

April 2017

Senior Pastor: Barb Schnecker Associate: Deacon Rick Tettau
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 Traditional in Sanctuary
11:00 spirit.fire in Community Center
9:30 Sunday School

Worship Notes

April 2: Pastor Barb "Waking up the Lazarus in You!" Psalm 130
Holy Communion John 11:1-45

April 9: Pastor Rick

Palm Sunday

8:30 Traditional in Sanctuary
11:00 Combined Service in
Sanctuary

"The Journey to the Cross"
Matthew 27:11-24
Children's Choir

April 14: Good Friday

Cross Walk

April 16: Pastor Barb

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion
John 20:1-18

"I've Seen.../Come See Too!"
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

April 23: Pastor Rick

"Christian Values in Appalachia"
John 20:19-31

April 30: Stephanie Blackburn
"The Emmaus Road"
Luke 24:13-35

Attendance

Date	Worship	S.S.
Feb. 19	180	100
Feb. 26	199	101
Mar. 12	214	91
Mar. 19	185	87

The Power of Easter Resurrection!

How many times have you seen something and then become a believer? That is exactly what happened to Peter in John 20:8. "He saw and believed!" Mary on the other hand stood outside the tomb crying. Angels asked her why she was crying? They had taken her Lord and she didn't know where he had been taken. All she knew was that Jesus wasn't in the tomb that he had been placed in. After Mary said this, she turned and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. He asked why she was crying and who she was looking for? Mary thought Jesus was the gardener, but when he spoke her name, Mary, she knew it was Jesus! There is no biblical account of how the resurrection happened or details, only that the stone had been rolled away and Jesus was no longer in the tomb. In a society where we have a need to know, there are times we are hard pressed to slow down and think about

how God is at work even when we don't know all the details. I want you to think about how the Easter story tells us the story by not including every detail. Is it important to know how God does something or is it more important to know that God is working on our behalf to make things better?

What are we expecting this Easter? When we get up Sunday morning and get ready to come to worship and praise God...what is it that will go unnoticed and where are the places that God will be working...in you...or in others?

It is important that we recall the story of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. It helps us to believe in the things that we can no longer see, but develops a faith that is focused outward instead of inward. I love to tell the story...won't you invite someone to be part of God's story? After all it is resurrection power at its finest...God moving the impossible!

Indeed! He is Risen
Pastor Barb

Easter Flowers

There is still time to order tulips and/or lilies. Deadline for placing an order is Friday, April 7. Cost is \$11 and must be turned in with the order form to the office or placed in the offering plate.

A Message from the Sunday School Coordinator

Thanks to all teachers and team members who attended the Sunday School Meeting on Feb 16th. It was a lively meeting with good discussion. We are blessed to have a great bunch of Sunday School workers who love Jesus and are willing to share what they know about their faith with others. We thank you for your dedication. If you have not attended Sunday School for some time, you might want to check it out.

During the summer the children ages 3 thru 5th grade will meet together during Sunday School time. Singing will begin at 9:30 am. At 10 am the children will go to class and we are looking for adults to portray various characters in the Bible.

They are listed below:

June 4 - we need someone to portray Abraham.

June 11- Jacob

June 18- Joseph

June 25- Moses

July 2- Ruth

July 9- David

July 16- Esther

July 23- Mary

July 30- Jesus

August 6- Peter

August 13- John (the disciple)

Aug 20- Paul

If you choose to volunteer, please be aware that you will

have one or two teachers in the room with you and we will assist and lead an activity related to your character following your portrayal. We are thinking this will be a fun time for all the children. Adults, Please pray about volunteering for one Sunday this summer. See Virginia Pinkerton or call at 937-3131630 or email at vap1222@att.net

August 27th will be Sunday School kick-off and promotion Sunday for those who graduate to a new class. Stay tuned for more information on this topic.

Palm Sunday and Easter -

The children will be singing on Palm Sunday for the 11am service.

Easter Sunday there will be no classes for children. There will be an Easter Breakfast beginning at 9 am and that will follow with an Easter Egg Hunt. We are hoping to have a big crowd of children those two Sundays so mark your calendar, bring an empty basket on Easter, and join us for worship. It is the highlight of our Christian year. Let's celebrate our Savior's resurrection together for a few hours.

Seder Meal- Pastor Barb is planning a Seder Meal for Maundy Thursday, April 13, 2017. If you would like to volunteer to help serve this meal, please call Virginia Pinkerton at

937-313-1630 or email at vap1222@att.net. Your "volunteerism" would be greatly appreciated. Blessings to all.

