

Messenger

October 2020



Holiday gatherings for my family often included much laughter as stories were told during dessert.

With three children at home, our table is often loud and we never know what will be the topic of conversation.

I have always appreciated church meals that offer an opportunity to talk with others and listen to their stories.

One of the challenges of these past six months has been the loss of fellowship with friends and family as we were unable to eat with one another.

And there are always those among us who struggle to eat at an empty table after loved ones are gone.

Whatever your experiences around your tables, know that there is one table where we are all welcomed—the table of God’s grace.

During this month of October, I invite you to reflect on the many ways God welcomes us, and the many ways God calls us to welcome others.

In a world of dissension and division, we will not always agree with one another. Yet how can we honor God’s call to see one another, to listen to one another’s stories, and to live together as the body of Christ in this world? How can we follow Jesus’ example of table fellowship with all of God’s beloved children?

Throughout this month of October, questions for reflection will be sent with the bulletins each week.

To strengthen your faith journey, I invite you share these reflections with one another:

- *Around your family tables
- *With close friends over a meal
- *On your back porch with a neighbor or two
- *On a zoom call with others within our congregation (see page 7)

May we be open to experiencing and sharing God’s grace from God’s table to our tables.

Pastor Amy

Worship

Worship in-person and online!

Saturdays– 5:30pm

Sundays– 9:00am

Sundays– 10:30am

Sundays– 10:30am on Facebook Live

In-person:

Please reserve your seat by contacting Kerri in the church office or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-worship1>

Face coverings continue to be required for all persons over age 5 for all services.

Facebook Live worship link:

<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!)



Worship in October

Come to the Table Series

October 3/4
World Communion Sunday
Luke 24:28-35
“Revelation at the Table”

October 10/11
Luke 14:7-14
“Hospitality at the Table”

October 17/18
Psalm 23
“Enemies at the Table”

October 24/25
Genesis 18:1-15
“Laughter at the Table”

October 31/November 1
All Saints Remembrance
Holy Communion
Rev 7:9-17, 1 Jn 3:1-3
“These Are They”

Church News

All Saints Celebration

On the weekend of **October 31/ November 1**, we will celebrate All Saints by remembering church members and loved ones who have died in the last year.

If you have a loved one you would like included in our bulletin, please submit their name, relationship to you and date of death to the church office by Wednesday, October 28.

Help Around the Home

Need help with hard-to-reach light bulbs, smoke detector batteries, or other small household chores?

If you or your neighbor needs a helping hand, please let us know! Led by Trustees and United Methodist Men, we have those willing to assist you in safe ways.

Please contact Harry Ingalls or David Finney to schedule work or to help serve others.



We are planning a Trunk-or-Treat event this year to celebrate Halloween. The fun filled evening will be held on **Wednesday, October 28th from 6-8 pm.**

Everyone is welcome to come in costume and/or decorate your vehicle's trunk and hand out candy. This event is for all ages, not just for the children!

Please mark your calendar. Details and sign up registrations will be sent out later in the month.

Questions? Contact Kim Crosen.

Church News

Women In Faith

Women in Faith will meet on **Saturday, October 3** at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall.

A snack will be provided. Please bring a drink, stay six feet apart and wear masks when not eating. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Contact: Jean Reazer 513-932-4387.



Missed worship on Sunday?

Worship videos are saved on the Facebook page to be viewed throughout the week! They are also available on the church website.

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



Cub Scout Support

Support our church's cub scouts through online orders for Trails End Popcorn.

Go to <https://www.trails-end.com/>

Under "search for a scout to support", put in the last name and 45066 zip code to support our church scouts:

Matteo Aquavita
 Theo Erwin
 Will Hampton
 Max Harlow
 Nicholas Jaski

Anticipating the Holidays with COVID-19, Part 1

A Word from Stephen Ministry

It's not only a death that causes grief. We grieve the loss of a marriage, independence, or a job. We grieve the empty nest when our youngest child launches.

As the holiday season approaches, the pandemic may well change our plans and traditions in ways that cause us grief. We already know Christmas in Springboro is cancelled. Will we be able to take that annual trip to see grandparents for Thanksgiving? Will our grandparents even want us to come? What about sitting on Santa's lap? Office parties? Fall festivals? Open houses? Huge family gatherings? *The Nutcracker* ballet? Black Friday shopping? Christmas Eve worship? Caroling? That annual black-tie New Year's Eve party? We will miss out on a lot during the 2020 holiday season, but we might manage our grief by accepting it, planning for it, and working with it.

