

# Messenger

March 2020

## **Our Lenten Journey: Walking with Jesus**

This Lent, I invite you on a journey.

This journey has been taken by generations of faithful men and women before us. This journey prepares us to celebrate the agony of Good Friday and the joy of Easter morning. This journey will lead us to a more fruitful and fulfilling faith life.

This Lent, I invite you on a journey of practicing holy habits that will strengthen us to follow where Jesus leads. These holy habits of faith include: worship, prayer, study, service, giving, and sharing.

During worship in Lent, we will reflect on the ways God calls us to live into these holy habits, and how Jesus modeled them for our lives.

Then each Wednesday night in Lent, we will practice these holy habits in interactive, intergenerational, and reflective stations, conversations, games, and prayer walls.

I look forward to our journey together, walking with Jesus!

-Pastor Amy

## **Ash Wednesday**

Wed February 26

6pm Meal

7pm Service

Meal: Beef/noodle, chicken/noodle, drinks provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Service: Recognize our mortality and God's grace through a service of repentance and the imposition of ashes. This service begins the season of Lent and is in conjunction with Springboro United Church of Christ.



## **Practicing Our Walk**

Wednesday evenings in March

Meal from 6-6:30pm \$3/person

Lenten stations 6:30-8pm

Practice a holy habit of faith each week in a variety of ways! All ages can participate and learn together. Some stations will be more interactive; others will be more reflective. All will guide us on our walks with Jesus.

# Worship/Events



## ***Worship In March***

### ***Walking With Jesus***

Feb 29/Mar 1  
A Living Hallelujah  
Psalm 95:1-7,  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18  
Holy Communion

Mar 7/8  
Listening and  
Paying Attention  
Psalm 119:105-112,  
John 10:1-5, 14-16  
Time Change Weekend

Mar 14/15  
Here I Am, Lord,  
Send Me  
Joshua 24:14-15,  
Ephesians 2:8-10

Mar 21/22  
Where Your Treasure Is  
1 Timothy 6:17-19,  
Matthew 6:19-21

Mar 28/29  
Going Fishing, Reflecting Light  
Matthew 5:13-16,  
Matthew 4:18-22



## **Events**

- 1: United Methodist Men
- 1: Feed The Hungry Event
- 1: Confirmation
- 1: Senior High Youth
- 2: Prayer Team
- 2: Staff Parish Relations Comm.
- 4: Practicing Our Walk
- 4: Choir and Bells Practices
- 7: Women in Faith
- 8: Spaghetti Dinner
- 9: Prayer Team
- 9: Administrative Council
- 10: Tuesday Bible Study @ Library
- 10: Stephen Ministers
- 10: Trustees
- 11: Practicing Our Walk
- 11: Choir and Bells Practices
- 16: Prayer Team
- 16: Church Staff Meeting
- 16: Missions
- 17: Tuesday Bible Study@ Library
- 17: Bright Beginning Staff Meeting
- 18: Clearcreakers Senior Group
- 18: Practicing Our Walk
- 18: Choir/Bells Practice
- 22: Confirmation with Mentors
- 23: Prayer Team
- 24: Tuesday Bible Study @ library
- 24: Stephen Ministers
- 25: Practicing Our Walk
- 25: Choir and Bells Practices
- 27: Women In Faith Bible Study
- 30: Prayer Team
- 30: Church Staff Meeting

---

# Church News/Events

## **Our Lenten Journey: Walking with Jesus**

### **Ash Wednesday**

Wed February 26  
6pm Meal  
7pm Service

### **Practicing Our Walk**

Wednesday evenings in March  
Meal from 6-6:30pm \$3/person  
Lenten stations 6:30-8pm

### **Holy Java Lenten Study**

"Why Easter Matters"  
Sundays in March, 9:15am  
Conference Room

## **The Journey of Holy Week**

### **Palm Sunday**

Sat April 4 5:30pm  
Sun April 5 9:15 and 10:35am

### **Holy Thursday**

Thu April 9 7pm  
Springboro United Church of Christ

### **Good Friday Crosswalk**

Fri April 10 11:45am- 1pm  
Covenant Presbyterian Church to  
Springboro United Church of Christ

### **Easter**

Sat April 11 5:30pm  
Sun April 12 9:15 and 10:35am

## **Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show**

- Sunday, March 8
- Meal 5-6:30 pm
- Talent Show 6:30 pm
- Dinner includes salad, spaghetti and meatballs, bread and dessert
- Tickets: \$10 for adults  
\$5 for children  
\$8 for carry out
- Tickets will be sold on Saturday, February 22 and February 29 and Sunday, February 23 and March 1.
- Please buy tickets in advance for planning purposes.
- This is a joint effort between Women In Faith and Senior High Youth.
- Contact a Senior High youth if you would like to be in the show.

