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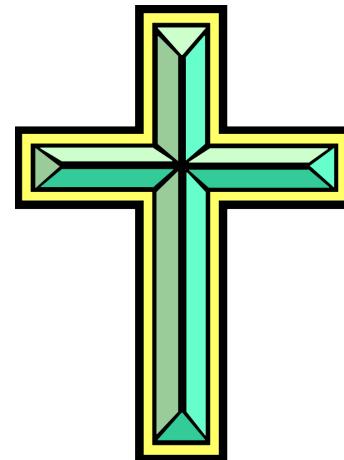
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First United Methodist Church of Springboro
"Keeping First Things First!"

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:33



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The Messenger

September 2019



Join us for worship each weekend:

Casual Saturday night worship with *Springs* at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday morning worship and Sunday school at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday worship and children's church at 10:35 a.m.

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Monday—Friday
8:00—1:00

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A word from Pastor Amy....

"A Wesleyan Christian"

With all that is going on in our denomination, I have been asked several times, "Why are you a United Methodist?" Then I began to see a pattern on our conference website this summer, with several district superintendents responding to the question, "Why am I a Wesleyan Christian?"

This second question gets to the heart of why I am a United Methodist pastor. What is it about the teachings of John Wesley that resonate with my soul?

Foundational for me is Wesley's emphasis on grace. I give thanks that God's prevent-
ent, justifying and sanctifying grace is there throughout my life, seeking to draw me
closer to Jesus each and every day, in a lifelong journey of discipleship.

I value our open table at Holy Communion, where all of God's beloved children are welcome the receive the sacrament as a reminder of God's grace. I also value that we strive to receive the gifts and graces of all God's children, young and old, male and female. I have been in faith circles where I have felt tolerated rather than welcomed for who God called me to be. I also value our emphasis on singing our faith.

I have always appreciated the diversity of thought, mission and ministry within our denomination, as I have been nurtured and challenged by those across the theological spectrum. We live out our love of God and love of neighbor in different ways, yet Wesley emphasized both personal piety and social justice.

I don't know what the next year will bring for our divided denomination, and for our beloved congregation, but I do know that God is still calling me to live out of my Wesleyan roots of grace, love and welcome, wherever I am called to live as a follower of Jesus. What are your roots that guide your faith?

As you ponder your own faith journey, I invite you to **Bishop Palmer's conference tour** this fall as he reflects on "You Might Be a Wesleyan Christian If...". The closest venue to us will be on Monday, October 21st, at The John Wesley UMC in Cincinnati from 7-8:30pm. Registration is free, at www.westohioumc.org/conference/event/bishops-fall-tour-john-wesley-umc.

Celebrating an September Birthday

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| 1: Isabel Houser, Fern Morgan | 12: Sandy Moser, Gary Stahler,
Jennifer Bell |
| 2: Garret Ronyak, Marilyn Scott | 15: Carolyn Parkinson |
| 3: Bill Olson | 16: Jennifer Smith |
| 5: Kirby Cain | 18: Gail Thomas |
| 6: Jim Young | 20: Mike Swick, Truman Hoy |
| 7: Taylor Zimmerman | 21: Megan Bell |
| 8: Julie Moster, Daniel Veren | 23: Vivian Beatty |
| 10: Larry Woody, Jacob Crosen | 24: Retta Willis |
| 11: Susan Stalcup, Cathy Swick,
Christopher Buterbaugh | 28: Justin Chapman |

Celebrating an September Anniversary

- 10: Jack & Marjorie Poff
23: Dudley & Esther Fry

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

September Volunteers

	Liturgists	Acolytes	Cookies	Altar Flowers
Sept. 1	open open	open open	open	Jennifer Fry
Sept. 8	open open	open open	Sonia Dermis	Bill and Patti Hammett
Sept. 15	open open	Timothy Haines open	open	Harry and Jessie Hall
Sept. 22	open open	open Timothy Haines	open	Jack and Marj Poff
Sept. 29	open Jane Gregg	open open	open	open



Love. Grow. Serve.

