



# 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**

*Thursday, September 20th for the October 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
- Worship Leader in training - Daphne Kies
- 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

## First Friday: Popcorn & Prohibition FRIDAY, September 7th · 6 - 9 PM

The 1920s are returning to downtown Greenville for the September First Friday: Popcorn + Prohibition! This event is brand new for 2018 and will tell the story of Ida Thomas, Greenville's "Popcorn Lady." This local legend has been all but forgotten by most, but we hope to tell her story and celebrate the spirit of the time by giving away lots of free popcorn, featuring multiple jazz bands, hosting secret speakeasys stocked by local craft breweries, creating a kid-friendly "dry zone," and much more!

This rip roaring good time is made possible by the support of our title sponsor, Jordan Agency!

First UMC will be participating in the event. Our location is still to be determined. If you are interested in helping out mark "Popcorn" on your connect up card or let Pastor Terry know.



MAIN STREET  
 GREENVILLE



Thank you for all the prayers, thoughts, cards, memorials and gifts that everyone has extended to my family and me during Randy's illness and passing. Also, thank you for the outstanding meal and service provided to us after his funeral. A special thank you to Pastor Terry and Ginny for their visits and support while Randy was in the hospital. Words cannot express what a comfort you have all been to me through this sad time. I appreciate all the Christian love shown to my family and me. Please know that I love you all.

Debbie Weyrick

Thanks to everyone for their prayers and concerns for my daughter, Debra Martin on her journey to her Lord's house. Special thanks to Pastor Terry for all of his visits and prayers.

Carolyn Davenport

NOISY SUNDAY OFFERING

Thank you for the July 29th Noisy Sunday Offering of \$216.54 for Cleaning Buckets!

Missions

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thank you for the generous donation of school supplies! The Mission Team created 61 school kits for the GRCC Clothing Bank to distribute.

Missions

BELL AND CHANCEL CHOIR

The choirs will start practicing on Wednesday, September 5th. The Bell choir will start at 6:30 pm and the Chancel choir will start at 7:30pm. All new and returning choir members join Debbie and Judy for a wonderful spirit filled year.

COOKIE BAKERS COME FORTH!

Missions has received a call for cookies for KAIROS. We will be baking 120 dozen cookies on Wednesday morning, September 5th, starting at 9:30am. Please come and help. We always have a great time together and your help is greatly appreciated.



Prayer Corner



Please lift up the following each day as you pray:

Roberta McConnell, Betty Olwine, Jim Greendkye, Jim Henby, Yvonne Artz, Marjory Swabb, Debbie Powell, Carol Thwaites, Jill Jett, Mary Hurley



Christian sympathy to Debbie Weyrick and family on the passing of her husband, Randy on 7/6/18.



Oliver Carson Leistner, 8/17/18 - proud parents Martin & Kristen Leistner, grandparents: Rod & Kim Grim, Uncle Robbie and Aunt Samantha, great-grandparents: Virginia Grim, Lyle & Shirley Ludlow

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd for the Labor Day Holiday!





Greetings in the awesome name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

This is perhaps one of the most challenging letters I have ever written in my ministry. I joined the United Methodist church in 1987. I was ordained an Elder, after college and Seminary in 1994. I love the United Methodist Church, so it is with a heavy heart I tell you about a meeting in February that will change the United Methodist Church forever.

Before we discuss the meeting in February, here is some background that has brought us to this point.

In January 1999 the Rev. Don Fado of St. Mark's UM Church in Sacramento, California, presided at a same-sex union. An additional 67 UM clergy claimed they co-officiated at the *faux* wedding – same-sex marriage being neither recognized by the church nor the state at the time. Formal complaints were lodged against the clergy participants, but the charges were dropped and no one involved was held accountable.

In October 2013, retired Bishop, Melvin Talbert presided at a same-sex wedding in Birmingham, Alabama, in violation of The UM Church's *Book of Discipline*. He did so despite the request of his colleague, Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett, not to disrupt the good work of local churches in her episcopal area with such a provocative act of defiance. He refused and presided anyway. Talbert was never held accountable.

In July 2016 the Western Jurisdictional Conference elected the Rev. Karen Oliveto as a bishop of the whole church. It was widely known that Oliveto had presided at numerous same-sex weddings, and was herself married to a deaconess in the UM Church, all in violation of the *Discipline*. The next day the Western Jurisdiction bishops consecrated her and in short order she was assigned to lead the Mt. Sky Episcopal Area. Complaints have been filed against Oliveto, but to date she has not been held accountable.

These are just some of the more noteworthy examples of the blatant defiance of the *Discipline* over the past couple of decades.

This has brought our church to an impasse. At our last General conference a group of people were commissioned to bring forward proposals on a way forward. These proposals would then be debated and voted on at a Special General Conference of the Whole church in February 2019.

