

October 2019

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Sunday Worship

9:00-10:00 Sunday School

10-10:30-Coffee and Fellowship

10:30-11:30-Worship in Sanctuary

Date	Attendance	
	Worship	Sun. School
August 25	148	33
September 1	148	46
September 8	149	46
September 15	145	55
September 22	159	65

From the Pastor

This past week I've spent a few days in Cincinnati with a leadership development cohort that I began working with a year ago. This particular retreat was focused on "Leadership Smarts." That title – "Leadership Smarts" – implies that there are also leadership "not-so-smarts." We all have them. If you've ever tried to lead, I'm sure you discovered some of your own leadership "not-so-smarts." Some of my leadership "not-so-smarts" are under-communicating and trying to do things myself. If you catch me doing these not-so-smart things, I give you permission to call me on it. I want to develop into the best leader I can be for God and for the church.

As an Ordained Elder, I'm expected to engage regularly in some form of continuing education. Despite the fact that I have two seminary degrees, have been ordained by the Church, and have seventeen years of ministry experience, I

still need to be developing my skills and competencies. We all have room for learning and growing.

As it is in leadership, so it is in discipleship. We all have room to learn and grow. The Bible says, “God’s goal is for us to become mature adults – to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:13b, CEB) You may already consider yourself a mature adult, but look at the last part of that verse – “measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ.” That’s a pretty high standard! If anyone among us has reached that level yet, I want to meet you and shake your hand!

If, like me, you realize that you still have some room to grow, then I’d encourage you to be involved in a class or a group to help you in that endeavor. I’m going to be offering a new opportunity for that with a Bible study on Monday afternoons at 2:00PM. Join me at the church on Monday afternoons as we read the Bible together and discuss what it has to say to us today. If you’d like to be part of a Bible study with me but can’t make it at that time, please let me know. I’m happy to lead as many Bible studies as you want! There’s always room for more “discipleship smarts.”

Blessings, Pastor Andy



Stephen Ministry

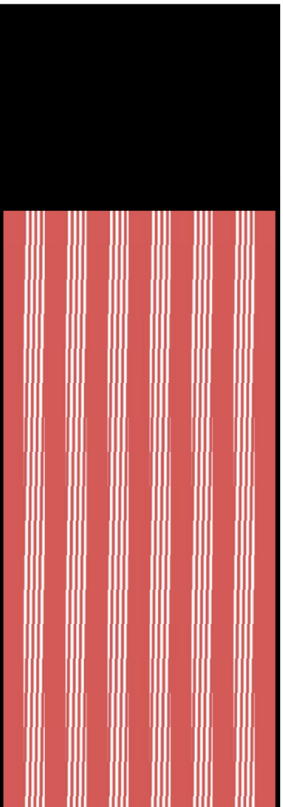
Fall In-Service Opportunity Open to All

On Sunday, October 20th, The Greater Dayton

Stephen Ministry Network is sponsoring a presentation by representatives from two organizations that are addressing concerns that are of interest to many of us. **Bridgid's Path** provides inpatient medical care for drug-exposed newborns and nonjudgmental support and advocacy for families of these newborns. **TJ's Place of Hope** strives to restore hope to young people caught in addictee

ctions or addictive behavior so that they may realize their full potential and be able to live out their dreams.

Registration is at 2:15. The program will be from 2:30-4:30 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 4865 Wilmington Pike, Kettering. Refreshments will be served. While this program is free, a \$2.00 donation will be appreciated and will be divided between these two ministries. For additional information, contact Becky Cuitice, 376-5747.



In order to give you an opportunity to learn more about our one-to-one caring ministry, you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall A for a light lunch after the 11 o'clock services on Sunday, November 17th. There will be a short video as we eat and a chance to talk informally with our Stephen Ministers. We promise not to take up too much of your Sunday afternoon, but we'd like you to know that being a Stephen Minister is not only helpful to others but it's also one of the most fulfilling and joyful experiences you'll ever have.

Acolytes

We need volunteers for acolytes. Anyone from third grade up is eligible to be an acolyte. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex.

Sunday School

Sunday school is back in full swing for the fall season.

