



First United Methodist Church of Springboro

The Messenger

December 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.

Sunday worship and children's church at 10:35 a.m.

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A word from Pastor Amy....**An Altogether Faith**

Have you ever gotten to the end of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and wondered, “Isn’t there more to Christmas?” While we enjoy our time with family, gifts given and received, parties, cookies, cards and concerts, we sometimes are left to wonder, “Isn’t there more?”

As Christians our response is a resounding, “Yes! There is more.” Christmas is about the greatest gift God has given the world—Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. The season of Advent encourages us to be open to this gift, both the baby in the manger and the Savior in our lives.

Yet how often do we simply give lip service to our faith in Advent (the four weeks leading up to Christmas)? How often do we half-heartedly sing the songs of Christmas, neglecting the power of the words we sing? How often do we recognize the precious gift of Jesus, while forgetting to offer God the best gift we can give, the gift of ourselves?

This Advent/Christmas season, the traditional Advent qualities of Hope—Love—Joy—Peace will invite us to move from an “almost” faith to an “altogether” faith. From a faith that is less about us and more about community. For a faith that relies less on what we do and trusts more what God does within and through us. For a faith that is less about what we believe and more about how we live our faith in action.

The women and men pivotal to the Christmas story moved from an almost faith to an altogether faith as they had to trust God’s Words, trust God’s presence, and trust God was doing a new thing through a helpless baby in the manger. In the midst of our struggles and joys, our sorrows and celebrations, may we move closer to Christ as we ponder their stories, and ponder the qualities of Advent that call us to more.

John Wesley wrote in a sermon in 1741:

*“May we all experience what it is to be not almost only; but altogether Christians;
being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Jesus;
knowing we have peace with God through Jesus Christ;
rejoicing in hope of the glory of God;
and having the love of God shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost given unto us!”*

Give thanks for God’s gifts given at Christmas, and throughout the year!



November 30

Hanging of the Greens service
Holy Communion

December 1

“Altogether Hope”
Luke 1:5-25
Holy Communion

December 7/8

“Altogether Love”
Luke 1:26-45

December 14/15

“Altogether Joy”
Christmas Cantata
Luke 1:46-55

December 21/22

“Altogether Peace”
Matthew 1:18-25

December 24

Christmas Eve Services
“Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night”
4:30pm Children’s Program
“An Altogether Christmas”
7:30pm Candlelight with Choir
10:30pm Candlelight with Communion

December 28- No Service

December 29- One Service at 10am

“Altogether Trust”
Matthew 2:13-23



Doings

- 2: Prayer Team
- 4: Clearcreakers Senior Group
- 4: Festive Family Fun Night
- 4: Christmas Play Practice
- 4: Choir/Bells
- 7: Breakfast with Santa/Holiday House
- 8: Giving Tree Gifts Due
- 8: Christmas Play Practice
- 9: Prayer Team
- 9: Bright Beginnings Christmas Programs
- 10: Tuesday Bible Study @ YMCA
- 10: Stephen Ministers
- 10: Bright Beginnings Christmas Programs
- 11: Christmas Play Practice
- 11: Choir/Bells
- 13: Movie Night
- 14: Women in Faith
- 14/15: Christmas Cantata Services
- 15: Christmas Play Practice
- 15: Kids Who Care
- 15: God Squad
- 15: Mission 56 and JH Christmas Party
- 16: Prayer Team
- 17: Tuesday Bible Study Christmas Party
- 18: Christmas Play Practice
- 18: Choir
- 19: Newsletter Folding
- 22: Christmas Play Practice
- 22—Jan 5: Interfaith Hospitality Hosting
- 23: Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal
- 24: Christmas Eve Services
4:30 Children’s Christmas Play
7:30 Candlelight with Choir
10:30 Candlelight with Communion
- 29—31: Senior High Winter Retreat

Lay Leader Report

The season of Advent is a time of special generosity for many Christians. For me, I seek out those ringing bells at Salvation Army collection pots and remember with fondness the Saturdays that I spent ringing those bells with Keith McAfee. Because of my time with Keith and those bells, I simply cannot walk past a Salvation Army collection pot without making a donation. Most of our people have their own special memories and Advent gifts.

