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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 Doug...**On The Road Again**

As you read this, Carol and I may already be off on a trip. We will be seeing aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends all over the southwest. I will be seeing my brother for the first time. Many of you know I was adopted on my birthdate. Over the last year, I have searched for blood relatives and I have been blessed by what I have found, including my brother, Mark. Mark lives in Grand Junction, Colorado. Like me, he is retired, but from the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad where he was a locomotive engineer. I have always been fascinated by trains, so we are going to take some day trips to special "train spots" only local "train guys" know about. It will be one of the high points of our travels.

Another high point will happen on Sunday mornings. On Sunday, September 20, we will be with Mark at First UMC in Grand Junction. On Sunday, September 27, we will worship with the congregation of Morningstar UMC, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, where my cousin is a member. And on Sunday, October 11, we will join the amazing congregation of Glide Memorial Church, a UMC-affiliated church in San Francisco, with our cousin John. October 4, 18, and 25 are still open, but we have never had trouble finding United Methodist church families with whom to worship.

I used to have a 5-inch thick file folder full of worship bulletins from churches all over the country. Carol and I have learned some lessons about how to treat visitors. I just saw an article by Thom S. Rainer entitled "7 Things Church Members Should Say to Guests in a Worship Service." Thought I'd share it with you, in case you have ever wondered what to say to guests who join us for worship...

1. "Thank you for being here." It's just that basic. Numerous church guests return simply because they were told "thank you."
2. "Let me help you with that." Umbrellas, young children, diaper bags, purses, other items. A gesture to hold something for them is a huge positive.
3. "Please take my seat." Perfect hospitality and welcome to folks who are not sure where to sit or can't find seats together in a crowded sanctuary.
4. "Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way." Used with discretion, it can be a hugely positive message to a guest.
5. "Can I show you where you need to go?" Nursery, restrooms, small group meeting areas. Taking them there says we care about meeting their needs.
6. "Let me introduce you to _____." The return rate of guests is always higher if they meet others, the pastor, a staff member, or other church members.
7. "Would you join us for lunch?" The situation must obviously be appropriate before you offer the invitation, but this approach has the highest return rate of any single factor.

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Worship In October

October 3rd/4th: Holy Communion

Scripture: Exodus 20:14-15,
Ephesians 4:17-24

Message: It's About Relationships

October 10th/11th:

Scripture: Exodus 20:16-17,
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Message: The Color Wheel

October 17th/18th:

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-9,
Mark 12:28-34

Message: The Greatest Is...

October 24th/25th:

Scripture: Leviticus 19:9-18, Luke 10:29-37

Message: Go and Do Likewise

October 31st: No Tricking, Worship will be at
4:30 p.m. due to Trick-or-Treat!



- 1: Building Committee
- 4: CROP Walk
- 4: Cookies for a Cop Cooking Baking
- 5: Covenant Bible Study
- 6: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 6: Mission 56/Jr. High Hope House
- 6: Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 7: Wonderful Wednesday
- 7: Choir and Hand Bells
- 9: Movie Night
- 10: Box City
- 11: Acolyte Training
- 11: Junior High Youth Group
- 12: Covenant Bible Study
- 12: Mission Committee
- 13: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 13: Stephen Ministers
- 13: Women in Faith Bible Study
- 14: Wonderful Wednesdays
- 14: Choir and Hand Bells
- 15: Building Committee
- 16: Junior High Haunted Hay Ride
- 17: Synergy Presentation
- 17: Women in Faith Meeting
- 18: God Squad/Mission 56 Corn Maze
- 18: Youth Group
- 19: Covenant Bible Study
- 20: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 20: Bright Beginnings Staff Meeting
- 20: Trustees
- 21: Clearcreakers
- 21: 6th Grade Lunch with Kirby
- 21: Wonderful Wednesday
- 21: Choir and Hand Bells
- 22: Kids Who Care Hay Ride
- 25: Youth Group
- 26: Covenant Bible Study
- 26: United Methodist Men
- 27: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 27: Stephen Ministers
- 28: Jr. High Lunch with Kirby
- 28: Harvest Festival/Wonderful Wed.
- 28: Choir and Hand Bells
- 29: Building Committee

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 _____

*“I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.”
Psalm 40:8*



Pastor Doug's Message Continued

Nearly every one of these invitations has worked on Carol or me as we have been guests in churches. So, as we are on the road, think of us and seek out someone you haven't met or haven't seen in church before. Use one of the invitations above.

