

# Messenger

January 2021

## “Courage”

How often do we think of courage as a trait of a noble warrior or a bold pioneer facing great challenges against all odds?

How often do we think of courage as only about bravery and strength and heroic acts?

Courage can be all that, but those images often do not resonate with our everyday lives. I often like to define courage simply as “The ability to do something that frightens one.”

With that definition, how is God calling us to be courageous in 2021?

How do we live by courage when our Christian faith is doubted or questioned or when we struggle to stand up to injustice or when we doubt God’s presence with us?

How do we live by faith and hope moving forward in mission and ministry even into an uncertain future?

When we claim our identity as a beloved child of God, that takes courage. When we share with others how Jesus has made a difference in our lives, that takes courage; when we choose to follow Jesus and go a different way from the crowd around us, that takes courage.

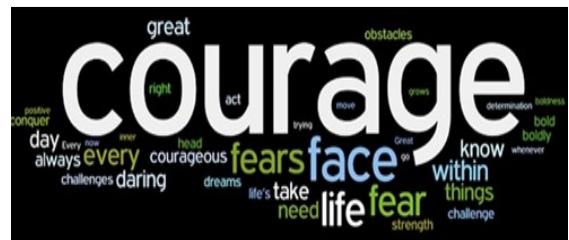
This Epiphany Season, I invite you to claim your courage, a courage grounded in your faith in Jesus. As we reflect on the words to the church in Philippi, take courage to claim your identity as God’s beloved; take courage to be vulnerable and gracious and live for others.

Together, may we find the courage to raise others up, empower our community, and live for Jesus no matter what is happening in the world around us.

Together, may we live into the words of God to Joshua and the people of Israel:

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”  
(Joshua 1:9)

Pastor Amy



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# Worship

## Worship in-person and online!

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

### YouTube channel:

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

### Facebook Live worship link:

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

### In-person:

Please reserve your seat by contacting Kerri in the church office or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-worship1>

- \*Seating remains every other pew
- \*Face coverings are required for all services for those over age 5
- \*Hymns are currently not being sung
- \*Pews are sanitized each week
- \*Doors are sanitized between services

### Missed worship on Sunday?

Find the worship videos on the Facebook page, YouTube channel, and church website!

Printed sermons are also posted within the week at <https://www.fumcofspringboro.org/media/sermons/>

## Worship in January

January 9/10  
 Courage to Claim our Identity  
 Mark 1:4-11

January 16/17  
 Courage to be Vulnerable  
 Philippians 2:5-11

January 23/24  
 Courage to be Gracious  
 Philippians 1:2-12

January 30/31  
 Courage to be Last  
 Philippians 2:1-5

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### Inclement Weather

Please look to one of the following sources for church closing information:

- WHIO TV (Dayton Channel 7) or website
  - First United Methodist Church of Springboro Facebook page
  - [fumcofspringboro.org](http://fumcofspringboro.org) website
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# Church News



## Help Around the Home

Need help with hard-to-reach light bulbs, smoke detector batteries, Christmas decoration removal or other small household chores?

If you or your neighbor needs a helping hand, please let us know! Led by Trustees and United Methodist Men, we have those willing to assist you in safe ways.

Please contact Harry Ingalls or David Finney to schedule work or to help serve others.

## Giving Envelopes

Giving envelopes for 2021 are available for pick up in the church office.

## Giving Statements

Statements will be mailed or emailed out in mid-January. Online Giving users will receive a statement or can print one out from the site at any time. If you did a combination of Online and Traditional giving, both will be included in the statement that is mailed in January.

## **\*NEW\*** Young Adult Group

This is a new group for college age young adults wanting to stay connected and have fun together!

Many different activities and opportunities for fun and fellowship are planned. We collaborate on topics such as stress management, time management, financing, dating, religion, sustainability, cooking, basic car maintenance and many others.

