



First United Methodist Church of Springboro

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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 Amy....

Dear friends,

As I write this, my family and I have been in Springboro for two whole weeks. Everyone asks if we are yet settled, and I laugh. Are we starting to settle down into a routine? Maybe. Do we have all of the boxes unpacked? Not even close. Are we excited to be here? Yes!

Thank you for such a gracious welcome! It was a gift to be able to spend the first week concentrating on getting the boys settled and started at school prior to my official start at the church. We were fed very well by the Loaves and Fishes Ministry as well as summer potlucks. I can feel the support of your prayers in this time of transition. And thanks for continuing to wear your nametags as a way to introduce yourself to me and my family.

This week I have spent some time getting to know the church staff, and we have a great team with a passion for deepening discipleship, building relationships, and living out the love of Jesus. Yes, like all congregations we will have our challenges as we move forward in ministry, yet there are already so many positive ways we are in mission and ministry in Springboro and beyond! Just read through this newsletter and you get a glimpse of our outreach, our care, and our commitment.

September is a month of new beginnings here at Springboro First. Bright Beginnings preschool classes fully begin. (ACE and Kindergarten Exploration have already begun.) Wonderful Wednesdays will begin again, with a slight tweak to the format of the evening, and class/group offerings for all ages. Groups that did not meet over the summer will re-engage one another. And on September 18th, 10 confirmands will stand before the congregation and begin the next chapter of their faith journeys as professing members of Springboro First.

With their new beginning in mind, on September 11th I will begin a five week series that looks in-depth at one of the membership questions: "Will you faithfully participate in its [the local congregation's] ministries by your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness?" Whether you are a member or an active constituent, these are appropriate ways for all of us to live out our faith through our participation on Sunday mornings as well as throughout the week. They are ways we serve Christ through this particular community of the body of Christ known as Springboro First UMC. I invite you to join me for this series and consider how you connect with God and with others through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

Together in Christ,

Pastor Amy

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Worship In September

September 3rd/4th: Holy Communion

Scripture: Matthew 26:26-38

Message by Rev. Doug Dean

“The Hungry Spirit”

Worship Series:

“Participating in Our Ministries”

September 10th/11th:

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13, James 5:13-16

“Participating by Our Prayers”

September 17th/18th: Confirmation Sunday

Scripture: John 15:1-5, Psalm 111

“Participating by Our Presence”

September 24th/25th

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

“Participating by Our Gifts”

September Events

- 2-4: Church Camping at Caesar’s Creek
- 6: Bright Beginnings Classes Start
- 6: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 6: 5th—8th Grades Hope House Mission
- 6: Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 7: 6th Grade Lunch with Kirby
- 7: Otterbein Avalon Visit
- 7: Choir and Hand Bells
- 11: Installation of District Superintendent
- 11: 7th & 8th Church, Lunch, Fellowship
- 11: God Squad and Kids Who Care
- 11: Confirmation Meeting & Rehearsal
- 12: Covenant Bible Study
- 12: Finance Team
- 12: Church Conference
- 12: Administrative Council
- 13: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 13: Stephen Ministers
- 13: Women in Faith Bible Study
- 14: Wonderful Wednesday/Choirs
- 17: Women in Faith
- 17 Mission 56 Church, Dinner, Fellowship
- 18: Confirmation Sunday
- 18: Youth Group (7th—12th Grade)
- 19: Mission Team
- 19: Covenant Bible Study
- 20: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 21: Clearcreakers
- 21: 7th & 8th Grade Lunch with Kirby
- 21: Otterbein Avalon visit
- 21 Wonderful Wednesday/Choirs
- 23: Movie Night
- 25: Welcome Ice Cream Social for Pastor Amy
- 25: 7th—12th Grade Youth Group
- 26: Covenant Bible Study
- 26: United Methodist Men
- 27: *Paul for Everyone* Bible Study
- 27: Stephen Ministers
- 28: Wonderful Wednesday/Choirs

Lay Leader Report

Fall is in the air! Well, it is still warm and muggy as this is written, but Labor Day is upon us. The first day of autumn will arrive during September, meaning to a guy like me that fall sports are in full swing. From 3 on 3 youngster soccer, up through Passers, Strikers, Kickers and all other levels of youth soccer, hundreds of area children are playing and hopefully enjoying soccer. I remember back when I coached, I was told that my number one job was to see that the kids wanted to play during the next season. May this season's experience be a positive one such that kids, parents, coaches, and referees all want to participate next season.