And we ask for your prayers for traveling mercies as we go. We love you all, and even though we will enjoy every moment away, we know we will be anxious to get back home and into your midst again. We will miss our church, our pastor, and our friends. See you soon!

- Pastor Doug

Lay Leader Report

As happens so frequently when I begin considering a new month and a new issue of *The Messenger*, I am struck by the passing of time. Here we are at the beginning of October, the beginning of autumn, another new season. Seasons change, leaves turn colors, fall to the ground, temperatures moderate, then turn really cool. Change is all around us, but there is a constant. The love of God is constant, unchanging, and eternal. We are so blessed by God to enjoy changing seasons on this planet and by the constant love of God here and in our internal home.

Families of our congregation will be very busy in October with a myriad of activities. Here are two more to consider, which will occur in early November: Lay Servant Ministries training will occur on November 6 and 7. On that Friday night and Saturday, representatives of our district will conduct these training classes for the laity of our district: Lay Servant Ministries Introduction class - to understand more about the United Methodist Church and Lay Servant Ministry; Pastoral Care – to know more about providing care for each other; and Go Preach – to learn the basics of sermon preparation and delivery. Please see me or the district web site, OR-VUMC.ORG for more information on these classes.

Then in early November a group of FUMC folks will head to Smith Island, Maryland, to work on refurbishing a house that was hurt by Superstorm Sandy. Two projects await: one is to install a shower stall for an elderly woman. The other project is to install maintenance free siding to a home. There is a separate article on page 11 of this issue of *The Messenger*, with information about the mission trip. An information meeting was held in September and if needed, we will repeat the info-share in October.

I look forward to the mission trip, to be working with United Methodists from the state of Maryland on these reclamation projects. It is good that we have the capability to provide relief to our Christian brothers and sisters who need assistance. Please consider joining us on the trip.

- David Finney





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.

Change in Service Time—October 31

Saturday service on October 31 will begin at 4:30. This one time change is being made to accommodate Springboro's Trick or Treating (Beggar's Night) being held from 6:00 to 8:00 that evening.

Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, September 20 our 2014-2015 Confirmation Class joined the church. They spent nine months intentionally practicing and learning more about their faith within the life of our church. Please join us in congratulating them in this important step in their faith journey. The 2015 Class: Lucas Buterbaugh, Bradley Hohulin, Zack Kauscher, Megan Keyser, Morgan Perreira, Maisy Phelps, Meghan Stuart, Amber Stull, Frankie Wray, Michael Yeamans

Wonderful Wednesdays Continue

Join us each week for Wonderful Wednesday, an intergenerational opportunity to come together for dinner, worship, and small groups. The evening includes dinner at 6:00, a short time of casual worship in the Sanctuary from 6:50 to 7:10 and then break out study groups for all ages from 7:15 to 8:00. This year we have a rotating selection of break out topics, including:

- **Kid's Club** (Ages 4 through 4th Grade): Explores the Ten Commandments through games, art, stories and fun!
- **Youth** (Grades 5-12): The youth will study "Defining, Identifying, and Acting on Sin".
- **Harry Potter Study:** Journey to the world of muggles and wizards and decipher the spiritual journey of the world's greatest seeker. This intergenerational study is open for those in third grade and up. Prerequisite: read at least the first book.
- **Men's Bible Study:** David Finney will lead men and older boys in looking at one of the life-roles for men, that of leadership, using a study written by former NFL coach Tony Dungy.
- **The Call** - 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.

- **Choir and Hand Bell Choir Practice** – at 7:00 and 8:00 respectively

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



Church News Continued

Fall Yard Clean Up

The Senior High Youth will be happy to help with fall yard clean up, leaf raking, picking up sticks, etc. for congregation members in need of help. Please call Brian Schlise at 937-272-6167 to schedule a job.

