

## May 2019

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

Remember all who gave their lives for our freedom!

Date	Attendance	
	Worship	Sun. School
March 24	122	61
March 31	129	66
April 7	155	58
April 14	159	62
April 21	278	—

### From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

It has been a beautiful Easter Season in our church. I can hardly believe that seven months have passed since I have been your pastor at Faith Community. Needless to say, there have been many changes. I am thankful for your patience and your acceptance, as these "changes" have occurred. One thing that we all learn is that the church of Jesus Christ is always evolving as we seek to do His will and to reach new generations for the gospel. I hope you have been blessed by our sermon series and the we can see ourselves as those who are "Called" by our heavenly father.

I know it has been somewhat difficult having a bi-vocational pastor and I thank you for your understanding as I maneuver many responsibilities. Despite the changes we have experienced, some things remain the same. These are those things that are everlasting and the foundation of our faith. As a church, we are called to worship, study God's word and to seek those who need to find Jesus in their lives. Our actions

must always center on those things that bring glory and praise to God as well as welcome new believers into our midst. We must be a church founded upon the Word of God, fashioned by His mercy and love.

When we consider change, we look to the commands of Jesus. He did not instruct His disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the world to come. He instructed them to go into to the world. Though our going may look different from that of the first disciples, the command stays the same.

We often ask, "What can we do to get people to come to church." But the question we should be asking is "What needs do people have out there that we need to meet?"

Everything Jesus preached about centered upon a "relationship." Our church is ready not only to continue building relationships but also to meet the needs of new relationships that we may have never considered.

I am honored to be your pastor at this most crucial time in the life of Faith Community. Together, we continue on the journey of making our church relevant and accessible to all who would seek His presence and love. As the spring/summer approaches, I covet your prayers. Pray that as we move together in new directions that we may strengthen what we have and prepare for what is to come. To God be the Glory!

**Blessings—Pastor John**



These are some of the most effective organizations that we can join to help protect and heal the Earth. I am a member of several of them:

- The Environmental Defense Fund,
- Nature Conservancy Fund,
- The Ocean Conservancy,
- The Union of Concerned Scientists,
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution,
- National Wildlife Federation Division of Natural Areas and Preserves (Ohio Department of Natural Resources), and ●Little Miami River Watershed Network.

~~Contributed by Alan Barone

## **Faith Community Preschool**

Our school year is coming to an end!!! Sunday May 19th will be our preschool graduation and Friday May 24th will be our last day of Preschool!!

We still have spots available for next year if you or someone you know has a child that is preschool age!!!!

**End of the year/Open House - Sunday  
May 19th from 3:00-5:00**

We will have hot dogs, face painting, live animals, games, etc. This will be a fun event if you or anyone you know that is wanting to come check out our preschool!!!!

## United Methodist Women

### CIRCLES:

Lydia – Wednesday, May 8, 7-8:30 pm in the Parlor

Priscilla – Monday, May 20, 7-9 pm in the Parlor

Dorcias – Tuesday, May 21, 1-3:30 pm in the Parlor

Thanks to all who bought Easter flowers. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We will continue to sell carnations for Mother's Day (May 12) on Sunday, April 28 and May 5.

### Men of Faith

The Men of Faith will meet on Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. in room #6 and a meal will be served. The program will start at 7:00 PM. Come at 7:00 if you only want to attend the program. Men, 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 20th

The program will be a time of fellowship with everyone in the group..

#### FCUM Financial Standing

March Income	\$37,507		Year-to-Date Income	\$88,540	
March Expenses	\$31,332		Year-to-Date Expenses	\$86,051	
Difference	\$6,175	16.46%	Difference	\$2,489	2.81%



## Stephen Ministry

### Here's What People Are Saying About Stephen Ministry

- *I thank God every day for my Stephen Minister. I don't know how I could have made it through the past year without her!*
- *Before I had a Stephen Minister, I struggled with whether I even believed in God. Now I have seen God's love face-to-face through my Stephen Minister. It is life-changing!*
- *As a man, it was difficult and awkward reaching out for help. But I'm glad I did. I probably could have made it alone, but it sure was a lot easier having a Stephen Minister to talk to.*
- *I was ready to give up. But my Stephen Minister wouldn't let me. He kept encouraging me and gave me the motivation to keep going.*

In Matthew 25, Jesus says, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..."

We have many opportunities to respond to Jesus' great love by showing that love to others. Stephen Ministry is one way our congregation shows that love to people who have deep needs for care. You also have many opportunities to show Jesus' love during the week. As you encounter people this week, try asking yourself, "How can I show them Jesus today?"

## **Acolytes**

We are always in search of willing souls to be acolytes for our church service. If you would like to assist us please notify Virginia Pinkerton at 937-766-5670 and we will be happy to schedule and train you.

## **Children's Summer Sunday School**

Plans are in the works for summer Sunday School Activities for the youngsters in our church. All ideas are welcome. We could also use volunteers. Sunday School begins at 9 am. What a great opportunity to meet the young people in our church. Contact Betsy Murray, Joyce Smith, or Virginia Pinkerton

## **Easter Breakfast**

Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Breakfast and the Egg Hunt. It is such a blessing to work together and to spend time with the members of our church. We are a blessed congregation.

