

# The Messenger

First  
United Methodist  
Church

*"Build the Church in Prayer"*



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Dear Friends,

The study, Experiencing God, has helped our church grow in our relationship with God. We want more than knowledge about God, we want to truly know God in a personal way. Henry Blackaby explains how "God pursues a continuing love relationship with us that is real and personal." God wants us to open our hearts to Jesus Christ with a desire to experience His love. Blackaby also says, "God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways."

Our primary way of experiencing God and knowing His will for our lives is through the Bible, the Word of God. The Holy Scriptures are a living and vital foundation for our lives. As we pray, God will begin to speak to us through the Bible passages. Blackaby points to how "God uses prayer and the Bible together" to inspire and lead

us to know more about Himself. We need to open our spiritual eyes and ears while reading Holy Scripture.

The Apostle Paul says, "The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned" (II Corinthians 2:14). A person is not able to understand the Word of God revealed unless the Holy Spirit reveals it to the heart. Jesus said the Holy Spirit is "the Spirit of Truth" (John 14:17). As we pray and meditate on the Holy Scripture with a desire to experience God, we find the blessings of a closer love relationship through His Son.

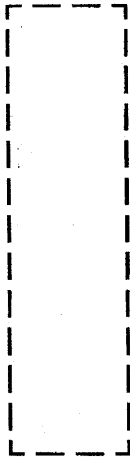
Let us continue to open our hearts to the invitations from God to receive His love and fellowship.

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Remember, pray before you read the Bible asking God to speak to your heart to reveal more of Himself, His purposes, and His Ways.

May God continue to bless you!

In Christ's Service,

John C. Anderson  
Pastor

### To My UMC Family

Thank you so much for the wonderful send off on Sunday, August 26. A special thank you to those who worked so hard to make the fellowship meal an exceptional success. Thank you for your generous gifts. You have made me feel so special.

You will always be remembered and included in my prayers. I would love to keep in touch with you, so here's my email address. It will be the only means of communications at least once a week.

[mel020707emc@yahoo.com](mailto:mel020707emc@yahoo.com)

May God bless each one of you.

Your sister in Christ,  
Melva

**Sunday Worship on the Radio: 9:45 a.m. on 1280 AM**

<sup>2</sup> Past Worship Services on our Website at [www.fumcd Dayton.org](http://www.fumcd Dayton.org)

### Preschool News

We have had a great start of school. A few spots are still open in the 3 yr. class!

Themes for September are: My Favorite Things, Pets, Apples, and Discovering Fall.

Our Fall Fundraiser will take place September 4 - September 18.

We are still collecting Campbell's Soup labels, used cell phones & ink cartridges.

Fall pictures are scheduled to be taken on October 29 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone in church is welcome!

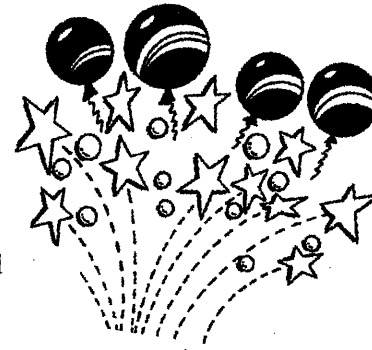
### Elevator Fund

The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church of Dayton are pleased to announce the establishment of a fund to be used to install an elevator in our church. This much need improvement would make the entire building accessible to all of our members and guests, even those who cannot manage stairs.

Memorial gifts and honoraria to the church may be designated for the Elevator Fund. This will be an expensive addition, and all donations will be appreciated.

## September Birthdays

- 1 Ruth Purser
- 1 Mary Welch
- 1 Rob Lawley
- 4 Joshua Hudgins
- 4 Dennis VanMeter
- 5 Lillian Ford
- 6 Vic Taylor
- 11 Jeremy Fitzgerald
- 11 Andy Tucker
- 12 Maria Tumlin
- 15 Barney Bell



- 17 Birch Arnold
- 18 Lois Abel
- 18 Angela Hodges
- 18 Angie Blevins
- 20 Vickie Hudgins
- 21 Laurie Rodgers
- 26 Martha Erwin
- 27 Celia Dixon
- 28 Beth Rodriquez
- 29 Tanner Cheek

## Our Response to God's Love

	<i>Attendance:</i>		<i>Giving to the Budget:</i>
	SS	Worship	
Aug. 05	68	122	\$ 6,493.25
Aug. 12	82	108	\$ 3,755.00
Aug. 19	82	118	\$ 4,538.00
<u>Aug. 26</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>\$ 3,886.80</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>\$ 18,673.05</b>
<i>Mo. Avg.</i>	77	119	\$ 4668.26

*We thank all who faithfully gave towards the budget.*

*Our monthly projected budget is \$22,212.66*

*To date, we are roughly \$(23,415.22) behind in our giving through the month of August 2007*

*Please let's use September as our catch up month.*



**Sept. 2- Holy Communion** will be served at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to participate.

**Continue to Donate Your Eyeglasses**

The UMW is placing a basket in the hall outside the church office to collect old/discarded eye glasses. These eye glasses will be distributed in local mission through the Lions Club or overseas through mission trips. Thank you for your help.