Stephen Ministry Hope and Help 2017 Quick Facts from the American Alzheimer's Association:

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's. By 2050, this number could rise as high as 16 million.

Every 66 seconds someone in this country develops the disease.

*Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the U. S. It kills more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.

*Since 2000, deaths from heart disease have decreased by 14% while deaths from Alzheimer's disease have increased by 89%.

*1 in 3 seniors will die with Alzheimer's or another type of dementia.

*Alzheimer's is the only top 10 cause of death that cannot currently be prevented, cured, or even significantly slowed.

*In 2016, caregivers of Alzheimer's patients provided an estimated 18.2 billion hours of care valued at over \$230 billion.

*2/3 of caregivers are women. 34% are 65 years of age or older. Approximately 1/4 of the caregivers are “sandwich-generation” caregivers—caring not only for an aging parent but also for children under age 18.

*Alzheimer’s takes a devastating toll on caregivers compared with caregivers of people without dementia. Twice as many caregivers of those with dementia indicate substantial emotional, financial, and physical difficulties.

It is just these types of facts that have prompted the Greater Dayton Stephen Ministry Network to sponsor “Caring for Alzheimer’s Patients and Their Caregivers,” led by Eric Van Vlymen, Director of the Miami Valley Alzheimer’s Association. This presentation on April 30th, at Hope United Methodist Church on Wilington Pike across from Miami Valley South, is free and open to all who are interested. Registration will be at 2:15 and the presentation between 2:30-4:30. Contact Becky Cultice @ 937-376-5747 for additional information or to reserve a space.

Alzheimer’s caregivers frequently report experiencing high levels of stress. It can be overwhelming to take care of a loved one with Alzheimer’s or other dementia, but too much stress can be harmful to both of

you. Hope and support are available. In addition to this presentation, check out resources available in the Stephen Ministry section of the adult church library. The Greene County Public Library also offers over 375 books, DVD’s , and other resources. *The Emotional Journey of the Alzheimer’s Family* and *What If It’s Not Alzheimer’s? a caregiver’s guide to dementia* are a couple of the books in their collection as is the DVD *Caring for a Loved One with Alzheimer’s: an emotional journey*. As always, there is the option of having the support of a Stephen Minister. Contact either of the pastors or Becky Cultice.

United Methodist Women Circle Meetings

Lydia: Wednesday, April 12, 7-8:45pm in the Parlor

Priscilla: Monday, April 17, 7-9pm in the Parlor

Dorcas: Tuesday, April 18, 1-3:30pm in the Parlor

Mother’s Day Carnations Sale

The United Methodist Women will sell Mother’s Day carnations Sunday, April 23,

April 30, and May 7. Cost is \$1.25 per flower. Please pick up your order forms from the women at the tables in the Narthex and/or Community Center before or after each worship service. Forms will also be available in the office beginning Monday, April 24 through Friday, May 5. The carnations will be displayed in the Sanctuary and Community Center on Sunday, May 14. Please make checks payable to F.C. United Methodist Women and indicate in the memo "Carnations". We are unable to accept orders without payment or take phone orders.

(Both Mother's Day and Father's Day carnations sales will now be a joint fund raiser project by all UMW circles.) Thank you for your support.

CALLING ALL MEN: - THIS MEANS YOU !!

The Men of Faith will be meeting on the third Monday of each month in 2017. Meetings will be held in room #6. Start time is 6:30 PM and a meal will be served. The program will start at 7:00 PM. We WILL MEET ON April 17th. Come at 7:00 if you only want to attend the program, which will be completing our program calendar for the remainder of the year and enjoying fellowship. Bring

your ideas and help us to make our meetings fruitful. Please call William (Brownie) Brown, 372-7373 if you plan to attend for the meal, so we can plan the quantity of food needed. All men are welcome and you can bring a friend. Hope to see you on the 17th.

Higher Education

Happy Spring, everyone! I have two requests for Faith Community. Please let me know if you are called to help with either of these initiatives to support our students. #1- When I asked the FCUM college students what they would like to receive from their church family, the most common reply that I received was cards or notes letting them know that we are thinking of and praying for them as they work to complete their formal studies. I would like for April to be a month where we shower our college kids with notes and cards of good thoughts and wishes. The church will purchase the cards and envelopes. What I need are volunteers to sign and mail the cards to students. Are you willing to help? Let me know how many cards you are willing to send. We currently have 19 students, and I would love for each of them to receive 5 or more cards. If this ministry

calls to you, please e-mail me at wicklinecasa@aol.com or call or text me at 937-207-8289.

