

## June 2022

Rev. Andy Wagner  
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Sunday Worship\*  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary  
[We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation](#)

## Attendance

	<u>9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>S.S.</u>
April 24	95	23	34
May 1	98	35	41
May 8	104	24	39
May 15	97	23	43

## From the Pastor

“To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.”

No, I'm not quoting The Byrds (although some of you now have that song stuck in your heads. You're welcome). That quote comes from the Bible, Ecclesiastes 3:1. It is the truth that everything on this earth, including churches, go through various seasons. Some things come to an end; other things experience a new beginning. We are entering a season here at Faith Community United Methodist where it is time for us to be together in one worship service once again.

Beginning this month, June 5, we will have only one worship service on Sunday mornings. The service will be in the sanctuary at 10:30 AM. Over the next several months we will be working on incorporating a wider variety of music into our one service rather than dividing into two.

Over the summer, Sunday school classes for adults will meet 9:15-10:15 AM. Classes for children and youth will not meet over the summer. On the fourth Sunday of each month, beginning June 26, there will be a Coffee and Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall

at 10:00 AM. For that one Sunday of the month, Sunday school will dismiss early in order to enjoy fellowship with members of other classes and those who do not attend Sunday school. We'll try this schedule over the summer and if adjustments are needed, we'll make changes in the fall. After all, everything under heaven is just for a season.

June 5 also happens to be Pentecost Sunday. We will have a Pentecost celebration lunch after worship that day. (Remember to wear red.) In addition to celebrating the Holy Spirit and the gift of this church, we will also celebrate all the musicians who have contributed their gifts to both of our worship services this past year. We have been tremendously blessed by their talents, and their gift to our experience of worship.

One final word about June 5 and that has to do with Holy Communion. June 5 is Communion Sunday. For the first time since the Pandemic we will be passing plates with the pre-cut bread and cups of juice. For those who are not comfortable with taking the unsealed elements, the prepackaged kits will still be available. The ushers will have a plate of prepackaged kits just as they have a plate for gluten-free bread. For everyone else we will have the regular bread and juice.

I appreciate your flexibility and cooperation as we go through these transitions. As much as I have enjoyed this season of having two distinct services and there is much that I will miss about it, I believe it will be a blessing for us to all be worshiping in one service together.

Blessings, Pastor Andy

## **Tell Us How and Why You joined Faith Community**

The History and Membership Care committee needs your input. We are asking our members, friends and all those involved to tell us when they decided to join Faith Community and why they are still here. Will you please write down your thoughts and email to Marlene Gifford, [mlg1036@yahoo.com](mailto:mlg1036@yahoo.com), or take your information to the church office. Include your areas of participation (past, present, how long) such as: Men of Faith, UM Women, Circles (past and present), committees, worship, outreach, Grief Support, visitation, Stephen Ministry, and the list goes on. Did you transfer, come with family or friends, how long have you been a member, etc.? This is the 50th

year anniversary of the joining of Trinity and First Methodist. I have started my history with Faith Community and am not done yet. Will you consider doing yours.

Many Thanks! Marlene Gifford, History Committee.

## Stephen Ministry

### The Challenge of Change

Challenges in life are inevitable. That is a given. Sometimes the challenge is anticipated; sometimes it is unexpected. All of us experience change. Loved ones die; jobs end, as do relationships. People relocate, couples marry, babies are born, and children leave for college. Change, both good and bad, can take an emotional toll. Guess what? Positive changes can be just as difficult to adjust to as negative ones.

Sometimes we are able to handle change on our own or with the help of family and friends. Sometimes we need professional help. Sometimes it helps to have a Stephen Minister, a Christian friend to walk alongside us for as long as needed.

Here are some suggestions that may make it easier to adjust to change:

When a good change happens, accept it with grace. Embrace the positive however it shows up and celebrate it. When a negative change is looming, try to look for alternative ways of coping before it actually happens.

Day-to-day-changes often go unnoticed in spite of the fact that they occur. It's when we are caught off-guard that we're most likely to become discombobulated. Emotional change can be particularly difficult. At times like these it is often almost impossible to be objective. Sometimes we need to process our feelings and that may take time.

If the challenges in our lives are overwhelming, we don't have to deal with them all by ourselves. Friends, family, support groups, counselors, and our church family may be available, but we have to reach out and ask, which can be hard to do. The love and support of those who care about us can help make these times more bearable.

We don't have to like change, but we have to at least tolerate it when it happens. We need to find a way to cope because change happens whether we like it or not.

A Stephen Minister is there for those going through a time that challenges their ability to keep on keepin' on. A Stephen Minister listens, prays, and encourages. God loves us all, and sometimes a Stephen Minister is His tool to reach out and carry us when we are facing a challenging time. For more information, speak with Pastor Andy or call Becky Cultice at 937-376-5747.

