

# Messenger

April 2022

Hello Church,

Spring is here!..... and it feels like it... some days.....

Easter is coming fast and, with it, is a new list of ministry opportunities and joys!

5 new Small Groups met throughout Lent and the feedback has been very good. We are launching new Small Groups on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Let me know if you are curious about this new ministry. It's a great step to strengthen the inside of the church as we prepare to reach out on the outside of the church.

Speaking of outreach, the Easter Celebration is upon us (or already past, depending on when you are reading this). I am excited to see how this plays out. Lots of fun and hopefully good weather will be involved.

Also, I can't express the wonder at how generous FUMC is with their giving. March was another month of better-than-expected tithes and offerings. We are now \$45,000 ahead of schedule (on a \$325,000 budget). This is exceedingly rare for this time of year. Praise God! The blessings this creates for the church are numerous!

On a final note.... and related to how generous we have been.... another ministry start is coming during the Easter season. The Administrative Council is preparing a long-term ministry investment opportunity that will help keep FUMC missional for generations to come. You are invited to attend worship throughout the season as details are released. So exciting!

God is Good—

Pastor Joe

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# Passionate Worship

## **Worship in-person and online!**

- Saturdays– 5:30 pm—casual
- Sundays– 9:00 am
- Sundays– 10:30 am
- Sundays– 10:30 am live stream

Live Stream options:

### **YouTube channel:**

<https://youtube.com/channel/UC87AzcdD-88Lr8e39HBKEFw>

### **Facebook Live:**

<https://www.facebook.com/First-United-Methodist-Church-of-Springboro-202709196426644>

### **Missed worship on Sunday?**

Find the worship videos on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

### **Online giving link:**

[www.fumcofspringboro.org/online-giving/](http://www.fumcofspringboro.org/online-giving/)

Thank you for your continued financial support in person, through the mail or online!

## **Worship During Easter**

The Administrative Council is preparing for a wonderful opportunity throughout the Easter season and beyond. We can't spoil the surprise yet, but if you are interested in being a part of a long-term impact on FUMC's missional legacy, you'll want to pay attention during our 7 weeks of Easter.

## **Assisting With Worship Services**

It takes more than just the pastor to help make worship an inspiring time for those who attend. There is always a need for ushers, liturgists, tech help, special music, etc. If you feel called to help with an energetic worship experience, contact Kerri at the church office.



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# Passionate Worship



## Holy Week

### Holy Week Worship Schedule

- **April 14, 7:00 pm—Maundy Thursday:** Service with communion at United Church of Christ, 5 West Mill Street
- **April 15, 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 16 and April 17—Easter:** Services will be held Saturday at 5:30 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am and 10:30 am. 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.

### High Attendance Sunday

High Attendance Sunday will be Sunday, May 15. We will recognize students who have missed six or fewer weeks of Sunday School 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 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.

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# Church News

## **Easter Event**

**Saturday, April 9, 11:00-1:00**

Invite others to come to this community outreach event. There will be food and games and prizes given away. There will be something for all ages. Hope to see you there!

## **Church Bicentennial 2022**

We are looking for folks who want to help with the Church Bicentennial. Anyone who would like to learn the history of the church, can add to the history from their knowledge of the past, and anyone who may have old photos documents or artifacts from our heritage. Everyone is welcome to help.

Please contact Jack Hott [jhott@woh.rr.com](mailto:jhott@woh.rr.com) or 937- 477-1530 or contact the church office.

## **Radical Hospitality Ministry**

Kim Crosen is leading a team of people to be more intentional about being a welcoming church. Greeting; first-time visitor follow-up; décor; and offering to support our current ministries of fellowship time and ushering are a few of the current projects. If you feel led to be a part of any of this, contact Kim Crosen or the church office.

## **Compassionate Care Ministry**

There is a weekly prayer request email sent out every Monday morning. Feel free to use this list to reach out to your FUMC family. Phone calls, texts, emails, cards and even visits

are welcome. Email Kerri and she will gladly add you to the list.

## **New Members Class**

Sunday, April 24th at 6:00 will be an initial meeting to discuss the meaning and process of becoming a member at FUMC. If you are interested, you can contact the church office or let Pastor Joe know.

## **New Small Groups**

Have you heard the hubbub yet? 5 new groups met during Lent. We are looking at starting even more groups for the Easter season. If you are curious about what this new Small Group ministry is about (or if you are in a current group, but want to try a different one), there will be another start-up on April 24th at 7:00. Feel free to talk to Pastor Joe if you have more questions.

## **Charge Conference**

There will be a Charge Conference on April 11th at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary to approve the Mission First Endowment Fund. Church members have a voice. Administrative Council members have a vote.

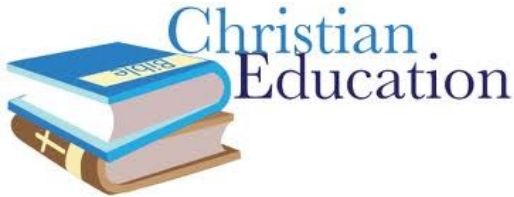
## **Karen's Card Shop**

Pick up a card for any occasion, outside the church office, for only \$2!

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# Faith-Forming Relationships



## Online Devotions

- Facebook Live at 9:30am
- Monday's with Pastor Joe
- Thursday's with David Finney

## Tuesday Bible Study

Join Pastor Joe on Tuesday's at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Starting April 5th, we will explore a few of the minor prophets as we close out the Lenten season.