The children four through 12 will be meeting with Betsy Murray in September and Karen Mossing and Kiley Fleming in October and November. **The youth class** will be taught by Joyce Smith and it will meet on the stage in the Community Room. Julie Wickline will be her substitute. The adults have the option of 3 classes, **The Double I** with Wayne Cook as leader, the Open Doors with Sandy Pramer as leader, and the **Explorer Class** with several leaders and Cheryl Vahle as the chairman. Another group meets sporadically led by Chad Mossing. They call themselves the **Friends and Followers**. All of these classes are ready and willing to take in new members. If you have questions, please talk with some of these leaders or I will be available to answer questions.

—Virginia Pinkerton



Coffee Time

10 am to 10:30 is coffee time. Come and join us. In September it was hosted by the members of the Administrative Board. The month of October it will be hosted by the Spitzer Family and the Ford family. It's always interesting to see what goodies are prepared and to greet old friends and make new ones. We appreciate your presence. Give it a try.

Youth

By the time you read this, the Youth and Kids' Club will have held their first meeting. It was a bonfire, hot dog roast and a hay ride at the home of Scott and Carla Skaggs. Carla and Scott have agreed to lead the youth and Betsy Murray

and Joyce Smith have agreed to lead the Kids' Club. To begin they will meet once a month and we will see what happens from there. Join us in prayer for the youth and their activities.

United Methodist Women

CIRCLES

Lydia: Wednesday, October 9, 7-8:30pm, Parlor

Dorcas: Tuesday, October 15, 1-3:30pm, Parlor

Priscilla: Monday October 21, 7-8:30pm – Parlor

Men of Faith

ATTENTION ALL MEN: The Men of Faith will meet on October 21 at 6:30 PM. in youth room B and a meal will be served. The program will start at 7:00 PM. Come at 7:00 if you only want to attend for the program.

The program for this meeting will be “SHOW & TELL”. Dig out one of the things you enjoyed in the past and bring them. Let us hear the story behind them. Please call Bruce Pickelheimer (937/376-2361) if you plan to attend for the meal, so we can plan the quantity of food for the meal. All men are welcome and you can bring a friend. Hope to see you on the 21st.

Love Packages – June - July 2019 Report

Below is a testimony for the Love packages sent to just one country. There are so many more testimonies. Keep donating. The tub is below the coat rack in the west Sunday School wing. For more information, call John Sherer, coordinator at 372-2204.

Chana:

There was mass distribution of Christian literature, Bibles, books and tracts in the township and villages of Ejura. When Reverend

Solomon received these materials from us, he said there is a mosque in every single community in Ejura.

After distributing hundreds of Christian literature in these Muslim communities, many of the Muslims became very angry and began to question what is this Christendom about, and who is this Jesus Christ. Then Reverend Solomon decided to pay for a radio interview to explain who Jesus Christ is and His mission on earth.

Last month, there were 23 Muslims who gave their lives to Christ and this month there are 36 in the number of Muslims who gave their lives to Jesus and has been baptized already.

Reverend Solomon is requesting more Bibles, books and other Christian literature to freely distribute among the whole township. I promised him we will be getting him more literature to save the lost. This is all possible because of the Love Packages. Blessings! There have been 820 tons of materials donated to date distributed to many 3rd world countries

Thank you for donating new and used Christian materials for shipping to Christians overseas. The donations come from many persons and organizations.

The donations include those gathered by the United Methodist Men across the denomination.

Needed Materials (Info copied from Love Packages (LP) web site.)

Bibles

New or used, any translation, New Testaments or other portions, individual gospel booklets

Reference Material

Dictionaries, Bible dictionaries, concordances, commentaries, etc.

Books

All Christian books – adult or children, non-fiction

Magazines and Daily Devotionals

Any devotionals or magazine from a Christian publisher

Sunday School Materials

Adult quarterlies and all teacher manuals in any amount from all

publishers; children's quarterlies with the teacher's manual and full student manuals.

CDs, DVDs, BluRay

Music, movies, teaching from well-known speakers (Billy Graham, Swindoll, etc.)

