



## The Transmitter - Fayette United Methodist Church

**All of these groups are open to new attendees, so feel free to join one or maybe even two.**

**20/30 somethings:** Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm Couples and singles welcome. Location varies, contact Pastor Andrea for more information.

**Couples Small Group:** Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm Location varies contact Kirk Keiser for more information.

**Jesus' Use of Scripture:** The One Way Sunday School class is studying *Jesus' Use of Scripture* from the International Bible Lessons Uniform series. By participating in the Uniform Series, a believer will be given help in knowing the content of the Bible, understanding its message, and responding to that message by living a life of faith and love." One Way meets at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in the classroom at the back of the sanctuary.

**Book Club:** Our book club meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30 to discuss a book that we are reading together. Will start again after the holidays. Contact Pastor Andrea for more information.

**Run For God:** A group for folks who like to run or walk and discuss the ways faith and health coincide. Meets on Sunday evenings at Harrison Lake weather and season permitting.

**FUMY:** Youth ministry for students in grades 7-12 and meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Contact Aaron Hylander for more information.

**FIZZ Kids:** Youth ministry for students in grades 4-6 and meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Contact Kris Keiser for more information.

NOV/DEC 2016

Sunday Worship time: 1030am  
Adult Sunday School: 9:30am  
Childcare is available during  
worship

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Secretary Friday morning

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church basement rental  
contact Aaron Hylander  
419-388-1792 (more  
information on church website)

## PASTOR'S *thoughts...*

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You know, this time of year brings joy for many, families will gather, blessings will be shared, meals will be cooked and gift will be purchased as we prepare for the holiday season. Yet I also know that for some the holiday season brings with it stress, frustration, chaos and sometimes grief.

This year in particular Will and I will have the joy of celebrating our one year anniversary on November 20th (it's hard to believe it's been a year already!). But with that my family will also remember my Great-Grandmother, Lois Pyle. She was the matriarch of my father's side of the family and she passed away just a few days before Thanksgiving last year. A loving woman who always cared for each of us so well. Just before she passed she sent a gift to Will and I for our wedding. It was a handmade Afghan that she had knitted for me when she was in better health. It is one of my most treasured gifts. I remember that it smelled of my Great-Grandmother's house in Rosewood, Ohio. As I held the gift in my hands memories came flooding back to me of family gatherings in Rosewood at Great-Grandma's house, her homemade grape pies at every holiday get-together, and her sweet smile. She was a quiet woman who was filled with poise and grace. I will treasure her memory and her gift to Will and I for the rest of my life.



You know, in life, we get wonderful opportunities to let others know how much they mean to us and often we let those opportunities pass us by. I'm sure my Great Grandmother knew that I loved her, but I'm not sure if she knew how much our family appreciated her love and care. I know that now she has passed on into God's glory and for that I rejoice, but thanksgiving this year will be a bit empty and her presence at the table will surely be missed.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I am challenged to look for what I am thankful for each day. Rather than focus on trials, I am called to lift my eyes up to the Lord and offer thanks in the middle of life's storms. Friends, I hope you will join me in this endeavor.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 tells us to *"Rejoice every more. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* Our Lord calls us to give thanks even in the tough spots of life. Sometimes that can be hard. Especially if we find ourselves fighting what seems to be an uphill battle, from illness, to grief, to disappointment, life can take its toll on us. But our Lord calls us gently back to him each and every day.

Let's use this season of gratitude to prepare ourselves to receive Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. Throughout the next weeks and months each day take some time to spend with God as you dust out the corners of your heart and your mind and prepare for Jesus to once again arrive with joy and splendor in the humblest of ways. An easy for me to remember to spend time with God is to schedule it. I put appointments in my phone for times to talk with God. Then when those reminder pop up I pause in my life and pray. You may want to create a ritual for yourself, always sitting in the same chair, with a devotional and a cup of coffee. This will give you sacred space in the midst of the holiday rush. Friends I believe that as we draw closer to the Lord we will also draw closer to our families and friends. Our appreciation for them will shine through and each of will know that we are loved and valued in the lives of our families and friends. We will also know that we are loved and cherished by our gracious Father in heaven.

In the grace and peace of Jesus,

Pastor Andrea

### **In our thought and Prayers**

Let Pastor Andrea know if you have anyone to add to the prayer list

*Sue Craig, Betty Davis, Justen Douglass, Libbey Eicher, Robert Ford, Joyce Fruchey, Paul Johnston, Jim Kramer, Cedric Kutzley, Don Merrilat, Jack Mitchell, Shirley Paison, Betty Smith, Family of Barb Schaffner, Gayle Schaffner, Marty Schaffner, Rachel Schnelker, Matt Steele, Joan Stuckey, Bonnie Taylor, Sgt. Taylor Blue Willis Family, Wayne Williams, Marsha Winzeler, Ladies at Serenity Haven*



*Betty Smith - Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Road, Archbold 43512*

*Betty Davis—Laureals of Defiance, 1701 S. Jefferson, Defiance, 43512*



*November 13 - Veterans Sunday, we will recognize the veterans of our congregation.*