I suggest that we take advantage of the national movement #GIVING TUESDAY. Giving Tuesday was initiated in 2012 as a response to the rampant commercialism of Christmas. The thinking is we need to be intentional in our giving to special causes, not just wrapped boxes under a Christmas Tree. Giving Tuesday in 2019 is Tuesday, December 3. In that spirit, I offer these suggestions for those considering Giving Tuesday.

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) - Administrative costs for UMCOR are covered through UMCOR Sunday, which used to be called One Great Hour of Sharing. So, any gifts directed to UMCOR at this time now go directly to relief work.

United Methodist Advance - is an accountable, designated giving arm of The United Methodist Church that ensures 100% of each gift reaches its intended mission or ministry. You decide which program or ministry to support through The Advance. The Advance is part of the General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church. Hun-

dreds of Advance projects are able to receive gifts, in these categories: Community Development, Creation Care, Disaster Response and Recovery, Education, Evangelism and Church Growth, Global Health, Hunger and Poverty, Migration, Missionaries, Racial and Ethnic Ministries, Scholarships, Sustainable Development, Volunteers, Water and Sanitation, Women and Children. To give to any of the specific Advance funds in these categories, go to <https://advance.umcmmission.org>

First United Methodist Church of Springboro – in addition to regular offerings and tithes, consider making a year-end one-time gift to our church, which will be used in our ministries in and around Springboro.

West Ohio Conference – go to westohioumc.org/donate to see list of options for giving to work within our annual conference. I draw special attention to the Advance Special list, which includes The Gathering, the United Methodist Congregation that works in the midst of the least of these in downtown Middletown.

So please give as led. I pray for our church, our people and our pastor. Merry Christmas!

David Finney



Stewardship Giving

Thank you to each of you who have thoughtfully considered your investment in the ministries of our local congregation for 2020 and returned your commitment card. Please continue to pray for the seeds of God's kingdom ways to grow and take root in and through us.

If you have not yet had a chance to return your commitment card, they may be returned to the church office or put in the offering plate during services.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed December 25 thru Friday, January 3. Please let us know by mid-December if you need to be in the church building during that time so we can make arrangements. In case of emergency please contact Pastor Amy.

2020 Flower Calendar

We thank everyone for their support in providing Sanctuary flowers each week. **The flower calendar for 2020 is now available for sign-ups.** It is located in Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to sign up in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please make sure you print all the information clearly to ensure we can put the correct information in the bulletin. **Flowers are \$20 per request.** Payment can be made by placing an envelope in the offering plate. Please be sure to mark the envelope "Flowers" and include your name and the date for which you are purchasing flowers so we can track payments. If you provide your own flowers, there is no fee but we do ask that you let the church office know by the Tuesday before the weekend services.

The Book Fair is Coming!

We invite you to stop by the Book Fair at Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool on **Saturday, December 7** (9 a.m.-11 a.m.) and **Monday December 9 through Friday, December 13** (8:30 –9:30, 11:30—1:30 and 3:30 –4:00). Not only does this book fair help raise money to purchase classroom resources (i.e. end of the year Bibles, books, listening centers, etc.), it continues to excite the children about learning to read. Thank you in advance for all your support of our school.



Giving Envelopes, Statements and End of Year Giving

The end of the year is quickly approaching and that brings up joyful thoughts of the Advent of Christ, family and snow. Along with that also comes less jolly thoughts of end of year matters.

