

## April 2017

Senior Pastor: Barb Schneckner Associate: Deacon Rick Tettau  
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 Traditional in Sanctuary  
11:00 spirit.fire in Community Center  
9:30 Sunday School

### Worship Notes

April 2: Pastor Barb "Waking up the Lazarus in You!" Psalm 130  
Holy Communion John 11:1-45

April 9: Pastor Rick

#### Palm Sunday

8:30 Traditional in Sanctuary  
11:00 Combined Service in Sanctuary

"The Journey to the Cross"

Matthew 27:11-24

Children's Choir

April 14: **Good Friday**

Cross Walk

April 16: Pastor Barb

#### Easter Sunday

Holy Communion

John 20:1-18

"I've Seen.../Come See Too!"

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

April 23: Pastor Rick

"Christian Values in Appalachia"

John 20:19-31

April 30: Stephanie Blackburn

"The Emmaus Road"

Luke 24:13-35

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### Attendance

Date	Worship	S.S.
Feb. 19	180	100
Feb. 26	199	101
Mar. 12	214	91
Mar. 19	185	87

### The Power of Easter Resurrection!

How many times have you seen something and then become a believer? That is exactly what happened to Peter in John 20:8. "He saw and believed!" Mary on the other hand stood outside the tomb crying. Angels asked her why she was crying? They had taken her Lord and she didn't know where he had been taken. All she knew was that Jesus wasn't in the tomb that he had been placed in. After Mary said this, she turned and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. He asked why she was crying and who she was looking for? Mary thought Jesus was the gardener, but when he spoke her name, Mary, she knew it was Jesus! There is no biblical account of how the resurrection happened or details, only that the stone had been rolled away and Jesus was no longer in the tomb. In a society where we have a need to know, there are times we are hard pressed to slow down and think about

how God is at work even when we don't know all the details. I want you to think about how the Easter story tells us the story by not including every detail. Is it important to know how God does something or is it more important to know that God is working on our behalf to make things better?

What are we expecting this Easter? When we get up Sunday morning and get ready to come to worship and praise God...what is it that will go unnoticed and where are the places that God will be working...in you...or in others?

It is important that we recall the story of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. It helps us to believe in the things that we can no longer see, but develops a faith that is focused outward instead of inward. I love to tell the story...won't you invite someone to be part of God's story? After all it is resurrection power at its finest...God moving the impossible!

Indeed! He is Risen  
Pastor Barb

### Easter Flowers

There is still time to order tulips and/or lilies. Deadline for placing an order is Friday, April 7. Cost is \$11 and must be turned in with the order form to the office or placed in the offering plate.

## A Message from the Sunday School Coordinator

Thanks to all teachers and team members who attended the Sunday School Meeting on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a lively meeting with good discussion. We are blessed to have a great bunch of Sunday School workers who love Jesus and are willing to share what they know about their faith with others. We thank you for your dedication. If you have not attended Sunday School for some time, you might want to check it out.

During the summer the children ages 3 thru 5th grade will meet together during Sunday School time. Singing will begin at 9:30 am. At 10 am the children will go to class and we are looking for adults to portray various characters in the Bible.

They are listed below:

June 4 - we need someone to portray Abraham.

June 11- Jacob

June 18- Joseph

June 25- Moses

July 2- Ruth

July 9- David

July 16- Esther

July 23- Mary

July 30- Jesus

August 6- Peter

August 13- John (the disciple)

Aug 20- Paul

If you choose to volunteer, please be aware that you will

have one or two teachers in the room with you and we will assist and lead an activity related to your character following your portrayal. We are thinking this will be a fun time for all the children. Adults, Please pray about volunteering for one Sunday this summer. See Virginia Pinkerton or call at 937-3131630 or email at [vap1222@att.net](mailto:vap1222@att.net)

August 27th will be Sunday School kick-off and promotion Sunday for those who graduate to a new class. Stay tuned for more information on this topic.

#### **Palm Sunday and Easter -**

The children will be singing on Palm Sunday for the 11am service.

Easter Sunday there will be no classes for children. There will be an Easter Breakfast beginning at 9 am and that will follow with an Easter Egg Hunt. We are hoping to have a big crowd of children those two Sundays so mark your calendar, bring an empty basket on Easter, and join us for worship. It is the highlight of our Christian year. Let's celebrate our Savior's resurrection together for a few hours.

