

Messenger

November 2020 Part 2



AN INVITATION TO ADVENT

Advent is the season of waiting. Not yet Christmas, but the time that comes before. A time of anticipation. A time of expectation. A time of preparation. A time of waiting.

Yes, this year we are tired of waiting! Yet I invite you to wait a little bit more. And in the waiting, prepare your hearts and minds to welcome the wonder of God's gift of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

Our Advent plans are different this year, tweaked to allow for drive-thru and online as well as in-person participation. Please know that they are also all subject to change.

May we wait and hope and celebrate together the gift of God with us.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

"Incarnation" Study **Wednesdays 7-8pm via Zoom** **Beginning Dec 2nd**

Rediscover the Significance of Christmas through reflection on the names of Jesus and the importance of the Christ child for our lives today. Contact David Finney or the church office for log in info.

Drive Thru Nativity **December 5th 10am-12pm, 1-3pm** Come experience the nativity story come to life!

Facebook Live Carol Sing **December 13th at 6:00 pm** Join together online to sing a few of your favorite Christmas carols.

A Night of Reflection **December 21st 6:30-8:00pm** On the longest night of the year, you are invited to pause and reflect on the gift of God with us. This evening is a come and go opportunity to be in the sanctuary for 5 minutes or more of prayerful reflection. Live music will be playing. Candles can be lit. Scripture will be read. If you are not comfortable attending in-person Christmas Eve, may this be your opportunity to see the lights and pray in the sanctuary.

Advent Caring



Giving Tree Gifts

Now through December 6th

Make Christmas a little brighter for one of 40 local children/youth! Each child has five tags—choose one or more tags.

Instead of pulling tags from the tree, the tags are on this sign up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-giving>

Not able to navigate the sign up genius? Contact Susan Stalcup at 937-409-4278 or the church office. They will sign you up.

Wanting to sponsor a child yet are uncomfortable shopping this year? Contact Susan Stalcup—we have those willing to shop on your behalf! All gifts need to be returned to church by Dec 6th.

Cornerstone Class VA Collection December 1-21

Help the VA this Christmas with gifts of socks, briefs, t-shirts and gloves. At this time many of their patients are homeless and/or experiencing PTSD. Thank you for blessing others.



Christmas Eve offering

December 24

In celebration of Christ's birth, each year we support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) through our undesignated Christmas Eve offerings. You may also support disaster relief through designating your offering for UMCOR anytime in the month of December.

Interfaith Hospitality Network December 20-27

While the IHN families continue to be housed in hotels, host churches are still providing meals and activities. We will provide dinner each night, brought to the church by 4:45pm and taken by the driver to their hotel. To assist with a meal or activity packet, please contact Jennifer Fry.

Advent Support



Advent At Home Kits

Celebrate Advent at home with our free kits! Every household of every age is encouraged to pick up a kit and celebrate Advent together! The kits include an Advent wreath, Christmas Eve candle and more!

Kits are available by porch drop through contacting the church office or by drive through Sat, Nov 21 from 4:30-5:15pm or Sun, Nov 22 from 11:30am-noon or 6:30-7pm.

Hanging of the Greens

November 28th 3:30pm

Assist with decorating the church then stay to worship together on this first weekend of Advent. If you plan to participate, please let Pastor Amy know!



Poinsettias

Deadline December 6th

Bring some festive color to the sanctuary by ordering your poinsettia today. The cost is \$15, paid online or through the church office.

Order yours by calling Kerri or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-poinsettia>.



Special Music/Scripture Readers

Help make the season brighter through sharing the gift of music or through sharing the reading of God's Word for the Advent season and Christmas Eve. You may share live or be pre-recorded. Contact Pastor Amy if you are willing to help in this way.

Worship



Christmas Eve Services, December 24th

Join together online through our live stream or in person to celebrate the birth of Christ!

- **4:30pm** "Twas the Night Before Christmas" Children's Service
Includes "flameless" candlelight
- **7:30pm** Adapted Lessons, Carols and Candlelight Service
"The Promised One is Here!"
Luke 2:1-20
- **10:30pm** Adapted Lessons, Carols, Candlelight and Communion Service
"The Promised One is Here!"
Luke 2:1-20

Seating is limited due to COVID restrictions to 40 in the sanctuary and 30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please register to attend at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-christmas5>

Music will still be a vital part of these services even though we cannot sing together. Masks are required and families will be asked to sit together.

Christmas Weekend

There will be one service only, online and in person, at 10:30am on December 27th.



