



# 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, August 20th for the September newsletter.*

#### Meet Your Staff & Lay Leaders

- Pastor — Terry Cavanaugh
- Administrative Assistant — Karen Deao
- 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



**SAVE YOUR NEW AND GENTLY USED SHOES FOR THE WATERSTEP MISSION PROJECT IN AUGUST.**

#### WATERSTEP MISSION PROJECT

Throughout the month of August, Missions will be collecting new and gently used shoes free of mildew of any style or size. Why do we want your old shoes? Believe it or not, they will provide clean drinking water in communities with a water crisis through the non-profit organization called WaterStep.

Since 1995, WaterStep has worked in over 33 countries, bringing safe water to communities in Asia, Africa and the Americas. They train people in developing countries how to use water solutions like water purification, health education, and well repair, empowering communities to take care of their own water needs for years. WaterStep sells the shoes to an exporter who in turn takes them into some of the same developing countries that WaterStep is doing water purification projects. The exporter then sells them to small vendors who sells them in their community.

The donated shoes serves multiple purposes: builds the economy of a local community, provides affordable footwear, keeps shoes out of landfills, and initiates sustainable water projects. In August bring your new and gently used shoes to church and put them in the box provided. You will bring a clean cup of water to others!

Thank you!  
 Missions

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Dear First UMC,

As I was sitting here thinking about the challenges facing Christians today, the number one need is for perseverance. The ability to continue on. That is why the Bible talks about the walk of faith. Think about it. What is a walk? It is a lot of little steps in the same direction. It is a journey taken one step at a time. The Chinese proverb says, "The longest journey, starts with the first step."

There is something to be said for perseverance. I heard about someone watching a stone cutter hammering away at a rock a hundred times without so much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the 101st blow it splits in two. I know it was not the one blow that did it, but all that had gone before.

This needs to be our approach in our Christian walk. Every day, every hour, every minute continuing to walk with Jesus Christ. It is amazing how many times the Christians life is defined as a walk.

*2 John 6 And this is love, that we **walk** according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.*

To walk the Christian walk means to obey the commandments of God. God commandments are not suggestions. They are absolutes. These absolutes are all truth. Look at what John said,

*3 John 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.*

John's joy came from hearing that the believers under his care were not straying from the gospel message but were walking in the truth (see also 2 John 4). To "walk in the truth" means living out the truth by expressing it in one's behavior. [Bruce B. Barton and Grant R. Osborne, 1, 2 & 3 John, Life Application Bible Commentary, (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House, 1998), 147.]

*1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

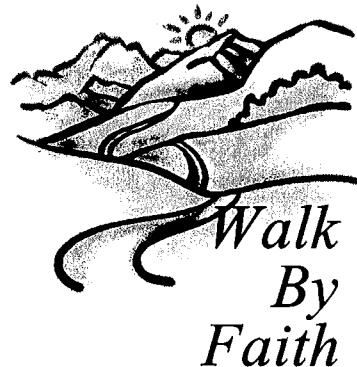
As we walk with God, we also are walking with all fellow believers. We have to make sure that we do not wound other Christians who are walking with us over every small issues, because we need to stand united with fellow believers on the Big Stuff, the things that matter.

Please continue to Walk with God, one step at a time.

I close with Paul's exhortation:

*1 Thessalonians 2:12 we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to **walk in a manner worthy** of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.*

Pastor Terry



## CREATING A LEGACY FOR YOUR CHURCH'S FUTURE

Saturday, August 25, 2018 - 10:00am to 3:00pm

Sponsored by the West Ohio Conference and Miami Valley District

What are the three sources of contributions from your members? One is their annual giving from income. A second comes from their assets for capital campaigns. And of course there is the potential of estate gifts. Does your church have a Legacy building plan designed to equip your future ministry through these estate gifts? The Council on Development of the West Ohio Conference is sponsoring a Planned Giving Seminar on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Greenville First United Methodist Church, 202 W 4th Street, Greenville, OH 45331.

With an anticipated 42 trillion dollars of wealth to be transferred in the next couple of decades, a strategic approach to planned legacy giving is vital. Giving USA has reported for several years in a row that the church is the number one recipient of annual giving but drops to number five in estate giving. What is the primary reason cite for this discrepancy? The church does not ask!

Non-profits are intentionally encouraging their supporters to remember the organization in their estate planning. The church can benefit from legacy planning as well, but requires an intentional strategy to benefit from this transfer of wealth. Recognizably different churches are in a wide spectrum of experience with their planned giving programs thus the Seminar will provide breakout sessions to address different church needs.