Profound question as I ponder the many activities and programs within FUMC. Do the people that we serve want to participate in our next offering? If not, how do we improve?

A few folks have asked me about the Adult Mission Trip to Smith Island Maryland. No one was able/willing to go on the trip with me, so I decided not to make the drive alone. I regret that decision in that the post-trip report from my brother Jeff is thrilling. Jeff, a resident of Princess Anne, MD, coordinated the entire effort, from securing partnership with Chesapeake Bay Foundation, to arranging work sites with Smith Island locals, to finding ways to participate in the evening worship services, and to securing very nice lodging for the workers. The Monday night worship experience left Jeff in tears. When he told me of the experience a few days later, I too was moved to tears. That night was to

have been our final night on Smith Island and no doubt we would have been in among the worshipers. So while I am excited that hundreds gathered in open air to worship, I regret that I was not among them. Perhaps next year some will be willing to venture away from home to serve and worship.

In September there are two very noteworthy events on the Ohio River Valley District calendar. On Sunday, September 11 at 4:00, we will celebrate in worship as Rev. Dr. Todd Anderson is installed as our District Superintendent. No doubt, some attention will also be given to the District's new Assistant to the Superintendent. Bishop Gregory Palmer will preach that day. Bishop Palmer is an outstanding preacher and I highly recommend attendance, if just to hear him preach. This worship service will be at the church of Dr. Anderson's parents, and the church of his youth, Faith Community Church of West Chester. The church is located on Cox Rd., just south of Tylersville Rd.

Then on Friday, September 30 into Saturday, October 1, our district's Lay Servant Ministry team will conduct training for our laity. I am proud to serve on this leadership team that schedules and conducts training classes for the laity of our district. I've taken about 10 of our classes over the years and have led three more. It has always been a blessing for me to attend or lead one of the classes.

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Name Tags

As we welcome Pastor Amy to lead our church, we request that everyone please wear your name tags during services. This will help her get to know all of us by name much more quickly. Name tags can be found on the holders by both doors.

Invitation to Superintendent Installation

Bishop Palmer invites all clergy and laity to attend the Installation Service of our new Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Todd Anderson on Sunday, September 11. It will take place at Faith Community United Methodist Church in West Chester beginning at 4:00 p.m. The service will include communion and Bishop Palmer as the guest preacher. Our own Vicki Robinson will be part of the ceremony and Pastor Suzanne Allen will also be installed as Assistant Superintendent. A reception will follow.

Hand Bell Choir

Our Joyful Noise Hand Bell choir meets every Wednesday from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Kirby Cain directs this ensemble and looks forward to another great season of beautiful bell music. If there is anyone interested in participating in the hand bell choir, please e-mail Kirby Cain at 937-684-1097 or cain.kirby@gmail.com.

Church Facilities Scheduling

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

All Saints Celebration

On the weekend of November 5/6, 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 the church office by Tuesday, November 1.

College Student Addresses

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

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed September 5 for Labor Day. Regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please don't hesitate to contact Rebecca Delbridge should you need to schedule a meeting at church, get contact information for other members, or have any other needs of an administrative nature.



New Look at Church

By now, most of you have seen the new look of our Narthex and classroom area. We have Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool to thank for the updates. Bright Beginnings is an incredibly strong outreach program of our church. It brings the word of God to many children beyond our church family while providing a strong academic foundation.

