Brothers and Sisters in Christ, this will be my last pastoral letter to all you wonderful people of Firestone Park UMC. I want to thank all of you for the many ways you allowed me to be your pastor. As the years go by I will look back fondly on our time together, and I hope the same will be true for you. A few weeks ago, we had the pleasure of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of our church. Of all the pastors who preceded me in serving FPUMC since 1918, I sometimes wonder about their experiences, about the people they served, about their passion for Jesus Christ and what it looked like. In the short three years I have served FPUMC, I've watched children grow. I've baptized, performed marriages, and performed too many funerals. I've visited hospitals and shut-ins. Together, we realized a few dreams, lived through a few trials, and persevered and celebrated.

While I am leaving you, there is one who remains constant: Jesus Christ. Jesus has been here from the beginning, and will be with you for the rest of time. If through the power of the Holy Spirit you allow Jesus to guide you, FPUMC will always have a mission. It may not look like the church we have today. There may be difficult decisions which need to be made. But a passion for our Lord and Savior will see you through all future trials. This passion guided the earlier congregations of FPUMC, a passion which allowed them to navigate their own trials. They managed and flourished; so can you.

I hope you have a wonderful future. I hope that under new pastoral leadership, you will find a way to connect even better with the neighborhood and invite more people to join you on Sunday mornings. Finally, I share with you the Mizpah blessing, the words which the Altar Guild uses to close every meeting: "The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other."

My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love! With Love, Pastor Randy

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PASTOR RANDY AFTER JULY 1:
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Parsonage Address: 407 Ansel St., Geneva, OH 44041
Church: Geneva UMC, 89 South Broadway, Geneva, Ohio 44041

The Monthly Periodical of:
Firestone Park United Methodist Church
250 North Firestone Boulevard
Akron, Ohio, 44301-2098

June July 2018

Love Unconditionally! Serve Unselfishly! Rejoice Unceasingly!

CELEBRATING PASTOR RANDY

Sunday, June 17, After Worship

Come join us as we wish Pastor Randy well and show him our appreciation for all he has done for our church. Finger foods, salads, beverages and cake will be served. For more information, please see Nancy Campbell or Nancy Thomas.

WELCOME PASTOR SAM

Sunday, July 8, 2018, After Worship
Refreshments will be served.

Stop by after worship to enjoy some refreshments and get acquainted or reacquainted with Pastor Sam.

FIRESTONE PARK COMMUNITY PARADE
Saturday, June 30, 12:00pm

Come early, bring your lawn chair and enjoy the parade on the church lawn. Hot dogs, chips and lemonade will be available for purchase. More information to come!

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

Happy Birthday

June 1	Ally Domany
June 3	Robin Petkovic
	Mathew Wilson
	James Wolf
June 4	Rebecca Casey
June 5	Michael Burns
June 7	Delaney Curran
June 9	John Culp
	Eric Eutsey
	Jeffrey Krause
June 11	Sue Woodside
June 12	Emily Dyser
June 15	David Beery
	Debbie Hardesty
June 16	Craig Bittner
June 18	Connie Biltz
June 19	Nancy Campbell
June 22	Dana Jones
June 26	Margaret Burns
	Karen MacDonald
	JoAnne Ryan
June 27	Wayne Thomas
June 29	Jack Bond
July 2	Joan George
July 5	Alex More
	Julie Smith
	Jennifer Thomas
July 11	Marge Lloyd
July 13	Jim MacDonald
July 17	Jim Bachtel, Sr.
	Bradley Keen
	Zachary Lundgren
July 19	Katey Culp
	Alexa Donatelli
July 21	Barb Bonam
	Christy Jones
	Ken Young
July 23	Tempi Briggs
July 25	Billie Harmon
July 26	Aaron Casey
	Rob Rasch
July 27	Hope Sine
July 28	Charmaine Anglin
	Paul Galley
July 29	Noah Casey
July 30	Roger Christ
July 31	Bob George