- **Medical Driver Ministry**

If you find you need someone to drive you to and/or from a medical appointment, our church offers a Medical Driver Ministry. This ministry is a free gift of love to members and friends with no charge or fee. We look forward to providing medical transportation whenever and wherever needed. To schedule a medical driver, please contact Harold Masteller at (937) 885-7481.

- **Kroger Community Rewards Program:**

Through the program, we earn a quarterly check based on your purchases at no cost to you. Please register our church as your Kroger recipient. Questions, please contact Mariel Pesavento as 513-850-9400.

- **Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor Program:**

This program allows the church to earn money based on your spending at DLM. Just complete a Good Neighbor Form and designate our church. We are listed as First United Methodist Church – Springboro and our program ID is 815. You can find the forms in any DLM stores or online at: www.dorothylane.com/clubdlm/goodneighbor.pl.

Volunteer, Mission & Outreach

Opportunities Please contact Kerri in the church office (fumespringboro@gmail.com or 748-2612), unless otherwise noted, if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

- **Cookies:** There is a sign-up sheet on the fellowship table or through the Church Needs link in Pastor Amy's weekly e-mail. For treats for fellowship time between services. Treats do not need to be homemade or be cookies— any treat is welcome. We also appreciate the weekly donations being made to help off-set our expenses.

- **Box Tops for Education/Tyson Labels:**

Our Missions Team continues to collect Box Tops for Red Bird Mission in Kentucky to benefit their schools. They also collect Tyson food labels. There are bins in which to place the box tops and labels located in the black stand across from the music room. If you need more information on the program, please contact Arlene Brown at 937-272-5857.

- **Otterbein Avalon:**

David Finney invites you to engage with senior residents of the Otterbein Avalon community. If you are interested in attending, please let David Finney know (513-727-4395).

- Worship is on Sunday at 1:30 pm
- Bingo is on Wednesday at 1:30 pm
- Both are in house #35



Worship In September

Aug 31/Sept 1
The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss
“Green Eggs and Ham”
Isaiah 43:18-21
Acts 10:9-16

Sept 7/8
Holy Communion
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
“Sacrificial Living”

Sept 14/15
Confirmation Sunday
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
“By Faith”

Sept 21/22
David Finney preaching
Romans 8:38-39
“Connected”

Sept 28/29
1 Timothy 1:12-17
“Grace and Mercy”

- 3: Bright Beginnings Classes Start
- 3: Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 4: Choir/Hand Bells
- 7: Women in Faith Breakfast
- 8: SH Youth Group
- 8: Confirmation Mentors/Rehearsal
- 9: Prayer Team
- 9: Finance Team
- 9: Administrative Council
- 10: Tuesday Bible Study
- 10: Stephen Ministers
- 10: WIF Bible Study
- 11: Choir/Hand Bells
- 15: Confirmation Sunday
- 16: Prayer Team
- 16: Missions Team
- 17: Tuesday Bible Study
- 17: Trustees
- 18: Clearbreakers Senior Group
- 18: Choir / Hand Bells
- 19: Newsletter Folding
- 20: Cornerstone Picnic
- 23: Prayer Team
- 24: Tuesday Bible Study
- 24: Stephen Ministers
- 25: Choir/Hand Bells
- 29: Church Picnic
- 30: Prayer Team



Lay Leader Report

The autumn season of change is upon us. Students are in school, at all levels. Teachers and other school employees are hard at work. The wonderful Bright Beginnings excitement that fills our church-rooms and halls is announcing "there is learning going on".

Along with learning math, science, language arts, social studies, we have a great chance to learn more of our Lord and the Christian Faith. Pick a small group with which to study and be blessed. The opportunities includes a 2-day class on prayer. This will occur on September 20 in the evening, then extend into the next day, Saturday September 21. In addition to this Prayer class, Jenn Fry will lead a 10 hour look at the United Methodist church and Lay Servant Ministries. We will also offer a class on Justice in Everyday Life. See Jenn, Pastor Amy or myself for registration details.