Step 1

Accept that this holiday season may not be like other years. Even if you are comfortable being out and about, the loved ones you normally celebrate with might not be. It's important to respect everyone's boundaries around COVID-19. Some families have high-risk individuals they are protecting by distance and quarantine.

Step 2

Talk about holiday plans with your immediate family. Maybe make a list of all the traditions and activities that are important to each member of the family. Which traditions will work with COVID restrictions, and which traditions won't?

Step 3

Establish new activities to replace the ones that won't work this year. For instance, if your extended family usually gathers at grandma's house in another state for Christmas Eve dinner, perhaps you might choose to have a Zoom gathering Christmas Day instead. You can still see each other's faces, have someone read Luke 2 aloud, or have a contest to see who got the best present or who can come up with the corniest joke. And maybe everyone can donate the money they would have spent on travel to a good cause. By brainstorming creative alternatives, you might even find new traditions for the future.

The 2020 holidays won't be the same as previous years, but we can still find reasons to celebrate our gratitude for the harvest and for the Love born into our world that first Christmas so long ago.

In the next newsletter, you'll find some suggestions for alternate activities for the holidays. Stay tuned!

Connection and Study

Online Daily Devotions

Daily Devotions will be offered on our Facebook page twice a week.

Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30am by Pastor Amy and various church members.

Please let Pastor Amy know if you would like to offer a devotion or sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-online> .

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

Cornerstone Class

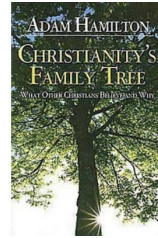
Cornerstone class will meet on Thursdays from 10-11 am in the Sanctuary.

Please wear a mask and bring your own drinks.

Dorothy Johnson and Bev Haun will be teaching.

If you have questions please call Marlene Johnson at 937-371-2524 or Sonia Dermis at 937-550-9412.

Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why



Adam Hamilton presents a generous, inspiring vision of eight Christian denominations and faith traditions. Comparing the Christian family to our own extended families, he contends that each denomination has a unique, valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith.

The traditions included in this eight-week study are Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, and Methodism. For each group, Hamilton gives a brief history, outlines major beliefs, and describes some things we can learn from that tradition to strengthen our own Christian faith.

We begin on Friday, October 2nd with a Zoom meeting, 11:00am-12:30pm. Everyone is included... and welcome! Contact Pastor Doug for log in info

Connection and Study



“Come to the Table” Online Conversations
Join with brothers and sisters within our congregation for a 30 minute reflection on each week’s Scripture.

Sundays at 6:00pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88172759318?
pwd=NFFRbW1vZGJtcVZhaCtDSDNDWHhsQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88172759318?pwd=NFFRbW1vZGJtcVZhaCtDSDNDWHhsQT09)

Meeting ID: 881 7275 9318/ Passcode: 127390

Mondays at 8:30pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84388806252?
pwd=ckJFMldVTHdLYU9OQXI0SjJ2K1VvQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84388806252?pwd=ckJFMldVTHdLYU9OQXI0SjJ2K1VvQT09)

Meeting ID: 843 8880 6252/ Passcode: 081754

Wednesdays at 9:00am

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86076794365?
pwd=eUVXam1LRkYvRlVDRk0xT29sREFpdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86076794365?pwd=eUVXam1LRkYvRlVDRk0xT29sREFpdz09)

Meeting ID: 860 7679 4365/ Passcode: 008461

Cannot connect via computer? Connect via phone using the meeting ID and passcode above. Call 312-626-6799

Bright Beginnings



Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool

As we move further into the school year, students are getting into the school routine. The Bible verse for October is "I trust in God and am not afraid" (Psalm 56:4) and the Fruit of the Spirit is kindness.

We have many fun events planned this month. We will hold our annual Pumpkin Patch the week of October 19th. During this event, the children get to walk through a straw maze, play festival games and pick out their very own pumpkin. At the end of the month we have class Halloween parties and we will hold outdoor Halloween Costume Parades (weather permitting) on October 27, 29 and 30. All in all, it will be an amazing month of fun and learning!



