

## July 2019

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

### Attendance

Date	Worship	Sun. School
May 26	150	56
June 2	136	45
June 9	136	48
June 16	139	52

### From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

I am amazed how fast time has transpired since I came to Faith Community in October of 2018. It has been a tremendous nine months filled with many blessings. I thank you for welcoming me into your midst as your interim pastor, as well as your commitment to the future of our church.

We are now blessed to welcome Rev. Andy Wagner as Pastor of Faith Community. Pastor Andy is a very gifted person and will be your full-time pastor beginning July 1, 2019. One of the challenges that I have faced has been my inability to be in Xenia due to the location of my business as well as the distance to my home in Liberty Township. Pastor Andy will be an integral part of the Xenia community living in the parsonage. I am excited for him as well as the church in this season of change and growth.

Beginning July 1, 2019, my role will begin to change. I will be functioning as a Transitional Pastor, helping Pastor Andy, the church leadership and the congregation to move forward on a solid foundation. I will continue to be present at Faith Community but in a different role and timing. Eventually, I will be leaving Faith Community to assume another

role. Our District Superintendent Dr. Jocelyn Roper, Pastor Andy and I are committed to making a positive transition for Faith Community.

Pastor Andy will be in the church office on M-T-W-TH from 10:00am to 2:00pm. He will take his Sabbath day off on Friday. He will be available for pastoral emergencies. Due to potential changes in my business, my schedule will be shared at a later date. Perhaps one of the greatest actions we can have at this time is to embrace the change that comes with a pastoral change and to move forward in faith that God will continue to guide our actions. My prayer is that we will continue to be the church that is open to His will and calling.

Many Blessings—  
Pastor John

### **More on New Pastor Rev. Andy Wagner**

The Staff Pastor Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Rev. Andy Wagner will be moving into the parsonage on June 26<sup>th</sup> to begin service to Faith Community UMC effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Wagner will be preaching on that Sunday and will be in the Fellowship Hall from 10-10:30 to meet and greet.

Rev. Wagner comes to Faith Community from the Church of the Savior in Montgomery, Ohio where he served as Associate Pastor. Rev. Wagner was also involved in the Children's and Family Ministry at that church and will be instrumental in developing this ministry at Faith Community. He is a single Dad with two boys ages 11 and 16. He also likes to sing.

Please join me in welcoming Rev. Wagner to Faith Community. We look forward to his ministry!

Wayne Cook, Chair,  
SPRC



**Stephen Ministry at**

**Faith Community**

**Invitation to  
Bring Your Pain and Your Gifts**

As you read the following, consider yourself invited to reach out if you need help. Also consider offering your gifts to others through this ministry. A new training class is starting in September. Watch August's *Faith Links* and the bulletin for dates and times of information sessions.

Sometimes when an individual is in the midst of a life-changing event he or she may not think of reaching out for spiritual and emotional comfort. Most of us encounter some sort of life challenge—disease, debt, divorce, depression, or death. God does not intend for us to go it alone. The Christian care and compassion that a Stephen Minister offers is not a substitute for professional help from doctors, lawyers, counselors, and pastors, but an additional resource. Our Stephen Ministry team encourages you to consider asking for help for yourself or even to risk asking someone you know who's struggling if they've thought about requesting a Stephen Minister.

Ecclesiastes reminds us, there is a time, or a season, for everything. We have to think carefully about how we will spend our time, don't we? When we think about the time and service we give to this church family, we hope we are joyfully sharing the spiritual gifts God has given us, knowing that it not only nourishes others but also ourselves.

That is what happens when you become a Stephen Minister and walk confidentially with someone who is going through a temporary, tough time. Your willingness to listen and to empathize, and to really get to know a fellow child of God will help you grow spiritually in many ways. Have you ever thought seriously about becoming a Stephen Minister? Perhaps now is the time for a new season in your life, one in

which it's time for a new way to serve others. We would love to add to our team so that we will be able to serve the needs of those in our congregation and greater community as they arise.

We pray that you will think about this opportunity and come to one of the information sessions where you will have a chance to ask any question you may have about becoming a Stephen Minister and about the training class which begins in September. We hope you will give prayerful consideration to see if God is calling you to serve in this compassionate way. Guaranteed your life will never be the same.

For questions about receiving care or becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Becky Cultice at 376-5747.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Roar VBS was a wonderful experience for 80 children, who learned about God's goodness. VBS is only possible because of you: who donated money, volunteered to: decorate, teach classes, assist classes; do crafts, do science, do games and recreation, register students, take photographs, be a safari guide (opening leader), make snacks, bake cupcakes and cookies; and also our church staff and prayer partners.

From all of us at Faith Community, a SPECIAL THANKS to Joyce Smith and Betsy Murray who have been working night and day for several months organizing all of this and if not for them, VBS would not happen. Your hard work and tireless efforts are truly appreciated.

### **United Methodist Women**

#### **Save the Date!**

Ladies, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 14, 3 pm to 5 pm, for a fun afternoon tea party to celebrate the 150 years of service by United Methodist Women. More information will follow later.

### **CIRCLES:**

Lydia – Wednesday, July 10, 7-8:30 pm in the Parlor

Dorcas – Tuesday, June 16, 1-3:30 pm in the Parlor

Priscilla – No July meeting

We want to thank all who purchased carnations for Father's Day. Your support is greatly appreciated!

