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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,

During the month of May we celebrate several days with great significance to our church. On Pentecost, we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit and the way that it filled and formed the followers of Jesus into his church. On Aldersgate Day, we remember the anniversary of the heart-warming experience of God's grace that John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement had at a home on Aldersgate Street.

During this month, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church will also meet. This year in particular will be one in which we look to the Holy Spirit to lead us. There are many issues being brought forward that threaten to divide us, or at least cause much contention.

As I began thinking about all three of these events, I began to think about why I have chosen The United Methodist Church to be the community where I express my faith and live out my call to ministry.

One of the reasons is that I believe John Wesley laid a strong and Biblically sound theological and practical foundation for the life of our church based on both grace and personal accountability. I truly appreciate John Wesley's focus on holiness of heart, mind, and life, his emphasis on personal responsibility for living and growing in the Spirit, and the role of community for worship and accountability.

In honor of Pentecost, Aldersgate Day, and General Conference, here are some of my favorite quotes from John Wesley. I also found another United Methodist pastor's thoughts on why he loves being a United Methodist. As I share them, perhaps these will also become pieces of why you love being a part of The United Methodist Church as well.

Blessings!

Pastor Suzanne

"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while the leader was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

--from John Wesley's Journal

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Worship In May

April 30th/May 1st: Holy Communion

Scripture: John 17:1-19

Message: The Gift of Prayer

May 7th/8th: Mother's Day, Ascension

Scripture: John 17:20-26

Message: The Gift of Unity

May 14th/15th:

Pentecost & High Attendance Recognition

Scripture: John 16:5-16, Acts 2:1-8, 11b-13

Message: The Gift of the Holy Spirit

May 21st & 22nd: Graduation Recognition

Scripture: Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5

Message: What Do We Do Now?

May 28th/29th: Memorial Day Weekend

Scripture: Luke 7:1-10

Message: A Humble Heart



- 1: Junior High Church, Lunch, Fellowship
- 1: Bright Beginnings Spring Sing and Silent Auction
- 1: Senior High Youth Group (9th-12th)
- 2: Trustees
- 3: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 4: Choir and Hand Bells
- 7: Women in Faith/Mission Team Card Making Fund Raiser
- 8: Youth Group (7th—12th Grades)
- 9: Finance Committee
- 10: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 10: 5th-8th Grade Hope House Service
- 10: Stephen Ministers
- 10: Women in Faith Bible Study
- 11: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 11: 6th Grade Lunch with Kirby
- 11: Choir and Hand Bells
- 15: High Attendance Sunday
- 15: Youth Group (7th—12th Grades)
- 17: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 18: Clearcreakers
- 18: 7th—8th Grade Lunch with Kirby
- 18: Choir and Hand Bells
- 21: Mission 56 Church, Dinner, Fellowship
- 22: Graduate Sunday
- 22: Royal Princess Tea Party Luncheon
- 22: Youth Group (7th—12th Grades)
- 23: United Methodist Men
- 24: Stephen Ministers
- 24: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 25: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 25: Choir and Hand Bells
- 29: Youth Group (7th—12th Grades)

See details in this newsletter

A word from Pastor Suzanne Continued...

“Earn all you can, give all you can, save all you can”

— John Wesley

“It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will always be a knowing people.”

— John Wesley

“Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.”

— John Wesley

“I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfill God's creational intentions.”

— John Wesley

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.”

— John Wesley



What's So Great About Being A United Methodist?

1. We are a church that encourages a strong pulpit. People come expecting to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed powerfully.
2. We are a church that encourages a strong, warmhearted personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Jesus Christ is at the heart of everything we do.
3. We are a worldwide church. You can find a United Methodist church, mission, school, hospital, or clinic in many villages, hamlets, towns, or cities around the world.
4. We are an open, inclusive church. Our members come from every culture and from every socioeconomic group and all are embraced. We have more Asian-American and Native-American members than any other denomination. We have more African-American members than several other denominations combined. In addition, we have been at the forefront in encouraging women to give strong leadership in the church and therefore we have more women clergy than any other denomination.
5. We are a giving church. Every person who joins the United Methodist Church promises to serve God and support the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, and that pledge of loyalty enables us to give generously to benevolences and mission efforts.
6. We are a church with a family spirit. That family spirit enables us to be there for each other in our joys and sorrows from the cradle to the grave.
7. We are a church that owns and operates many colleges, hospitals, children's homes, and homes for the elderly; plus we operate the oldest church-owned publishing house in the world.
8. We are a church that reaches out with deep compassion to help hurting people. Our UMC Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is quickly on the scene all over the world wherever there is a natural disaster or any kind of pain or heartache to provide aid and love and care. We feed more than a million children every day.
9. We are a church with a great social creed that has been an inspiration to all in Christendom.
10. We continue Christ's ministry of preaching, teaching, healing, and caring.

