

Messenger

May 2020



"Easter people raise your voices..."

"Christ the Lord is risen today..."

I love the songs of our faith, especially the songs of Easter that proclaim the good news of Jesus' resurrection!

And yet...if we look closer at the stories from that first Easter, many emotions were felt that day. Joy, yes, but also fear, confusion, awe, wonder, and hope. The disciples recognized that Jesus' resurrection not only meant good news, but also changed lives.

When I reflect on the changes we've experienced over the past six weeks, I, too, find myself expressing a wide range of emotions. Sadness. Fear. Grief. Depression. Anger. Longing. Hope.

I am also beginning to recognize that we are all facing a new normal ahead of us. Our lives have been changed by the past two months.

So how do we move forward?

With faith as our foundation, faith in the God of resurrection.

God is with us! No matter what we are facing today, may we trust that God is still with us.

Then may we follow Wesley's *Three Simple Rules* in the months ahead:

Do No Harm—follow the best advice of scientists and faith leaders, caring for yourself and those around you. Wash your hands!

Do Good—find ways to reach out to others, being generous with your time, your effort, your finances—whatever you have to give.

Stay in Love with God—practice the holy habits of worship and prayer, study and service, giving and connection.

Please know that your leadership is dreaming and planning next steps and new ideas. Expect a hybrid of in person and online over the next few months.

Together, may we continue to live, proclaim and share the good news of God's love for the world.

—Pastor Amy

Worship



Worship with us **Sundays at 10:30am on Facebook Live!**

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

(If it asks you to log in, hit "not now." You don't have to have a Facebook account to access the site!)

Missed worship on Sunday? Worship videos are saved on the Facebook page to be viewed throughout the week!

Printed sermons are also available on the church website in the week following at <https://www.fumcofspringboro.org/media/sermons/>

If you need assistance setting up tech, let us know!

Worship in May

May 3
10:30 am
Luke 24:13-35
"Faith When You Can't See"
Holy Communion
(provide your own elements)

May 10
10:30 am
John 21:1-14
"Faith When You're Tired"
Mother's Day/ High Attendance

May 17
10:30 am
John 21:15-19
"Faith to Follow"
Graduate Sunday

May 24
10:30 am
Acts 1:6-14
"Faith Grounded in Prayer"

May 31
10:30 am
Acts 2:1-21
"A New Step of Faith"
Pentecost

Church News



Graduate Sunday

If you are graduating this spring, we want to celebrate with you! We will be honoring our graduates on **May 17** during worship, then also in the June newsletter.

Brian Schlise is collecting information and pictures of our High School graduates to put together a video.

Any college graduates or family members who are high school graduates, please send their information to Kerri Dome at the church office by May 11. Please include your full name, college, major, and plans for the future.

Congratulations!

High Attendance Sunday

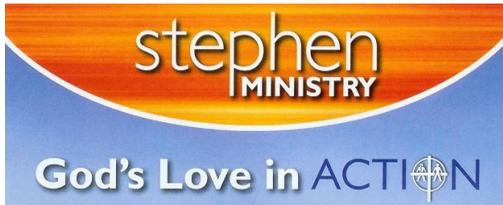
High Attendance will be celebrated **May 10** during worship. On this day we will recognize students who have missed six or fewer weeks of Sunday School! Kim will be in touch if your child is eligible.



Rummage Sale

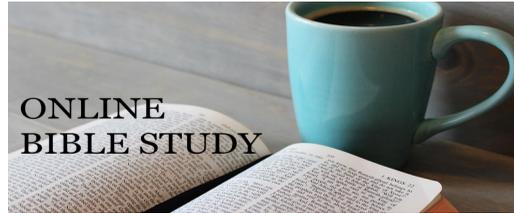
We are rescheduling our June rummage sale. The new dates are Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8. Collections will begin August 1. This is a fundraiser for the Senior High Mission Trip.

Connection and Study



As we move further into the COVID-19 crisis, Stephen Ministers are here to help. There is so much grief right now—around our schools, our jobs, our loss of physical contact with our loved ones. Sometimes, we just need to talk to someone, to be heard by someone who won't judge and who will understand.

Stephen Ministers are just those people. We can provide care through phone calls and FaceTime as long as the shelter at home orders are in effect. If you are sad, lonely, grieving, or hurting, please call Zandra Woody or Susan Raihala. We can help.



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

"Invitation to the New Testament"

Gain a deeper understanding of the New Testament and a renewed commitment to be shaped by the story of Jesus.

Friday from 11am-12pm via Zoom
Starting May 1!

Please purchase the book for this study via Cokesbury.

Contact Pastor Doug for log on info
revdhd23@gmail.com

"The Walk"

Examine five spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God.

Thursday from 7-8 pm via Zoom
Starting April 30!

Contact Jennifer Fry for log on info
Jennfry1@gmail.com

Children and Youth



Senior High—watch for texts from Brian for weekly connections on Zoom

Mission58—connect on Zoom Sunday afternoons beginning at 12:30pm

Children's Ministry—watch for emails from Kim for ways to connect faith as a family, and times to connect remotely

Families of all Ages—"Family Move and Groove" is on Zoom Tuesday afternoons at 4pm. Praise God, connect with one another, and get moving to VBS Videos!