### **Men of Faith**

**ATTENTION ALL MEN:** The Men of Faith will meet on Monday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Room #6. Come at 7:00 if you only want to attend the program. We will have a fish fry for the meal and fellowship time. 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of the Men of Faith, I want to thank all those who dropped off potatoes for the potato drop. We delivered 125 lbs. of potatoes to Lakeside where the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Men have a huge truck to collect potatoes from all the different delegates attending the conference. While I don't have the total count, one small church in the Miami Valley District delivered over 2,000 lbs. We could do much better but are thankful for what we were able to do. The potatoes dropped off are distributed to local food pantries. Thanks for your help.

John Sherer, coordinator

### **Faith Community Preschool**

**REGISTRATION still open for 2019/2020  
school year!!**



**Greene County Adult Concert Band  
Sunday August 4, 3:00 P.M. in  
Faith Community Sanctuary**

**Come and enjoy an afternoon of good music. Everyone is invited free of charge!**

**Higher Education Update**

Congratulations to Alexandra Fellie, Kayla Horney, and Morgan Wickline who graduated from high school this past spring. Alexandra graduated from Xenia High School and plans to attend the Colorado School of Mines this Fall. Kayla graduated from Cedarville High School and this August will be attending Bowling Green State University. Morgan, who also graduated from Xenia High School, has plans to attend the University of Cincinnati - Blue Ash College following the summer. Please keep these three young ladies in your prayers as they embark on new journeys and continue their studies.

*“The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values.” – William S. Burroughs*

**Thank You**

*Jim and Lorraine wish to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and concern upon the recent passing of their daughter Cheryl Lummer. Opening each card was like receiving a hug of solace and receiving the real hugs and words of comfort were healing.*

*We owe so much thanks to the janitors, John Pyles and Crystal Hoskins for helping us set up and take down items for*

*the altar and memory tales. Their helpfulness and kindness were invaluable. We owe big thanks to the ladies and men working in Family Outreach who prepared and served a delicious meal for our attendees and then cleaned up afterwards.*

*Thanks to Ann Ledbetter who visited our home and guided us through the labyrinth of tasks for which we needed to prepare.*

*Thanks to Faith's office manager Debbie Klaty. She worked with us helping to prepare the bulletin and even came to work on her day off to finish the job.*

*We give big thanks to our former pastor, Rex Robinson, who led the memorial service. He also came to our home to work with us, he prayed with us, and took a day off from his present job to do the service.*

*And we thank our heavenly father for our wonderful and caring church family.*

*Jim and Lorraine Hurley*

## **Passings**

Prayers and sympathy to Bruce Pickelheimer and family on the passing of his daughter-in-law Vicki Pickelheimer; to family and friends of Rayleen Snoddy on her passing; to family and friends of Mary Lou Adair on her passing; to Kris Carroll on the passing of her husband Don Carroll; family and friends of Albert Verba on his passing

**Deadline for August Faith Links: July 15**

## FCUM Financial Standing

May Income*	\$76,927		Year-to-Date Income	\$199,082	
May Expenses**	\$75,662		Year-to-Date Expenses	\$187,583	
Difference	\$1,265	1.64%	Difference	\$11,499	5.78%

\*Includes money transferred for HVAC

\*\*Includes expenditure for HVAC

\$301 was collected for the the second quarter of 2019 for Coins for Missions. Thank You!

### Bridges of Hope

**Bridges of Hope has received a permit to open this summer effective July 8. They need the following items which can be placed in the basket under the bulletin board in the church entry: bottled water, sugar, breakfast foods (e.g. bars, cereal, etc.), coffee. They are also requesting fast food meal cards (\$5 each) they can use for rewards. Please see Char Lee or Cheryl Vahle to donate cards or money. Nightly meals can be donated using Sign Up Genius and volunteers for assembling bunk beds and other activities, as well as overnight hosts are needed.**





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 6:30-8:30-Cub Scouts-15A&B, #5,11,12  7-8:30 -Boy Scouts-15C 7-9pm-Stephen Ministry-Library	<b>2</b> 1:15-3pm-UMW Planning Committee Mtg.-15A 4:30-6pm-SPRC Mtg.-Room 6 6:30-8:30PM-Trustees- Room 6	<b>3</b> Bulletin Deadline	<b>4</b> <b style="color: red;">Independence Day</b>  <b>Church Closed</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9-10-am-Sunday School 10-10:30am-Fellowship & Coffee 10:30-11:30am-Worship-Sanctuary	<b>8</b> 6:30-8:30-Cub Scouts-15A&B, #5,11,12  7-8:30 -Boy Scouts-15C	<b>9</b>  4-5pm-Worship Design Team-Pastor's Office  6-8pm-Girl Scouts-15A,B,C, 16A	<b>10</b> Bulletin Deadline  7-8:30pm-Lydia Circle-Parlor	<b>11</b> 10-11:30 -Bible Study-Parlor 11:30-12:30pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor  12:30-2:30pm-Membership Care Mtg.-Room 6 7-9pm-Grief Support-Parlor	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>28</b> 9-10-am-Sunday School 10-10:30am-Fellowship & Coffee 10:30-11:30am-Worship-Sanctuary	<b>29</b> 6:30-8:30pm-Cub Scouts-15A,B,C  7-8:30-Boy Scouts-15C	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Bulletin Deadline			