

Messenger

November 2022

Hello Church,

Someday we may look back at November of 2022 and see it as a pivotal month for the life of First UMC of Springboro.

Church Conference is set for Monday, November 14th at 7:30 pm. While some congregations in the UMC are talking about division and discord, your Administrative Council is talking about visioning into the future and pursuing healthy ministry as we seek to 'make disciples of Jesus Christ'. A new organizational structure is set for 2023 which involves a new Vision Team, a Council on Ministries Team and a revamped Administrative Board. The function of these 3 teams which have already been passed by the current Administrative Council will be explained and celebrated on November 14th.

I am also excited about the expanded leadership roles that are being nominated for 2023. The Nominations Team has worked hard getting the right people in the right place to do the right thing. You are invited to be present as we explain the changes coming in 2023 and to ask any pertinent questions. You will also have the opportunity to vote in and affirm the new leaders for the coming year.

We hope to see you November 14th at 7:30 pm. We will be celebrating all the progress we have made in the past year as we also look forward to good things yet to come.



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!

Worship Services

There is always a need for ushers, liturgists, tech help, special music, and greeters. Call the church office if interested in volunteering.

Worship in November

November 5/6

Luke 6:20-31

“The Redundancy of Sainthood”

All Saints Day

Holy Communion

November 12/13

Isaiah 65:17-25

“There Is No Waiting”

November 19

No Saturday Night Service

November 20

Rev. Suzanne Allen

November 26/27

1st Sunday of Advent

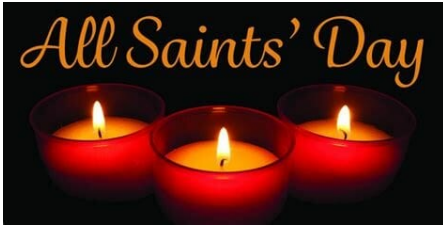
Isaiah 2:1-5

“Find The Highest Mountain”

Bicentennial News

Rev. Suzanne Allen will be the guest preacher on **November 20th**. Rev. Allen was pastor at First UMC from 2007-2016. She will be our 3rd guest preacher this year as we continue to celebrate 200 years of ministry. Following the service there will be a light lunch and a historical video reviewing the 200-year history of the congregation.

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All Saints Celebration

If you have a loved one you would like listed on **November 5th and 6th**, please get the name to the church office by November 2nd. We will be remembering those special saints that have gone before us. Additionally, some of you may consider making a donation to the Endowment Fund in memory of your loved ones. It's a good way to pay it forward for the generations to come. Endowment envelopes can be found in the sanctuary or you can donate on-line at our website.

Confirmation

Calling all kids, 8th grade or older, who would like to explore church membership and/or baptism. It is a once-a-month class designed to walk with young people along their journey of Faith. They will learn about the church (locally and globally) and discuss various issues around personal faith. If this is you or your child, call the church office. An orientation will take place Sunday, **November 13th** at 6:00 pm.

Church Conference

Monday, **November 14th** at 7:30 will be First UMC's 2022 Church Conference. All people are invited to join this conference that will discuss and vote on items for 2023. Included in the conference is a presentation of the new vision-oriented church structure that was passed at the Church Council meeting in September. 2023 is going to be an interesting time in the life of First UMC. All members have vote at the conference. Non-members do not have vote, but do have voice. Hope to see you there. Pastor Laura Saunders from Franklin UMC will be presiding.

Remembering Loved Ones At Christmas

This year you have a choice as to how to remember loved ones. You can place your order for a poinsettia that you can take home with you OR you can make a donation to the endowment fund in your loved one's name. Donations will be taken between services on **November 6, 13 and 20** and at Saturday evening services on **November 5, and 12**. Each poinsettia or donation is \$16.