- **Giving envelopes:** Giving envelopes for 2020 have been ordered and will be available in Fellowship Hall in mid-December.
- **Statements:** Statements will be mailed or emailed out in mid-January. For those who give via the Online Giving program, you will receive a statement in the mail as usual. However, you can also print your statement at any time from the Online Giving site. If you did a combination of Online and Traditional giving, both will be included in the statement that is mailed in January.
- **Special Gifts:** In the course of year-end tax planning, you may find yourself considering special one-time donations. There is a growing trend among donors to make contributions to their favorite organizations via the web during the final week of the year. As you contemplate year-end gifts, please keep FUMC in mind. We welcome your donations through the Online Giving page on the church website at <https://giving.ncsservices.org/fumcfspringboro>.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Stull (Finance Secretary). She can be reached at: financeteamfumc@gmail.com.

Church Choir

The choir welcomes new members throughout the year. They practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. If you'd like more information, please contact Carolyn Mabee at 937-287-2308 or cmabee@woh.rr.com.

Food Pantry Donations

We now have a shopping cart for our food pantry donations. Please place any non perishable food, personal care items, cleaning supplies, or paper products into the cart for the SCAC or Franklin Food Pantry. Please no clothing, coats or shoes.





Stephen Ministry Christmas Knots

It's easy in the holiday season for us to tie ourselves in knots. To-do lists for shopping, baking, wrapping, decorating, and cleaning for guests or packing to travel...all those lists are so long! Sometimes, we get so knotted up in the *doing* we forget about the *meaning*.

A baby in a manger.

Peace on earth. Good will toward all.

As you go about the hustle and bustle of the holidays, please remember that some people in our church and community are struggling. Their knots aren't caused by too much to do but by not enough money, or too much grief, or some sort of illness, or broken relationships. You can help by paying attention, reaching out, and listening. You might also help lead someone who's hurting to Stephen Ministry for help. We are here for those knotty situations.

This year's Stephen Ministry ornaments were made with our dear friend Keith Wylie in mind. Though he is in heaven, his legacy of faith lives on in our Celtic themed ornaments, with knotty crosses on them. Keith loved Celtic knotwork, with its intricate, complicated, and beautiful designs, and these crosses

show that no matter how knotty our lives may become, all things are made beautiful in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus.

A baby in a manger.

Peace on earth. Good will toward all.

Celtic Christmas blessings,
Your Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministry is so grateful to be part of FUMC and its amazing family! Our Introductory Workshop in October was a great success thanks to the prayers and support so many of you provided. We especially thank Pastor Amy, the Trustees, Kerri, and Bright Beginnings for their help, and thanks also to Jamie Lawhorn, David Finney, and Kim Perry who attended the workshop. What a wonderful way to spread the word about Stephen Ministry to other churches in southwest Ohio!

Blessings,

Zandra Woody and Susan Raihala





DECEMBER EVENTS

Church Groups Meetings/Schedules

Women In Faith

Women in Faith will be meeting on the **second Saturday, December 14 at 9 am in Fellowship Hall**. Please note the date change. We will have a short business meeting discussing the results of the Bazaar. Also, we will assemble fruit baskets for delivery to our "Friendship Circle" to wish them a Merry Christmas. We need many hands to do this so don't forget the date!

WIF wants to thank our church community for all the support you have given us in making our Christmas in Springboro a success. It takes a whole church community for this to happen and as always you all came to our aide.

If you would like any information on the group, please contact Judy Cook at judyschris@aol.com or 937-514-6141.

Clearcreakers Senior Group

The "Clearcreakers" will be meeting two weeks early **-December 4th-** for our "Christmas" meeting.

Ham will be furnished for our meal - please bring a Hot Casserole, Salad, or Dessert.

The SHS Jazz Choir will be performing for us with a wonderful program as usual. Please sign-up for this meeting by November 29th so we know how much ham to order. If you haven't signed up call Vivian 885-5698 or Mary Jane 746-0667.

We will be collecting items for the Food Pantry. They are in need of the following items: toilet paper, shampoo, hand soap, tooth paste, dish detergent, Kleenex, diapers and wipes. Please bring one or more of the items to the December meeting.

Note: We follow the same closing for inclement weather as Springboro schools.



Celebrate through worship...

