

September 2011

Senior Pastor: Bradford G. Olson

Associate: Rick Tettau, Deacon

Christian Education. & Preschool Director: Lee Rose

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 (Traditional in Sanctuary)

9:45 (Praise Celebration in Community Center)

9:45 & 11:00 Sunday School

Worship Notes

September 4

"How do you forgive?"

Matthew 18:15-20

Communion by intinction

Pastor Brad

September 11

Thank You Volunteers

Exodus 36:1-7

Pastor Rick

September 18

"Homecoming: Growing separately without growing apart"

Combined service at 10:30

Pastor Brad

September 25

"A complaint free world"

Exodus 17:1-7

Pastor Brad

From Pastor Rick

Dear Friends,

I am excited! I am excited about a new mission partnership between FCUM and an organization called Shoes 4 the Shoeless (S4S). Shoes 4 the Shoeless is a completely volunteer-run organization that was started by Kris Horlacher. For much of her professional life as a nurse, Kris has worked with the poor in the Dayton community. The vision of S4S was born in a mentoring program for formerly homeless children that she initiated and implemented. The mission of S4S is to provide properly fitting shoes to children in desperate need. They seek to have no child endure the unnecessary physical and emotional distress that accompanies having no shoes or tattered shoes that do not fit. S4S is a faith-based, non-profit organization. They provide a paperback New Testament with every box of shoes. Their motto is "We

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Sunday Participation

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>S.S.</u>
July 24	230	58
August 7	248	71
August 14	243	67
August 21	274	84

(Pastor Rick)

provide new shoes, new socks, and a New Testament" to every child. As the chairperson of Shoes 4 the Shoeless Kris uses her knowledge and experience to guide this ministry. She coordinates the distribution of thousands of shoes and educates the community. Kris has a great team of people to work with who also value the needs of children. One member of her team is Sandy Pramer, who has worked with S4S in the Xenia Community Schools.

You may have heard Sandy's presentation in worship on Aug. 21. Sandy introduced this ministry to the congregation and we are taking the first steps to reach the goals we have set. Below is our plan of action for which we need your help, prayers, and support.

September 8, 1-3 pm – We will distribute flyers in the neighborhood around the church.

September 10, 9-11 am – Children will come to the church for a shoe measuring.

September 11 – First names of children and their shoe size will be available in the narthex. You may pick up the name of a child, purchase the shoes, and return them the following week.

September 18 – A blessing of the shoes will take place in worship.

September 24, 9-11 am – Children will return to the church to receive their new shoes. People who buy shoes may meet the child

who receives the new socks and shoes.

Some questions that I have been asked:

Can the shoes be gently used?

Only new shoes please.

Can I make a monetary donation?

Absolutely, please indicate 'S4S' on your check payable to FCUM.

What kind of shoes should I buy?

Only gym shoes or tennis shoes are accepted.

Should I buy a pair of socks, too?

Yes! Thank you.

What if I have a question or concern? Call Pastor Rick or Sandy Pramer. We will be happy to talk to you.

Anything else? Each child will receive a paperback New Testament provided by the S4S ministry.

Thank you for your support of this ministry. The Missions & Evangelism Committee is working hard to keep our focus on community outreach by becoming intentional about building relationships with our neighbors. I will pray for the children who God puts into your hands through this ministry. My heart rejoices when I think about how Christ will love them through your good works.

Faith Community's New Organist

It is with great pleasure the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) welcomes Carol Stewart as she began her new part-time Organist position effective Sunday, August 14th. Carol comes to FCUM from Cedarville United Presbyterian Church where she has been their

organist for 25 years, and was previously the organist for Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville for about 35 years. Carol earned a Bachelor's degree of Music Education from Cedarville College and taught general music in Mad River Greene Local School District in Enon for several years. Additionally, she accompanied the Greene County Adult Chorus under Warren Webber and Craig Jaynes, and she currently teaches private piano and flute lessons at Noteworthy Music in Xenia. During the last several months, Carol frequently worshipped with us and witnessed our choirs and special musicians sharing His message and enriching the worship experience. We are honored to have Carol as a vital part of Faith Community's music ministry. Please join the SPRC and staff in welcoming and supporting Carol during her transition to the bench at FCUM.

-Cheryl Whitican, Chair, SPRC

Shepherding Program

To those who are involved in the Shepherding program, please remember to visit your person every month. It becomes very important to these homebound people and they look forward to it. If you have any changes and need to let us know, contact Laurie Krakowiak, Mary Russell or Brenda Boroff.