Some churches simply need to encourage members to have a will while others have sizable endowments and require assistance to manage these funds to advance mission without impairing the faith generosity of their members. Every local church, regardless of their current program can benefit from investing the day with the speakers and topics offered.

### LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at First United Methodist Church on **8/1/2018**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests for \$139 and add osteoporosis screening for \$10 more. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **Pre-registration is required. please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)**

### **“Lord, remember me”**

The funeral of renowned evangelist Billy Graham was a celebration – not of the preacher’s long life and many accomplishments but of his arrival in heaven. Graham, who died at age 99 in February 2018, was confident he’d spend eternity with Jesus but knew the reason wasn’t his own status or actions.

Graham knew he was a sinner in need of forgiveness. “I still need the cross,” he said.

Graham added, “I am not going to heaven because I have preached to great crowds or read the Bible many times. I’m going to heaven just like the thief on the cross who said in that last moment:



Dear First UMC,  
 Thank you very much for the diapers that were donated to the PHC. What a blessing that is! We so appreciate your support and could not run near as well without your congregation. Thank you!  
 Blessings,  
 Colleen Harper,  
 Pregnancy Help Center staff

SCHOOL SUPPLIES MISSION PROJECT

Missions will be collecting school supplies starting July 1st through August 19th. We will create school kits from your donations to be distributed through the GRCC Clothing Bank. Suggested school supplies are PENS, PENCILS, SCISSORS, ERASERS, FOLDERS, CRAYONS, PENCIL SHARPENERS, SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS, RULERS AND GLUE STICKS. There will be a container in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!

JULY NOISY SUNDAY OFFERING

The NOISY SUNDAY OFFERING on July 29th will go to CLEANING BUCKETS. The offering will be sent to the Methodist Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois and they will purchase items that will go into cleaning buckets to aid flood victims throughout the U.S. and around the world. SAVE YOUR COINS!



HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

The next homebound communion will be Sunday, August 5. 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.

OFFICE CLOSED

Karen Deao, our Administrative Asst. will be on vacation the first week of July, so the office will only be open until 12:30pm on Monday & Tuesday, July 2nd and 3rd. The church office will be closed on Wednesday & Thursday, July 4th and 5th.



**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, Jill Jett, Randy Weyrick



Christian sympathy to family and friends of Roger Cunningham who passed away on 5/31/18.

Christian sympathy to Carolyn Davenport and family on the passing of her daughter, Debra Martin on 6/19/18.

Christian sympathy to family and friends of Linda Clark who passed away on 6/19

SAVE YOUR CAPS AND LIDS

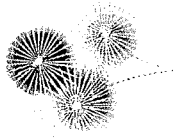
Help put benches throughout Darke County's parks, community areas, and bike paths! Just save your caps and lids from medicine bottles, milk jug bottles, deodorant caps, coffee can lids, etc. to be recycled. There will be a more detailed list on the receptacle box in the foyer for your donations.

FOOD BANKS

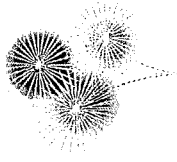
Remember you can donate non-perishable food to the FISH and GRCC food banks. Just bring your food items in and place them in the box in the narthex. They will be distributed to these two food banks monthly.


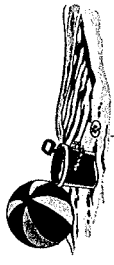
ALTAR FLOWERS

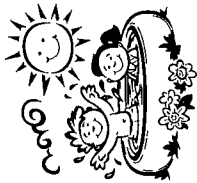
There are altar flower openings. The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex. The flowers now come from Helens Flowers. It is one arrangement and cost \$30.



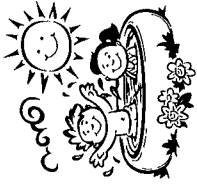
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday Food Donations for GRCC	2 Soup Kitchen OFFICE OPEN UNTIL 12:30PM Volleyball at North Park	3 OFFICE OPEN UNTIL 12:30PM	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 Volleyball at Ansonia COG	7
8	9 Volleyball at North Park	10 Mission's mtg. 10am Bible Study 7pm	11 Endowment/Finance committee mtg. 11am	12	13 Volleyball at VCC	14
15	16 Volleyball at Grace Brethren	17 Trustee's mtg 6pm Leadership Council mtg 7pm	18	19	20 Volleyball at North Park	21 Dart Ball work day
22	23 Volleyball 1st round tournament game	24 Bible Study 7pm	25	26	27 GRCC Food Bank	28
29 Noisy Sunday offering	30	31 Bible Study 7pm				



