

June 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

June 4: Pastor Barb, "Come Find the Waters of Living

Water!" John 7:37-39

Holy Communion

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost Sunday: Wear Red

Chancel Choir's Last Sunday

June 11: Pastor Rick

"The Source of Our Good Work"

Matthew 28:16-20

Trinity Sunday

Introduce LT in Spirit Fire

June 18: Tim Holly

"What's It All About"

John 4:20-26

Father's Day/Men of Faith

June 25: Barb Thompson, Lay

Leader - Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday Participation

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>S.S.</u>
Apr. 23	218	84
Apr. 30	215	87
May 7	215	87
May 14	215	80
May 21	215	86

Give Us Strength Lord!

For many years I have prayed and gained a great

amount of strength from Psalm 21. As June approaches, we begin to

open our eyes and our very souls to all that surrounds us. When we realize that our strength comes from God, there seems to be a burst of energy inside of us that we never realized. I pray...come Holy Spirit come! I thank God for the power of the living Spirit within each and every one of us!

I recently had the privilege of visiting with my eighth grade math teacher, Mrs. Whitacre. She is 99 years young and her health is failing, but when I walked into her room a huge smile came across her face and her arms stretched wide to give me a hug! She never fails to tell me how proud she is of me and that I was one of her favorite students.

I had no idea that God would bring us together again, but 12 years ago, we had the opportunity to get reacquainted and it has

been a blessing to see how the seeds that were sown early in my life have grown and bloomed into something beautiful. I have shared with her many times how she inspired me to do things that women weren't supposed to do or even be good at doing. I admired her work ethic and the way she loved to play golf and even had a better score than the male teachers from school.

Several years ago, Mrs. Whitacre shared that her favorite Bible verse was Psalm 121. I read it to her every time that I visit. We've talked many times about needing God's strength and all the ways God has watched over both of us and kept us from harm.

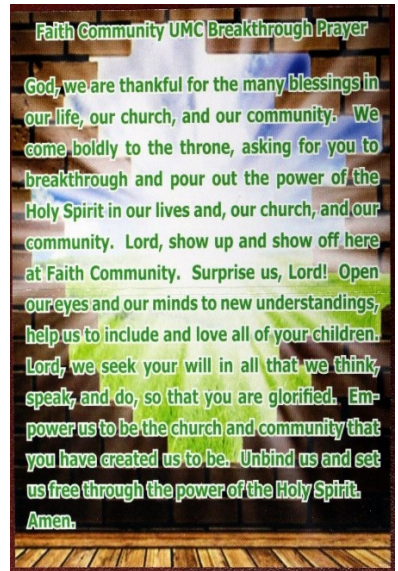
Matthew 13:1-9 talks about the parable of the sower. There have been many people that have sown seeds of faith in our lives and we are better people. Since we have begun to pray the Faith Community Breakthrough Prayer at 6:10 am or 6:10 pm every day, I am wondering how God is strengthening you to sow seeds of faith?

June is a month that brings many people together in a variety of ways. I pray

that God gives you someone like Mrs. Whitacre to share faith stories and let them know how their spiritual seeds have grown in your life.

Grow and bloom wherever you are planted!

Pastor Barb



There are prayer cards available to share with your family and friends...let's all pray at 6:10 am and or 6:10 pm for God to breakthrough in our lives, our church, and our community!

Welcome

Karen Beyer has joined our staff at Faith Community UMC! Karen is our financial secretary and will be working part time. Her duties are limited to only financial matters of the church. She can be reached by email at finance@fcum.org. We look forward to working as a team in building the kingdom of God.



Stephen Ministry

Are You a Midlife Orphan or Do You Know Someone Who Is?

In a recent conversation with my husband's daughter after her father's death, she told me that she felt like an orphan. I immediately remembered a book that we have in the Stephen Ministry section of our adult library, entitled *Midlife Orphan: Facing Life's Changes Now That Your Parents Are Gone*. Mary Russell first shared this book with us, and I had a copy on my bookshelf that I hadn't gotten around to reading until a few days ago.

