

Messenger

May 2022

Hello Church,

What do you do when you have good momentum? You share it!

Those who spend any time in the life of the church know it doesn't always go well. The human condition inevitably rears up and struggles ensue from one kind to another. However, we believe Jesus lives! If there is any time for a church to smile and be enthused, it is the Easter season. And so we are! Visitors, Small Groups, mission projects, passionate worship services and so much more are all happening..... and it is good.

While the church is never perfect even in the best of times, it is important to take advantage when energy is high and vibes are good. I call these moments 'honeymoon' periods. It is the best time to get ministry accomplished and get that circle moving around (see below) so that we can 'make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world'.

I hope you are somehow plugged in to First UMC. Whether or not you feel such good vibes, know that we care about you and we want all of you to be a vital part of who we are and where we are going. Also know that, even when things are going well, it doesn't mean there aren't people in the life of the church who are struggling in one form or another. We are also here for you who are searching for that good momentum in your journey with God.

Never hesitate to reach out to us. The church is here for you.

God is Good,

Pastor Joe



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!

Volunteers Needed!



Assisting With Worship Services

It takes more than just the pastor to help make worship an inspiring time for those who attend. There is always a need for ushers, liturgists, tech help, special music, etc. If you feel called to help with an energetic worship experience, contact Kerri at the church office.

Calling All Friendly Folks!

Do you know where “Radical Hospitality” begins at FUMC of Springboro? Right at the front door as we greet members and guests to our worship services. We are starting an exciting new ministry called the Welcome Team!! The main purpose of this ministry is to provide an enthusiastic welcome before church services. It will only take a small amount of time every 4-6 weeks. So come on and join our Team as we welcome people to Springboro. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or have questions, please contact Wayne Bishop at startdate324@aol.com or call 615-294-5928.

Passionate Worship

High Attendance Sunday

High Attendance Sunday will be Sunday, May 15. We will recognize students who have missed six or fewer weeks of Sunday School that day. Please watch for a letter from Kim Crosen if your child is eligible.

Mission First Endowment

The endowment is a financial investment that will allow FUMC to stay missional through all the ups and downs of church life. We will be driving hard this Easter Season to get a good start on this endowment as we move into the future. You can give to this cause through our website, weekend offerings or mail. Some are choosing to give recurring gifts, legacy gifts or other one-time donations.

Thanks to the Missions Team, Finance Team and Administrative Council for their months-long work on this project. A copy of the policy can be found in the lobby. If you have any questions, feel free to ask any of the Endowment Committee members – Chuck Novak, Beth Wenzel, Wayne Bishop or Harry Hall.



Graduate Sunday

If you are a senior in high school or college, we want to celebrate your graduation with you! We will be honoring all graduates on Sunday, May 22 during 9:00 am service. In order to make sure we do not accidentally leave anyone out, please jot down answers to the following questions so that we can brag a bit about you!

- School graduating from? If college graduate, what was your major?
- What are some of the highlights of your high school or college career? (sports, extra-curricular activities, community service, etc.)
- What are your plans for the future? (College- Which one? Major? Career path? Other plans?)

Please, include your full name and the answers to the questions and send them to the church office.

Church News

Church Bicentennial 2022

We are looking for folks who want to help with the Church Bicentennial. Anyone who would like to learn the history of the church, can add to the history from their knowledge of the past, and anyone who may have old photos documents or artifacts from our heritage. Everyone is welcome to help.

Please contact Jack Hott jhott@woh.rr.com or 937- 477-1530 or contact the church office.

Radical Hospitality Ministry

Kim Crosen is leading a team of people to be more intentional about being a welcoming church. Greeting; first-time visitor follow-up; décor; and offering to support our current ministries of fellowship time and ushering are a few of the current projects. If you feel led to be a part of any of this, contact Kim Crosen or the church office.

Compassionate Care Ministry

There is a weekly prayer request email sent out every Monday morning. Feel free to use this list to reach out to your FUMC family. Phone calls, texts, emails, cards and even visits are welcome. Email Kerri and she will gladly add you to the list.

Karen's Card Shop

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



West Ohio Conference
Camps & Retreats

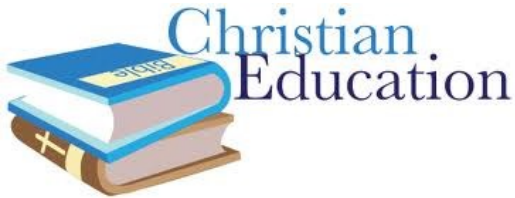
Summer camps are right around the corner! Registration deadlines are fast approaching. For camp details go to www.westohiocamps.com.

If you have a son or daughter attending a West Ohio church camp this summer, please let Pastor Joe know ASAP to receive a UMM partial scholarship!

