

MAY 2019

Fishers United Methodist Church

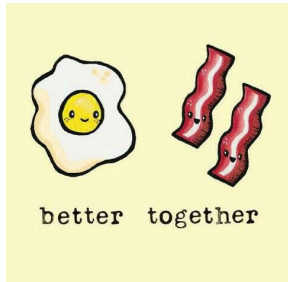
# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## SOCIAL MEDIA ROUND UP

*Highlighting posts from the past month*



Confirmation Sunday is May 5th. Would you please be in prayer for our students as they finish this journey together?



"Where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." - Jesus the Christ



Lantern Road Elementary donated 2,645.6 pounds of food to the pantry. Way to go!



## Upcoming Events

- May 3** Parent Night Out  
6:00-9:00pm, Enter Door 4
- May 5** Confirmation Sunday  
All Worship Services
- May 9** Fifty Plus  
11:30am, Dining Room
- May 11** United Methodist Men  
8:00am, Dining Room
- May 28** Book Club  
7:00pm, Library

## COMING IN JUNE

- June 9-13** Vacation Bible School  
6:00-8:30pm



## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

**HAMBURGER HELPER, TUNA HELPER, ALFREDO SAUCE, BAKED BEANS, TACO SHELLS**

Donations may be dropped off in the pantry boxes located inside Doors 1 & 4 or at the Food Pantry on Wednesdays between 9:30am and 7:00pm

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

"Out of the mouths of babes...."

"See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me." (Song of Solomon 2:11-13 NIV)

As I write this the rains are not quite gone but it is clear that spring has come and it feels good. Not long ago I came across a poem which reminds me that we often find what we expect to find in our daily routines. "Do You Know What You Are Looking For?" I'd like to share it with you.

*He was just a little lad, and  
on the Lord's Day  
was wandering home from  
Sunday School and  
dawdling on his way;  
He scuffed his shoe into the  
grass, and found a  
caterpillar;  
He found a fluffy milkweed  
pod, and blew out all the  
filler;  
A bird's nest in tree  
o'erhead, So wisely placed  
and high  
Was just another wonder  
that caught his eager eye.*

*A neighbor watched his  
zigzag course,  
and hailed him from the  
lawn,  
And asked him where he  
had been that day,  
and what was going on.  
"Oh, I've been to Sunday  
School,"  
he carefully turned the sod,  
And found a snail beneath  
it.*

*"I've learned a lot from  
God."  
"Hmm, a very fine way," the  
neighbor said, "for a boy to  
spend his time,"  
"If you'll tell me where God  
is, I'll give you a brand new  
dime."*

*Quick as a flash his answer  
came, nor were his accents  
faint,  
"I'LL GIVE YOU A DOLLAR,  
MISTER, IF YOU'LL TELL ME  
WHERE GOD AIN'T!"*

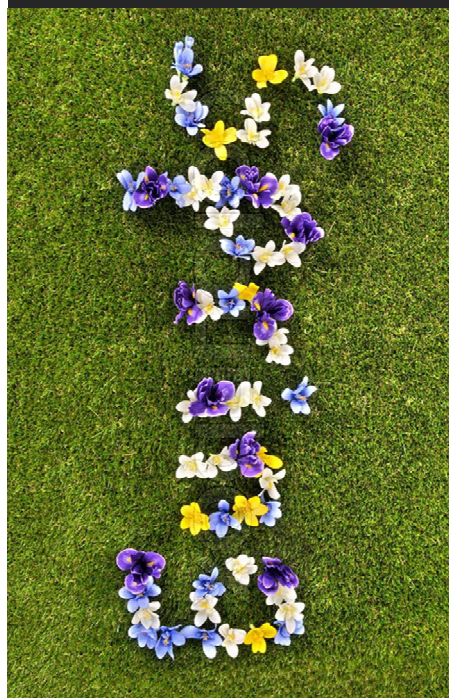
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It is a proven truth that what we look for we usually find, whether it is trouble or happiness. This holds true whether in our personal relationships, work setting, or even in our church. Take a look back on the week past. Was it happy? Filled with concern, worries, or difficulties? Was it filled with God and His presence? Thinking of the week past and what you found, what would it seem you have been looking for?