When we hear the word "orphan" most of us think of a child. But, according to author, Jane Brooks, even a

very self-sufficient adult can feel the pain of "orphanhood" after the last parent dies. Complicating things, this often occurs during our thirties, forties, or fifties when we are coping with other mid-life issues—marital relationships, career concerns, personal health, and parent-adolescent conflicts. In the course of dealing with her midlife loss, Brooks decided to write about what she was experiencing. As word of her project spread, she was inundated with those who wanted to be a part of her study. Ultimately she selected fifty-two individuals from all walks of life, from all parts of the country, and with many religious backgrounds represented to interview in depth. All had lost their last parent within the past seven years. If you or someone you know falls into this category, I recommend this book. Brooks reveals some of the issues underlying this life passage and addresses the subtle yet powerful changes in self-image that can arise after our parents are gone; how unresolved issues with our deceased parents can play a role in personal problems; how to recognize and cope with feelings of anger, guilt,

loneliness, fear, and sorrow; why a financial inheritance can be an emotional “mixed blessings”—and how to handle it wisely, and the shifting of roles and the necessity of finding new sources of strength in both ourselves and others.

The attachment to our parents continues throughout life, no matter how long that may be. For many of us, long isn’t long enough. When we lose our last parent we are hit with the fact that we now have a new role. When my grandmother died at 99, I remember my mother sharing how difficult it was for her. She suddenly realized that she was now the matriarch in the family—something she’d never anticipated.

While each of our experiences will be ours alone, there are many commonalities that are shared in this book. It’s an easy read and one that I hope will prove helpful.

Our Stephen Ministry team is always available to help during the challenging times that inevitably come during each of our lives. Having a Christian friend to walk alongside us is invaluable. If you are interested in learning more about this confi-

dential one-on-one relationship, please talk with our pastors or contact Becky Cul-tice at 937-376-5747 or culticer@sbcglobal.net.

Higher Education News and Notes

Congratulations to Mary Adeline Lewis! Mary Adeline has graduated from Miami University with dual degrees in Environmental Science and Political Science.

Best wishes to all of our college students as they work their summer jobs, participate in internships, and/or continue to complete college credits through the summer.

Thank you to those who sent letters of support to our college students this past spring.

Congratulations to all of our High School graduates. If you are continuing your studies in college, please be sure to connect with Julie Wickline at 937-207-8289. Thank you.

This fall, we will once again plan to send goodie boxes to all. Please let Julie know if you are interested in helping to support this project and thank you in advance.

Sunday School

We need people to pretend they are bible characters for the months of June, July, and August. We need you for

30 minutes or less and we will help you get in character. Please call Virginia at 937-766-5670.

Card Shower

Betty Anderson, mother of Mike Anderson, will be celebrating her 99th birthday on June 7th. Her family would like to shower her with cards for this occasion.

Please send cards to:

*Betty Anderson
1445 Pavey Place
Xenia Ohio 45385*

Showers for Blessings

Save the date of Thursday, June 22 for the next Showers for Blessings. It will begin at 6:30 and we have one mom who is expecting a baby girl. We also have been in contact with the Montgomery girls, Brook Lodge and Blair Davis. They have recently had baby girls. As most of you know Brook's daughter, Mia Jo has been

hospitalized quite a bit and more surgery is planned for June 8th. Blair and Brook feel that their babies have sufficient items so they would like any gifts for them given to the Ronald McDonald House.

The Ronald McDonald House has been a blessing to the Montgomery Family the past few months. This house operates by donations only so your gifts there would be a blessing for many. If you choose to participate in this way please bring your gift, monetary or otherwise, to the shower and we will see they get to the Ronald McDonald House. Blessing to you all for your support of the young people in our midst. Any questions? Please call Virginia at 937-766-5670 .

United Methodist Women

Carnations for Father's Day

Dates of sales are Sundays, June 4, and June 11, and in the office thru Friday, June 9. They will be displayed on Father's Day, June 18. Cost per flower is \$1.25. Checks payable to United Methodist Women. You may pick up the flowers you ordered after the

service you attend or in the church office the following week.

Circles:

Lydia – Wed., June 10,
7:30pm in the Parlor

Priscilla – No June or July

Dorcas – Tuesday, June 20,
1:00pm in the Parlor

United Methodist Men

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 this month is 6:30 PM and a meal will be served. The program will start at 7:00 PM. We will meet on June 19th. Come at 7:00 if you only want to attend the program which is a report on the recent West Ohio Conference at Lakeside, OH.