I hope to see our people out at school sports or band events. Enjoy this time. It has been 24 years since Carol and I had a high school aged daughter and we still recall the excitement of those days. We recall just as clearly the college years. But our nest has now been empty since 1996.

I urge our parents and youth to enjoy these days and to remember to set aside time for prayer, study, and spiritual growth.

David Finney



Four of our guys played in the area-wide UMM tournament in August and shot an even par, 71. Way to go Don Files, Ken Haines, Harry Ingalls, and Brian Schlise.

United Methodist Men

Our men continue to work constructing park benches which will be deployed on grounds next to The Gathering United Methodist Church. See David Finney for information on how to participate.

We will meet for our monthly coffee and chat sessions at 8:00 am on September 1 and October 6.



Kids Who Care: K–2nd grades

God Squad: 3 & 4th grades

Contact: Kim Cosen

kimfumc@gmail.com, 937-748-2612

Kids Who Care & God Squad

If you have a child interested in getting involved with Kids Who Care (K-2nd grade) or God Squad (3rd– 4th grade), please contact Kim Cosen with your child's name, grade, a phone number and e-mail address that can be used to notify you of upcoming events. We look forward to another great year of caring, sharing and fun!



Mission 56: 5th & 6th grades

Jammers: 7th & 8th grades

Contact: Katie Steele

SpringboroYouth@gmail.com, 937-203-4119

If you would like to be added to the weekly email please subscribe at <https://mailchi.mp/66abd9d0a282/jrhigheyouth>

If you have an incoming 5th grader definitely be sure to subscribe!



Senior High Youth: 9th—12 Grades

Contact: Brian Schlise

**Brianschlise@habeggercorp.com
937-748-9711 and 937-272-6167**

Senior Youth Group will be meeting on Sunday September 8. Please look for texts for upcoming events.

**Sunday School Class
Locations and Registration**

Regular Sunday School classes for 2019-2020 run from August through May.

- Nursery (Rm. 140)
- 2 and 3 year old class (Rm. 138)
- 4 year olds through 4th grade (Rm. 125)
- 5th and 6th graders (Rm. 132)
- Junior High (Rm. 130)
- Senior High (Rm. 126)
- Cornerstone Class (Music Rm.)
- Holy Java (Conference Rm.)
- 10:35 Class (Music Rm.)

Sunday School registration forms will be at the Welcome Center. Please fill out a new one so that we have correct information and can include your child(ren) on our rosters and you on our e-mail distribution list. Remember, any child that misses less than six Sundays throughout the school year will be acknowledged on High Attendance Sunday in the spring. Please help us by making sure your child is registered! Thanks!

Cornerstone Class Picnic

The Cornerstone Sunday School Class will hold its annual class picnic on **Friday, September 20**, 5:30 p.m. at Springboro Community Park Shelter. Anyone thinking about attending the class or learning more about it is cordially invited to attend. For additional information contact Bev Haun at 513-228-0332 or Sonia Dermis at 937-550-9412.



A.C.E. After School Program

Our church and Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool continue to offer A.C.E.—Active Christian Exploration, a program designed for kindergarten through 5th grade students. Students enjoy healthy snacks, cooking, art, science, recreation and homework help. There are Christian enrichment and activities centered around life skills, service, mission and scripture as we travel to different continents around the world.

Weekday Education Ministries

Contact: Kim Cosen
937-748-2612, bbcpfumc@gmail.com

Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool

Classes for Bright Beginnings officially begin September 3. On August 25, our annual "Meet the Teacher" celebration allows our students to meet teachers and new friends, tour the building and have an ice cream social.