**Community Days Booklet Fundraiser
for Youth Groups**

Please consider purchasing a Community Days booklet and showing your support for the Junior and Senior High kids service projects and mission work funds. Booklets are loaded with fantastic offers that will be available at the Bon-Ton family of stores during the Community Days event November 11 and 14.

Each booklet includes a \$10 off coupon that can be used on an item priced at \$10 or more, a value worth double the \$5 price of the booklet! And there is a 25% shopping pass! The coupons in the booklet can be used at any Bon-Ton, Bergner's, Boston Store, Carson's, Elder-Beerman, Herberger's, or Younkers store or online for purchases of regular, sale price and clearance items, including 10% off electronics, fashion watches, furniture and mattresses.

For every booklet we sell, we keep the entire \$5 purchase price. Our goal is to raise \$1,000. Thanks for your support and happy shopping!



Christian Kid Power Punch

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

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

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





Church Groups Meetings/Schedules

Women In Faith

Women in Faith will meet Saturday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the music room. 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 continues on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. They are studying *Parables from the Back Side*. If you would like any information on our group, please contact Judy Cook.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men have resumed their monthly Bible studies. We will meet on October 26 at 7:00 for study at the church. All men and older boys of the church are invited to join us. This is in addition to the Men's Studies that have begun on Wonderful Wednesday. We will use

different study materials on the two nights so there is no overlap.

Clearcreakers Senior Group

The Clearcreakers will meet on October 21 in Fellowship Hall at 11:30. This month Peter and Gudrun Seifert will be presenting a program on "Lewis and Clark". They do these programs as their hobby. They escaped East Germany and came to the United States in 1964. We will be having beans and cornbread for lunch. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. The Clearcreakers will furnish only the bowls for the beans. Please remember to bring your own eating utensils! Hope to see you there! Questions, please call: Liz Fielder Vivian Beatty or Clara McLemore .

Other Group Meeting Dates

Oct. 1, 15, 29: Building Committee
 Oct 6: Staff Parish Relations Committee
 Oct. 12: Mission Committee
 Oct. 13 and 27: Stephen Ministers
 Oct. 20: Trustees

Christ Caring for People through People

That's the motto of Stephen



Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Zandra Woody or Susan Raihala. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!





Events

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.

Harvest Festival

We will hold a special Halloween Festival/Wonderful Wednesday on October 28 for kids of all ages. Activities will include dinner, a pumpkin bake-off contest, a "get-to-know-you" scavenger hunt, among others. There will be short service that focuses on Christianity and Halloween traditions. Following the service, we will have intergenerational activities and fun. Dinner will be pulled pork or sloppy joes and hot dogs. We are asking attendees to bring a side dish but no desserts unless they are part of the pumpkin bake-off.

Acolyte Training

On Sunday, October 11 during the second service, (10:35), we will offer training for any student interested in becoming an acolyte. Children in third grade and above who are interested in serving in this way are encouraged to attend the training. It's fun and educational as they learn the history and meaning of the Acolyte and learn how they can be a part of this tradition. Please call or e-mail Kim with any questions (748-2612 or kimfumc@gmail.com).



Movie Mania

On Friday, October 9 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. we will have our first Movie Night of the school year. You enjoy a night out, while the kids enjoy a night in at the church! Space is limited, so call or email (748-2612 or kimfumc@gmail.com) to secure a spot for your children. \$10 per child. Price includes: pizza, drinks, popcorn.

First United Methodist Church

Drop off details:

- Doors open at 5:45 p.m.
- Please enter through the front doors of the church
- Have your children stay with you until we have collected your registration forms and payment, and have given them a name tag (please complete forms beforehand to speed process).

Parent volunteers help supervise the evening. We should have a 1-8 ratio. The event is limited to 50 children. Pizza and drinks are served as soon as you leave, and popcorn will follow during the full length movie. We attempt to have everyone packed and ready by the 9 p.m. departure.

Pick up details:

- Children MUST be picked up by someone on the registration form who has ID
- Please wait in the lobby as we match you with your child(ren) so you can sign them out.
- Please pick up promptly at 9:00 p.m.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kim Crosen. We hope to see your children there!



