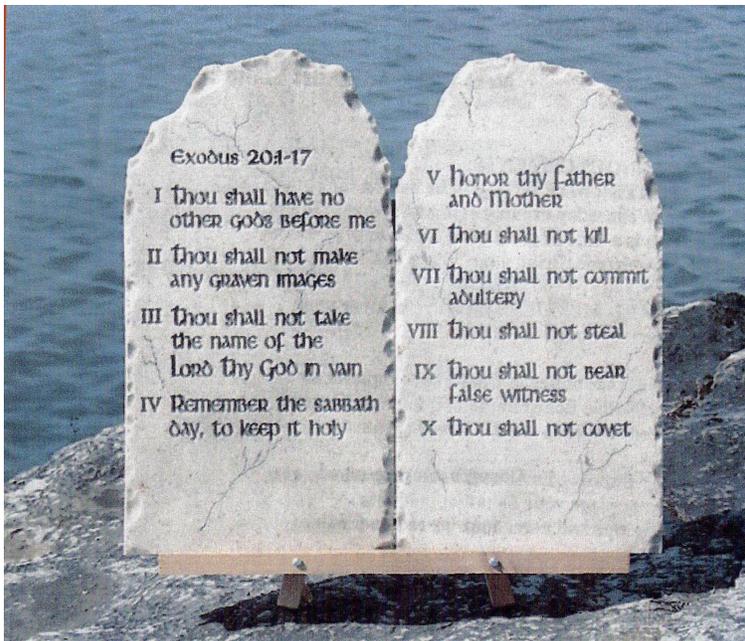




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# The Messenger

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Join us for worship each weekend:

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

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

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



***A word from Pastor Suzanne...***

Dear friends,

The tomatoes are ripe. The children have started back to school. The leaves are just starting to rustle. Here and there you see a hint of red in the leaves and feel a coolness in the air. The days of late summer are here.

This means that it's time for football. This Friday night the lights at high school stadiums across the country will shine bright for the first games of the season. The team, the band, the cheerleaders, and the fans will all come together to represent and support their community.

Within a few weeks college football will begin. The weekends will be full of opportunities to cheer on our favorite college teams. When it comes to college football many are fans of the Big Ten teams. Over recent years the actual number of teams has grown beyond ten, adding even more energy to the competition.

There are lots of parallels between playing the game of football and living the life of faith. When we think about football, it's important to know the rules, to practice, to show-up, and to enjoy playing the game. When we talk about the Big 10 in our faith, we follow the 10 Commandments. They form the most basic rules for our faith. We practice these as we live our faith each day. We come together to encourage and live out our faith in community as God's team. Jesus coaches us in our understanding of how to live these commandments out as more than just rules, but God's good news. Over time, a few more commandments have been added into the mix such as the greatest commandment that Jesus and the teacher discuss in Luke 10.

Most of us think we know the 10 Commandments fairly well and follow them. But it's important at times to revisit them and consider how they intersect with how we're living out our faith today. That's what we'll be doing this fall in our worship series, "Big 10+." I look forward to seeing you for worship this fall as we reconsider these foundational rules of our faith.

Blessings!

Pastor Suzanne





### **Worship In September**

The Big 10+  
Reconsidering the 10 Commandments

September 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>: Holy Communion  
Scripture: Exodus 20:7  
Message: "Sticks and Stones"

September 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>:  
Scripture: Exodus 20:8-11, Mark 2:23-28  
Message: "Remember and Keep Holy"

September 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>:  
Scripture: Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:1-4  
Message: "The Promise"

September 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>:  
Scripture: Exodus 20:13,  
Matthew 5:21-24, 43-48  
Message: "Be Reconciled"

## September Events

- 1: Grades 5-8 Hope House Mission Work
- 1: Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 2: Bright Beginnings Teacher Training
- 2: Choir and Hand Bells
- 3: Bright Beginnings Teacher Training
- 4-6: Church Camping
- 8: Stephen Ministers
- 8: Women in Faith Bible Study
- 9: Choir and Hand Bells
- 9: Wonderful Wednesday
- 10: *The Call* Bible Study
- 13: Grades 5-8 Church, Lunch, Fellowship
- 14: Finance Committee
- 14: Admin Council
- 15: Bright Beginnings Staff Meeting
- 15: Trustees
- 16: Clearcreakers
- 16: Wonderful Wednesday
- 16: Choir and Hand Bells
- 19: Women in Faith Meeting
- 20 Confirmation Sunday
- 20: Junior High "The Summit"
- 21: Covenant Bible Study
- 22: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 22: Stephen Ministers
- 23: 6th Graders Lunch with Kirby
- 23: Wonderful Wednesday
- 23: Choir and Hand Bells
- 26: Lay Servant Minister Fall Gathering
- 26: Grades 5-6 Church, Dinner, Fellowship
- 28: United Methodist Men Bible Study
- 28: Covenant Bible Study
- 29: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 30: 7th & 8th Graders Lunch with Kirby
- 30: Wonderful Wednesday
- 30: Choir and Hand Bells

