



October 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

October 7: Mark 10:2-16, World Communion Sunday
Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

October 14: Mark 10:17-31, UMW Sunday

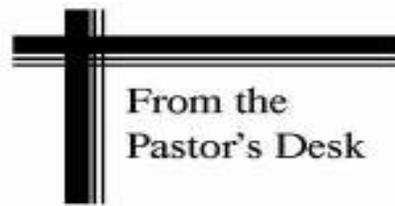
October 21: Mark 10:35-45

October 28: Mark 10:46-52

Reformation Sunday

Attendance

Date	Worship	SS
Aug. 26	110	47
Sept. 2	100	47
Sept. 9	116	47
Sept. 16	115	56



"The Greater Good"

There are a number of places in reading the New Testament where we can see a clear picture of the body of Christ through church membership. One of the most descriptive

sections is in 1 Corinthians chapters 12-14. In 1 Corinthians 12, the Apostle Paul explains the metaphor of the church being a body gifted and blessed with many members, all sharing for the greater good of the whole.

In 1 Corinthians 14, Paul returns to the church in Corinth that had the concept of church membership a little mixed up. Some churches view membership as a modern business or organizational concept, so they then tend to reject the biblical model or do not fully understand church membership.

The Bible explains “members” differently than the secular understanding. For example, look at the term used in 1 Corinthians 12:27-28; “Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it. And God has placed these in the church.”

We get the difference, don’t we? Members of a church comprise the greater whole with a variety of parts that care for the greater good of the whole. Paul concludes, “For as the body is one and has many parts, all the parts of that body, though many are one body that is also in Christ.” (1 Corinthians 12:12)

Most of us know 1 Corinthians 13 as the love chapter in the Bible. Most often it is used at weddings for a husband and wife to declare the love that is between them. While there is nothing wrong with the use of the love chapter in these contexts, its original meaning was to demonstrate how church members can relate to one another. Let’s look at some of the relational principles of 1 Corinthians 13: “Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not conceited, does not act improperly, is not selfish, is not provoked, and does not keep a record of wrong doing.” (vs 4-5)

These principles alone are sufficient to cause a revival in most churches! We are not to love only the loveable church members but the unloveable ones as well. As the body of Christ we are to pray, encourage, and love others when they do the things we agree with and the things we don’t agree with or like. Church membership is founded on love, the kind that is authentic, biblical, and unconditional.

We have been challenged...challenged to love at all times and with all people...we have been challenged to love in a way that begins a revival! As I watched the outpouring of love for people, we don't even know, that have been devastated by Hurricane Florence, I thought about the people in our community and in our church that reach out to others as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Is there anything more beautiful than the body of Christ, loving others the way Christ loves us? May all that we do be done with love. ~~Pastor Barb

Fall Semester Care Packages for our College Crew

October 28th and November 4th, we will be collecting care package goodies to send to our 12 FCUM college students. Julie Wickline will be outside the sanctuary on these days prior to and following our 10:30am service to collect items such as highlighters, pens, post-it notes, microwave popcorn, chips, candy, apples, teas, coffees, gum, boxes of raisins – really anything that you think a college student would appreciate and that can fit in a 12x12 shipping box. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, that would be wonderful and can help cover the shipping costs involved. Any question call or text Julie at 937-207-8289.

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**Stephen
Ministry**

Where Can We Go to Get the Whole Truth?

If you have ever read the “Ombudsman Column” in the *Dayton Daily News* and wondered about what the program entails and how it works, you have an opportunity to satisfy your curiosity on Sunday, October 21. The Greater Dayton Stephen Ministry Network is sponsoring a free presentation for all interested persons at Hope United Methodist Church,

across from Miami Valley South. Diane D. Welborn, Ombudsman, will assist attendees in learning about what services are available in our area and how best to maximize the chances for the effective delivery of the services. Resource materials will be provided as well. Registration begins at 2:15 and the program itself will be from 2:30-4:30. Light refreshments will be served.