(Written by the Rev. Dr. James W. Moore, Pastor of St Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas.)



Lay Leader Report

The season of Easter continues through May 8. Then the season of Pentecost will begin as we observe Pentecost on May 14-15. This celebration commemorates the amazing arrival of the Holy Spirit upon the early church. The second chapter of Acts describes that wonderful time when the first believers fully experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit. This can be considered the birthday of the church.

Then, in a uniquely United Methodist event, we will celebrate Heritage Sunday the following weekend. John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, experienced the Holy Spirit as he felt his heart strangely warmed on May 24, 1738. Wesley had the personal awareness that Jesus freed him from his sins. Even mine, were the words that Wesley used. We have the freedom to use the same words, “even mine”. Jesus freed me, even me. Such powerful words describing a powerful experience. Even mine!

Appropriately overlapping Pentecost Sunday, United Methodists from across the globe will meet in Portland, Oregon from May 10-20 for General Conference. This once-every-four-year event sees United Methodists gather to worship, pray and consider the United Methodist Discipline. The Discipline, which can be considered our second tier rule book – the Holy Bible is our primary Holy Writ – contains basic beliefs, church rules, procedures, and even church standing on some social issues. Only General Conference has the power to change the Discipline. Once any change is decided by General Conference, then all local United Methodist congregations and Annual Conferences abide by the revised Discipline for the next four years.

For example, in 2012 General Conference changed the rules by which our laity can gain credentials to serve as Lay Speakers. Prior to 2012, laity only had to attend two ten-hour classes to be credentialed. But in 2012 credentialing of Lay Speakers was changed to include a specific set of seven ten-hour classes, followed by an interview with a District oversight team, including a trial sermon. I completed the seven classes in 2014 as I worked toward becoming a Certified Lay Minister. I then suffered through the District interview.

The definition and requirements of Certified Lay Ministry are also specified in the Discipline and I must abide by any revisions to that section of the Discipline. I met all of the 2012-specified requirements last year as I was named a Certified Lay Minister. So I will be watching General Conference proceedings to see if any changes come to Lay Speaking or CLM credentialing.

All of this General Conference discussion is not to be confused with West Ohio Annual Conference. Annual Conference is held every year and for us, is held in Lakeside Ohio. Our resident bishop, Bishop Gregory Palmer will preside over Annual Conference. I will gladly attend this event for four days of worship, study and a little business. Our district is still accepting persons to attend as At Large Delegates. See me or Pastor Suzanne on how to sign up to attend. Annual Conference will be held on June 7-10.

Anticipate Pentecost! Be sensitive to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Know that even my sins are forgiven. Even Mine!

-David Finney



Spring Clean-Up Needed?

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

Interfaith Hospitality Network Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our IHN week in March/April. We hosted four mothers and six children, ages six months to four years. Two of them completed the program in the week after they were with us and moved into their new homes. We will be hosting again the week of July 3, 2016 and for the two weeks over Christmas. Your help is vital to our successful hosting of these families.

2015 Community Report Summary: IHN of Warren County's main purpose is to bring Warren County families out of homelessness, maintain family integrity, and help them build better lives. Since 1998, they have successfully housed 599 families, including 992 children, 637 of which were less than seven years old. There are several programs that

IHN operates: the family shelter program is the one we are most familiar with. In 2015, 35 families with 100 individuals were successfully housed through this program. They also offer a Homeless Crises Response program which includes Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing. In 2015, the Homeless Crises Response program served 140 families, to include 322 people. They were able to prevent 113 of those households from entering homelessness. There are 16 host churches in Warren and Hamilton County supporting IHN Warren County, with 19 support churches.