Join me in this week to come on a "God Hunt." Where will we find Him? It may be in the face of a spouse, friend, co-worker, family or church member. It may be in a church issue or meeting – even if it happens to seem difficult. Know this as well, where you find Him you will also find His power available to bring wisdom to your questions, mend every broken place, meet every kind of need, and more. Do you know what you are looking for? As they say, "Out of the mouths of babes...."

**FOR THE ONLY  
CAUSE THAT  
MATTERS,**

Pastor Kevin





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 9-13  
6p-8:30p

Kids ages 4 through 5th Grade are invited to explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Learn more and register at [fishersumc.org/vbs](https://fishersumc.org/vbs)

# ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

## UNITED METHODIST MEN



May's United Methodist Men breakfast will feature material taken from the series, "Jesus the Game Changer--How the Life and Teaching of Jesus Changed the World and Why it Matters." This month's focus is on Jesus himself--evidence and discussion establishing Him as the son of God and the Christ. It sets the stage for exploring the many aspects of how he changed the world.

Saturday, May 11, 2019, 8:00 AM in the Dining Room. A hot breakfast will be available. All men of the congregation are welcome.

## FIFTY PLUS

Please join Fifty Plus on Thursday May 9 at 11:30am for a wonderful luncheon, great fellowship and a very informative program about climate change and urban conservation.

Andrew Fritz, Urban Agriculture Conservationist for the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District in Noblesville, will present research from Purdue University on how a changing climate will affect state and local interests, tree and plant life, an extended growing season and what we can expect a changing climate to look like.

The group will meet in the dining room (aka the Sunday donut room), so please enter through door 4 on the east side of the building. No reservations are necessary; please come and bring a friend.

If you have any questions, please contact jenni debaun at 317.849.1805 or [jdebaun@fishersumc.org](mailto:jdebaun@fishersumc.org).

## MONTHLY BOOK CLUB



Join the Monthly Book Club in May as they read and discuss *If I Run* by Terri Blackstock. Casey Cox's DNA is all over the crime scene. She has to flee before she's arrested. The truth doesn't matter anymore. But what is the truth? That's the question haunting Dylan Roberts, the war-weary veteran hired to find Casey. PTSD has marked him damaged goods, but bringing Casey back can redeem him. Though the crime scene seems to tell the whole story, details of the murder aren't adding up.

The truth could be the most deadly weapon yet.

If you are looking for a way to combine your love of reading and books with a small group atmosphere of fellowship, this is the place for you! The Book Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Library at 7:00pm. This month they will meet on May 28. If you are interested or need more information, contact Kim Arnott at 317-797-8612 or [kimarnott@mac.com](mailto:kimarnott@mac.com).

# STUDENT MINISTRIES



## WATER PROMOTION CAMP OUT

We will celebrate the end of school and those entering high school by having a Senior High Camp Out May 24th-25th.

Everyone entering high school through graduating seniors is invited. There is no cost to camp, but we do need to know who is coming for sleeping and eating arrangements.

See more details and sign up by visiting [fumcfireandwater.com](http://fumcfireandwater.com) or by grabbing a form on the dock in the Wharf.



PROMOTION CAMP OUT 2018

## MAY FOR FIRE & WATER STUDENT MINISTRIES

### F.I.R.E. (JUNIOR HIGH)

<b>May 5</b>	Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours
<b>May 12</b>	Sunday School
<b>May 16</b>	Bingo at Hamilton Trace @ 3:15p
<b>May 17</b>	Fire & Water Night Out @7:00p
<b>May 19</b>	Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours
<b>May 26</b>	Sunday School

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School @ 9:45 am  
Refinery @ 6:00 pm, After Hours @ 7:30 pm

