

## June 2019

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**Sunday Worship**

**9:00-10:00 Sunday School**

**10:30-11:30-Worship in Sanctuary**

### Attendance

| <b>Date</b>     | <b>Worship</b> | <b>Sun. School</b> |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>April 28</b> | <b>139</b>     | <b>48</b>          |
| <b>May 5</b>    | <b>158</b>     | <b>51</b>          |
| <b>May 12</b>   | <b>180</b>     | <b>52</b>          |
| <b>May 19</b>   | <b>132</b>     | <b>44</b>          |

### From the Pastor

In my practice as a professional counselor, one of the problems I find that most Christians struggle with is the fear of living constantly in what I would call, "Worst Case Scenario Mode" ("WCSM" for short). That is, ALWAYS living as though the worst possible thing is about to happen - living in fear of what MIGHT happen. We justify this to ourselves as "being cautious," but this often goes beyond such normal, prudent caution and right into something quite different and ultimately opposite to a life of faith. Living regularly in WCSM changes us. It preconditions us for failure, even for disaster, and even if the WCS doesn't happen, it might as well have because we have been living under the control of the fear of it.

Fear and change, like hate, and even love, are in essence connections to people, emotions, states of mind and outcomes in life. If we are constantly looking for problems, that is what we will find most often. If we are on a team and expect to lose, we will likely lose. That isn't where Jesus intended to leave us.

In 1 John 4:16-19 we read, "So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on

the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us" Jesus' victory over sin and death was also a victory over fear. It was a vindication of the power of love over hate, over fear and even death itself. How does that help us? Well... what if, instead of going through life expecting the worst, we live in hope and in love, expecting that, no matter what, God's love will prevail over all things. We are free, then, from the power of fear and loosed to live in hope. Instead of looking for the worst to happen, what if we EXPECTED TO FIND THE BEST CASE?!?! What if we actually believed that Jesus is alive? That he actually conquered sin? That he is with us each day? That he calls us into service in his kingdom - not to fail, but to joyously succeed in love and hope? What if we believed and trusted in a God whose normal mode of operation is to bring good out of evil, joy out of sorrow, hope out of fear, and life out of death.

In Romans 8:26-30, one of the most powerful and impossible to believe sections of scripture, the Apostle Paul writes, Likewise the **Spirit helps us in our weakness**; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. **We know that all things work together for good *for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.*** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Christ IS Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Allow him to live in you.  
Blessings, Rev. John

## Faith Community Preschool

Our school year has come to an end!!! We want to thank everyone that helped in any way with Preschool. We really appreciate it. There is still time to sign your child up for preschool for the 2019/2020 school year. Please contact the director Michelle Holtvogt at 937-372-8757. You can pick up a packet at the front office of the church or you can find the papers online at [www.fcum.org](http://www.fcum.org).



### Stephen Ministry

In his book *Finding God in Unexpected Places*, Philip Yancey tells the story of a young South African woman who spent a year visiting inmates at one of the most brutal prisons in her country. Day after day, she shared stories that depicted reconciliation and forgiveness. After a year the inmates were transformed. Incidences of violence dropped from close to 300 down to only 2. When asked how she achieved this, her reply was, “Well, of course, God was already present in the prison. I just had to make him visible.”

Time and again, in our relationships as Stephen Ministers with our care receivers, there are revelations of God’s presence all along. It is in these “aha” moments that hurting people often understand that they were not alone when they thought they were; there was healing that got lost in the shuffle of their lives. These are the sparks that allow us to fan the flames of reassurance and hope.

Like the prisoners in South Africa, we too are prisoners.

The illusion that we are free. . .free to come and go, free to direct our lives, choose our soul mates, and expect stability. . . can vanish in a moment when something unexpected intrudes. When we get that scary phone call; when we lose our job; when we are suddenly and accidentally injured, we can find ourselves sliding down a very slippery slope.

At times like these, the questions for each of us will be: Can I continue to hold God's hand? Can I even find it? Can I pray and can I hear the answer in the chatter of worry? Can I be calm enough to remember His presence in the past? Will it be reassurance for the present? Can I go it alone or do I need someone to walk alongside me? This is what the body of Christ is for and why Faith Community UMC is a Stephen Ministry congregation. Call Becky Cultice, Referrals Coordinator at 937-376-5747 to learn more.