This summer, Bright Beginnings chose to apply some of its financial resources to pay for much needed maintenance of our shared facility. The Narthex, hallways, bathrooms and most classrooms were painted. Four classrooms had stained and worn out carpeting replaced with durable vinyl plank flooring. Kim Crosen's office, which serves as the nerve center for both the church's Christian Education department and the Bright Beginnings programs, is being outfitted with a modular office system that will accommodate the 3-5 people who work in the office on a regular basis. Finally, Bright Beginnings is making a substantial donation to our First Steps campaign to support the continued growth our church.

The strong partnership between First United and Bright Beginnings results in a dynamic outreach effort of our church. As Bright Beginnings continues to grow and thrive, so will our church.

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 3:14-15

Church Communications

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

Speaking of Facebook, have you "friended" our church Facebook page yet? If not, please do so. Maria Dershem is doing a great job posting about FUMC on a regular basis. Every time she posts and we like the post, all our Facebook friends see it. What an easy way to spread the word of our church!

Field Trip Forms

We ask parents of our youth to please complete a 2016/2017 Family Information Card and Field Trip Permission Form. These forms need to be completed each year to ensure that all information is up to date and to give permission to FUMC staff and volunteers to transport students. The forms can be found in the Narthex on the welcome table. Please take the time to fill out and sign the form and return it to your child's youth group director (Kim Crosen for K-4th grade students, Kirby Cain for 5-8th grade and Brian Schlise for 9th—12th grade).

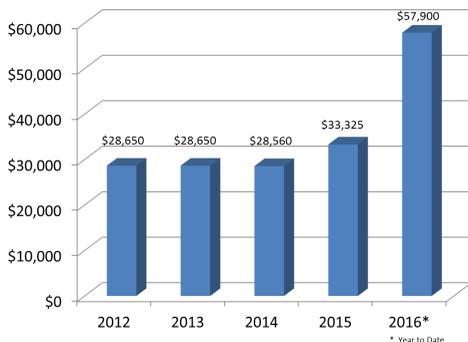
First Steps Campaign Progress



First Steps Campaign Progress
★ Giving as of August 21, 2016

Our First Steps Campaign is making great progress! As of August 21, we have received almost \$78,000 of the \$81,872 pledged to the campaign. This puts us half way towards achieving the first step of the campaign—retiring our mortgage. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could retire the mortgage by the end of the year? As shown in the graph below, our congregation's faithful giving has resulted in a significant increase in the size of mortgage payments each year. Thank you for your financial support of our church home!

FUMC Mortgage Payment by Year



Principal Balance on Loan \$74,961

Giving Greener

Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is your offering check one of the few checks that you write anymore? You can give "greener" by using our Online Giving Program. Simply go to our church website and click on the Online Giving tab or go directly to our custom site at <https://e-giving.org/FirstUnitedMethodistChurchofSpringboroSpringboro> to enroll. You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check or forgetting your envelope.

Locking Church Doors

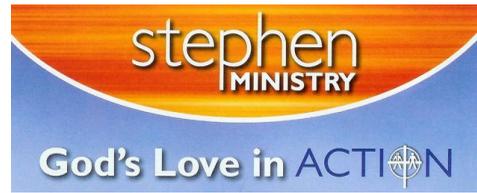
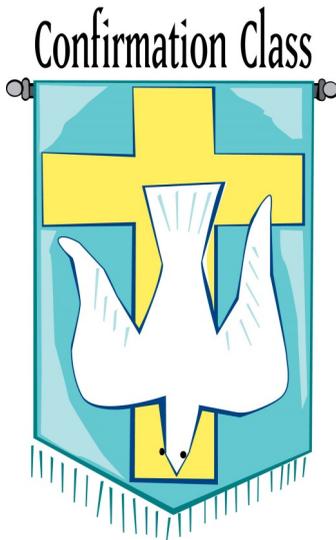
We would like to remind everyone that if you are meeting at the church in the evenings, please check ALL exterior doors to ensure they are locked before you leave. If you are not the only group meeting in the church that evening, please verify the other group is still here before assuming they will lock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

Lay Leader Report Continued

The classes we will offer that Friday night – Saturday are: 1) Basic class, which will give information on the Wesley brothers, their wonderful mother Suzanna, as well as share information on United Methodist church structure and where we stand as a church on issues; 2) Pray AL(L)Ways, a class intended to help us grow in public and private prayer and ; 3) Go Preach! – a class intended to help aspiring speakers learn a few techniques on developing and delivering a sermon. All three classes will be offered at Church of the Saviour, on Pfeiffer Rd in Blue Ash. Please see me for more details or assistance in registering.