Second Coordinator: We would very much like to add a second coordinator to our IHN efforts. If you would be interested in serving this way, please reach out to Pastor Suzanne or Jennifer Fry.

Lead Musician

Our church is searching for a Lead Musician for our Saturday night service. *Springs*, our praise band, consists of an acoustic guitar, bass, keyboardist, and several vocalists. We are searching for someone to lead *Springs* on a weekly basis and have a preference for someone who plays keyboard or guitar, although that is not a requirement. We expect time commitment to be between 6-8 hours per week, to include the service, rehearsals, music selection, and staff meetings (as necessary). This is a paid position.

If you'd like more information, please reach out to the church at 937-748-2612 or send an email to fumcmusician@gmail.com.

Memorial Day

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.





First Steps Campaign

**We're part way to climbing our first step –
the retirement of the debt
on the existing church building
Let's climb all the way!**

The First Steps Campaign was launched last fall with the objective of raising \$250,000 to accomplish three goals:

- Retire the mortgage on our existing church building (\$150,000)
- Improve the worship experience in our existing Sanctuary (\$50,000)
- Begin saving and planning for a future expansion of the church (\$50,000)

To date, we have had almost \$82,000 pledged of which more than \$50,000 has been collected and applied to the existing mortgage debt. Let's finish taking that first step and have a mortgage burning party as soon as we can!

The need for the second step, improving our worship space, is evident each week and especially so during services such as Ash Wednesday, Easter and Christmas. We want everyone, members and guests alike, to be able to participate fully in the worship experience. Step Two planned enhancements include improved handicap accessibility, areas of flexible seating and a flexible rear wall configuration

that will expand the size of the Sanctuary into Fellowship Hall while preserving full use of the space. The improvements will also improve the sound system, reduce noise coming into the Sanctuary and enhance the front of the Sanctuary's ability to handle larger groups.

While Step Two will upgrade our worship experience for the coming three to five years, Step Three will provide initial capital for a future expansion of the entire church to enable us to continue to grow and support our expanding ministry and missions programs.

Thank you to all who have helped us start the First Steps campaign. We look forward to continued support from our church family in making this campaign a success. If you have questions regarding the First Steps Campaign, please reach out to a member of the campaign committee.

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| Pastor Suzanne Allen | Bill Olson |
| Stephanie Bindemann | Eric Robinson |
| Bill Delbridge | Brian Schlise |
| Garry Haun | Kelly Smith |



First Steps Campaign Progress
★ Giving as of April 17, 2016



Church Groups Meetings/Schedules

Women In Faith/Missions Comm.

The Women in Faith and Missions Committee will have a greeting card craft making workshop at the WIF meeting on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We are inviting anyone interested to join us in a fund raiser where we will learn special techniques for hand-crafting greeting cards. Each person will make a couple cards for a donation of \$5.00, with profits going toward our church's contribution at the annual conference in June. One card will be used to send to a shut-in in the congregation and there will be one to two cards to keep. We hope you will come and also invite a friend or neighbor to share in this endeavor. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Linda Leese (rleeses@woh.rr.com) so supplies can be purchased.

Clearcreakers Senior Group

The Clearcreakers meeting will be May 18 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. The program will be Vietnam photography by Ty Thomas. The luncheon will be pot luck. Please bring a casserole, side dish, salad or dessert to share and please remember to bring your own eating utensils. Try to join us for some fun, food, and fellowship. Questions, call: Linda Tennant or Martha Rutherford .

United Methodist Men

The men will hold their monthly Bible Study on Monday, May 23. So we encourage all men and older boys to consider joining us for this study.

This year United Methodist Men will not work in the suites at Dayton Dragons' games. UMM would like to thank all who have helped in with this fundraiser over the years. They also want to extend a special thanks to John Stalcup for his efforts in coordinating the Dragons games. It was hard work and he did a wonderful job! Our men's group is on the lookout for new fund raising opportunities. If you are aware of any, please let any member of United Methodist Men know.

Other Group Meeting Dates

May 2— Trustees

May 9— Finance

May 17 and 24— Stephen Ministers

May 2, 9, 16, 22, 30— Prayer Team

Stephen Ministry

Christ Caring for People through People

Do You Know Someone Going through a Difficult Time?

