

July 2011

Senior Pastor: Bradford G. Olson
Christian Education. & Preschool Director: Lee Rose

Associate: Rick Tettau, Deacon

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 (Traditional in Sanctuary)
9:45 (Praise Celebration in Community Center)
9:45 & 11:00 Sunday School

Worship Notes

July 3

"Come all who are weary."
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Communion in Pews
Pastor Brad

July 10

"What kind of ground are you?"
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Pastor Brad

July 17

"Are you pulling weeds or
Growing wheat?"
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24

"Don't tell them it is impossible"
John 2:1-11
Deacon Rick

July 31

"Have you ever wrestled with
God?"
Genesis 32:22-31
Pastor Brad

From Pastor Brad

In Hebrew the word that is translated Holy Spirit can also mean wind. You can see this connection in John 3:8 where Jesus says, "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Have you ever wondered, "How do you follow the wind?"

I wondered this as I was watching some kids fly kites in Shawnee Park the other day. How might a kite be a metaphor for how we allow the Holy Spirit to blow us into new opportunities?

I noticed, for example, that kite flying involves trial and error. They don't always take off on the first try. When they do take off, they don't always head in the direction that you would think they would. Have you ever found that to be true with the Holy Spirit?

One kite took a dive and came crashing down, almost hitting a couple that was walking along

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Sunday Participation

Date	Worship	S.S.
May 29	284	69
June 5	266	69
June 12	279	72
June 19	244	76

(Pastor Brad)

the sidewalk. Apparently kite flying can be uncomfortable and messy. Have you ever found that to be true with the Holy Spirit?

For a kite to fly higher and higher you have to be willing to take the risk of letting out more string. Is there a place in your life where you need to take the risk of letting go a little?

Lastly, when a kite catches the air and begins to soar it is an amazing thing to behold. In the pages of this newsletter you are likely to see all the kite-moves possible here at Faith Community UMC. The running, the crashing, the lack of wind, the catch, the tug on the string... and yes, the soaring too! I hope that you will also find an opportunity to put yourself in the places of highest potential to "catch the wind" of God's Spirit.

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Graduates recognized During Sunday, June 5 Service

EVAN MONTGOMERY will be attending Ohio University to study Business.

SUSANNAH OHDE will be attending University of Toledo to study Mechanical Engineering.

KRISTEN HENNING will be attending Ohio Wesleyan to study Education and play basketball.

HOLLY LOVINGSHIMER will be attending Wright State University to study Physical Therapy.

LAURIE LARE will be attending Eastern Kentucky on an army ROTC scholarship to study Nursing.

Let's say a prayer for these graduates and all our college students now and when they enter college in the fall.

Laurie Krakowiak, Chair of Higher Education

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Pew Bible Replacement

Replacement Pew Bibles will be dedicated during the July 10 service.



Nameplates will be placed in each bible indicating the donor and the individual being honored or remembered. Thank you for your generous response to this effort.

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Guide Book & Directory

In order to help us all know more about our church and to have an annually updated Church directory, we have contracted with Guide Book Publishing to produce a "Guide Book & Directory". The book will be direct mailed to every household in our Church this coming Fall and is being provided at no cost

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Guatemala Mission Team Needs Your Help

The Guatemala Mission Team is once again asking for your help as they prepare to go back to Guatemala in July.

They will be collecting new or gently used clothing and shoes for children; babies through teenagers.

Small toys (without batteries) would also be appreciated. Please place in the collection containers in the Narthex and Community Center.



UMW Circles

Mary Rebecca – Tuesday, July 12, 1 P.M. – Parlor

Dorcas – Tuesday, July 19, 1 P.M. – Parlor

Lydia – Wednesday, July 13, 7 P.M. – Parlor

Priscilla – No meeting in July



United Methodist Men

The FCUM Men have planted a garden on Towler Road as a Society of St. Andrews Meals for Millions project. The produce from the tomatoes and potatoes will all be gleaned and provided to the Xenia Fish Food Pantry. If anyone is interested in helping to weed the garden and then harvest the produce as it becomes mature, call John Sherer, 372-2204 or email: sherejw@aol.com. We would like to assign two persons per week through the summer to tend to the garden and harvest when produce is mature. Our plot is #40 in case you want to check it out.

John Sherer, Project Chair

Regular UMM Meeting

Monday, July 25, 6:30 PM



Congregation Book Exchange

Have you read any good books lately? If you have and are finished with a book and would like to share it with someone else, we have the solution for you. Starting this month we will have a table set up in the narthex labeled "Book Exchange." At the book exchange you can either take a book or drop a book off. You will not have to sign these books out and there is no time limit on when they will need to be returned



Prayers and Sympathy

to Phyllis Williams and family on the death of her brother

Carl Eddie Pepple; address: Mrs. Phyllis Williams, 1555 Regency Dr., Xenia; to William Simons and Ralph Simons, and Gwen (William) Tonne on the death of **Vera Simons**, mother and sister, address: William Simons, 965 Oak Dale Dr., Xenia, Gwen Tonne, 626 Eden Roc Dr., Xenia;

to Doris Stivers on the death of her daughter, **Sharon L. Thornton**, address: Doris Stivers, c/o Greenewood Manor, 711 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia; to Robert "Butch" (Beverly) Smith on the death of his sister, **Peggy Lou Pitstick**;

and to the family of **David Fixx**, address: Anita Shoup, 1175 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia.



