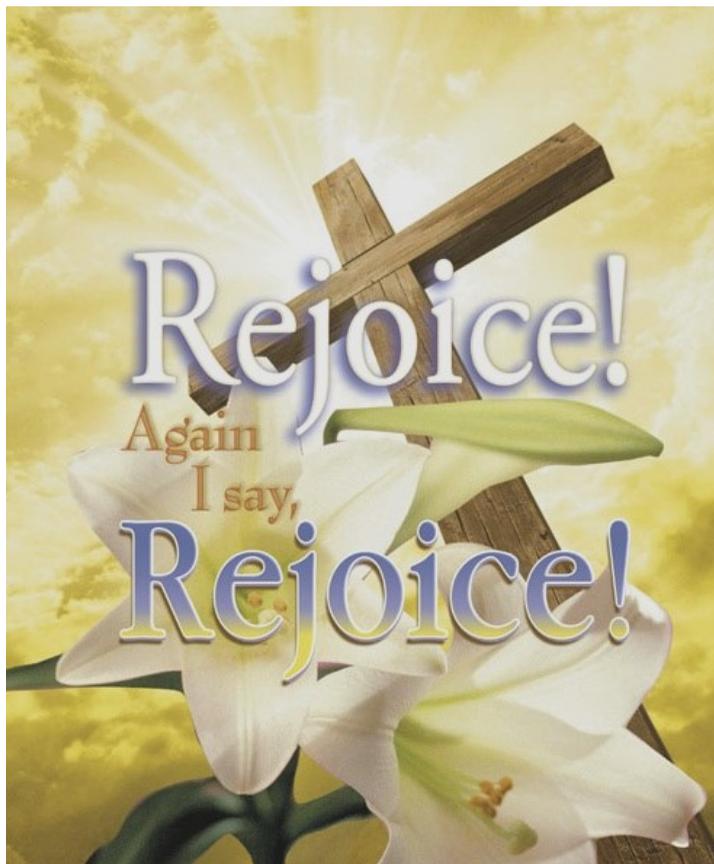




First United Methodist Church of Springboro

The Messenger

April 2019



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.

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A word from Pastor Amy....**The Journey of Holy Week**

During Lent, we have reflected on the journey of grace, God's unconditional love for us throughout our lives. That grace is most evident in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Holy Week commemorates Jesus' final days on this earth, from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the agony of his death on the cross to his glorious resurrection. These moments in Jesus' life are foundational events that can impact our faith lives, if we reflect on their meaning and marvel of the depth of God's love for us. I admit that this week both energizes me and exhausts me as I ponder how "The week that changed the world continues to change our lives."

Will you join me this Holy Week, contemplating the depth of God's love for us, reflecting on how these events long ago still change us here and now? Meditate on the scriptures for each day below, then join in worship, in confession and praise, April 13-21 as we journey through Holy Week together.

Praise be to our crucified and risen Savior and Lord, Jesus!

Palm Sunday- Luke 19:28-40

Jesus' humbly rode into Jerusalem amid the shouts of praise from the crowd.

Where do we find ourselves amid the crowds this Holy Week?

Shouting praise, shouting condemnation, denying Jesus, or remaining faithful?

Holy Thursday- Luke 22:14-23, 31-34, 39-65

Jesus shared bread and cup with his disciples, even though they would deny him and betray him. Still, Jesus loved them. Imagine being with Jesus at table and in the garden.

Good Friday- Luke 22:66-23:49

Condemned by both religious and political leaders, Jesus was hung on a cross like a common criminal. Yet Jesus is the King of the Jews, and through his death we are forgiven of our sins. Reflect on the depth of God's love in the deepest of agony.

Holy Saturday- Luke 23:50-56

On Saturday there was silence. Death had won. Or so they thought...

When we are in our deepest struggles, remember that God is still with us.

Easter Sunday- Luke 24: 1-12

Jesus is risen! Remember, believe, and share such good news!