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Church Bazaar and Luncheon

The FUMC Christmas Bazaar will be **Saturday, November 19**, during the annual Christmas in Springboro community celebration. The church will be open from 10:00 to 4:00. The Bazaar will feature:

- **café** will serve a variety of family friendly foods from 10:30 to 3:30 in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Country Store** will feature all homemade food items.
- **Grandma's Attic** will have gently used household items, books, toys, games at very reasonable prices. We will not be excepting clothes or electronics.
- **Individual vendors** will sell items such as jewelry and crafts in the church's Sunday School rooms.

The bazaar is **Women in Faith's** major fundraiser, allowing us to do many projects supporting our church and community. The main reason for our success in the past is the generosity of our church members donating many of the items available for sale and, most of all, their time. If interested in helping, please contact the church office.

Hanging of the Greens

Our annual Hanging of the Greens will begin at 5:30 pm on **November 26** with a worship service that focuses on the Christian meaning of symbols of the season. Following worship we will share around the table; soup and drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. We will conclude the evening by decorating the church for the Christmas season. All ages are welcome to share in this evening.

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be in the Narthex beginning **November 20!** The Franklin food pantry has supplied us with children who need help this season. Each child has five tags (for socks and underwear, for hats and mittens, for clothes, for shoes, and for something they really want!) You are more than welcome to take all of the tags for the child you choose or just one. Please place **unwrapped** items in a bag with the tags attached under the tree.

Please bring the gifts to church by Sunday, December 4.

Collecting Pill Bottles

The Cornerstone Class is collecting old pill bottles for Matthew 25 Ministries. Place them in the basket in the sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact Margot Borst.

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Children's Christmas Play

The children's Christmas Play preparations are well underway. We are excited for the play to serve as our message during the 4:30 pm service on **Saturday, December 24**. If you are interested in participating in the play, please contact Kim Crosen.

Movie Mania

Our next Movie mania is **Friday, November 11th** from 6-9 pm. Space is limited. The cost is \$15 per child, \$25 for two, \$40 for three children (Children need to be siblings to receive the discount) that includes pizza, drinks, popcorn and FUN!

Main Feature: Free Birds
(rated PG)

You enjoy a night out, while the kids enjoy a night in at the church!
(children ages 3 1/2 and up)

This month we are having a can drive for the SCAC! Please bring a can to donate :-)

Call the church office to sign up!

Festive Family Fun Night

Join us for some good old fashioned family fun for our 4th annual Festive Family Fun Night on **Tuesday, November 29th** from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. For \$20 a family, you can have dinner (Pizza) and decorate a gingerbread house. We will take pictures of the houses and send it out via google forms for people to vote for their favorites, and we will award fun festive prizes for our top three winners! Feel free to invite friends to this fun event!

Use the sign up genius link to register! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ea5af29a2fb6-festive4>

Breakfast With Santa and Holiday House

Saturday, December 3 will be our annual Breakfast with Santa and Holiday House. Plan to join us for a fun morning of pancakes, sausage, activities and a visit from the jolly old elf himself! Afterwards, parents can leave the little ones for four hours of fun in our Holiday House where they will experience, explore, and create as they move through our "Treasures of Christmas" theme. Contact Kim or Ida at 748-2612.

Compassionate Care

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!

Loaves & Fishes

Provide meals for church members at critical times. Contact: Lisa Ott 210-315-2370.

Thank You

To Our Church Family -

Thank you very much for the cards, meals and especially your prayers during Mary's recent health situation. We are grateful and even overwhelmed with the care and love we have felt from so many of you.

Thank you, too, for the continued prayers for her father, Bill. It means the world to us!

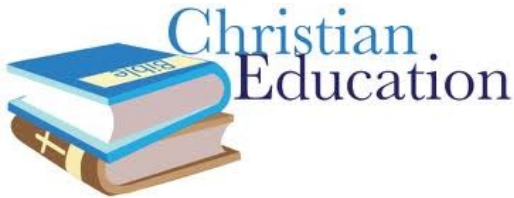
Ron & Mary Fogle

I want to thank everyone for all of the prayers for my son, Mark. Great news, he is 100% engrafted with his son's bone marrow transplant and his white blood cells is normal. Prayers have been answered and God is good.