### W.A.T.E.R (SENIOR HIGH)

<b>May 2</b>	Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
<b>May 5</b>	Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours
<b>May 9</b>	Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
<b>May 12</b>	Sunday School
<b>May 16</b>	Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
<b>May 17</b>	Fire & Water Night Out @ 7:00p
<b>May 19</b>	Sunday School, Senior Brunch @ 12:00p, Drink Deep, After Hours
<b>May 23</b>	Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
<b>May 24-25</b>	Promotion Camp Out
<b>May 26</b>	Sunday School
<b>May 31</b>	Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School @ 9:45 am  
Drink Deep @ 6:00 pm, After Hours @ 7:30 pm  
Home Bible Studies take place throughout the week

### FIRE IS GOING TO CAMP THIS SUMMER

June 23-28th. We hope students entering grades 6/7/8 in the fall will join us. Forms available online or in your Sunday school room. Questions? Contact Liz.

### FIRE & WATER NIGHT OUT

For May we will be having a NERF War. We have multiple guns and over 2,000 NERF darts. From 7:00, come on out and have fun shooting your friends. There will be different games and food in the Wharf, so there will be something for everyone. This is a free event, all you need to do is show up and bring friends.

### SENIOR BRUNCH

This is a meal to celebrate our graduating high school seniors! If you know a senior you want to celebrate please RSVP to [trichards@fishersumc.org](mailto:trichards@fishersumc.org) with the name of the graduate and how many will attend. The Brunch takes place on May 19 at 12:00p in the Dining Room.

CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM BY SEARCHING FOR FIRE & WATER STUDENT MINISTRIES OR VISITING [FUMCFIREANDWATER.COM](http://FUMCFIREANDWATER.COM)

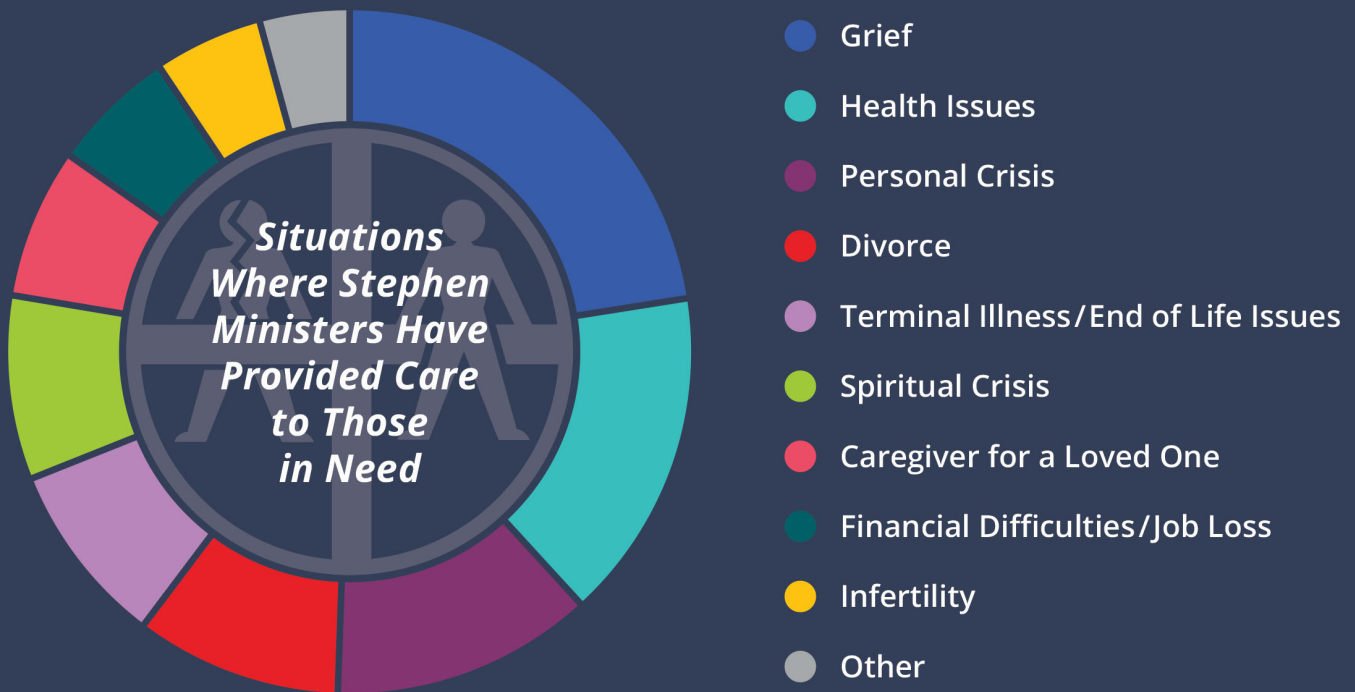
## Care Receivers Share How Their Stephen Ministers Made a Difference

