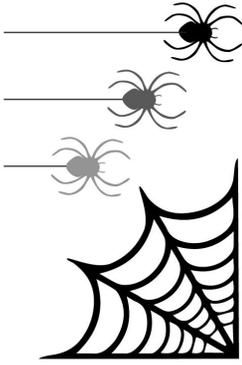


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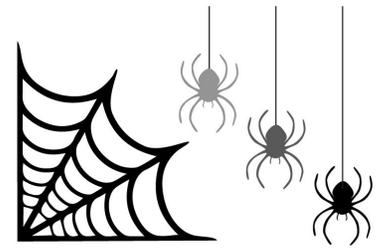


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November Newsletter Deadline:
October 25th at noon.
E-mail submissions to: fumcza@gmail.com
Be sure to put "For November Newsletter"
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From the Pastors Desk

Dear Friends,

Have you ever noticed how we seem to love whichever season of the year that we are *not* in? I mean, in summer, we complain that it's too hot and in winter, it's too cold. In the spring people say, "Sure it's beautiful watching things bloom, but I like the changing color of the leaves in the fall." We can be fickle people!

I don't normally consider myself to be a 'fall' person, mostly because I don't like cold weather, nor the following time of barren trees. There are even fewer and fewer hours of daylight in the fall! But I do love the changing seasons. They remind me of God's faithfulness throughout life's changes. And, as time passes, I've learned to appreciate that life has many seasons, with peaks and valleys, sun and rain, times of overwhelming, suffocating heat, and periods of bone-chilling cold, yet God presence is genuine in all of these. As the *Hymn of Promise* says, "In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until it's season, something God alone can see." (*United Methodist Hymnal 707*)

We see God's promises and faithfulness throughout life, and these changing seasons help us to truly appreciate how and where God is at work. For example, we appreciate rain more when the weather has been hot and dry for too long. And we appreciate the heat of summer in the "dead"

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of winter. We often see God come into our lives in unexpected ways and turn our own expectations, and the things we thought we liked most, upside down.

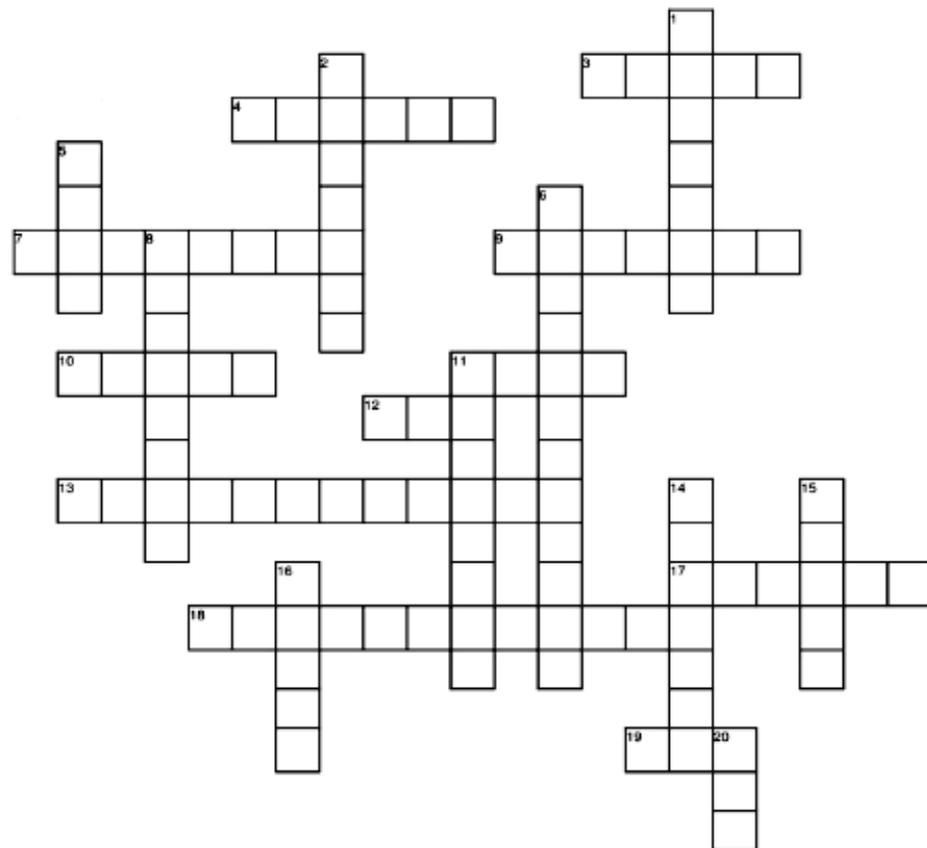
This summer at Faith UMC, we discovered that the ductwork under the sanctuary was substandard and collapsed. Digging through the concrete floor, we actually found the original ductwork was made of heavy cardboard. Needless to say, it had ceased to function and would require major digging and repair. This has forced us to the fellowship hall for Sunday morning worship. Initially, we found the change to be "ok" but kind of awkward. We missed the beauty and majesty of the sanctuary and the sound of the organ. As we have adjusted to the change, we have felt increasingly more comfortable. In fact, I have had people share with me how much they are enjoying seeing each other's faces while we worship and being in closer contact with each other throughout their Sunday morning experience. People talk more and are getting to know each other better! Then this week it happened, someone said to me, "It's hard to imagine going back upstairs and just seeing the back of everyone's heads!" I never thought God could do *that!* Several of my expectations have been turned upside down.

