

## October 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

#### October 2

Communion in pews  
"The Book of Judges: Deborah and Gideon"; Judges 6:36-40  
Matthew 21:33-46; Pastor Rick

#### October 9

"The Book of Judges: Jephthah and Samson"; Judges 16:15-22  
Matthew 22:1-14; Pastor Rick

#### October 16

Coins for Missions  
"Things that are God's"  
Pastor Brad

#### October 23

"Financial Peace"  
Consecration Sunday  
Pastor Brad

#### October 30

"What is a Saint?"  
All Saints Sunday  
Pastor Brad

### From Pastor Brad

John Wesley advised people to, "make all you can, save all you can, give all you can." This month we are going to take some time to focus on the last part of that quote, "give all you can." October is the month when you are being asked to consider your giving to the work of the Lord through Faith Community UM Church.

The process is very simple. First, consider what you are currently giving. If you consider what you give as a percentage of your income, what percentage does it represent?

Second, think about what you would like to be able to give. If we lived in a perfect world, where we could do what we want, what would you want to give?

Third, would you consider making a step toward what you would like to be able to give?

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(Pastor Brad)

### Sunday Participation

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>S.S.</u>
Aug. 28	299	85
Sept. 4	243	59
Sept. 11	265	83
Sept. 18	250	25

Oct. 23 will be Consecration Sunday. You will be asked if you are willing to make an estimate of your giving to the church in 2012. I can honestly tell you that I don't like asking for money any more than you like being asked, but it really does help us as we plan for next year. If you are not giving anything, would you consider giving something? If you are giving, would you be willing to step up toward tithing? If you are tithing, thank you. The Church is trying to be a good steward of your gifts. Are you willing to step up your role as the Body of Christ?



**Stephen  
Ministry  
Seminar on  
Caregiving to and  
for the Cancer**

**Patient and Caregiver—Save  
the Date!!**

Few, if any of us, will escape dealing with cancer—directly or indirectly—during our lifetime. Depending on the source consulted, we are told that one out of two or one out of three Americans will get cancer. For many, living with cancer is the biggest challenge he or she has ever faced. Cancer

changes not only the life of the person diagnosed but also the lives of those around them.

You are invited to attend a presentation sponsored by the Greater Dayton Stephen Ministry Network, on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 PM at Fairhaven Church. Mary Murphy, our speaker, is a much sought after presenter and comes highly recommended. Mary serves as the Director of Advanced Practice Nursing and Focused Care with the Hospice of Dayton. Her clinical expertise in the field of hospice care and oncology has been recognized with state and national awards from her peers. As a member of the Palliative Care Consultant Team of the Hospice of Dayton, she is imminently qualified to assist us in learning about providing care not only to cancer patients themselves but also to those in care-giving roles.

Additional information, including detailed directions and ride-sharing options, will be provided closer to the time. We encourage you to share this information with anyone you know whom you think would benefit from learning more about a topic that continues to challenge us all. There is no fee for attendees. As Bernie Faenza shares in the Care Note *When Your Spouse Has Cancer*, "We are not just dealing with the cancer, or living with it; we are living beyond it." Join us on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Seeking Director of Christian Education

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is actively seeking to fill the position of Director of Christian Education (DCE) as Lee Rose has announced her resignation from this position effective September 28, 2011. The DCE will develop/administer Christian education programs for FCUM, children, teens and adults through a heartfelt desire to nurture faith and community within the United Methodist tradition.

The DCE must possess a deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, as well as display excellent communication and strong human relations skills to elicit trust from the members of the staff and congregation in order to encourage them to become disciples for Jesus Christ.

Bachelor's degree in Christian education, teaching, or related field preferred, or equivalent progressively-increasing experience developing and leading children's and/or family ministry programs, plus a minimum 1-3 years hands-on experience developing Christian education curriculum, program design,

planning, organizing and leading ministries. Experience supervising volunteers is required. See Shelly Bullen, Business Manager, for a complete description of duties. Interested candidates may forward a resume to: FCUM, Attn. SPRC, 100 Country Club Dr., Xenia, OH 45385, or drop it off in the church office.



## Higher Education

For college students who have a new address for the school year, please email me the information so the church can still be in contact with you. My email address is [laurielamont@juno.com](mailto:laurielamont@juno.com).

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

Thank you.

Laurie Krakowiak

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## Handbell Choir Opportunities!

### Third Grade to Senior High School

Weekly 20 minute handbell lesson  
(for new ringers only) Tuesdays and  
Thursdays 4 P.M.

Handbell Choir meets Wednesdays 4:50-5:25 P.M.

Our goal is to play in church once a month, when possible, between October and May as well as provide music Christmas Eve. Anyone who is interested may pick up a registration form in the church office.