Happy Anniversary

June 1	Frank & Betty Witzl	72 Years
June 2	Justin & Lindsey Wilcox	6 Years
June 6	Jim & Evelyn Bachtel	51 Years
June 7	Dick & Phyllis Boike	66 Years
June 8	Max & Carroll Beery	5 Years
June 22	Gary & Barb Bonam	36 Years
July 14	Adam & Julie Smith	11 Years
July 17	Bryan & Diana Dyser	8 Years
July 18	Al & Nancy Campbell	54 Years
July 20	Wade & Sandy Loy	28 Years
July 30	John & Carol Pirt	58 Years

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Our prayers and condolences to **Margie Lloyd and family,** on the passing of her brother, **Albert Sharnsky,** on May 9; and for **Al Boehme, family and friends,** on the passing of his wife, **Jean,** on May 14. May Albert and Jean rest in the arms of the Lord.

MUSIC SUNDAY COVERED DISH LUNCH

Sunday, June 3, After Worship

We are asking the balcony and chancel area to bring a salad or dessert, pulpit side a main dish, and the lectern side a side dish. Beverages will be provided.

Please bring your own place setting.

COOKBOOKS, MUGS AND T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Cookbooks $7.00 - Mugs $5.00 - T-Shirts $5.00

Items for sale are in the back of the sanctuary.
Get yours now while supplies last.
When they're gone, they're gone!

AKRON RUBBER DUCKS CHURCH OUTING

Sunday, August 12, 2:05pm

All tickets for the original seating for our outing are sold out. However if you would still like to attend, please see Janet Wagoner. She can get another block of tickets in another nearby section of the ballpark.

YOU ARE INVITED!
RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR
PASTOR PATRICIA CHRIST
Sunday, June 10, 2018, 3:00 - 5:00pm
Otterbein UMC
1128 State Rd., NW
Warren, OH 44481

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE (continued)

Congratulations to the following Young Disciples who were confirmed on May 20, 2018:

Logan Jerry Bittner
Kelly Nevaeh Inch
Mathew Louis Wilson

and on June 3, 2018:
Noah Michael Casey

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018!

Shyanne Funk - Barberton High School
Christina Owens - Fortis College
Aaron Gilliam - West Point U.S. Military Academy
Avery Gilliam - Benedictine High School
Sereeda Clark - St. Vincent-St. Mary High School
Gavin Briggs - Army Basic Training, Fort Benning
Bradley Shields - City of Akron Fire Academy

Best wishes to all of the graduates!

PLASTIC BAGS FOR MATS MISSION

Thank you to everyone who has donated their plastic bags for this mission. What a tremendous response! At this time we have enough bags to work with. An announcement will be made when more bags are needed.

SUMMER CLASSES

Pastor Sam will be offering summer classes. Watch for more details coming soon!

CHURCH CENTENNIAL

Centennial Wedding Celebration Service
Sunday, June 24, During Worship

Old-Time Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social
Sunday, July 22, 4:00 pm, Church Lawn

Centennial Souvenir Newspaper
Sunday, August 19, After Worship

Church Picnic
Sunday, September 16, 1pm
Firestone Metro Park Picnic Pavillion

Fall Harvest Festival
Saturday, October 6, 11am - 8pm

Night Watch Service and Sealing of the Time Capsule
Monday, December 31, 7pm
Church Sanctuary

CENTENNIAL WEDDING CELEBRATION SERVICE

Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Wedding Photo Slide Show, Renewal of Vows, Reception with a real Wedding Cake! Please contact Pastor Randy or the church office by ***June 17*** if you desire to renew your wedding vows.

This will be Pastor Randy's last Sunday with us.

OLD-TIME HYMN SING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, July 22, 4:00pm
Firestone Boulevard Lawn

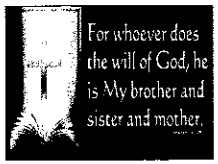
We will be under a tent to protect us from the heat or rain! We will gather in fellowship to sing our favorite hymns and raise a joyful noise to the Lord!
If you have any questions, please see Shelley McConnell.