*See details in this newsletter*

### ***Church Leadership***

Our church has so many wonderful ministries! We couldn't do even a fraction of what we do without our wonderful unpaid servants! We really appreciate so many of you who have stepped forward to help in living out the mission of the church: "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

This is the time of year that our Nominations Committee meets to appreciate those who have been serving on the various leadership teams of the church and to help fill out the leadership teams for 2016.

Included below are a list of the many ministry teams we have. We hope that you will prayerfully consider serving on one of these teams and let us know if you feel led to do so. Our goal is not just to fill positions but to connect people to places where their passions and gifts can be used to bring glory to God! I hope you will let us know if you would like to serve God through our church in 2016.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Trustees:** This group oversees the maintenance of church property.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**I am interested in serving God through my church in 2016!**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Area of interest** \_\_\_\_\_

***"If anyone serves me, he must follow me;  
and where I am, there will my servant be also.  
If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."  
John 12:26***



### ***Lay Leader Report***

Most of the summer has flown by. Don't know how it happened so quickly, but it was quick. Too quick. Students and educators are back in full swing, companies push to release new products in the fall, and football fans are finally enjoying their fall sport.

At least three promising events are coming to us this fall:

- 1) Fall mission trip with United Methodist Men to Chesapeake Bay in November;
- 2) Lay Servant Ministries fall training classes, on November 6-7;
- 3) Lay Servant Ministers Fall Gathering on September 26, which will include a keynote address by Assistant District Superintendent Rev. Tim Waugh. Rev Waugh will have an inspiring message for our laity and I look forward to this event. This will occur in the morning of September 26. I will drive to the Fall Gathering so am glad to provide transportation to any who choose to attend.

Details are still being worked regarding the mission trip to Maryland. In high level terms, Super Storm Sandy devastated much of the U.S. East Coast in 2012. Many areas have experienced some recovery, but other areas still lag. One such area lagging recovery is Smith Island, a state of Maryland island located in Chesapeake Bay. FEMA is trying to encourage residents to leave their homes and vacate Smith Island. But the residents don't want to leave. A United Methodist Church congregation calls Smith Island home. Our intent is to work with Maryland United Methodists on a work project on Smith Island. Then to thank our workers, we will take a fishing expedition in Chesapeake Bay, seeking striped bass, or rock fish as the Marylanders call the fish. The date and cost of the trip are still not known – we will work with Maryland United Methodists to make this happen.

The Lay Servants Ministry leadership team will offer classes on November 6-7 at Epiphany UMC in Loveland. Included in that set of classes is Go Preach and the Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries classes. More information will be coming soon on these classes. Laity serving in leadership roles now or in near future should consider the suite of Lay Servant Ministry classes.

So it appears that autumn will be as full as or even fuller than was the summer.

- David Finney





### ***Hand Bell Choir***

Our Joyful Noise Hand Bell choir starts practices on Wednesday, August 26. They meet every Wednesday from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Kirby Cain is directing this ensemble and is looking forward to another great season of beautiful bell music. If there is anyone interested in participating in the hand bell choir, please e-mail Kirby Cain at [cain.kirby@gmail.com](mailto:cain.kirby@gmail.com) or call him at 937-684-1097.

### ***College Student Addresses***

We would like to capture the addresses of our members who are away at college so the church can keep in touch. If you are heading off to college or you have a child in college, please contact Rebecca in the church office (748-2612 or at [rebecca-fumc@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca-fumc@gmail.com)) to provide that information.

### ***Church Facilities Scheduling***

We are blessed to have a church home that serves as a meeting location for many groups both within the church and the wider community. As we start a new school year, groups will begin holding meetings again. If you have a church or other group that has used our church as a meeting place in the past and would like to use it this coming year, please contact Rebecca in the church office to discuss availability and to reserve a room on the church calendar. Thanks!