-David Finney





Did You Know

...that Stephen Ministers are trained to help people cope with all life's major changes, including the empty nest? If you or someone you know is feeling lost after sending children off to college or independence, talk to a Stephen Minister and find out how we can help. Any and all life changes can be unsettling, but with the Christ-centered love and care of a trained Stephen Minister, people adjust to new situations faster and don't feel so alone. Let a Stephen Minister help you or a loved one cope with difficult change. For more information, contact Zandra Woody or Susan Raihala .

Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, September 18 our 2015-2016 Confirmation Class will join the church. They have spent nine months intentionally practicing and learning more about their faith within the life of our church. I hope you will support and encourage them in their faith journey.

The 2016 Class: Lauren, Alex B, Elizabeth E, KC H, Donna R, Abby S, Emily S, Karoline S, Ryan T, Caleb Z

***Heavenly Father,
thank you for the encouragement and support of
my brothers and sisters in the family called "Your Church".
Thank you for giving us each other to laugh together, cry together,
pray together and work together for that which is right and holy. Amen.***

Prayer from Dr. Robert H. Schuller's book



Church Groups Meetings/Schedules

Women In Faith

WIF will meet on Saturday, September 17 at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will discuss plans for the upcoming bazaar. We hope many women in the church will join us for this first meeting. Light refreshments will be served. Come and share your ideas on how we can make this our best bazaar ever. As most of you know this is our biggest fund raiser of the year. Last year we were able to support many church, community and global missions with funds from this activity. We hope to be able to continue to help organizations in need. If you would like any information on our group, please contact Judy Cook.

The Women in Faith Bible Study will resume on September 13 to conclude their study of *Parables from the Backside*. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Conference room. All women in the church are invited to join the Bible study.

United Methodist Men

After a summer of busyness, the men of our church will resume our monthly Bible studies in late September. Also during our September 26 meeting, we will discuss how and when we want to gather over the next few months. We'll consider social events, service events, as well as the need for continual spiritual growth. This session will begin at 7:00 on the 26th in Fellowship Hall. We will also look into a short devotional that evening as we consider the elements of spirituality that are expressed in football. Like, how is a middle linebacker like a Bible study class leader. Please join us on September 26 to have your voice heard.

Clearcreakers Senior Group

The Clearcreakers meeting will be September 21 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. Please watch for an announcement on the program in the church bulletin. A meat and cheese tray and bread will be provided. Please bring a 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, please call: Linda Tennant or Martha Rutherford.

Other Group Meeting Dates

September 6—SPRC
 September 12—Finance Team
 September 12—Church Conference
 September 12—Administrative Council
 September 13, 27—Stephen Ministers
 September 19—Mission Team

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

Without so many unpaid servant leaders, our church could not be in mission and ministry as we are within the church and within the community. Thank you to all who serve!

This is the time of year that the Nominations Committee looks to update for 2017 our many leadership teams. Our desire is to connect people to places that match their passions and gifts for the glory of God. Please consider serving on one or more of these teams and letting us know your willingness to do so.

Administrative Council: 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.

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

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

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

Trustees: This group oversees the maintenance of church property.

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

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.

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

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.

Tech Team: This group sets up and runs the audio/visual during worship and advises trustees on tech needs throughout the church.

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.

Weekday Greeters: This group will greet at the door anyone who comes to the church during morning office hours and direct them to the office or appropriate room.

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

I am interested in serving God through my church in 2017!