## **Kroger Community Rewards Program**

Kroger (Cincinnati) distributes one million dollars to the community each quarter. Faith Community participates in this program. The amount awarded to each organization is based on the number of households and the amount of purchases made each month. Faith community received \$179.47 with 47 households making purchases in January. This is an underutilized program for our membership. If you shop at Kroger's be sure to use a Kroger Rewards card and check to be sure that you are participating in the Community Rewards Program. Once a charity has been designated, it won't have to be done again. You can go on line or call Kroger customer service at 1-800-576-4377. If you don't shop at Kroger's, please consider doing so and sign-up for this program. It is a win win for the church. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. ~~Carol Shaw

## Deadline for June Faith Links: May 17



UNITED METHODIST MEN'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE IS SCHEDULED FOR Friday, May 3rd and Saturday May 4th. 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. 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 2nd from 1 to 8 PM, or Friday May 3th from 9 AM -11 AM. The sale runs from 6 to 9 PM Friday evening and will continue Saturday morning 9 AM to 12 noon. 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.

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If pick up needed, check this

Your support is greatly appreciated!!  
and projects.

Proceeds go for UMM missions

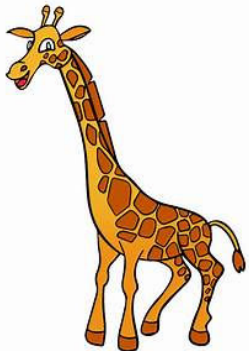
# Vacation Bible School

## June 17-June 21 - 9:30AM to 12:00PM

Mark your calendar and come join the fun. We are planning a week of Wild and Exciting Bible Adventures for all children 4 years to those finishing 5<sup>th</sup> grade. There is no charge. VBS is one of the missions sup-



ported by Faith Community. Please prayerfully consider where you may fit into one of our crews: teachers, classroom helpers, craft workers, snack preparers, recreation leaders and helpers, musicians, greeters, photographers, nursery workers, decorators, registration assistants and other behind the scene workers. Call Joyce Smith, 937-609-3907 or Betsy Murray, 937-768-1143 to volunteer or ask questions.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 10 AM- Bulletin DL 6:15-7:15-Handbells-MR 7:30-Chancel Choir-Sanc.	<b>2</b> 10-11:30 -Bible Study-Parlor 11:30-12:30pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor 1-8pm-drop off for garage sale 6-9pm-Magic Volleyball-FCC	<b>3</b> 6-9pm-Men's Garage Sale-FCC	<b>4</b> 9am-Noon-Men's Garage Sale-FCC
<b>5</b> 9-10-am-Sunday School 10-10:30am-Fellowship & Coffee 10:30-11:30am-Worship-Sanctuary 12-2pm-Educational Assistance Interviews-Parlor	<b>6</b> 6:30-8:30-Cub Scouts-15A&B, #5,11,12 7-8:30 -Boy Scouts-15C 7-9pm-Stephen Ministry-Library	<b>7</b> 4:30-6pm-SPRC-Room 6 6-9pm-Mgic Volleyball-FCC 6-8pm-Girl Scouts-15A,B,C, 16A 6:30-8:30PM-Trustees-Room 6	<b>8</b> 10 AM- Bulletin DL 6:15-7:15-Handbells-MR 7-9pm-Lydia Circle-Parlor 7:30pm-Chancel Choir-Sanctuary	<b>9</b> 10-11:30 -Bible Study-Parlor 11:30-12:30pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor 6-9pm-Magic Volleyball - FCC 7-9pm-Grief Support-P	<b>10</b> 6-9pm-Volleyball Awards Banquet-FCC	<b>11</b>
<b>12 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9-10-am-Sunday School 10-10:30am-Fellowship & Coffee 10:30-11:30am-Worship-Sanctuary	<b>13</b> 6:30-8:30-Cub Scout Mtg.-15A,B,rms. 5,11,12 7-8:30 -Boy Scouts-15C	<b>14</b> 4-5pm-Worship Design Team-Pastor's Office 6-8pm-Girl Scouts Leaders' Mtg.-15A,B 6-9pm-Magic Volleyball-FCC	<b>15</b> 10 AM-Bulletin DL 6:15-7:15-Adult Bells-MR 7:30-Chancel Choir-Sanc.	<b>16</b> 10-11:30 -Bible Study-Parlor 11:30-12:30pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor 6-9pm-Magic Volleyball-FCC 7-8:30pm-Common Cup Council-15A	<b>17</b> No Preschool	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9-10-am-Sunday School 10-10:30am-Fellowship & Coffee 10:30-11:30am-Worship-Sanctuary 2-5pm-Preschool Graduation	<b>20</b> 6:30-9pm-Men of Faith-Room 6 6:30-8:30-Cub Scout Mtg.-15A,B,rms. 5,11,12 7-8:30-Boy Scouts-15C 7-9pm-Priscilla Circle-Parlor	<b>21</b> 1-3:30pm-Dorcas-Parlor 6-8pm-Girl Scout Meetings-15A,B,C,16A 6:15-7:15pm-Mission/Outreach-Lib.	<b>22</b> 10 AM-Bulletin DL 6:15-7:15-Adult Bells-MR 7:30-Chancel Choir-Sanc.	<b>23</b> 10-11:30 -Bible Study-P 11:30-12:30pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5-9pm-Double I-15A, Kitchen
<b>26</b> 9-10-am-S.School 10-10:30am-Fellowship & Coffee in Narthex 10:30-11:30am-Worship-Sanctuary	<b>27 Memorial Day Observed</b> Office Closed 6:30-8:30pm-Cub Scouts-15A,B,C 7-8:30-Boy Scouts-15C	<b>28</b> 6:30-8:30pm-Ad Board-Room 6	<b>29</b> 6:15-7:15-Adult Bells-MR 7:30-Chancel Choir-Sanc.	<b>30</b> 10-11:30 -Bible Study-P 11:30-12:30pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor	<b>31</b>	