New Year Renewal Service

We will begin the new year with the Covenant Renewal and Communion Service on January 2nd and 3rd.

Church News

Stewardship Commitment Cards

Thank you to each of you who have thoughtfully considered your investment in the ministries of our local congregation for 2021!

If you have not yet had a chance to return your card, they may be returned to the church office or put in the offering plate during services.



Health Reminders

Anyone entering the church building from 6:30am-6:30pm: Please wear your mask at all times. Stop inside the door to sign in, take your temp, and answer the health questions.

Anyone entering the church for evening meetings, weekends and worship services: Please wear your mask at all times. If you are sick, please stay home.

Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra

Kelly Ronyak is excited to invite you to our FREE annual holiday concert! We will be performing holiday favorites and will feature several special guests. The concert is FREE so please join us at the Dayton Masonic Center on **Sunday December 13th at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm.**



Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.

Flowers for Worship

Live flowers arrangements are one way to add color to our sanctuary for worship while honoring or remembering a loved one or special occasion. Flowers are \$20 each, and may be taken home after the 10:30am service, or picked up the next day.

October 31/ November 1	Roy & Audrey Gordon	Thank you to Sally Strahl
November 7/8	Jane Gregg	In memory of her grandson Kayden
November 14/15	Bev Thomas	In memory of her daughter Cathy Dickten
November 21/22	Lois Cox	In memory of her husband Tom Cox
November 28/29	Sonia Dermis	In memory of her wedding anniversary

Thank You

Bob and I would like to thank the congregation for your prayers, cards, and phone calls while we were sick. The encouragement and thoughtfulness has been very much appreciated and remembered.

Bob and Linda Leese



Boy Scout Troop 7 Update

Amid the challenges of this year, Boy Scout Troop 7 was able to be creative and hold a Court of Honor by patrols on 10/24 at Patricia Allyn Park. Some of the troop also camped that night at Hoffman Reserve, the first campout since January.

Troop 7 celebrates 3 Scouts who earned their Eagle Scout Rank in the past year: Ethan Zeid, Naveen Kamath and Chase Haerr.

Ethan was awarded his Eagle Scout at his Court of Honor in March right before the shutdown. Naveen had to postpone his Court of Honor. Chase just recently completed his Eagle Scout Requirements.

Over the past 12 months, 33 scouts completed 116 Merit Badges of which 53 of them were unique. The following scouts completed their requirements for Rank Advancement:

- Jack Crumbacher — Scout
- Zachary Erwin – Scout
- Jackson Hamant – Scout
- Noah Kaun – Scout
- Benedict Pfoutz – Scout
- Samuel Mazuk – Scout & Tenderfoot
- David Huss – Scout, Tenderfoot & Second Class
- Timothy Haines - Tenderfoot
- Jeremy Roehrs - Tenderfoot
- Landon Schroeder - Tenderfoot
- William Jamison – Second Class
- Zachary Marsden – Second Class & First Class
- Ronnie Mazuk — First Class & Star
- David Blumberg — Star
- Ethan Bally - Life
- Lukas Janz - Life
- Henry Yunt - Life
- Andrew Wilson (Eagle Scout)— 2 Bronze Palms, National Outdoor Badge (Hiking & Conservation)

Troop 7 would also like thank you for your support for our mulch fundraiser this year.

Please congratulate any of these scouts you may know on their achievements.

Thanks,
Ken Haines

—
Charter Organization Rep for Troop 7



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Worshiping God Together

First United Methodist Church of Springboro

November 22, 2020 10:30 am

PRELUDE "Simple Gifts" arr. by Schultz-Widmar

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

OPENING RESPONSE (taken from Psalm 100)

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Many: We worship the Lord with gladness!

One: Know this! The Lord is God.

Many: Know this! We are God's people.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving.

Many: We give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

One: The Lord is good and God's love endures forever.

Many: God's faithfulness is for all generations.

HYMN "For the Fruits of this Creation" UMH #97

RECEPTION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR PRAYERS, & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication/ Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer

SPECIAL MUSIC Faith Hampton

HEARING GOD'S WORD Luke 17:11-19

MESSAGE "Give Praise!" Rev. Amy Haines

HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH #102

BLESSING

POSTLUDE "The Lord Is Good To Me" Gannon & Kent

Facebook Live Link: www.facebook.com/First-United-Methodist-Church-of-Springboro-202709196426644

YouTube link: <https://youtube.com/channel/UC87AzcdD-88Lr8e39HBKEFw>

Online giving link: www.fumcofspringboro.org/online-giving/

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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