**This month come join us  
January 10 at 4:30 pm  
for bowling and dinner.**

Text Jynn Schlise 937-308-5232  
or Emily Schlise 837-671-9821  
for information and details.

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# Connection and Study

## Online Daily Devotions

Daily Devotions continue to be offered on Monday and Thursday mornings at 9:30am on our church Facebook page.

Please let Pastor Amy know if you would like to offer a devotion.

## Tuesday Bible Study

Studying N. T. Wright's "The Book of Acts"

Tuesday from 10-11am via Zoom  
Contact Pastor Amy for log in info.

## Fierce—Women of the Bible Who Changed the World

Starting Thursday, January 14  
at 7 pm via Zoom  
Contact Jennifer Fry for log on info.

The word *fierce* is trendy. It is used to describe women who are at the top of their game. But what about the rest of us? Can we be fierce? Absolutely! In fact, women like us have been changing the world for thousands of years—many who received little fanfare yet lived fiercely anyway.

In this six-week study by Jennifer Cowart we will look at lesser-known female characters in the Bible and the ways they changed the world by living into God's calling. As we explore their lives, we will discover how we too can live into our callings, honor the Lord, and even change the world through our courage, faithfulness, and obedience.

## Making Sense of the Bible

Starting Friday, January 22,  
11:00am-12:30pm via Zoom  
Contact Pastor Doug for log on info.

The Bible is the world's bestselling, most-read, and most-loved book. And it is also one of the most confusing. In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike.

Did God really command Moses to put gay people to death? Did Jesus really teach that everyone who is not a Christian will be assigned to hell? Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church?" Were Adam and Eve real people? Is the book of Revelation really about the end times? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? Is the Bible ever wrong?

In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these often misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving.

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# Outreach

## Ways to Give

### **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.**

### **Box Top for Education**

Support Red Bird Mission by downloading the Box Top app, scan your receipt and tag Red Bird Mission.

### **Encouragement**

Support and encourage one another! Reach out to your neighbors!

### **SCAC and The Pantry**

Volunteer time to sort or hand out food. Donate food, toiletries or funds to purchase in bulk.

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

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

### **Interfaith Hospitality Network**

Cash donations assist with housing costs as families are still being housed in hotels.

Gift cards, towels, pots and pans, diapers, and cleaning supplies are also needed.

<https://www.ihnwc.org/donate>



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# Finances

Thank you for your continued faithful giving to God through First UMC! As we enter 2021, here is an overview of FUMC's budget for the year, approved by Finance and Administrative Council. Our total spending is projected to be approximately \$322,090, categorized into eight general areas:

