

July 22, 2021

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Shannon Davis: Pastor
Debbie Harrington: Director of Children & Christian Education
Karen Bell: Director of Stephen Ministry & Congregational Care
Dia McGowen: Contemporary Music Director
Karen Stephenson: Organist
Lori Servis: Pianist

Kristel Horner: Children's Assistant
Lora Bayliff: Administrative Assistant
Jana Walker: Accountant
Lora Bayliff: Nursery Coordinator
Shawna Grivich: Nursery Assistant
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MISSION STATEMENT

“TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST”

8/02 Greg & Lynette Balch
 8/03 Kyle & Kristi Johnson
 8/06 Kirt & Amy Province
 8/07 Shannon & Natalie Laverty
 8/09 Woody & Pat Hamon
 8/10 J.P. & Kelli Shirkey
 8/13 Roger & Sharyn Hester
 Steve & Janet Walker
 8/15 Jeff & Amanda Owen
 8/21 Andrew & Katie Stewart
 8/22 Pat & Orphi Grunewald
 8/29 Ray & Karen Bell



Youth, Save the Date!
 Saint Yootz Day at Frontier City is Aug. 28. Toby Mac will be performing!



8/01 Ryan Barby
 Judie Parsons
 Harrison Riley
 Kathleen Walker
 John Wells
 8/02 Rory Anderson
 8/03 Janis McAllister
 James Sherman
 Jillian Sherman
 8/04 Mary Bishop
 Margaret Rizley
 8/05 Debra Clemence
 Violet Humphries
 Roxy Merklin
 8/06 Corey Friend
 Carmen Shirley
 8/07 Kathryn Upchurch
 Jessica Hyman
 Patty Neely
 8/09 Leslie Raney
 Solomon Davis
 8/10 Linda Kessinger
 A.J. Laubhan
 8/11 Jackson Shirkey
 Kathy Wales
 8/12 Marvin Junker
 8/13 Nathan Razien
 Frank Harrington
 Ann Laubhan
 8/14 Macie Matt
 Jeff Owen
 8/15 Brian Clark
 8/16 Valerie Heckart
 Paula Odell
 8/18 Jia Barby
 Blair Barby
 Janet Glitsch
 Darla Reidlinger
 Haley Palacio
 Matthew Simpson
 8/19 Bettie Casteel
 Hannah Nemesio
 Shane Smithson
 8/20 Helen Dodd
 8/21 Korvo Simpson
 8/22 Angie Bouse
 Alex vonBidenfeld
 8/24 Brian Humphries
 8/25 Laney Marlatt
 8/26 Rama Harvey
 8/27 Scot Clemence
 Rowan Fanning

8/29 Shawna Grivich
 8/30 Leah Barby
 Bill Hodsdon
 8/31 JoLee Province
 Vickie Cook
 Shannon Davis
 Kinzley Glitsch
 Linda Meyer

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Recent Hospital Stays

At Home: Mike & Kathryn Upchurch, Bruce Stout, Mary Bishop, Jim Steenbergen, Glennys Shillings, Earlene Alley, Helen Sundstrom, Don & Ramona Dauphin, Elise Solloway, Don Morris, Jim Robertson, Rusty Menefee, Lena Mae Regan, Jo Lyn Page, Yvonne Branstetter, Betty Schneider, Barbara Arnold

In Nursing Homes or Care Facilities:

Mickey Armstrong, Wanda Stricker, Marvin Junker, Linda Hunter, Lottie Lynes, Earnestine Gay, Lucille Socking, Dorla Sommers, Ida Crooks, Betty Porter, Bendena Wirz, Betty Steenbergen

Other: Our Troops and their Families

Sympathy Extended to: Leslie Raney & Family (Mother-in-law), Roxy Merklin & Family (Husband- Tom), Edana Caldwell & Family (Sister), Beverly Short & Family (Husband -Jack), Jane Williams & Family (Brother-in-law), Jamie Shirkey & Family (Parents-Jim & Barbra Parrish), Doug Eagon & Family (Sister), Ann Allison & Family (Grandson) Kathy & Jess Wales (Son)

Special Prayer Request: All Government Leaders

Prayer Requests: Our Prayer Team meets every Monday in the Library at 4:00 pm. You are invited to attend, or you may call the church office with

Hot Dogs and Chips!

Water Slides!



Bouncy House!

Obstacle Course!

Cornhole and Volleyball!

Come and join us on August 22 for fun with inflatables, hot dogs and drinks from 5:00 PM -7:00 PM on the church lawn. Bring your families, lawn chairs and happy smiles and join us for a great evening as we get ramped up for a new school year and new church programming, which you can read about inside this newsletter. It will be a great time of fellowship for all ages !



When the Crisis Never Ends

Many people face a tough time every day of their lives. Whether they are caring for a sick family member, going through a long period of unemployment, or experiencing incurable pain, they and their families may benefit from the support and care of a Stephen Minister. Our congregation is committed to providing care to those who need it.