Name _____

Phone number _____

Area of interest _____

“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.”
Ephesians 4:11-13





September Events

Welcome Pastor Amy

We invite the entire church to come to an ice cream social to welcome Pastor Amy to our church on Sunday, September 25 at 3:00. This will be an opportunity to get to know Pastor Amy and her family a little better—and to enjoy some yummy ice cream. We hope you can make it!

Sept 2-4: All Church Camp Out at Caesar's Creek

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

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

The cost for the weekend is \$25 per family. Please make payment out to FUMC and put "Camping" in the memo line. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to contact Kara Hampton with any questions or suggestions.

Church Conference

All church members are invited to attend a special Church Conference meeting on Monday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. At this conference, our church will recommend Vicki Robinson for her candidacy for ministry. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall. Administrative Council will follow the conclusion of Church Conference.

Movie Night

The first Movie Night for the 2016/2017 school year will be Friday, September 23. You enjoy a night out, while the kids enjoy a night in at the church! Space is limited to 60 children, so call or email (748-2612 or kimfumc@gmail.com) to secure a spot for your children. \$10 per child. Everything is included in that price: pizza, drinks, popcorn.

Drop off details:

- Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Please enter through the front doors of the church.
- Your children stay with you until we have collected your registration forms and payment, and have given them a name tag.

What happens after you leave:

- Parent Volunteers help supervise the evening. We should have a 1-8 ratio.
- Pizza and drinks are served followed by popcorn during the full length movie.
- The kids will enjoy a newly released on DVD movie.

Pick up details:

- Pickup person MUST be someone on the registration form with ID.
- Please wait in the lobby as we match you up and have you sign out your children.
- Please pick up promptly at 9 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Beginning September 14, join us for Wonderful Wednesdays, an intergenerational opportunity to come together for dinner, worship, and small groups. The evening includes dinner at 6:00, followed by a short time of table-side devotions from 6:45 to 6:55. From 7:00 to 8:00, we offer break out study groups for all ages. We will have a rotating selection of break out topics, including:

- **Kid's Club** (Ages 4 - 4th Grade): Explores the Bible through games, art, stories and fun!
- **Youth** (Grades 5-12): Kirby will meet with 5th—8th graders and Brian will lead the 9th—12th grader covering topics geared to the age group. Youth can also join other studies if they would like.
- **Top Ten United Methodist Beliefs:** What do we stand for? What makes us vital? What biblical insights are key to our understandings of God? Explore what we believe as United Methodists— the big, important things that draw us together as people of faith. Don Adams combines the mind of a scholar and the heart of a pastor to engage us in the central elements of a distinctively Wesleyan life of faith. Find the transformative power of Wesleyan faith and be inspired to life a more full life of discipleship. This Faith/lab class will be led by Pastor Doug.
- **“Life from the Upside”:** The news of our day and the struggles of this life can constantly pull us down. Yet God is still at work in our world, and there is still hope. Pastor Amy will lead this study, based on J. Ellsworth Kalas' book, that deals with Scripture and themes on such topics as messy beginnings, not letting others define you, the

positives in our weaknesses, and finding your own self-worth.

- **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!

Nicaragua Mission Trip Collection

This October, Jack Eley will again travel with a United Methodist Volunteer in Mission team to serve in Nicaragua. While we “passed the envelope” in worship on August 27 and 28, we will continue to accept donations to provide needed items to the mission he will serve. While in Nicaragua, the team will work with the Carolina de Sirker Christian School doing light construction and supporting the programs to make disciples among the kids. Other plans include working with area Methodist churches and visiting the pediatric hospital.