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with Pastor Suzanne, Zandra Woody, or Susan Raihala about Stephen Ministry. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!





Bright Beginnings Spring Sing

Bright Beginnings Christian Pre-School will hold their annual Spring Sing fund raiser on Sunday, May 1. This event includes an art show and choir concert by Bright Beginnings' students, and a silent auction with many items to bid on. Everyone is invited to attend.

Graduate Sunday

If you are a senior in high school or college, we want to celebrate your graduation with you! We will honor all graduates on Sunday, May 22 during regular services. In order to make sure we do not accidentally leave anyone out, please jot down answers to the following questions so that we can brag a bit about you!

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

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

High Attendance Sunday

On Sunday, May 15 during the first service, we will honor children who have achieved high attendance in Sunday School this year. These children have missed fewer than six Sundays of Sunday school from September through May. Children will be awarded with a special pin which has bars to attach for every year of high attendance and a gift certificate for the "K".

Church Birthday Party!

Pentecost is also known as the birthday of the church and we are celebrating! On Sunday, May 15 our youth groups will serve special treats between services and collect cake mixes/icing, and small toys that will go to the local food pantries for needy children's birthdays. A collection box will be available throughout the week for donations. The children will also celebrate during Sunday School and Children's Church.

Summer Sunday School

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



Royal Princess Tea Party

Hear, Ye! Hear, Ye! All young maidens and their mothers are cordially invited to attend a **Royal Princess Tea Party Luncheon and Crowning Ceremony** at church on Sunday, May 22 from 2:00 to 4:00. Please arrive dressed as a princess (moms too!) no later than 1:50 p.m. Each princess will receive a crown. There will be fun activities for princesses and their mother. There is no charge for the event but free will donations will be graciously accepted. The luncheon will feature devotional guides from Sheri Rose including "His Little Princess" and "His Princess". Space is limited. Please register using Sign Up Genius:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-royal2>



Late April Reminders

2016 Spring Cleaning Day

Please join us from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 23 for some spring cleaning at the church. Many hands make light work. Please consider giving time for a church spruce up! Sign-up sheets for materials and activities will be in the Fellowship Hall in April. If you are aware of anything that needs special attention, please notify Rebecca in the church office (rebeccafumc@gmail.com or 748-2612).



Ordination

As part of the Annual Conference in Lakeside, OH, Will Leasure, our former youth minister, will be ordained on June 7. We are considering driving the church van and/or bus up to support him on this momentous occasion. If you would be interested attending, please let Rebecca in the church office know.

Rummage Sale

The Youth Group's annual rummage sale will be held on Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18. So now is the time to start cleaning out your closets and basements to provide donations for the sale. Sorry, but we are not able to take old TV's which are not flat screened. Donations can be brought to church June 10 -16 (please, no drop offs on the days of the sale).



Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra

Church member, Kelly Ronyak, invites you to experience "The 3 B's" of classical music with the MVSO on Sunday May 1 at 3:00 p.m. at Kettering Seventh Day Adventist Church. Please visit mvso.org for details.

- Bach, JS *Orchestral Suite No. 3*
- Beethoven *Coriolan Overture*
- Brahms *Symphony No. 2*

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Community Events Continued

Upcoming Runs

Several local organizations are holding benefit 10 and 5 K runs. They include:

- *The Thirst Project Family Fun Run 5K and Play* - May 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at North Park in Springboro. For more information, please see poster on church office door.
- *Lift Your Leg Run to Benefit SICSA*—SICSA Pet Adoption Center in Kettering will hold a 10K, 5K and 1 mile run on Saturday, June 4 to benefit the center. The run will be at Centerville High School, 500 East Franklin Street. Registration fee is \$30 for adults and \$15 for youth ages 12 and under and includes a shirt. You can register online at liftyourleg.kintera.org.
- *Interfaith Hospitality Network Run4Home*— If you're a runner or walker, please consider joining the IHN Run4Home 5k on July 4, 2016. For more information about the 5k, or IHNWC in general, please visit their website at www.ihnwc.org.

