

Mainspring

Join us for worship on Sunday morning as we seek to align our lives with God's purposes.

Traditional Worship
9:30 & 11:00 AM
Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship
11:05 AM
Family Life Center

Evening Worship
6:30 PM
Family Life Center

Nursery provided at all three worship services.

A Note from Pastor Jeff

I like my doctor. I have been going to him for fifteen years. We have the kind of relationship where I call him by his first name. He knows me well. Together we are watching my weight, my cholesterol, and my blood pressure. All of these have serious implications for my overall health in general and my heart health in particular.

But, in the fifteen years that I have been going to my doctor, he has never checked on one of the most significant factors of my heart health – my relationship with my treasure; my money.

Jesus talked about the effects our treasures have on our heart – a lot. Jesus talked more about money than anything else except the kingdom of God. Eleven out of the thirty-nine parables Jesus told are about money. Jesus talked about money and treasure so often because He knows that they have an effect on our heart. Money can cause division and divorce. Treasure and the pursuit of money can consume us and take away everything that is really important. Those who have lost jobs, taken a severe pay

cut, or who have not had a pay raise in years will tell you that it is not just an economic issue – it is an emotional and spiritual issue as well.

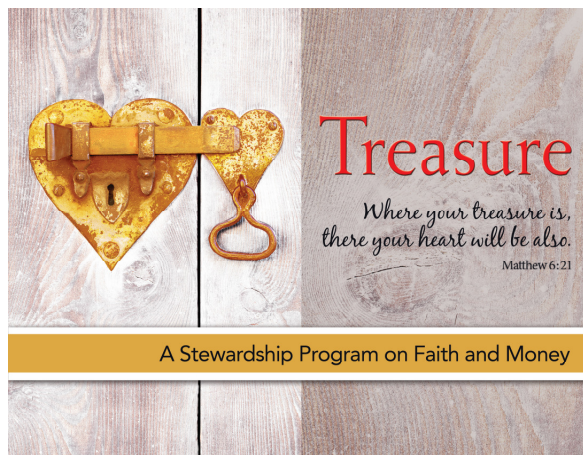
Jesus taught that "Where our money is, there our heart will be as well." (Matthew 6:21)

I used to believe that our treasure followed our hearts. But, I have come to believe that Jesus was right – our heart follows our treasure. In other words, the place where we spend (or invest) our money will become what we pay attention to most, and our heart will follow whether we want it to or not. When we put our treasure into anything, our heart will follow.

During the month of October, we will be taking a kind of spiritual echocardiogram to discover the health of our heart, and the relationship between our hearts and our treasures. At the end of the month, we will have the opportunity to commit our hearts through our treasures to God and to the mission of Fenton United Methodist Church. Along the way, we will be asking you to prayerfully reflect on some important heart/treasure questions.

For now, let us be honest about the health of our heart when it comes to our treasures: it is the one factor your doctor doesn't have a test for – and your health insurance doesn't cover.

And, as always,
I am proud to be...
With you on the journey,
Jeff Jagers





FUMC's Annual Potato Dinner

Sunday, November 11 at 12:15 PM, Fellowship Hall

FUMC has been involved with *The Society of St. Andrew's Potato Project* for many years. First introduced by the late Bud "The Spud" Curtis, the Potato Dinner is an annual tribute to seeds planted long ago which continue to "...feed the hungry."

The Potato Project salvages truck-loads of potatoes and other produce donated by the agricultural community. Gleaned from fields by volunteers, the perfectly edible food is delivered to agencies that serve the poor, redirecting 45,000 pound truckloads to soup kitchens, food pantries, local churches, and other hunger agencies for distribution. Since this produce is donated, transportation and packaging of the food is done for the amazing low cost of 4 cents per pound.

Important to know is that "gleaning" is the traditional Biblical practice of gathering crops that would otherwise be left in the fields to rot or be plowed under after harvest. Because the food is unmarketable due to size, color and blemish, growers allow volunteer gleaners to pick what is left following harvest which directly addresses world hunger problems.

The Gleaning Network coordinates volunteers, growers, and distribution agencies to salvage food. Tens of thousands of volunteers from churches, synagogues, scout troops, senior citizen groups, and other organizations participate each year in gleaning - thousands of volunteers go gleaning, picking up over 15 million pounds of fresh, nutritious food. Clearly, a mission project well worth our church's support!



Stephen Ministry Update

On August 12th Stephen Ministry celebrated 20 years of service at Fenton UMC. During our celebration, a skit was presented that showed an example of a casual interaction with two individuals before the service began. During this conversation, it was suggested that a Stephen Minister might be a good resource for one of the individuals.

Everyone, men and women, can benefit from having a Stephen Minister whom they can share their concerns. Even though the skit featured two women, men struggle with issues also. Male Stephen Ministers are available to walk along beside men, too.