*All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (MSG)*

## United Methodist Women

### **CIRCLES:**

Lydia – Wednesday, June 12, 7-8:30 pm in the Parlor

Dorcas – Tuesday, June 18, 1-3:30 pm in the Parlor

Priscilla – No June or July meetings

**Father's Day Carnations:** The United Methodist Women will sell carnations for Father's Day on Sunday, June 2 and Sunday, June 9 before and after the services and in the church office Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm through June 6. **The cost is \$1.30 per flower.**

## **Men of Faith**

**ATTENTION ALL MEN:** We will meet on Monday, June 17 in room #6 at 6:30 PM. A meal will be served. Come at 7:00 PM if you wish to attend only the program. The program will be a presentation from the Donnellan Greene County Shelter. 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **FCUMM Thanks You For Garage Sale Success**

On behalf of the Faith Community United Methodist Men, I want to thank everyone who donated items or gave their time & talents to make our garage sale a huge success. A special thanks to all the ladies who stepped up to help us men, sharing their time and talents in pricing and organizing the items. I'm happy to report that we cleared about \$2,500.00 in the 6 hours of sales. In addition we donated items (probably worth another \$1,000.00) to the Salvation Army. We appreciate the younger men who helped. This is a wonderful way for younger men of our church to get to know us older guys. This is a wonderful project but we do need younger blood to help with heavy lifting. To volunteer for next year, call me at 372-2204. To God be the glory as we use these funds to further His Kingdom through missions and projects here on earth.

Sincerely,  
John W. Sherer,  
Chair FCUMM Garage Sale

### **2019 West Ohio Conference United Methodist Church Potato Drop Project**

Every year during the West Ohio Conference (WOC) the United Methodist Men sponsor a POTATO DROP. We ask all delegates to bring a bag or 2 of potatoes. They are dropped off at a truck at Lakeside and all the potatoes are delivered to local food pantries. I'm suggesting that Faith Community

members share in this worthwhile mission project by bringing a bag or 2 of potatoes and dropping them off at the flag pole outside of our church on the morning of (Sunday) June 2nd. FCUMC delegates will deliver them to Lakeside that day. Thanks for your consideration. For more information call John Sherer at 372-2204.

## **Sunday School**

We are gearing up for the Sunday School class this summer. The children will all be in one class as in the previous two summers. Sunday School begins at 9 am and we have a lesson, a craft, learning centers, and a sing time. We will be studying about the journey of Jesus. Please consider sharing your child or grandchild with us for an hour each Sunday this summer.

## **Coffee time**

We really appreciate the Sunday School Classes who have served as host for the Coffee Time. We are in the process of finding others who will be willing to be a part of this fellowship time. We hope to involve all committees, and other groups of friends and neighbors who will serve as hosts. We can use your help. Please call me (Virginia Pinkerton) at 937-766-5670 or 937-313-1630 . I would love to explain how you can help our church become more acquainted with each other as we work together.

## **Volunteers Needed**

The Mission Committee is in need of 2-4 volunteers to promote our church activities at First Fridays on July 5. Betsy Murray and Joyce Smith have worked diligently at this in May and June but cannot help in July. If you are willing to volunteer please contact Betsy Murray, Char Lee, or Joyce Smith for more information.

Oldtown United Methodist Church  
1639 US-68, Xenia, OH 45385

[www.OldTownUMC.org](http://www.OldTownUMC.org)

Pork Chop Supper

Saturday, June 15th.

Take out starts at 4:00pm

sit down is from 4:30-6:30pm.

## Visitations

If you are aware that a FCUMC member has recently been placed in a nursing home, please let the church office know or call me at 372-2204. Visitation can then be arranged.

Thank you.

Sharon Sherer, Nursing Home Visitation Coordinator.

### FCUM Financial Standing

|                |          |        |                       |           |       |
|----------------|----------|--------|-----------------------|-----------|-------|
| April Income   | \$33,615 |        | Year-to-Date Income   | \$122,156 |       |
| April Expenses | \$25,869 |        | Year-to-Date Expenses | \$111,921 |       |
| Difference     | \$7,745  | 23.04% | Difference            | \$10,234  | 8.38% |

## Blood Drive

The next blood drive at Faith Community will be on Monday, June 17, 2pm-6pm. You can make a reservation to donate by going to [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com). This web site 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](mailto:jford9@woh.rr.com). Ask for your preferred appointment time. 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.**

## Thank You

We want to express sincere appreciation to all who have contributed to the VBS offering during the Lenten Season. You have made it possible for us to provide a wonderful VBS experience for 100 plus children in our community. Faith Community you have exhibited extravagant generosity.