Bible Night Pizza Party

Children in third grade and older who have not yet received their Adventure Bibles will receive Bibles on Sunday, November 15 during first service (9:15). These children are invited to join Pastor Suzanne at 5:30 that evening for pizza and pop as they learn to use their new Bibles. PLEASE LET US KNOW if your child needs a Bible. Pastor Suzanne will help the children learn to use their Bible. Parents are invited too. Please RSVP to the church office (748-2612).

Christmas Bazaar

Women In Faith's annual Christmas Bazaar will be held in conjunction with Christmas in Springboro on Saturday, November 21. Please watch for more information in the weekly bulletin and the November newsletter on how you can help make this another successful year!

Smith Island Maryland Mission Trip

During the first week of November, volunteers from FUMC will travel by car, boat

and on foot to a mission site on Smith Island, Maryland. Located in Chesapeake Bay, Smith Island was rocked by Superstorm Sandy in 2012. Recovery from the storm on the island still lags today.

Union United Methodist Church is located on Smith Island in the town of Tyler-ton. The congregation of the church needs our help. United Methodist are banding together to provide recovery labor to the Tyler-ton residents. We at FUMC are privileged to join our United Methodist brothers and sisters in this effort. Our job will be to install a bath tub/shower for an elderly resident of Tyler-ton.

The week of November 1-8 is designated as the work week. Due to the driving distance, we don't expect the FUMC team to work the entire week. In fact the FUMC relief team itself will determine the departure date and number of work days. We will drive to the ferry port at Crisfield, MD, then ride out into Chesapeake Bay. Upon departure from the ferry, we will then walk to Union church and prepare for our work site. Drive time to Crisfield is be-

tween 10 and 11 hours. The ferry schedule is fixed so we will time our arrival to catch the noon ferry run. And our departure from Smith Island will be coordinated with the ferry schedule, which departs Smith Island at 5:00 p.m. As a result, we will be driving at night.

To reward the Maryland and Ohio workers, we will arrange a few-hour chartered fishing jaunt into Chesapeake Bay. Details are still being worked out. Costs per worker are expected to under \$100 per person. Please see David Finney to discuss this trip, or to ask

Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

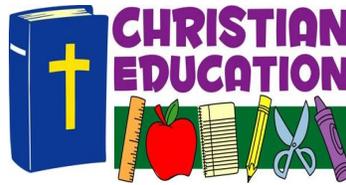
Miami Valley

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





Cornerstone Adult Class

Jane Cook will be teaching the Cornerstone Class for the month of October. They will study Haggai and the minor prophets of the old testament to see how their messages still hold truth for us today. The class meets each Sunday at 9:15 in the music room. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Barb Geiger at 885-7785.

Holy Java

The Holy Java class began a new study of *Before Amen* by Max Lucado on September 20. The study will continue until October 11. In *Before Amen* readers join on a journey to the very heart of biblical prayer, offering hope for doubts and confidence even for prayer wimps. Distilling prayers in the Bible down to one pocket-sized prayer, Max Lucado reminds readers that prayer is not a privilege for the pious nor the art of a chosen few. Prayer is simply a heartfelt conversation between God and his child.

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

Tuesday Bible Study

Pastor Suzanne's Tuesday morning Bible study resumed on September 22. It is not too late to join. The class meets each Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the music room. They are studying *Paul for Everyone*. If you are interested in joining, please let Rebecca (748-2612 or rebecca-fumc@gmail.com) know so a set of books can be ordered for you.

Covenant Bible Study

A new series of Covenant Bible Study classes began on September 21. It is not too late to join this Bible study led by Jennifer Fry. The class meets on Monday evenings. Covenant is an in-depth group Bible study in which participants read and discuss the Bible together, learning how to love God, and each other, better. Three 8-episode segments each explore a differ-

ent aspect of Covenant life. Each will examine what Covenant means, and the progression of a Covenant relationship with God.

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).