### **Interfaith Hospitality Network**

The Interfaith Hospitality Network families will be with us **April 5-April 12**. Please consider giving the gift of your time in preparing meals or doing activities with the children or most importantly, being an overnight host or hostess (the easiest job). Please contact Jennifer Fry if you can help out at [jennfry1@gmail.com](mailto:jennfry1@gmail.com) or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054AAAAF2BA46-interfaith17>

---

# Church News/Events

## ***Easter Flowers***

Help decorate the altar on Easter morning! The Flower Committee will take orders for Easter flowers before Saturday evening services on March 21 and 28 and after both services on Sunday, March 22 and 29. The deadline for ordering is noon on April 1. Flowers will be \$10 each (paid when ordered) and can be purchased in memory or honor of someone. Varieties available are hyacinths, lilies, tulips, and daffodils. The hyacinths and tulips will come in assorted colors. They will be provided by Flowers by Roger, Inc. After Easter services, you are welcome to take home and enjoy your flowers.



**Don't forget to move your clocks forward 1 hour on March 7th**



## **Results**

Thank you to everyone who came out and competed on January 25 for our Chili Cook Off. Overall we had 7 entrants who entered their chili in the cook off. All were delicious!

## **Taste Winners**

- 1st Place: Leedy Family  
"Mexican Two-Bean Chili"
- 2nd Place: Jane Gregg  
"Ole"
- 3rd Place: Sebesy Family  
"Tailgate Chili"

## **Presentation Winners**

- 1st Place: Helen Tiffin & Faith Hampton  
"Star Wars"
- 2nd Place: Veren Family  
"Under the Seasoning"
- 3rd Place: Alan Bindemann  
"Megxit"

# Missions

## ***Easter Meals for Local Families***

Help brighten someone's Easter this year by sponsoring a family, allowing them to purchase food for their Easter meal!

Each family will get a \$20.00 Meijer food only gift card. This gives them the opportunity to buy what their family will eat, with the option of purchasing fresh produce.

Our goal this year is 175 families or \$3500.00

Donations will be accepted March 14-29.



## ***Seed Collection***

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 include beans (green and bush), beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, corn, cucumbers, lettuce, pumpkins, radishes, spinach, squash, turnips, melons, peppers, herbs. JAM will also take cash donations to purchase bulk corn, bulk bush bean seeds, as well as, seed potatoes and tomato plants.

Look for the seed basket March 14-29!

---

# Lay Leader Report

We are now in the season of Lent. Some of us are making intentional sacrifices during Lent, like giving up chocolate or coffee. Others of us are being more intentional about observing spiritual moments like praying or Bible study, with greater frequency. Sacrifices or intentionally increasing spiritual moments are both good disciplines to follow, either during Lent, or even after Lent. With my friends at The Gathering, we are in a Lenten study that was created by Rev Dr Suzanne Allen for all in West Ohio Conference, on Wesleyan principles of Love. FUMC folks are invited to join us in this study on Thursdays at 1:00 at Trinity Manor housing unit on Clark Street, in Middletown. Please see me if you are interested in joining us and I will help with transportation to Middletown.

I am very pleased that the 2020-2021 class of the Certified Lay Ministry Academy will begin on March 14 and I am honored that I was asked to serve as one of the two Spiritual Directors for the academy. This training is important as we train 9 United Methodists for ministry in their local churches and communities. Jack Hott, from our church, is one of the nine students and we look forward to the new ministries that will be opened up for Jack.

For myself, this March will serve as a landmark. It was last March that I

was admitted into Kettering Medical Center, with congestive heart failure. Over those eleven days in the hospital, my heart was repaired by the skilled medical team at KMC such that, now twelve months later, I am able to have a robust work-out in the cardiac rehab gym. I am able to work out for three hours per week on the treadmill and cross-trainer. When I was admitted to the hospital a year ago, I could not walk across a room. I thank God and the KMC team for my good health.

I write these words on a Monday afternoon. As per usual, I spent this morning, first in the rehab gym, then at Hope House Mission, leading about 30 residents in a discussion on faith, healing, forgiveness and decision making. I know I get more out the class than the Hope House residents and it is my extreme pleasure to be with those men every week.

For basketball fans, as March Madness is in front of us, I share this, which I shared with the Hope House guys – I used to be addicted to basketball, but I have now rebounded. Ok, sorry.