WORSHIP

June 3 - Second Sunday after Pentecost

Communion
Music Sunday
Sermon Text: Mark 2: 23 - 3: 6
Sermon Title: "Moses' Law/Jesus' Love

June 10 - Third Sunday after Pentecost



Sermon Text: Mark 3: 20 - 35
Sermon Title: "Unforgivable Curse"

June 17 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day Sunday
Sermon Text: Mark 4: 26 - 34
Sermon Title: "Would You Like Mustard on That?"

June 24 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Centennial Wedding Celebration
Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 13: 4 - 13
Sermon Title: "The Greatest of These is Love"

CENTENNIAL CONGRATULATIONS

WOW! 100 Years! What an extraordinary accomplishment. Although it is not surprising either. Your 100 years is a testament to what good people can accomplish when doing good for others. Firestone Park UMC's dedication to being a living church congregation and not just bricks and mortar in a neighborhood is why you are celebrating 100 years. Family Promise is only one example of how your congregational family has made a difference in so many lives. The family hosting work that you provide is deeply appreciated. From all of us, congratulations on your first 100 years and we wish you great success in your service to Christ in the next 100 years.

Sincerely, Jeffrey E. Wilhite, Executive Director
Family Promise of Summit County

CONGRATULATIONS! 100 years! A thrilling celebration. I trust you will have a grand celebration. Peace and Best Wishes, Gary Klempnauer

My friend in Akron sent me an article about your church anniversary. My family was very active there from 1938 until 1962. My wife and I were married there in the old sanctuary by Rev. Parsons in 1958. We moved to Dayton, Ohio in the 60's. I was the Scout Master there after returning from the Army. My wife and I were also active in the youth groups. My mother was an active quilter and I would go with her as a child in the summer time and stock the boxes of Jello that were sold by the church. We wish to extend our congratulations for continued service.

Richard K. Moorefield and Patricia A. (Cobb) Moorefield

Proclamation from Mayor: I, Daniel Horrigan, Mayor of the City of Akron, Ohio, congratulate Firestone Park United Methodist Church on its 100th Anniversary and hereby proclaim, Sunday, May 6, 2018, as: "Firestone Park United Methodist Church Day" in the City of Akron, and I call upon our citizens and guests to join me in celebrating this historical event in the City of Akron. Mayor Daniel Horrigan, City of Akron

Proclamation from Akron City Council: Firestone Park United Methodist Church was founded in 1918; and in 2006 the Kenmore United Methodist Church merged with the Firestone congregation. Rev. Dr. Randall May considers it a great honor and privilege to be serving the church as pastor during this celebration, describing the congregation as a "spirit-filled community of faith, actively serving, witnessing and caring for the neighborhood and city." Be it proclaimed that Akron City Council hereby congratulates Firestone Park United Methodist Church on their 100th year celebration, and thanks them for their service to the community

Margo M. Sommerville, President
Donnie Kammer, Ward 7 Councilman
Mike Freeman, Ward 9 Councilman

Proclamation from County Executive: Whereas the Firestone Park United Methodist Church and its members are committed and involved in serving the community by hosting a free weekly meal, participating in homeless outreach, organizing ongoing food and school supply drives, providing Christmas time assistance and supporting natural disaster relief: now therefore: I, Ilene Shapiro, Summit County Executive, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 6, 2018 to be "Firestone Park United Methodist Church Day" in Summit County, and encourage all citizens to recognize the significant contributions this outstanding religious institution has made to our community.

Ilene Shapiro, County Executive

MISSIONS

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE:
EAST OHIO CONFERENCE WORLD SERVICE FUND

Across the country and around the world, the World Service Fund empowers The United Methodist Church to be Christ's body in the world. Your faithful giving makes the heart-changing and world-transforming ministry of Jesus possible today. Because of your generosity, The United Methodist Church continues to share good news with the world God loves.