Thank you!

Higher Education

For college students who will have a new address this fall, please email

me the information so the church can still be in contact with you. My email address is laurielamont@juno.com.

Congregation: Please take an address to support one or more of our college students. The information will be on the bulletin board in the education wing. Thank you.

Laurie Krakowiak

Chancel Choir

Attention all members of the Chancel Choir and all those who would like to sing this year. It is time to return to our rehearsal schedule and participation in worship. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 7 at 7:30 P.M. in the sanctuary. Child care will be available in the nursery during rehearsals. We will sing in worship service on Sunday, September 11 at the 11:00 service.

Common Cup Food Court

Resumes September 7, 5:00 P.M. Information will be available about growth groups for adults and programs for youth and children. Cost of meals is \$6.00 per person or \$20 for a family of 4 or more.

Crop Walk

September 25 beginning at 2 P.M. at Shawnee Park. Water and snacks donated by Nick's Restaurant will be provided half-way at Faith Community. Proceeds go to Church World Service with 25% donated to our local food pantry. See Pastor Rick for more information.

Long-Distance Referrals

What do you do when you have a good friend who just lost his wife, but he lives in Colorado and you live in Xenia? How do you offer care when your sister loses her job but she lives across the country from you? How do you find a Stephen Minister for someone you love 3,000 miles away when you don't know any Stephen Ministry churches in that area?



Stephen Ministries can help find a Stephen Minister for your loved one. This is a way that Stephen Ministry congregations around the world work together to provide Christ's care to those in need.

In order to ensure that Stephen Ministers aren't trying to provide care to care receivers whose needs go beyond their capabilities, the process begins by contacting Stephen Leader, Brenda Boroff. So, when you learn of a faraway friend or relative who is going through a difficult time, remember that we at Faith as a Stephen Ministry congregation have the opportunity to network with other Stephen Ministry congregations.

Call Brenda Boroff at 937-453-2485 for additional information about not only the long-distance referral option but also to learn more about the possibility of receiving care for yourself or a loved one who lives in the area.

UMW Circles

Mary Rebecca – Tuesday, September 13, 1 PM - Parlor

Lydia – Wednesday September 14, 7 PM - Parlor

Priscilla – Monday, September 19, 7 PM - Parlor

Dorcas – Tuesday, September 20, 1 PM - Parlor

United Methodist Men Regular Meeting

Monday, September 26, 6:30 PM

A great religious based movie "**Courageous**" will be at local theaters starting September 30th. This is a wonderful movie about 4 Sheriff Deputies struggling to balance work and being a responsible husband, father, and good citizen. It is full of excitement, humor and many good learning situations for men of all ages. It is especially directed to men from 13 on up but is appropriate for the whole family. The Miami Valley District Men are working on blocking one of the Huber Heights theaters for members of the MVD. When we receive more information on this, we'll report it in the next Faithlinks and in the bulletin.

For more information, contact John Sherer at 372-2204 or sherer-jw@aol.com.

Faith Community United Methodist Men's golf team of Captain Dave Buck, Mark Houser, Bob McColaugh, and Jim Beaver are Champions of the Methodist Men's Golf tournament held August 11 at the Middletown Weatherwax Golf Course. There were about 130 UM men participating in this tournament and we should be very proud of our teams' achievements. Over the years, this is the third time they have won the championship trophy and another time, they came in second. **Way to go guys!** Stop by and see their trophy displayed in the church office.



Dear Faith Community Members & Friends,

Thank you to Pastors Brad and Rick and Tim and Joan Holly for your visits and prayers during Stan's hospitalization in ICU at GMH. Your visitations were such a comfort to me and our daughters. I know Stan knew you were there too.

Thank you Tim Holly for the beautiful and meaningful funeral service.

