators specializing in inclusive dialogue were brought in to lead four training sessions, where people shared their different experiences of race and police. We learned to regard one another not from our limited human perspective, but from a Christ-centered point of view.

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This work is galvanized by Bishop Palmer's invitation for us to form "Circles of Grace", wherein we consider "how we can engage the broken chaos of our world with and through the incarnated love of Jesus Christ". This work is all the more important in light of the increased violence in our nation, and the tension not only between communities and the police, but between different factions of city leadership.

We have listened to each other and shared dialogue, and continue to do so as well as take the next faithful action steps. "From Words to Action" is the brand for our next faithful action steps. We have fanned out into four core groups with specific goals surrounding race, police, and community relations, all committed to the ministry of reconciliation with Christ at the center. The four core groups are:

- 1) Strengthening relationships and building partnerships between churches and local police departments.
- 2) Providing opportunity and encouragement for partnership between churches to deepen the dialogue, build bridges across differences, and share in mission and ministry together.
- 3) Mobilizing and organizing to speak collaborative truth to civil authority at all levels of government
- 4) Developing gracious skills for difficult dialogue for courageous change and Holy Currents.

In the more immediate future, Tuesday August 4th is National Night Out, a day where all around the country, police departments partner with their neighborhoods to spend time together and get to know each other. We encourage all Ohio River Valley congregations to look into ways they might participate in National Night Out. The peace of Christ is not complete until justice rolls down for all people, and this can only be realized by embracing God's diverse humanity working in partnership together.

Because unity is so important to the ministry of reconciliation, we will be making available an image that represents our solidarity for distribution in the near future. Friends, please hold us in prayer as well as pray how you may become a partner as we continue our move from words to action, for the welfare of our communities, for the reconciliation of human beings to one another and to God. Will you commit to National Night Out? Will you pray daily for those engaged in these efforts in the ORV? Will you act in solidarity for healing and hope? I pray you will and hope to hear from you soon!

Stay present and encouraged!

Rev. Brian K. Brown, District Superintendent
Ohio River Valley District of the United Methodist Church
4400 Reading Road, Cincinnati Ohio 45229



Lay Leader Report

Earlier this summer I wrote about the Porgy and Bess melody *Summer time, and the livin' is easy*. Well perhaps the livin' is easy, but it certainly has been fast-paced. There is so much going on in our congregation, in our 200 year-old home town and no doubt, in our families.

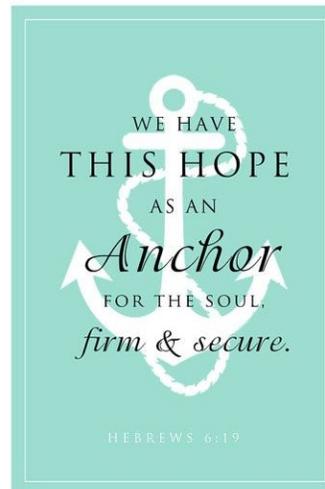
August always puts me in a mindset of transition, especially for those in an educational setting. College students will be leaving their summer homes in just a couple weeks. Some will be leaving home for the first time to begin undergraduate programs as freshmen. I ask all to be in prayer for our new college students and for their families. This is a delightful time, tinged with some sadness, as our young adults leave home and head to school. 19 years ago, Carol and I went through this as we drove our daughter Leah to her campus. Joy, pride, a little fear, and more than a little sadness were present on that day. So I always think of our parents and pray for them as I pray for their grown children at this time.

Our youngest students will also be in transition as 5-year olds begin school. This is the case for Carol and I as our grandchildren will begin kindergarten in August. Like so many before us, we'll take dozens of pictures of the kids leaving their home on that first school bus ride.

High school marching band members will be heading to band camp soon and the school and community sports teams will begin their training for their upcoming seasons. So the pace will heat up even more as practices, games, PTO events, school programs, and some family time all compete for the attention of our parents and kids. Let us do what we can to see that church events, prayer time, Bible readings all continue amidst this rapid life style.

Remember while all of this change is around us, there is a constant: Jesus loves you! There is an anchor of stability as so much swirls around – grab hold of the loving arm of Jesus, and be comforted.