Tracts

All tracts

Puppets, Nativity Sets, etc.

Bible games, biblical puzzles – anything that helps teach the gospel, especially to children

Items We Do Not Use

Save yourself some postage and do not send these types of items:

VHS/Tapes/Records/8-tracks

Guideposts

Handiwork or busy papers from Sunday School materials

Secular books (other than dictionaries)

Missions magazines

Garden Project Report



Once again the MOF's garden project was a success. All produce went to either the Xenia Fish Food Pantry or IHN. So far we have delivered 316 lbs of tomatoes, 154 lbs of zucchini, 26 lbs of melons, and 31 dozen corn (all this from the MOF garden). Then Don Wolf invited us

to glean his extra sweet corn and we gleaned 156 dozen or 1,272 lbs of sweet corn, all delivered to the Xenia Fish Food Pantry. Those who helped out were: John Sheer, Bill Sykes, John Grayson, Bruce Pickelheimer, Ralph Jeffers, Jim Osburn, Frank Brown, Butch Smith, Wayne Cook & Don Wolf. Thanks to all who made this a success, especially to Bob & Mary Ellen Warner who provided the garden space.

Care Packages for our College Crew

Did you know that Faith Community currently has 6 college students? Would you like to be involved in providing each of them with a college Care Package? Julie Wickline will be in the Narthex on October 6th and October 13th to collect any donations that you would like to contribute to this cause. Some suggested items include crackers and cheese, apples, microwave popcorn, chewing gum, stick-it notes... really anything that would make a college student happy. I could also use some financial donations to purchase the shipping boxes and pay for the mailing. Let's see if we can make Kayla, Morgan, Alexandra, Samuel, Carolyn, and Hunter happy as they are affirmed that they are remembered and supported by their Faith Community family. Questions... call or text Julie Wickline at 937-207-8289.

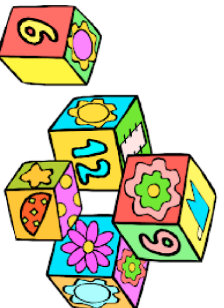
Nursery Care

Faith Community is in need of volunteers to staff the nursery when Katie Smith (current nursery care provider) is not available. The SPRC is not asking for anyone to volunteer for a fixed schedule but rather to be willing to fill in as needed. To this end, we would like volunteers to be on a "call list" in the event that nursery support is needed. If help is needed, we will contact you to determine if you are available. Volunteers may be asked to help only a few times each year if at all. If you would be willing to be on a nursery care "call

list" please send your name and contact information to anyone on the SPRC or to Wayne Cook; in person or by voice or text at 937-479-8020 or email at wcook47@gmail.com.
Thanks in advance for your support!

Preschool

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Preschoolers.

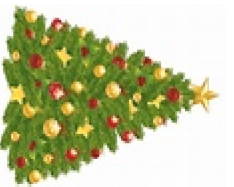


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were privileged
Police Depart-
and talk to our
In October we

will get a visit from the firemen and take our first
field trip to Apple Country Farm and learn about how
pumpkins grow.

Chrismons Workshop

So it appears that fall is here, which means Advent is close behind. The Chrismons that decorate the Christmas trees in the sanctuary are deteriorating and need to be replaced.



We have scheduled two workshops on Tuesdays in October to make new ones. The dates are October 22nd and 29th, from 10:00 to 2:00. We will provide all materials and directions. Please plan on attending either, both, or part of one. We are asking that you bring a sandwich and we will provide soup (chicken noodle on the 22nd, and broccoli cheddar on the 29th) as well as drinks and dessert. Hope to see you in October. ~~Joyce & Betsy

Bazaar

The Mission Committee is beginning to plan for the Bazaar which is November 8-9. We will need help in setting up, making ham loaves, baking cookies, pies, advertising, gathering donations and other activities the weekend prior and through the Bazaar. If you are interested in helping with any activities or want more information, please contact Char Lee at 937-974-1002.

Organ Recital

by Dr. John W.W. Sherer, son of John and Sharon Sherer will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 Wilkenson Street, Dayton. This is a noon recital on Thursday, October 24. 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 is doctorate in organ performance from Julliard and masters degrees on organ and religion from Yale. The recital is free and open to the public. For further information, call John Sherer at 372-2204.