On behalf of the Faith Community United Methodist Men I want to thank everyone who donated items or gave their time and talents to make our garage sale a huge success. A special thanks to Julie Spahr and her children, Reigh, Haleigh, Ashleigh and all the ladies who helped us men, for sharing their time and talents in pricing and organizing the items. I'm happy to report that we cleared about \$3,000 in the six hours of sales. In addition, we donated 1.5 truckloads of items (probably worth another \$800) to the Greene County Combined Health District. They will auction off the items in the fall and the proceeds will go to vaccinate needy children of Greene County.

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*

Thank you to the members of Faith Community for the cards, gifts, visits and calls you made to my father, Orville Hendricks when he was at Greene Memorial Hospital and at Hospitality East. I also very much appreciate the kindness and support you showed me during his illness and at the time of his death and at his funeral.

Patricia Lindemann

Dear Friends,

Jackson Area Ministries genuinely appreciated your most generous gift of seeds for our garden ministry. Both the quantity and quality of the donations is indeed an answer to our prayers. The number of families wanting to grow vegetables, etc., has been on the rise for several years. Your response is truly a significant contribution and will go a long way in helping us meet the expectations. Thank you very much for your support and may God richly bless your continuing efforts.

Rev. Bob Davis, Director



Baptisms



May 29, 2011:

Loralei Ruby Pierce, daughter of Mark and

Jaclyn Pierce; granddaughter of Cindy and Ross Morehead and Nikki and Tom Pierce;

Taylor Ann Leston, Gavin Michael Burrell, Lucas Patrick Burrell, daughter and sons of Jeffrey Burrell and Megan Leston; sister and brothers of Austin, Brody and Cayden Burrell; granddaughter and grandsons of Cindy and Ross Morehead.



Stephen Ministers: The After People

Frequently friends will ask, "I know you're involved in Stephen Ministry. Can you tell me exactly what a Stephen Minister is?" I like to explain that Stephen Ministers are "After People." Stephen Ministers are there: ...after you've washed and returned the last casserole dish. ...after the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out of your life. ...after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems incredibly empty. ...after you arrive home following the funeral service and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you. ...after the relationship has ended but the wounds are still bleeding and painful.

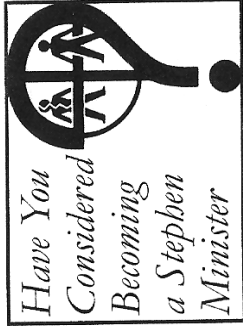
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- ...after the doctors have said, "There's nothing more we can do."
- ...after the door has slammed shut—for the very last time.
- ...after the phone call you'd always hoped you'd never get.
- ...after you realize the hands on the gold watch you received at your retirement party move more slowly than you ever imagined.
- ...after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ...after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ...after the baby has arrived putting more demands on you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ...after you find the pink slip inserted with what is now your final paycheck.
- ...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." We are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long "after" as we are needed.

Adapted from a presentation made during a worship service by Ernie Bourland, a lay Stephen Leader at First Baptist Church in Houston, TX



Sometimes love comes knocking at the door;
Not to judge, but to just be there through the thin times;
Not to heal, but to allow God to heal;
Not to be the answer, but to be a conduit;
Not to have the words, when God fills the silent room;
Sometimes love comes through and from a Stephen Minister.

Bill Nagle, Stephen Leader
Fayetteville, NC

Are you being called? The next Stephen Ministry training classes start at 7 PM on September 13. Contact Brenda Boroff, 453-2485, if you are interested in additional information.



**DEADLINE FOR
AUGUST FAITH LINKS:
Wednesday, July 13**

Blood Donors

The Community Blood Center thanks the following who donated blood at Faith Community on Thursday, May 26, 2011.

One donation can help save several lives and each donor is a hero to someone in our community.

Carolyn Bailey
Leslie Day
John Ford
Robert Fox
Marcella Gifford
John Hames
Mark Hartman
Jane Henning
Scott House
Robert Hutcheson
Karen Johnson
Dorothy Kammerer
Jon Heck

Margaret Lackey
Lisa Lare
Donna Murphy
Jodi Pitzer
Theodore Rose
Bruce Spitler
Tammy Terrell
James Thompson
Thomas Walliman
Ruth Weaver
Keith Willeford
Mary Willeford