

Messenger

January 2024

Hello Church,

So what is your bright shiny thing?

Epiphany is upon us. 6 Sundays to explore what gets our attention and what should get our attention. It starts with a star but doesn't end there.

January is a great time to set the tone for a new year. Set your habits to pursue and stay focused on your goals. The church works the same way. A lazy January can carry forward. An active and enthusiastic January can also carry forward.

So shake the cold off. We hope to see you!

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God is Good,

Pastor Joe



Lay Leader Report

For this month subject from the Lay Leader's "to do" list. I want to talk with you about:

- Continues to be involved in study and training opportunities to develop a growing understanding of the church's reason for existence and the types of ministries that will most effectively fulfill the church's mission;

Merry Christmas! I bet you thought I would say Happy New Year. Yes, it is a new year, but as Pastor Joe keeps pointing out, under the church calendar it is still Christmas until Epiphany starts on Sunday January 6th. We do have a couple of great training/learning opportunities coming up. On Sunday January 21, 2024, we will have the district training event starting at 1:30 at Mason UMC, 6315 Mason Montgomery Rd. in Mason. There are nine workshops from which you can choose two. Registration is required by January 15, at <https://westohioumc.org/2024-district-leadership-training-days>

January is going to be a busy month at our church with new committee members and old coming together to look at taking the circle chart and putting it into action! If you are a committee member, I encourage you to attend upcoming meetings and participate to the extent you are able. If you are not on a committee, we can fix that! Contact the office or let me know your interests.

Peace,

Jack

Jack Hott, CLM
Lay Leader

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/

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

Worship Services

There is always a need for ushers, liturgists, tech help, special music, and greeters. Call the church office if interested in volunteering.

Worship in January

January 6/7

Matthew 2:1-12
"Bright Shiny Star"
Holy Communion

January 13/14

1 Samuel 3:1-10
"Bright Shiny Ark"

January 20/21

Jonah 3:1-5,10
"Bright Shiny Fish"

January 27/28

Mark 1:21-28
"Bright Shiny Words"

Senior Living Facilities Worship on Saturday's

Beehive at 9:30 am
Enclave at 10:30 am

Faith-Forming Relationships



Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday's at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary with Pastor Joe. If you want to join via zoom call the church office for the link.

Cornerstone Class

The Cornerstone Class meets every Sunday at 9:00 am in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to join. Class is based on the Bible. The contact for the class is Bev Haun.

ARM (Accountable Relevant Members)

Sunday School Class

Sunday School class focusing on various topics at 9:15 am in the Music Room. Contact is Kim Royer.

Bible Study on Zoom

Fridays at 11:00 am you can log into an hour of the Holy Bible. Each week a passage is selected and explored in the company of friends. You are welcome to come along and participate or just listen and enjoy. Just call the church office for the Zoom link, or talk to Pastor Doug.

Old Guys Group

The third Thursday each month a bunch of Old Guys gather for dinner at Bob Evans to share companionship, life, interests, and whatever else comes to mind. It's casual, no agenda, just conversation and a meal. So, if you are an old guy, come and be part of the sparkling repartee of this stellar group! See Pastor Doug or call the church office for details.

Women In Faith Bible Study

Women In Faith Bible Study is every 3rd Friday of the month at 10:00 am in Pastor's office. All women are welcome to attend.

Faith-Forming Relationships



**Meeting
Rescheduled**

Women In Faith

Women in Faith meeting has been reschedule for Saturday, January 13 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall due to the upcoming snow-storm. If you have any questions please contact Linda Swartzel.

Teen Parenting Posse

Parents of teens join us Friday, January 26 at 7:00 pm at the Hampton's for a low-key evening of games, fellowship, and getting to know each other better. We'll have snacks, so come after dinner. Please let Kara Hampton (937-305-3937) know if you can join us.



Chili Cook-off

Join us on Saturday, **January 27 at 6:30 pm** for our annual Chili Cook-off. We will have prizes for the best tasting, the most creative presentation, etc. Each entrant will need to provide their own decorated card table and chili. Please call church office to sign up to bring chili. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. If you're not a chili cook, just bring a side or dessert to share. Contact Katie Veren or Mike Zimmerman.