FCUM Financial Standing

July Income	\$26,758	Year-to-Date Income	\$271,667
July Expenses	\$40,185	Year-to-Date Expenses	\$257,644
Difference	(\$13,427) -50.18%	Difference	\$14,023 5.16%

Passings

Our church family extends prayers and sympathy to Cyndi Heller and family on the death of her mother **Marjorie Brown**; to Harry Osman on the death of his brother **Floyd Osman**; and to Richard and Dolores Strous on the death of his brother,

David E. Strous, brother-in-law of Shirley Strous and uncle of Nancy Wellman and family.

Bridges of Hope is still in need of bottled water. Air conditioning is on at this time.

Fish Good Pantry

A Second Donation Fund Raiser is scheduled for October 4 from 5-7pm at Senior Citizen/Adult Rec Center.

Menu: Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, and homemade desserts. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to make homemade desserts such as cookies, brownies, cakes, pies, etc. Desserts need to be at the Rec Center by 3-4 pm.

Questions or more information call: Cinda Elliott
937-884-7020; Gail Matson, Board President. 937-219-3628; Mike Reeves 614-361-9504

Common Cup

On August 16, 2019, the Common Cup Council of United Methodist Churches met and unanimously voted to discontinue Common Cup which has existed for 15 years. A decision was then made to distribute the remaining assets in the treasury to some charitable entities in our community and surrounding areas. These monies were a result mainly of the Wednesday evening suppers provided over the years through the efforts of many of the Common Cup churches.

Checks were distributed to: FISH, IHN, Bridges of Hope, Bellbrook UMC (Family Resource Center), Cedarville UMC food pantry, Jamestown UMC food pantry, Spring Valley food pantry.

Thanks to all those who served Common Cup over the years.

Thank You

Dear Members of Faith Community,

I just want to thank you for the generous scholarship you awarded me this year. I am at University of Cincinnati studying nursing and your award helped immensely. Thanks once again! ~Morgan Wickline



Dear Faith Community,

I am honored to have received your scholarship. Thank you for your generosity which has allowed me to pay for books and other supplies I need for college.

As I step into a new chapter in my life, I thank you for all of the support and prayers that I have and will receive!

~~Kayla Horney

Pastor John

Sunday, September 22 was Pastor John's last day serving Faith Community. We are grateful for his interim service to our church and wish him well. If you would like to send a card, his address is: Pastor John Guliano, 6815 Liberty Circle, Liberty Township, OH 45069 or JohnG133@aol.com.

Renovations

Thanks to the Trustees and faithful volunteers who worked to make the Narthex, Chapel and Offices look so fresh and new. Special thanks to the Stidhams who oversaw the project from beginning to end and who lived here for over a week!

**November Faith Links Deadline:
Monday, October 14**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 4:30-6pm-SPRC-#6 6-8:45pm-Girl Scouts-FH, A-C, Youth room 16-A 6:30-8:30pm-Trustees-#6	2 Bulletin Deadline 4:30-6pm-SPRC-#6 6:15-7:15pm-Handbells 7-8:30pm-Chancel Choir-Sanctuary	3 10-11:30 -Bible Study-Parlor 11:30-12:30pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor	4	5
6 9-10-am-Sunday School 10-10:30am-Fellowship & Coffee 10:30-11:30am-Worship-Sanctuary	7 6:30-8:30-Cub Scouts-15A&B, #5,11,12 7-8:30 -Boy Scouts-15C 7-9pm-Stephen Ministry-Library	8 430-5:30pm-Worship Design Team-Pastor's Office 6-8:45pm-G.S. Leader Meeting-6-8:45pm	9 Bulletin Deadline 6:15-7:15pm-Handbells 7-8:30pm-Chancel Choir-Sanctuary 7-8:30pm-Lydia-15A	10 10-11:30 -Bible Study-Parlor 11:30-12:30pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor 12:30-1:30pm-Membership Care-Room 6 7-9pm-Grief Support-P	11	12
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