Seder Meal- Pastor Barb is planning a Seder Meal for Maundy Thursday, April 13, 2017. If you would like to volunteer to help serve this meal, please call Virginia Pinkerton at

937-313-1630 or email at [vap1222@att.net](mailto:vap1222@att.net). Your "volunteerism" would be greatly appreciated. Blessings to all.

## **Stephen Ministry**

### **Hope and Help**

2017 Quick Facts from the American Alzheimer's Association:

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's. By 2050, this number could rise as high as 16 million.

Every 66 seconds someone in this country develops the disease.

\*Alzheimer's is the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the U. S. It kills more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.

\*Since 2000, deaths from heart disease have decreased by 14% while deaths from Alzheimer's disease have increased by 89%.

\*1 in 3 seniors will die with Alzheimer's or another type of dementia.

\*Alzheimer's is the only top 10 cause of death that cannot currently be prevented, cured, or even significantly slowed.

\*In 2016, caregivers of Alzheimer's patients provided an estimated 18.2 billion hours of care valued at over \$230 billion.

\*2/3 of caregivers are women. 34% are 65 years of age or older. Approximately 1/4 of the caregivers are “sandwich-generation” caregivers—caring not only for an aging parent but also for children under age 18.

\*Alzheimer’s takes a devastating toll on caregivers compared with caregivers of people without dementia. Twice as many caregivers of those with dementia indicate substantial emotional, financial, and physical difficulties.

It is just these types of facts that have prompted the Greater Dayton Stephen Ministry Network to sponsor “Caring for Alzheimer’s Patients and Their Caregivers,” led by Eric Van Vlymen, Director of the Miami Valley Alzheimer’s Association. This presentation on April 30<sup>th</sup>, at Hope United Methodist Church on Wilington Pike across from Miami Valley South, is free and open to all who are interested. Registration will be at 2:15 and the presentation between 2:30-4:30. Contact Becky Cultice @ 937-376-5747 for additional information or to reserve a space.

Alzheimer’s caregivers frequently report experiencing high levels of stress. It can be overwhelming to take care of a loved one with Alzheimer’s or other dementia, but too much stress can be harmful to both of

you. Hope and support are available. In addition to this presentation, check out resources available in the Stephen Ministry section of the adult church library. The Greene County Public Library also offers over 375 books, DVD’s , and other resources. *The Emotional Journey of the Alzheimer’s Family* and *What If It’s Not Alzheimer’s? a caregiver’s guide to dementia* are a couple of the books in their collection as is the DVD *Caring for a Loved One with Alzheimer’s: an emotional journey*. As always, there is the option of having the support of a Stephen Minister. Contact either of the pastors or Becky Cultice.

## United Methodist Women

### Circle Meetings

Lydia: Wednesday, April 12, 7-8:45pm in the Parlor

Priscilla: Monday, April 17, 7-9pm in the Parlor

Dorcas: Tuesday, April 18, 1-3:30pm in the Parlor

## Mother’s Day Carnations Sale

The United Methodist Women will sell Mother’s Day carnations Sunday, April 23,

April 30, and May 7. Cost is \$1.25 per flower. Please pick up your order forms from the women at the tables in the Narthex and/or Community Center before or after each worship service. Forms will also be available in the office beginning Monday, April 24 through Friday, May 5. The carnations will be displayed in the Sanctuary and Community Center on Sunday, May 14. Please make checks payable to F.C. United Methodist Women and indicate in the memo "Carnations". We are unable to accept orders without payment or take phone orders.

(Both Mother's Day and Father's Day carnations sales will now be a joint fund raiser project by all UMW circles.) Thank you for your support.