Be observant during Lent, prepare our hearts for the pain of Good Friday and the glory of empty tomb and Easter Sunday.

David Finney

---

---

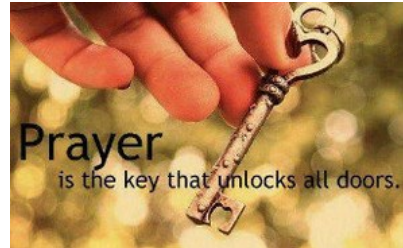
# Church Groups

## United Methodist Men

The men of our church continue to be in service to our church and to our neighbors. We encourage folks to reach out to Harry Ingalls or David Finney to invite us to help with household repairs. Moreover, in late March, we expect to spend part of a Saturday at The Gathering, in Middletown, as we construct park benches and garden boxes.

We also continue to meet on the first Sunday of each month for devotions, fellowship and a little bit of UMM business. Our next two dates are March 1 and April 5. Please join us at 8:00 in Fellowship Hall.

Looking ahead to June, we are still hopeful of collaborating with other United Methodist churches by doing some hurricane recovery work in North Carolina. Please see David Finney for more information regarding this.



## Prayer Pals

This Lenten season we would like to try something new. In an effort to help bridge generations and strengthen our prayer habits we are introducing "**Prayer Pals.**" What is it? Interested people that will be paired together to explore various means of prayer. Adults will be partnered with youth or children to work through fun activities once a month and get to know one another. Meeting dates will be March 1, 17 and 29 and April 26 during second service. Then, throughout the month, each participant can send cards, emails, etc. of support and be actively praying for each other. Please consider joining us for this fun, cross-generational prayer and support ministry! If interested, please call Kim at 748-2612 or email at [kimfumc@gmail.com](mailto:kimfumc@gmail.com).

---

---

# Church Groups

## **Clearcreakers Senior Group**

The Program for March 18 at 11:30 pm will be Dick Coyle with some sing-a-long songs to do with St. Patrick's Day. We will also have some St. Patrick's Day trivia.

The meal will be a Potluck - please bring a casserole, salad, or dessert. Remember to BRING YOUR OWN EATING & SERVING UTENSILS AND DRINK.

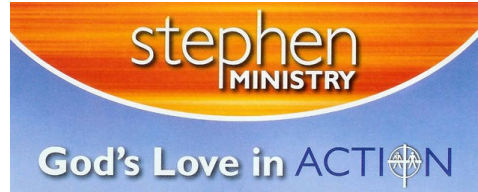
Also please bring donations for the Food Pantry if possible.

Please Note: Clearcreakers follow same inclement weather as Springboro Schools

## **Women In Faith**

Women in Faith will have their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 7 in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am. We will be making soup for delivery to our Friendship Circle members. We will also have a business meeting concerning our yearly donations and a update on the Cookie Walk results. Refreshments will be served. Women in Faith invite all women in the church to come and enjoy our fellowship.

If you would like any information on the group, please contact Beth Wenzel.



A Great Way to Care for a Hurting Friend

Do you have a friend who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can care for them: tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers have received special training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-on-one Christian care. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone to Stephen Ministry, talk with Pastor Amy, Zandra Woody, or Susan Raihala.



---

# Adult Studies

## ***Tuesday Bible Study***

Start studying the Book of Acts in March. Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. (no meeting on the first Tuesday of each month) at the Springboro Library. Contact: Pastor Amy

## ***Women in Faith Bible Study***

Discuss "Why" by Adam Hamilton. Study is moving to the fourth Friday of the month from 10:00—11:30 am in the Conference Room. Contact: Lorraine Sowers

## ***Cornerstone Class***

Dorothy Johnson is teaching on God's messages given through birds in the Bible. 9:15 am in the Music Room.

## ***10:35 AM Class***

10:35 am in the Music Room. Pastor Doug is teaching "Invitation to Genesis" for 11 weeks.

## ***Holy Java***

Lenten Study beginning March 1. "Why Easter Matters" by Andy Stanley. 9:15 am in the Conference Room with Kara Hampton.