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 5 Communion Sunday Homebound Com- munion			1 Life Line Screening	2	3	4
6 Communion Sunday Homebound Com- munion	6 Soup Kitchen  Scouts	7  Bible Study 7pm	8  Bible Study 7pm	9  Emmaus mtg	10  Emmaus mtg	11  Emmaus mtg
12	13  Scouts	14  Bible Study 7pm	15  Bible Study 7pm	16 GRCC Food Bank  Emmaus mtg	17  Emmaus mtg	18  Emmaus mtg
19	20  Scouts	21 SPRC mtg 5:30pm Trustee's mtg 6pm Leadership Council mtg 7pm	22  Bible Study 7pm	23  Emmaus mtg	24  Emmaus mtg	25 Creating a Legacy for your Church's Future 10am-5pm
26	27  Scouts	28  Bible Study 7pm	29  Bible Study 7pm	30  Emmaus mtg	31 Wedding Rehearsal	



### July Birthdays

- 2 Andrew Bonfiglio, Kip Kessler
- 3 Sharon Deeter
- 5 Sharon Deeter, Shannon Condon
- 13 Gail Dynes, Alex Rasool, Emma Smith
- 14 Jane Henby
- 18 Harrison Plessinger
- 21 Keith Denman
- 26 Judy Eikenberry
- 27 Leonard Crawford

### July Anniversaries

- 3 Bill & Phyllis Corbin
- 8 Bob & Barbara Olwine
- 14 Leonard & Mary Ann Crawford
- 21 Travis & Katie Swank
- 24 Jeff & Amy Davis
- 26 Jim & Teresa Ward  
Ryan & Jamie Younce
- 29 Matt & Julie Lecklider

### August Birthdays

- 1 Marcia Denman
- 2 Virginia Grim, Evelyn Hoilman
- 4 Patty Jett, Jim Deeter, Gary Deeter  
Lauren Holzapfel
- 7 Ryan Younce
- 11 Stan Duncan
- 12 Phyllis Corbin, Lois Rhoades
- 14 Connie DeSchepper
- 15 Judy Jones, Mia Eversole
- 17 Mandy DeJohn
- 21 Phil Artz
- 22 Marion Whittaker, Martha Brown
- 23 Moleta Mikesell
- 24 Erlene Hocker, Bryan Blackburn
- 26 Ella Strawn
- 27 Richard Stump
- 28 Carol Thwaits
- 29 Matt Lecklider

### August Anniversaries

- 9 Matt & Karla Holzapfel  
Rick & Connie DeSchepper
- 10 Roger & Loretta Etzell
- 19 Ken & Anna Lee Stryker
- 20 Dan & Marty Schipfer

#### JULY LITURGISTS

- 1 - Keith Fasnacht
- 8 - Amanda Burk
- 15 - Judy Kugel
- 22 - Gail Dynes
- 29 - Virgil Burns

#### AUGUST LITURGISTS

- 5 - Scott Kies
- 12 - Daphne Kies
- 19 - Ken Moore
- 26 - Becky Moore

#### JULY GREETERS

- 1 - Richard & Rowena Stump
- 8 - Roger & Loretta Etzell
- 15 - Pauline Triplett & Terri Wehrley-Pyles
- 22 - Joyce Dotson & Autumn & Brianna
- 29 - Phyllis Williamson & Moleta Mikesell

#### AUGUST USHERS

- 5 - Ken Moore, Gene Landis  
Keith Denman, Rod Grim
- 12 - Searcher's class
- 19 - Youth
- 26 -

#### AUGUST GREETERS

- 5 - Jim & Sharon Deeter
- 12 - Sue Holzapfel & Christy Fisher
- 19 - Matt & Julie Lecklider
- 26 - Isabel Capowski & Judy Kugel

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#### JULY NURSERY

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

#### AUGUST NURSERY

- 5 - Nellie Laughead
- 12 - Nellie Laughead
- 19 - Gail Dynes
- 26 - Nellie Laughead

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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
April 2018	111	\$18,737	\$17,759	\$15,308
May 2018	89	\$12,562	\$17,759	\$23,002
June 2018	84	\$11,232	\$17,759	\$16,143
Year-to-date	89	\$80,693	\$106,554	\$103,326

*Thank you for Supporting Our Ministry!*