Worship In April

April 7
 "Sanctifying Grace"
 Isaiah 43:16-21
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 Holy Communion

April 13/14
 Palm Sunday
 "Even the Stones Would Shout Out"
 Luke 19:28-40

April 18
 Holy Thursday
 United Church of Christ
 7:00 p.m.

April 19
 Cross Walk
 Covenant Presbyterian
 11:45 a.m.

April 20/21
 Easter
 "Remember and Believe"
 Luke 24:1-12

April 27/28
 "Believe in Jesus"
 John 20:19-31



Events

- 1: Prayer Team
- 1: Church Staff Meeting
- 2: Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 3: Small Group Night
- 3: Choir/Bells Practice
- 6: Women in Faith Meeting
- 7: Confirmation with Mentors
- 8: Prayer Team
- 8: Finance Committee
- 9: Tuesday Bible Study
- 9: Women in Faith Bible Study
- 9: Stephen Ministers
- 10: Small Group Night
- 10: Choir/Bells Practice
- 12: Movie Night
- 14: Palm Sunday
- 15: Prayer Team
- 15: Church Staff Meeting
- 15: Missions Team
- 16: Tuesday Bible Study
- 16: Trustees
- 16: Bright Beginnings Staff Meeting
- 17: Clearcreakers Senior Group
- 17: Creed Study
- 17: Choir/Bells Practice
- 18: Newsletter Folding
- 18: Holy Thursday Service @UCC
- 19: Cross Walk
- 20: Holy Saturday Blessing
- 21: Easter Sunday
- 22: Prayer Team
- 23: Tuesday Bible Study
- 23: Stephen Ministers
- 24: Choir/Bells Practice
- 28: Easter Party
- 29: Prayer Team
- 29: Church Staff Meeting
- 30: Tuesday Bible Study

Welcome from our New Youth Director



Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

It is with great joy and much humility that I come to First United Methodist Church of Springboro as your new Junior High Youth Director for 5th-8th graders. I eagerly await joining you in ministry and becoming a part of this vibrant faith community.

My career in youth work and development began early, just a few miles from here when I worked as a Program Assistant at Girl Scout Camp Stonybrook in high school. From there I went on to work at 3 other camps in various positions over the course of several summers. It was while serving at one of our 3 West Ohio United Methodist Camps, Otterbein, that I first began to hear my call to ministry.

Prior to this position I have served as the Christian Education Director at First Presbyterian Church in Eaton, OH and as Director of Youth and Family Ministries at St. David's Episcopal Church in Glenview, IL. In both loca-

tions I had oversight of all Christian Education for children and youth ages 3 to 18. My call to ministry was solidified not only through these experiences, but also through my participation in the United Methodist Young Adult Missionary (YAM) program, now known as Global Mission Fellows. As a YAM I served in L'viv, Ukraine as the Service and Outreach Coordinator for St. John's UMC and assisted in their university student ministry, Youth to Jesus.

Like Pastor Amy I am a graduate of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and hold a Masters of Divinity with a concentration in Congregational Development. As a Bobcat from Ohio University with a Bachelor's in Adventure Recreation of all things, I have a passion for Camp and Retreat ministries, and all things outdoors. Both of my prior youth groups have graciously indulged my love of whitewater rafting while on mission trips in West Virginia.

As a Cincinnati native I love the Queen City and have a deep appreciation for such things as Skyline Chili, LaRosa's Pizza and Graeter's Ice Cream. When I'm not off camping, rafting, hiking, youth group retreat-ing or globe-trotting I enjoy spending time with my family. My brother, sister-in-law and 18-month-old niece recently moved back to Ohio and I am enjoying more frequent Aunt Katie time. Most evenings I can be found at home cooking and hanging out with my cat, Obadiah. I can't wait to meet you soon!

God's peace, Katie

Lay Leader Report—David Finney

Much has happened in the life of the United Methodist Church and in my personal life since we chatted in March. The Special Called General Conference of the United Methodist Church met in late February in St Louis. As most know by now, this legislative body decided to keep and make even more stringent the language in our Book of Discipline that denounces same sex attraction and restricts the rights of LGBTQ United Methodists. Some of my friends were overjoyed by this outcome, some of my friends were quite disheartened. I will not enter into this debate in this space but I affirm that I am in the group that was disheartened. I am glad to discuss with anyone our respective positions, and our understanding of scripture.