Fern Morgan



Faith-Forming Relationships



Lunch With Pastor Joe on Facebook

Pastor Joe's Monday devotion time is at noon. So....if you happen to be on your lunch break at work and want a 10-minute devotion, this is an opportunity for you.

Online Devotions

Facebook Live at 9:30 am with Thursday's with David Finney.

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday's at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary with the Gospel of Luke. If you want to join via zoom call the church office for the link.

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 Mike Zimmerman.

Empty Nesters Group

The next meeting will be at Bill and Paula Gillard's (10800 Meadow Hawk Ct, Centerville 45458) on **November 11th**. It's a time of socializing as we share about our lives that are suddenly empty of children and filled with young adults. Bring and appetizer to share. The meeting starts at 6:30. Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month.

New Sunday School Class!

Kim Royer will be leading a new, on-going Sunday School class focusing on various topics. There will be a fellowship time from 9:00-9:15. Class will be from 9:15-10:00. All adults are welcomed to attend. There will be drinks available as well. This will start on **November 20th**.

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 Harry Hall 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.*

Growing Our Future Together

Many of you have already heard about our Mission First Endowment. It is a fund focused on establishing the priority of mission work for generations to come. We want to stay focused on our purpose as a church.

This is a church-wide effort. At any time and for any reason, keep the endowment in mind. One upcoming opportunity is to make a donation for the Christmas season in memory or honor of someone dear. Some may still choose to purchase a wonderful poinsettia, but some may want something more enduring. Whatever is given to the endowment will grow exponentially over the years and be a blessing to our younger generations of the church.

There will be a table in the lobby throughout the next few weeks. In our Christmas Eve bulletins, we will remember and honor those for whom the donation is given and thank God for the blessings.

The Mission First Endowment
Committee

Children and Youth



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



Junior High Youth (7-8)
Senior High Youth (9-12)

Contact: Brian Schlise
brianschlise@habeggercorp.com
937-748-9711

Look for texts from Brian.



Bright Beginnings
Christian Preschool

In November, the children will focus on food and giving thanks. The children will be going on field trips, weighing, measuring, cooking, and having a feast! The Bible verse is "O, give thanks to the Lord." (Psalm 105:1) and the Fruit of the Spirit is goodness.



ACE After School Program

Our A.C.E. children's world journey moves on to Western Europe in November. They will experience the culture, games, cooking, weather and more as they explore this continent.

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.



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

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

November Birthdays

- 2: Jamie Lawhorn
- 3: Terry Shetterly
- 4: Jaxon Long
- 5: Michael Stull, Sara Erwin
- 6: Jynnifer Schlise
- 7: Morgan Hunsaker, Keaton Ott
- 9: Bob Moser, Bradley Hohulin,
Kim Royer
- 10: Ethan Ott
- 11: Sonia Dermis
- 12: Jeff Erwin
- 13: Alicia Buterbaugh
- 14: Harry Hall, Greg Moster
- 15: Shirley Routzong, Nancy Clark
- 18: Nick Raihala
- 19: Dan Wade
- 20: Barb Geiger
- 21: Kim Perry
- 22: Susan Raihala, Michael Yeamans
- 23: Jim Cook



November Anniversaries

- 4: Stacey & Jamie Lane
- 10: Keith & Tina Stafford
- 11: Harold & Amy Ingalls
- 27: Bob & Linda Leese
- 28: Ben & Sue Fry

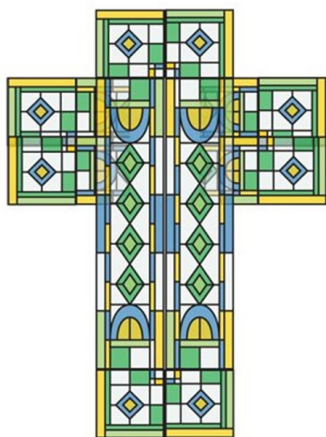


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Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know He will guide you in all you do
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will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