- David Finney





Help Needed to Plan New Family Events

Kim Crosen is seeking a crew of volunteers to help develop several new family events:

- Mother Daughter Princess Party
- Father Son Party (theme to be determined)
- Heroes Mission—family mission opportunities 3-4 times per year

If you would be interested in working with Kim to bring the vision to reality, please contact her at kimfumc@gmail.com.

Dragons Games

The men's group continues working Dayton Dragons games this summer with a goal of raising \$2,500. The funds go to church and community needs. We have committed to work 15 games in the suites at Dragons games, with five people needed each of those nights. The final dates of the year are August 12 and 27. All men and women of the church, age 16 or over, can work. If you are interested please contact John Stalcup at johnstalcup.

Rummage Sale and Sewing Machine

Barb Mills purchased a Huskystar sewing machine at the Youth Rummage sale. The power cord was included but not the foot pedal. If the person who donated the machine still has the foot pedal please contact her. Thank you.

August is a "Five on the 5th" Month

UMCH Family Services in Columbus is an outreach program of the United Methodist Church that 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 third of the four fifth Sundays in 2015 is August 30. 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.

***"Christ gave everything to make something beautiful of His church."
~ Julie Ackerman Link***





Church Groups—Meetings/Schedules

Women In Faith

Women in Faith are on break for the summer. However, some of our members will be getting together on August 1 for afternoon tea at D's Tea House in Bellbrook. We look forward to this summer outing.

The next meeting will be the third Saturday in September at which time we will be making our plans for the upcoming bazaar. The WIF Bible study will resume in September. We will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. If you would like any information on our group prior to then, please contact Judy Cook.

Clearcreakers Senior Group

The Clearcreaker's are on break for the summer. They will resume meetings on September 16. In the meantime, if you would like information

on the group, please contact Vivian Beatty.



A New Stephen Minister Training Class begins in September. If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful ministry of care, please speak with Karen DeRosa, Susan Raihala, or Zandra Woody. Or join us for a Taste of Stephen Ministry... with dessert included!...on Sunday, August 23 at 7:00 in the church (please see page 9).

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men have been active this summer. We served three baseball games in June, two more in July as part of our single fund-raising event of the year. We also served breakfast to our Inter-

faith Hospitality Network guests on July 11 and some of our men served in other roles in support of our IHN guests.

Our final two dates of serving in food service during Dayton Dragons baseball games will be on August 12 and 27. It is through the hard work of our volunteers that the men are able manage a fund through which we enable ministry locally and beyond.

Our monthly Bible studies will resume in late September. Watch for details as the summer wears on.

We will host a Sports Fun Night on August 15 for men of the church. Please see information under *August Events* on page 10.



AUGUST EVENTS

National Night Out

Clearcreek Township Police Department presents a National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4. The event will be at Patricia Allyn Park, 7262 State Route 48 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will be free food and drinks, a bike rodeo, child ID station, Safety Town, bounce houses, music and more.

In support of our District Superintendent's call to be involved with National Night Out, our church will provide volunteers for the event. We need 5 to 10 people willing to work a variety of jobs that evening. Volunteers should arrive by 4:00 p.m. and will receive dinner while being assigned to various stations. Volunteers will also receive a t-shirt to identify them as NNO volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jennifer Fry.

An Invitation for God's Caring People: A Taste of Stephen Ministry

God calls all Christians to care for each other, so if you'd like to learn about becoming a more *confident, skilled and intentional* caring Christian, we invite you to attend A Taste of Stephen Ministry at 7:00 on Sunday, August 23 in the church. We will have dessert and discussion about the new Stephen Minister Training Class starting in September. It's an excellent opportunity to learn what it means to be a Stephen Minister. We hope you'll join us! For more information, please contact Karen DeRosa, Susan Raihala, or Zandra Woody.

Cornerstone Picnic

The Cornerstone Sunday School Class will hold its annual summer picnic at Community Park in Springboro, on Saturday, August 8 at noon. They extend a warm invitation to anyone who may be thinking of attending the class or is simply interested in learning more about the class. Fried chicken, eating utensils and beverages will be provided. Hope to see you there! To sign up or for more information, contact Sonia Demis, Marlene Johnson, Bev Haun or Barb Geiger .