For more information about Stephen Ministry please contact: Karen Bell

GriefShare to begin August 10. If you or someone you know is going through a time of grief please share the GriefShare insert with them.

*Karen Bell
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**The Return of FLOW is Coming!
Wednesdays, September 8-November 17
5:15pm meal, 6:00-7:00pm classes**

It's had a year hiatus, but it's coming back stronger than ever! Our Wednesday night community meal and classes are returning this Fall! For adults, we'll have a bible study where we watch and discuss the new TV series about Jesus, "The Chosen." The children will be exploring the Bible through both Bible Blast and scientific experiments, as well as practicing for The Rockin' Kids Choir and their Christmas program. We'll also have a bible study for youth. If you or your group would like to lead additional classes or groups, let us know. We'd love to have you!

Big Thank You! THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH VBS IN ANY AND ALL WAYS! I APPRECIATE YOU SO MUCH! I COULDN'T PULL IF OFF WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP! ALSO, THANK YOU FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HELPED SEND KIDS TO CHURCH CAMP AND HELPED BY ATTENDING WITH ME! ---DEBBIE

Christ' Crew, King's Kids, and Rockin' Kids will begin the week of September 7, 8, and 9th. We will have lots of fun! More information will be coming soon!!!

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year of our own Free Spirit Preschool will begin August 2nd at 8a.m. Please call 580-256-3770. Once you leave a message we will call you back and record that time. Your student will need to be 3 years of age by August 1st, 2022. This is a waiting list. We will contact those who make it in at the end of May 2022.



As a refresher, our church is a participant in Care Portal, which helps us link up with DHS and Woodward Public Schools to help biological, foster, and adoptive families stay together and meet basic needs. Just last week, we got word that our church and others locally have met 130 requests that served 299 children! Our church has done as much or more than anyone in meeting these needs. You have helped by providing needed items, giving to our Care Portal fund, and helping deliver (and sometimes even assemble) needed items. We've done everything from diapers and electric bills to refrigerators and bunk beds. Thank you so much for helping youth and children in our local community. We do have an email chain you can join if you are interested in being contacted when there is a need. We also like to deliver the items in person. If you would be interested in helping make deliveries and contact with these families on occasion, please let us know. In either case, contact the church office if you are interested at 256-5515.

**F.U.M.C. ROCKIN' KIDS NEWS
AUGUST 22 IS A BIG DAY! YOU
DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT!!!**

Pre-K Blessing



As your child begins their school years, the church and Pastor Shannon would like to offer a blessing for Jesus to encourage their love of learning in school and at church. This is an exciting time for them as they take this step into the "big kid" school. It is also a 'big parent' moment for you as you experience your child growing up! We hope you can join us Sunday, August 22 as we extend this blessing in both of our services.

**Third Grade Bibles
CALLING ALL 3RD GRADERS!**



On **Sunday, August 22**, we will be presenting upcoming third graders with a Bible during both worship services! It's an easy to read Bible that we think you will like to read. We hope you find how exciting the Bible is and discover how God shows you the right way to live! Most of all, we hope you read about Jesus and begin to understand how much He loves you.

Blessing of the Backpacks



Students and teachers are invited to bring their backpack to church on Sunday, August 22 so that they and their backpacks can be blessed for the upcoming school year. Backpacks are our children's constant companion as they go about their school days. The backpack tag will be a reminder that God is with them in their daily life and that their church family will be praying for them throughout the year.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

0-1 year olds are in the Nursery
2-3 year olds in Free Spirit classroom
4 years - Kindergarten are in the middle hall classroom
1st- 5th grade meet in the Kids Room!



Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the 18 wonderful years that I spent at FUMC, and the great dinner and send off! It was incredible, and I will miss my church family! Sing on! Marita Reichenberger

I would like to thank you for the college starter bag and reminding me that no matter the journey God is always with me every step of the way. Gabriel Bussinger

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the laundry starter kit and the Bible with a devotional! I appreciate you thinking of me during this special time in my life. I also want to thank you for being a huge supporter of my life over the past several years. Thanks again, Sawyer Zimmerman

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers that Carolyn Riffel delivered this last week. Thanks for the cards, and calls. I really appreciate them. Look forward to seeing everyone before to long. Love, Bettie Casteel

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the prayers, food, visits, cards, and book "A Time to Grieve". I have read it several times. The Short Family.

Pastor Shannon and other FUMC members, Thank you so much for putting on the foster parent picnic for our families./ They absolutely loved it ! Our area appreciates all the support you have given us! Kendra Pierce



ALSO, ON AUGUST 22 DURING BOTH SERVICES WE WILL HONOR OUR TEACHERS WITH A SMALL GIFT OF APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS THEY ARE MAKING DURING THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES! PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU AND OUR STUDENTS ARE IN OUR PRAYERS