## UMW

### CARNATION SALE FOR 2022

Faith Community UMW will be taking orders for carnations for Father's Day beginning Sunday, May 29. Carnations will be red in honor of (living) or white in memory of (deceased) the individual(s). Cost will be \$2.00 per carnation. We will be following the same process for Father's Day that we did for Mother's Day with the exception that there will be no drop box in the Community Center. Order forms will be available for pick up in the Narthex and the church office as well as an insert in this newsletter. Orders are to be sealed in an envelope with payment of exact change or check made payable to Faith Community United Methodist Women (FCUMW) and returned to the church office or any of the boxes as listed above. Please mark the envelope UMW Carnation Sale. Orders and payment are to be returned no later than Sunday, June 12. Order forms and drop boxes will be available in the church office Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 3 PM. Last day to drop orders in the church office is Wednesday, June 15. Profits from this sale will go to missions locally, nationally, and internationally. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE LOCATION OF ORDER FORMS AND DROP BOXES DUE TO THE CHANGE IN THE WORSHIP SERVICES.

Circles: Women of Faith – No June, July, August meetings, Dorcas – Tuesday, June 21, 1-3pm-Room 15A&B

Fuller Center Bicycle Adventurers - Faith Community UMW will host the Fuller Center Bicycle Adventurers on Monday, June 20. The cyclists will be riding from Cincinnati to Cleveland to raise money for building homes. Join them on Monday, June 20 at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall as they explain their mission. Everyone is welcome; bring a friend.

## Men of Faith

Attention All Men: We will meet on Monday, June 20 at 6:00PM in room 16 A&B. All men are invited to join us. Each person will bring their own meal and beverage. We will have a social time during the meal. The program will be an update on the West Ohio Conference presented by John Sherer. A short business meeting will follow at 6:30PM. We hope to see you on the 20<sup>th</sup>!

## A Voice for Environmental Stewardship-June 2022

Please go with me back to December 24, 1968. On that day William Anders was in the crew of the lunar orbiter, Apollo 8. He took a photograph of the Earth, just rising above the horizon of the moon's surface. It was a half Earth, like we see a half moon at night. This was the first color picture of the Earth from space. It was so striking that it was given the name, Earthrise. A well-known nature photographer, named Galen Rowell, described the photograph as "the most influential environmental photograph ever taken". What did Rowell mean by the statement? Earthrise was the first color photograph of our beautiful Earth, showing our planet being illuminated by the Sun. It showed the beautiful blue oceans, the brown and green continents, and the distinct patterns of the clouds in our atmosphere. Many beautiful pictures of our Earth have been taken since then, revealing many more features of our beautiful planet.

Our planet is much, much more than a blue marble in our solar system. Our planet is unique in our solar system. It is the only planet that supports LIFE as we know it. There are millions of species of amazing plants and animals on Earth that make us the LIVING PLANET that we are. So far, even with all of our robotic vehicles on the surface of Mars, we have not found evidence of life as we know it. Our spacecraft that are traveling to other planets and photographing them at "close range" are finding no other planet that even comes close to the living planet that we live on.

We are even looking at the MOONS of the other planets in our solar system in order to see if they might have some chance of supporting subsurface life of some form. All this is to say that there is NO PLANET "B" for us. If we humans make our living planet unlivable by ignoring climate change and global warming, and ignore the ALARMING reduction of species diversity because of our

destructive human activities, WE humans will be solely responsible for making Earth much less of a living planet. This is NOT an alarmist prediction. More and more climate scientists, ecologists and biologists are saying that we are headed in that direction. THIS IS NO WAY TO TREAT OUR MOTHER EARTH! I am sure that GOD IS NOT PLEASED.

Rev. Alan D, Barone, B.A. in science education, M.Div., Ohio Certified Vol. Naturalis

## **Thank You**

Dear Friends,

*Thank you for your donation of seed packets and \$143.00 for our garden seed ministry. We really appreciate it so much. With all the prices at the grocery store increasing, we are hoping to help many more families this year in growing their own fresh vegetables. May God bless you for your giving.*

*Rev. Bob Davis, Director, Jackson Area Ministries*



*Thank you for your generous monetary donation of \$433.12. We are proud to be part of a community of friends who care for their neighbors and express their concern in a tangible way. Due to your generous donation we have expanded our service to include all of Greene County.*

*Sincerely, Gail Matson, Greene County Food Pantry*



*A special thank you goes to Margaret Stidham! Everything around the church grounds is always trimmed, pruned, weeded and planted. This doesn't just happen by itself and all of us benefit from her efforts. Let's thank Margaret for all she does to keep "our" church a place of beauty.*

*Also, thanks to Alan Barone for giving us a tree every year to plant. I now have several and appreciate every one of them. We are so lucky to have so many giving people.*

*Nancy May*



*To all my friends at FCUM Church,*

*Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness this glorious season. I have the gift bag and contents, and the beautiful card. I miss not being able to attend church in person but I watch the service on Facebook. I love my church and all the wonderful people that attend. God is good and I am truly blessed. God Bless.*

*Joann Sidders*

### Manley Proverbs

“When we do the best we can, we can never know what miracle is wrought in our life or in the life of another.”

**\*\*Faith Family - June 5<sup>th</sup>** will be our first combined worship service at the 10:30 hour. It is also a very special day in the life of the church. It is Pentecost, the birthday of the church. We are celebrating this day with a light lunch following the service. Please plan on staying and joining in the fellowship with your family. SPRC would also like to recognize the many groups that provide the music which enhances our worship experience. Please plan on staying and joining in the fellowship and recognition of our church musicians.