Faith Community,

What a joy to have you walk alongside your brothers and sisters in Greene County. It was a pleasure to see you serve your community.

Blessings – Revive Ohio



Dear Faith Community UMC,

Thank you for the card you sent in support of our community after our Mosque was vandalized on February 28. Your kindness gives us hope for a future filled with mutual respect, understanding and love. You truly make a difference to our community.

Sincerely,

The Islamic Society of Greater Dayton



Dear Friends,

Thank you for our donation of seed packets and bulk seeds for our garden program of Jackson Area Ministries. We are grateful for your support and prayers.

Rev. Bob Davis, Director

**Prayers and Sympathy** to Jim and Lorraine Hurley on the death of their daughter, **Cheryl Lummer**.

**Deadline for July Faith Links: June 17**



# ROAR INTO THE FUN AT VBS!

June 17-21

9:30 am-12:00 pm

100 Country Club Dr


Register@fcum.org

No Charge! Ages 4-11

For more information call 937-372-7601



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| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|
|  |   |  |  |   |   | 1<br>2-4pm-Toward Independence Talent Show<br>FCC |
| 2<br>9-10-am-Sunday School<br>10-10:30am-Fellowship & Coffee<br>10:30-11:30am-Worship-Sanctuary<br>F.D. Carnation Sale-Narthex   | 3<br>6:30-8:30-Cub Scouts-15A&B, #5,11,12<br>7-8:30 -Boy Scouts-15C<br>7-9pm-Stephen Ministry-Library   | 4<br>6-8pm-Girl Scouts-15A,B,C, 16A<br>6:30-8:30PM-Trustees-Room 6   | 5 Bulletin Deadline                                  | 6 10-11:30 -Bible Study-Parlor<br>11:30-12:30pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor   | 7   | 8   |
| 9<br>9-10-am-Sunday School<br>10-10:30am-Fellowship & Coffee<br>10:30-11:30am-Worship-Sanctuary<br>F.D. Carnation Sale-Narthex   | 10<br>6:30-8:30-Cub Scout Mtg.-15A,B,rms. 5,11,12<br>7-8:30 -Boy Scouts-15C   | 11<br>4-5pm-Worship Design Team-Pastor's Office<br>4:30-6pm-SPRC-Library<br>6-8pm-Girl Scouts Leaders' Mtg.-15A,B            | 12 Bulletin Deadline<br>7-8:30pm-Lydia Circle-Parlor | 13 10-11:30 -Bible Study-Parlor<br>11:30-12:30pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor<br>12:30-1:30pm-Membership Care Mtg.-6<br>7-9pm-Grief Support-Par. | 14<br> | 15  |
| 16 <b>Father's Day</b><br>9-10-am-Sunday School<br>10-10:30am-Fellowship & Coffee<br>10:30-11:30am-Worship-Sanctuary   | 17 <b>VBS-9-12pm</b><br>2-6pm-Blood Drive-FCC<br>6:30-9pm-Men of Faith-Room 6<br>6:30-8:30-Cub Scout Mtg.-15A,B,rms. 5,11,12<br>7-8:30-Boy Scouts-15C | 18 <b>VBS-9-12pm</b><br>1-3:30pm-Dorcas-Parlor<br>6-8pm-Girl Scout Meetings-15A,B,C,16A<br>6:15-7:15pm-Mission/Outreach-Lib. | 19 <b>VBS-9-12pm</b><br>Bulletin Deadline            | 20 <b>VBS-9-12pm</b><br>10-11:30 -Bible Study-P<br>11:30-12:30pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor  | 21 <b>VBS-9-12pm</b><br>First Day of Summer   | 22<br>5-9pm-Double I-15A, Kitchen                 |
| 23 9-10-am-S.School<br>10-10:30am-Fellowship & Coffee in Narthex<br>10:30-11:30am-Worship-Sanctuary<br><hr/> 30 9-10-am-S.School<br>10-10:30am-Fellowship & Coffee in Narthex<br>10:30-11:30am-Worship | 24<br>6:30-8:30pm-Cub Scouts-15A,B,C<br>7-8:30-Boy Scouts-15C   | 25<br>6:30-8:30pm-Ad Board-Room 6  | 26   | 27<br>10-11:30 -Bible Study-P<br>11:30-12:30pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor  | 28  | 29  |