Save the Date

- October 13: Kids Who Care Hay Ride
- October 14: Cornerstone Class Movie Night
- October 16: God Squad and Mission 56 Corn Maze
- October 26: Wonderful Wednesday Halloween Party

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

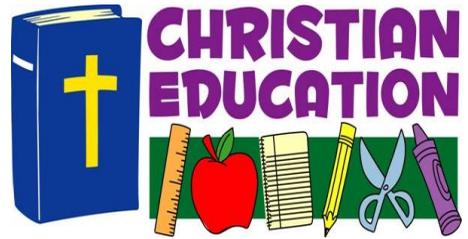
Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra

Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra opens its season with one exciting concert and one beloved musical. Church member, Kelly Ronyak, invites you to hold the dates for these fun concerts:

- Sunday October 2, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at Kettering Seventh Day Adventist Church - The season opener is filled with classical gems by Schubert, Offenbach, Johann Strauss Jr., and features Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture as the grand finale!
- October 28-30, 2016 at Dayton Masonic Center - The MVSO and the Dayton Playhouse team up to present the iconic musical, "Fiddler on the Roof." A larger than life cast and chorus perform beloved hits such as "Sunrise, Sunset," "If I Were A Rich Man," and "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" with the full symphony orchestra playing this memorable score.

Centerville Community Band

The Centerville Community Band will perform one final concert in the 2016 series on Sunday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m. This will be a children's Concert at Benham's Grove in Centerville. The concert is free and open to the public.



Covenant Bible Study

Pastor Doug Dean Covenant Bible Study class continues on Monday evenings at 7:00 in the Conference Room. 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. The course is the first class of our new *FAITHlab* program.

Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study continues their study of *Paul for Everyone*. In September, the class will meet on the 6th, 20th, 27th (no class on the 13th) 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 September, Barbara Geiger will teach lessons from the book of Ruth. The focus will be on its example of faithful living with one another by showing the same loyal compassion that God has for humankind. Additionally, we will study examples showing how the book of Ruth interwoven with human experience and demonstrated through daily life. For more information on the Cornerstone Class, please contact Barb Geiger.

Holy Java

In September the Holy Java Sunday School class continues their study of *Culture Shock*. It is not too late to join. We live in a reactionary culture where divisive issues arise, people on either side throw stones, and everyone ends up more entrenched in their opinions than in reaching common ground--or even exhibiting common courtesy! If there ever was a time for Christians to understand and communicate God's truth about controversial and polarizing issues, it is now. Believers must develop convictions based on research, reason, and biblical truth--and be able (and willing) to communicate these convictions with a love and respect that reflects God's own heart.

In *Culture Shock*, bestselling author, pastor, and radio personality Chip Ingram shows readers how they can bring light rather than heat to the most controversial and divisive issues of our day. Covering topics such as right and wrong, sex, homosexuality, abortion, politics, and the environment, *Culture Shock* is every engaged believer's must-have guidebook to replacing reactionary hate with revolutionary love.

For more information on this study and the Holy Java class, please reach out to Maria Dershem. The class meets at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the Conference Room.

Sunday School Classes/ Locations for Fall 2016

Sunday School is a fun and educational way for children to learn the Bible and what Christianity is all about. Summer classes are going on now. Regular Sunday School classes for the 2016-2017 school year began August 21. Classes run through the month of May.

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

Sunday School Registration/Check-in

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





Kids Who Care: K—2nd grades

God Squad: 3 & 4th grades

Contact: Kim Crosen

kimfumc@gmail.com, 937-748-2612

Kids Who Care & God Squad

Both Kids Who Care and God Squad will kick off the new school year with Get to Know You parties on September 11. God Squad will meet from 12:00 to 1:30 and Kids Who Care will gather from 2:00 to 3:30. Both events are at church.

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



Mission 56: 5th & 6th grades

Jammers: 7th & 8th grades

Contact: Kirby Cain

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

Mission 56 & Junior High Youth & Parents,

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

Yours in Christ,
Kirby

Activities planned for September:

Weekly Activities

- **Sunday Night Youth Group:** The Junior High (Grades 7 & 8) Youth will meet Sunday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. There will be a time of snacks, fun and fellowship (discussion). This month, Sunday Night Youth Group will be on Sunday, September 18 and 25.