- **Worship**—We now offer weekly worship both in person and online worship. These expenses include music, online licenses, communion and worship supplies as well as salaries for musicians and a portion of Pastor Amy's salary and benefits.
  - **Connectional/Mission**—Our apportioned giving supports mission and ministry through our district, conference and the global United Methodist church. The amount is determined by the conference based on our membership and operating expenses.
  - **Youth Ministry**—Our youth ministry seeks to build up the next generation of God's disciples. These expenses pay for our youth director as well as program costs for youth programs for all grades.
  - **Education**—Growing as disciples is a cradle to grave journey. These expenses assist with curriculum, VBS, and salaries for children and adult education as well as nursery care.
  - **Leadership**—As she leads our church family in following God's ways, a portion of Pastor Amy's salary and benefits are in this category as well as funding for staff training.
  - **Administration**—These expenses keep the church office functioning and include office supplies, copiers, postage, administrative salaries, including a portion of Pastor Amy's salary and benefits.
  - **Facility**—Our church has been entrusted with our building, parsonage, and church property as a base for our ministry. These expenses include utilities, repairs and maintenance salaries. A portion of this category is offset by a monthly payment from Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool.
  - **Outreach and Membership Care**—Connections, Fellowship and Family Life, Stephen Ministries and general communication are all ways we strengthen our connections with one another.
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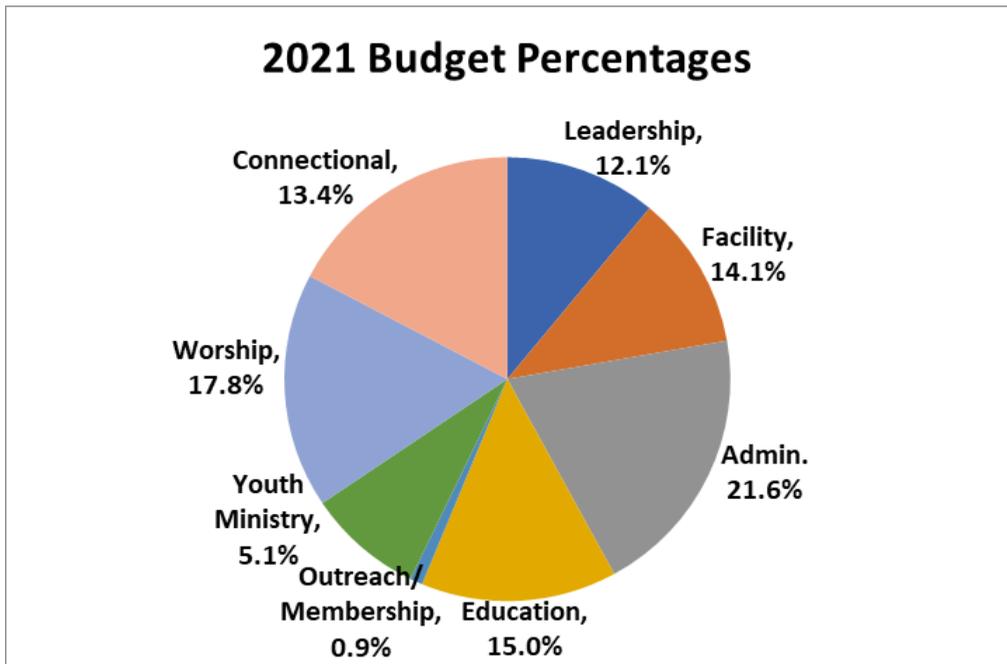
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# Finances

The pie chart below provides a graphical depiction of our budget expenditures.

Copies of our line item budget are available upon request from the church office, Pastor Amy or Kevin Houser.

Thank you for your faithful financial commitments. If we are intentional and generous in our future giving, God can and will work through us in life-changing ways here in Springboro and around the world. May we worship God through our giving.



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# Leadership

## 2021 Officers and Committees

These officers were elected at Church Conference in November 2020.

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Ad Council Chair	Alan Kerrick
Ad Council Recording Secretary	Judy Cook
Lay Leader	David Finney
Lay Member	Jack Hott
Treasurer	Kevin Houser
Financial Secretary	Tracy Stull
Staff-Parish Relations	Dave Ball
Trustees	Harold Ingalls
Connection	Sara Erwin
Fellowship/Family Life	Sandra Wray/ Katie Veren
Stephen Ministry	Zandra Woody
Worship	Jack Hott
Missions	TBD
Women in Faith	Beth Wenzel
United Methodist Men	David Finney
Historian	Jean Reazer
Pastor	Amy Haines
Bright Beginnings Preschool	Susan Stalcup
(staff) Christian Education	Kim Crosen
(staff) Adult Discipleship	Doug Dean
(staff) Youth Director	Brian Schlise

### NOMINATIONS

Chair: Pastor Amy  
Lay Leader: David Finney  
Kristy Shetterly  
Zandra Woody  
Sara Erwin

### STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Dave Ball  
Diane McCrystal  
Andrea Cook  
Mariel Pesavento  
Kelly Smith  
Mike Zimmerman  
Lay Leader: David Finney  
Lay Member: Jack Hott  
Pastor: Amy Haines

