

# Messenger

September 2020

## “Through It All”

-Pastor Amy

Most of us at some point in our lives have prayed to God, like Jesus did in Gethsemane, “Lord, take this cup from me.” God, get me out of this mess. God, change my circumstance. God, rescue me!

And often, God’s response is: “I am with you. Do not fear.”

As 2020 continues as an “unprecedented” year, I am constantly reminded that God never promises to remove us from struggle or sorrow. Instead, God promises to be with us.

The word I cling to this month is “**through**.” God is with us through it all, through the struggle, through the dark valleys of life.

God doesn’t magically remove the obstacles in our life, but it with us as we move through life, as we learn and grieve and grow.

Brothers and sisters, this is good news!

Psalm 23:4: “Even though I walk **through** the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.”

Ephesians 2:8: “For by grace you have been saved **through** faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”

My sermon series in September is titled “Through the Wilderness.” It reminds us of the story of God’s people following the Exodus from Egypt. They had to trust God to lead them through the water, through their wandering in the desert, through their struggles and complaints, through their shallow faith.

Through it all then, God was faithful! And through it all today, God is still faithful to us!

“Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to trust in Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in God; through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to depend upon God’s word.”

-Andrae Crouch

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield. Be thou still my strength and shield.”

-William Williams

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# 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 September

### September 5/6

“Neighborly Thing to Do”

Romans 13:8-10

David Finney Preaching

### September 12

Matthew 20:1-16

Jennifer Fry Preaching

## Through the Wilderness Series

### September 13

“God is With Us”

Exodus 14:19-31

Holy Communion

9am service:

Confirmation

Both Services will be live streamed

### September 19/20

“What God is Doing Now”

Exodus 16:2-15

### September 26/27

“Possibilities for Living”

Exodus 17:1-7

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# Church News

## 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/>



## Please Wear Your Masks

While we are being asked to wear masks by the governor's mandate as well as the preschool licensing, I invite you to wear a mask as a way to care for one another!

Anytime we are in the building, during the day, for meetings and for worship, masks are currently required.

## Health Checks

### Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>:

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:

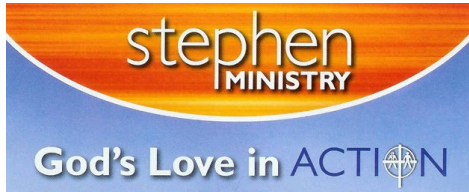
- \*Are you or anyone in your household experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19?
- \*Have you or anyone in your household been exposed to someone known or presumed to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- \*Have you traveled outside of the country or to any of Ohio's restricted states in the past 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.

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# Church News



## **Congratulations to Our New Stephen Ministers**

Congratulations to Patti Hammett, Mariel Pesavento, and Sally Strahl!

Our Stephen Ministry group are proud to formally welcome these three new Stephen Ministers who completed the Stephen Minister Training Course in March and were commissioned by Pastor Amy on August 30.

We are proud of these three women for answering God's call to serve in this important and meaningful ministry of our church and ask God to continue blessing and guiding them as they put their extensive training to use.

Zandra Woody and Susan Raihala,  
SM Leaders



## **Confirmation Sunday**

Sunday, September 13th

9:00am service

(live stream available)

Welcome our 2019/2020 Confirmation class on this day, as they claim their faith in Jesus and become professing members of our congregation!

These youth have spent nine months intentionally practicing and learning more about their faith within the life of our church. They have been flexible on meeting in person, online, and outdoors.

While seating is limited for service that day (non-Confirmation households will be asked to sit in the Fellowship Hall), please support and encourage them in their faith journey, and welcome them as brothers and sisters in Christ!

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# Church News



## **Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool**

Classes for Bright Beginnings officially begin September 8. 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.



## **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.

## **Women In Faith**

Women in Faith will meet on **Saturday, September 12** from 9am—noon at North Park. Please bring your own snacks and drinks, stay six feet apart and wear masks when not eating. Hand sanitizer will be available. Please let Jean Reazer know if you plan on attending the meeting at 513-932-4387.

## **Our Faithful Participation**

### **Giving—**

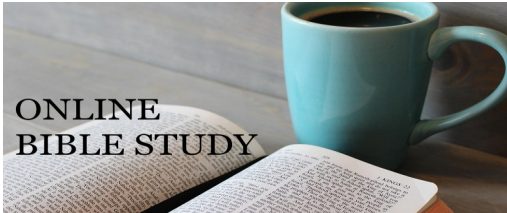
2020 Budget: \$320,000.00  
 Needed YTD: \$203,082.00  
 Given YTD: \$194,965.68

### **August Attendance—**

Date	Online	5:30 pm service	9 am service	10:30 am service
8/2	103	11	23	15
8/9	86	15	26	15
8/16	97	14	12	21
8/23	101	12	10	21
8/30	94	6	21	24

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# Connection and Study



## ONGOING:

### 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

## NEW:

### Thursday Bible Study

Brene Brown's "The Gifts of Imperfection" will begin on Sept 10th.