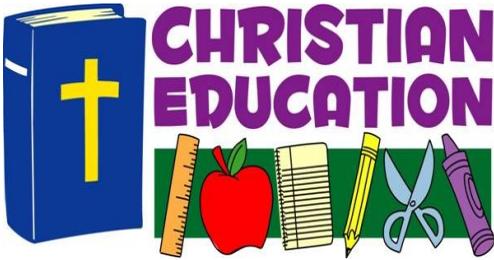


Relay For Life June 4 & 5, 2016

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is the world's largest and most impactful fundraising event to end cancer. It is a time to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and fight back against the disease. This event will be held at North Park in Springboro from 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 4 to 8:00 a.m. Sunday, June 5. Once again our church will be represented in this event. We are also

walking in the memory of two very special church members who lost their battle with cancer this past year, Karen Wenzel and Janet Jackson. The many ways that you can get involved include:

- **Join the team or donate** at www.RelayForLife.org/Springboro Our team name is Boro-methodist-FUMC
 - **Honor/Remember** – Prior to the relay, we will display an honor and remembrance board. Please add names, pictures, stories, etc. in honor of those battling and surviving cancer and in remembrance of those lost to this disease.
 - **Walk** – Join the team and walk during the event. A team member will be on the track for the entire event but you are welcome to walk as much or as little as you like.
 - **Donate** – Sponsor your favorite walker or make a donation to the entire team.
 - **Purchase a Luminary** – Luminaries line the track and are lit just after dark in a very moving ceremony or remembering those who lost their lives to cancer.
 - **Take Part in the Survivor/Care Giver Ceremony** – Cancer survivors walk the first lap of the Relay followed by those that provide care to them. A reception to honor survivors is held following this lap.
 - **Visit the Event** – Relay For Life is a wonderful community event. Please consider stopping by to visit our team and see what the relay is all about. Our team has it's own campsite on the track, so bring a chair and stay awhile.
- For more information about Relay For Life, please see the display (coming soon), check out the website or contact our co-captains Daryl Hams or Zandra Woody.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Holy Java

In May the Holy Java class will continue their study of *Christian: It's Not What You Think* by Andy Stanley.

In *Christian*, you will learn:

- What one word should be descriptive of every disciple
- How Jesus' followers should treat those who are outside the faith
- Why people love Jesus but can't stand his followers

The class meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the conference room for breakfast and fellowship. Class starts at 9:30.

Tuesday Bible Study

Pastor Suzanne's Tuesday morning Bible study continues their study of *Paul for Everyone*. In May the class will meet on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 31st (no class on the 24th) at 10:00 a.m. in the music room.

Cornerstone Class

The Cornerstone Class meets in the music room on Sunday mornings at 9:15. In the May, Jane Cook will lead the class in a study of the minor prophets Obadiah and Jonah. For more information on the Cornerstone class, please contact Barb Geiger.



Bright Be-

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In May, the children will learn about animals and insects! This learning process started in late April when we released butterflies in memory of Karen Wenzel and hatched eggs into chicks to celebrate new life. The children will enjoy visits from animals during May. These activities reinforce our Bible verse "Let the Earth bring forth creatures of all kind." (Genesis 1:24) and the Fruit of the Spirit of gentleness. Pastor Suzanne will lead us in our final Children's Church sessions of the school year. In addition, we'll hold our annual "Spring Sing and Art Show" concert and silent auction fundraiser, a carnival and graduation!

A.C.E.—Active Christian Exploration

Our A.C.E. kids had a great time in April focused on Earth Day! The children also "visited" Europe, learning about Spain and Portugal.

In May, the ACE students will learn about the island countries of the Bahamas and will honor their mothers. The ACE mission project for May is to plant the pots by our entry doors so that we have cheerful flowers greeting us each time we enter. ACE will wrap up a great year together with outdoor play and activities.

If you would like to know more about our A.C.E. program, please contact Kim Crosen.



Summer Creation Camps

First United Methodist Church, in conjunction with Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool and A.C.E. (Active Christian Exploration), is excited to offer summer camps to help enrich and expand a child's summer experience. This summer's theme is Expedition Earth. Each day will be a hands on experience as we undertake new adventures through games, cooking, science, art and more. Registration is now underway. Please see Bright Beginning's website (brightbeginnings.fumcofspringboro.org) or the church office for a registration form.

