



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

Monday, May 20th for the June 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 Ezzell
- SPRC— Joyce Dotson
- Trustees— Steve Plessinger & Scott Laughead
- Connections— Robb Grim
- Heart & Hands Caregiving Ministry
 Steve Plessinger & Ken Moore

Dear Friends,

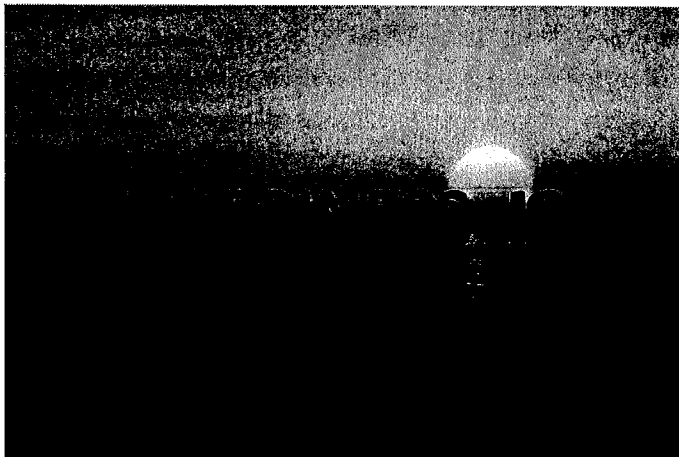
I am so excited about the months of May and June here at FUM. During these months we will look at Christ's prescription for happiness. But more than happiness, Jesus wants us to have a deep settled joy, he wants us to live blessed lives.

So what is "blessed". "Blessed" is not related to the amount in your bank account, the health of your portfolio, or the size of your home. In fact, according to Jesus, it is not about anything the world measures as markers of success.

True happiness begins not with wealth, but a form of poverty, poverty of Spirit. When we truly see ourselves as broken, fallible humans, we begin to mourn, or what the Bible calls a Lament.

Be sure to join us this May as we look at:

May 20, 2018	Broken
June 3, 2018	Famished
June 10, 2018	Tolerant
June 17, 2018	FATHER'S DAY
June 24, 2018	Compassion





First United Methodist Church,
The Deao family would like to extend their sincere gratitude for the prayers and flowers for Bud Deao during his last days and passing.
Sincerely,
David & Karen Deao and family

AWESOME MISSION NEWS!

1,745 packages of seeds were collected for the Jackson Area Ministries Green Thumb Garden Project! And, \$443.37 was raised from the bake sale for Celebrate Recovery! Thank you for your huge missional hearts!

MAY MISSION PROJECT

Missions will be collecting size 3 diapers for the Pregnancy Help Center throughout the month of May. There will be a box in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!

SUNSHINE BASKETS

The Mission Team is filling Sunshine Baskets for those who need some cheer. Missions is asking for donations of small items to fill the baskets such as pens, pencils, notepads, crossword or word search books, cans of soup, deck of cards, gum, mints, chap stick, small bottles of body wash or lotion, puzzles etc. There is a box on the Mission table for your donations. Thank you!

GERANIUMS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Once again our Sanctuary will be filled with glorious red geraniums on Memorial Day, in memory of loved ones. We will be taking orders for the plants like we have done in the past. After the donations are received, the geraniums will be ordered and delivered to the church. They will then be planted around the church grounds.

GERANIUM ORDER FORM

Please complete the form below and with your payment place in the offering plate or return to the church office.

Cost is \$4.00. Deadline for ordering is Monday, May 14

Name _____

Number of Geraniums _____

Amount Enclosed (\$4.00) _____

In memory of _____



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



Christian sympathy to Jerome Dotson, Joyce Dotson and Autumn & Brianna Schilling-Dotson and family on the passing of Jerome's infant son, Mark Allen Dotson.

Christian sympathy to Karen Deao and family on the passing of her father-in-law, Sylvester "Bud" Deao, 4/21.

Christian sympathy to Mike Ditty and family on the passing of his mother, Mabel Black, 4/27.



From the Desk of Jerry Atrick.

It is a pleasure to once again write about the success (or lack there of) regarding our beloved DartBall Bombers this past season. As a fan and writer of this team, I went into the season with very high expectations. Unfortunately, our hometown team failed to produce results. Guys struggled to drive in timely runs, as they lost 15+ games by 1 run. That is the single most glaring issue that the team faced as they were only able to make use of last year's MVP for a handful of games. Averages suffered, players were missed, and the seasons end showed the losses. Our Bombers finished middle of the pack in both the league and the tournament. Banners were not hoisted, disappointments soared.