## **CALLING ALL MEN: - THIS MEANS Y O U !!**

The Men of Faith will be meeting on the third Monday of each month in 2017. Meetings will be held in room #6. Start time is 6:30 PM and a meal will be served. The program will start at 7:00 PM. We WILL MEET ON April 17th. Come at 7:00 if you only want to attend the program, which will be completing our program calendar for the remainder of the year and enjoying fellowship. Bring

your ideas and help us to make our meetings fruitful. Please call William (Brownie) Brown, 372-7373 if you plan to attend for the meal, so we can plan the quantity of food needed. All men are welcome and you can bring a friend. Hope to see you on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Higher Education**

Happy Spring, everyone! I have two requests for Faith Community. Please let me know if you are called to help with either of these initiatives to support our students. #1- When I asked the FCUM college students what they would like to receive from their church family, the most common reply that I received was cards or notes letting them know that we are thinking of and praying for them as they work to complete their formal studies. I would like for April to be a month where we shower our college kids with notes and cards of good thoughts and wishes. The church will purchase the cards and envelopes. What I need are volunteers to sign and mail the cards to students. Are you willing to help? Let me know how many cards you are willing to send. We currently have 19 students, and I would love for each of them to receive 5 or more cards. If this ministry

calls to you, please e-mail me at [wicklinecasa@aol.com](mailto:wicklinecasa@aol.com) or call or text me at 937-207-8289.

### #2- High

School graduations are right around the corner. I need a good listing of all the high school graduates from Faith Community. If you know of a high school senior set to graduate this year, please forward me their name and if you have it, their contact information (I prefer cell phone numbers). Thank you so much!

Finally, good luck to all our students as they close out another formal year of higher education. Remember... *But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint. ( Isaiah 40:31)*  
Julie Wickline

looking for adults and youth workers. It will be an exciting week as we discover heroes of the bible and our ability to be heroes. Hope to see you June 19-23.

### Information Table

We will have a table set up at the Community Easter Egg Hunt. This is an opportunity for Faith Community to share information with the community about our various outreach groups. Please see Stephanie Blackburn if you have information you would like to include.

### Seder Meal

If you plan to attend the Maundy Thursday Seder meal on April 13 at 5:30pm, your tickets must be purchased by April 5 to secure your reservation. Cost is \$10 and tickets are available at Common Cup and the church office.

### Thank You

Dear Church Family,

*Thank you very much for all the cards, phone calls, flowers and food we received after the passing of Mary Ellen's brother, David. We appreciate your loving kindness.*

*Bob & Mary Ellen Warner*

The family of Wendell Cultice invites you to a celebration of his life to be held at Faith Community on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 a.m. There will be an opportunity to visit with the family from 9:30 until the time of the service. All are invited to continue sharing memories after the service over a light lunch.

**Vacation Bible School VBS** is coming June 19-23. Hero Central is the theme. We are

## Ladies' Bible Study

A six week Bible study will be offered on Wednesdays beginning April 12 and running until May 24. (No study week of May 17.) The study is titled "The Best YES by Lysa TerKerust, which shares how to make better use of the two most powerful words, yes and no. Class will start at 6:30pm in room 8.

### Common Cup April Menu

Apr. 5: Ham loaves or Pen-nepa's Meal

Apr. 12: No Common Cup - Holy Week

Apr. 19: Meat loaf or turkey Rollups

Apr. 26: Cube steak or Chicken ala king

## Blood Drive

On Monday, February 13, 2017, Faith Community hosted its 35<sup>th</sup> blood drive. We started hosting drives, conducted by Community Blood Center in the summer of 2005. At this latest drive, we registered 37

applicants, drew 33 pints of blood (122% of our goal of 27) and had one first time donor. Each donation can

help save as many as three lives. Each donor is a hero to someone in our community.

Thanks to the following participants:

Betty Bouzeos, Steven Brodsky, Donald Coakley, Alison Corry, Brianna Davis, Lynn Deil, Tyler Edwards, Susan Fellie, John Hames, Luan Heit, Moriah Hopkins, Rachel Kelsey, Laura Long, Gordon Lydic, Rosanna Mackey, Steven Mackey, William Mallernee, Sherri Mash, Carol Milam, Aimee Morse, Betsy Murray, Jennifer Napier, Larry Paris, Rachel Parks, Lucy Parsons, Susan Pfeiffer, Jodi Pitzer, Andrew Root, Cherie Sheets, Alan Stock, John Tattman, Adrienne Traxier, Ronald Volkerding, Thomas Wallman, Fred Whitcan, Forest Wilson.

The next drive is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2017, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. If you would like to help in any way or have questions, call or contact John Ford at 372-6641 or [jford9@woh.rr.com](mailto:jford9@woh.rr.com).