School and church! Let's pack the pews with friends and family during services and Sunday school. Following services, we will serve lunch with the main course and drinks provided. Please bring a covered dish to share. Following the picnic, we invite everyone to an amazing afternoon of fun at church!

Rally Day provides an opportunity for everyone to get excited about learning about going deeper in their faith! We will have games, trivia, crafts, inflatables, food, entertainment and more! All church members are invited. Feel free to invite others in our community!



August Events Continued



Theology Theater

Pastor Doug Dean will host two Theology Theater nights in early August. This is an opportunity to view together two recent, thought provoking movies dealing with relationships. On Wednesday, August 5 the movie will be *The Help* and on Wednesday, August 12 it will be *Selma*. Both will be shown at 7:00 p.m. in the senior high room.

Kids Game Night

On August 14 from 5:45 to 9:00 p.m. Mission 56 will host a *Teen Beach Movie* themed game night at FUMC for children going into 1st through 4th grades. The cost for the evening festivities is \$10, which includes dinner. The money will go to the *Imagine No Malaria* fund. Space is limited to 50. If you would like to sign up or have any questions, please contact Jacob Hams.

UMM Sports Fun Night

On August 15, the men of the church are invited to a Sports Fun Night. We ask those attending to wear some apparel bearing names and logos of their favorite sports teams. The evening will include banter regarding the teams and apparel, card games, and ping pong action. The highlight of the evening will be a video showing of an Aussie Footie match, with commentary from Daryl Hams. Footie is a fun game to watch and is played throughout Australia. We will watch two professional teams have a go at each other. We admire the courage of the crazies who participate in this fast-paced sport. We invite guys of the church to attend this event. This evening will be hosted by David and Carol Finney at their home 1345 Oakhurst Ct, Lebanon, adjacent to Shaker Run Golf Club. More details will appear in church bulletins in August.

Pie in the Sky Sunday

On August 2, the Fellowship Committee will host "Pie in the Sky Sunday". Make sure you check out the selection of pies offered between services that Sunday.



Sept 4–6: Church-wide Camping at Caesar's Creek.

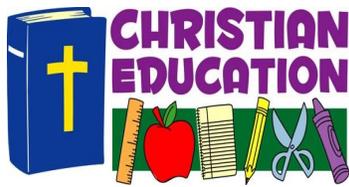
We hope you'll join us for another wonderful time of growing closer to each other, nature, and God with our church annual camping trip.

- Friday p.m.- set up camp, family-style dinner, hike, campfire with s'mores
- Saturday a.m.-breakfast, trail clean-up mission work
- Saturday afternoon-family-style lunch, beach-time, swimming, fishing, games
- Saturday p.m. – family-style dinner, Vesper worship service, campfire with s'mores
- Sunday a.m. - breakfast, break camp

There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall in early August. Please feel free to contact Kara Hampton with any questions or suggestions.

Wonderful Wednesdays begin September 9

We hope you will join us for great food, worship, small groups and fellowship! Dinner will be at 6:00 followed by a short devotional then break out classes beginning at 7:15.



Cornerstone Adult Class

The Cornerstone class will conclude their current study on *The Bad Girls of the Bible* on August 5. Beginning August 12, Bev Haun will lead a study of the book of Esther. You won't want to miss this study of a Bible book that reads like a modern day novel with lots of intrigue, secrecy and romance. The class meets each Sunday at 9:15 in the music room. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Barb Geiger.

Holy Java

On August 2 the Holy Java class begins a new study by Andy Stanley titled *Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith*.

Imagine how different your outlook on life would be if you had absolute confidence that God was with you. Imagine how differently you would respond to difficulties, temptations, and even good things if you knew with certainty that God was in all of it and was planning to leverage it for good. In other words, imagine what it would be like

to have perfect faith. In this study, Andy Stanley builds a biblical case for five things God uses to grow BIG faith. Sessions include:

1. Big Faith
2. Practical Teaching
3. Providential Relationships
4. Private Disciplines
5. Personal Ministry
6. Pivotal Circumstances

Holy Java meets each Sunday at 9:15 in the conference room. For more information and/or to order a class book, please contact Maria Der-shem.