Hanging of the Greens

The Annual Hanging of the Greens will be on **November 30 at 5:30 p.m.** with a worship service that focuses on the Christian meaning of several of the symbols of the season. Following worship we will share a meal; please bring a side dish or dessert to share; soup will be provided. We will conclude the evening by decorating the church for the Christmas season. All ages are welcome to this evening of celebration.

Christmas Cantata

The Heavenly Host Choir and Joyful Noise Bell Choir will present their Christmas Cantata at services on **Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15**. Please join us for these special services that celebrate the great gift of Jesus through music.

Christmas Eve Services

- 4:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Play "Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night"
- 7:30 p.m. Candlelight with Choir
- 10:00 p.m. Candlelight with Communion

Christmas Week Service

We will have one Sunday worship service on **December 29 at 10:00 am**. There will not be any Sunday School classes offered that day. There will also not be service on Saturday, December 28. Join together as one body for worship as we celebrate Jesus!



Celebrate through service ...

Interfaith Hospitality Network

The Interfaith Hospitality Network families will be with us **December 22-January 5**. Please consider giving the gift of your time in preparing meals or doing activities with the children or being an overnight host or hostess. To sign up, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-interfaith16> Please reach out to Jennifer Fry at 937-776-6261 if you have any questions!

Celebrate through giving...

Christmas Offering

As our Christmas gift to God in celebration of Jesus' birth, our church will give all of the undesignated Christmas Eve offering to the United Methodist Committee On Relief (**UMCOR**). In times of disaster, 100% of all donations to UMCOR go to relief efforts. As you decide how much to give to this Christmas offering, please consider how much you will spend on Christmas this year. Some have felt led to tithe on that amount. Others have felt compelled to match that amount. Please bring your special offering in honor of Christ's birth on Christmas Eve or put it in the offering anytime during December.

The Giving Tree

Thank you to all who have taken tags for the Giving Tree. Please place unwrapped items in a bag with the tags attached.

Please bring the gifts to church by Sunday, December 8.

Stocking Stuffers

We are collecting stocking stuffers for the United Methodist Children's Home. There is a display in the lobby, please take a snowflake. It contains the child's name and wishes. Please return the items in a bag with the snowflake attached or in the bag so we know who the items are for. Stocking Stuffers due by December 9th. Our Parent Connection will help fill the stockings and prepare them for delivery as part of your December mission. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Giving Tuesday

On December 3, United Methodists will once again come together to support the work of Advance projects and missionaries on UMC #GivingTuesday. Through The Advance, United Methodist annual conferences, districts, local churches, and organizations, as well as individuals and families, may choose to support mission programs or mission personnel with their financial gifts. Each Advance project has been vetted and approved by Global Ministries and Advance staff. For a complete list of projects, visit <https://www.umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/About-the-Advance/About-The-Advance>.

Celebrate through flowers...

Poinsettia Sales

Bring a festive glow to the Sanctuary by placing your order for a poinsettia. Orders will be taken between services by members of the Flower Committee in November. Each poinsettia is \$10 with payment made when your order is placed. **Deadline for ordering is noon on December 4.** Poinsettias can be ordered in memory or in honor of a loved one and come in red and white.

Celebrate through fun...

Breakfast With Santa and Holiday House

Saturday, December 7 will be our annual Breakfast with Santa and Holiday House. Plan to join us for a fun morning of pancakes, sausage, activities and a visit from the jolly old elf himself! Afterwards, parents can leave the little ones for four hours of fun in our Holiday House where they will experience, explore, and create as they move through our "Christmas Around The World" theme. For reservations please call Kim or Ida at 748-2612.

Festive Family Fun Night

Join us for some good old fashioned family fun on Wednesday, December 4th from 6 pm -8pm. For \$15 per family you can have pizza and decorate a gingerbread house. We will display them in the lobby for the following week and our preschool families and church members will vote on their favorite by dropping coins in a box. The donations will go towards the SCAC (Springboro Community Assistance Center)! Feel free to invite friends! Please sign up at link below
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ea5af29a2fb6-festive>



Movie Night

The next Movie Night will be on **Friday, December 13**. You enjoy a night out, while the kids enjoy a night in at the church! Space is limited to 50 children, so call or email (748-2612 or kimfumc@gmail.com) to secure a spot for your children. Everything is included in the \$10 per child price: pizza, drinks, popcorn.