#### FCUM

#### April 2022 Financials

Monthly Income	\$34,699		YTD Income	\$ 150,436	
Monthly Expenses	\$27,295		YTD Expenses	\$ 116,668	
Difference	\$ 7,404	21.34%	Difference	\$ 33,767	22.45%

***Deadline for July Faith Links: June 16***



**VBS 2022**

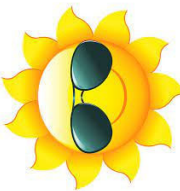
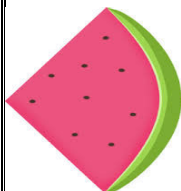
**JUNE 20-24, 9:30 – 12:00**

**Want to be a part of this exciting church program? Call the church office, 937-372-7601, Betsy Murray, 937-768-1143 or Joyce Smith 937-372-6576. Register your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors' children online at [FCUM.org](http://FCUM.org).**

**Registration forms will also be available in the church office or narthex**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>5</b> 9:15-10:15-Sunday School-15C,Parlor 10:30-11:30-Traditional-Sanctuary 11:30-12:30-Pentacost & Musician Recognition Luncheon-FCC			<b>1</b> 7-8:30pm-SPRC-Library 7:30-9:00pm-Choir-San.	<b>2</b> 11-12pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor 12-3pm-pm-Women's Club of Xenia-15A-B	<b>3</b> Annual Conference-Virtual	<b>4</b> Annual Conference-Virtual
<b>5</b> 9:15-10:15-Sunday School-15C,Parlor 10:30-11:30-Traditional-Sanctuary 11:30-12:30-Pentacost & Musician Recognition Luncheon-FCC	<b>6</b> 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts-15A-B 7-8:30pm-Boy Scouts-15C 7-9-Stephen Ministry-Library	<b>7</b> 6:30-8:30pm-Trustees-Room 8	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 11-12pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor 2-4pm-Grief Support-Par.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:15-10:15-Sunday School-15C,Parlor 10:30-11:30-Traditional-Sanctuary	<b>13</b> 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts-15 A-B 7-8:30pm-Boy Scouts-15C	<b>14</b> <b>FLAG DAY</b> 6-8:45pm-Dayton Harp ensemble-15C	<b>15</b> Faith Links Deadline	<b>16</b> 9-3pm-VBS Set Up 11-12pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor	<b>17</b> 9-3pm-VBS Set Up	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> 9:15-10:15-Sunday School-15C,Parlor 10:30-11:30-Traditional-Sanctuary 11-3:30-VBS Setup	<b>20</b> <b>VBS</b> Fuller Center Bike Adventure Day-15A-C 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts-15 A-B 6-8:30pm-Men of Faith 7-8:30pm-Boy Scouts-15C	<b>21</b> <b>VBS</b> Fuller Center Bike Adventure Day 1-3pm-Dorcas-Parlor 3:30-4:30pm-Mission Outreach Team-Library	<b>22</b> <b>VBS</b>	<b>23</b> <b>VBS</b>	<b>24</b> <b>VBS</b>	<b>25</b> 5-9pm-Double I-15A
<b>26</b> 9:15-10:15-Sunday School-15C,Parlor 10:30-11:30-Traditional-Sanctuary	<b>27</b> 7-8:30pm-Boy Scouts-15C	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 11-12pm-Prayer Shawl-Parlor		

**THE UMW CELEBRATE THE MEN IN YOUR LIFE CARNATION SALE  
RED IN HONOR OF THOSE LIVING  
WHITE IN MEMORY OF THOSE WE HAVE LOST  
COST: \$2.00 PER FLOWER**

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO FC UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Please fill out the form below and place it, **WITH PAYMENT**, in a sealed envelope marked **UMW Carnation Sale** and place in the boxes provided in the Narthex or the Community Center, Sunday mornings May 29, June 5 and 12. There will also be a box in the church office to deposit completed forms and payment; drop-off not later than Wednesday, June 15.

**NAME OF PERSON ORDERING:** (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Please **print names below clearly** as they should appear in the Bulletin on Father's Day.

**INDICATE/CIRCLE service you attend:**     **9AM Traditional**     **11AM Contemporary**

**In HONOR (Living-RED)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Red:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Honor/Living)

**INDICATE/CIRCLE service you attend:**     **9AM Traditional**     **11AM Contemporary**

**In MEMORY (Deceased-WHITE)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total White:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Memory/Deceased)

**Total Number (Red & White) Carnations ordered** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount paid** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash** \_\_\_\_\_

**Put the completed order form with exact change in a sealed envelope and deposit in the marked boxes.** Forms also available in the church office Monday through Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM. Last day to order through the office is Wednesday, June 15. **Phone orders will not be accepted. Orders without payment will not be placed.** The carnations will be displayed at the worship services on Father's Day, June 19. The flowers you ordered may be picked up after the worship service you attend. **PLEASE DO NOT PICK THEM UP PRIOR TO THE SERVICE.**