Weekly Activities Continued

- **Wonderful Wednesdays:** Wonderful Wednesdays start on Wednesday, September 14. Please see page 13 for general information on the evening. Mission 56 and Junior High Youth meet with Kirby to get a better understanding of God's word and discuss topics related to youth and their walk with Christ.
- **Every Friday - LIFT (Grades 6 - 8):** LIFT (Living in Faith Together) will start on Friday, September 9 and meets after school until 3:30 p.m. at Springboro Junior High. It is led by Mr. Randy Youst and dedicated parents and students. This is a wonderful opportunity of our youth to worship with other students from their school.
- **Every Wednesday Morning - PAW (Prayer & Worship) - Springboro Intermediate & Junior High:** This activity, starting Wednesday, September 14, is where 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 meets 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). Milk and donuts will be provided.

September Special Events

- **Friday, September 2 – Sunday, September 4: Church Camp-out at Caesar Creek:** You and your family are invited to join members of the church as we camp out at Caesar Creek. Please see page 12 for details. I plan on participating this year and would love to see you there. If interested, sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

- **Tuesday, September 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. A maximum of six youth and one parent can assist in this opportunity to serve. We meet at church at 4:15 p.m. and return by 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP if planning on joining us.
- **Wednesday, September 7 – Lunch with Kirby at Springboro Intermediate:** Kirby will bring drinks and dessert. Each youth is asked to pack their lunch. Also, each youth is encouraged to bring \$1 to support Faisa, our Compassion International sponsored child from Haiti.
- **Sunday, September 11 – "Church, Lunch & Fellowship" (Grades 7 & 8):** Please join Kirby for the 10:35 a.m. Sunday service. Following, the youth will go out to lunch together, then either return to the church or go to a special location for a time of fun and fellowship until 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP if planning on joining us. Parents - Kirby needs at least one volunteer to assist him with the lunch and activity time. Please RSVP if you are able to help.
- **Saturday, September 17 – Church, Dinner & Fellowship (Mission 56):** Please join Kirby for the 5:30 p.m. Saturday service. Following the service, the youth will go out to dinner together, then either return to the church or go to a special location for a time of fun and fellowship until 9:00 p.m.

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Junior High Continued

- **Wednesday, September 21 – Lunch with 7th/8th Grade at Springboro Junior High:** Kirby will bring drinks and dessert. Each youth is asked to pack their lunch. Also, each youth is encouraged to bring \$1 to support Faisha, our Compassion International sponsored child from Haiti.
- **Friday, September 23 – “Kim’s Movie Night”, 5:30 – 9:30 pm:** 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 & games. **Look for a future e-mail explaining how to sign-up to volunteer for this special event.**

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

Our senior high youth welcome our newest members! Ninth graders officially moved up to the group in August. We are excited to have this close knit group join us.

The youth will have regular Sunday evening meetings on September 18 and 25. In addition, we will have some special activities and service projects during the month. Please watch for text messages with details.

*Weekday Education Ministries**Contact:**Kim Crosen**937-748-2612, bbcpfumc@gmail.com**Bright Beginnings
Christian Preschool*

Classes for Bright Beginnings officially begin September 6. On August 28, our annual “Meet the

Teacher” celebration allowed our students to meet teachers and new friends, tour the building and have an ice cream social. During the month of September our theme is “Designed by God so I must be special” and our Bible verse is: God said, “I know you by name” (Exodus 33:17) Teachers will facilitate activities that have children exploring their senses, manners and feelings. Pastor Amy will lead them in their first Children’s Church of the school year that will help them learn about how special they are to God. So special that he knows them by name and even how many hairs they have on their heads!

A.C.E. After School Program

Our church and Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool continue to offer A.C.E.—Active Christian Exploration, a program designed for kindergarten through 5th grade students. It is offered Monday through Friday before school beginning at 6:30 a.m. and after school until 6:30 p.m. Students enjoy healthy snacks, cooking, art, science, recreation and homework help. There are Christian enrichment and activities centered around life skills, service, mission and scripture as we travel to different continents around the world.





Tech Team Needed

Our church is looking for volunteers to help serve on a Tech Team. These people will handle the audio/visual needs during services. Responsibilities would include setting up equipment before each service, running the slides during services and managing audio for music. In addition, they may serve as an adjunct arm of Trustees in helping to determine best practices and resources for the church on the technology front (for example, internet provider options). If you are interested in serving your church family in this way, please let Rebecca in the church office know (937-748-2612 or rebecca-fumc@gmail.com).