Then Carol and I heard the phrase, Congestive Heart Failure. What? You talking to me? After several days, and yes, the most extreme discomfort numbered only days, I visited the new Middletown location of Kettering Health Network. I suffered from extreme shortness of breath. The attending physician quickly ordered a chest xray and MRI. He saw the fluid build up in my chest and the failing aortic heart valve. An ambulance ride was ordered and I was whisked to Kettering Medical Center. Over the next ten days, the fluid was greatly reduced in my chest and I underwent open heart surgery, during which a replacement valve was inserted into my heart. My heart function is now much better. And I feel much better though some soreness in the bones will continue for a few weeks. Yes, the medical team had to crack my chest to repair my heart.

I spent my working career as a computer programmer, writing software, dealing with

technology. I am glad we have technological advances, for such surely saved me. The KMC attending physician was able to compare echocardiogram results from 2011 to March, 2019. That such records are computerized and easily retrieved is quite cool. Then technology turned spiritual for me. On Sunday the 10th, a day in which I was previously scheduled to preach in Franklin (thanks, Jenn for covering for me), I wondered how I would worship God while in the hospital. Then I remembered Pastor Dan Renfro. Pastor Dan is Chaplain at Otterbein Springboro and I have been privileged to work with him there. Pastor Dan also serves as Pastor at New Hope United Methodist Church, on Xenia Ave in Dayton. I joined his New Hope Church live BLOG that Sunday morning and was blessed to find the Holy Spirit thriving in a BLOG. That was an important moment for me for it was reinforced that nothing can separate us from the love of God. I will cite Romans 8: 38 -39 for the rest of my days.

In a few weeks I will return to various forms of ministry in which I was previously involved. And I will look for ways to broaden our reach by using available and newer technology to spread the word of God. To that end, anyone can still join our online Lenten study. We are using Facebook to share ideas on the life of Simon Peter. Join us in this Bible study: FUMC Lenten Study Simon Peter.

Easter is a wonderful time to celebrate resurrection. I encourage all to join me, not in having heart surgery, but in feeling the resurrection that is ours in Christ.

Happy Easter!





Small Group Night

Join us during the Lenten season as we focus on growth of body, mind, heart and soul! Give up excuses and laziness to take on a small group as we work to expand our faith walk.

Dinner will be provided each **Wednesday at 6 pm** for whoever can make it as we feast with family and friends (\$3 donation per person to help pay for the meal). Small groups follow from **6:30—8:00pm**.

- **April 3:** Financial College Prep
Fitness/Walk
Meal Prep/Freezer Meals
Creed
- **April 10:** Retirement Planning
Pilates
Cookie Decoration
Creed

There will also be small groups for children and youth.

Church Groups Meetings/Schedules

Women In Faith

The next meeting of Women in Faith will be Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 in Fellowship Hall. The group will gather to share devotions, fellowship, refreshments, and a short business meeting. For information on Women in Faith, please call Judy Cook, Barb Mills or Jean Reazer.

Clearcreakers Senior Group

The April meeting will be April 17th at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. The program will be White Elephant Gift Exchange! Please bring a wrapped gift of \$5.00 or more value. Pizza, salad, and dessert will be furnished. Please bring your own eating utensils and DRINK! The White Elephant is always a lot of fun---- Hope to see you there!

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Toilet Paper
Shampoo
Hand Soap
Tooth Paste
Dish Detergent
Kleenex
Diapers
Baby Wipes

Please bring one or more of the above items to the April Meeting. For any questions, contact Mary Jane Hansel or Vivian Beatty .

United Methodist Men

The men of our church will meet for coffee, chat and devotions on Sunday, April 7 at 8:00 am. Please join for this hour of fellowship and reflection. At this meeting we will reschedule to prepare and serve lunch at The Gathering .



