

August 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

Aug. 5: John 6:24-35
Holy Communion in Pews
Aug. 12: John 6:35, 41-51
Blessing of the Shoes
Aug. 19: John 6:51-58
Blessing of the backpacks,
students, teachers and
school employees
Aug. 26: John 6:56-69
Fall Kick-off for
Sunday School

Attendance

Date	Worship	SS
June 14	90	43
July 1	106	31
July 8	103	41
July 15	94	40

From Pastor Barb

The reality is that everyone makes mistakes. The issue isn't whether you will make them; it's what you do about them. It's

whether you will choose the path of humility and courage or the path of ego and pride – Stephen Covey.

For two years, I have served as the pastor of Faith Community. I am human and I have made some mistakes along the way. With a humble heart, it has been my intent to do no harm, to do good, and to stay in love with God. Three simple rules that are engrained in the Wesleyan and Methodist tradition. Just let me say, if I have caused pain, I apologize and am truly sorry, it was not my intent. I pray that we can be a forgiving church and love one another as Christ loves us.

I believe that we must move forward, for we, together, are the body of Christ and find our common ground in the grace and love of Jesus and the Savior

that we serve. I am reminded that it is in our brokenness and humility that the light of Christ can truly shine through. We are like a beautiful stain glass picture where the light shines through the broken and cut pieces of glass, giving us a beautiful picture of the One that puts us all together. Romans 8:28 tells us, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

I love to read and usually have several books that I am reading at any given time. One author, Stephen Covey, has written several books that I have found to be helpful in church growth and personal growth that I would like to share with you.

Below are 10 quotes from Stephen Covey that have the power to completely change the direction of one's life, and I believe the direction of our relationships in our church.

1) The key is not to prioritize what's on your

schedule, but to schedule your priorities.

2) The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.

3) Live out of your imagination, not your history.

4) Trust is the glue of life. It's the most essential ingredient in effective communication. It's the foundational principle that holds all relationships.

5) Most of us spend too much time on what is urgent and not enough time on what is important.

6) I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions.

7) You have to decide what your highest priorities are and have the courage—pleasantly, smilingly, unapologetically, to say "no" to other things. And the way you do that is by having a bigger "yes" burning inside. The enemy of the "best" is often the "good."

8) I teach people how to treat me by what I will allow.

9) Love is a verb. Love – the feeling – is the fruit of love the verb or our loving actions, so love.

10) Live, love, laugh, leave a legacy.

In reading these quotes, and understanding that there is power in forgiveness, I pray that we are all touched by the power of the Holy Spirit, that Faith Community UMC will be the church that God calls us to be in our brokenness and humility through forgiveness and as the body of Christ move forward into God's future.

Everyone falls down, but it is in getting back up that is how we begin to walk again...Psalm 37:23-24 tells us..."A person's steps are made secure by the LORD when they delight in his way. Though they trip up, they won't be thrown down, because the

LORD holds their hand."

May God bless us for each step of our journey as the body of Christ.

~~Pastor Barb



Don't forget our fifth Sunday gathering on July 29 in the fellowship hall following the 10:30 service. We will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a side or dessert. Beverages and table settings will be provided. We hope to see you all there!!



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Stephen Ministry

Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart:

How to Relate to Those Who Are Suffering

Shel Silverstein's poem "Helping" describes two very different kinds of help:

*And some kind of help
Is the kind of help
That helping's all about*

*And some kind of help
Is the kind of help
We can all do without.*

Kenneth C. Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist who is the founder and Executive Director of Stephen Ministries in St. Louis, Missouri and the author of *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart*, experienced both kinds of "help" in the months before and after his wife's death. He learned first-hand a great deal about what is and what is not helpful when one is hurting. During times of suffering, everyone intends to help. No one tries to add to another's hurt. We look for ways to comfort, express our concern, and love. And, if we are the person who is hurting, we hope others will console, comfort, care, and love us when we feel the most vulnerable. Haugk recognizes that at some point each of us fails to be the kind of caregiver we'd like to be. As a

result of his experiences, he determined to do all that he could to alleviate some of the pain of suffering by "heading off the hurtful and promoting the helpful" when he wrote this book.

The writers of the Bible were aware of our tendency to add to the pain of those we really want to help. One proverb especially speaks to this:

*Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day,
or like vinegar poured on soda,
is one who sings songs to a heavy heart. -Proverbs 25:20*

This proverb, as true today as when it was written, indicates that we can actually increase a suffering person's pain with misdirected care. With the best of intentions we can add to another's problems. Since suffering people are so fragile, those who relate to them must relate with sensitivity and compassion. In *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart*, Haugk offers suggestions not only about what not to say and do but offers

suggestions about what we can say and do.