During the month of September our theme is "Designed by God so I must be special" and our Bible verse is: God said, "I know you by name" (Exodus 33:17). Teachers will facilitate activities that have children exploring their senses, manners and feelings. Pastor Amy will lead them in their first Children's Church of the school year that will help them learn about how special they are to God. So special that he knows them by name and even how many hairs they have on their heads!



Upcoming EVENTS

Wednesday Night Small Groups

Wednesday Night Small Groups will run from **October 2 to November 20**. Please join us each of these Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

We will start each evening with a simple dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Meal will cost \$3.00 a person. No need to stop by the store on your way here! Come enjoy food and fellowship together. Then we will be breaking into small groups for discussion and learning from 6:30-8 p.m. Watch for more information on our Wednesday night offerings!

Church Wide Picnic

A Fellowship with your church family. Get to know one another better.

On Sunday, September 29th after second service please join us for a church wide picnic! We will be providing chicken, rolls, drinks, mac and cheese, and will need donations of vegetable trays, fruit trays, and desserts.

Contact: Katie Veren at 256-783-1094 if your would like to help.



Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, September 15, at the 9:15 a.m. service, our 2018/2019 Confirmation Class will claim their faith in Jesus and become professing members of our congregation. They have spent nine months intentionally practicing and learning more about their faith within the life of our church. Please support and encourage them in their faith journey, and welcome them!



Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra

Best of Broadway

Kelly Ronyak invites you to our 30th anniversary season opener featuring the greatest hits from Fiddler on the Roof, Sound of Music, Disney, Les Misérables, Andrew Lloyd Webber and more!

- Saturday, October 26th at 7pm
- Sunday, October 27th at 2pm at the Dayton Masonic Center

More details at www.mvso.org



All Saints Celebration

On the weekend of November 2/3, we will celebrate All Saints by remembering loved ones and church members 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 Tuesday, October 29.

College Student Addresses

We would like to capture the addresses of our members who are away at college so the church can keep in touch. If you are heading off to college or you have a child in college, please contact Kerri in the church office (748-2612 or at fumcspringboro@gmail.com) to provide that information.

Name Tags

We encourage everyone to wear their name-tags during church services and other events. This will help all of us get to know each other by name. If you do not have a name tag, please contact Kerri in the church office to be added to an order list.

Church Communications

Did you know we have several ways we communicate news with church members? Our newsletter (like this one) is mailed out each month. It is also placed on our website for

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electronic access. The church website is found at fumcofspringboro.org.

Each Friday, Pastor Amy sends out weekly updates with information on weekend services and other important upcoming events. If you do not currently receive the updates but would like to, please provide your email address to the church office fumcspringboro@gmail.com

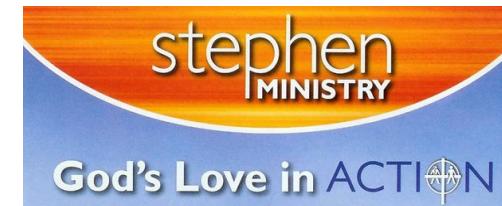
Finally, we can be found on Facebook under First United Methodist Church of Springboro. Have you "friended" our church Facebook page yet? If not, please do so. What an easy way to spread the word of our church!

We encourage you to use all these sources to stay in touch with the wonderful things going on at our church!

Family Information Card/Field Trip Forms

We ask parents of our youth to please complete a 2019/2020 Family Information Card, Field Trip Permission Form and Photography Permission Form. These forms need to be completed each year to ensure that all information is up to date and to give permission to FUMC staff and volunteers to transport students. The forms can be found in the Narthex on the welcome table. Please take the time to fill out and sign the form and return it to your child's youth group director (Kim Cosen for K-4th grade, Katie Steele for 5-8th grade students and Brian Schlise for 9th—12th grade).

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A Prayer for Stephen Ministry

As our church sends a new group of students to the Stephen Ministry Training Course, please keep them in prayer.

