

July 2017

Senior Pastor: Barb Schnecker Associate: Deacon Rick Tettau

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 Traditional in Sanctuary

10:15 Sunday School & Fellowship

11:15 Contemporary in Community Center

Sunday Worship

July 2: Pastor Barb “Quenching Your Thirst” Matthew 10:40-42

Holy Communion

July 9: Pastor Rick

“The Lord’s Prayer

Challenge” Matthew 6:1-13

July 16: Pastor Barb

“What Kinds of Seeds Are You Sowing?” Matthew

13:1-9, 18-23

Anoint Youth for Mission Trip

July 23: Pastor Barb

“What Do We Do with Weeds in Our Life?”

July 30: Pastor Rick

“From a Mustard Seed”

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Attendance

Date	Worship	S.S.
May 28	197	78
June 4	215	81
June 11	196	61
June 18	206	62

Pastor’s Message

“Do good! Seek peace and go after it!” Psalm

34:14b has been the theme of our God Heroes VBS this past week. I am reminded that God empowers and we find our strength in God as we allow God to change our hearts and follow like David. A man after God’s own heart is what we find when we look up David. David wasn’t perfect, but God worked in his life to give him a heart for God and building God’s kingdom.

As God’s hero or disciple, we must have courage. God knows the tasks that are ahead of us. When Abraham was asked to sacrifice Isaac in Genesis 22, Abraham found that God supplied. There are countless people within the scripture that demonstrate courage. Where has God asked you to demonstrate courage recently and how have you found God to be faithful?

As we encounter every day anew, we need wisdom, not earthly wisdom, but Godly wisdom to enable us to see how Jesus handled a

variety of situations and to teach us true wisdom that glorifies God. Will our choices witness the power of resurrection and will we begin to see things from God's perspective? Often our own faith will be launched into a whole new dimension by the power of the Holy Spirit when we seek Godly wisdom.

Hope is what we have in God to lead us and direct us. Psalm 27:14 tells us "Hope in the Lord!" I am fully aware that my thoughts are not God's thoughts, for God's ways are higher than any of our thoughts. We find that in Isaiah 55:8-9. In order to be obedient, we cannot make decisions without asking the Lord to guide and direct us. My hope is that we build God's kingdom and glorify the Lord through worship, spiritual growth, and mission and outreach as we become Christ's hands and feet. Who is God asking you to invite to worship, growth group, mentor, or serve alongside of?

The Holy Spirit empowers us to have the power to be a channel instead of a reservoir, a powerful wind instead of the breeze from a fan, and God asks us to get out of the boat if we are ever go-

ing to walk on the water. We have been called to be Christ's disciples. There are times when we can be a witness, a servant, a means in which we can share the love of Christ with others through our witness. After all, we are God's people and we have a mission to make disciples for the transformation of the world!

Blessings,
Pastor Barb

Change of Church

Office Hours: Beginning Monday, June 26, 2017 the church office will be open Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Worship Services: Starting Sunday, July 2, 2017 Faith Community will have 2 worship services instead of 3.

9:00 – 10:00 am Traditional in the Sanctuary,

10:15 – 11:00 am Sunday School & Fellowship

11:15 am – 12:15 pm Contemporary Service in the Community Center

Breakthrough Prayer Photos

Thank you for praying together the Faith Community Breakthrough Prayer at 6:10 am or pm every day. I thought it might be fun to see where people find themselves praying at 6:10 am & 6 pm. Please send Pastor Barb by text (513-509-8738) or email (pastorbarb@fcum.org) a picture of you or those with whom you are praying the Breakthrough Prayer now through July 14th. There will be give-aways! Let's pray Faith Community, like it depends on us!



Stephen Ministry Frequently Asked Questions

Although Faith Community UMC has been a Stephen Ministry church since the early 1990's, it's not unusual that we have questions about the program. In the next few months, we'll revisit the most frequently asked questions: About Stephen Ministers, Receiving a Stephen Minister, Working with a Stephen Minister, and Other Questions. This month we'll concentrate on Frequently

Asked Questions about Stephen Ministers.

Who are Stephen Ministers?

Stephen Ministers are members of a congregation who are specially trained to provide emotional and spiritual care to individuals facing a crisis or difficult situation. They demonstrate God's love by coming alongside care receivers who need a little extra support.

How are Stephen Ministers trained?

After submitting an application, being interviewed and receiving favorable recommendations from references, potential Stephen Ministers must complete 50 hours of initial training. Topics include the art of listening, Christian care and prayer, confidentiality, assertiveness, boundaries, how to begin and end caring relationships, depression, grief and loss, and divorce. Stephen Ministers participate in monthly continuing education to help them grow as Christians and care givers.

How are Stephen Ministers supervised?