Tuesday Bible Study

Pastor Suzanne's bible study recently completed their study of *Matthew for Everyone*. The group will take a break until September at which time they will begin a new study. If you are interested in joining, please watch for more information in the September newsletter. The class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 in the music room.

Covenant Bible Study

Jennifer Fry will lead a new session of the Covenant Bible Study. The class will be on Monday evenings, beginning September 21. If you are interested in joining the class, please let Rebecca in the church office know so books can be ordered for you (rebeccafumc@gmail.com).

Covenant is an in-depth group bible study in which partici-

pants read and discuss the Bible together, learning how to love God, and each other, better. Three 8-episode segments each explore a different aspect of Covenant life. Each will examine what Covenant means, and the progression of a Covenant relationship with God. Watch for an upcoming video featuring the participants from the most recent group.



Christian Education Continued

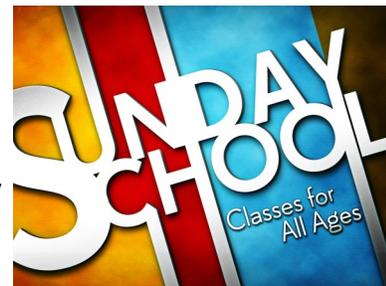
The Call

The first Covent Bible Study group will begin a new Adam Hamilton study about Paul on Thursday, September 10. All are invited to join us as we “follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul’s conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ’s greatest teacher and missionary.” For more information, please contact Jennifer Fry at Jennifer.

Sunday School is a fun and educational way for children to learn the Bible and what Christianity is all about. Summer classes are going on now. Regular Sunday School classes for the 2015-2016 school year will begin August 30. Our Rally Day will be on August 23 (see information in *August Events*). Classes run through the month of May.

- Nursery (room 140)
- 2 and 3 year old class meets in the room next to the Nursery (Rm 138)
- 4 year olds through 4th grade meet in the “Kid Connection” gathering room (Rm. 125) and then separate into age appropriate stations
- 5th and 6th graders meet for a Pre-teen Sunday school class with curriculum specially designed for them (Rm. 132)
- Junior High meet in the “Jammers” room (Rm. 130)
- Senior High meet in the “Couch” room (Rm. 126)
- Cornerstone Class - Journey through the Bible for adults of all ages (Music Rm.)
- Holy Java—Various Bible studies for adults of all ages (Conference Rm.)

Sunday School registration forms will be at the check-in table for Sunday School. Please fill out a new one so that we have correct information and can include your child(ren) on our rosters and you on our e-mail distribution list. Please make sure you check your child in each Sunday morning so we have record of him/her being here. Remember, any child that misses less than six Sundays throughout the school year will be acknowledged on High Attendance Sunday in the spring. Please help us by making sure your child is registered! Thanks!



***Sunday School Classes/
Locations for Fall 2015***

***Sunday School Registration/
Check-in***



Vacation Bible School 2015

Wow! As we go to print, we are about to begin our second week of V.B.S. We are having a wonderful time experiencing God's word. We will host over 250 children during the two weeks of VBS. The word is out that the place to be for summer fun is First United Methodist Church! The children enjoy themselves as they make their way through puppet shows and videos, music, crafts, snack, recreation, storytellers, science and more. We help the children learn how they can put their words into action as they bring in cleaning and toiletry items to help SCAC and Franklin Food banks.

We can't host our two weeks of VBS without our faithful and selfless volunteers! I won't mention everyone here, but for all of your prayers, donations, leadership, computer work, decorating, set-up, tear down, painting, organizing, and more - I thank you! We couldn't do what we do without each and every one of you!

FUMC/ Bright Beginnings Summer Creation Camps

It has been a wonderful summer for our Creation Camps. We have two final sessions left:

- Week of August 3:
Camping' and Creakin'
- Week of August 10:
Sports of All Sorts

Half-Day camps run from 9:00 12:00 and are available for children aged 3 years to 5th grades for \$82 per week. The full day camps last until 4:00 p.m. and are for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. They cost \$147 per week plus additional field trip fees. We also offer extended days from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for families who need before and after camp care. Prices are \$173 (5 days) and \$137 (3 days) per week.