Weekday Education Ministries



Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool

As we move further into the autumn season, we find our students falling into the school year routine, learning class rules, attending Children's Church and becoming good friends with their classmates. The Bible verse for the month is "I trust in God and I'm not afraid" (Psalm 56:4). The Fruit of the Spirit for October is kindness. Armed with these lessons, the children can ward off any scary thoughts they may have in this season of ghouls and goblins.

In October we have many fun events planned. We will hold our annual Pumpkin Patch the week of October 19th. During this event, the children get to walk through a straw maze, play festival games and pick out their very own pumpkin. The following week, each class will have a fun Halloween party. We will hold a Halloween Parade of the children in their costumes on October 27 and 29. All in all, it will be an amazing month of fun and learning!

***"I don't want my children to be
what I want them to be.
I want them to become
everything God created them to be."
~Jon Gordon***



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

Our A.C.E. group has been exploring the African savanna. First they "visited" Kenya; next they will go to South Africa. While on their journeys they have learned Swahili words, made beads and metal necklaces, and created a mural of the savanna. A.C.E. students' art work is frequently displayed in Fellowship Hall. We encourage you to check it out.

For their fall mission, the ACE kids are helping with the Rocking Our Soles shoe drive until October 31(see page 17).

If you are interested in more information on our wonderful A.C.E. program, please contact Kim at kimfumc@gmail.com.





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

Our Kids Who Care is made up of Kindergarten through 2nd grade students and God Squad is made up for 3rd and 4th grade students. The kids get together outside of Sunday School on a monthly basis to "live their faith out loud." Sometimes we do service projects, sometimes fundraising, sometimes we just have fun fellowship together, but all the time we are focusing on God and His direction for our lives.

Kids Who Care

We have several fun activities planned for October.

- **Sunday, October 4-CROP Walk to help raise awareness and funds to end world hunger:** Meet at North Park at 1:30 for the CROP Walk at 2:00. There are stations throughout the route with trivia regarding hunger. Since rais-

ing money is a focus, we are asking kids to bring in funds raised from doing odd jobs around the house or for friends and family.

The walk will begin at 2:00 followed by pizza!

- **Thursday, October, 22 – Windmill Farms Hayride to pick a pumpkin for those less fortunate!** Meet at Windmill Farms at 5:15. We will go on our annual hayride, pick a pumpkin and then visit with the animals and playground. Tickets are \$7.95 for children and \$5.95 for adults.

God Squad (3rd-4th Grade)

We have a few activities for you to put on your calendar. We hope everyone can make them.

- **Sunday, October 5- Crop Walk - To help raise awareness and funds to end world hunger:** Meet at North Park at 1:30 for the CROP Walk at 2:00. There are stations throughout the route with trivia regarding hunger. Since raising money is a focus, we are asking kids to bring in funds raised from doing odd jobs around the house or for friends and family.

The walk will be followed by pizza!

- **Sunday, October 18 Corn Maze- To have a fun time being lost and found!**

Meet at the church after second service. We will go out to lunch and then head over to Tom's Maze in Germantown. Tickets are \$7.00 to get in the maze. Children will also need money for lunch (fast food). This is an annual event and we have so much fun learning why we need to follow God's direction. On our own we get turned around in all kinds of directions!

I will send out reminders as we get closer to both the Kids Who Care and God Squad events, but mark your calendars now! Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to help with any of the activities. Thanks!

God bless,
Kim Crosen



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

Mission 56 & Junior High Youth & Parents,

What an awesome start to the 2015-16 school year and youth group activities! We had great turnout to our first Wonderful Wednesday of the year and to our Scavenger Hunt on September 13. Even our Sunday School class attendance has started off strong. What a joy it has been to work, teach and fellowship with this wonderful group of teenagers. I hope you will continue to stay involved and open yourselves up for what God has planned for you and for your youth group.

