

October, 2024



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

At First United Methodist Church we praise and worship a living God, and love and serve others.



Wednesday
October 23rd for the
November Echo
newsletter.

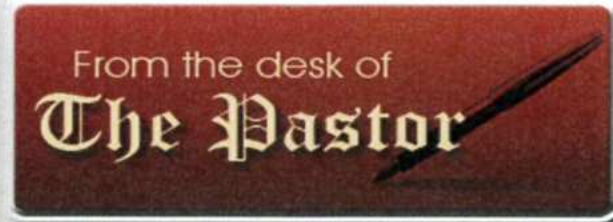
Meet Your Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor - Gary Blackledge
Music Director - Debbie Weyrick
Organist - Matt Hunt
Leadership Council - Sonja Ezzell
SPRC - Joyce Dotson
Trustees - Scott Laughead
Hearts & Hands Caregiving Ministry - Ken Moore
Soup Kitchen - Marty Schipfer
Custodian - Mike Ditty
Office Administrator - Cindy Austen

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00





As we are entering the month of October, we hope the weather will finally begin to cool off and feel more fall-like. The days are getting shorter, and the leaves, due to the drought, began changing color weeks ago. It is the time of Friday night football games, pumpkins, hay-rides and fall festivals.

Farmers usually harvest their crops in the fall during the month of October, but again the drought has changed the schedule and the amount of the harvest. We need to pray for our farmers as they continue their harvests, that God will provide what they need to carry them over until next year and pray that next year's harvest is bountiful. We need to remember that with all the advances in technology, equipment and science, it is still God who provides the ground, the rain, the sun, the essentials for crops to grow, and for life itself.

I know I have used the Parable of the Rich Fool as an illustration for this point before, but I believe it has value if we review it again. This parable speaks to the issue of the true source of our blessings and the resources for crops and harvest.

Jesus tells the parable in Luke 12:16-21. And He told them a parable saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Let me first address what this parable is NOT saying. The parable is not saying that it is wrong to save and prepare for the future. The parable is not saying that it is wrong to build for retirement. The truth is, that in years like this one, it reveals the necessity to follow God's guidance and save for instances such as this year's drought. What the parable addresses is our focus. We are to realize that the source of all we have, and the source of the crops is God. God has blessed us so that we may bless others.

We need to notice that the barns of the farmer in the parable were already full before the harvest. He had already stored up and saved for the future before God blessed him so richly with the current year's crop.

Again, God had blessed him so that he could in turn share the blessing with others, those who may be in need. This farmer, however, thought only of himself and did not acknowledge the true source of all he had been given by God.

This ties in with our current sermon series from the Book of Acts, in which we have been studying about the early church. In the early church, during the time of the apostles, the members of the church shared generously from their resources so that there was no one in need among the community of believers.

It is a true blessing for the Greenville First United Methodist Church, that so many of our members have understood what the 'Rich Fool' did not, and continue the ministry of sharing as found in the Book of Acts in the early church. So many of our members during their working years understood that the money they were earning to live on and save for the future was a gift from God. During their working years they gave to the church to support its ministries, as well as gave of their time and talents in service to the church.

Now that many of our members are retired, they still give from the financial resources God blessed them with, as well as giving of their time and talents.

As pastor of First UMC, I am thankful for God's blessings from a personal standpoint, and for the church. God has richly blessed His church with those who have laid up their treasures for Him and His Church.

In His Service,
Pastor Gary



OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Worship 10 AM 11:15 AM Searchers Class Going Deeper Class	7 Soup Kitchen 6-8 PM SCOUTS 7:00 PM - Dart Ball Meeting	8 6:00 PM SPRC	9	10	11	12
13 Worship 10 AM 11:15 AM Searchers Class Going Deeper Class	14 6-8 PM SCOUTS Renewed Life Group -- 7 PM	15 5:30 PM Leadership	16	17	18	19
20 Worship 10 AM 11:15 AM Searchers Class Going Deeper Class	21 6-8 PM SCOUTS	22	23	24	25	26
27 Worship 10 AM 11:15 AM Searchers Class Going Deeper Class	28 6-8 PM SCOUTS	29	30	31		