We did crown a few people with awards, and we remembered our Dartball forefathers as Richard Rhoades, Walter Neal and Dan Weaver were recognized for their contributions to making this team possible and GREAT!

Awarded were:

- Rod Grim, Team MVP
- Scott Laughead, Sparkplug
- Scott Kies, Outstanding Contribution
- Robbie Grim, Jim Ward, Terry Cavanaugh – Tied for Home Run Champion
- Jeff Miltenberger, Woody King
- Rookie of the Year: Roger Cunningham

Also honored was the team's faithful coach, Stan Duncan, who showed his deep appreciation of the team honoring him by making a teary eyed speech. Stan also mentioned he is pondering coaching retirement and The First UMC Dartball Bombers may have to be on the lookout for a free agent coach this year unless management wants to promote from within its own ranks. Possible candidates include, but not limited to (in no particular order): Virgil Burns, Robbie Grim, Rod Grim, Jeff Miltenberger, Scott Kies, Scott Laughead, Terry Cavanaugh, Roger Cunningham, Jim Ward and Keith Hocker. Yeah that is right, pretty much the whole dang team!

Also, management met at the conclusion of the season, and has been in discussions with tax-payers representatives to see if they can pass a bill for stadium improvements. Speaking to members of management, discussions have been "fruitful" and progressing in both stadium improvements and tournament board expansion.

This offseason is shaping up to be one interesting period. Keep your eyes and ears glued to the news as we see if our Bombers can find a new coach, have those stadium and tournament improvements pass and if we can attract more players in free agency. Also of note, management has decided to host a local open tryout, in order to find those diamonds in rough. So, if you think you have what it takes to be a First UMC Dartball Bomber, get your registration in early to be part of this try out! (In other words, just talk to Stan if you want to play.)

To all my fellow fans and followers, this is Jerry Atrick signing off!



FUM CAMPOUT

For our campout on June 8th thru the 10th at St. Mary's State Park, as of May 1st, we have reserved sites 42, 43 & 44 and 1 large cabin. We'll have a campfire each night and a carry in on Saturday night. Many activities are available throughout the park. Visitors are welcome any day or evening. Put on your camping duds, bring your lawn chair and come on up for some great food and fellowship. Meat & buns and table service will be furnished. For more info, contact the Duncan's at 547-0715





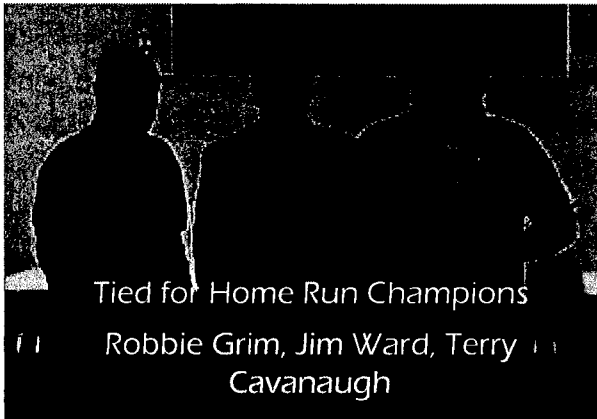
2017-2018 First UMC Dartball Bomber's



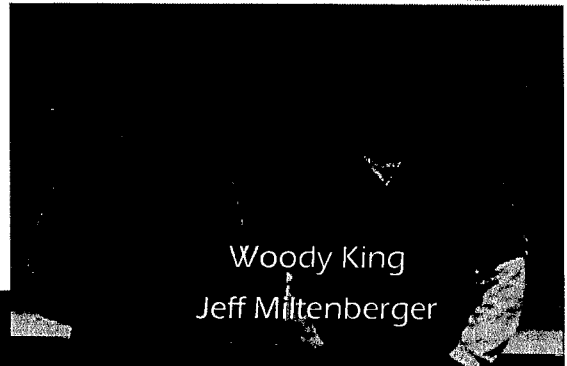
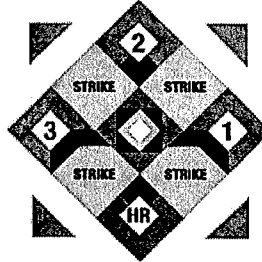
Team MVP - Rod Grim