Every member of Fenton UMC is asked to be a "Lookout" for individuals that would benefit from a Stephen Minister! Susan Allen is the Referral Coordinator for Stephen Ministry and will follow up with that person. After asking permission to contact Susan for the person you have identified, that would benefit from a Stephen Minister, call Susan at 810-629-3694.

Stephen Ministry is YOUR MINISTRY!



Reboot Men's Retreat

Camp Ohiyesa in Holly
November 2 & 3

Sometimes we allow our lives to get so complicated that we can feel "fragmented" and pulled in too many directions. We lose our center/focus and become stressed, anxious, angry, and/or depressed. We are not giving our best to God, our spouse/family, our job, our friends, etc... In those times, it is helpful to take time to "reboot", to drop everything so that we can reflect on what is our center/focus and what is important, to re-prioritize and clarify. Rebooting liberates us from the tyranny of the urgent and our addictions to the spotlight and productivity.

Join us at Camp Ohiyesa in Holly for a men's retreat November 2 & 3. Breakout sessions will include: Data Overload, My Network, and My Operating System. Contact Pastor Jeff for more information (fumc.revjagg@gmail.com). Cost is \$40. Registration ends October 17. Contact the church office for a registration form.



Operation Christmas Child

submitted by The Joy Circle

The Joy Circle will again be sponsoring the collection of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. This is when you fill a shoebox with a WOW toy or item, school supplies, grooming items, clothes, etc. These boxes will be sent around the world, spreading the story of salvation through Jesus Christ. Children, families, and even communities have come to know Jesus as their Savior through these boxes. Last year, we collected 100 boxes!

We, again, invite you to fill a box this year. We have 100 pre-printed boxes (you may also use your own) that we will make available after services on Sunday, October 14 and 21. Please return them to the church NO LATER than November 13.

No time to fill a box? No problem. You can go online and "fill" a box from a list for a suggested donation of \$25.00. Go to www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline. Please let us know if you choose to do this so we can include your boxes in our count.

Such a simple—and fun—way to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, and salvation through Him around the world! Thank you in advance for your participation.

Coming Soon...

UMW will soon be taking orders for their delicious Cheeseballs for the holidays!

United Methodist Men Pasty Sale coming in November!

Please order our yummy pasties on our Google form at fentonumc.com. Vegetable or beef (baked or unbaked) available at \$4.00 each.

If you can't wait until November...we have several pasties leftover from our September sale. See one of the UM Men or come to the church office.



www.fentonumc.com

JOIN US FOR FUMC'S Art & Talent Show!!!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th

6-8 pm

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
ALL AGES WELCOME!!!

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Contact Tabitha Metreger at tabitha@pm.me or 734-224-8838 to sign up or for more info.



The Way—Sunday
9:30 AM in the Way Café

The Way—Wednesday
6-8 PM: Open Gym
6-7 PM—Middle School Programming
7-8 PM—High School Programming

JOIN US AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

PLEASE, JOIN US FOR...

Spicer's Orchard "After Hours Bonfire Party!"



Who: Anyone!
Where: Spicer's Orchard—10411 Clyde Road, Fenton
When: Saturday, October 6 from 6-10 PM
Cost: \$10/per person

We will meet at 6PM at the orchard, an hour before close, to enjoy the orchard. Then, as soon as Spicer's closes to the public, we will be given a wagon ride to our private bonfire area! Please bring your friends!

When you bring an extra \$5 and your own flashlight, you are given access to the corn maze! If this does not interest you, no worries! There will be plenty of fun happening at the bonfire—from smores to hot dogs to acoustic guitar and conversation!

October/November Schedule

Wednesday, October 31—There will be NO Youth Programming on Halloween.

Sunday, November 4—Youth/Parent meeting in The Way Café at 10:30 AM.

Friday, November 16—Game Night at the Bach House, 6-10 PM

Wednesday, November 21—There will be NO Youth Programming due to Thanksgiving break.

Sunday, November 25—There will be NO Youth Programming due to Thanksgiving break.

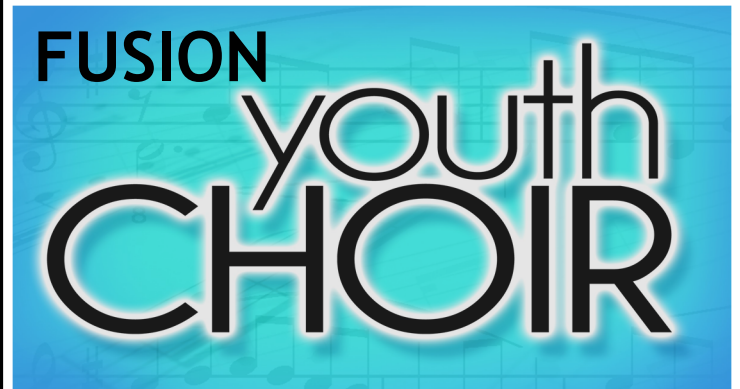
Dear FUMC,

Thank you for the scholarship! I'm so excited to go to college and having the support of the church I've grown up with means so much to me.

