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# The Messenger

March 2024

Hello Church,

What are you doing with your extra day?

Today is Leap Day and I am using it to recover from illness. It hasn't been fun this week. That said, I feel like God has given me an extra day to recover. Maybe that is why He had the Earth go around the sun a little more than 365 days.... 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 56 second to be exact.

I hope you are using your extra day in a much more enjoyable way. If you want ideas, I have a bunch. I won't list them here.... but then again... maybe I will... see below....

God is Good,

Pastor Joe



# Making Disciples of Jesus Christ





# Lay Leader Report

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

Fosters awareness of the role of the laity within the congregation and through their ministries in the home, workplace, community, and world; and finds ways within the community of faith to recognize those ministries.

This month I want to do something a little different. Recently I reached out to Alexa Lawhorn to see how she is doing. Alexa grew up in our congregation and after graduating from college felt the call to attend seminary. While she is still seeking to find where her gifts and graces are being called by God to pursue, she is having a great time exploring her options. The following is a note from Alexa, she gave me to share with you:

I'm currently in my second year at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta! During my first year of seminary, I had the opportunity to serve as chaplain intern at a women's state prison. This past summer, I got to work as a chaplain intern at a senior living community helping with programming and spiritual care. Currently, I am serving at Inman Park UMC as their ministry intern, where I've been experiencing congregational ministry and learning all the ins and outs of what it takes to run a church! On the side, I also get to work in the Office of Contextual Education as the Student Program Coordinator. Being at Candler has been so meaningful. I've been enjoying exploring different types of ministries and discerning my call. When I'm not in school, Ben, my fiancé, and I get to explore Atlanta and take advantage of all the good restaurants and museums!

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: Click [here](#)  
Facebook Live: Click [here](#)

## Worship in March

### March 2/3

1 Samuel 17:4-11, 16  
“40 Dares” (Holy Communion)  
Rev. Joe Royer

### March 16/17

Matthew 4:1-11  
“40 Stones”  
Rev. Joe Royer

### March 9/10

Ezekiel 4:1-8  
“40 Achy Muscles”  
Rev. Joe Royer

### March 23/24

Acts 1:1-3  
“40 Life-Changing Lessons”  
Rev. Joe Royer



## Easter Services

### March 28, 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday:

Service with communion at United Church of Christ, 5 West Mill Street

### March 29, 11:45 am - Cross Walk on Good Friday:

The walk will begin at Covenant Presbyterian, 415 N. Main Street and proceed south down Main Street. It will conclude with a short service at Springboro United Church of Christ. Join us in the annual procession in remembrance of the walk Jesus took on Good Friday.

### March 30 and March 31—Easter:

Services will be held Saturday at 5:30 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am and 10:30 am. There will be no Sunday school that day so families can worship together. Nursery will be provided.

## Senior Living Facilities Worship on Saturday's

Beehive at 9:30 am

Enclave at 10:30 am

## Online Giving Link - Click [here](#)

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



# Faith-Forming Relationships

## **Pastor Joe's Bible Study**

On Tuesdays at 10:00 in the sanctuary. We are in the book of Exodus. You could also join us on [Zoom here](#).

## **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 (513-228-0332).

## **Do-Drop-In Class**

Led by Kim Royer ([royerkim@yahoo.com](mailto:royerkim@yahoo.com); 513-722-5234), this adult class is going strong! They meet in the music room and start fellowshipping at 9:00. All adults welcome.

## **Pastor Doug's Bible Study**

It is on Fridays at 11:00am. You can log into an hour of the Holy Bible with [this zoom link](#). You are welcome to come along and participate or just listen and enjoy.

## **Old Guys Group**

Retired? Male? Like sports, cars, jokes, trains, stories, guy stuff?

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. See Pastor Doug or call the church office for details.

## **ClearCreakers Senior Group**

The ClearCreakers Senior Group will meet 11:30 Wed., March 6 in the church Fellowship Hall. The program will be familiar Irish songs by a 6-member instrumental group. Please bring a food dish to share. No reservations needed. Just come and enjoy. Clearcreakers is funded by the City of Springboro.