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

FALL BACK

Set Your Clocks Back an Hour

Sunday, November 3,
2024



DOWN TOWN
MAIN STREET GREENVILLE

Fall Into The Spirit of Autumn In Downtown This October

Thursday, October 5 | Homecoming Parade 6pm
Scarecrow Decorating & Pumpkin Carving Contests
We've Got Spirit | Wave of Green Downtown

Friday, October 6 | First Friday | Shops Open Late
We've Got Spirit | Tailgate & Shop | Music @ YOLO
Scarecrow & Pumpkin Decorating Contests
Fall Bucks Shopping Promo & More

Saturday, October 7 | Day of Harvest Downtown
Scarecrow Decorating & Pumpkin Carving Contests
Chili Cook-Off | Free Pumpkin Shopping Promotion
Community Market | Store Promos & Activities

Thursday, October 26 | Beggars' Night
7:00 Parade | 7:30 Trick 'r Treat

Come Celebrate Fall With Us!

Fall into Christmas

at the Darke County Fairgrounds

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024
10am-7pm

Large indoor/outdoor craft vendor market: 10am-7pm
Food truck rally: 11am-7pm
Visit with Santa Claus: Noon-5pm inside 4H Building
Live Music: 5pm-9pm inside 4H Building
Link-A-Ride & My First Christmas: 4pm-7pm

Pony rides & petting zoo: Noon-6pm
Horse-drawn wagon rides: Noon-7pm
Christmas train Fantasyland display inside
4H Building 10am-7pm

800 Sweitzer St., Greenville, Ohio

Greenville Business & Professional
Women's Club Invites You To:

"Fall Into A Night Of Giving"

Thursday, October 10, 2024 6:00 PM
Greenville Elks

Individual Tickets: \$25
Includes: Taco Bar

Sponsor Table: \$150
Includes: Taco Bar, Door
Prize Ticket, 1 Minute
Commercial, Table Favors,
Banner Recognition for
being a key sponsor
(8 seats per table)

**DOOR PRIZES
\$0/\$50
SILENT AUCTION
CASH BAR
LOCAL VENDORS**

PreSale Tickets can be purchased at Zechar
Bailey Funeral Home or with any BPW Member
or Emailing Csykes@woh.rr.com

Dear October,

I am open to
small miracles,
much-needed peace,
unexpected celebrations,
spiritual signs & guidance,
courage to overcome challenges,
strength to let go of what's not mine,
clarity & wisdom to choose the right path,
the ability to change my perspective or direction,
healed wounds & more love, kindness & compassion,
reciprocated energy, healthier relationships,
soul alignment & divine abundance.

Please feel free to surprise me.
But mostly, please bless & surprise
the ones who need it most.



AUTUMN

WORD SEARCH



WORD LIST

ACORN
AUTUMN
BONFIRE
BRISK
CIDER
CORN
CRISP
EQUINOX
FALL
FESTIVAL
FOLIAGE
FOOTBALL
GOURD
HALLOWEEN
HARVEST
HAYSTACK
JACKET
LEAVES
NOVEMBER
OCTOBER
PINE CONE
PUMPKIN
SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER
SQUASH
SWEATER
THANKSGIVING
TREES

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October Birthdays

7 Tracy Tryon
10 Mary Jett
14 Robb Grim
24 Cindy Austen
27 Ed Curry
28 Roberta Westfall



The sign up sheet for 2024 altar flowers is available in the narthex. Cost is \$35.

October Anniversaries

9 Clark & Gail Dynes
21 Keith & Judy Fasnacht
24 Lyle & Shirley Ludlow



We have a sign up sheet for 2024 Sunday refreshments in the narthex.

Please lift up the following when you pray:

**Bill Corbin, Richard Rhoades,
Jim & Teresa Ward,
Mike Lecklider
Clark Dynes**

Dear GOD,
please help those that are hurting right now.
Guide them and place your arms around them
to comfort them and give them strength.
Amen

Our Homebound Church Family

Brethren Retirement Community: Luella McLearn, Mitzi Tryon, Anna Stryker
Tapestry Senior Living: Judy Jones
Oakley Place: Phyliss Williamson
Village Green: Richard Rhoades, Kay Curry
Brookdale: Mary Brewer, Anne Randall

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