Sincerely, Trenton Woodbeck

www.fentonumc.com

Looking for young and passionate students!
Ages 6-18!



They meet every Wednesday (starting September 26) from 6:00 to 6:30 PM at the Fenton Presbyterian Church. For more information, please contact Cindy at cicrawfor66@gmail.com.



Sunday Arise Nursery Ministry (infant-preschool)
9:30 & 11:00/11:05 AM—North Campus Building
The Way—Sunday (Kids K-5th grades)
9:30 AM—FLC Room 162

The Way—Wednesday (Infants—5th grades)
6:30 PM in the Family Life Center

**NO The Way Programming for children on
October 31 or November 21.**



Friday, October 12
6:30—9:00 PM—FLC
Register at fentonumc.com
Volunteers needed!

Children's Bible Sunday October 21

If your child is in the First or Third grade, and you would like them to receive a Bible, please register at fentonumc.com



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Help Provide Thanksgiving Groceries for Families in Need

Grocery bags will be passed out on Sunday, October 28. Please fill and return by November 18.

An Event So Good... It's Scary!

Wednesday, October 31 from 1-6 PM, Family Life Center

Come inside for a fun, family-friendly Halloween event in the FLC. All activities are appropriate for all ages and **FREE** to the community!

- 🎡 Bounce House 🍷 Donuts & Cider
- 🎡 Carnival Games 🎃 Spooky Dance Hall
- 🎡 Mystery Boxes 📷 Photo Op Station

Come See, Feel, and Learn about
"Animals that give you Goosebumps!"
A special program of LIVE critters with
Paul McCormack of Classroom
Critters. (3-6 PM)



Please watch for
volunteer opportunities
coming soon!

We will also be participating in Jinglefest this year. This event is part of the Fenton Chamber of Commerce and is a whole downtown Fenton event. We open our entire FLC for family fun activities. Outside, we have a Live Nativity, complete with real animals! The event this year is on Saturday, December 1st.



The Cup of Wholeness

One of the joys of life is celebrating God's magnificent handiwork. Fall is one of my favorite seasons. One of my fondest memories is sitting on the dock, overlooking Lake Huron, sipping on a hot steaming cup of coffee, anticipating the sunrise. Watching the sun ascend from the horizon is a gift from God. In my world, it is like watching a canvas come alive. Some of the deepest, most satisfying joys in my life, God gives me through creation.

Since God knows us better than we know ourselves, God knows what fills our cups, what rejuvenates our weary and depleted souls. My cup is filled when I am with God in nature. What fills your cup? When you're feeling empty, lonely, or distracted what brings wholeness to your soul?

According to the Miriam Webster Dictionary, the definition of 'wholeness' is the condition of being sound in body. The quality or state of being without restriction, exception, or qualification. Whole is different than wholeness. The definition of 'whole' in The Free Dictionary says, containing all components; complete. Not wounded, injured or impaired; sound or unhurt.

I'm sorry to say, according to these definitions, we cannot fully enjoy the benefits of 'wholeness', or being 'whole.' John Wesley, our founder, believed that man was created as "a well-working system." That the "perfect model or expression of health would be Adam before the fall, a balanced, harmonious, human organism designed for immortality. Since the fall, the wholeness to be realized is wholeness within the limits of mortality." (Phillip W. Ott, John Wesley on Mind and Body: Toward an Understanding of Health as Wholeness)

Friends, until God calls us to our eternal home we must realize that our souls need to be attended. We must deeply desire to spend time with Christ. The more we yearn to allow Christ into every crack and crevice of our hearts and minds, we will experience our souls being restored and healed. When we carve out time to be one in Spirit with Christ, we receive the gift of restoration. Only God can bring restoration and wholeness.

1 Peter 5:10 says; "And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you." My brothers and sisters, please know God is with you at this very moment, so share your life with God. Our lives intersect and join together with God. This, my friends, is how we experience heaven on earth. You deserve to experience this kind of life, so give your pains and struggles to God. When we live in complete openness to God we will experience the peace of God in our lives. May your hearts and minds forever be in the compassionate caring hands of God.

Your sister in Christ,
Michelle Forsyth



KIDS HOPE NEEDS YOU!

Would you prayerfully consider becoming a part of the Fenton UMC - Tomek Elementary KIDS HOPE Team for the fall of 2018? We are in need of additional mentors, sub-mentors and prayer partners. Our support team plans one year end event, and we are always looking for people to assist.