Thank you ladies of Family Outreach for the wonderful meal that was served to family and friends following the funeral. The meal not only satisfied the hunger in our

stomachs, it warmed our hearts and souls. In Christian Love, Becky Abels and the Stan Abels Family

Prayers and Sympathy

*to Dee Anne (David) Martin and Donna (Bob) McColaugh and their families on the death of their mother, **Ruth LeFevre**. Addresses: Dee Anne Martin, 300 Country Club Dr., Xenia; Donna McColaugh, 797 N. Detroit St., Xenia;*
*to Betty Jones and family on the death of her daughter, **Pam Layton**. Address: 1464 Dee Ann Dr., Xenia;*
*to Barbara Suter and family on the death of her husband, **Howard Bill Suter**. Address: 469 Montana Dr., Xenia;*
*to Judith Hudson and family on the death of her father, **Delmer Johnson**. Address: 531 Riverwood Dr., Dayton;*
*to Linda Guckian and family on the death of her daughter, **Kim Kendig**. Address: 910 Cannondale Ave., Xenia;*
*to Bruce Pickelheimer and family on the death of his wife, **Judy Pickelheimer**. Address: 1045 Hamlet Dr., Xenia;*
to Erin (Jon) Rose and her family on the death of her grandmother. Address: 1528 Seneca Dr., Xenia;
*and to Emily and Rachel Harkleroad on the death of their grandfather and father, **Robert L. Lough, Sr.** Address: 1021 Ashbrooke Ln., Xenia.*

Urgent Need for Childcare Workers

The Staff-Parish Relations committee (SPRC) is actively seeking to hire two part-time child care workers for FCUM's nursery to work on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during Common Cup's Growth Groups/Chancel Choir rehearsals from September through May. Additional nursery coverage may include occasional events and periodic meetings, such as Wednesday morning Bible study. These are hourly-paid positions and report directly to Lee Rose, Christian Education & Preschool Director, and indirectly to SPRC. All offers are contingent upon a background investigation. To apply, please request an employment application from the church office, complete it, and return to the office to the attention of SPRC. Application deadline Friday, September 9, 2011.

► Old Fashioned Homecoming ◀

Sunday, September 18, 2011

Combined service at 10:30 A.M., followed by picnic/carry-in. Food, Fun, Games and Fellowship. If you have any old pictures to share...Tar Hollow, New Mexico, Camp Sabina, or other events, please bring pictures the day of the event to put on the sharing table.

Deadline for Oct.Faith Links: Fri., Sept. 16

Festival of Sharing – Saturday, October 1, 2011, 9 AM-12:30 PM at Otterbein College in Westerville, OH, 100 West Home Street

If you are able to help we ask that you add \$2 per kit (\$3 for emergency clean-up bucket kits) to cover processing and shipping. Please do not include monies with kits. Monetary donations may be sent to Church World Service, PO Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515. Kits must be turned in to the church by September 18 to enable us to box up the kits and prepare for shipping. Please contact Joyce Smith, 372-6576; e-mail: JES1129@aol.com; or Betsy Murray, 372-8376; e-mail: ardbeg7@aol.com.

School Kit

- 1 pr. blunt metal scissors round tip
- 3 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (**no loose-leaf or filler paper**)
- 1 30 centimeter ruler 12"
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1 large eraser
- 6 new pencils w/erasers
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished cotton or canvas bag with cloth handles (please no reusable shopping bags or backpacks) Patterns for the bag are available online at www.churchworldservice.org or by calling your CWS regional office at 888-297-2767.

Hygiene Kit

- 1 hand towel measuring approx. 16 x 28 (no fingertip or bath towels)
 - 1 washcloth
 - 1 wide-tooth comb
 - 1 nail clipper
 - 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
 - 1 toothbrush (original packaging)
 - 6 standard size Band-aids
- Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to hygiene kits just prior to shipping.

Baby Care Kit

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)

- 2 washcloths
 - 2 gowns or sleepers
 - 2 diaper pins
 - 1 sweater or sweatshirt (can be hand-knitted or crocheted)
 - 2 receiving blankets (one can be hand-knitted or crocheted)
- Items must be new and under 12 months in size. Wrap items inside one of the blankets and secure with both diaper pins.

Emergency Clean-up Bucket

- 1 5-gal. bucket w/resealable lid
 - 5 scouring pads
 - 7 sponges, assorted sizes
 - 1 scrub brush
 - 18 cleaning towels (reusable)
 - 1 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
 - 1 12 oz. bottle liquid household cleaner (like Lysol)
 - 1 12 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn)
 - 1 pkg. 48-50 clothespins
 - Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 feet
 - 5 dust masks
 - 2 pair latex gloves
 - 1 pair work gloves
 - 24-28-bag roll of heavy-duty 30-45 gal. trash bags (may remove from carton)
 - 1 6-9 oz. bottle insect repellent (pump, drops, or lotion, not aerosol)
- Please provide all liquids in new unopened plastic bottles. Place all items in the plastic bucket and seal lid with packing tape.**