- **Half-Day camps (9 a.m.- 12 p.m.) - \$84 per week** Offered throughout the summer for children aged 3 yrs.–11 years old. During the morning children begin in a large group setting where they hear the bible verse, sing silly songs, learn fascinating facts and relish in the wonder of our world. Afterwards we separate into age appropriate groups and explore through art, games, cooking and science stations as we create, experiment, play and discover.
- **Full Day camps (9 a.m.- 4 p.m.) - \$150 per week* (includes 1/2 day camp)** Offered eight different weeks throughout the summer for children in K–5th grade. During the morning children participate in half day camps. Afternoons consist of field trips, special visitors, in depth projects and more! Parents provide a packed lunch daily.
- **Extended Day camps (6:30 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.) - \$176 (5 days)*, \$140 (3 days)* per week (includes 1/2 day and full day camps)** Allows children (K-5th) who need care before /after regular camp times to come in between 6:30– 9:00 a.m. and to stay as late as 6:30 p.m.

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

Camps:

Half Day, Full Day, Extended Day available all weeks

June 6-10: **Earthly Explorations!**

June 13-17: **Rockin' Rainforest!**

June 20-24: **Destination: Desert!**

June 27—July 1: **Groovy Grasslands!**

July 4 - 8: **No Camp**

July 11-15: **Aquatic Adventure!**

July 18-22: **Surf Shack VBS!** (Please note: 1/2 day is our morning VBS which requires a separate registration. Tuition is \$97 for full day and \$122 for extended day this week)

July 25-29: **Woods of Wonder!**

August 1-5: **Tundra of Fun!**

Please note that we are CLOSED July 4-8

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VBS 2016

Registration for this summers VBS will open to church members the week of April 25 and then opened to Bright Beginnings families the first week of May. The link to sign up is <http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcspringboro>. Our evening session will be held the week of July 11-15 from 5:45—8:45 p.m. Our morning session will be the following week, July 18-22. Our VBS is very popular so don't delay in signing up your children.

It takes several months of planning to pull off the wonderful program that helps bring God's word to many children both within our church and the greater Springboro community. Volunteer sign-ups will be in future bulletins and Decorating Days will begin soon.

Given below is a list of craft supplies needed to make this two wonderful weeks. We will begin taking your donations in early summer. You may notice that some of these items are not traditional craft materials! As a new part of the craft station, we will complete service projects to donate to various groups in the local area. Some of the items listed here will be part of that donation: the water bottles, the flip flops, and the laundry supplies. Many of the other materials will be used to "glam up" the donated items to make them extra special, and allow the campers to show their love for others through these service projects. Thank you for your continued support of this great outreach program for children.

- Pony craft beads, various colors - 14,800
- Pipe cleaners, various colors—200
- Foam sun visor hats, various colors—300
- Foam decoration stickers, ocean or Bible themes
- Foam picture frames for a 4x6 picture—300
- Bag of sand—1 large
- Resealable sandwich bags—600
- Various color sharpie markers, fine point
- Crayons
- Markers
- White school glue
- Surfing or ocean themed stickers
- Red construction paper—300 pieces
- Red foam paper sheets—300
- Large googly eyes—600
- Red pipe cleaners—300
- Powder laundry detergent - 300 cups
- Gift ribbon, any color—150 feet
- Card stock, any color
- Dryer sheets—300
- Shaving cream—300 cans
- White cardstock—120 sheets
- Food coloring, any color
- Yarn, any color—300 feet
- Jumbo craft sticks—300
- Paper towels
- Bottles of water—300
- Cardboard (cereal boxes would be perfect!)
- Foil sheets—300
- Washi tape
- Small shells—600
- 4x4 inch square white ceramic tiles—300
- Flip flops, various sizes (adult and child) - 150 pairs
- White gift bags (large enough to hold a pair of flip flops) -150
- Cloth (not gift) ribbon, various colors—200 feet





Kids Who Care: K—2nd grades

God Squad: 3 & 4th grades

Contact: Kim Crosen

kimfumc@gmail.com, 937-748-2612

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

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



Mission 56: 5th & 6th grades

Jammers: 7th & 8th grades

Contact: Kirby Cain

Cain.kirby@gmail.com, 937-684-1097

Mission 56 and Junior High Youth & Parents,

As I am writing this newsletter article, I look outside and notice the beauty of the day – 73 degrees, sunny, light breeze. This is my kind of day, a day where I would rather be fishing

than working. I praise God for these days and find myself reflecting on all of my blessings. One blessing has been the opportunity to work with the youth at FUMC and I look forward to our upcoming gatherings where we can get outside and experience fun and fellowship with one another.