A.C.E.—Active Christian Exploration

As part of our A.C.E. program, our students "journey" around the world exploring and learning about different areas of the great world God created for us. In addition, the students spend time playing games, making crafts and doing homework. If you are interested in more information on our wonderful Bright Beginnings or A.C.E. programs, please contact Kim at 937-748-2612 or kim-fumc@gmail.com.

Parent Connection

We will be starting our first Table Talk with the study "It's not supposed to be this way" on Tuesday, September 29th at North Park (if weather cooperates) If it rains, we will be meeting via zoom.

We will be doing Bright & Fit on Mondays at 9 a.m. at North Park as long as the weather holds out. We hope you will join us!

Children and Youth



Junior and Senior High—

We will be having a joint event on **Sunday, October 4** from 6:30-8:30pm at the Schlise home. Drinks, hot dogs, marshmallows and a bonfire. Please let Brian Schlise know if you plan to attend.

Typically Junior High will meet on Sundays from 5:30-7pm and Senior High will meet on Sundays from 7-8:30pm.



Mission 56—

- Connect on Zoom Sundays at 11:30am.
- Meet on **Saturday, October 3rd** for the 5:30pm worship then stay for supper and to make lunch for the Gathering church to be served on Sunday.
- Mission 56 will plan on our annual outing to Tom's Maze in Germantown on Sunday, October 25th. We will leave the church at 12:00, get take out for a picnic lunch and head out to the maze. We should be back at the church by 4:30. Cost is \$10 per child and money for lunch.

Kid Connection—

- Connect on Zoom Sundays at 10:00 am.
- God Squad(3rd-4th) and Kids Who Care (k-2) on **Sunday, October 4th** from 12:30-2:00 for lunch and putting together Birthday Bags for the food pantry.

The plan is to walk to the "K" for lunch and then back to the side lot for making the bags. We need: cake mixes, icing, sprinkles, balloons, blow horns, candles, etc.

Outreach



SCAC and The Pantry Needs

As you know, COVID-19 has created a burden on our local food pantries and both SCAC and The Pantry need food donations.

To make it easier for you to drop off donations, **we will be moving the shopping cart outside every Thursday, starting 9/17 through 10/29.**

We'll put it out around 9am and bring it in around 530pm. Over the following day or so, one of the Mission team will pick up the donations and take them to one of the pantries.

Both pantries have a list of needed items on their website, but always needed are:

- canned fruit and vegetables
- canned pasta (think Chef Boyardee)
- fruit and applesauce cups
- instant breakfast items (instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, cereal bars, etc)

- side dishes (boxed potatoes, pasta sides, rice and rice sides, ramen noodles)
- canned pasta sauce and diced tomatoes
- canned beans
- peanut butter
- boxed pasta
- Mac & Cheese
- snack items
- sweet treats (pre-packaged)

There is also always a need for feminine hygiene products, other hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and paper products.

If you would like to donate financially to either pantry, please send a check to the church, clearly marked for which pantry, and we will ensure it gets to the right place.

Thanks for all you do to support local families in need during this time!!

THE PANTRY



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Outreach

Ways to Give

Encouragement

Support and encourage one another! Reach out to your neighbors!

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.

Box Top for Education

Support Red Bird Mission by downloading the Box Top app, scan your receipt and tag Red Bird Mission.

SCAC and The Pantry

Both are looking for healthy volunteers, while following health department mandates.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Cash donations assist with housing costs as families are still being housed in hotels.

Gift cards, towels, pots and pans, diapers, and cleaning supplies are also needed.

<https://www.ihnwc.org/donate>

Need Assistance?

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 (behind the stadium) Mondays from 3-4pm



Our Faithful Participation

Giving—

2020 Budget: \$320,000.00
 Needed YTD: \$235,090.00 as of 9/20
 Given YTD: \$219,427.43

September Attendance—

Date	Online	5:30 pm service	9 am service	10:30 am service
9/6	98	10	9	19
9/13	156	12	78	19
9/20	84	9	24	29
9/27	78	12	20	26

Thank you for your continued faithfulness through your prayers, presence and gifts!

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.

Thank you!

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot adequately express our heart felt thanks for the many cards, flowers and good wishes as we celebrated the 100th birthday of our mother, Ruth Dunn. She is the 5th generation, from the initial E.U.B. "branch, of our church and has worn

many "hats" of service through her life-long membership. She is listening to services with us each week (on Facebook) and we are thankful to all who have made that possible. May the grace and peace of God be with you all!