While there is still room available in the half-day camps, we do ask for registration at least a week prior to camp. Forms can be found on the church website under "Events".

A.C.E. After School Program

Our church and Bright Beginnings Christian Pre-School continue to work together to offer A.C.E.—Active Christian Exploration. The program is designed especially for kindergarten through 5th grade students. It is offered Monday through Friday before school beginning at 6:30 a.m. and after school until 6:30 p.m. Students enjoy healthy snacks, cooking, art, science, recreation and homework help. There are Christian enrichment and activities centered around life skills, service, mission and scripture as we travel to different continents around the world. For more information or to register, please e-mail Kim Crosen at kimfumc@gmail.com or 748-2612.

Weekday Education

Ministries Fall Start Dates

Our A.C.E. (Active Christian Exploration) program begins the week of August 17. Our preschool classes begin the week of September 8. If you would like more information, please contact us at 937-748-2612, kimfumc@gmail.com.





Kids Who Care:
K—2nd grades
God Squad:
3 & 4th grades

God Squad Messy Party
The God Squad will hold their Messy Party on Sunday, August 9 from 2:00—4:00 at church. Watch for an e-mail with more information.

Kids Who Care & God Squad
We are updating our contact lists for our elementary aged groups for 2015-2016. If you have a child interested in getting involved with Kids

Who Care (K-2nd grade) or God Squad (3rd– 4th grade), please contact Kim Crosen with your child's name, grade, a phone number and e-mail address that can be used to notify you of upcoming events. Kim can be reached at kimfumc@gmail.com or 748-2612. We look forward to another great year of caring, sharing and fun!



Mission 56:
5th & 6th grades
Jammers:
7th & 8th grades
Senior High:
9th—12 grades

Mission 56 & Junior High Youth
The summer is moving quickly and much is happening in the life of the church. A HUGE Thank You to everyone who helped out with Vacation Bible School. I am always amazed at how many children come through our VBS program and what an awesome job our youth do sharing the love of Jesus Christ with the little ones in our community. As we look ahead, please consider getting even more involved in the Youth Group activities. We will be welcoming our new 5th graders this month and the older youth are asked to be mentors to the new members through leading by example.
Yours in Christ,
Kirby

Weekly Activities

Sunday School: Sunday School will continue throughout the summer months and I encourage each of our youth to join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. for a time of learning and discussion. Sunday, August 23 will be the last Sunday for our summer Sunday School classes. I hope everyone will try to attend Sunday School that morning and participate in Rally Day activities after the second service.

August special events listed on next page

***Mission 56 & Junior High
Youth Continued***

August Special Events

- **Sunday, August 2 – "Church, Lunch & Fellowship" (Last Year's Grades 5 – 7):** 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, August 4 – 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 pm. **Please RSVP if planning on joining us.**
- **Sunday, August 9 – Sunday Night Youth Group (Last Year's Grades 6 - 7):** Join Kirby for a time of fun, dessert and fellowship from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the church.
- **Saturday, August 15 – "Church, Dinner & Fellowship" (Last Year's Grades 4 – 7):** Please join Kirby for the 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening service. Following the service, the youth will have a pizza party, play games, group activities and discussion. Last year's 4th graders will be invited to join us and meet members of the Youth Group, so I hope everyone will go out of their way to be there.
- **Sunday, August 23 – Rally Day Sunday:** Food, fun and fellowship with the rest of the church. Bring your whole family and celebrate with your church family. There will be activities planned for the children.
- **Sunday, August 30 – Sunday Night Youth Group (Last Year's Grades 6 - 7):** Join Kirby for a time of fun, dessert and fellowship from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the church.

Other events may be added to our summer months as opportunities arise.

Senior High Youth

The Senior High Youth have a variety of events planned for late July and August.

- Wednesday, July 29—Movie Night at 8:00 p.m. at church
- Sunday, August 2—Lunch and hike at 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 13—Pool party at 6:30 p.m. (please watch for more details)
- Sunday, August 16—Youth Group
- Saturday, August 29—Saturday evening church and night out in Cincinnati at 5:30 p.m.