**Food Pantry Sunday**

The first Sunday of every month is *Food Pantry Sunday*. The food we collect goes to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Please bring nonperishable food items and leave them at any entrance to the church.



**Nurseries:**

For your convenience, our *Infant and Toddler Nurseries* are open every Sunday morning. (Go down hall behind sanctuary – take first hall way left and go to end of hall. Nurseries are on right at end of hall).

**BIBLE STUDIES**

**Pastor's Thursday Morning Bible Study** at the church in the Loyalty Sunday School Classroom at 10:30 a.m. We are studying Experiencing God.

**Daughters of the King Bible Study** The group meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We will be studying the book Preyed On or Prayed For by Terry Teykl.

**Emmaus, "In His Grace"**, will meet every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Ann Blackburn, Leader. All are welcome.

**Sunday Classes: 9:45 a.m.**  
Nursery provided

**Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.**  
Exciting, Bible Centered, and God Honoring



**Sunday Morning "On the Air"**  
**Every Sunday Morning at**  
**9:45 a.m. on WBAC (AM 1340,**  
**Cleveland) WDNT (AM 1280,**  
**Dayton) and**  
**WXQK (AM 970 Spring City)**

**(Services are broadcast on a one week delay)**

**Weekly Events**

*Every Sunday Morning:*  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

*Every Tuesday:*  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Emmaus- "In His Grace"

*Every Sunday Evening:*  
5:00 p.m. Choir  
7:00 p.m. Youth  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

*Every Third Tuesday:*  
6:00 p.m. - UMW

*First Sunday of every month:*  
Food Collection for "We Care"

*Every Wednesday:*  
5:30 p.m. K.I.C.  
6:30 p.m. Youth  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer

*First Sunday every even month:*  
11:00 Holy Communion

*Every Thursday:*  
10:30 a.m. Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

*Every Monday:*  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team

*Every 2nd and 4th Monday:*  
6:30 p.m. Daughters of the King  
not meeting at this time

**Special Events For the Month of September**

Sun	Sept 2	9:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Thurs	6	6:00 p.m Emmaus
Sun	9	Noon Youth Bake Sale
		6:00 p.m Second Sunday Singing at Mountain View UMC
Thurs	13	6:00 p.m Emmaus
Tues	18	6:30 p.m UMW
Thurs	20	6:00 p.m Emmaus
Sat	22	9:00 a.m. Emmaus
Sat	29	6:00 p.m Emmaus
Sun	27	2:00 pm Birthday Celebration for Celia Dixon
Sun	30	5:30 p.m Church Council

## FUMC CHOIR

The FUMC Choir is in the process of coming together after the summer break, and we are looking forward to being a vital part of our church family's worship life. This season, in addition to singing to God on Sunday mornings and during Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, we will be preparing to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of First Dayton. As part of that celebration, we hope to have special guests with us, old members returning to visit, and new friends who decide to make FUMC their church home. Even Bishop Swanson is going to be worshipping with us.

As we prepare, we need you. The last verse of Psalm 150 says "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD./Praise the LORD." In the past, choir has been an intimidating idea for many who felt they weren't "good enough" because they couldn't read music or sing harmonies. Please don't let this stand in your way. We are becoming more "user friendly." We will be worshipping together, planning music together, praying together, and praising together. We will not be worrying about parts, about being right, or even about sounding "good." We won't be worrying about anything. We will be focused on praising God and worshipping with our church family.

Please be one of us for this new season. We need your voice as we continue in our ministry at FUMC Dayton. Join us for rehearsals each Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m



## UMW

The United Methodist Women would like to thank you for the contributions you made that helped make our annual yard sale very successful. As of the last day of the sale, we have cleared \$2,778.63 which we will use not only for our national and international mission projects but also for local church needs such as to help sponsor Vacation Bible School, the kitchen fund, our youth, and KIC. In the Dayton community we contribute to Women's Care Center, Haven House, Dayton Ministerial Association, and foster children.

We would like to especially mention the extra help given us with set up and clean up. Thank you to Bob McElynn, Harlow Thum, and Cheryl and Terry Barton and their sons Ben and Andrew and, of course, Jane Tayloe who makes table set up look easy. Their cheerful support lightened our task.



## Memorials

In Loving Memory of:

### Lanny Mauldin

By: *Guy & Brenda Ream  
David & Sue Brown*

### Richard Rogers

By: *David & Sue Brown*

### Ruth Schild

By: *Betty Ann Huling  
Mike & Claudia McCord  
Richard & Alan Preston  
Ben & Jenny Hill  
Sam & Sarah Preston  
Betty Purser*

### Carolyn Schweers

By: *Toni Alexander  
Eleanor B. Williams  
Howard & Edwina Taylor  
Jane Ballentine*

### C.P. Swafford

By: *David & Sue Brown*

### Bobbie Jean Tallent

By: *Eleanor R. Williams*

### Vance "Doc" Travis

By: *Guy & Brenda Ream  
David & Sue Brown*

### Gene Wright

By: *David & Sue Brown*