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

On the weekend of October 31/November 1, we will celebrate All Saints by remembering loved ones and church members who have died in the last year. If you have a loved one you would like included in our bulletin, please submit their name, relationship to you and date of death to Pastor Suzanne or the church office by Tuesday, October 27.

### ***Locking Church Doors***

We would like to remind everyone that if you are meeting at the church in the evenings, please check ALL exterior doors to ensure they are locked before you leave. If you are not the only group meeting in the church that evening, please verify the other group is still here before assuming they will lock the doors.

### ***Church Office Hours***

The church office will be closed September 7 for Labor Day. Regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please don't hesitate to contact Rebecca Delbridge should you need to schedule a meeting at church, get contact information for other members, or have any other needs of an administrative nature.

### ***Church Communications***

Did you know we have several ways we communicate news with church members? Our newsletter (just like this one) is mailed out each month. The newsletter is also placed on our website for electronic access. The church website is found at [fumcof-springboro.org](http://fumcof-springboro.org). We can also be found on Facebook under First United Methodist Church of Springboro. We encourage you to use all these sources to stay in touch with the wonderful things going on at our church!





### ***Safe Sanctuaries***

Safe Sanctuaries® is the name commonly given by United Methodist Annual Conferences and local churches to their individual efforts to make conference, district and local church programs welcoming and safe for children, youth and vulnerable adults. Safe Sanctuaries® is more than implementing guidelines, policies and procedures. Safe Sanctuaries® creates an environment with boundaries of safe space for children, youth and vulnerable adults, and the adults who work with them.

The West Ohio Conference requires each congregation to establish a Safe Sanctuaries® policy which is updated annually. As part of our church's annual review, we have identified a few areas we need to address to ensure we have in place a robust policy that we follow. These areas include:

- Securing classrooms both during the day and in the evenings
- Conducting background checks on all volunteers working with children.
- Ensuring we have parental permission slips for any "field trips" taken with church groups

With regards to the first point, Safe Sanctuaries® requires us to implement a protocol which ensures children and adults are not able to enter classrooms without a specific reason or meeting. Currently, we are not able to meet this standard. For example, we have no means available to keep children from wandering into any classroom that is not in use while their parents meet in another room. Given that outside groups frequently use our church for meetings, we cannot control others who might enter that room with the child. In addition, we need to manage the access our

pre-teens and teens have to the rooms during non-structured events. Finally, we need a means to secure classrooms in the unlikely event an intruder should enter our building. As a result, new locks will be placed on our classroom doors as well as the senior high, music and supply rooms. The cost of the locks will be shared between the church and Bright Beginnings. Rooms will be locked when not in use. Keys will be given to church and pre-school staff. We are developing the process by which we can ensure access to classrooms for scheduled evening meetings while maintaining security for those rooms not in use.

In order to ensure we are protecting children, youth and vulnerable adults; protecting the adult workers who serve in these ministries and protecting the various assets of the church, we will be implementing background checks on all church volunteers who work with children. We have contracted with an outside firm that provides an easy to use, inexpensive way to have these checks implemented electronically. As we roll out this policy, we will contact our volunteers with more information.

Finally, our youth leaders will provide parents with a simple field trip form to be completed prior to taking children off church property. There is also a version of the form that can be completed for trips that are made on a regular basis (for example working at Hope House Mission).

We appreciate the congregations' support as we implement these changes. We believe they are important components to ensuring the safety of all members of our church family as we share God's word.



### **Butterfly Garden Q&A**

Our church is 'growing'. Some have already noticed and commented on the changes occurring behind the playground fence. In addition to the vegetable garden planted by the senior high youth, there is another garden that has been put in place to help beautify our church home and hopefully attract some fluttering friends.

Q. What is the garden?

A. It is a butterfly garden.

Q. Ok, what is a butterfly garden?

A. A butterfly garden is a natural habitat which will attract butterflies and different pollinators. This garden also serves as a safe habitat for butterflies to live in. Their natural habitats are being destroyed for construction, so our garden provides them a safe place to thrive.

Q. Why is there a butterfly garden?

A. Anja Bally and Amber Stull have planted the butterfly garden as our 'Take Action' Project for our Girl Scout Silver Award. The Silver Award is the second highest award a Girl Scout can earn. One part of the award is to complete a Take Action project which provides an ongoing benefit to the community. The butterfly garden helped us to live aspects of the Girl Scout Promise (serving God) and the Girl Scout Law (using resources wisely and making the world a better place).