Please call William (Brownie) Brown (372-7373) if you plan to attend for the meal, so we can plan the quantity of food. All men are welcome and you can bring a friend. Hope to see you on the 19th.

**2017 West Ohio
Conference**

**United Methodist Church
Potato Drop Project**

Every year during the West Ohio Conference (WOC) the United Methodist

Men sponsor a POTATO DROP. We ask all delegates to bring a bag or 2 of potatoes. They are dropped off at a truck at Lakeside and all the potatoes are delivered to local food pantries. I'm suggesting that Faith Community members share in this worthwhile mission project by bringing a bag or 2 of potatoes and dropping them off at the flag pole outside of our church on the morning of (Sunday) June 4th. FCUMC delegates will deliver them to Lakeside that day. Thanks for your consideration. John Sherer

On behalf of the Faith Community United Methodist Men, I want to thank everyone who donated items or gave their time & talents to make our garage sale a huge success. A special thanks to all the ladies who stepped up to help us men, sharing their time and talents in pricing and organizing the items. I'm happy to report that, in spite of the terrible weather, we cleared about \$2,700.00 in the 6 hours of sales. In addition we donated items (probably worth another \$1,000.00) to the Salvation Army.

We need younger men to volunteer.

This would be a wonderful way for younger men of our church to get to know us older guys. This is a wonderful project but we do need younger blood to help with heavy lifting. To volunteer for next year, call me at 372-2204. To God be the glory as we use these funds to further His Kingdom through missions and projects here on earth.

Sincerely,
John W. Sherer, Chair
FCUMM Garage Sale

Congratulations High School Graduates

Erica Benson, Chris Brodsky, Davion Clemons, William Cody, Thomas Dunlap, Chris Koehler, Alex Mills, Autumn Perry, Kylie Saner, and Michaela Skaggs.

Confirmation Class of 2017

Erica Benson, Joseph Dunlap, Samuel Lewis, and Isabel Wickline. Thanks to their mentors Barb Thompson, Ben Thompson, Scott Jenkins, and Stephanie Blackburn.

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation of seeds to the Gardening Program of Jackson Area Ministries. Without gifts such as yours we would not be able to help families in southeast Ohio raise their own

fresh produce. As of this week, we have requests for over 4,000 gardens.

We are glad you are a part of our ministry. We are grateful for your support and prayers.

Blessings,

*Rev. Bob Davis, Director
Judy Long, Secretary*

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Dear Pastor Rick,

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for delivering such a beautiful service for our mom, Mary Ellen Hartley. We received many nice comments for the touching way you delivered the cherished memories of her life. Thank you very much. God Bless you.

Sincerely,

*Rick and Debbie Furber,
Jim and Debbie Furber,
Jim and Susan Kime,
Ed Hartley*

Passings

Prayers and sympathy to the families of **Donna Shiveley-Stupp, Marjean McColaugh, William Simons,**

Baptism

Erica Benson Sunday,
May 21, 2017

Blood Drive

The next blood drive at Faith Community will be On Monday, June 12, 2:00-6:00 P.M. You can make a reservation to donate by going to www.donortime.com. This website is not overly user-friendly unless you can remember your donor number and password. However, I will be happy to make an appointment for you. Call **John Ford at 372-6641** or email jford9@woh.rr.com. Ask for your preferred appointment time. I will confirm your appointment if you leave a telephone number or email address. Mark your calendars and plan to donate. Our drives here at FCUM are scheduled approximately 8 weeks apart from those at St. Brigid which makes it convenient to stay on schedule for donations.

Mary Ellen Hartley, and William Kidder.

Remember that your one-time donation can save as many as three lives.



Songs **Crafts** **Bible Stories**
Games **Snacks**

WHAT: VBS

All Welcome Ages 4-11

WHEN:

June 19th – June 23rd
9:30am – 12:00pm

WHERE:

Faith Community United
Methodist
100 Country Club Drive
Xenia, Ohio

CONTACT: 937-372-7601