

April 2018

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Sunday Worship

9:00-10:00 Sunday School
10:00-10:30 Fellowship Time
10:30-11:30-Worship in Sanctuary

Worship Schedule

April 1: Easter Sunday

John 20:1-18

Breakfast 9-10am

Easter Egg Hunt 10:10am

No Sunday School

Worship 10:30-11:30am

Communion in the Pews

April 8: John 20:19-31

Coins for Missions

April 15: Luke 24:36-48

Children's Choir "The Unexpected Guest: A Parable"

April 22: John 10:11-28

Bell Choir

April 29: John 15:1-8

Carry-in Meal After
Worship

Sunday Participation

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>S.S.</u>
Feb. 25	112	65
Mar. 4	110	58
Mar. 11	122	79
Mar. 18	123	67

From Pastor Barb

For Christians, Easter is a time of celebrating Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is available to all who believe in him. Jesus lived a life of service to others, healing, casting out demons, bringing the dead to life, and performing miracles. Although Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection all point to Jesus as God's Son, it was really his death and resurrection that proves this fact.

We come to understand through scripture, tradition, reason and experience that Jesus' main purpose was to reconcile us to God the Father through his life, death and resurrection. Eastertide is

our reason to celebrate the new life that we receive through God's grace. The whole earth celebrates as new life springs forth; all we need to do is stop and look around. Can you see it?

Whatever stress or evil may come, it is only temporary since the life and power of God is stronger. The steadfast love of God has raised Jesus and that same love can raise us up as well. We can be raised to newness of life through Jesus Christ!

Let us celebrate our risen Savior. Christ the Lord is risen...yes, he is risen indeed!



Stephen Ministry

Don't Miss This Timely Opportunity

Helping Families UNDERSTAND the Opioid Crisis is the topic for a presentation on Sunday, April 15th. Sponsored by the Greater Dayton Stephen Ministry Network, presenters include a grieving mother, a nurse on the

staff of the Ohio Attorney General's staff, and a representative from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. This event is free and is open to anyone who has been impacted by this crisis or those who want to learn more about what is happening locally.

Registration begins at 2 p.m. and the program will run from 2:15-4:30. Light refreshments will be served. Parkview United Methodist Church, 3713 Benner Road in Miamisburg is hosting this session.

While advance notice isn't necessary, RSVP's will be helpful and are requested by April 7th. For additional information or to RSVP, contact Becky Cultice @ 937-376-5747 or culticer@sbcglobal.net .

Educational Assistance for 2018-2019

Applications for Faith Community's Educational Assistance are available in the church office. Assistance will be offered to students who are active at Faith

Community and are entering or continuing their education in college or technical schools. Applications must be completed and returned to the church office by April 15, 2018.

Xenia Community Schools Foundation Hall of Honor

Did you know that 3 of the 5 new inductees into the Hall of Honor this year are or were members of Faith Community United Methodist Church? Congratulations to Brad Montgomery, Brian Stephan, and the family of the late Phyllis Pennewitt. They will be inducted on Saturday April 28. It is good to see members of our church recognized for their contributions to our community. May God bless you as you continue to bless our community and our congregation.

Sunday School News

I'm not certain that you will get this news before Easter Morning. It is a real challenge to be in

the know when Easter arrives on April 1, and that's no joke. Here's what happened or what will be happening soon.

1. Easter Breakfast will be served from 9 to 10 am on April 1. Thank you to all who have volunteered to assist with this project in any way. What a fun time to eat and work together and celebrate the resurrection of our Christ.
2. Jeanne Mills has agreed to be in charge of the Easter Egg Hunt. It will be at 10:10. Thank you Jeanne. No one knows how to do this better than you.
3. There will be no Sunday School Classes that morning

Also, we are in need of a teacher for the youth class or a person (or people) to do what I do on Sunday mornings so I can teach the youth class. Please let me know if you are interested in either. If you are not interested, please pray about it anyway. Call Virginia Pinkerton or talk with Pastor Barb or Mary Shumard.

Finally, thank you to all those who teach or help with the Sunday School or the Junior Church. What a blessing you are to our church. We do have a dedicated group of teachers who also love the Lord. If you are a class member, thank your teacher.

Blessings,
Virginia Pinkerton

Common Cup

We will be serving Meat Loaf and Chicken and Noodles on April 4th during the Common Cup hour. You are welcome to come and join us as always. On May 2nd entrées will include none other than Ham Loaf and Chicken A La King. These will most likely be the last Common Cup meals as we know them. The Common Cup Council is in the process of deciding the future activities of that group. Stay tuned. Questions? Call Virginia Pinkerton

Henderson Settlement Mission Trip

There will be a mission trip planning meeting at Faith Community on April 5th at 6:30 pm in the library. The purpose of this meeting is to:

- 1) determine who, and how many are interested
- 2) take a look at the community and campus projects that we may be able to do (based on who is going)
- 3) decide on the trip date and duration.

Feel free to contact me with any questions at email: Patrick.Haley59@yahoo.com.

~~ Pat Haley

United Methodist Women

Circle Meetings

Lydia: Wednesday, April 11, 7pm- Parlor

Priscilla: Monday, April 16, pm - Parlor

Dorcas: Tuesday, April 17, 1:00pm - Parlor

Mother's Day Carnation Sale

United Methodist

Women will be selling Mother's Day carnations on Sunday, April 15, 22, 29 and May 6. Flowers will be displayed in the sanctuary on Mother's Day, May 13.