Holy Week Worship Schedule

- **April 18, 7:00 p.m.—Holy Thursday:** Service with communion at United Church of Christ, 5 West Mill Street
- **April 19, 11:45 a.m.—Cross Walk on Good Friday:** The walk will begin at Covenant Presbyterian, 415 N. Main Street and proceed south down Main Street. It will conclude with a short service at Springboro United Church of Christ. Join us in the annual procession in remembrance of the walk Jesus took on Good Friday.
- **April 20 and April 21—Easter:** Services will be held Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:15 a.m. and 10:35 a.m. Please join us as we celebrate Christ's resurrection with special music, flowers and the shared joy of our church family! There will be no Sunday school that day so families can worship together. Nursery will be provided.



Holy Saturday

Easter is just around the corner, and it is celebrated in many beautiful and various ways across the world. Come join Pastor Katie on Holy Saturday, April 20th at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. She will share a little bit about the Easter Basket Blessing that is traditional in Ukraine, where she served as a Young Adult Missionary. Bring a basket and come prepared to learn, reflect, break your Lenten fast and have your Easter Basket blessed.

This event is for EVERYONE, bring the whole family.

Easter Party

Our annual Easter Party will be held following services on **Sunday, April 28**. We will celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection with a **meal**, fun **Easter activities** for all ages and, of course, an **Easter egg hunt**. The main dish for the meal will be provided. Donations of fruit and veggie trays and desserts will be welcomed. Kim Crosen is also accepting donations of small, wrapped candies to use for the Easter eggs. These can be dropped off in her office. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the meal or activities, please contact Kerri in the church office at 937-748-2612 or fumcspringboro@gmail.com.

Easter Program—"The Cross of Christ"

On May 5 during both Sunday services, our children will present an Easter program. The children are very excited about sharing the good news of Jesus' resurrection with you.



Spring Cleaning Day

Please join us from **9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 13** for some spring cleaning at the church. Please consider giving time for a church spruce up. Sign-up sheets for materials and activities will be in Fellowship Hall in late March. If you are aware of anything that needs special attention, please notify Kerri in the church office (937-748-2612 or fumcspringboro@gmail.com).

Movie Night

The next Movie Night will be Friday, April 12. Space is limited to 60 children, so reservations are needed (748-2612/kimfumc@gmail.com). Price of \$10/child includes pizza, drinks, popcorn. Proceeds from Movie Night help fund scholarships for needy Bright Beginnings students. And our youth volunteers earn money towards mission trip. It's a win/win!

Drop off details:

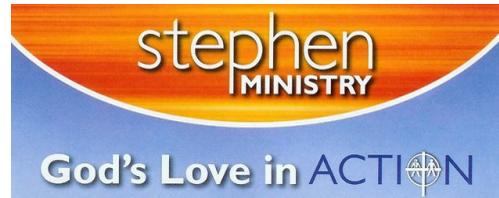
- Front doors open for drop off at 5:45 p.m.
- Children should stay with parents until registration and payment collected and a name tag provided. Please complete forms before arriving to speed up line.

What happens after you leave:

- Adult and teen 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.

Pick up details:

- Children **MUST** be picked up by someone on the registration form who has ID.
 - Please wait in the lobby as we match you with children and sign them out.
 - Please pick up promptly at 9:00 p.m.
- If you have, please don't hesitate to contact Kim Crosen.



Welcome, New Stephen Ministers!

Your Stephen Ministry team is excited to welcome two new Stephen Ministers who have completed the initial 50 hours of training: Vicki Jett and Dorothy Johnson.

Vicki and Dorothy join our current Stephen Ministers Stephanie Bindemann, Kirby Cain, Lois Eley, Barbara Jean Geiger, Lois Gollihugh, Linda Leese, Linda Pierce, Susan Raihala, Tina Stafford, Anna Wade, Zandra Woody, and Tina Yeamans.

All of our Stephen Ministers are gifted and trained to provide confidential, Christ-centered care for people who are hurting. If you or someone you know is struggling with loss, a diagnosis, a divorce, a crisis of faith, or other difficult situation, please speak with Zandra Woody, Susan Raihala, or Pastor Amy. We are here to help.