The Three proposals they presented are:

**The Traditional Plan:** which says we keep our *Discipline* that same, and inform it and remove pastors would break it.

**The One Church Plan:** The changes proponents are asking for essentially boil down to the following. First, strike from the UM Church's "Social Principles" the statement that says, "[T]he practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching." Among other things, this would allow each annual conference to decide whether or not to commission and ordain openly gay, practicing persons as clergy. Second, redefine marriage in such a way that allows for church sanctioned weddings between people of the same gender, and remove the prohibition against UM clergy presiding at same sex weddings. This would allow each UM pastor to decide for him or herself whether to preside at same sex weddings.

Advocates of the OCP are at pains to assure laity and clergy of the following guarantees. No annual conference would be required to commission or ordain an openly gay, practicing individual as a clergy member. No UM pastor would be required to preside at a same sex wedding if he or she believed such a wedding would violate Christian teaching grounded in Scripture. And finally, no local church would be required to open its sanctuary to a same sex wedding, even if its pastor approved of such a union.

A number of noted UM scholars and clergy have already written essays critiquing the OCP and found it wanting.

Dr. Kevin Watson says the OCP would have the church adopt "an incoherent theology and practice of marriage" that would be "even worse" than our present state of affairs. Watson, a professor at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, believes allowing annual conferences, local churches, and pastors to adopt different theological and ethical views on sexuality, marriage, and ordination would confuse and harm people.

The final plan proposed is the Connectional Conference Plan. The CCP calls for the elimination of the UM Church's five geographical jurisdictions in the U.S. They would be replaced with three new theological "connectional conferences." The present geographical jurisdictions would be given the opportunity to identify with a conservative, centrist, or progressive connectional conference. Any annual conference within a current regional jurisdiction opposed to the majority's decision would have the freedom to join another connectional conference. And any local church that did not want to follow its annual conference into its chosen connectional conference would likewise have the freedom to join another connectional conference. While the three new connectional conferences would continue to share the name United Methodist, they would have a great deal of autonomy in terms of their own social principles, governance structure, and the funding of their conferences. The progressive connectional conference would undoubtedly adopt ordination standards and redefine marriage in ways that accommodated all people in the LGBTQI+ communities. The centrist connectional conference would adopt a latitudinarian approach, closely akin to the One Church Plan (OCP). And finally, the conservative connectional conference would maintain the UM Church's present teachings on these matters.

If, after reading this you are confused, join the club. The General Conference slated to convene in St. Louis, Missouri, February 23-26, 2019, we attempt to untangle this. As it stands, everyone involved agrees on one thing, after February, the United Methodist Church will not look the same. PLEASE PRAY, PRAY FOR THE DELEGATES AT THIS MEETING, PRAY FOR GOD'S WILL, PRAY THAT THE CHURCH WILL GO FORWARD.

Pastor Terry



Dear First United Methodist Church Members,

On Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 starting at 9 am we will be holding a volunteer work day to begin fixing the Tea Room where the faulty water line damaged areas of the room. We are looking for volunteers with a hard commitment to being present to assist. There will be a signup sheet in the office in order to commit to this activity to assist our church.

If we do not get enough volunteers, we will not be having the work day. However, I strongly urge folks who are able to assist so the church can keep from paying a contractor would be much appreciated.

Thank you!

Trustee Chair

Scott Laughead

2018 YTD FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

<b>Expense</b>		<b>Income</b>	
• January	\$17,488	• January	\$12,376
• February	\$19,273	• February	\$10,984
• March	\$15,238	• March	\$14,406
• April	\$15,308	• April	\$18,725
• May	\$23,003	• May	\$12,555
• <u>June</u>	<u>\$16,145</u>	• <u>June</u>	<u>\$11,069</u>
<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>\$106,459</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>\$80,475</b>
YTD Budget	\$106,554	YTD Budget	\$106,554
	<b>-\$95</b>		<b>-\$26,079</b>

INCOME NEEDED TO MEET MONTHLY BUDGET - \$17,759

DETAILS ON EXPENDITURES

EMPLOYEE SUPPORT	\$28,481
PASTORAL SUPPORT	\$33,226
CHURCH/PARSONAGE UTILITIES	\$12,193
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$11,789
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	\$ 4,280
CHILDREN/YOUTH/ADULT MINISTRIES	\$ 488
WORSHIP	\$ 1,045
MISSIONS	\$ 750
APPORTIONMENTS	\$11,954

Bank Balance as of June 30	\$ 16,686
Designated Money*	\$(21,642)
Available Money as of June 30	\$ (4,956)

\*Building expenses (money received through the Endowment Fund excess & individual donations)  
 Missions (money received or raised for mission projects)



