



The Echo

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
202 W. FOURTH STREET
GREENVILLE, OHIO 45331



Come, Worship the Lord!

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Life Groups @ 11:15 a.m.

MISSION OF FUMC

The Mission of First United Methodist Church is to make disciples who share God's love with all people and minister to their needs.

Newsletter
DEADLINE

*Tuesday,
February 20th for
the March
newsletter.*

Meet Your Staff & Lay Leaders

- Pastor — Terry Cavanaugh
- Administrative Assistant — Karen Deao
- Organist - Roger Cunningham
- Bell Choir & Missions - Judy Kugel
- Chancel Choir Director - Debbie Weyrick
- Greg Pfahl - Modern Worship
- Custodian — Mike Ditty
- Leadership Council— Sonja Etzell
- SPRC—Rhonda McKinniss
- Trustees— Steve Plessinger & Scott Laughead
- Connections—
- Heart & Hands Caregiving Ministry
Steve Plessinger & Ken Moore

"The Twelve"

Mark your calendars now for the annual production of "The Twelve" March 29th. If you are interested in helping with this, either in the cast or behind the scenes, contact Steve Plessinger at 937-467-3433. Practices will begin on Sunday, February 11th at 7pm.



Wednesday, February 14th

7:00pm



It is hard to believe, but it has been over one year since we met in the basement of the church and Ginny and I was introduced as the new pastoral family. We have been busy this last year. When I came to the helm, there were still MCCI prescriptions that were made for our church, and you voted to fulfill. One of those prescriptions was new signage. I am happy to say the signs are all up, including the modern digital sign in front of the building. If you have not seen it, please take time to drive by and see our new addition. There was one more prescription that still needs to be followed, and then all the MCCI process will be complete. The promise was made that if the contemporary worship service was discontinued, that the current service would become a blended service.

I announced that we had hired Greg Pfahl this last Sunday to help us begin the blending process. We plan for him to come on staff in February. This announcement raised several questions.

What was the MCCI?

What is a Blended service?

How will this change affect us?

Here is an attempt to answer those questions.

- What is the MCCI? This study was designed and conducted by Manter Consulting for the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. The overall objective of this study was to provide information for the evaluation of the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI). This program, developed by the West Ohio Conference in 2010 is defined here: "MCCI resources churches and their pastors with an intensive consultation and clergy coaching model designed to intervene in local churches that are currently plateaued, are on the decline, or are on the way "up" but not sure what should come next-and have the pastoral leadership and potential resources to jumpstart a new life cycle of ministry fruitfulness." You voted on Sunday, Oct 11, 2015 by 93% to follow the plan of the MCCI.
- What is a Blended service? Blended worship is based upon the fact that some people like a traditional worship experience, while others prefer a more modern take of worship. Blended worship attempts to gently bring the two styles into one worship experience.
- How will this change affect us? Change is always a challenge. All change follows a predictable process.
 - ◊ Introduce the idea of change and benefits from it.
 - ◊ Resistance to the change.
 - ◊ Confusion about the change
 - ◊ Acceptance of the change
 - ◊ Enjoying the benefits
 - ◊ A new normal

Take the cell phone as an example.

- ⇒ When they first came out, people said they would never own one.
- ⇒ Then they saw the benefits of being about to reach family and friends.
- ⇒ Then they got one, and was confused by all the applications, and all the other benefits.
- ⇒ Then, as they learned to use the phone, they liked the benefits of their new phones. To begin with many people who said they would never own one, now, would not want to live without one.

Like their credit card, they never leave home without it.

After we go through the resistance, confusion, and begin to see the benefits, my prayer is we will get beyond that point and we will begin to love Blended worship. So, if you feel resistance or confusion, look at your phone, and say, I can do this.

Pastor T

Thank You!

Pastor Terry Cavanaugh

Pastor At First UMC

Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV)

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.



Dear Pastor Terry, Karen, Mike and church members,

Thank you for allowing the staff of the United Way of the Greater Dayton Area to use the church's vacation bible school decorations for their recent Hawaiian holiday party. The wall decorations, sand, nets, and shells all came in handy to decorate the board room in a Hawaiian holiday party style for our staff. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Sincerely,
Terri Wehrley-Pyles and the United Way staff

Dear church friends,
Thanks for the flowers remembering the life of Mike. Steve and Ken and the Heart & Hands team are a special part of FUMC. Onward and upward
Fondly,
Anne Randall

Dear First UMC,
Thank you for all of the Christmas gifts for the families we work with. You created a lot of happiness.
Sincerely,
The Help Me Grow staff

Thank you to our Kettle Patrol at Kroger's!
Terri Wehrley-Pyles, Rhonda & Tyler McKinniss, Rowena Stump, Clark & Gail Dynes, Pat Younce, Sean Brookbank, Younce family, Tim & Lori Worley, Keith Hocker, Keith Denman, Chad Denman, Virgil Burns, Stan Duncan, John & Connie Tabler, Gene & Barb Landis, Dan & Marty Schipfer.