Bright Beginnings Spring Sing

Bright Beginnings Christian Pre-School will hold their annual Spring Sing fundraiser on Sunday, May 5. 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!

High Attendance Sunday

High Attendance Sunday will be Sunday, May 12. We will recognize students who have missed six or fewer weeks of Sunday School (or Wonderful Wednesday) that day. Please watch for a letter from Kim Crosen in late April if your child is eligible.

Graduate Sunday

If you are a senior in high school or college, we want to celebrate your graduation with you! We will be honoring all graduates on Sunday, May 19 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 an-

swers to the questions and send them to the church office (fumc.springboro@gmail.com).

Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

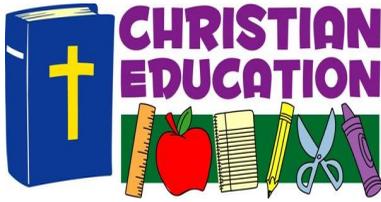
Boy Scout Troop 7 20th Annual Mulch Sale

Troop 7 is selling 2 cubic foot bags of premium black mulch for \$4 a bag. Free delivery in Springboro school district or pick up at church on delivery days. Orders/questions may be given/directed to scouts Ethan Bally, Adrian Goins, Zach Erwin, Nathan Haines, or Timothy Haines. They will take orders during fellowship time on April 7. Orders can also be submitted to mulch@troop7bsa.org or order online with credit card at [https:// ScoutSales.org](https://ScoutSales.org) using the order code 137.80.522. Orders must be received by April 18. Delivery will be May 10 and 11. Thanks for your support.

Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra

Kelly Ronyak invites you to our final concert of the season, **Sunday April 28 at 3 pm at Kettering SDC Church**, which brings outstanding film scores to the concert hall. You will hear great themes from Titanic, Chariots of Fire, The Magnificent Seven, Saving Private Ryan, Pirates of the Caribbean, ET, Superman, Star Wars, Chariots of Fire, and more. We will be joined by the Miami Valley Chorus in three of the film scores. You won't want to miss this season-ending performance of familiar movie scores - what a way to end an exciting musical season!





Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study continues their study of 1 John. The Bible study meets every Tuesday except the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 at the Springboro Library.

Cornerstone Class

The Cornerstone Class meets in the music room on Sunday mornings at 9:15. In April, Beverly Haun will lead the class discussion around the theme of "Forgiveness".

Holy Java

Holy Java will continue studying "The Case for Easter". Please note, there will not be class on Easter Sunday, April 21. Holy Java meets in the conference room on Sundays at 9:15. For more information on the study and the class in general, please contact Maria Der-shem.

Women in Faith Bible Study

The Women in Faith Bible Study continues their study of "Revival". They meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the conference room at 7:00 p.m. All women in the church are invited to join the study. For information on the study, please contact Lorraine Sower.

Easter Program—"The Cross of Christ"

On May 5 during both Sunday services, our children will present an Easter program. Practices will be during second service. Please see Kim Crosen if you have any questions.



Confirmation

The confirmation class, with mentors, will meet on April 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Bright Beginnings Buzz

In March, our preschoolers enjoyed visiting with people working in a variety of professions as part of our Community Helpers month. The Bible verse was “Love your neighbor as you love yourself” and the fruit of the spirit was Faithfulness.

April will be focused on spring and the beautiful gift of this earth that God has given us. We will celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day. In support of this focus, our Bible verse is “God saw everything that he had made and, indeed, it was good.” (Mark 11:9). The Fruit of the Spirit is Patience.



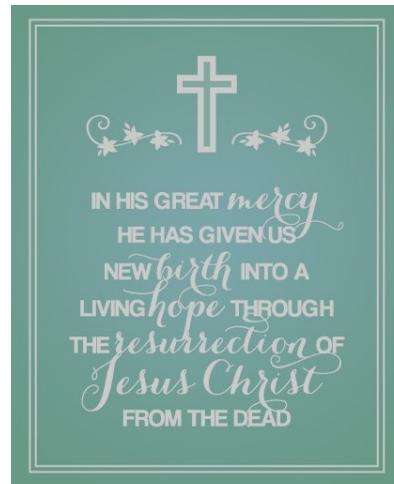
A.C.E.