## September Birthdays

- 1 Mike Lecklider, Dot Lentz
- 3 Kay Curry
- 5 Scott Laughead, Alex Davis
- 9 Jamie Younce
- 12 Staci Singer
- 14 Carolyn Davenport, Betty Olwine, Becky Moore
- 17 Jean Miller
- 18 Gary Lloyd
- 19 Betty Archie
- 20 Sharon Cox
- 21 David Capowski
- 23 Gene Keesy, Keith Fasnacht
- 26 Shirley Ludlow
- 27 Julie Lecklider, Sean Brookbank
- 28 Sandy Duncan

## September Anniversaries

- 3 Gary & Sharon Deeter  
David & Staci Singer  
Scott & Nellie Laughead
- 4 Jim & Patti Meade  
Keith & Marcia Denman
- 7 John & Roberta Westfall
- 10 Walter & Betty Neal
- 12 Gary & Martha Brown  
Stan & Sandy Duncan
- 14 Gene & Barbara Landis

### SEPTEMBER LITURGISTS

- 2 - Scott Laughead
- 9 - Joy Keihl
- 16 - Steve Bonfiglio
- 23 - Amanda Burk
- 30 - Rhonda McKinniss



### SCOUTS POPCORN SALE

It's time to stock up on popcorn and support Troop 134. The Scouts will be selling the popcorn during the month of September in the Narthex.

### MISSION PROJECT FOR LOCAL CHILDREN

Missions will be collecting socks and underwear for children from Sept. 2nd through Oct. 7th. They will be distributed through the GRCC Clothing Bank. There will be a box in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!

### NOISY SUNDAY OFFERING

A Noisy Sunday offering is coming this month on Sept. 30th. Save your coins for the Backpack Program that supplies food for Darke County children in a food crisis. Thank you! Missions

### LIVING PROOF SIMULCAST WITH BETH MOORE

Pleasant View Missionary Church is hosting this live simulcast on Sat. Sept. 15th at EUM's downtown campus at 111 Devor St. Contact PVMC office at 937-447-3885 or by email at pleasantviewmc.org to register by Sept. 1

### SEPTEMBER GREETERS

- 2 - Dawn Beasecker & Pauline Triplett
- 9 - LaJean Williams & Gail Dynes
- 16 - Mary & Patty Jett
- 23 - George & Kathy O'Dell
- 30 - Rhonda & Tyler McKinniss

### SEPTEMBER USHERS

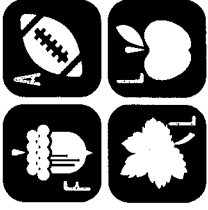
- 2 - Ken Moore, Gene Landis  
Keith Denman, Rod Grim
- 9 - Searcher's class
- 16 - Youth
- 23 -
- 30 -

### SEPTEMBER NURSERY

- 2 - Loretta Etzell
- 9 - Kim Grim
- 16 - Gail Dynes
- 23 - Nellie Laughead
- 30 - Nellie Laughead



# September 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Communion Sunday Food donation to GRCC	3 OFFIC CLOSED <b>LABOR</b> <i>Day</i>	4 Bible Study 7pm	5 Cookie Baking for Kairos 9:30am Endowment/Finance meeting 3:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	6 Emmaus team mtg Celebrate Recovery	7 First Friday 6-9pm	8 Wedding Nally & Kagore 3:30pm
9	10 Scouts	11 Miami Valley District One-on-One's Bible Study 7pm	12 Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	13 Emmaus team mtg Celebrate Recovery	14	15 Church Work Day 9am
16	17 Scouts	18 Trustee's mtg 6pm Leadership Council mtg 7pm	19 Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	20 Emmaus team mtg GRCC Food Bank Celebrate Recovery	21	22
23	24 Scouts DartBall practice 7pm	25 Bible Study 7pm	26 Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	27 Emmaus team mtg Celebrate Recovery	28	29
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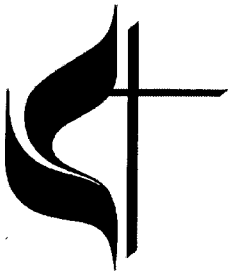
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SEPTEMBER 2018

Return Service Requested

*Open Hearts,  
Open Minds,  
Open Bibles*



**ILLUMINATION CHRISTIAN CONCERT 2018**

September 15

Darke County Fairgrounds

Saturday, September 15 there are activities starting at 12pm until 4pm. Activities include high ropes course, rock climbing wall, laser tag, inflatables and Coffee House Stage with Local Artists. The Concert begins at 5pm. The bands playing will be Tom Golly, Stars Go Dim, Tauren Wells, Danny Gokey & Matt Maher. Concert tickets can be purchased online or at The Bread of Life Christian Book Store, Darke County Fair Office, The Christian Bookstore in Union City. More info can be found at [illuminationfestival.org](http://illuminationfestival.org).