Gratefully,

The Family of Ruth Dunn

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.

Karen's Card Shop

Pick up a card for any occasion, outside the church office.

Health Checks

Anyone entering the church building from 6:30am-6:30pm will be asked to stop inside the front door, sign in, and answer a series of health questions.

The questions are:

*Are you or anyone in your household experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19?

*Have you or anyone in your household been exposed to someone known or presumed to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

*Have you traveled outside of the country or to any of Ohio's restricted states in the past 14 days?

*Have you taken any fever-reducing medication?

If you answer YES to any of the questions, we ask you not to enter the building.

While the health check is not required for worship and evening meetings, if you are sick, please stay home.

Please Wear Your Masks

As a way to care for one another, masks are currently required anytime we are in the building—during the day, for meetings and for worship.

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.

These is only 1 spot left for this year. If you are interested in providing flowers please contact Kerri at the church office.

October 3/4	Jane Gregg	Memory of parents
October 10/11	Lois Cox	Memory of Joe Miller
October 17/18	John and Konnie Schrimpf	Celebrating Wedding Anniversary
October 24/25	Curt and Jackie Winzeler	Celebrating Wedding Anniversary
October 31/1	Roy and Audrey Gordon	Thanks to Sally Strahl for all the caring and friendship for Mary Lou
November 28/29	open	



October Birthdays

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| 2: Jim Hansel | 27: Katie Veren, Connie Archer |
| 3: Bill Hammett | 28: Devin Cook, John Golconda |
| 4: Lois Gollihugh, Carol Dean | 29: Faith Hampton |
| 5: Barbara Mills | 31: Allyson Best, Caitlin Swick |
| 7: Jane Gregg, Dick Coyle | |
| 8: Christian Dokas | |
| 9: Donna Ronyak | |
| 11: Tyson Long, Theo Erwin | |
| 12: Tina Yeamans, Steven Yeamans,
Zachary Fry, Zach Young | |
| 13: Daniel Olson, Stacey Lane | |
| 14: Joelle Hammett | |
| 16: Alan Kerrick | |
| 18: Harold Masteller | |
| 19: Shirley McNeal, Nathan Hohulin | |
| 24: Samuel Golconda | |



Happy
Birthday

October Anniversaries

- 2: Jim & Mary Jane Hansel
 4: Bob & Mary Ann McIntosh
 5: Ron and Jennifer Bell
 10: Mike & Tina Zimmerman
 16: Bill & Holly Olson
 22: Greg & Julie Moster
 27: Curt & Jackie Winzeler



Happy
Anniversary

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

Worshiping God Together
First United Methodist Church of Springboro
October 4, 2020 10:30 am

***Online worshippers- Prepare for this service by having communion elements on hand—
any type of bread/cracker/bun and juice/water/coffee/tea.***

PRELUDE

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

OPENING RESPONSE

One: On life's pathways and in every encounter,

Many: open our eyes to see you amongst us.

One: At Your Table You call us together.

Many: May we recognize our place in your church universal.

One: As we find our places at your table,

**Many: at our tables may we welcome others with
your love and grace.**

HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" UMH #546

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR PRAYERS, & OUR GIFTS TO GOD
Prayer of Dedication/ Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer

SPECIAL MUSIC

HEARING GOD'S WORD Luke 24: 28-35

MESSAGE "Revelation at the Table" Rev. Amy Haines

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN "One Bread, One Body" UMH #620

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Worshiping God Together
First United Methodist Church of Springboro
October 11, 2020 10:30 am

PRELUDE

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

OPENING RESPONSE

One: Come this day to the table of the Lord.

Many: Here we will find welcome and sustenance.

One: Come to this time of gathering and praise.

Many: We come together to proclaim God's gift of grace.

HYMN "Gather Us In" FWS #2236

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR PRAYERS, & OUR GIFTS TO GOD
Prayer of Dedication/ Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer

SPECIAL MUSIC

HEARING GOD'S WORD Luke 14: 7-14

MESSAGE "Hospitality at the Table" Rev. Amy Haines

HYMN "Help Us Accept Each Other" UMH #560

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Hymnals are available to be checked out from the office if you need one for online worship.

Want to offer special music for one or more of our services?

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-worship> . Soloists and duets, vocal and instrumental music is all welcome.

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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