At A.C.E., our before and after school program, we had a fun-filled March. We enjoyed our visits with our high school mentors we call ACE Amigos. The kids also had Fun Fridays and a great St. Patrick’s Day celebration. In April, ACE students will “travel” to Africa. They will also celebrate Easter and spring. If you would like to know more about our A.C.E. program, please contact Kim Crosen.



Bright Beginnings Parent Connection group will continue The Study “Have a New Kid by Friday” in the month of April. We meet on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Childcare is available, please RSVP to Becky Frost at bbcpfumc@gmail.com.

We will continue to meet in the Sanctuary every Monday at 9 a.m. to work out. Start out every week right with a work out!



VBS 2019

As we move into spring, it's time to start planning for Vacation Bible School. 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. Our evening session will be held the week of July 15-19 from 5:45—8:45 p.m. Our morning session will be the following week, July 22-26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteer sign-ups will be in future bulletins and Decorating Days will begin in June.

Listed below are craft supplies that will be needed to make this two wonderful weeks. We will begin taking your donations in early summer. Thank you for your continued support of this great outreach program for children. If you have any questions on these class supplies, please contact Sarah Wrazen.

- 300 large (dinner sized) paper plates
- 150 pipe cleaners, any color
- 600 large craft sticks (popsicle sticks)
- White school glue
- Air dry clay, any color
- 25 feet Self-adhesive magnetic strips
- 20 Water color sets
- 300 small (6 inch or smaller) painting canvases
- 10 pounds Kosher salt
- 300 tealight flashlights
- 300 CD's
- 300 large coffee filters
- 600 googly eyes
- Craft pom poms
- 1200 small craft sticks (popsicle sticks)
- 300 cardboard rolls (toilet paper sized, paper towel rolls can make 2)
- 300 feet foil
- 300 feet cling wrap

***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—for children, teens and even families! If you are interested in learning more about the exciting summer adventures they offer, go to www.westohiocamps.com. Please share with Pastor Amy your camp details by May 15 to receive UMM/UMW scholarships.

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 ***Galaxy Getaway***. Registration is now underway at brightbeginnings.campbrainregistration.com/Home/Landing.

Half Day Camps: Our half day camps are offered throughout the summer from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for children aged 3 years—entering 6th grade. Children will begin in a large group setting where they will hear the bible verse, sing silly songs and focus on fun facts. Afterwards we will separate into age appropriate groups and travel through art, games, cooking and science stations that help us to get up close and personal with the weekly theme.

Half Day Camps for children aged 3-11 years old (9am-12pm) \$92/week

Full Day Camps: Our full day camps are offered throughout the summer from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for children entering K–6th grade. During the morning, children will participate in the half day camps described above. Afternoons will consist of field trips, special visitors, in-depth projects and more! Parents provide a packed lunch daily.

Full Day Camps* for children entering Kindergarten-6th grade (9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)
\$173/week* (5 days), \$157/week* (4 days), \$143/week* (3 days), \$110/week* (2 days)
*field trip fee included, no additional charges

Extended Day: Our extended day option allows children 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.

Extended Day Camps* for children entering Kindergarten-6th grade (6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.)
\$201/week* (5 days), \$181/week* (4 days), \$161/week* (3 days), \$121/week* (2 days)
*field trip fee included, no additional charges

Camps:

June 3-7: Astronaut Training Camp

June 10-14: Expedition Earth

June 17-21: Alien Encounters

June 24-28: Voyaging to Venus, Mercury and more

July 8-12: Glimpsing into the Gas Giants

July 15-19: Magnifying the Moon

July 22-26: Mission to Mars (VBS)

July 29-August 2: Surfin' around the Sun

August 5-9: Planet Palooza





Kids Who Care: K—2nd grades

God Squad: 3 & 4th grades

Contact: Kim Crosen

kimfumc@gmail.com, 937-748-2612

Kids Who Care and God Squad will not meet in April. We encourage you to join us for the Holy Week activities and the Easter festivities including the Easter Party on April 28. These are wonderful events that cement the families' commitment to worship together.