Rummage Sale

The Youth Group's annual rummage sale will be held on Friday, **June 10** and Saturday, **June 11**. So now is the time to start cleaning out your closets and basements to help provide donations for the sale. We will start accepting donations on Friday, June 3.

Faith-Forming Relationships



Online Devotions

Facebook Live at 9:30am

- Monday's with Pastor Joe
- Thursday's with David Finney

Tuesday Bible Study

Join Pastor Joe on Tuesday's at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Cornerstone Class

The Cornerstone class meets on Sunday's at 9:00 am in the Conference Room. Contact is Bev Haun.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men meet the first Sunday for each month at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact is David Finney.

Doug's Zoom Class

Friday's at 11:00 am on Zoom, we will be studying "Why: Making Sense of God's Will". Join us for the journey. All are welcome. For those interested, contact Pastor Doug to get the Zoom link.

Adult Sunday School Class

Pastor Doug will also be studying "Why: Making Sense of God's Will" on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Music Room. Join us for the journey.

Women In Faith

Women In Faith have will meet on Saturday, May 7 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact is Beth Wenzel.

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.

The Gathering Mission Project

We are scheduled to bring lunch on the 3rd Sunday of the month and feed 60 people at The Gathering in Middletown. Contact Kim Crosen if you are interested in helping provide food.

SCAC and The Pantry

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

Kroger Rewards Program

Register our church as your Kroger recipient. NPO: RX797

Dorothy Lane Market

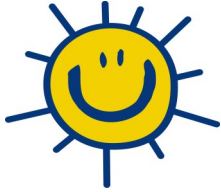
Complete a Good Neighbors Form and designate our church. ID# 815. *Please remember your yearly renewal.*

VBS 2022



Join us for this years annual Vacation Bible School!!!! It is always a ton of fun and we hope your little ones can be a part of it. This year's theme is "FOOD TRUCK PARTY" and party we will!!!! We will be on a roll with God as we cook up some fun learning how God provides, loves and cares for us. Call the church office to register.

Children and Youth



Bright Beginnings Buzz

In May, the children will learn about animals and insects! The children will enjoy visits from animals during May. These activities reinforce our Bible verse "Let the Earth bring forth creatures of all kind." (Genesis 1:24) and the Fruit of the Spirit of gentleness. Pastor Joe will lead us in our final Children's Church sessions of the school year. In addition, we'll hold our annual "Spring Sing and Art Show" concert and silent auction fundraiser, a carnival and graduation!



A.C.E.—Active Christian Exploration

ACE will wrap up a great year together with outdoor play and activities. If you would like to know more about our A.C.E. program for school-aged children please contact Kim Crosen.



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.

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.

Memorial Day

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.



Our church family is invited to an Open House to celebrate Faith's graduation from Springboro High School.

Hampton Residence
7429 Larkspur, Springboro

Sunday May 22, 1-6 pm

RSVP would be greatly appreciated!

Kara: 937-305-3937

May Birthdays

- 1: Daniel Miller
- 4: Sharon Griffith, Kevin Houser,
Tina Stafford, Samuel Spellman
- 6: Shelly Houser, Ruth Crane
- 7: Jacquelyn Pickett
- 10: Linda Pierce, Amelia Lawhorn
- 12: Kathy Ball
- 13: Karri Good
- 14: Will Hampton, Roger Gollihugh
- 15: Lois Eley
- 16: Leigh Anne Tennant, Lois Cox,
Rebecca Delbridge,
Sarah Wrazen
- 18: Allison McCormick
- 19: Kim Crosen
- 21: Greta Talbot
- 22: Alexa Lawhorn, Dorothy Johnson
- 24: Olivia Ingalls

- 26: Darrin Ott
- 25: Joy Mindling, Annette Eng,
Amber Stull
- 28: Alex Bindemann
- 31: Ed Kuhn, 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
- 21: Samuel & Amanda Spellman
- 23: Darrin and Lisa Ott
- 27: Terry & Kristy Shetterly
- 29: Ted & Greta Talbot,
David & Retta Willis
- 30: Mike & Kara Hampton



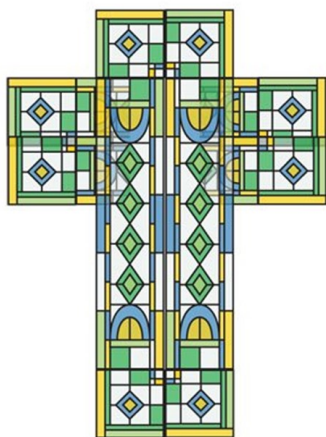
*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary,
please let the church office know so we can add you to our list.*

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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