Thursdays at 7pm via Zoom  
Contact Jennifer Fry for details at [jennfry1@gmail.com](mailto:jennfry1@gmail.com).

### Cornerstone Class

Cornerstone class has resumed their study, currently meeting at Community Park under the pavilion. (That is the park behind Donut Haus)

Thursdays from 6:30pm– 7:30pm  
Please wear a mask, bring a lawn chair or pillow and your own drink.

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.

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# Children and Youth



**Senior High**—watch for texts from Brian

**Junior High**—Brian Schlise will be your new junior high youth director. Watch for texts from Brian for ways to connect!

**Mission 56**—Kim Crosen will be your new director. Continue to connect over zoom and watch for emails with other ways to serve!

**Children's Ministry**—watch for emails from Kim



The Service of Confirmation and Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on Sunday, September 13 at the 9:00 am service.

The service will be live streamed on our Facebook page.

God in Heaven

hear my prayer.

Keep me in

thy loving care.

Be my guide in all I do.

Bless all those who love me too.

Amen.

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# 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, pas-

ta 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 financial 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!!

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## THE PANTRY



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## 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>

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## 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

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# 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 are the only spots left for this year. If you are interested in providing flowers please contact Kerri at the church office.

September 6	open	
September 13	open	
September 20	Harry Hall	In memory of Rev. William Richmond
September 27	open	
October 18	open	
November 1	open	
November 28	open	

## Flower Committee

Flower Committee is looking for a volunteer who would provide flowers for church on the first Sunday of every month. You would be responsible for purchasing flowers and bringing them to church the Friday before. You would be reimbursed for the flowers. If interested, please contact Jane Gregg.

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# Office News

## Staff Contacts

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your staff!

Kerri Dome, Office Manager  
[fumcspringboro@gmail.com](mailto:fumcspringboro@gmail.com)  
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Doug Dean, Pastor of Discipleship  
[revdhd23@gmail.com](mailto:revdhd23@gmail.com)

Kim Crosen, Christian Education and Mission 56  
[kimfumc@gmail.com](mailto:kimfumc@gmail.com)

Brian Schlise, Senior and Junior High  
[BrianSchlise@habeggercorp.com](mailto:BrianSchlise@habeggercorp.com)

## 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.

## Financial Giving

The ministry of the church continues even as we begin to re-open the building.

As you are able please continue to financially support the church and our ongoing obligations.

Offerings may be mailed to the church or given online at [www.fumcofspringboro.org/online-giving/](http://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.

## Karen's Card Shop

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



Many thanks for all of the cards and well wishes for my birthday. Everyone helped make it a special day. Thanks again!

Dottie Logan

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# September Birthdays

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 1: Isabel Houser, Fern Morgan                             | 21: Megan Bell                 |
| 2: Garret Ronyak, Marilyn Scott                           | 23: Vivian Beatty              |
| 3: Bill Olson   | 24: Retta Willis               |
| 5: Kirby Cain   | 28: Justin Chapman, Kaiya Lane |
| 7: Taylor Zimmerman                                       | 29: Andrea Miller              |
| 8: Julie Moster, Daniel Veren                             |                                |
| 10: Larry Woody, Jacob Crosen                             |                                |
| 11: Susan Stalcup, Cathy Swick,<br>Christopher Buterbaugh |                                |
| 12: Sandy Moser, Gary Stahler,<br>Jennifer Bell           |                                |
| 14: Anthony Brown   |                                |
| 16: Jennifer Smith  |                                |
| 18: Gail Thomas   |                                |
| 20: Mike Swick  |                                |

A decorative graphic with the words "Happy Birthday" written in a black, elegant cursive script. The letters are interconnected and have long, flowing tails, giving it a celebratory and artistic appearance.

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# September

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

A decorative graphic with the words "Happy Anniversary" written in a black, elegant cursive script. The letters are interconnected and have long, flowing tails, giving it a celebratory and artistic appearance.

*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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## Worshiping God Together

First United Methodist Church of Springboro  
September 13, 2020 9:00 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

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### SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION/SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR PRAYERS, & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

### SPECIAL MUSIC

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**MESSAGE**     "Through the Wilderness: God is With Us"    Rev. Amy Haines

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**HYMN**                    "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"                    UMH #664

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**HYMN**              "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"                      UMH #127

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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

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