#2- High

School graduations are right around the corner. I need a good listing of all the high school graduates from Faith Community. If you know of a high school senior set to graduate this year, please forward me their name and if you have it, their contact information (I prefer cell phone numbers). Thank you so much!

Finally, good luck to all our students as they close out another formal year of higher education. Remember... ***But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint. (Isalah 40:31)***

Julie Wickline

looking for adults and youth workers. It will be an exciting week as we discover heroes of the bible and our ability to be heroes. Hope to see you June 19-23.

Information Table

We will have a table set up at the Community Easter Egg Hunt. This is an opportunity for Faith Community to share information with the community about our various outreach groups. Please see Stephanie Blackburn if you have information you would like to include.

Seder Meal

If you plan to attend the Maundy Thursday Seder meal on April 13 at 5:30pm, your tickets must be purchased by April 5 to secure your reservation. Cost is \$10 and tickets are available at Common Cup and the church office.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for all the cards, phone calls, flowers and food we received after the passing of Mary Ellen's brother, David. We appreciate your loving kindness.

Bob & Mary Ellen Warner

The family of Wendell Cultice invites you to a celebration of his life to be held at Faith Community on April 22nd at 11 a.m. There will be an opportunity to visit with the family from 9:30 until the time of the service. All are invited to continue sharing memories after the service over a light lunch.

Vacation Bible School VBS is coming June 19-23. **Hero Central** is the theme. We are

Ladies' Bible Study

A six week Bible study will be offered on Wednesdays beginning April 12 and running until May 24. (No study week of May 17.) The study is titled "The Best YES by Lysa TerKerust, which shares how to make better use of the two most powerful words, yes and no. Class will start at 6:30pm in room 8.

Common Cup April Menu

Apr. 5: Ham loaves or Pen-nepa's Meal

Apr. 12: No Common Cup - Holy Week

Apr. 19: Meat loaf or turkey Rollups

Apr. 26: Cube steak or Chicken ala king

Blood Drive

On Monday, February 13, 2017, Faith Community hosted its 35th blood drive. We started hosting drives, conducted by Community Blood Center in the summer of 2005. At this latest drive, we registered 37

applicants, drew 33 pints of blood (122% of our goal of 27) and had one first time donor. Each donation can

help save as many as three lives. Each donor is a hero to someone in our community.

Thanks to the following participants:

Betty Bouzeos, Steven Brodsky, Donald Coakley, Alison Corry, Brianna Davis, Lynn Deil, Tyler Edwards, Susan Fellie, John Hames, Luan Heit, Moriah Hopkins, Rachel Kelsey, Laura Long, Gordon Lydic, Rosanna Mackey, Steven Mackey, William Mallernee, Sherri Mash, Carol Milam, Aimee Morse, Betsy Murray, Jennifer Napier, Larry Paris, Rachel Parks, Lucy Parsons, Susan Pfeiffer, Jodi Pitzer, Andrew Root, Cherie Sheets, Alan Stock, John Tattman, Adrienne Traxier, Ronald Volkerding, Thomas Wallman, Fred Whitcan, Forest Wilson.

The next drive is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2017, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. If you would like to help in any way or have questions, call or contact John Ford at 372-6641 or jford9@woh.rr.com.



**Deadline for May Faith Links:
Friday, April 14. Thanks for
your cooperation.**

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE IS SCHEDULED FOR Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6. Many have already responded with items for the garage sale and we are so appreciative of your support. If you are planning on donating significant items, it would be helpful if you would list those items below. Typical items donated are dishes, glassware, pots, pans, electrical items, pictures, games, toys, bikes, clocks, radios, TV's, garden tools, tools, mowers, etc. Please no clothing, and please make sure electrical items are in working condition or mark otherwise. If you have a garage sale prior to ours and have items left over, call us and we'll arrange to pick up left over items. Items may be dropped off at the Community Center Thursday, May 4 from 1 to 8 PM, or Friday May 5 from 9 AM -12 Noon. The sale runs from 6 to 9 PM Friday evening and will continue Saturday morning 9 AM to 12 Noon. Pick up of items may be arranged by calling John Sherer at 372-2204 Please list major items you plan to donate and put in the offering plate, turn into the church office, or give to John Sherer.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE# _____ If pick up needed, check this box ()

Your support is greatly appreciated!! Proceeds go for UMM missions and projects.