



# 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**

*Friday,  
April 20th for the  
May  
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
- Modern Worship - Greg Pfahl
- Custodian — Mike Ditty
- Leadership Council— Sonja Etzell
- SPRC— Joyce Dotson
- Trustees— Steve Plessinger & Scott Laughead
- Connections— Robb Grim
- Heart & Hands Caregiving Ministry  
Steve Plessinger & Ken Moore

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1



### SUNRISE SERVICE

7:30A.M.

Light Breakfast to follow



10:00AM

### EASTER EGG HUNT



Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1st. The egg hunt will take place after the worship service. Kids bring your baskets!

### APRIL FIRST FRIDAY EVENT

Main Street Greenville's April First Friday event is sure to be fun for all ages! The event features a petting zoo on the courthouse lawn & scavenger hunt through many of our neighborhood businesses and organizations. Scavenger hunt participants will search each location for an inflatable farm animal, wearing the answer to a unique question about that organization or business. Participants who gather enough correct answers will be eligible to win some great prizes from the Main Street Greenville association. Stop by First UMC for family fun, snacks, and fellowship on Friday evening, **April 6**, between 6:00 pm & 9:00 pm. Come support Main Street Greenville's First Friday scavenger hunt. Fun for the whole family!

MAIN \$TREET  
GREENVILLE

APRIL 2018

To All First United Methodist Members,

The Trustees would like to invite you to our little town hall meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> after the church service to voice your concerns and help the Trustees receive as much input as possible regarding the long term use of our church organ.

We know that many of you may already realize that it has been discussed by the Trustees to potentially remove the organ in favor of a stage for the new contemporary band. This rumor is true. We have indeed discussed it. This process has not been easy for any of the Trustees and I think it is unanimous that we would like to restore the organ to its former glory. The following are the restraints we are dealing with:

1. It is going to cost nearly \$75,000 to restore and rebuild the organ and the pipes, which does not include the semi-annual maintenance costs.
2. As Trustees, we are dealing with the financial responsibility to insure our money is applied to the most vital pieces of our church to keep it functioning. Our church congregation has diminished over the last few years and budgets are very tight.
3. We all love Roger Cunningham and are extremely happy he is with us, and hope he is for many more years. However, if we somehow found a way to raise the \$75,000 for the organ, we find ourselves tasked later on down the road with trying to find a replacement. This has become the hardest task of all, as there doesn't seem to be anyone around this area that is capable of playing the organ that is not already heavily involved with a church and most churches have gone away from the organ in favor of the piano. It appears the organ is a dying instrument, and the younger / middle aged generation has not, or is not interested in playing the organ.
4. We are debating on which choir loft to put the stage in, and the left side seemed like the more logical side due to the liturgist and worship leader needing to constantly be at their mic without walking back and forth across the stage (unless we wanted to relocate the pulpit to the right side). We would also like to move the piano to the stage along with the keyboard. The right side also has more seating in case our choir was to grow larger again.
5. We need to remove all the cords running all over the altar that relate to both the service itself and the contemporary music and a set stage will allow us to run all cords under the altar for both safety and logistical reasons.

We have not made a decision yet, so your voice will be heard. We want those that have concerns to please attend and help us logically figure out a solution that would benefit everyone in the church, while adhering to our budget restraints. We love and respect our entire church family, and we want to make a decision that we can all live with. In the meantime, please plan to attend the meeting, and please pray that we as a group of God can come to a conclusion following this meeting. As Pastor Terry said this morning at church, we may not always understand God's reason, and it is alright for us to be confused, but let's never be angry with God's Will. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you there, so we can continue to do the work of the church for our God, and our savior Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Scott Laughead

Trustee's Chair



Dear Friends of FUMC,

How many of you have been using our "God Loves You Cards?" I try to give one away every day. Why?

Read what George Barna said,

*If all of the unchurched people in the United States were a nation of their own, they would be the eleventh most populated country on earth. Only Bangladesh, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan and Russia would have a greater head count.... For those of us who are outreach oriented—and that should include all who call Jesus their savior—reaching the unchurched with both the good news of the grace extended to them by Jesus and the benefit of being part of his church is one of the greatest challenges we face in this life.<sup>[1]</sup>*

God's Grace is a gift that we need to share with everyone we meet. Talking about a person's faith is difficult, but it is easy to give a card away. The card is a simple way to say God loves you, use one each day. Together we can reduce the number of the unchurched nation, one person at a time.

With each card given to an unchurched person you are extending the love of God, proclaiming the Grace of God, and inviting him or her into a life transforming relationship with God. Paul Little, in his book *How To Give Away Your Faith*, said, "The greatest favor you can do for others is to introduce them to Jesus Christ."

Pastor T



### SAVE THE DATE—FUM CAMPOUT

Once again, there are plans being made to have a campout for anyone interested. The dates are June 7 - 10 at St. Mary's State Park. Contact Stan and Sandy Duncan for more details.



#### April 15: Wavares Performance 10:00am worship

The Greenville High School Wavares will perform at First UMC on Sunday, April 15, at 10:00am. Their performance is sure to entertain and inspire people of all ages. As in the past, a love offering will be collected to help fund the Wavares music program. Come out to enjoy a great concert and show your support for the youth of our community!