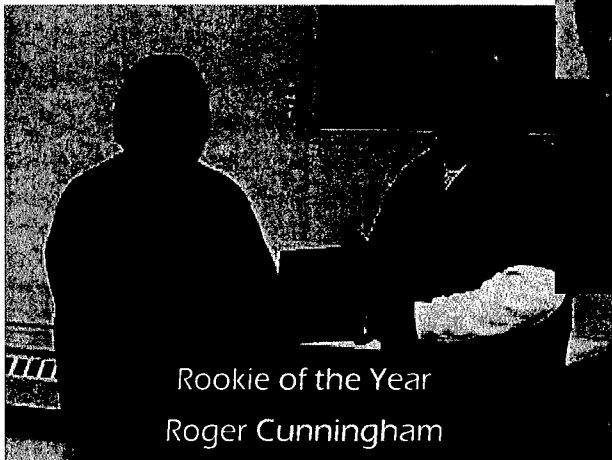
Sparkplug - Scott Laughead



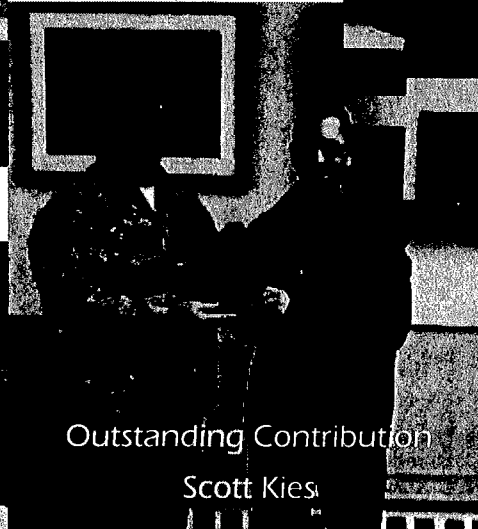
Tied for Home Run Champions
Robbie Grim, Jim Ward, Terry Cavanaugh



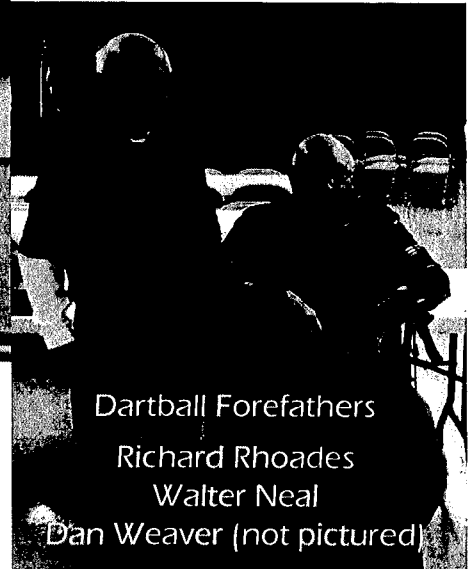
Woody King
Jeff Miltenberger



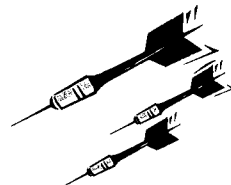
Rookie of the Year
Roger Cunningham



Outstanding Contribution
Scott Kies



Dartball Forefathers
Richard Rhoades
Walter Neal
Dan Weaver (not pictured)





May Birthdays

- 1 Lydia Beisner
- 3 Tripp Miller
- 9 Emily Burk, Luella McClear
- 10 Ian McGlothin
- 12 Betty Gower, Adalynne McGlothin
- 15 Alex Warner, Debbie Weyrick
- 17 Dolores Riegle
- 18 Austin Burk, Jeff & Nancy Miltenberger
- 21 Amy Davis
- 22 Mary Brewer, Marilyn Huff
- 24 Marjorie Gibson
- 27 Stephanie Mikesell
- 31 Marjory Swabb, Teresa Ward

May Anniversaries

- 16 - David & Isabel Capowski
- 26 - Scott & Erin Kies
- 27 - Keith & Erlene Hocker

MAY USHERS

- 6 - Ken Moore, Gene Landis
Keith Denman, Rod Grim
- 13 - Searcher's class
- 20 - Youth
- 27 -

MAY LITURGISTS

- 6 - Gary Lloyd
- 13 - Keith Denman
- 20 - Ken Moore
- 27 - Becky Moore

MAY NURSERY

- 6 - Nellie Laughead
- 13 - Nellie Laughead
- 20 - Gail Dynes
- 27 - Kim Grim

MAY GREETERS

- 6 - Scott & Jenny Beisner
- 13 - Gene & Barb Landis
- 20 - Scott & Nellie Laughead
- 27 - Leonard & Mary Ann Crawford

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.