Please watch for texts from Brian with details.



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 now required.

- * 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 as 513-855-4243.

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Are you a crocheter 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 un-

happy 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: www.dorothylane.com/clubdml/goodneighbor.pl.

- **Loaves and Fishes Ministry:** Our church is blessed to have a Loaves and Fishes Ministry which provides meals for church members after birth of children, in times of serious illness or at other critical family times. The group is in need of some additional volunteers to make and/or deliver meals. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Tina Yeamans.

Service Opportunities Continued

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

***“You who have received so much love,
share it with others. Love others the
way that God has loved you,
with tenderness.”
~ Mother Teresa***





Personal Thank You

I'd like to thank Harold and Pat Masteller and all the drivers of the Medical Driver Ministry. You have been a tremendous help to me for the past twelve months. Your service is a true Godsend. Thank you also to all in our church family who supported me with food, cards and prayers. You have been angels here on earth for me this year. I am blessed to be part of this church family.

~ Bev Thomas

Thank you to everyone for all the cards, prayers, visits, and phone calls during Don's recent surgery. We enjoy the church so much and want to thank each of you for your caring wishes.

~ Shirley and Don McNeal

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Thank you to everyone who volunteered time and donated funds to make our Interfaith Hospitality week a success. Thank you also to Jennifer Fry for all her hard work coordinating the stay. We had a great week with the families who are all working hard toward gaining independence. We will have IHN guests again during the last two weeks of December. Look for the Sign Up Genius and sheets in Fellowship Hall at the beginning of December.

United Methodist Committee on Relief

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

Through the compassion and solidarity of faithful friends like you, UMCOR is able to provide comfort to those impacted by disasters like earthquakes and storms, food for the hungry and healthcare to those who otherwise would have none. These are just a sampling of the good works that gifts like yours make possible. One hundred percent of your gift through The Advance, the designated giving channel of the United Methodist Church, will go directly to the people who need it most. Thank you for giving so generously.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes
General Treasurer, UMCOR

Emily Miller
Associate General Secretary



Celebrating an August Birthday

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| 3: Judy Kehl, Cadence Townsend,
Debby Petry | 15: Dorothy Logan |
| 4: Joanne Young, Richard Kehl | 18: Scott Eley, Calyssa Smith |
| 5: Kristy Shetterly, Steve Haines,
Lorraine Sower | 20: Amanda Hansman |
| 6: Rachael Olson, Audrey Winzeler | 22: Janis Cross |
| 7: Jim Young | 23: Jim Bauman |
| 8: Bob McIntosh | 24: Ron Griffith, Jack Raihala |
| 9: Heather Stahler, Deron Click | 26: Mason Bindemann |
| 11: Ruth Dunn, Ron Bell, T.J. Lawhorn | 27: Lucas Buterbaugh, Darlene Scott |
| 14: Ivan Mallett, Ashlynn Miller | 29: Alan Bindemann |
| | 30: Don Files, Lori Smith, Kendra Foley |

Celebrating an August Anniversary

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| 3: Mike & Cathy Swick | 14: Pete & Kelli Bailey |
| 4: Tim & Donna Miller | 16: Scott & Janis Cross |
| 6: George & Jean Reazer,
Keith & Chris Wylie | 17: Brian & Deborah Petry |
| 8: Kerry & Arlene Brown | 18: Richard & Judy Kehl |
| 11: Alan & Alicia Buterbaugh
Eric and Jennifer Thomison | 26: Don & Barb Stiens,
Sue and Bill Combs |
| | 31: Hans & Brenda Landefeld |

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

August Volunteers

	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Cookies</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>
August 2	Open Dave Yeamans	Open Open	Cornerstone Class	Curt & Jackie Winzeler
August 9	Open Kara Hampton	Open Faith Hampton	Open	Margot Borst
August 16	Open Joy Mindling	Open Open	Open	Mariel Pesavento
August 23	Open Open	Open Open	Open	Marjorie Poff
August 30	Open Jane Gregg	Open Open	Open	Jennifer Fry



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

Matthew 6:33