Q. How will this be continuing?

A. The flowers will bloom, grow, and multiply each year, attracting new butterflies and pollinators. We also created a lesson plan for the preschool, so that the preschoolers can learn about butterflies and their habitats with an interactive experience for years to come.

Q. Who can I talk to if I have questions?

A. Amber Stull and Anja Bally are happy to answer any questions about this beautiful addition to our church.

We would like to share a special thanks to the Church Board of Trustees for allowing us to plant our garden. Their approval made it possible for us to build the garden, not only to beautify the church, but to also serve as a hands-on learning experience for the preschoolers. We would also like to thank our donors, including Ever's Country Gardens, Target, Grandma's Gardens, Natorp's, Home Depot, The Secret Garden and Lowes. They provided the plants, mulch, and decorations necessary to complete our garden. Also, because the garden will expand and grow through the years, we will soon need more plants. If you have any perennials you would like you donate, please email Anja Bally at [banja3456@gmail.com](mailto:banja3456@gmail.com). Anything will be greatly appreciated. Again, thank you for this amazing opportunity and may God be with you all.

-Amber Stull and Anja Bally





**Church Groups Meetings/Schedules**

**Women In Faith**

Women in Faith will meet Saturday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m.. At the meeting, we will make our plans for the upcoming bazaar. We invited all women of the church to join us. The WIF Bible study will resume on September 8. They will be studying *Parables from the Back Side*. 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, please contact Judy Cook .

**United Methodist Men**

Thanks to John Stalcup for leading our effort and thanks to all who worked Dayton Dragons games in 2015 for United Methodist Men. The many and varied ministries and programs that will be funded as a result of this hard work appreciate the efforts of all who participated.

In September, with the end of the baseball season, we re-

sume our schedule of coming together for a Bible study. Most likely, we will begin a series, based on the life, faith and writings of well-known Christian men. More information will be released in September for our opening night, September 28. We will meet for one hour, beginning at 7:00. Intention is for our guys to be home with families by shortly after 8:00. Yes, just in time for Monday Night Football kickoff.

**Clearcreakers Senior Group**

The Clearcreeker's will meet September 16, in Fellowship Hall at 11:30. The program for this month will be an informative one. We will have a representative from Hospice who will give us information and answer questions on how Hospice works. We will be serving hot dogs with all the "fixins" for lunch. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. **Please remember to bring your own eating utensils!** If you have questions, please call: Liz Fielder, Vivian Beatty or Clara McLemore.



Are you the friend people talk to when they feel low? Do you find yourself in conversations with strangers wishing there was more you could do to help them? Would you like to feel more comfortable with people who are mourning? Would you simply like to learn how to better help others through difficult times by showing Christ's love in meaningful ways?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, speak to Susan Raihala or Zandra Woody about Stephen Minister training. We will start a new training class at the end of September, and we'd love to have you join us!

**Other Group Meeting Dates**

- Sept. 1: Staff Parish Relations Committee
- Sept. 8 and 22: Stephen Ministers
- Sept. 14: Finance Committee
- Sept. 14: Admin. Council
- Sept. 15: Trustees





## September Events

### **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 annual church 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 is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall on the table outside the Sanctuary. Please feel free to contact Kara Hampton with any questions or suggestions.

### **Confirmation Sunday**

On Sunday, September 20 our 2014-2015 Confirmation Class will join the church. They have spent nine

months intentionally practicing and learning more about their faith within the life of our church. I hope you will support and encourage them in their faith journey.

The 2015 Class: Lucas Buterbaugh, Bradley Hohulin, Zack Kahscher, Megan Keyser, Morgan Perreira, Maisy Phelps Meghan Stuart, Amber Stull, Frankie Wray, Michael Yeamans

### **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. The main course is provided for dinner; please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

### **Fall Gathering for Church Laity**

Lay Servant Ministers Fall Gathering will be the morning of September 26 at Anderson Hills United Methodist Church in Cincinnati. This gathering will include a keynote address by Assistant District Superintendent Rev. Tim Waugh. Please see David Finney for more information on the Fall Gathering.