Drop off details:

- We open the doors for drop off at 5:45 p.m. Please enter through the front doors of the church.
- Have your children stay with you until we have collected your registration forms and payment, and have given them a name tag. If you have your forms already filled out, this should go quickly.

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 as soon as you leave, and popcorn will follow during the full length movie.
- The kids will enjoy a newly released on DVD movie.

Pick up details:

- Children **MUST** be picked up by someone on the registration form who has ID.
- We try to do this in an orderly fashion, so we ask that you wait in the lobby as we match you up and have you sign them out.
- Please pick up promptly at 9 p.m.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kim Crosen.

Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra

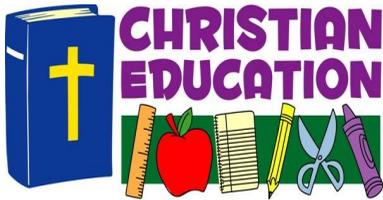
Home for the Holidays

Sunday December 15th at 3 pm & 7 pm at the Dayton Masonic Center **FREE ADMISSION** Kelly Ronyak invites your entire family to come and celebrate the season at this annual free Christmas show. You will hear all your holiday favorites and enjoy performances by the Gem City Ballet, soloists, narrators and more! We hope to see you there!

Middletown Civic Chorus

Handel's Messiah

The 80th Anniversary Messiah performance will be on Sunday, December 8 at 3 pm, at First UMC Middletown, 120 Broad St. You may see a familiar face or two in the choir.



Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study will study Letters of John. They will meet on December 10 at 10:00 am at the Coffman YMCA and December 17 at 10:00 am at Lisa Ott's house for their Christmas party.

Cornerstone Class

The Cornerstone Class meets in the music room on Sunday mornings at 9:15. During the month of December, Dorothy Johnson, will lead the class. For more information on the class, please contact Bev Haun at 513-228-0332.

Holy Java

Holy Java is exploring an advent study of "Who Needs Christmas" by Andy Stanley. Holy Java meets on Sundays at 9:15 am in the conference room. No preparation for the class is needed.

For more information on the Holy Java class, please contact Kara Hampton at bushampton@sbcglobal.net.

WIF Bible Study

The Women in Faith Bible Study continue their study of "Rivival" by Adam Hamilton. They will meet on December 10 from 10:00 am—11:00 am at Mary Lynne Lawton's house. All women in the church are invited to join the study.

Sunday School Schedule

There will be no Sunday School classes on December 29.

Children's Christmas Eve Program "Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night"

Our annual Children's Christmas program is in the works... please let us know if you are willing and able to help in any way with the set, scripts, practices, songs, etc. We need a special team for this special service!

December practice schedule:

- Every Sunday during second service after Children's Moment. On December 1 there will not be practice. Instead the children will "showcase" a number during both church services.
- Wednesday, December 4, 6:30—8:00
- Wednesday, December 11, 6:30—8:00
- Wednesday, December 18, 6:30—8:00
- Monday, December 23, 10:00 am—12:30 pm dress rehearsal followed by lunch
- Monday, December 24, be at church by 4:00

Contact Kim Crosen at 748-2612 for more information.

10:35 AM Class

This class meets on Sundays at 10:35 am in the Music Room, led by Doug Dean. They continue to studying "True To Call". They will take a break December 15, 22 and 29.





Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool

In December, the children will focus on the first Christmas, the legend of St. Nicholas, and the Christian symbols of Christmas. We will have musical performances on Monday, December 9 at 6:00 and 7:00 and Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 and 7:00. The children will also enjoy classroom parties before breaking for Christmas. The preschool follows the Springboro school schedule and will enjoy their last day before the holidays on December 20 with classes resuming on January 6.