Yours in Christ,
 Kirby

October Activities :

Weekly Activities

- **Sunday Night Youth Group:** The Junior High (Grades 7 & 8) Youth will meet on 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 be on the 11th, 18th and 25th.
- **Wonderful Wednesdays:** Wonderful Wednesdays are in full swing! The evening includes dinner, a short time of worship and small groups. Mission 56 and Junior High Youth not involved in another group will meet with Brian and Kirby to get a better understanding of God's word and discuss topics related to youth and their walk with Christ.
- **Thursday—LIFT (Grades 6 - 8):** Living in Faith Together meets every Thursday after school until 3:30 p.m. at Springboro Junior High.
- **Every Wednesday Morning - PAW (Prayer & Worship) - Springboro Intermediate & Junior High:** 6th, 7th and 8th graders gather at their school for a time of prayer and worship. The Junior

High meet 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 Room (Band Room).

October Special Events

- **Sunday, October 4 – "Church, Lunch & Fellowship (Crop Walk)" (Grades 5 – 8):** Please join Kirby for the 10:35 a.m. Sunday morning service. Following the service, the youth will go to lunch together, and then to North Park to participate in the annual Crop Walk. Pick-up will be at North Park around 3:00 pm. Crop Walk raises money to help fight world hunger. Each youth is asked to collect donations from family and neighbors as well as make a small donation themselves. Parents - Kirby could use at least one volunteer to assist him for the lunch. You may need to drive youth to lunch if there are too many for the bus. Please RSVP if you are able to help.

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**Mission 56 & Junior High
Continued**

- **Tuesday, October 6 – Hope House Mission: Center for Women and Children:** Provide dinner and activities 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 p.m. Please RSVP if joining us.
- **Friday, October 9 – “Kim’s Movie Night”, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.:** Kim Crosen will have her first Movie Night of the year for children in grades K-4. We need 16 youth to help volunteer for this event and help with crafts, dinner, popcorn and games. Let Kirby know if you are able to help with this event.
- **Friday, October 16 – Springboro Haunted Hayride and Black Bog (Junior High):** Join Kirby for the annual trip to the local haunted hayride. We will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and a brief discussion, then go to the

hayride. Pick-up will be between 9:30 – 10:00 depending on the size of the crowd. Parents – Kirby may need a few extra drivers and chaperones. Please let him know if you are able to help.

- **Sunday, October 18 – Corn Maze (Mission 56):** Please join Kirby and Kim for a fun time at a local Corn Maze along with the children of God Squad. More information will be e-mailed prior to the event.
- **Wednesday, October 21 – 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).
- **Wednesday, October 28 – Lunch with Kirby 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).

The Senior High Youth meet most Sunday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 for a time of fellowship and fun. Upcoming special events include:

- Overnight Camp Out Sept. 26-27
- Crop Walk Oct. 4
- Box City Oct. 10-11

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.

“It takes a greenhouse to nurture the souls of young people—a greenhouse formed by adults who want to know God. A young person’s faith is best tended by a variety of relationships within a Christian community.”
—Mark Yaconelli

Senior High Youth





Rocking Our Soles Shoe Drive

FUMC, Bright Beginnings and A.C.E. are joining forces to help students at a North Dayton school in desperate need of gym shoes. Last year this school had to wait until spring to receive aid so we have a huge opportunity to make a difference and do God's work. As a united force, we have set a goal to collect 100 pairs of gym shoes (new or like new, youth size 1-5 and socks). You can also make a monetary donation during services (please mark envelope "Shoes for Kids"), giving it to Rebecca in the office or Shelly Houser (A.C.E. and Bright Beginnings mission coordinator). The shoe drive runs until October 31. Many thanks in advance for your generosity!

Operation Christmas Child

Let the little children come to me.

~Matthew 19:14

Can you believe that it's time for Operation Christmas Child? National Collection Week will be November 16-23, 2015. It's time to start collecting items to fill those shoeboxes. Let's set our sights on collecting 250 boxes in 2015! Watch your bulletin and the November edition of *The Messenger* for more details! Questions? Comments? Ideas? Contact Jennifer Fry.



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.

Grandma's Attic Donations Needed

As Women in Faith prepare for this year's Christmas Bazaar, they are requesting donations of household items, décor, and especially holiday decorating items for Grandma's Attic. We will be collecting them closer to the bazaar. In the meantime, please consider saving any items of this type for WIF.