### TRUSTEES

Chair: Harold Ingalls  
Jeff Erwin  
Kim Horning  
Belinda Mallett  
Matt Leedy  
Paul Lusk  
Matt Perry  
Shawn Sparks  
Darrin Ott

### FINANCE

Treasurer: Kevin Houser  
Financial Secretary: Tracy Stull  
Lay Member: Jack Hott  
Pastor: Amy Haines  
Harry Hall  
Susan Stalcup  
Jackie Winzeler

### CONNECTION

Sara Erwin  
Diane McCrystal

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# Leadership

## MISSIONS

Chair: TBD

Stephanie Bindemann

Arlene Brown

Lois Eley

Kim Perry

Greta Talbot

Beth Wenzel

IHN Coordinator: Jennifer Fry

## WORSHIP

Chair: Jack Hott

Communion Steward: Anna Wade

Flowers Coordinator: Jane Gregg

Hanging of the Greens: Jane Gregg

Ushers: Harry Hall, Keith Stafford,  
Bill Hammett

## NURTURE AND MEMBERSHIP CARE

Loaves and Fishes Ministry: Lisa Ott

Funeral Meals: Judy Cook

Stephen Ministry: Susan Railhala,  
Zandra Woody

Transportation Ministry: Harold Masteller

## FELLOWSHIP/FAMILY LIFE

Fellowship Coordinator: Sandra Wray

Family Life Coordinator: Katie Veren

Kathy Ball

Kara Hampton

Kerry Leedy

Linda Tennant

Susan Tiffin

Mike Zimmerman

## COMMUNICATIONS

Website: Megan Bell/ Kerri Dome

Facebook Page: Jennifer Fry

**“Resisting  
Injustice:  
Leading  
Through  
Divided Times”**



**Ohio River Valley District  
Leadership Training Day**

**Sat, January 30 9am-1pm  
Zoom Webinar**

Keynote Speakers:

Rev. Dr. Frederick Douglas Powe, Jr.  
and Bishop Palmer

Workshops include:

Getting the Discussion Started  
Having Courageous Conversations  
Engaging in Immigration Reform  
Engaging Young People in Social Justice

SPRC- Supporting Your Pastor in  
Times of Prophetic Leadership  
Increasing Your Cultural Competency  
Pastors- Preaching to a Divided  
Congregation

Watch the weekly email for  
registration information!

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# Bright Beginnings



## Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool

In January the children will learn about winter and weather. Ice painting, snowflakes, opposites, winter wear and more will be discussed as the children learn about their environment and the world around them. The Bible verse for the month is "There will always be cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night." (Genesis 8:22). In addition, they will learn about Joy, their January Fruit of the Spirit and will join Pastor Amy in Children's Church.

### ***2021-2022 Registration***

Bright Beginnings registration for the 2021-2022 school year will be held in late January for current students. Church families and people on the wait list will be able to register in early to mid-February.

If you are interested, please contact Kim Crosen as soon as possible to get information on the preschool and to arrange a tour. Kim can be reached at 748-2612 or [kimfumc@gmail.com](mailto:kimfumc@gmail.com).



## A.C.E.—Active Christian Exploration

In January, our A.C.E. kids will study Antarctica. At the end of January, they are going to partner with the Cornerstone Class to make valentines for veterans. If you would like to know more about our A.C.E. program, please contact Kim Crosen.



## Parent Connection

**January 12, 19, 26 - Tuesdays  
at 9:30:** Winning the worry battle  
bible study continued.

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# Children and Youth



**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**

## **Mission 56—**

- Connect on Zoom Sundays at 11:30am.

## **Kid Connection—**

- Connect on Zoom Sundays at 10:00 am.

## **Minecraft—**

- Connect on Zoom Sundays at 2:30 pm.



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

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

## **Junior High—**

- Meet on Sundays, from 5:30-7pm

## **Senior High—**

- Meet on Sundays, from 7-8:30pm

Look for texts from Brian with dates for January

## **Confirmation**

Classes will begin this month! Meet on Sunday, January 10, 24, and 31 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Music Room.