Lord,

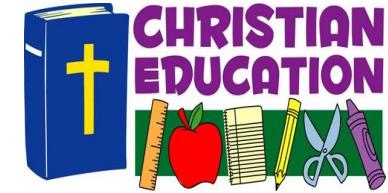
There is so much pain in our world. Show us how we might be a light in the darkness, a cup of cold water, a shoulder to cry on.

We thank you, Lord, for our current Stephen Ministers and those new students who are beginning their training for this intentional ministry in September. We thank you for calling them to this special work and ask you to bless them as they learn and grow in faith and skills.

And finally, Lord, we ask that You connect those who are hurting with those who can help them. We ask these things with grateful hearts in the name of our Savior and the Great Healer, your Son, Jesus.

Amen

If you have questions or want a Stephen Minister, or want to become a Stephen Minister, please speak with Zandra Woody (937-748-9713) or Susan Raihala (513-238-1394).



Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study continues their study of 1 John. The Bible study meets every Tuesday (except the first Tuesday of the month) at 10:00 a.m. at Springboro Library .

Cornerstone Class

Doug Dean will be teaching the Cornerstone Class in September. We meet on Sundays, at 9:15 a.m. in the music room. For additional information contact Bev Haun at 513-228-0332.

Women in Faith Bible Study

We will resume our monthly meetings on September 10th in the conference room.

Holy Java

Kara Hampton will lead Confronting the Controversies" in the Conference Room at 9:15 am, beginning September 22nd.

Confronting the Controversies

Pastor Doug Dean continue to study, Adam Hamilton's "Confronting the Controversies" in August on Sundays at 10:35 a.m. in the Music Room.



Church Groups Meetings/Schedules

Women In Faith

Join Women in Faith for their 2019-2020 Kick Off!

- When: Saturday, September 7, 2019 @ 9 am
- Where: Heather's Café, 505 S. Main Street
- What: Join us as we kick off 2019-2020 with a great breakfast (ordering off menu) and a business meeting to set us up for a successful 2019-2020 year.
- Who: All Women from the church are invited to attend, and we encourage you to invite you to invite a friend or family member to join you!
- RSVP: Jennifer Fry, 937-776-6261 or jennfry1@gmail.com. Or via Signup Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-women3>.

We look forward to Fellowship with all of you and talking about our 2019-2020 plans!

Clearbreakers Senior Group

The Clearbreakers will meet September 18th in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am. We will have a "Baby or Grade School Picture" Guess Who Contest.

Does your picture still resemble you?? Bring your picture in an envelope and give to Mary Jane (put your name on a Post-It-

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Note and stick on the back of your picture) The one who can identify the most pictures will win a prize. Come join the group for a fun time and good food. This will be a potluck meal; please bring a casserole, salad, or dessert to share. PLEASE REMEMBER to bring your eating and serving utensils and your own drink.



Fun for Seniors

Are you a senior 55 or over? Are you looking for something to do that is fun, informational, and has friendly people in the group? Have you tried Clearbreakers? Clearbreakers is a local Senior Group that meets in our Church the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except July & August). We have a different type of meal each month (all delicious), programs vary also. We would like for you to give it a try - come to our September 18th meeting. Call Mary Jane Hansel - 937-746-0667 or Vivian Beatty - 937-885-5698 for more information.

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Church Facilities Scheduling

We are blessed to have a church home that serves as a meeting location for many groups both within the church and the wider community. As we start a new school year, groups will begin holding meetings again. If you have need to use the church for a one time or ongoing meeting, please contact Kerri in the church office to discuss availability and to reserve a room on the church calendar.

Thanks!

Office Hours

The church office will be closed September 2 for Labor Day. Regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please don't hesitate to contact Kerri Dome should you need to schedule a meeting at church, get contact information for other members, or have any other needs of an administrative nature.

Locking Church Doors

We would like to remind everyone that if you are meeting at the church in the evenings, please check **ALL** exterior doors to ensure they are locked before you leave. If you are not the only group meeting in the church that evening, please verify the other group is still here before assuming they will lock up.