We would love to be able to help more, if we had the mentors. Mentoring requires one hour a week for about 28 weeks. The entire KIDS HOPE TEAM meets about once or twice a year.

*Please pray that God will direct you
to be a part of this special FUMC ministry.*

If you have any questions, please contact Noreen Wood, Director
Dior Rushton, Prayer Partner Coordinator; Laurie Isenberg, Child/Mentor Match Coordinator
or one of the KIDS HOPE TEAM members.

New Church Committee Formed

Last December a small team was formed under the direction of Pastors Jeff and Michelle. The purpose was to formulate an Emergency Response Plan for our church. This plan was to be comprehensive and encompass all manners of emergencies including weather, medical, fire, active shooter, menacing person, and others.

A plan was developed and it was approved by the Church Council last May. An **Emergency Response Committee (ERC)** is now being formed. This committee will be a standing committee and report to and be represented at Church Council. This committee will be responsible for the implementation of the Emergency Response Plan. It will consist of eight members. To facilitate the implementation, ERC will be working with various church committees as well as providing training to a select group known as the Emergency Response Team (ERT). ERT will support the efforts of the ERC in providing leadership during any emergency. All aspects of safety will be reviewed, e.g., first aid kit locations, communication between buildings, security protocols, shelter locations, etc. Building maps are updated and will replace the current evacuation and shelter drawings posted throughout our buildings. Plans are being made to conduct fire and severe weather drills. Training manuals are also being developed. The goal is to be able to quickly and correctly respond to any emergency and to have a core group of trained people able to provide leadership and assistance.

The initial Emergency Response Committee members are Sandy Williams (chairperson), Morgan Cherry, Melanie Hein, Allison Opferman, Kelley Readman, Ron West, Vicki West, and Mike Williams.



Family Promise Week... October 7-14

Our last Family Promise is coming up and we need your help! Our support church—Transfiguration Lutheran will be providing Monday night dinner (sloppy joes/sides/desserts) & Tuesday night dinner (chicken/cheesy taters/sides/desserts), dinner hosts, and evening hosts (however, we still need overnight hosts). They will also be helping with set-up and laundry. We will be welcoming our volunteers from Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church. They will be bring the Wednesday night meal. We are so blessed to have these two churches partner with us! If you see a new face—please introduce yourself and welcome them! Our Friday night meal is donated by Sue (and Joe) Florida (pizza & breadsticks from Fenton House). Joe will always be a part of this ministry—as he watches over us from Heaven!

The following are Family Promise Volunteer opportunities. Please contact Denise Simmerman with any questions or if you are interested in volunteering... momatoz@charter.net or 810-938-4291.

Evening Hosts (5:15-8:15 PM): 2 volunteers are needed to greet and spend time with the families upon arrival. You will also have dinner with our guests, and assist with making lunches for the next day.

Dinner Hosts Only (5:30-7:00 PM): 2 volunteers are needed to serve, clean-up and assist with dinner.

Prepare a meal or part of a meal: 4-6 volunteers are needed to prepare and bring in dinner. At times we may need a meal plan, due to dietary restrictions and to avoid duplicate meals.

Overnight Hosts (8:15 PM—7:00 AM): 2 volunteers (1 male/1 female or 2 females) are needed to spend the night in the FLC. You will oversee family needs and assist with breakfast & clean up).

Set-up Team (Sunday 12:15 PM): 4-6 volunteers are needed to unload beds from the trailer, take down tables & chairs, set-up bedrooms & dining area. Set-up takes less than an hour.

Tear down Team (following Sunday 7:30 AM): 4-6 volunteers to tear down the bedrooms, clean up rooms and set-up for Sunday School, load beds into trailer. Takes about an hour or so.

Children & Family Activities: 2 volunteers to organize supplies and equipment for crafts, recreation activities, etc... and plan an activity for Friday night and Saturday during the day. This could be board games, movies, etc...

Laundry: Bedding & towels need to be laundered after the host week is over. Pick-up is Sunday after tear down, and please return clean bedding & towels by the following Sunday.

Saturday Hosts: 2 volunteers are needed at all times to spend a couple hours with the families during the day. It will be in two hour shifts starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 6:00 PM.

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"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Reaching upward to God
Reaching inward to each other
Reaching outward to our neighbors
So that all can find wholeness
in Jesus Christ.

New issues of the Mainspring are released every other month. Submissions are due by the 15th of the month prior to a new issue. If you would like to include an article into our newsletter, please send your request to Kathy at fumc.kathy@gmail.com.

Find us on Facebook!

Our pastors want to reach out to the members of our congregation who are sick, in the hospital or whose lives are otherwise in upset. Most of the time, hospitals and family members let us know about illness or surgery, but not always. If you know of a member who needs pastoral care, please call the church office. It is better to hear about a need from twenty people than from no one.

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