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# Thank You



Thank you to all who contributed to our giving and our worship in the month of December!

Thank you to all who brightened the lives of others through the giving tree, purchased needed items for the VA Hospital residents, or assisted others through UMCOR offering.

Thank you to those who lit Advent wreath candles, or allowed the candles to be lit on their behalf, in memory of loved ones. Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias. Thank you to all who read scripture, offered special music, or acted out the Christmas story. Thank you to our tech crew: Shawn Sparks, Daniel Veren, Ken Haines, Timothy Haines.

Thank you for sharing the light and love and good news of Jesus with others!

Thank you again for helping us gift the V. A. Hospital. We were able to provide many much needed items. Again, thank you for helping us do God's work.

-The Cornerstone Class

Thank you for your generous gifts, cards and thanks this Christmas! My family and I truly appreciate all of your support.

-Pastor Amy

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# Office News

## Staff Contacts

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your staff!

Kerri Dome, Office Manager  
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937-748-2612

Pastor Amy  
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937-748-1186

Doug Dean, Pastor of Discipleship  
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Kim Crosen, Christian Education and Mission 56  
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Brian Schlise, Senior and Junior High  
[BrianSchlise@habeggercorp.com](mailto:BrianSchlise@habeggercorp.com)

## 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.

## Karen's Card Shop

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

## Health Checks

Anyone entering the church building from 6:30am-6:30pm will be asked to stop inside the front door, sign in, and answer a series of health questions.

If you answer YES to any of the questions, we ask you not to enter the building.

While the health check is not required for worship and evening meetings, if you are sick, please stay home.

## Please Wear Your Masks

As a way to care for one another, masks are currently required anytime we are in the building—during the day, for meetings and for worship.

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# Flowers for Worship

## ***2021 Flower Calendar***

We thank everyone for their support in providing Sanctuary flowers each week. **The flower calendar for 2021 is now available for sign-ups.** Please call Kerri to sign up. You are welcome to sign up in honor or in memory of a loved one. **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.

January 2/3	Open	
January 9/10	Open	
January 16/17	Lois Cox	In memory of Tom Cox
January 23/24	Open	
January 30/31	Open	

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# January Birthdays

- 4: Brian Schlise
- 7: Connie Miller
- 8: Patti Hammett
- 11: Sharon Sinclair
- 17: Ron Fogle, Katy Shetterly
- 19: Charlie Smith
- 20: Elena Mallett
- 26: Mary Ann McIntosh
- 27: Rocky Rice
- 28: Dave Cecil
- 30: Abby Shetterly Miracle,  
Zachary Erwin
- 31: Anna Wade, Shannon Clark



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# January Anniversaries

- 1: Roger and Lois Gollihugh



*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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**Worshipping God Together**  
 First United Methodist Church of Springboro  
 January 17, 2021 10:30 am

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**                    If using Facebook Live, please check in and say hello!

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE:     God calls us to worship as beloved children.

**MANY:   God invites us to bring our authentic selves to God this day.**

ONE:     God meets us where we are, wherever we are on  
 our faith journeys.

**MANY:   God welcomes our faith and our doubt,  
 our fear and our courage.**

ONE:     Come, to praise the name of Jesus.

**MANY:   We come, to offer our worship and our praise.**

**HYMNS**                    "There's Something About That Name"                    UMH #171  
                                   "Jesus, Name Above All Names"                         FWS #2071

**OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR PRAYERS, & OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Prayer of Dedication/ Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**                    Philippians 2:5-11

**MESSAGE**                    "Courage to be Vulnerable"                    Rev. Amy Haines

**HYMN**                         "O Young and Fearless Prophet"                    UMH#444

**BLESSING****POSTLUDE**

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

Online giving link: [www.fumcofspringboro.org/online-giving/](https://www.fumcofspringboro.org/online-giving/)

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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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