Confirmation Class

Pastor Amy will begin a new confirmation class for 8th graders (and anyone older who would like to be confirmed) in late fall. Please watch for information on an upcoming kick-off meeting in October. If you would like more information on the confirmation journey, please contact Pastor Amy at pastora-my@fumcofspringboro.org or 937-748-2612.

Mobile Directory

Have you ever been away from home and want to contact someone else from church? Our directory has a mobile app, with photos as well as access to phone numbers and email addresses!

Go to <https://mobilizedirectory.lifetouch.com/372067/first-united-methodist-church-of-springboro>

Access code is fum60

Please send any updates to addresses, email or phone numbers to Kerri Dome at fumcspringboro@gmail.com.

Thank you

Thank you for your generosity toward tornado relief in the Dayton area! You as a church donated \$4360 which we sent to New City Church, a United Methodist congregation in the Northridge area, to assist their neighbors.

Servant Leadership Opportunities

Without so many unpaid servant leaders, our church could not be in mission and ministry as we are within the church and within the community. Thank you to all who serve! This is the time of year that the Nominations Committee looks to update for 2020 our many leadership teams. Our desire is to connect people to places that match their passions and gifts for the glory of God. Please let us know your interest in where you might serve.

"Welcome Needs"

Do you like making people feel at home, feel loved and feel welcomed? If so, then First United Methodist Church could use your help on one of the teams aimed at drawing people into our church family and sharing the hospitality of God's spirit and love with them.

- ____ Fellowship and Family Life – Sunday Refreshments: Help set up, serve and clean up refreshments served between Sunday services once a month.
- ____ Fellowship and Family Life – Special Events: Help plan and execute special fellowship events such as Chili Cook-Off and Easter Party two to three times per year.
- ____ Loaves and Fishes—Provide meals for those recovering from surgery or going through a difficult time. Meal needs typically occur six to eight times per year.
- ____ Funeral Meals—Help provide meals at the church following funerals to give family and friends a place to gather and support one another. Help is needed the day of the funeral for set up, serving and clean up as well as providing food for meals.
- ____ Communication—Share what is going on through our church with others in the community, via print, photos or social media.
- ____ Tech Team—Help set up and run audio/visuals during worship.
- ____ Office Assistant—Assist in the office as needed with phones, bulletins, or special mailings

"Outreach Needs"

Do you like spreading God's word through investing in others? If so, then First United Methodist Church could use your help on one of teams aimed at outreach.

- ____ Missions—This group facilitates the many missions of the church such as Interfaith Hospitality Network, support of the local food pantries, special mission offerings, and other events.
- ____ Connection—This group welcomes those who come through our church doors and seeks to help them become a part of our church family.
- ____ Christian Education—Volunteers are needed to invest in our children and youth through teaching Sunday School, assisting with VBS, working with our youth ministries or assisting with outings for all ages.

"Administrative Needs"

Do you like making sure things are in order and are well planned? Do people comment on how well organized you are? Or are you someone who likes to fix things and be hands on? If so, then First United Methodist Church could use your help on one of our committees aimed at managing the administrative needs of the church.

- ____ Administrative Council: This group is the official and legal decision making group of the church, comprised of team leaders and at-large members. They meet bi-monthly.
- ____ Finance: This group oversees and reports on the finances of the church and sets the budget each year. They meet monthly.
- ____ Staff-Parish Relations: This group oversees the staff of the church, working to hire, support, and evaluate those who serve us in paid positions. They meet monthly.
- ____ Trustees: This group oversees the maintenance of church property. They meet monthly and handle church needs as they arise.
- ____ Nominations: This group works to fill the leadership positions of the church. They meet in the fall.
- ____ Worship: This group cares for the details of worship such as flowers and seasonal decorations as well as gives direction to the nature and style of our worship. They meet as needed.

Other:

____ Where is God leading you to serve? Please share with us!

I am interested in serving God through my church in 2020!

Name _____

Phone number _____

E-Mail _____