Yours in Christ,
Kirby

Weekly Activities

- **Sunday Night Youth Group:** Junior High Youth Group will meet from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 15 and 22. There will be NO youth group activities on May 8 (Mother's Day) or May 29 (Memorial Day Weekend).
- **Every Thursday – LIFT (Grades 6 - 8):** LIFT (Living in Faith Together) meets after school until 3:30 p.m. at Springboro Junior High and is led by Mr. Randy Youst, dedicated parents and students of Springboro Junior High and Springboro Intermediate. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to worship with other students from their school.
- **Every Wednesday Morning - PAW (Prayer & Worship) - Springboro Intermediate and Junior High:** 6th, 7th and 8th graders have the opportunity to gather with Christian youth at their school for a time of prayer and worship. The Junior High meet with Mr. Youst from 6:50 - 7:15 a.m. in his classroom and the Sixth Grade meet with Kirby from 6:50 - 7:20 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room (Band Room). Milk and donuts are provided.

May Special Events

- **Sunday, May 1 – "Church, Lunch & Fellowship" (Junior High):** Please join Kirby for the 10:35 a.m. Sunday service. Afterwards, the youth will go out to lunch, and then to North Park for a time of fun and fellowship. We should be done no later than 3:00 p.m. **Parents** - Kirby needs at least one volunteer to assist him. You may need to drive youth to lunch if there are too many for the bus. Please RSVP if you are able to help.
- **Tuesday, May 10 – Hope House Mission: Center for Women and Children:** Provide dinner and activities for Hope House in Middletown from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. We need a maximum of six youth and one additional parent to assist. Please meet at the church at 4:15 p.m. and return by 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP if you plan on joining us.
- **Wednesday, May 11 – Lunch with Kirby at Springboro Intermediate:** Kirby will provide drinks and dessert. Each youth is asked to pack their lunch and encouraged to bring \$1 to support Faisha, our Compassion International sponsored child from Haiti.
- **Wednesday, May 18 – Lunch with Kirby at Springboro Junior High:** Kirby will provide drinks and dessert. Each youth is asked to pack their lunch and encouraged to bring \$1 to support Faisha, our Compassion International sponsored child from Haiti.
- **Saturday, May 21 – "Church, Dinner, & Fellowship" (Mission 56 Only):** Please join Kirby for the 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening service (He will preach this service). Following the service, the youth will have dinner in the Fellowship Hall, followed by our fellowship time together of games and a short discussion. Pick-up will be around 8:30 pm.

***Senior High Youth (9th—12 Grades)*****Contact: Brian Schlise*****Brianschlise@habeggercorp.com******937-748-9711***

The Senior High Youth will have their regular Sunday night meetings on May 1, 15 and 22. from 7:00 to 8:30. They will not meet May 8 due to Mother's Day and May 29 due to the Memorial Day weekend.

***West Ohio Conference Summer Camps***

Each summer, the West Ohio Conference offers a variety of summer camps at their three facilities—Camp Otterbein, Camp Wesley and Camp Widewater. If you are interested in learning more about the exciting summer adventures they offer, the church office has a copy of their 2016 Summer Camp Guide. Please stop by to learn more or see their website: www.westohiocamps.com





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—so please re-enroll this month!

- * 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.

- **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. Please be sure to register again for 2016. 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 .
- **Church Historian:** 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.

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.). If interested, please contact Rebecca in the church office.
- **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.



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..



Senior Volunteers Needed

Warren County Community Services has multiple opportunities for volunteers age 55 and older through their RSVP Volunteer Program. These include working with:

- Warren County Genealogical Society,
- AARP Tax-Aide Program,
- Hospice of Butler and Warren Counties,
- Warren County Head Start,
- Warren County Adult New Readers program,
- Lifespan Guardian Friendly Visitor program,
- and at several local schools.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact the RSVP Volunteer Program at 513-695-2252.