Mission 56: 5th & 6th grades

Contact: Katie Steele

937-748-2612

Jammers: 7th & 8th grade

Contact: Katie Steele

937-748-2612

Weekly Activities

- **Every Friday – LIFT (Grades 6 - 8):** LIFT (Living in Faith Together) meets after school until 3:30 p.m. at Springboro Junior High.

April Special Events

- **Sunday, April 14—Church, Lunch, Fellowship:** Join Pastor Katie for lunch after worship. Meet in the Lobby and we'll choose a place. Bring all your questions about who she is, where she came from and what she'll do for you AND all your ideas, hopes, dreams and outlandish ideas about what we can do together.

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- **Wednesday, April 24 – Lunch at Springboro Junior High:** Kim and Katie will provide pizza, chips, drinks, and dessert. Each youth is asked to bring \$4 and will be allowed to invite a friend to join you.
- **Sunday, April 28 – Easter Party:** Join us for church service followed by our annual Easter party and lunch.

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Senior High Youth: 9th—12 Grades

Contact: Brian Schlise

Brianschlise@habeggercorp.com

937-748-9711 and 937-272-6167

Our Mission Trip planning is underway. Any youth currently in 8th—12th grade are welcome to attend. The trip will be to Louisville, KY and will take place June 25 through June 30. We are asking for \$50 deposits to be turned in to Brian Schlise as soon as possible. Please make checks out to FUMC and put Mission Trip in the memo line.

Please watch for text messages on schedule for the Senior High Youth for April. If you want more information on our Senior High Youth Group or any of the planned activities, please contact Brian Schlise at 937-272-6167 or brianschlise@habeggercorp.com.





Love. Grow. Serve.

Volunteer, Mission & Outreach

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

- **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 at (937) 885-7481.

- **Loaves and Fishes Ministry:** Our church is blessed to have this ministry which provides meals for church members after birth of children, in times of serious illness or at other critical family times. ***We are in need of a new coordinator. Please contact Pastor Amy if interested.***

- **Kroger Community Rewards Program:** Through the program, we earn a quarterly check based on your purchases at no cost to you. Please register our church as your Kroger recipient. Questions, please contact Mariel Pesavento.

- **Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor Program:** This program allows the church to earn money based on your spending at DLM. Just 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.dorothyane.com/clubdml/goodneighbor.pl.

- **Cookies:** There is a sign-up sheet on the fellowship table or through the Church Needs link in Pastor Amy's weekly e-mail. For treats for fellowship time between services. Treats do not need to be homemade or be cookies— any treat is welcome. We also appreciate the weekly donations being made to help off-set our expenses.
- **Box Tops for Education/Tyson Labels:** Our Missions Team continues to collect Box Tops for Red Bird Mission in Kentucky to benefit their schools. They also collect Tyson food labels. There are bins in which to place the box tops and labels located in the black stand across from the music room. If you need more information on the program, please contact Arlene Brown at 937-272-5857.
- **Otterbein Avalon:** David Finney invites you to engage with senior residents of the Otterbein Avalon community. If you are interested in attending, please let David Finney know (513-727-4395).
 - Worship is on Sunday at 1:30 pm
 - Bingo is on Wednesday at 1:30 pm
 - Both are in house #35

Volunteer, Mission and Outreach Opportunities Continued

Easter Meals for Local Families

Last year, we changed how we did Easter Meals. Rather than collect food and delivering it to the pantries, we gathered monetary donations for a few weeks, then purchased \$20 **food only** gift cards to Meijer. The response from both the congregation and the pantries was so positive, we're going to continue this new tradition.