## Cornerstone Class

The Cornerstone class meets on Sunday's at 9:00 am in the Conference Room. Contact is Bev Haun.

## United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men meet the first Sunday for each month at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact is David Finney.

## Doug's Zoom Class

Friday's at 11:00 am on Zoom, we will be studying "The Way" by Adam Hamilton. Join us for the journey.

All are welcome. For those interested, contact Pastor Doug to get the Zoom link.

## Adult Sunday School Class

Pastor Doug will also be studying "The Way" by Adam Hamilton on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Music Room. Join us for the journey.

## Women In Faith

Women In Faith have will meet on Saturday, April 2nd at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact is Beth Wenzel.

## ClearCreakers Senior Group

The ClearCreakers Senior Group will meet on Wednesday, April 6th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (please use side entrance) Lunch and water will be provided. Steve Agenbrood, Fire Chief of Springboro, will be the presenter. No reservations needed. If questions, contact Donna Novak (937-232-5135) or Don Files (937-748-2935).

*ClearCreakers is a senior group, ages 50 and above, supported by the City of Springboro for the purpose of promoting meeting and fellowship.*

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# Risk-Taking Outreach/Missions



## Sock Drive

In the month of April, we will be collecting new socks for Shoes 4 the Shoeless. Shoes 4 the Shoeless, Inc. is a local non-profit that provides new, correctly fitting gym shoes and socks to Dayton area children in desperate need. Through a uniquely efficient and effective system, they help children eliminate one of poverty's most visible stigmas. You can place socks in the box that is by the altar in the sanctuary.

## Jackson Area Ministry Collection

Woohoo! We collected a total of 1,055 seed packets (and 1 34 lb bag of seeds)! Thanks to all 3 congregations and Bright Beginnings for their generosity!

## Medical Driving Ministry

The Medical Driving Ministry provides transportation to medical appointments for our members and their families who are unable to drive themselves.

For rides please contact Harold Masteller at 937-885-7481.

## The Gathering Mission Project

We are scheduled to bring lunch on the 3rd Sunday of the month and feed 60 people at The Gathering in Middletown. Contact Kim Crosen if you are interested in helping provide food.

## SCAC and The Pantry

Volunteer time to sort or hand out food. Donate food, toiletries or funds to purchase in bulk. Canned goods and toiletries can be dropped off in the shopping cart at church!

<http://springborocommunityassistance.org/how-you-can-help/>

<https://www.franklinfoodpantry.org/>

## Kroger Rewards Program

Register our church as your Kroger recipient. NPO: RX797

## Dorothy Lane Market

Complete a Good Neighbors Form and designate our church. ID# 815. *Please remember your yearly renewal.*

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# Children and Youth



## **Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool**

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.—Active Christian Exploration**

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.



**Kids Who Care: K—2nd grades**  
**God Squad: 3rd & 4th grades**  
**Mission 56: 5th & 6th grades**

**Contact: Kim Crosen**  
**kimfumc@gmail.com,**  
**937-748-2612**

Look for emails from Kim.



**Junior High Youth (7-8)**  
**Senior High Youth (9-12)**

**Contact: Brian Schlise**  
**Brianschlise@habeggercorp.com**  
**937-748-9711**

Look for texts from Brian.

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# Office News

## Staff Contacts

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your staff!

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## Church Office

The church office is open from 9 am—noon. Kerri is also available by phone or email.

If you are not receiving the weekly email and would like to do so, please let Kerri know.

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*thank you*

My daughter, Susan's heart surgery was successful. I wanted to thank my church family for all the cards and prayers. I especially want to thank Kara Hampton for the card. It meant so much to me. What a wonderful church family.

Ruth Melton



## Matt Grimes New Address

161 Nuchols St.  
Unit 7416  
Goodfellow AFB TX  
76908-3338

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# April Birthdays

3: Savanah Martin  
 7: Linda Leese  
 8: Lisa Ott  
 9: Brayden Stull  
 10: Ron Best  
 11: Carol Finney,  
 Jennifer Showalter  
 12: Kerri Döme  
 13: Peg Shimer, Diane McCrystal  
 14: Mary Fogle, Judy Cook,  
 Matt Perry, Diana Nelson  
 16: Tim Miller  
 17: Jim Ronyak,  
 Makenleigh Spellman  
 18: Norma Glosser,  
 Gene McCormick,  
 19: Kelly Smith  
 20: Lindsey Zimmerman  
 21: Linda Tennant

23: Thelma Graff, Sidney Long,  
 Giovanna Roeder  
 24: Erin Duck  
 25: Caleb Zimmerman  
 26: Mike Zimmerman  
 27: Bain Rice, Blake Rice  
 30: Ron Wilhelm, Maddy Talbot




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# April Anniver-

5: Ron & Mary Fogle  
 9: Kelly & Becky Smith  
 19: David & Barbara Mills  
 21: Jack & Lois Eley  
 23: Bill & Patti Hammett  
 24: Dan & Anna Wade  
 27: Bob & Kim Crosen



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

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Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of every day  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true  
Know He will guide you in all you do  
Go now in love, and show you believe  
Reach out to others so all the world can see  
God will be there watching from above  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love  
Amen

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