Volunteer Opportunities

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

- **Kroger Community Rewards Program:** Please register our church as your Kroger Plus Community Rewards recipient at 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 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 unhappy or happy moments. Pastor Suzanne will bless the finished shawl. If interested, contact Sonia Dermis.
- **Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor Program:** Our church is part of the Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor program. This program allows us to earn money based on your spending at DLM. All you have to do is complete a Good Neighbor Form and designate our church. You must re-register each year for the donation to be made. We are listed as First United Methodist Church – Springboro and our program ID is 815. You can find the forms in any DLM stores or online at: 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 .
- **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.

Volunteer Opportunities Continued

- **Fellowship Hosting:** 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. 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 substitute greeters who could help out occasionally before Sunday morning services when regular greeters are not available.
- **Wonderful Wednesday Kid's Club Volunteers:** In addition to our Wednesday night dinner and discussions, we will offer a family worship service and Kid's Club on Wonderful Wednesdays. The children's program is divided by age groups and will

focus on Bible verses, life application and fun! Service and mission will play a part as well as equipping our children to be faithful disciples of Christ. Anyone interested in this exciting ministry, please contact Kim Crosen at 748-2612 or kimfumc@gmail.com.



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.





Personal Thank You's

I would like to thank Pastor Suzanne, Dave Finney and all who said a prayer for me during my recent illness, and for the many cards and flowers that I received at that time. I truly believe that the many prayers helped me through this illness. Thanks again.

-Dottie Logan

Nicaragua Missions

We would like to say a huge thank you for your contribution to the VIM Nicaragua mission trip. The money that you gave will do a great deal to help the situation in the hospitals, the local start-up churches and the Carolina De Sirker School. Layette and health kits, Feed the Children programs and construction will be happening because of you. Thank you!

-Jack and Lois Eley

Remembering Members in Nursing Homes

If you know of any church members who are in a nursing home, please call Rebecca in the church office with the details. We will publish their information in future issues of *The Messenger*. This will help us to stay in touch with these members either through visits, cards or calls.

Church Members Serving in the Military

Please keep Ivan Mallett, J.R. Pickett and Jered Pritchett in your prayers as they serve our country.

Celebrating an October Birthday

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| 1: Matthew Delbridge | 13: Daniel Olsen |
| 2: Jim Hansel, Judy Wilhelm | 16: Terry Dickten, Alan Kerrick |
| 3: Erika Miller | 18: Harold Masteller |
| 4: Carol Dean | 19: Shirley McNeal, Karen DeRosa,
Nathan Hohulin |
| 5: Barbara Mills | 21: Emily Kylin |
| 6: Zach Young | 23: Derek Tincher, Alayna Mielke |
| 7: Jane Gregg, Dick Coyle | 24: Shirley Cecil |
| 8: Christian Dokas | 25: Zach Dunigan, Tessa Sinclair |
| 9: Donna Ronyak | 26: Sue Combs |
| 11: Tyson Long | 27: Katie Veren |
| 12: Mallory Fletcher, Tina Yeamans,
Steven Yeamans, Zachary Fry,
Erin Arnold | 28: Devin Cook, John Golconda |
| | 29: Faith Hampton |
| | 31: Allyson Best, Caitlin Swick |

Celebrating an October Anniversary

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| 2: Herb & Susan Mielke,
Jim & Mary Jane Hansel | 10: Mike & Tina Zimmerman
Daryl Hams & Suzanne Allen |
| 4: Bob & Mary Ann McIntosh | 14: J.R. & Becky Pickett |
| 5: Ron & Jennifer Bell | 16: Bill & Holly Olson |
| 6: Eric & Vicki Robinson | 22: Greg & Julie Moster |

October Volunteers

	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Cookies</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>
Oct. 4	Open Mike Hampton	Open Faith Hampton	Open	Marjorie Poff Sue Wade
Oct. 11	Belinda Mallett Becky Pickett	Open Open	Open	Jane Gregg
Oct. 18	Open Joy Mindling	Open Open	Open	Lois Cox
Oct. 25	Open Jane Gregg	Open Open	Open	Becky & Jason Pickett



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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