## **Women In Faith**

Women in Faith meet the 1st Saturday at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to attend. Contact is Linda Swartzel.

## **Teen Parenting Posse**

Teen Parenting Posse will be meeting for lunch right after church on Sunday, March 17 at Warped Wing. Please let Kara Hampton or Katie Veren know that you are coming.

## **Adult Outreach Outing**

Join us on Thursday, March 14 at 5:30 pm at Tres Amigos to kick off March Madness. Please sign up [here](#) if you plan to attend. If you have any questions please contact Katie Veren.



# Risk-Taking Missions and Outreach

## **Missions Calendar Available**

What do we do in missions? There is a calendar available in the back of the sanctuary to inform you of all upcoming projects. Any inquiries about missions can be made to Harry Hall (hjh22@aol.com).

## **Collecting Pill Bottles**

The Cornerstone Class is collecting old prescription pill bottles for Matthew25 Ministries. Please remove labels if possible. Place bottles in the basket in the sanctuary.

## **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

## **Springboro Community Assistance Center**

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

## **Seeds For Jackson Area Ministry**

Our March mission project is again collecting seed packets for Jackson Area Ministry in Jackson County, Ohio. These packets are used to hand out to those needing help with food. Families are then encouraged to work their own gardens in order to grow their own food. We will collect seeds in a basket in the sanctuary for the whole month of March.

## **Easter Flowers**

Similar to Christmas, you have an opportunity to honor a special someone for Easter. You can order flowers that you can take home after Easter Worship or you can donate to the Mission First Endowment Fund. We will list these names in the bulletin on Easter weekend. There will be a table in Fellowship Hall for you to order flowers or donate to the Endowment Fund. You can also call the Church Office to order.



# Children & Youth

- [Click here](#) for the Children's March ministry newsletter. Read all about it
- What has Bright Beginnings pre-school been up to? [Click here to find out](#)
  - Pastor Joe leads Children's Church throughout the school year.
    - next Children's Church is March 5 and 7 and March 19 and 21
    - times are 9:30 am and 1:30 pm
- Youth Schedule (contact Brian Schlise, [BrianSchlise@habeggercorp.com](mailto:BrianSchlise@habeggercorp.com))
  - Youth meet on Sundays at 9:00 AM as well as participate in many events over the year including dinners, talent shows, mission trips/projects and much more.





# 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

We would like to thank our church family for the many prayers lifted for Mary's father, Bill Scott, over the last 1 1/2 years. Thanks for the cards, texts and calls that were sent or made. The outpouring of love and care has been overwhelming in a good way. We are grateful to be a part of FUMC of Springboro.

Mary and Ron Fogle



# Office News

## Staff Contacts

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your staff!

### **Kerri Dome, Office Manager**

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### **Pastor Joe**

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### **Doug Dean, Pastor Emeritus**

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### **Kim Crosen**

Christian Education and Mission 56  
kimfumc@gmail.com

### **Brian Schlise**

Senior and Junior High  
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.

## 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



# March Birthdays

4: David Finney, Jack Eley,  
Belinda Mallett, Logan Miller  
6: Tom Lawrence  
10: Matthew Keyser  
11: Zandra Woody, Claire Veren  
12: Lynn Jackson, Vicki Jett  
13: Trisha Engle  
15: Bob Crosen  
17: Marjorie Poff, Elizabeth Bacon

18: Stephanie Bindemann  
19: Margot Borst  
20: Charlotte Harris, Hayden Ott  
21: Andrew Döme  
23: Curt Winzeler  
27: Brenda Landefeld  
28: Arlene Brown  
29: Jennifer Dunn, Howard Johnson



# March Anniversaries

18: Doug & Carol Dean  
21: Jim & Joanne Young  
24: Matthew Maugans & Jennifer Massie  
26: Larry & Zandra Woody