Did you know that Lois Wilson continues to update the boards as you come into the building off of Sycamore Street? She has been doing this for a lot of years!! BIG Thank you to Lois Wilson for continually sharing your talents with us!

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

You remember Celebrate Recovery that was here at FUM in October? Here is a short report. They are meeting at The First Congregational Christian Church on Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. They now have trained 5 leaders who are providing hope and ministry to 10 to 15 people each week. They agree with the founder Rick Warren who said, "When we reach the end of our rope and give up our self-sufficiency, that's when God moves into our lives with healing and growth."

Prayer Corner



Please lift up the following each day as you pray:

Samie Swank, Roberta McConnell, Amy Davis, Betty Olwine, Ron Puterbaugh, Jim Greendkye, Ryan Younce, Jim Henby, Walter Neal, Yvonne Artz, Marjory Swabb, Debbie Powell, Carol Thwaites



Christian sympathy to Judy Eikenberry and family on the passing of her husband, Ron Eikenberry on January 12th.

Christian sympathy to the family of Jane McGlinch who passed away on January 20th.

FOOD BANKS

Remember you can donate non-perishable food to the FISH and GRCC food banks. Just bring your food items in and place them in the box in the narthex. They will be distributed to these two food banks monthly.

FLOWER CALENDAR

The flower calendar for 2018 is on the table in the narthex. Please put your name and in honor/in memory of on the sign-up sheet. Please pay for the flowers during offering or bring it to the office prior to that Sunday. If paying by check, designate in the memo line "altar flowers". The cost is \$30.00

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

The next homebound communion will be Sunday, February 4. Please call the church office (548-3075) if you or someone you know would like to be added to this ministry and receive communion from one of our teams.

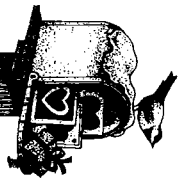


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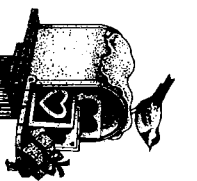
- ⇒ The Noisy Sunday offering on January 29th raised \$322.03 for a metal roof for a new kitchen for the Dominion School in Ghana, Africa.
- ⇒ 128 bars of soap, 22 bottles of shampoo, and 3 tubes of toothpaste were collected in January and February for the GRCC Food Bank.
- ⇒ March 19th Missions had a bake sale for the offering at the West Ohio Annual Conference in June. The bake sale raised \$301 to help start new churches and revitalize existing churches.
- ⇒ 1,303 packages of garden seeds were collected for the Jackson Area Ministries Green Thumb Garden Project in March and April.
- ⇒ April 16th Easter Offering was \$1,270.00 for missions for three projects. \$423.34 went to the Jackson Area Ministries, \$423.33 went to the Pregnancy Help Center, and \$423.33 went to the West Ohio Annual Conference offering to help build new churches and revitalize existing churches.
- ⇒ The Noisy Sunday offering on April 30th raised \$189.31 for ducks and rabbits for Heifer Int.
- ⇒ The May mission project was to collect diapers and baby clothes for the Pregnancy Help Center.
- ⇒ In June Sonja Etzell took our check for \$724.33 to the West Ohio Annual Conference offering.
- ⇒ Also, in June hygiene products were donated to be distributed through the GRCC Food Bank.
- ⇒ The Noisy Sunday offering on July 30th raised \$303.02 for the Back Pack Program.
- ⇒ In July and August school supplies were collected. 39 school kits were created and sent to the GRCC Clothing Bank as well as the leftover individual items.
- ⇒ In August Missions collected shoes for the WATERSTEP PROGRAM. We collected approximately 2,000 pounds of shoes.
- ⇒ On Sept. 8th, 120 dozen cookies were baked for the KAIROS Prison Ministry which went to the Men's Prison in Lebanon.
- ⇒ Sept. 17th - Oct. 1st collected the items needed to fill 20 Cleaning Buckets for Hurricane Relief for UMCOR.
- ⇒ Sept. collected 87 pairs of socks and 20 pairs of underwear for children which were distributed through the GRCC clothing bank.
- ⇒ Oct. 8th was the annual CROP Walk which raised \$1,131.
- ⇒ Oct. 15th through Nov. 12th collected new and gently used winter coats, scarves, hats and mittens for children which were distributed through the GRCC Clothing Bank.
- ⇒ Oct. 22nd Missions held a bake sale to raise funds for UMCOR Material Resources for Hurricane Relief. \$282.46 was the total.
- ⇒ Oct. 29th Noisy Sunday offering of \$256 was for UMCOR Material Resources for Hurricane Relief. The combined total was \$538.46
- ⇒ Oct. more Blessings in a Bag were made for folks who come into the church office with a food crisis.
- ⇒ Dec. for Advent the church adopted 35 children from the Help-Me-Grow program and blessed them with Christmas gifts.
- ⇒ Dec. 30th Noisy Sunday Offering raised \$172.20 to support the soup kitchen meals.





PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS

The Mission's committee will be collecting personal hygiene items until the end of February. Perhaps when you buy an item for yourself, you can buy one for someone else also. Items such as bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair products, deodorant, etc. This collection will be distributed through the GRCC Food Bank. There will be a box in the narthex to drop the items in.



February 2018



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
							
4	Youth	5 Scouts 6:30 p.m. Dartball here	6 Bible Study	7 No Bell practice Chancel Choir 7:30	8	9	10
11	Youth Emmaus Board mtg Emmaus Gathering "Twelve" practice 7pm	12 Dartball Tournament	13 Dartball Tournament	14 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm	15 GRCC Food Bank Dartball Tournament	16	17
18	Youth "Twelve" practice 7pm	19	20 SPRC meeting Trustee meeting Leadership Council Mtg.	21 No Bell practice Chancel Choir 7:30	22	23	24
25	Youth "Twelve" practice 7pm	26 Scouts 6:30 p.m.	27 Bible Study	28 No Bell practice Chancel Choir 7:30			

February Birthdays



February Anniversaries

- 4 Matt Kingrey
- 5 Pastor Terry Cavanaugh
- 6 Dave Keihl
- 10 Pat Younce
- 11 Bill Corbin
- 12 Ron Puterbaugh
- 13 Bob Olwine, Ayden Kies
- 14 Fran Hostetler
- 15 Terri Wehrley-Pyles, Barb Landis
Kathy Warner
- 20 Folger Pyles
- 22 Ben McGlothlin
- 23 Jerome Dotson
- 24 George O'Dell, Travis Swank
- 27 Yvonne Artz

- 3 Randy & Debbie Weyrick
- 5 Mike & Diane Lecklider

FEBRUARY USHERS

- 4 - Ken Moore, Gene Landis
Keith Denman, Rod Grim
- 11 - Searcher's class
- 18 - Youth
- 25 -

FEBRUARY LITURGISTS

- 4 - Scott Kies
- 11 - Ayden Kies
- 18 - Rhonda McKinniss
- 25 - Tyler McKinniss

DART BALL NEWS

This is Jerry Atrick, beat reporter for the First United Methodist Dartballers. This season has been filled with many ups and downs as the team has been hovering around 5th to 6th place in the league; however, only a few games out of banner contention. Only one week of the season remains and our dartball heroes strive to try and break into banner contention. They need to take all three games this week and get a tremendous amount of help, but hopes abound.

Even with the league being a struggle this year, our mighty heroes will have the opportunity to defend their tournament title in just a couple short weeks. We at the First United Methodist News Media urge fans to come in droves and support our team and help push them on to victory once again! Where is this wonderful event you may ask? First United Methodist Church of course! When is this great tournament of tournaments? It will occur on February 12th, 13th, and 15th at 7:00pm. Also, even if you are not as interested in the games, our First United Methodist Café will be opening each night on game days to provide a wide range of delicious treats sure to tantalize your taste buds. We hope to see you there.



FEBRUARY NURSERY

- 4 - Loretta Etzell
- 11 - Nellie Laughead
- 18 - Gail Dynes
- 25 - Nellie Laughead

FEBRUARY GREETERS

- 4 - Barb Landis
- 11 - George & Kathy O'Dell
- 18 - Dan & Marty Schipfer
- 25 - John & Roberta Westfall

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Our Newsletter is now emailed to you unless you requested a copy mailed to you. We will be posting all the information on our website www.firstmethodistgreenville.org also. We will continue to have copies you can pick up in the narthex at church.