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JULY:
FREE LUNCH/DINNER MISSION

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?" And the King will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Jesus calls us to feed the hungry as part of Christian love, and by doing so, we follow his example when he fed 5000 people. Our Free Lunch/ Dinner Mission enables us to live into this calling, and to witness to our community what being a Christian really means. Please help this mission by donating money, food, personal hygiene products, home cleaning supplies, volunteer time, or prayers. Help make a difference in our neighborhood!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MONTHLY MISSIONS

March Mission - District Apportionments - $310.00 collected
April Mission - UMCOR Cleaning Buckets - $90.00 and 11 Cleaning Buckets collected
May Mission - 3Cs Charity Walk/Run - Amount to be determined.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY AND
FREE LUNCH/DINNER MISSION SCHEDULE

June 6 - Free Lunch, 11am - 1pm
June 13 - Free Lunch, 11am - 1pm
June 20 - Free Lunch, 11am - 1pm
June 27 - Free Dinner & Emergency Food Pantry, 4pm - 6pm
July 4 - Free Lunch, 11am - 1pm
July 11 - Free Lunch, 11am - 1pm
July 18 - Free Lunch, 11am - 1pm
July 25 - Free Dinner & Emergency Food Pantry, 4pm - 6pm

The Emergency Food Pantry is in need of donations. See Anne Croghan for details. There is also a weekly sale list posted on the bulletin boards.

UPCOMING FPUMC EVENTS

RUMMAGE SALE
Saturday, June 2, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MUSIC SUNDAY & POTLUCK
Sunday, June 3, 10:30 a.m.

UMW/ALTAR GUILD PICNIC
Wednesday, June 6, 6:30 p.m.

EAST OHIO YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Friday, June 8 thru Sunday, June 10
Lakeside, Ohio

EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Monday, June 11 thru Thursday, June 14
Lakeside, Ohio

CELEBRATING PASTOR RANDY
Sunday, June 17, After Worship

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Sunday, June 24, During Worship, Reception to Follow

WELCOME PASTOR SAM RECEPTION
Sunday, July 8, After Worship

HYMN SING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Sunday, July 22, 4:00pm, Church Lawn

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Our Young Disciples will once again be collecting your loose coins or bills on Sunday, July 1. All money collected will help pay for the handicap door in the Girard Street entrance.

The Young Disciples wish to thank everybody for supporting their fundraisers to attend Youth Annual Conference and Church Summer Camp.

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

February Offerings	$13,232.00
February Disbursements	$12,976.00
Net Monthly Gain (Loss)	$ 256.00
March Offerings	$11,027.00
March Disbursements	$10,702.00
Net Monthly Gain (Loss)	$ 287.00
April Offerings	$13,332.00
April Disbursements	$12,774.00
Net Monthly Gain (Loss)	$ 845.00

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

- June 6 UMW/Altar Guild Picnic - 6:30pm
- July 15 Brown Bag Lunch - Pick up 11:30am
- August 5 Executive Meeting - Bring your own lunch.
- August 12 UMW Special Collection for handicap door.
- September 9 Nominations for Mission Pins begins.
- September 20 Prayer and Self-Denial Unit Meeting
- October 7 Cinnamon Roll Sale/Soup-to-Go Sale/Pumpkin Roll Sale
- October 21 Executive Meeting - Bring your own lunch.
  Mission Pin ballots to be handed out.
  Thank Offering due.
- October 22 UMW trip to Smuckers
- November 4 Reports/Booklet info due
- November 11 Soup-to-Go & Pumpkin Rolls Pickup
- November 18 Budget & Planning meeting - Bring your own lunch.
- December 1 Breakfast with Santa
- December 14 UMW/Altar Guild Christmas Dinner

LITURGISTS NEEDED

We are still in need of liturgists for the months of July, August, November and December. You can do a full month or a partial month. Please let Nancy Thomas know what month you would like to serve in worship.