Otterbein Avalon

David Finney will lead a group to engage with senior residents of the Otterbein Avalon community (located off north Bunnel Hill Road) on Wednesday May 11 and 25. The carpool will leave from church at 1:30 and return by 3:30. We will interact with the Otterbein residents through worship, singing and game time. If you are interested, please let David Finney know (513-727-4395).

Humane Society Collection

Abby Savin is working to collect items for the Dayton Humane Society. This collection will be ongoing until the end of the school year. There is a poster and collection box in the Narthex. Abby will deliver donated items to the Humane Society once or twice a month while she is there volunteering. Items needed include dog and cat food, dog and cat toys, leashes, collars, old towels. Please see poster for a complete list of needed items.

May is a "Five on the 5th" Month

First United Methodist continues to support UMCH Family Services in Columbus through their "Five on the 5th" program. UMCH Family Services is an outreach program of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church which 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. 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. May 29 is the next fifth Sunday. If you would like to contribute, simply place the \$5 donation in one of the pew envelopes and mark it UMCH Family Services. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of children in need!



***"Who takes a child by the hand
takes a mother by the heart."***

~ Danish Proverb



Personal Thank You's

Dear Members,

Thank you for my 90th birthday cards and the 2 singing birthday calls from Bev Thomas and Jim and Mary Jane Hansel. This kindness made my birthday very special.

Thank you and Love and Prayers

Maxine Spencer

Franklin Area Community Services, Inc.

Dear Friends,

Your generous donation to the Franklin Area Community Services (FACS) on March 21, 2016 of 100 food bags and \$10 Kroger gift cards is greatly appreciated. It will help us to continue providing assistance to our clients with their basic human needs.

We serve needy families and individuals who live in the Franklin, Carlisle and Springboro areas. Our work can continue only with the support of generous people and groups who respond to the needs of others by providing to FACS food, funds, time and goods. As well as providing interim assistance we guide the needy to agencies which can provide longer-term solutions.

We are an organization of volunteers attempting to ease some of the constant worry of our neighbors. For more information please visit our website at www.facswarren.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Anne S. Langsdale
Volunteer



Interfaith Hospitality Network

Dear IHN Volunteers,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Interfaith Hospitality Network of Warren County, I want to thank you for your help during this past week. Without the support of churches such as you, we would not be able to serve the people of our community who are in need and without a home. Your generous support has touched many lives. The families that have stayed with you this past month speak well of their experiences. Each and every person has their own unique story, and I'm sure they'll never forget the hospitality you provided. More importantly you have touched the hearts and lives of the children in a way that they will always remember.

Since our inception in October 1998, Interfaith has assisted more than 602 families in finding affordable housing, employment and daycare. Our families come to us without homes or hope. When the family leaves, they have found housing, employment, education and daycare. Mostly, they have found the love of God through your time and kindness.

Again, many thanks for your commitment and continued support of Interfaith Hospitality Network of Warran County.

Linda Rabolt
Executive Director

Thank you
for the warm
welcoming we receive
each day. The nourishing
& thoughtful meals that
we enjoy very much.
Elanra + Autumn

THANK YOU

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Thanks
for all your
hospitality
it was amazing
Melissa
+
Gale
Wright



Such a great
environment for our kids.
Thank you!
Brooke, Charlie, Layna
+ Aheza

Thank you so much
for having us. You
guys are awesome!
Amy + Amelia



Celebrating an May Birthday

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

Celebrating an May Anniversary

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| 5: John & Susan Stalcup | 13: Bob & Sandy Moser |
| 7: Alan & Stephanie Bindemann | 14: Chuck & Amy Roderer |
| 8: Kevin & Shelly Houser | 27: Terry & Kristy Shetterly |
| 9: Michael & Tracy Stull | 29: Ted & Greta Talbot,
David & Retta Willis |
| 12: John & Jessie Golconda | |

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

May Volunteers

	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Cookies</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>
May 1	Belinda Mallett Open	Open Open	Barb Mills	Lois Cox
May 8	Open Open	Open Open	Open	Roy and Jane Cook
May 15	Belinda Mallett Joy Mindling	Open Open	Sunday School Children	Jessie Hall
May 22	Open Mike Hampton	Open Faith Hampton	Fellowship & Family Life	Open
May 29	Open Jane Gregg	Open Open	Open	Belinda Mallett



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"Keeping First Things First!"

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

Matthew 6:33