Cost of flowers is \$1.25 each. Forms will also be available in the office beginning Monday, April 16. Please make checks payable to F.C. United Methodist Women and indicate in the memo "Carnations". We are unable to accept orders without payment. No phone orders please.

Mother-Daughter Banquet Friday, May 11

Tickets will be available in the narthex April 8, 15, 22, and 29. Price of tickets is: 12 years and older-\$10.00; ages 4-11-\$6.00; 3 and under - no charge.

Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information.

United Methodist Men

The Men of Faith will be meeting on the third Monday of each month in 2018. 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 16. Come at 7:00 if you only want to attend the program.

The program will be "Show & Tell" and everyone is invited to attend and bring your favorite item to show & tell. Please call William (Brownie) Brown (372-7373) if you plan to attend for the meal, so we can plan the quantity of food for the meal. All men are welcome and you can bring a friend. Hope to see you on the 16th.

The Men of Faith are exploring the idea of hosting a family night out for a Rodeo (tickets \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children) some Friday night in July and perhaps a family night out at the Dragon's Baseball game (ticket

price \$12.00 and we could all sit together). This would require RSVP. If you and your family would be interested in either of these events, please email John Sherer at shererjw@aol.com or call 372-2204 or catch me at church.

Higher Education Update

Would you like to send a quick pick-me-up to one (or more) of our 11 FCUM college students? I am going to purchase Thinking of You cards and have them already addressed to a student. All you will need to do is drop in a nice note, sign it, stamp it, and drop it in the mail. Most of the students will be taking their final exams in the middle of April to the first few days in May. How nice it will make them feel to know that their home church family is thinking about and praying for them. I would love for each student to receive at least 5 cards from 5 different

people or groups (UMW, Sunday School Classes, etc.), so I am looking for 55 people or groups to send the cards. I will have them available before and after the church service on March 25th, April 1st (Easter Sunday), and April 8th. You can also contact me at wicklinecasa.com or by texting me at 937-207-8289 for more information. Thank you and God Bless each of our FCUM college students.
~~Julie Wickline

Mission Team Updates

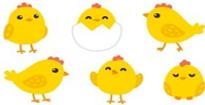
Thanks to all who stopped by to fill in a heart to share the many ways our church members serve here in Xenia, outside our community and internationally. We had 78 different areas of service. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!**

Thanks to all those who have helped with the recent SHOES 4 the SHOELESS event and all who brought in seeds for the Jackson Area Ministry seed program.

Our team is looking at some new options this spring at Shawnee Elementary only a few blocks away. The immediate needs would be to provide pencils, dry erase markers and crayons for use in the classrooms. The primary grades would like to have volunteers come in and read with the children. We're also collecting "BOX TOPS" for EDUCATION. Please find a table in the entry way for the collections. If you want more information to volunteer at Shawnee, please contact Betsy Murray @ 372-8376.

Faith Community Preschool

April 3rd Chipotle
Fundraiser- Please consider eating at Chipotle from 4:00pm-8:00pm and help support our Preschool



Preschool will be getting Chick eggs so we can learn how they hatch and turn into Chickens.



We will also be getting caterpillars so we can watch them turn into beautiful butterflies!!

Our older preschoolers got to experience our own "Faith Community Preschool Olympics".



We also went to Domino's Pizza, took a tour and made our own pizzas.



Our Preschool Open House will be on April 10th from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Passings

Prayers and sympathy to Mary Jane Short and family on the passing of her husband **Bill Short**.

VBS

We're building our CREW to help with VBS as we take the kids on an adventure aboard the **ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE** to learn the stories of Jesus.

Join our crew June 11-15 from 9:30-12:00. We need teachers and helpers; galley workers, help with crafts, recreation and registration. There are duties for all skill levels.

Don't be left on shore! Get on board by calling Joyce Smith @ 937-609-3907 or Betsy Murray @ 937-372-8376.

Showers for Blessings

Since it was decided that little Amelia Burgess must arrive early, the Showers for Blessings did not happen as expected. However, we are so grateful for those of you who brought a gift to the church. Sandy Pramer delivered them to Jennifer and Jeremy the next day. Praise the Lord for the doctor and circumstances that helped Amelia arrive safely. Blessings!!

If you know of any pregnant mom in need of some good ol' Faith Community UMC attention, please let Sandy Pramer or Virginia Pinkerton know.

Blood Drive

The following participated in the blood drive on February 19: Bradley Ault, Stacie Barcus, Mary Beatty, Christopher Bradley, Steven Brodsky, Linda Chaplin, Donald Coakley, Wayne Cook, Alison Corry, James Edwards, Barbara Fabricatore, Alyssa Gant, Lorraine Greene, Dallas Hanson, Mark Hartman, Luan Heit, Lu Irwin, Jacob Jones, Cynthia Lennon,

Laura Long, Rosanna Mackey, Steven Mackey, Carol Mahaffey, Carol Milam, Betsy Murray, Lucy Parsons, Susan Pfeiffer, Jaclyn Pierce, Jodi Pitzer, Catherine Ream, Cherie Sheets, Carla Skaggs, C. Smittkamp, John Tatman,

Adrienne Traxler, Regina Urban, Ronald Volkerding, Thomas Wallman.

**DEADLINE FOR MAY
FAITH LINKS: Friday,
April 13**



UNITED METHODIST MEN'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE is scheduled for **Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5**. 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 3 from 1 to 8 PM, or Friday May 4 from 9 AM -12 Noon.** The sale runs from 6 to 9 PM Friday evening and will continue Saturday morning 9 AM to 11 AM. 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.