All Stephen Ministers participate in monthly supervision. This supervision provides support, encouragement, and accountability for each other so they can provide the

highest quality care. During supervision, Stephen Ministers may discuss issues their care receivers are facing but they never discuss care receivers by name or give other identifying information. Only Stephen Leaders who handle referrals know who is receiving care.

Who are Stephen Leaders?

Stephen Leaders are Stephen Ministers who have undergone extensive additional training and who oversee the Stephen Ministry program. They recruit, select, train, organize, and supervise Stephen Ministry. They also help identify people in need of care and match them with a trained Stephen Minister.

Why do Stephen Ministers volunteer?

Stephen Ministers are Christians who have discovered that they have gifts of caring, encouragement, listening, faith, mercy, and compassion. They feel called to serve others through this ministry and participate because they know that in Christ alone is there hope.

What kinds of problems are Stephen Ministers equipped to deal with?

Stephen Ministers support care receivers who are dealing with all sorts of prob-

lems. They include but are not limited to:

The loss of a loved one, divorce or separation, failed relationships, family stress

*Hospitalization, serious or chronic illness, aging and dying, recovery after an accident or disaster.

*Birth, adoption, miscarriage, infertility

*Unemployment or job crisis, financial concerns, relocation

Are any areas off-limits?

Stephen Ministers are not equipped to work with minors, those who are at risk of hurting themselves or others, or those who need mental health treatment, therapy, or medication. When appropriate, Stephen Ministers may refer care receivers to health professional or counselors. For additional information about these and other Stephen Ministry-related questions, contact Becky Cultice at 376-5747 or culticer@sbcglobal.net.

United Methodist Women

Thanks to all who participated in the carnation sales for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Circles:

Lydia – No meetings July and August
Priscilla – No July meeting
Dorcas – Tuesday, July 18, 1-3:30pm-Parlor

CALLING ALL MEN: - THIS MEANS Y O U !!

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 July 17th. Come at 7:00 if you only want to attend the program which will be a video from Lighthouse Baptist Church with interviews with some of the people from their recovery ministry.

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.

Potato Drop Results

Thanks to all who brought potatoes Sunday, June 4th. I delivered 220 lbs. of potatoes to the Lakeside St. An-

draws/Meal for Millions Truck. The overall response was great. We filled 5.5 4X4X4 bins with potatoes to be delivered to local food banks.

John.Sherer, Miami Valley District UMM Meals for Millions coordinator.

Thank You Notes

I would like to thank Pastor Barb, Pastor Rick and everyone for their concerns, support, phone calls, cards and prayers after my recent injury. They were enjoyed and appreciated.

I am blessed to be a member of such a friendly and caring church.

Thanks again.

Genevieve (Genny) Jones

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*Dear Faith Community Church,*

*Thank you so much for your care, prayers, and expressions of support during my recent surgery. Thanks also to Pastor Rick who took the time to visit me in the hospital.*

*Thankfully, all things seem to be proceeding according to plan and I am able to walk better each day. I expect the follow-up*

appointment to be very positive.

Again, thank you for all of your care and concern. It is a joy to have such a supportive community.

Sincerely,  
Vicki Huff

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Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift you are helping to provide assistance for survivors of human trafficking, funding for health and development projects that alleviate hunger and poverty, holistic community-based health programs, and access to clean water and sanitation. Thanks for giving so generously.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Hernandez
General Treasurer, General Board of Global Ministries

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Dear Faith Community,

It is with much gratitude that I thank you for your recent financial support of the work of Interfaith Hospitality Network, Schneider House of Hope. Without friends like you,

we could not accomplish our mission to help those who are most in need in Greene County.

William Mallernee  
Executive Director, IHN  
of Greene

### Passings

Prayers and sympathy are extended to Ann Ledbetter on the death of her niece **Marilyn Harner Simlele**. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Marjorie Harner.



### Fellowship Night in Xenia Athletes in Action

invites members and friends of Faith Community to a fun evening of Xenia Scouts Baseball on Saturday, July 15 at 7:05 pm. Bring the whole family for an exciting evening of Division I baseball. Park located at 1197 South Detroit Street in Xenia. Admission is Free!

### **VBS Thanks**

A heroes thank-you for every song sung, for each child welcomed and registered, for each craft created, for all the Bible lessons taught, some tears wiped and laughs shared, for fun games played, for yummy snacks made and enjoyed, for pictures of children captured, and prayers offered, and financial offerings donated. A heartfelt thanks for all who helped to make VBS a very special and meaningful experience for almost 80 children last week. It

could not have been done without you. You are truly God's Super Heroes.

Gratefully, Betsy & Joyce

**Deadline for August Faith Links: Friday, July 14**