Deadline for May Faith Links: Friday, April 14. Thanks for your cooperation.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE IS SCHEDULED FOR Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6. Many have already responded with items for the garage sale and we are so appreciative of your support. If you are planning on donating significant items, it would be helpful if you would list those items below. Typical items donated are dishes, glassware, pots, pans, electrical items, pictures, games, toys, bikes, clocks, radios, TV's, garden tools, tools, mowers, etc. Please no clothing, and please make sure electrical items are in working condition or mark otherwise. If you have a garage sale prior to ours and have items left over, call us and we'll arrange to pick up left over items. Items may be dropped off at the Community Center Thursday, May 4 from 1 to 8 PM, or Friday May 5 from 9 AM -12 Noon. The sale runs from 6 to 9 PM Friday evening and will continue Saturday morning 9 AM to 12 Noon. Pick up of items may be arranged by calling John Sherer at 372-2204 Please list major items you plan to donate and put in the offering plate, turn into the church office, or give to John Sherer.**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_





ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_ If pick up needed, check this box ( )

Your support is greatly appreciated!! Proceeds go for UMM missions and projects.



## April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26</i></p>						1
<p><b>2</b> 8:30 -Traditional 11:00-Traditional &amp; spirit.fire 9:30-Sunday School 2-7:30pm-Miami Valley Prayer Breakthrough Conference-FCC 6:30-8:00pm-Confirmation Class-Y.R.</p>	<p><b>3</b> 5:30-6:30-PR/HR Team 6:30pm-8:30pm-Cub Scouts-15A,B, #5,11,12 7-8:30pm-Boy Scouts-15C 6:30-9pm-Stephen Ministry-Library</p>	<p><b>4</b> 6-8pm-Girl Scouts-FH15-A,B,C  7-9pm-Trustees-#6</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 5pm-Food Court 6:30pm-Growth Groups 2-8:30pm-Youth-Youth rooms and edge 6:00-7:00-Handbell Choir 7:30pm-Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>6</b> 10-11:30 -Bible Study-Parlor  7-10pm-Praise Band-FCC</p>	7	8
<p><b>9</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>  8:30 -Traditional-Sanc. 11:00-Traditional &amp; spirit.fire in Sanctuary 9:30-Sunday School  6:30-8pm-Confirmation Class-Youth Rooms</p>	<p><b>10</b> 6:30-8:30pm-Cub Scouts-15A&amp;B; #5,11,12 6-8pm-Preschool Open House-Rms. 5 &amp; 7 7-8:30pm-Boy Scouts-15C</p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:30-8:30-G.S. Leader Meeting-FH-15A  6:30-9pm-Investment Team Meeting-Rm. 6</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 5pm-Food Court 6:30pm-Growth Groups 2-8:30pm-Youth-Youth rooms and edge 6:15-7:15-Handbell Choir 7-8:45pm-Lydia-Parlor 7:30pm-Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 10-11:30am-Thursday Bible Study-P 5:30-7:30pm-Seder Meal-FCC 7-9pm-Grief Support-P</p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>Cross Walk</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Faith Links Deadline</p>	15
<p><b>16</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 8:30 &amp; 11:00-Traditional &amp; spirit.fire 9am-Easter Breakfast Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p><b>17</b> 6:30-8:30pm-Cub Scouts-15A&amp;B; #5,11,12 6:30-9pm-Men of Faith-Room 6 7-9pm-Priscilla-Parlor 7-8:30p-Boy Scouts-15C</p>	<p><b>18</b> 1-3:30pm-Dorcas-P 6-8:00pm-Leadership Team-Rm. 6 6-8pm-Girl Scouts-FH15-A,B,C</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 5pm-Food Court 6:30pm-Growth Groups 2-8:30pm-Youth-Youth rooms and edge  6:15-7:15-Handbell Choir 7:30pm-Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>20</b> 10-11:30am-Thursday Bible Study-P  7-10pm-Praise Band-FCC</p>	21	<p><b>22</b> <b>Earth Day</b> <b>Wendell Cultice Memorial Service (visitation begins 9:30; service 11:00)</b> 5-9pm-Double I-15A/Kit.</p>
<p><b>23</b> 8:30 &amp; 11:00-Traditional &amp; spirit.fire 9:30-Sunday School 6:30-8pm-Confirmation Class-Youth Rooms <b>30</b> – See above 12-1pm-Scholarship Interviews-Parlor 6:30-8pm-Confirmation Class-Youth Rooms</p>	<p><b>24</b> 6:30-8:30pm-Cub Scouts-15A&amp;B; #5,11,12  7-8:30pm-Boy Scouts-15C</p>	25	<p><b>26</b> 5pm-Food Court 6:30pm-Growth Groups 2-8:30pm-Youth-Youth rooms and edge 6:15-7:15-Handbell Choir 7:30pm-Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>27</b> 10-11:30am-Bible Study-Parlor 6:30-7:30pm-Worship Design Team-Barb's office 7-10pm-Praise Band-FCC</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> 	29