### **CROP Walk**

Join us for the annual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 4 at 2 p.m. (registration 1:30) at North Park. This walk raises funds to help with hunger issues locally and globally. Walker packets will be available from Pastor Suzanne or before or after worship services in mid-September.



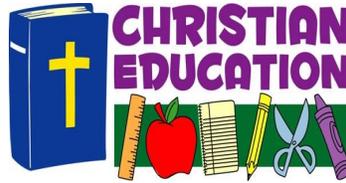
### **Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra**

Church member Kelly Ronyak invites you to attend one or more of the MVSO 2015/2016 season concerts.

- Nov. 1: Respighi *Church Windows*, Saint Saens "Organ Symphony"
- Dec. 13, 2015: Holiday selections
- March 6, 2016: John Williams' movie themes
- May 1, 2016: Classics from Bach, Beethoven and Brahms

Watch for more concert details at [mvso.org](http://mvso.org).





### **Cornerstone Adult Class**

Barb Geiger will be teaching the Cornerstone Class for the month of September. They will study Philippians with an emphasis on Paul's joy in the Lord and Paul's love for his old friends and warm supporters. The class meets each Sunday at 9:15 in the music room. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Barb Geiger.

### **Holy Java**

The Holy Java class continues

their study titled *Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith* by Andy Stanley until mid-September. 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.

Watch for information in the weekly bulletin inserts on the next Holy Java class subject to begin in mid-September.

Holy Java meets each Sunday at 9:15 in the conference room. For more information, please contact Maria Der-shem .

### **Tuesday Bible Study**

Pastor Suzanne's Tuesday morning Bible study will resume on September 22 at 10:00 in the music room. The class will study *Paul for Everyone*. Books will be approximately \$20. If you are interested in joining, please let Rebecca (748-2612 or rebeccafumc@gmail.com) know so a set of books can be ordered for you.

### **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).

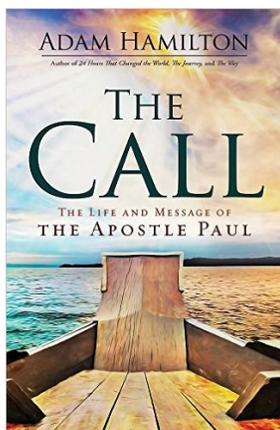
Covenant is an in-depth group Bible study in which partici-

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 Covert 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.



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

Sunday School is a fun and educational way for children to learn the Bible and what Christianity is all about. Regular Sunday School classes for the 2015-2016 school year will begin August 30. 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/Check-in**

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!





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

### ***Kids Who Care and 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 & Parents,**

With school starting, it's time to kick things in high gear with weekly youth group activities and a variety of opportunities for our youth to fellowship with one another. Our time together will be fun, but the focus continues to be our relationship with Christ and the impact He has on our lives, as well as the impact we have on others. Let's show our friends and classmates what it means to share the love of Christ and live as he has taught us through his word.

Yours in Christ,  
Kirby

#### **Weekly Activities**

- **Sunday Night Youth Group:** The Junior High (7th and 8th grades) youth will meet

Sunday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. There will be a time of snacks, fun and fellowship (discussion). *For this month, Sunday Night Youth Group will only be on Sunday, September 27.*

- **Wonderful Wednesdays:** Starting Wednesday, September 9, Wonderful Wednesdays begin (see page 11). Mission 56 and Junior High Youth meet with Kirby to get a better understanding of God's word and discuss topics related to youth and their walk with Christ.
- **LIFT (Grades 6 - 8):** LIFT (Living in Faith Together) meets after school each Friday until 3:30 p.m. at Springboro Junior High. This wonderful opportunity allows our youth to worship with other students from their school. Watch for announcements on start date.

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

- **PAW (Prayer & Worship) - Springboro Intermediate and Junior High:** Sixth, 7th and 8th graders gather on Wednesday mornings at their school for a time of prayer and worship. The Junior High students meet with Mr. Youst from 6:50 - 7:15 a.m. in his classroom and the Sixth graders meet with Kirby from 6:50 - 7:20 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room (Band Room).