*November 22 - Community Thanksgiving Service at New Beginnings church*

*November 27 - Advent Celebration Sunday during worship service.*

*December 24 - Christmas Eve Service - time of service to be announced later*

*December 25 - Christmas Sunday - time of service to be announced later*



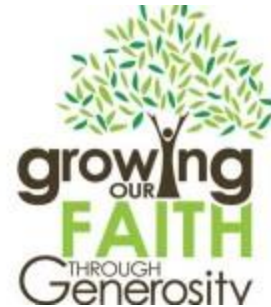
**FREE COMMUNITY MEAL**  
*Please join us for a traditional  
Thanksgiving Meal!*  
**Wednesday, November 23, 2016**  
**5:00-6:00 P.M. at the FLC**



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Extravaganza

FUMY will once again be hosting a Holiday Extravaganza at the Family Life Center, as a fundraiser for next year's mission trip to Transformation Zone in Columbus, Ohio. This 3<sup>rd</sup> annual craft show and chicken dinner will be held on Sunday, December 4 from 11:30-4pm. Several local vendors and crafters will be set up, offering visitors the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. FUMY will be serving Brookview Farms carry-out chicken dinners, as well as selling baked goods. Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be there this year for all of the children to visit! Mark your calendars now, so you will be sure not to miss out!

Financial Information		
	OCT 2016	YTD
Tithes/Offering	\$ 17,602.04	\$100,244.34
Designated Offerings	\$ 12,634.50	\$ 24,297.39
Interest	\$ .49	\$ 3,727.95
Facilities Rental	\$ 375.00	\$ 1,875.00
Miscellaneous	\$ .00	\$ 493.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 30,612.03</b>	<b>\$130,638.47</b>
<b>Revenue needed per month</b>		<b>\$ 15,118.24</b>
	OCT 2016	YTD
<b>Budget</b>		
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 23,406.98</b>	<b>\$135,287.78</b>



**Fayette United Methodist Church  
Administrative Board Meeting  
October 18, 2016**

**Attendance:** Pastor Andrea, Kelly Bentley, Ron Ely., Jeanne Johnson, Bob Keiser, Kirk Keiser, Roger Kessler, Dale Pfund, and Sally Stuckey.

K Keiser called the meeting to order. Pastor Andrea opened with prayer followed by the staff report.

**Worship:** All Saints Sunday will be October 31. Anyone having a person who has passed that they would like to honor contact Pastor Andrea. She would like photos of those persons honored. November 13, Veterans will be honored. Kathy Ramsdell will lead the service as Pastor Andrea will be on vacation. November 20<sup>th</sup> the District Superintendent will lead the service with the team who served in Mexico sharing in the God moments.

**Mission & Outreach:** The Backpacks for Bellies program will be changing as the school is partnering with Don's Automotive for a food pantry for school families. We will be providing food for five families through the school program. The Thanksgiving Community meal will either be the evening before Thanksgiving or the day of Thanksgiving. The Ministerial Association is collecting winter coats for those needing them in Fayette. Anyone wishing to donate see Pastor Andrea. Linda Snow is making quilts for each bed at the orphanage we are supporting in Mexico. Anyone can help with the project at the Friday/Saturday Crafting.

**Facilities:** The rental contract for the FLC will be amended to include picking up trash in the parking lot and forbidding the use of helium balloons. The shed at the parsonage is no longer being used. If anyone has a use for it contact Max. The trees will be trimmed at the parsonage and someone has been contacted to repair the front door of the church. The carpets at the FLC will be cleaned.

**Food & Fellowship:** The church Thanksgiving dinner will be Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. The storage space will be reorganized.

**Finance:** The pledge cards will be available within the next two weeks. Anyone not picking one up in church will have one mailed to them.

**FUMY:** Someone donated a large amount of soft drinks to the youth which were outdated by several years. The donation was appreciated but could not be used. A youth Sunday School class may be organized. FUMY will be going to a corn maze October 26<sup>th</sup>. Their annual craft show is December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Care Giving & Visitation:** Kris will be visiting on Thursdays. There are five groups signed up for Trunk or Treat, more are welcome.

The Secretary's minutes from the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved on a motion by R. Ely. S. Stuckey second, motion approved. The Treasurer's report was reviewed. It is again noted the weekly giving is behind the expenses. D. Pfund moved to approve the report. B. Keiser second, motion passed.

**Pastor's Report:** There were many visits to those people who were ill and one funeral. The pastor meet with the District Superintendent to discuss the concerns of the SPRC meeting prior to annual conference.

**Old Business:** The house has been removed and the lot seeded. The dead trees on the lot are on city property and will be removed by them. Pastor Andrea and Kris Keiser attended a meeting regarding the food pantry. The food pantry no longer has a place to rent. There is a search on for a different facility.

**New Business:** Closing the Music Fund at Edward Jones discussed. The funds would be moved to the account at Huntington Bank for paying the monthly payments on the FLC.

The October 30<sup>th</sup> dinner to benefit cancer research would like to use the building without charge again. Permission granted. There are three vacancies on the Administrative Board. Nancy Cooley and Bob Keiser will be resigning the end of the year. K. Keiser will contact persons who were suggested as board members.

D. Pfund moved to adjourn. S. Stuckey second, meeting adjourned

Jeanne Johnson, Board Secretary