# xpress urself - youth news



## xpress urself Youth

Wednesdays, 2:30pm-8:15pm

\*Warner Shuttle available - contact Susan for reservation by 7pm Tuesday night  
(937.287.0690)

\*xpress urself Doors Open for 6th-12th graders @ 2:30pm

\*Common Cup Dinner at 5:00pm

\$3 suggested donation for youth meals

\*Worship, Message and More at 6:00pm

\*xpress urself Doors Close at 8:15pm

NO YOUTH ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> – Holy Week

## Youth Help Needed:

U//NITE Serve Day: Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-3:00pm

Meet at the Naz Community Center with a sack lunch ready to do work around the city of Xenia with other youth groups. Permission Slip required located in the FH info bins.

Community Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-12:00pm

Meet at Shawnee Park and we will help with the Community Easter Egg Hunt. Permission Slip required located in the FH info bins.

Faith Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Meet in the FH at 9:30am to help set up and run the Easter Egg Hunt

Faith Refreshments: Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Meet in the kitchen at 10:00am. We set up and host the fellowship time. We will finish in time for worship at 11:00am.

## Youth Mission Trip 2017

If you are interested in going on the youth mission trip, plans are set. The trip will be to Greenville, SC from July 23-28. Paperwork is in the Fellowship Hall info bins. There are 2 youth spots open. It is first come, first served for the youth spots. Please be in touch with Susan if you are interested in attending. Mission Trip Training – Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a change from the original dates.

# 30 Hour Famine

Thanks to everyone who supported us in the 30 hour famine. As of Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> we have collected \$987! This will support over 24 children for a month. For each \$40 we collected, a child will be cared for and fed for a month. If you are interested in supporting us, you can donate by making checks payable to World Vision and put in the offering or you can donate online. Gifts are tax deductible.

<http://youth.worldvision.org/team/xeniafaith>

## Patriotic Basket

Just in time for Memorial Day, bid on our Patriotic Basket. Proceeds will go towards Youth Missions.

Basket will be in the Welcome Center on Sundays from April 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 21<sup>st</sup>. Basket value is over \$150. Bid will close at 1:00pm on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.



## Spirit Song - Kings Island, Thursday-Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>

Depart FCUM 9:30am - return at 12:00am each day

Your ticket is admission to Kings Island, Soak City Waterpark and all of the concerts. You will be responsible for your own food and spending money. Limited youth tickets available based on demand and availability of chaperones. First paid first served.

Deadline for payment and paperwork: April 5<sup>th</sup>. Paperwork with artists and more information in the FH information bins or ask Susan Fellie.



## Little Caesars Pizza Sale - Youth Group Fundraiser

For each kit we sell, our group/youth, earn **\$5 or \$6**. Help support our youth! There is an order form in the church office if you are interested in ordering.

**Order & Payment deadline:** Wed., April 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm.

**Delivery to Faith Community:** Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-6pm in FH-A

# Eat at City Barbeque and raise money for our group!

Please join us for a special fundraising event.  
25% of your purchase will be donated back to our group!



Name of group: Faith Community United Methodist Youth  
Date of fundraiser: April 4, 2017  
Participating Location: Beaver Creek City Barbeque

Good all day on Dine In & Carry Out Orders

Note: If ordering carry out for large groups, please use our Pig Up 'n Go Menu.

Flyer must be presented at time of order to receive credit for the sale.

Flyers cannot be passed out on City Barbeque property. Fundraiser cannot be combined with other promotions or offers. Not valid on gift card purchases.

Find us & Check out our menus at [www.citybbq.com](http://www.citybbq.com)

We look forward to serving you to help raise money for your organization!

Sale Amt:

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