Risk-Taking Outreach/Missions

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.

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.*

Collecting Pill Bottles

The Cornerstone Class is collecting old prescription pill bottles for Matthew 25 Ministries. Please remove labels if possible. Place bottles in the basket in the sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact Margot Borst.

Mission First Endowment Fund

The giving to this fund has been a wonderful success. \$46,529 has been given to help long-term mission ministry plans! Every time you see white flowers up by the altar, it lets you know that someone has donated to the fund. Let's keep growing this fund together and continue growing opportunities for mission work into the future.

Springboro Community Assistance Center Food Drive

Springboro Community Assistance Center is in desperate need of help. Donate food, toiletries or funds to purchase in bulk. Canned goods and toiletries can be dropped off in the shopping cart at church!

2024 Missions Calendar

JANUARY

- Chili Cook-Off

FEBRUARY

- Outreach Event
- Sub Sale
- Cookie Walk
- Valentines for Veterans
- Ash Wednesday Offering for Easter meals Feb. 14

MARCH

- Jackson Area Seed Ministry
- Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show
- Easter Meal Cards Distribution
- Easter March 31

APRIL

- Kairos Cookies April 3-7
- Easter Egg Event
- "Sock it to Me" Sock Drive for Shoes for the Shoeless

MAY

- Outreach Event
- Outreach Event
- VBS Donation Request

JUNE

- Youth Mission Trip

JULY

- Vacation Bible School

AUGUST

- Outreach Event
- Back to School Snack Drive

SEPTEMBER

- SCAC Food Pantry Drive

OCTOBER

- Operation Christmas Child
- Cancer Awareness Event
- Trunk or Treat

NOVEMBER

- Bazaar
- Giving Tree

DECEMBER

- Gingerbread Houses
- Breakfast with Santa/Holiday House
- Vets Collection
- Christmas Eve Easter meal Collection

ON-GOING OR OCCASIONAL PROJECTS

- The Gathering Meal-3rd Saturday of the month
 - The Gathering-Financial and General Support
 - Family Promise – Financial Support
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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

Look for emails from Kim



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

Contact: Brian Schlise
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937-748-9711

Look for texts from Brian



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 Joe in Children's Church.



A.C.E. After School Program

In January our ACE 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 ACE program, please contact Kim Crosen.

Compassionate Care

Compassionate Care Ministry

There is a weekly prayer request email sent out every Monday morning. Email church office if you would like to be on the list.

Good Neighbor Ministry

15 different sponsors from the congregation are connecting with Bright Beginning teachers and administrators to provide prayers, support and encouragement throughout the year. If you would like to be a part of this new ministry, please call the church office.

Karen's Card Shop

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

Loaves & Fishes

Provide meals for church members at critical times. Contact: Lisa Ott 210-315-2370.

Stephen Ministry

Got Care?

If you or someone you know is going through a tough time, contact Zandra Woody (513-680-9713) or Susan Raihala (937-238-1394) to discuss how Stephen Ministry might help. We provide one-on-one, confidential care and are skilled in helping people work through difficulties such as a death, diagnosis, or other challenges.

Thank You

To the Congregation -

A big thank you for your help at Christmas. We took the Veterans 900 items of apparel. Thank you again.

Cornerstone Class

To the Choir:

Thank you so much for the gift card at Christmas. Keep making music and enhancing the weekly worship. You're a wonderful group of people to be involved with.

To the Church:

Thank you so much for the gift card at Christmas. I enjoy playing for the services. "Music speaks where words fail."

Vicki Kuhn

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.



Pastor Joe's Office Hours

Preferred availability:

Monday: 11 am - 1 pm,
6 pm - 8 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 9 am – noon,
6 pm – 8 pm

Call/text/email for an appointment

Email: pastor@fumcspringboro.org
Cell Phone: 513-463-7378

January Birthdays

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



January Anniversaries

1: Roger and Lois Gollihugh,
Rick and Ann Brehm



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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