---

## **ORV Training**

- Lay Servant Ministry—Spring Classes
- Friday, March 6, 2020 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Register at <https://www.orvumc.org/events>
- Cost: \$30.00
- Classes:
  - Introduction to Lay Ministry: The Basic Course
  - Conflict Resolution
  - Called to Preach



---

# Kids & Youth

## Kids Who Care and God Squad

- What: Feed the Hungry Event
- When: Sunday, March 1 from 1:00 -2:00 pm
- Cost: \$10.00 and you receive a free t-shirt
- We will go to lunch after second service. Please bring money for lunch.
- Sign up with Kim Crosen

## 5th-8th Grade Youth

- What: Feed the Hungry Event
  - When: Sunday, March 1 from 3:40-6 pm
  - Cost: \$10.00 and you receive a free t-shirt
  - Bring money for supper
  - Sign up in Pastor Katie's email
- What: Church Lunch Fellowship (Movie!)
  - When: Sunday, March 22 starting at 11:30 am
  - Bring money for lunch and a movie
- What: ORV Youth Collection
  - When: Sunday, March 29
  - Every 5th Sunday the Ohio River Valley Youth Collective joins together for an Epic Youth Event for all youth in the District. Mark your calendars now for Sunday March 29th and keep an eye out for more information coming soon.

## Confirmation Class

Sunday, March 1 and March 22 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Music Room

## Senior High Youth

- March 1 7-8:30 pm Practice for Spaghetti Dinner
- March 8 Spaghetti Dinner
- Watch for texts or announcements for later youth group dates.



The Senior High Mission Trip has been announced! This year's trip is a return to Detroit, Michigan, June 23-28. Youth grades 8-12 and adults interested please contact Brian Schlise.

---

# Bright Beginnings

## ***Bright Beginnings Buzz***

In February our preschoolers lived out our Bible verse "Love never ends" (I Corinthians 13:8) through Valentines Day parties and "Someone Special Days".

In March, we will have visits from people working in a variety of professions as part of our Community Helpers week. The Bible verse will be "Love your neighbor as you love yourself" and the fruit of the spirit will be Faithfulness.

Our preschool ministry is thriving thanks to the wonderful teachers and individuals God has sent us. Over the years we have been affirmed in many ways that this ministry is what God intended. We continue to thank Him for the opportunity to help 340 children learn, not only their ABC's and 123's, but also who Jesus is and how He works in their lives. This church ministry is helping to change and shape lives.

## ***2020-2021 Registration***

Bright Beginnings registration for the 2020-2021 school year is underway. Classes are already very full for next year. If you are interested, please contact Kim Crosen as soon as possible. Kim can be reached at 748-2612 or kimfumc@gmail.com.

## ***A.C.E.***

At A.C.E., our before and after school program, we had a fun-filled February. We had multiple parties including a Fun Friday Football day before the Super Bowl, a beach party and a Valentines Day party. We packed in a lot of fun for a short month! In March, ACE students will continue learning about the continents. If you would like to know more about our A.C.E. program, please contact Kim Crosen.

## ***Parent Connection***

We had a wonderful, fun filled February! We enjoyed our CPR class and Kindergarten Readiness meeting with Clearcreek principal Carrie Corder. We also have really enjoyed Table Talk of "I said this, you said that" Bible study and exploring our God-given temperaments and how to communicate with those around us in the most uplifting way. Our Mondays and Wednesdays have included a lot of HIIT and challenging endurance workouts. Our missions for the month were Valentines for Veterans and the diaper drive. We were blown away by your kindness and generosity, thank you so much!! Coming in March we will continue our Table talks on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and our Monday and Wednesday workouts at 9:15 a.m! We hope you can join us!

---

---

# Welcome New Members

**Welcome these brothers and sisters in Christ who joined our congregation on February 16!**

**Keith Frankson** lives at 716 Dover Avenue in Middletown with his wife Tracie. He works in IT for Tri-Health. He and his wife enjoy being foster parents. He joins us by reinstatement of membership, having been confirmed in this congregation.

**Vicki Jett** lives at 10053 Village Tree Ct in Miamisburg with her husband Sidney. She has two adult children. Vicki is retired and enjoys reading, gym, family, movies, games and cards. Last year she became a Stephen Minister. She joins us by Profession of Faith.

**Paul Lusk** lives at 7049 Quarterhorse Drive in Springboro with his wife Linda. He is retired. He enjoys scuba diving, boating and house renovations. He joins us by Profession of Faith.

**Darrin and Lisa Ott** live at 7455 Waterway Drive in Waynesville with their sons Ethan, Keaton and Hayden. Retired from the Air Force, Darrin is an Engineer and enjoys woodworking and board games. Lisa is a homemaker and enjoys crafts, quilt

ing, baking, and working with children. She currently coordinates Loaves and Fishes and participates in the Tuesday Bible Study. They join us by Profession of Faith.