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

Our A.C.E. students are really enjoying our worship program called GPS (for Grow Pray Serve). During this time, the children talk about the Fruit of the Spirit, their monthly Bible verse and watch short videos on character development. Finally they fill the Sanctuary with fun songs! In December, the students are participating in the Christmas stocking collection for UMCH Family Services and local food pantries. In addition, they will learn about Christmas traditions around the world. If you would like to know more about our A.C.E. program please contact Kim at 937-748-2612.



Congratulations Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool!

For the fourth year, Bright Beginnings was recognized as one of the three best preschools in Dayton by *The Dayton Magazine*. They participated in a November 7 event at Carillon Historical Park that spotlighted the best of Dayton for a variety of businesses. Attendees had an opportunity to vote between the top three organizations in each category to pick The Best of Dayton. The magazine will publish the list of winners in their February issue which will be on newsstands in mid-January. Please join us in wishing Kim Crosen and all the Bright Beginnings staff a well earned congratulations!



Kids Who Care: K—2nd grades

God Squad: 3 & 4th grades

Contact: Kim Crosen

kimfumc@gmail.com, 937-748-2612

Kids Who Care

We hope you can join us for our upcoming Christmas event on Sunday, **December 15**. We will have an old fashioned “Happy Birthday Jesus Party” to celebrate Jesus' birth! Kids Who Care should plan on meeting at church from 12:00 pm– 2:00 pm for lunch and party. Bring lunch items to share, a gift of diapers, baby food, etc. and a baby picture of yourself (but don't show anyone!). Please let Kim know if you have any questions or would like to help with any of the activities.

God Squad

Join us for our upcoming Christmas event on Sunday, **December 15**. We will have pizza then go caroling and make a joyful noise for all to hear! Please meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. for pizza and voice prep. Afterwards, we will head out for some Christmas caroling followed up with a hot chocolate bar! We should be done about 7:30. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Kim.

Mission 56: 5th & 6th grades

Jammers: 7th & 8th grades

Contact: Katie Steele

SpringboroYouth@gmail.com, 937-203-4119

5th-8th Grade Christmas Party

Youth Christmas Party for 5th—8th grade will Sunday, December 15th. If someone is willing to host the party at their house please contact Pastor Katie.

Winter Camp

Winter camp will be on December 28-30 at Camp Otterbein. Please contact Pastor Katie for more information.



Senior High Youth (9th—12 Grades)

Contact: Brian Schlise

Brianschlise@habeggercorp.com

937-748-9711

Senior high youth group will be going to a winter retreat to Pike Lake State Park December 29-31. Enjoy friends, nature and explore your faith in a deeper manner on a retreat. Please let Brian know if you plan to attend. Cost is \$60.00.



Love. Grow. Serve.

• 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.

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• 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 as 513-850-9400.

• 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.dorothylane.com/clubdlm/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.

Volunteer, Mission & Outreach

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

• Box Tops for Education

Box Tops is changing! They are transitioning to an app based program, downloaded onto your smartphone from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. While there are still a few products with the traditional "clip and submit" label on them, they are phasing those out over the coming years. You can still clip those and bring them into the church and we'll submit them to Red Bird Mission for you. However, for any newly manufactured products, you'll need to use the new app based system. **There are fliers on the Mission Table outside the Fellowship Hall with more information and directions.**

• 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



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

Boy Scout Troop 7 Update

Boy Scout Troop 7 had their Spring Court of Honor on 11/14. Over the past 6 months, there were 134 merit badges earned by various scouts. The following scouts completed their requirements for Rank Advancement.