Confirmation—Sundays 6-7pm; class on May 3; mentors on May 17 on Zoom

Senior High Mission Trip Update

The trip is still on, yet changes have been made to dates and location. We will not be heading to Detroit but staying closer to home this year. We are adjusting the dates slightly to accommodate potential graduation ceremony changes. The new dates will be June 22-26. More details will be announced in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Schlise.

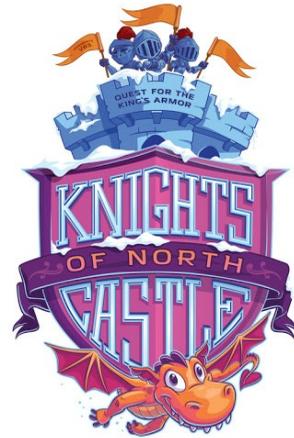
Summer Camps



Summer Creation Camps

This summer's theme is ***Feats and Fantasies***. These summer camps are offered to enrich and expand a child's summer experience. Half day, full day, and extended day are available for ages 3– 5th grade. Registration is now underway at <https://brightbeginnings.campbrainregistration.com/Home/Landing>

*** We are beginning registration with the plan to start camp on June 1. If the government mandates limitations on the number of people we will adjust as needed. For these reasons, at this time we are NOT collecting camp fees, we are only conducting registration.**



VBS Registration

Our Vacation Bible School theme this year is "Knights of the North Castle."

Our evening session will be the week of **July 20** from 5:45–8:45 p.m. The morning session will be the week of **July 27** from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Registration will begin in June. Discussion is ongoing on best practices for safety as well as if there will be limitations on group size.

Church News

Staff Contacts

As we continue to work from home, please do not hesitate to reach out to your staff!

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Church Office

The church office is still virtual, and the church building remains closed. Please be aware that mail and phone messages at the church are being checked on a regular basis.

If you are not receiving the weekly email, please let Kerri know.

Financial Giving

The ministry of the church continues even as the building is closed. We are learning new technology. We are discussing best practices and new ideas as we look to re-open.

As you are able please continue to financially support the church and our ongoing obligations. Our giving is down over \$15,000 year to date.

Offerings may be mailed to the church or given online at www.fumcofspringboro.org/online-giving/ Online giving can be set up on a recurring basis or can be a one time gift. Designated giving is also available online.

Upper Room Devotionals

Needing the Upper Room devotional for May/June? Kerri Dome will do a porch drop if you need a printed copy. A digital copy is also available FREE for download! Go to www.upperroom.org and look for the link in the middle of the page.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 and Ohio's response, go to coronavirus.ohio.gov

Ways to Help

Encouragement– support and encourage one another! Reach out to your neighbors! With the uncertainty of this time, it is natural for all of us to feel down, so continue to connect with one another via phone, text, email or cards.

An updated directory was emailed the end of March. If you did not receive it, please let Kerri know and she will send you a new one.

Sewing face masks—we are still receiving requests for cloth face masks. If you would like to make some, please contact Kim Perry for patterns and pickup information. kimmeadows75@gmail.com

SCAC and The Pantry—both are looking for healthy volunteers, while following health department mandates.

SCAC has moved all food pickup to the school on Mondays. Thank you for all who helped hand out food this past month!

Technology– as the church continues to worship online, we begin to plan for next steps. If you have skills in web design, editing videos, uploading to different formats, etc, please let Pastor Amy know if you can assist!

SCAC Needs– SCAC is currently offering food boxes once a week. Ongoing needs include:

- *Breakfast items– cereal, oats, poptarts, instant oatmeal, breakfast bars
- *Sides-white and brown rice, rice or pasta sides, boxed potatoes, stuffing, Ramen noodles
- *CANNED pasta sauce and tomatoes
- *Canned meat
- *Peanut Butter
- *Snack Items
- *Macaroni and Cheese
- *Canned veggies and beans
- *Canned fruits
- *toothpaste and toothbrushes
- *Boxed pasta/spaghetti
- *Toilet Paper
- *Cleaning Supplies

Cash donations are always appreciated so that they can buy in bulk through the food bank. The link below gives the address for checks and a PayPal link for direct giving.

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

Other ideas to assist our community? - let us know!

Need Help?

Do not hesitate if you or your neighbor needs assistance! We have many willing to help!

- Tech help
- Grocery shopping or errands
- Someone to talk to
- Lawncare

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Face masks-

If you need a cloth face mask made for you or your family, our sewers are willing to make some for you!  
Contact Kim Perry  
[kimmeadows75@gmail.com](mailto:kimmeadows75@gmail.com)

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SCAC offers food boxes to seniors and families, households of all sizes! One box permitted per week; must show proof of residency within Springboro School District

Seniors- call 937-748-4352 and arrangements will be made to deliver to your house

All households- pickup SCAC Mondays from 3-5pm



Thank You

My church family, I thank you for all your prayers, phone calls and text messages. They all meant so much while I am home and healing.