Just Some Thoughts
May 11, 2018

It has been nearly a week since I walked back into our church in Firestone Park, knowing that on that day it would be announced I would be your next pastor. I must admit, it still feels like a dream.

It was also the day of celebrating 100 years of ministry. I am humbled and honored to join that long line of former pastors who have served both Firestone Park and Kenmore United Methodist Churches during that time. As I join that list of pastors, I look forward with joy, hope and excitement in my heart, as we move together into our next 100 years.

Like you, I have fond memories of the past, and they flooded through me that day as well as the days since. I remember pastors who caused me to think and often re-think. Pastors who were with me during the rough times as well as the joyful times. Pastors who encouraged me and supported me in the journey I was traveling. Just as so many of you did, too. Yet we cannot dwell on the past. We must live in the now and look to the future with hope, trusting in God, knowing that God is not finished with us yet. He has a plan for us together that will unfold in the days to come.

Join with me each day as I pray for knowledge of His will for us all. As together we begin this new journey into our next hundred years, God bless our church. And, may He bless each and every one of you. May His spirit burn brightly through us together as a beacon of light to those still searching, still seeking to find the light of Jesus Christ.

Peace, Joy and Love,
Pastor Sam

June 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2 9:00am Rummage Sale
3 Music Sunday 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Worship/Com 11:30am Covered Dish 3:00pm FP Ice Cream	4	5	6 8:30am Men's Brk/Quilt 11:00am Free Lunch 6:30pm UMW/AG Picnic	7	8 YAC	9 YAC
10 YAC 10:30am Worship 3:00pm Pat Christ Retirement Party	11 Annual Conference	12 Annual Conference 7:00pm Concert Colin Dussault Harmonica Blues	13 Annual Conference 8:30am Men's Brk/Quilt 11:00am Free Lunch 6:30pm Ruth Circle	14 Annual Conference	15	16
17 Father's Day 10:30am Worship 11:30am Celebration	18	19 1:00pm Elz/Trnty Crc 6:00pm Centennial Mtg. 7:00pm Concert Murfies Law Old School Rock	20 8:30am Men's Brk/Quilt 11:00am Free Lunch 12:00pm Faith Circle 6:30pm Mary Circle	21	22	23
24 Wedding Celebration 10:30am Worship	25 6:00pm Finance 6:45pm Trustee Mtg	26 7:00pm Concert Larry Alltop Oldies 50/60's	27 8:30am Men's Brk/Quilt 4:00pm Free Dinner	28	29	30 12:00pm FP Parade

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Jul 1 10:30am Worship/Com	2	3	4 Office Closed 11:00am Free Lunch	5	6	7
8 10:30am Worship 11:30am Welcome Reception	9 6:00pm Church Council	10 7:00pm Concert 45 RPM 70's Radio Tunes	11 8:30am Men's Brk/Quilt 11:00am Free Lunch 6:30pm Ruth Circle	12	13	14
15 10:30am Worship 11:30am Pickup Brown Bag Lunch	16 6:00pm Finance 6:45pm Trustee Mtg	17 1:00pm Elz/Trnty Crcl 7:00pm Concert Red Light Roxy Jazz, Blues, Swing	18 8:30am Men's Brk/Quilt 11:00am Free Lunch 12:00pm Faith Circle 6:30pm Mary Circle	19	20	21
22 NL Deadline 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Ice Crm Soc/Hymn Sing	23	24	25 8:30am Men's Brk/Quilt 4:00pm Free Dinner	26	27 8:45pm Verb Ballet	28 8:45pm Verb Ballet
29 10:30am Worship 7:00pm Akron Symphony	30 6:30pm Fam. Prom Plan	31 7:00pm Concert Juke Hounds Blues, Rock & Soul	Aug 1	2	3	4