**Samuel and Amanda Spellman** live at 10493 Aldora Drive in Miamisburg with their daughters Kayleigh, Madelyn, Katelyn and Makenleigh. Samuel is retired from the Air Force and enjoys fishing, kids and is a jack of all trades. Amanda is our nursery attendant and is a substitute teacher for Bright Beginnings. She enjoys couponing and organization. They are transferring from St. Stephens United Methodist Church in Burke, VA.

**David and Sarah Wrazen** live at 5 Mill Run Lane in Springboro with their daughters, Clara and Evelyn. Retired from the Air Force, David is a Consultant. He enjoys music, hockey, billiards and golf. Sarah is an Educational Administrator. She enjoys music, raising her kids, and teaching. She teaches Sunday School and helps with VBS. David is transferring from the Catholic Church and Sarah is transferring from Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Orchard Park, NY.

---

# Volunteer/Outreach

## Ongoing Programs

- **Medical Driver Ministry**  
Someone to drive you to/from a medical appointment. Contact Harold Masteller at 937-885-7481.
- **Loaves & Fishes**  
Provide meals for church members at critical times.  
Contact: Lisa Ott 210-315-2370.
- **Otterbein Avalon**  
Worship is on Sunday at 1:30 pm  
Bingo is on Wednesday at 1:30 pm  
Both are in house #35  
Contact: Jacque Pickett 301-919-5191
- **Karen's Card Shop**  
Find a card for any occasion



## Ways to Serve

- Interested? Contact Pastor Amy
- Greeters
  - IHN Co-Coordinator
  - Sunday School Teachers
  - Handbell Choir
  - Flower Committee
  - Worship A/V Techs

## Ways to Give

- **Online Giving**  
[fumcofspringboro.org/online-giving](http://fumcofspringboro.org/online-giving)
- **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
- **Sunday Fellowship Treats**  
Provide treats for fellowship time between services. Sign-up sheet on the fellowship table or through the Sunday Servants link in Pastor Amy's weekly e-mail.
- **Box Top for Education**  
Support Red Bird Mission by downloading the Box Top app, scan your receipt and tag Red Bird Mission.  
Contact: Jennifer Fry

---

# Thank You

## ***Cookie Walk***

Women in Faith would like to thank everyone who donated goodies for our annual cookie walk. We would also like to thank everyone who purchased treats. It was another successful fund raiser for Women in Faith. Thanks to all of you!



## **Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra**

Kelly Ronyak invites you to our next concert titled "Appalachian Spring" on Sunday March 1, 2020 at 3:00 pm at Kettering Seventh Day Adventist Church.

We'll be showcasing outstanding works from Copland, Rimsky-Korsakov, Enesco, and Smetana.



## **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](http://www.westohiocamps.com). Please let Pastor Amy know if you plan on attending.

---

---

# Birthdays/Anniversaries



- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 4: David Finney, Jack Eley,<br>Belinda Mallett, Logan Miller | 18: Doug & Carol Dean                    |
| 9: Todd Smith  | 21: Jim & Joanne Young                   |
| 10: Matthew Keyser   | 24: Matthew Maugans & Jennifer<br>Massie |
| 11: Zandra Woody, Claire Veren                               | 26: Larry & Zandra Woody                 |
| 12: Lynn Jackson   | 31: Christopher and Karen Thelen         |
| 13: Trisha Engle   |  |
| 15: Bob Crosen   |  |
| 17: Marjorie Poff  |  |
| 17: Jennie White   |  |
| 18: Stephanie Bindemann                                      |  |
| 19: Margot Borst   |  |
| 20: Charlotte Harris, Don Stiens Jr.                         |  |
| 21: Mark Mosch, Andrew Döme                                  |  |
| 23: Yolanda Mosch, Curt Winzeler,                            |  |
| 24: Kyle Lalich  |  |
| 26: Noelle Boley   |  |
| 27: Brenda Landefeld   |  |
| 29: Jennifer Dunn, Howard Johnson                            |  |
| 30: Chase Thelen   |  |

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

---

---

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
60 EAST NORTH STREET  
SPRINGBORO, OH 45066

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
POSTAGE PAID  
SPRINGBORO, OH 45066  
PERMIT NO. 13

Address service requested

Time Dated Material



937-748-2612  
fumcofspringboro.org  
fumcspringboro@gmail.com

Saturday Worship 5:30 pm  
Sunday Worship 9:15 & 10:35 am  
Children's Worship 10:35 am  
Sunday School 9:15 am & 10:35 am  
Office Hours 8 am -1 pm M-F

---