Joyce Pence

Friends, under very unusual circumstances, you stepped up, changed your plan and provided for our families wonderful meals and hospitality. You are the best! Be well!

Linda Rabolt- Interfaith Hospitality Network



Missions Update

Easter Meals

Instead of buying gift cards for individual families for Easter, because of the coronavirus and the greater needs at SCAC and The Pantry, we donated \$891 to SCAC and \$1337 to The Pantry. This will allow the pantries to serve more clients during these trying times. Thank you for your generosity!

Jackson Area Ministries

We had just begun seed collection when we started meeting online and had only collected 42 packets. The Mission Team chose to send a cash donation of \$500 in addition to the seeds that will allow them to use the funds where ever they are needed. Unfortunately, a number of the summer work groups have cancelled their trips to JAM, so there may be an increased need in other areas besides seeds.

May Birthdays

- 1: Daniel Miller
4: Sharon Griffith, Kevin Houser,
Tina Stafford
6: Shelly Houser, Ruth Crane
10: Linda Pierce, Amelia Lawhorn
12: Kathy Ball
14: Will Hampton, Roger Gollihugh
15: Lois Eley
16: Leigh Anne Tennant, Lois Cox,
Rebecca Delbridge
19: Kim Crosen, Josh Petry
21: Greta Talbot
22: Alexa Lawhorn,
Dorothy Johnson
24: Olivia Ingalls
25: Joy Mindling, Annette Eng,
Amber Stull
28: Alex Bindemann
31: Rory Houser

May Anniversaries

- 5: John & Susan Stalcup
7: Alan and Stephanie Bindemann
8: Kevin & Shelly Houser
9: Michael & Tracy Stull
12: John and Jessie Golconda
13: Bob & Sandy Moser
27: Terry & Kristy Shetterly
29: Ted & Greta Talbot,
David & Retta Willis
30: Mike & Kara Hampton

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

Preparing for Worship

We continue to worship online as the best way to care for one another. In the pages that follow are the orders of worship for May 3, 10 and 17.

If you can log onto the live stream, please do so. (see page 2 for details)

If you are not tech savvy, may these pages guide your at-home worship. Reflect on what the scripture says to you. Offer up prayer and praise. Sing the songs of faith. Know that your brothers and sisters in Christ are worshipping with you that day. If you want to borrow a hymnal, please let Pastor Amy know for a porch drop.

Rev. Constance Cherry, a West Ohio clergywoman and professor at Indiana Wesleyan University, offers these tips for at-home worship:

1. Build anticipation—prepare your family, review the order of worship, or invite others to worship with you
2. Prepare the technology in advance—find the church page 15 minutes prior to worship going live
3. Create a worshipful setting—light a candle, open your Bible, lessen distractions
4. Get settled—adjust your lighting and seating to best see the screen
5. Pray—for God’s presence, for worship leaders, for all who are with you
6. Enthusiastically participate—sing, pray, stand up, respond
7. Reflect on the experience—reflect on how God touched you that day, or share what was significant, via call, text or card

(ministrymatters.com)

Hymn words and midi files can be found for most songs at www.hymnsite.com. Look under “Hymn Index” or “Faith We Sing.”

Our benediction response is found on the back page of this newsletter.

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## Worshipping God Together

First United Methodist Church of Springboro  
May 10, 2020 10:30 am

**PRELUDE****WELCOME**

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

**OPENING RESPONSE**

One: God gathers us for worship:

**Many: women and men, youth and children, energetic and tired.**

One: God encourages us through worship:

**Many: to remember and give thanks for who and whose we are.**

One: God calls us through worship:

**Many: to live as followers of Jesus  
          wherever we find ourselves this week.**

One: Come, and listen for Jesus' voice!

**Many: Then may we go and live by Jesus' ways!**

**HYMN**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

UMH #158

**HIGH ATTENDANCE RECOGNITIONS****TIME OF PRAYER**

Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer

**OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Prayer of Dedication

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Preparing Our Hearts: "Alleluia, Alleluia"

UMH #162

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Scripture Reading: John 21:1-14

**MESSAGE**

"Faith When You're Tired"

Rev. Amy Haines

**HYMN**

"Trust and Obey"

UMH #467

**BLESSING****RESPONSE**

"Go Now in Peace"

**POSTLUDE**



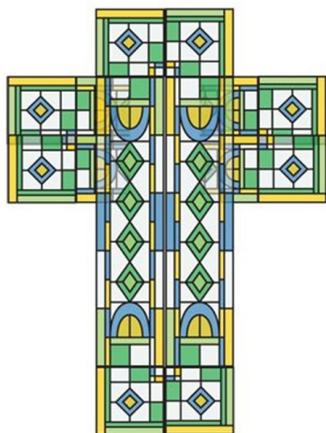
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Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of every day  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true  
Know He will guide you in all you do  
Go now in love, and show you believe  
Reach out to others so all the world can see  
God will be there watching from above  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love  
Amen

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