Otterbein Avalon

The September dates for visits with the senior residents of the Otterbein Avalon community will be Wednesday September 7 and 21. The carpool will leave from church at 1:15 and return by 3:30. We will interact with the Otterbein residents through worship, singing and game time. If you have questions, please let David Finney know (513-727-4395).

Bishop Palmer Calls for Action after Historic Louisiana Flooding

The Apostle Paul states in Romans, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Today, we have an opportunity to make this benediction a lived reality in the lives of people and communities impacted by unprecedented flooding across the Baton Rouge area of Louisiana.

On Friday, August 12, torrential rain pounded Louisiana, with 22-40 inches of rain falling in some areas. Throughout the weekend, the National Guard rescued more than 20,000 people. At least six people are confirmed dead. A minimum of 40,000 homes have been flooded, plus businesses and human service providers. Communities south of Baton Rouge are bracing for flooding as bloated rivers flow to the ocean.

West Ohio has proven its commitment to extending Christian compassion for those left in the wake of devastation. We come to you once again, asking you to pour out your compassion to our neighbors whom God calls us to love. Please pray for those living through this nightmare. Pray that we will be able to come together to offer the gifts of presence and resources needed to build hope for the future. For those moved to support relief efforts financially, we encourage you to give to UMCOR through Advance Special #901670. You may make a donation online at <https://www.westohioumc.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=82>. Complete the information on the form and select United States Disaster Response Advance #901670 on the drop down box.





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
 - * Sign in (if already a member) or create an account (select “Register” in the upper right corner) at Kroger.com
 - * 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 the program, the church earns a quarterly check based on purchases by Kroger Rewards customers. There is no cost to you to participate in the program. **Money earned through the program goes to our First Steps Campaign.** Questions, please contact Mariel Pesavento as 513-855-4243.
- **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. The finished shawls will be blessed. If interested, contact Sonia Dermis .
- **Church Historian:** The church needs a Church Historian to keep an organized collection of materials and photos documenting the life of our church.
- **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. 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 at trperr@gmail.com or at 937-550-9568.

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Volunteer Opportunities Continued

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- **Fellowship Hosting:** The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers who 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.





Parsonage Preparation

Thank you to everyone who helped in the preparation of the parsonage for Pastor Amy. Mike Stull and Larry Woody from Trustees put in many hours of labor and time into repairs and monitoring the contractors. Zandra Woody, Susan Raihala, Linda Leese, Lois Eley, and Becky Pickett spent hours cleaning, including the windows, in preparation for the Haines family to move in. Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to make the parsonage beautiful!!!

Thank you!
Jennifer Fry

Personal Thank You

I want to thank everyone for their thoughts, cards and prayers before and after my back surgery. They were very much appreciated. I am thanking God that the surgery was successful and my pain is gone.

- David Cecil

Garage Painting

On behalf of the entire church, the Trustees would like to thank the Senior High Youth that gave of their time and volunteered to clean up around the garage area and paint the garage. Everything looks great! Thanks so much for your willingness to give back to the church!



Celebrating an September Birthday

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

Celebrating an September Anniversary

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| 10: Jack & Marjorie Poff | 23: Dudley & Esther Fry |
| 12: Don & Shirley McNeal | 30: Paul & Nancy Siudzinski |
| 13: Bill & Sue Cook | |

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

September Volunteers

	Liturgists	Acolytes	Cookies	Altar Flowers
Sept. 4	Patti Hammett Open	Gracieann R Open	Open	Jean Reazer
Sept. 11	Belinda Mallett Mike Hampton	Open Faith H	Open	Marjorie Poff
Sept. 18	Susan Raihala Joy Mindling	Gracieann R Open	Open	Jessie Hall
Sept. 25	Belinsa Mallett Jane Gregg	Open Open	Cornerstone Class	Shirley Pressel



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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