According to some sources, the Ombudsman's function was created in the Middle Ages so that people who weren't craftspeople, tradesmen, or other learned persons would have someone to turn to if they were having difficulty getting solid information about a social service provider who was supposed to be helping them but wasn't. They were sort of arbiters, people who listened to both sides of a discussion and found a winning center. Today anyone can turn to the ombudsman's office for help with numerous service providers. Common areas of concern include: Social Security Benefits, Child Support, Public Assistance Benefits, Medicare and Medicaid.

In fact, many individuals utilize the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program which was established by federal law over three decades ago. Trained and certified Ombudsman advise and assist residents and families throughout the nation. The mission of this branch is to promote high quality, compassionate care for consumers of long-term care services through complaint investigation and resolution and providing access to unbiased factual information on long-term care issues. They work with individuals and long-term facilities to resolve complaints and advocate for residents' rights for nursing home residents. Ombudsmen assist residents in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult care homes as well as in-home services. There are no fees or charges for assistance provided by the Ombudsman program. It offers three types of services: information, complaint investigation/resolution, and advocacy in the facilities.

When Should the Ombudsman Be Called?

- If a consumer has a question that cannot be resolved through normal channels.
- If a consumer believes there has been an act of discrimination, unfair treatment, or denial of a service believed to be appropriate and necessary.

What Might the Ombudsman Do?

Listen, respond quickly to the request or complaint, explain what is happening and why, help clarify regulations and laws, mediate conflicts between the consumer and the agency, and contact persons who may help. Come to this informative program and consider bringing a friend too.

For more information, contact Becky Cultice at 376-5747.



We are happy to welcome John Sherer as a teacher for our youth on Sunday mornings. John has a wealth of knowledge about the bible as well as a true heart for the young people. Thank you, John, for volunteering your time and talents with our youth. Please join us as we pray for the welfare of our Sunday School program here at Faith Community.

Nursery - Currently our nursery is closed due to a lack of interested volunteers. If you are interested in serving the little ones of our church, please contact Evelyn Mash.

United Methodist Women

Circle Meetings

Lydia: Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 pm - Parlor

Priscilla: Monday, October 15, 7 pm - Parlor
Dorcas: Tuesday, October 16, 1:00 pm - Parlor

Men of Faith

The Men of Faith meet on the third Monday of each month in 2018 in room #6. Start time is 6:30 PM and a meal is served. The program will start at 7:00 PM. **WE WILL MEET ON OCTOBER 15th**. Come at 7:00 if you only want to attend the program.

The program will be a presentation from "Bridges of Hope". 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 15th.

Baptism



¹¹**Amelia Joy Burgess** was baptized on Sunday, September 23. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Jennifer Burgess, and sister of Connor and Hannah.

Organ Recital - By Dr. John W.W. Sherer, son of John & Sharon Sherer will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 Wilkenson Street, Dayton, Ohio. This is a noon-time recital on Thursday, October 25th. Immediately following the recital there will be a box lunch provided for a fee. Dr. Sherer is organist and Director of Music at Fourth Presbyterian church in Chicago, Illinois, and has his doctorate in organ performance from Juilliard and masters degrees on organ and religion from Yale. The organ recital is free and open to the public. For further information or a ride call John Sherer at 372-2204.



*Dear Church Family,
Thank you to all who sent cards and expressions of sympathy and support following my mother's death.*

~~Becky Cultice

*Thank you for your generous support of **87 hygiene, 68 school kits**, and the monetary donations for shipping that were delivered to the Festival of Sharing on September 15. We are grateful to all who helped make the kits that will meet disaster and educational needs. Again, thank you for all of your support; you are the hands and feet of Christ reaching out in times of need!*

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October 12 - IHN Soup Supper – 5pm
October 16 – I Believe in the Church Event –
Pre-register Now!
October 28 - Trunk or Treat – 6pm
November 9 & 10 – Fall Bazaar



Blood Drive – October 15, 2018 – 2-6pm. 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 e-mail jford9@woh.rr.com. Ask for your referred appointment time. I will confirm your appointment if you leave a telephone no. or e-mail 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 at these two locations. **Remember that your one-time donation can save as many as three lives.**

**Deadline for November Faith Links:
Tuesday, October 16**

Faith Community UMC



Come Join Us
October 28, 2018
6:00 - 8:00 PM

100 Country Club Drive
(937-372-7601)

Treats, Food, Games & Music