#### SPECIAL OFFERING IN APRIL

On April 15, we will receive a special offering for "Native American Ministries". This offering funds urban ministries with Native Americans, provide scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist and other approved seminaries, and develop and nurture conference based Native American ministries.



#### Prayer Corner




Please lift up the following each day as you pray:

Samie Swank, Roberta McConnell, Betty Olwine, Jim Greendkye, Jim Henby, Yvonne Artz, Marjory Swabb, Debbie Powell, Carol Thwaites, Jamie Younce



# April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Happy Easter!</i>	2 Soup Kitchen Worship Committee Mtg 5:30pm	3 Bible Study 7pm	4 Bell practice 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	5	6 Darke Co. DD Gathering 10am First Friday Event 6-9pm	7
8 Town Hall mtg 11am SYCAMORE <sup>2</sup> Youth Emmaus Brd 5pm Emmaus Gathering 6pm	9 Scouts 6:30 p.m.	10 Bible Study 7pm	11 Bell practice 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	12	13	14
15 Wavaire's 10:00am SYCAMORE <sup>2</sup> Youth	16 Scouts 6:30 p.m.	17 SPRC meeting 5:30 Trustee meeting 6pm Leadership Council Mtg. 7pm	18 Bell practice 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	19 GRCC Food Bank	20	21
22 SYCAMORE <sup>2</sup> Youth	23 Scouts 6:30 p.m.	24 Bible Study 7pm	25 Bell practice 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	26	27	28
29 SYCAMORE <sup>2</sup> Youth	30 Scouts 6:30 p.m.					



## April Birthdays

## April Anniversaries

- 1 Carl Singer
- 2 Anne Randall
- 3 Aaron Holzapfel
- 4 Barbara Olwine
- 7 Loretta Ezell
- 8 Kim Grim
- 11 Steve Plessinger
- 12 Phyllis Brumbaugh
- 13 Samuel Condon, Diane Lecklider
- 16 Kiera Lecklider
- 19 Jim Greendyke, Jr., Kathy O'Dell
- 23 Kristen Leistner
- 27 Rod Grim
- 28 Samie Swank
- 30 Glen Schoenleben

- 8 - Virgil & Lynda Burns
- 18 - Ken & Becky Moore

### APRIL USHERS

- 1 - Ken Moore, Gene Landis  
Keith Denman, Rod Grim
- 8 - Searcher's class
- 15 - Youth
- 22 -
- 29 -

### APRIL LITURGISTS

- 1 - Robbie Grim
- 8 - Virgil Burns
- 15 - Autumn Schilling-Dotson
- 22 - Tyler McKinniss
- 29 - Rhonda McKinniss

### CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS

The Noisy Sunday offering on April 29th will go to CWS for blankets. The blankets are distributed all over the world to folks in crisis such as natural disasters. Each blanket costs \$10 so lets see how many blankets we can provide. Save your coins!

Thank you! Missions

### APRIL NURSERY

- 1 - Nellie Laughead
- 8 - Kim Grim
- 15 - Gail Dynes
- 22 - Nellie Laughead
- 29 - Nellie Laughead

### GREEN THUMB GARDEN PROJECT



Missions is once again collecting packages of garden seeds from the beginning of March until April 15th. The seeds will go to the Jackson Area Ministries Green Thumb Garden Project in eastern Ohio. There will be a list of the seeds needed and a container in the narthex for your contributions. Thank you!

### APRIL GREETERS

- 1 - Clark & Gail Dynes
- 8 - Rowena Stump & Barb Teaford
- 15 - Jeff & Nancy Miltenberger
- 22 - Stan & Sandy Duncan
- 29 - Keith & Marcia Denman

### RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

If you know of someone in the church family who will be graduating this spring, either from College or high school, please call or email the church office with the pertinent information, along with future plans - if known.

### 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.



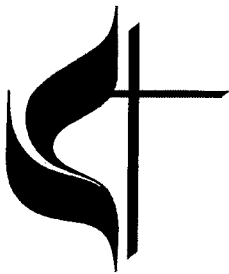
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APRIL 2018

Return Service Requested

*Open Hearts,  
Open Minds,  
Open Bibles*



*Red & Yellow, Black & White Gala*

*Friday, April 6, 2018*

*Time: Doors open at 5:30pm; Dinner @ 6:30pm,*

*Silent Auction, Live Auction & Dancing until Midnight*

*Romer's of Greenville*

Cost of this meaningful evening is \$50/couple or \$25/individual. Tickets may be purchased @ Bread of Life, Romer's, or by contacting Kelly Flieman at 417-4449. Kathy O'Dell also has tickets 937-423-2013.

Dust off your dancing shoes and don your best suit and dress for an unforgettable evening of dinner and dancing. This event will help provide school-age children with a 'backpack' of food for them to take home on the weekends throughout the school year.

We will also be having a live auction this year, as well as, a silent auction with wonderful items for all. So, let's fill a backpack of funds to help the children of our community so they will no longer go to bed hungry. Funds will go directly to this life-changing ministry administered by Grace Resurrection Community Center (GRCC).