Haugk reminds us that one of the great truths about relating to those who are suffering is that nobody does it perfectly. God continues to call imperfect people to reach out and do the best we can. Recognizing this frees us to care even as we grow in learning how to be more effective care givers. As Christians, we are called to bring hope and compassion during times of suffering. To learn more, read *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart*. A copy is available in the Stephen Ministry section of the adult library.

No one should hurt alone. That's why we have Stephen Ministry! Faith Community UMC desires to be a place where no one has to hurt alone. God works through specially trained men and women (Stephen Ministers) to plant a seed of hope and healing in a person whose life has taken an unwanted detour. To learn more, contact Becky Cultice at 376-5747 or culticer@sbcglobal.net.

United Methodist Women

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Circle Meetings

Dorcas: Tuesday, Aug. 21, 1 pm - Parlor

Shoes 4 the Shoeless



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Thank you for your support of our Shoes outreach ministry. Since its inception FCUM has provided new gym shoes, new socks, and bibles to over a thousand children through your giving and service. These are the dates we will be needing help:

August 4, 9:00 (devotions); 10-12 noon – Measuring Day

August 12, 10:30 – Blessing of the shoes, socks, and bibles during worship

August 18, 9:00 (Devotions); 10-12 noon – Fitting Day

If you are unable to work with the children and would like to help, please consider one of these options:

*Restock our inventory – The church serves individual families when needs arise. We need our “shoe closet” well maintained and organized.

*Sponsor a child by purchasing shoes. Take a child’s name, buy the gym shoes during the week, and return the gym shoes by **August 12.**

*Financial donations are used to purchase bibles and fulfill special needs. Every dollar benefits the children. Checks are made payable to the church marked “Shoes 4 Shoeless”. If you have questions please contact Sandy Pramer or Mary Shumard.

Come One, Come All



The Men of Faith and the United Methodist Women’s **August 20th** event will be a cookout at the Historical Society beginning at 6:30 PM. The men will furnish the hamburgers, hot dogs, paper plates and plastic ware. The women will furnish the drinks and condiments. We are inviting **all the members of the Church to attend.** Bring a dish to share and come and enjoy the evening with us. **Please call William (Brownie) Brown (372-7373) if you plan to attend,** so we can plan the quantity of food for the meal. Everyone is welcome and you can bring a friend. Hope to see you on the 20th.

Tours of the buildings will be available after the meal.



Prayers and Sympathy

To Laura McMillan and family on the passing of her son, **Michael McMillan.**; to family and friends of **Nancy Diamond** on her passing;

and to John Ford on the passing of his twin brothers.

Preschool



Faith Community Pre-school has been in operation as a ministry of the church for nearly 40 years. The Preschool would like to offer the opportunity for you

to be a part of this early educational experience.

Please consider making a donation to support and assist the Preschool program. Your donation will enable the Preschool to provide our students with a jumpstart on their educational journey. For more information please contact the Preschool director, Michelle Holtvoght at 372-8396.

We are still accepting **REGISTRATIONS** for the 2018/2019 school year!! Our **OPEN HOUSE** will be Tuesday August 28th from 10:00am-2:00pm as well as 6:00pm-8:00pm.



Barbara Moll will be moving to Toledo in the next few weeks. She has been a long-time member and volunteer in many capacities

at Faith Community for over 30 years. We wish her the very best in this new chapter of her life. Barb's new address is: 2854 Carrie Creek Lane, Toledo, OH 43617.

Blood Drive

Community Blood Center thanks the following for presenting to donate at Faith Community on Monday, June 18:

Timothy Bahorik, Ronald Baudendistel, Mary Beatty, Brett Beatty, Christopher Bradley, James Campbell, Wayne Cook, Alison Corry, Diane Dubose, Bynthia Edgington, Barbara Fabricatore, Susan Fellie, Eric Gagliano, Alyssa Gant, Lorraine Greene, John Hames, Mark Hartman, James Holtkamp, Kevin Hyde, Rachel Kelsey,

Laura Long, Steven Mackey, Sherri Mash, Mary McCourt, Richard Montgomery, Aimee Morse, Lucy Parsons, Jodi Pitzer, Sandra Pramer, Catherine Ream, Cherie Sheets, Carla Skaggs, C. Smittkamp, Gail Steele, Richard Stelzer, Peter Sterphan, Alan Stock, John Tatman, Adreinne Traxler, Ronald Volkerding, Thomas Wallman, Forest Wilson

**Deadline for September
Faith Links: Aug. 17**