**Special Events**

- **Tuesday, September 1 – Hope House Mission: Center for Women and Children:** Provide dinner and games or crafts for the women and children of Hope House in Middletown from 5:00 - 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. They should be back to the church no later than 7:30 pm. Please RSVP if planning on joining us.
- **Sunday, September 13 – "Church, Lunch and 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. Kirby could use at least one parent 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.
- **Sunday, September 20 – "The Summit", 6:00 – 8:30 pm (Junior High):** The Summit South is back! The first Summit of the 15-16 Circuit will be held at Heritage in Lebanon. This event brings together student ministries from the area.
- **Wednesday, September 23 – Lunch with Kirby at Springboro Intermediate:** Kirby will provide drinks and dessert. Each youth is asked to pack their lunch. (Not required, but each youth is encouraged to bring \$1 to support Faisha, our Compassion International sponsored child from Haiti).
- **Saturday, September 26 – Church, Dinner and Fellowship (Mission 56):** Please join Kirby for the 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening service. Following the service, the youth will go out to dinner together, then either return to the church or go to a special location for a time of fun and fellowship. Pick up time at the church will be 9:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, September 30 – Lunch with 7th & 8th Graders at Springboro Junior High:** Kirby will provide drinks and dessert. Each youth is asked to pack their lunch. (Not required, but each youth is encouraged to bring \$1 to support Faisha, our Compassion International sponsored child from Haiti).

***Senior High Youth***

The Senior High Youth will begin their regular Sunday evening meetings in September. Please watch for text messages from Brian Schlise for specific meeting times and events. If your 9th through 12th grader is interested in getting involved with Senior High youth, please contact Brian at 937-748-9711.



### **Weekday Education Ministries**



#### **Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool**

Classes for Bright Beginnings officially begin September 8. Children will join us on August 30 for our annual “Meet the Teacher” celebration where they will meet teachers and new friends, tour the building and have an ice cream social. During the month of September the children will get to know their surroundings, teachers, and each other. Our theme is “Designed by God so I must be special” and our Bible verse is: God said, “I know you by name” (Exodus 33:17) Teachers will facilitate activities that have children exploring their senses, manners and feelings. Pastor Suzanne will lead them in their first Children’s Church of the school year that will help them learn about how special they are to God. So special that he knows them by name and even how many hairs they have on their heads!

#### **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](mailto:kimfumc@gmail.com) or 748-2612.

***“God, help me to be honest so my children will learn honesty.  
Help me to be kind so that my children will learn kindness.  
Help me to be faithful so my children will learn faith.  
Help me to love so that my children will be loving.”***

***~Marion Wright Edelman***



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

Each year our church participates in Operation Christmas Child, a program which fills shoe boxes with small toys, toiletries, school supplies, etc. which are then mailed to needy children throughout the world. Operation Christmas Child is just around the corner—national collection week is November 16 – 23, 2015. It's not too early to start thinking about packing shoe boxes! Fall is the perfect time to purchase extra shoebox items while shopping for "Back to School". Many stores offer coupons for a certain quantity of items purchased and they offer the lowest prices of the year! Summer items go on clearance as well. Consider picking up extra on the following items:

- Pencils \* Pencil Sharpeners \* Pens \* Erasers
- \* Color Pencils \* Crayons \* Scissors
- \* Index Cards \* Mini Notepads
- Summer Clearance Items:
- Flip Flops \* Sandals \* T-shirts \* Sunglasses

Thanks for planning ahead to help this worthwhile mission! For additional supplies, check out the website [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). If you have any questions about appropriate items, please reach out to Jennifer Fry at 937-776-6261 or [Jennifer.fry@roadrunner.com](mailto:Jennifer.fry@roadrunner.com).

### ***Nicaragua Mission Trip***

This November, Jack Eley will again travel with a United Methodist Volunteer In Mission team to serve in Nicaragua. We will "pass the envelope" in worship the weekend of September 12 and 13 to provide donations for him to purchase items to make baby kits and provide other needed items to the mission he will serve.



### ***Cookies for a Cop***

Jennifer Fry is leading an effort to be part of the annual "Cookies for a Cop." This program was founded this past December as a way to tell our law enforcement officers that we appreciate them, value them and want to lift their spirits. This is a great follow-up to our National Night Out effort. Jennifer is supporting Springboro, Clearcreek and Dayton police departments so about 1,000 cookies are needed. We are asking for volunteers to gather in our church kitchen to help bake cookies on Sunday, October 4 from 1:00 to 6:00. You don't need to be there the entire time, any help will be appreciated. We will also happily accept donations of cookie supplies and/or mixes. If you are not able to make the bake-a-thon on the 4th but would like to contribute, please feel free to drop off cookies. Cookies will be taken to the police stations on Monday, October 5.