- Timothy Haines — Scout
- Landon Schroeder -- Scout
- Lucas Curry – Tenderfoot
- Billy Jamison – Tenderfoot
- Delcan Murphy — Tenderfoot
- Noah Petri – Tenderfoot
- Ronnie Mazuk — Tenderfoot & Second Class
- David Blumberg — First Class
- Oliver Buten — First Class
- Nathan Neumann — First Class
- Nicholas Neumann – First Class
- Shreyas Kode – First Class
- Ethan Bally – Star
- Chase Haerr - Star
- Alexander Richert - Star
- Henry Yunt – Star
- William Sander – Life
- Andrew Wilson — Eagle Silver Palm

Along with the scouts achieving these awards, they have been busy camping, learning, exploring and having fun the past several months. Here are the campouts/trips the scouts have participated in.

- Ropes course (Camp Kern)
- Sea Base – Sailing Adventure (Florida)
- Summer Camp - 2 different weeks due to troop size (Camp Friedlander – Loveland, OH)
- Smokey Mountain Campout (Backpacking) (Tennessee National Park)
- Peterloon (Camp Friedlander – Loveland, OH)
- 2 different day bike outings (Lebanon & Franklin)
- Camp Woodlan Trails (Camden, OH)
- Apple Crumble sale (Christmas in Springboro)

Troop 7 would also like thank you for your support for our 2 fundraisers. The Apple Crumble at Christmas in Springboro and our mulch sales in the spring.

Please congratulate any of these scouts you may know on their achievements.

Thanks,
Ken Haines

—
Charter Organization Rep for
Troop 7





Pancake Dinner and Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who supported our Youth Group's pancake dinner and breakfast. And thank you to the youth of our church for providing us with an excellent meal!

Church Bazaar and Luncheon

Many thanks to everyone who helped with our Christmas Bazaar this year. It was a great opportunity to show our community the spirit of giving that lives in our church and to raise funds for Women In Faith's missions for the coming year.

Thanks to my church family for all your prayers, phone calls, and cards while I was in the hospital and now home recuperating. I am so proud to say I am part of such a caring church.

Sincerely,
Joyce Pence

October 6, 2019

Dearest friends in Christ,

We had such a great Sunday last week at The Gathering with young Christians from your church.

Evie Wrazen, Paige Veren and Timothy Haines, accompanied by the Rev. Katie Steele and Certified Lay Minister Dave Finney, served communion and provided the community lunch to our folks following worship.

Thank you for creating an opportunity for such a sacramental encounter between these young servant leaders and our congregation—who struggle with homelessness, addiction and intellectual disabilities. My folks were enchanted.

I personally had such a great time hanging out with the kids in the kitchen as they raided the refrigerator, finishing off some leftover pecan pie bars that I had made last week!

The connectional United Methodist Church is alive and well as long as we make it so.

Blessings and deepest love to all,

Pastor Patty
Rev. Dr. Patricia Anderson Cook
The United Methodist Gathering
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Celebrating a December Birthday

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| 4: Gary Kline, Bill Wenzel | 16: Adam Stafford |
| 6: John Stalcup, Timothy Haines | 18: Emmy Shetterly Sibert |
| 9: Cindy Kline | 19: Adam Thomas |
| 10: Rachel Haines | 26: George Walling, Jim Scott |
| 11: Ryan Pesavento | 28: Vicki Kuhn, Steven Stalcup |
| 13: Nathan Haines | 29: Joyce Pence |
| 14: Suzanne Allen, Martha Rutherford | |

Celebrating a December Anniversary

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| 5: Steve & Leslie Haines | 19: Todd & Lynda Smith |
| 7: David & Carol Finney | 28: Mark & Jennifer Smith |
| 18: Ed & Vicki Kuhn | 30: Stan and Jacquelyn Pickett |

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

December Volunteers

	Liturgists	Acolytes	Cookies	Altar Flowers
Dec. 1	Open Open	Noah Townsend Open	Open	Open
Dec. 8	Open Patti Hammett	Easton Townsend Open	Cornerstone Class	Belinda Mallett
Dec. 15	Cantata Cantata	Open Open	Open	Marjorie Poff
Dec. 22	Patti Hammett Open	Noah Townsend Open	Open	Poinsettias
Dec. 29 (10:00 only)	Jane Gregg	Open	Open	Pointsettias



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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