## **UMW Circles**

**Mary Rebecca** – Tuesday,

October 11, 1 PM - Parlor

**Lydia** – Wednesday October 12, 7 PM - Parlor

**Priscilla** – Monday, October 17, 7 PM - Parlor

**Dorcias** – Tuesday, October 18, 1 PM - Parlor

## **United Methodist Men**

\* Regular meeting Monday, October 24, 6:30 P.M.

\*John Sherer has a limited number of tickets for the Christian movie "**Courageous**" available first come first serve at \$7.75 for any matinee showing Sunday Oct. 2nd at the Huber Heights Cinema. Regular cost is \$12.50. Call John at 372-2204 to reserve your tickets at this price. This is a movie with the theme "Honor Begins at Home" emphasizing men taking responsibility. It is a great film for the whole family. The film opens September 30<sup>th</sup> and may be seen at any RAVE Theater at the time of your choosing for \$12.50. This special offer was arranged by the MVDUMM.

\*The West Ohio Conference of United Methodist Men's Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at N. Broadway UMC in Columbus. FCUMM has reserved the van and encourage all men to attend. See John Sherer for registration forms. John is chairing this event with the theme "Creating a Men's

Ministry For Every Man in Your Church" with speaker Gil Hanke from the General Commission of UMM out of Nashville, TN. Tim Holly will lead the singing and we will hear two other dynamic speakers, Dr. Rev. Mike Bowie and Rev. Don Trumbull.

\*The Miami Valley District UMM meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hope UMC, Dayton, Ohio. No RSVP required. Meeting starts at 7 PM; the church van will leave the parking lot at 6 PM. To RSVP a van ride, call John Sherer at 372-2204.



*To everyone who helped out with the "one service" and the "pignic" on Sept. 18. A special word of thanks to Dawn for coordinating it all, City BBQ for the pulled pork, the Conovers for the tents, the Youth for helping set up, the UMM for helping tear down, and everyone who brought a dish to pass. It was a great day to remember that because there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism (Hebrews 4:2)," we are one body of Christ. The things that unite us are so much greater than the things that would divide us.*

*Pastor Brad*

*Dear Faith Community  
Members and Friends,*

*Thank you for the prayers,  
calls and cards during my  
recent cancer scare. Thanks  
to my Stephen Minister and  
her husband for being at my  
procedure and for their pray-  
ers. Thanks to the prayer  
chain and the Double I class  
for their support.*

*In Christian Love,  
Judy Larcomb*

*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you for the prayers,  
calls, cards and especially for  
the visits during my recovery  
from renal failure. I was put  
on dialysis for several  
months, after which I was  
told by the kidney specialists  
that I don't require dialysis  
anymore. My kidneys are  
functioning through your  
prayers. Thank God for this.*

*Love,  
Rosalie Griffy*

*I want to take this opportu-  
nity to thank all who have  
helped through the spring,  
summer and fall to clean up,  
mulch, maintain, trim, cut  
down, spray or whatever else  
you might have done to in  
any way assist with the  
beds, shrubs, and trees  
around the church. I get so  
many compliments on how  
great things look and I al-*

*ways try to tell people if they  
see someone working to be  
sure and say thank you. The  
youth helped clean up sticks  
and leaves, a great group  
came out and mulched and  
many of you have taken on  
some small area to maintain.  
Some trimmed bushes or  
sprayed and some provided  
trucks or trailers for the  
cleanup and mulching. I  
have had a few new faces  
and am always looking for  
more. As the saying goes,  
"many hands make for light  
work." If you like the way  
things look and enjoy work-  
ing outside, let me know and  
I will contact you next year  
when we get started. You do  
not have to sign on for the  
whole summer. If you just  
want to help do one thing that  
would be great. Again on be-  
half of the members of the  
church, a heartfelt **THANK  
YOU!!***

*Margaret Stidham*



### **Prayers and Sympathy**

to Vickie Coughlin and her  
family on the death of her  
husband **James Coughlin**;  
Address: 7150 Haer Dr.,  
Dayton, OH 45414;  
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(Prayers and Sympathy)

to the family and friends of **Betty Brickel** on her death;

to Don Middleton and John Middleton and their families on the death of their brother **Robert Middleton**;

and to the family and friends of **Connie Stoneburner** on her death.



## OVER 700 STUDENTS AT THE CLEFT

Since The Cleft opened on October 22, 2010, over 700

students have come through the doors. The Cleft has quickly become Xenia's new hot spot for teens as over 150 students come through the doors each week! As you can imagine, we are already bursting at the seams in our current facility within the Xenia YMCA! Tell everyone you know, The Cleft is growing, and students are being impacted! Please be a part of this miracle in the community! Join the Cleft Team through your financial support or by volunteering. Together we can make a difference in the lives of hundreds of students!

**Deadline for November Faith Links:  
Friday, October 14. Thanks!**