### ***Volunteer Opportunities***

Please contact Rebecca in the church office (748-2612 or [rebeccafumc@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccafumc@gmail.com)), unless otherwise noted, if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.

- **Kroger Community Rewards Program:** Please register our church as your Kroger Plus Community Rewards recipient at [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com). If you registered in the past, annual renewal is needed each May.

  - \* 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.
- **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.
- **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.dorothy lane.com/clubdml/goodneighbor.pl](http://www.dorothy lane.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 Yeamens.
- **Planning 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 TBD)
  - \* 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](mailto:kimfumc@gmail.com).

- **Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor**

### ***Volunteer 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 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/60b054aaaaf2ba46-fellowship](http://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.
- **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.

***“It has been said that while grace is getting what you don’t deserve, mercy is not getting what you do deserve.”***  
~ David Branon





***Thank You to Workers of Dayton Dragons' Games***

I would like to express my thank you on behalf of the First United Methodist Church and the Methodist Men's group to all who were able to work this year. We worked 14 games in total, earning almost \$2,500 for the church. Your help made that possible. I know it's tough sometimes to make it to the games, with many of you giving up family time, heading there straight from your normal job making it a very long day, missing games your kids were playing in, and sacrificing many other things in order to help out. However, the sacrifices you made will allow many terrific things to be done to help out others, within the church, in the community, and beyond. Thank you once again!

-John Stalcup

***National Night Out***

Thanks to Lisa Wray, Carolyn Parkinson, Beverly Perry, Ron and Mary Fogle, Jim and Helen Tiffin, and Shelly and Jude Hoy for supporting National Night Out on August 4. I had a great time helping run "Safety Town" and look forward to doing it again next year!

- Jennifer Fry

***Personal Thank You's***

Thank you to the church family for all your loving care during Janet's long illness and your continued care as we mourn her loss. Your cards, visits, meals and prayers helped to make Janet's final days filled with love. Thank you especially to Pastor Suzanne for the visits, prayers and comfort you brought our family. We were blessed to have you help guide us on Janet's journey to God's heavenly home.

- Lynn Jackson

I want to thank you all for all of the prayers, well wishes, and concerns that I have received over the past few months. I am feeling better and stronger but still have a way to go. I am so grateful to belong to such a wonderful, caring church family. Thank you!

- Lois Eley



***Celebrating a September Birthday***

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|---|---|
| 1: Isabel Houser, Fern Morgan,<br>Becky Pickett           | 12: Sandy Moser, Gary Stahler,<br>Jennifer Bell |
| 2: Garret Ronyak, Marilyn Scott                           | 15: Ron Lightcap, Carolyn Parkinson             |
| 3: Bill Olson   | 16: Jennifer Smith                              |
| 4: Caleb Hansman  | 18: Gail Thomas                                 |
| 5: Heather Kogler, Kirby Cain                             | 20: Mike Swick, Truman Hoy                      |
| 6: Jim Young  | 21: Gwen Curtner, Shawn Roderer,<br>Megan Bell  |
| 7: Taylor Zimmerman                                       | 23: Vivian Beatty                               |
| 8: Julie Moster, Daniel Veren                             | 24: Retta Willis                                |
| 9: Nicholas Cross   | 28: Justin Chapman                              |
| 10: Larry Woody, Jacob Crosen                             | 29: Derec Temke, Andrea Miller                  |
| 11: Susan Stalcup, Cathy Swick,<br>Christopher Buterbaugh | 30: Jane Miller                                 |

***Celebrating a September Anniversary***

- 10: Jack & Marjorie Poff  
 12: Don & Shirley McNeal  
 23: Dudley & Esther Fry  
 30: Paul & Nancy Siudzinski

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

***September Volunteers***

|          | <u>Liturgists</u>               | <u>Acolytes</u>       | <u>Cookies</u> | <u>Altar Flowers</u> |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Sept. 6  | Open<br>Becky Pickett           | Open<br>Open          | Open           | Sandy Wray           |
| Sept. 13 | Belinda Mallett<br>Kara Hampton | Open<br>Faith Hampton | Open           | Daryl Hams           |
| Sept. 20 | Open<br>Joy Mindling            | Open<br>Open          | Open           | Jessie Hall          |
| Sept. 27 | Open<br>Jane Gregg              | Open<br>Open          | Open           | Shirley Pressel      |



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*Matthew 6:33*