Once again, we are asking the congregation to "sponsor" a family to allow them to purchase their own food. In the next few weeks, look for envelopes for donations. Our sponsored families will be given a \$20 Meijer **food only** gift card to spend on the food they choose versus being given something they might not want/need. This will allow families the option of buying things their family will eat, and the potential option of purchasing fresh produce versus canned. We helped 150 last year - let's challenge ourselves to do 175 this year!! Watch for a fund raising thermometer to go up in the Fellowship Hall soon!

Donations are needed by April 7 to allow us time to purchase and deliver the gift cards. Thank you, as always, for helping us sharing God's love with our community.



Seed Collection

Spring is just around the corner and that means planting season will be upon us before we know it! The Jackson Area Ministries Gardening Project helps people help themselves!! Those who have lost their jobs, senior citizens, families on low or fixed incomes are eligible to receive seed packets and instructions on how to plant and grow their own food. The seeds needed for this year beans (pole and bush), beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, corn, cucumbers, lettuce, pumpkins, radishes, spinach, squash, turnips, watermelon--just about anything that is hardy for zone 6. JAM will also take cash donations to purchase bulk corn, bulk bush bean seeds, as well as, seed potatoes and tomato plants. **The deadline for the seed collection will be Sunday, April 7.** Thank you for your generosity in prior years!





Personal Thank You's

Carol and I thank FUMC congregation for their abundant prayers, frequent hospital visits, and thoughtful get well cards that were showered upon us during David's March hospital stay and surgery. It is a tremendous blessing to be among such caring people.

Also, thank you to those who work in health care, especially those many Kettering Medical Center staff who are so skilled and gracious and so capably cared for us.

We thank God for all of you!

David and Carol Finney

The Don McNeal family would like to thank you for the lovely service Pastor Amy had for our beloved, Don.

Thank you for your cards, food, and loving support during this sad time for our family.

Shirley McNeal and Family

Spaghetti Dinner

The youth of the church and Women in Faith would like to thank our church family for their support of the annual Spaghetti Dinner. It was another successful event that raised money for the youth mission trip and Women in Faith projects. So *GRAZIE* for your support!

Flower Committee

Thank you to the wonderful ladies who continuously brighten our altar by arranging and filling the flower orders. You are so appreciated!



Celebrating an April Birthday

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| 3: Savanah Martin | 19: Kelly Smith |
| 6: Ian Smith | 20: Lindsey Zimmerman |
| 7: Maxine Spencer, Jared Wade,
Linda Leese | 21: Linda Tennant |
| 9: Brayden Stull | 23: Thelma Graff, Sidney Long,
Giovanna Roeder |
| 10: Ron Best | 24: Joan Bauman, Sally Shaffer |
| 11: Carol Finney, Jennifer Showalter,
Mary Lou Grothaus | 25: Caleb Zimmerman, Kelsey Richard |
| 12: Kerri Döme | 26: Mike Zimmerman |
| 13: Peg Shimer, Diane McCrystal | 27: Shannon Kelleher, Norman Smith,
Steven Smith, Sharon Arndt, Bain Rice,
Blake Rice |
| 14: Mary Fogle, Jenna Foley, Judy Cook | 30: Lauren Moser, Ron Wilhelm,
Maddy Talbot |
| 16: Tim Miller, Debbie Lalich | |
| 17: Jan Mosch, Jim Ronyak | |
| 18: Norma Glosser, Gene McCormick | |

Celebrating an April Anniversary

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| 5: Ron & Mary Fogle | 24: Dan & Anna Wade |
| 9: Kelly & Becky Smith | 25: Gary & Sally Shaffer |
| 19: David & Barbara Mills | 27: Bob & Kim Crosen,
Mark & Julie Bernatz |
| 21: Jack & Lois Eley | |

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

April Volunteers

	Liturgists	Acolytes	Cookies	Altar Flowers
April 7	Patti Hammett open	Noah Townsend open	open	open
April 14	open Kara Hampton	open Faith Hampton	open	Marjorie Poff
April 21 Easter	Doug Dean Doug Dean	open open	open	Easter Flowers
April 28	Patti Hammett Jane Gregg	Easton Townsend open	Cornerstone	Lois Cox



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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