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

In the midst of celebrating the Lord's Day, we will honor all women, our birth and spiritual moms. Bring your mother, grandmother and families to church on Sunday, May 13 to worship to give thanks to God and God's gift of motherhood.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAMS

The next homebound communion will be Sunday, May 6. 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.



RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

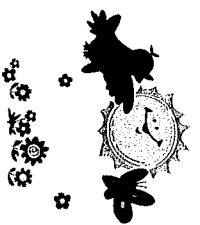
If you know of someone in the church family who will be graduating this spring, either from College or high school, please call or email the church office with the pertinent information, along with future plans - if known. We will be recognizing graduates on June 3rd


SPECIAL OFFERING IN MAY

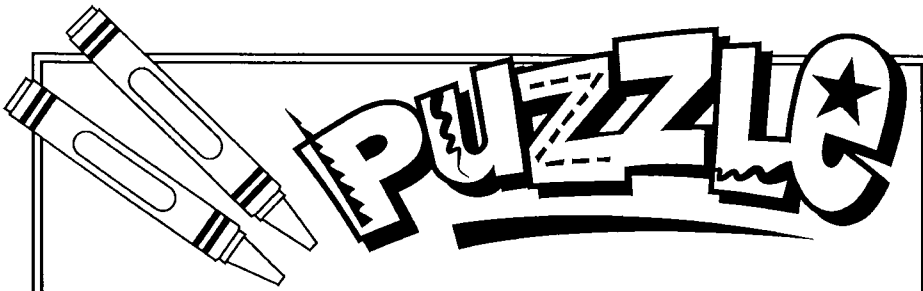
On May 27, we will receive a special offering for "Peace with Justice". Peace with Justice Sunday celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and witnesses to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed and secure world. The special offering benefits peace with justice ministries in annual conferences and through the Board of Church and Society



May 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study 7pm	2 Bell practice 6:30 No Chancel Choir	3 National Day of Prayer	4	5
6 Communion Sunday Homebound Communion SYCAMORE ² Youth	7 Soup Kitchen Scouts 6:30 p.m.	8 Bible Study 7pm	9 Bell practice 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	10	11	12
13 Happy Mother's Day SYCAMORE ² Youth	14 Scouts 6:30 p.m.	15 SPRC meeting 5:30 Trustee meeting 6pm Leadership Council Mtg. 7pm	16 Chancel Choir 7:30	17 GRCC Food Bank	18	19
20 Pentecost Sunday SYCAMORE ² Youth Worship Committee meeting 6pm	21 Scouts 6:30 p.m.	22 Bible Study 7pm	23	24	25	26
27	28 OFFICE CLOSED  MEMORIAL + DAY+	29 Bible Study 7pm	30	31		



WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M*	N*	O*
E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

" _____ your _____
 _____ and your _____,
 _____ the _____ your _____ has
 _____."
 _____ 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.

The Giver

It is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out-give God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to him, he will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave.

—Charles Spurgeon

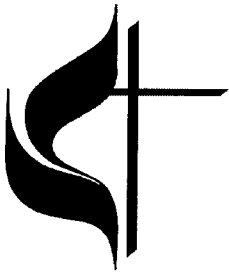
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MAY 2018

Return Service Requested

*Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Bibles*



MINISTRY COST & STEWARDSHIP

all figures are rounded to the nearest dollar	Average Attendance	Gifts Received (Income) for Ministry	Projected Cost (Budget) for Ministry	Actual Cost (Money Spent) for Ministry
Jan 2018	74	\$12,736	\$17,759	\$17,488
Feb. 2018	82	\$10,984	\$17,759	\$17,030
March 2018	89	\$14,406	\$17,759	\$15,236
Year-to-date	82	\$38,126	\$53,277	\$49,754

Thank you for Supporting Our Ministry!