*Although my needs changed as I went from wife to caregiver to widow, my Stephen Minister's love and support remained a constant. She was **there at every stage of my journey**, helping me through some of the most difficult moments of my life—so I could begin to heal.*

Susan ●

*When things seemed like too much to handle, **my Stephen Minister brought normalcy and calm.** With him by my side, I knew I could make it from one week to the next. I could feel God's presence when my Stephen Minister was there.*

James ●



*My Stephen Minister was a consistent presence walking with me throughout my divorce. He would always show up, and **most importantly, he refused to give up on me.** I'll forever be grateful for the way he changed my life.*

Ralph ●

*When I was with my Stephen Minister, **I felt Jesus was with me.** I saw the love of God in her eyes while we talked and prayed, and it would fill me with such comfort and peace. It helped me know that I could make it through.*

Ashley ●

After the death of my mom, **I needed someone who would listen**—even to the same stories over and over—and who wouldn't be afraid to say her name or bring up her memory. That's who my Stephen Minister was, and I don't know how I would have gotten through it without her.

Molly ●

My Stephen Minister listens—really listens. **He doesn't judge me or tell me what to do** but walks side by side with me. I never realized how helpful and healing that can be. With his care and support, I'm making it through.

Brian ●

I'm blessed with an amazing Stephen Minister. She's been genuinely attentive and caring ever since she came alongside me. She's kind of fearless in that way—**she'll just be there without trying to fix me** or talk me out of my feelings as I struggle with what's happening.

Nancy ●

My Stephen Minister's weekly visits became an anchor in my life—something I could rely on when everything else was so uncertain. **She was a steady reminder of God's presence**, helping me know I was never alone.

Heather ●

When someone you love is terminally ill, people often pull back because they're scared and don't know what to say. But **my Stephen Minister stood with me through it all**—listening, talking, and helping me on the journey. It was so reassuring to know he was by my side.

Andrew ●

My Stephen Minister loves me, listens to me, cares for me, prays for me, supports me, and **gives me a safe, confidential relationship** where I can totally share my heart. No matter how much I have to unload on her, she listens to whatever is going on.

Celeste ●

I needed to know that there was one person in the world who knew the good, the bad, and the ugly about me—and still cared for me. Experiencing that through my Stephen Minister was **a tangible expression of God's love**. It changed my life.

Julia ●

Stephen Ministry showed me the face of Christ. **God brought me exactly what I needed** through the care of my Stephen Minister, and that demonstrated to me how God cares for each and every one of us.

Frank ●

- **Stephen Ministry** is a lay caring ministry being used by more than 13,000 congregations worldwide to increase care and outreach to hurting people.
- Through Stephen Ministry, congregations are able to equip and empower a team of laypeople—Stephen Ministers—who provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, health issues, divorce, spiritual crisis, job loss, infertility, or other life difficulties. Since Stephen Ministry began in 1975, millions of people have received care from a Stephen Minister.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY AT FISHERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

If you're experiencing any of the many difficulties of life and would like to receive compassionate Christian care at Fishers UMC, please call the church office at 317.849.1805 or email [stephenministry@fishersumc.org](mailto:stephenministry@fishersumc.org)

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## SUNDAYS

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 8:30 & 9:45am  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 11:00am  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 & 11:00am

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