Sometimes, God turns our expectations or even our lives upside down. Generally when this happens, we hate it. We complain. We are uncomfortable. A few of us want to fix it and explain to God how it should be (that's my usual response). Yet, God is so good at turning things upside down and then bringing good out of it all! Jesus did this a lot in Mark's Gospel and in the month of October, our worship will focus around some of those "upside down ways" of Jesus. How has God turned your life upside down in the past? What might God desire to up-end in your life today?

I hope to see you Sunday.

In Christ,
Pastor Joy

Ghostly Crossword



Across

3. head without skin
4. colorful tree ____
7. unlucky feline
9. traditional farm tour
10. trick or treaters reward
11. ____ temperatures
12. all hallows ____
13. costume with neck bolts
17. dark and scary
18. traditional costumed greet-
ing
19. spiders home

Down

1. orange gourd
2. a ghostly infestation
5. autumnal season
6. grinning pumpkin
8. place of rides and games
11. graveyard
14. October party wear
15. a specter
16. broom flier
20. ghostly greeting

Birthdays



October 5	Aaron Harper
October 5	Jordan McKee
October 6	Teresa Felton
October 9	Ellanore Heiney
October 18	Beverly Wolford
October 19	Erica Inman
October 26	Chase Norton
October 31	Francis Johnson
October 31	Nonny Brackman

Anniversaries



October 2	Aaron & Lari Harper
October 15	Jim & Barb Tignor
October 17	Don & Beverly Wolford

Servant Schedule



October 7

Don & Roberta Covert, Randy & Jeri Schreiber

Liturgist: Marsha Kelly

Communion Stewards:

Randy & Jeri Schreiber,
Orlen Bates, Marsha Kelly

October 14

Jim & Barb Tignor, Chris & Heather DeGarmo

Liturgist: Nick Howard

October 21

Mark & Thea Crawmer, Doug & Bradley Adams

Liturgist: Barb Tignor

October 28

Nick & Cindy Howard, Floyd & Pat Tolle

Liturgist: Larisa Harper

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever." —Isaiah 40:8
(NAS)

United Methodist Women

Eventide Circle

The ladies of Eventide Circle will meet on Thursday, October 4th at the home of Charlotte Cole. 1235 Stonington Place. Phone: 740-454-8439

Program: Marsha Kelly (World Thank Offering)

Devotions & Response Moment: Pat Tolle

New Hope Circle

The New Hope Circle will meet at the home of Bev LeMaster on Sunday, October 14th.

Reminder

The Celebration of Women Lunch is at noon on Saturday, October 13th.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork." —Psalm 19:1 (KJ2)

Sanctuary Construction

For those of you who don't know, we are having work done in the sanctuary. Ables Heating and Cooling along with sub-contractors are tearing out the concrete under the Sanctuary floor and putting in all new duct-work.

Work is set to be finished around Thanksgiving.

Pictures of the progress can be found on the church's website: fumcz.org and on the church's Facebook page.



Halloweenies



A sign up sheet is on the kitchen counter for donations of hot dogs for the Halloween give away, Wednesday, October 31, 2018. This year we are asking for donations of juice boxes also.

We hope you will plan to share in the fun that evening by signing up to help.

* We do not need hot dog buns as 600 will be donated from East Balt Bakery.

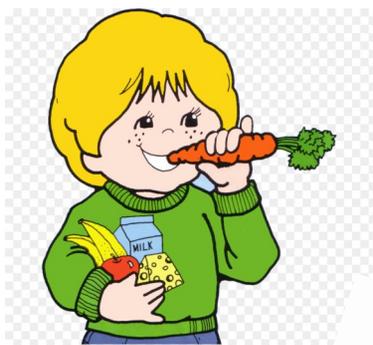
Head Start/Blessing Bags

Now that we are settling into another school year, we welcome back the teachers, staff and students of our Head Start program.

We are once again putting together and distributing blessing bags for the students each Friday to supply them with some staple food items for the weekend.

Please think of picking up some "kid friendly" foods and snacks while you are doing your own grocery shopping.

Items can be placed in the box marked "Blessing Bag Donations".



"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." —Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

Celebration of Women

"Wholeness"



All the ladies of the church are invited to our annual "Celebration of Women" luncheon, hosted by the United Methodist Women on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 12:00 noon. Jessica Stonecypher will be our guest speaker and the ladies of First UMC will join us as well. We will embrace "wholeness" as Jessica shares highlights of her book and local ministry experiences. Please join us for a delicious catered meal and Christian fellowship. The cost is \$5.00. See Roberta Covert to make your reservation by October 7th.

Faith UMC Woman of the Year

It's time again to nominate a woman of Faith UMC for the "Woman of the Year" honor awarded at the Celebration of Women lunch on October 13. If you know of a deserving woman, please pick up a form from the kitchen counter on Sunday morning or get one from the church office during Amanda's regular working hours (M, Th, F from 9-3), fill it out, and return it to the church office by Sunday, September 30.

Calendar

Monday, October 1		
	Lifeline Screening	Add Day
Thursday, October 4		
	Eventide Circle at Charlotte Cole's	1:00PM
Sunday, October 7		
	Sunday School	9:30AM
	Worship	10:30AM
Saturday, October 13		
	Celebration of Women	12:00PM
Sunday, October 14		
	Sunday School	9:30AM
	Worship	10:30AM
	New Hope Circle	6:30PM
Tuesday, October 16		
	Leadership	6:45PM
Sunday, October 21		
	Sunday School	9:30AM
	Worship	10:30AM
Thursday, October 25		
	Newsletter Deadline	12:00PM
Sunday, October 28		
	Sunday School	9:30AM
	Worship	10:30AM
Tuesday, October 30		
	UMW Executives	6:30PM

Prayer List

Bradley Adams Family	Juanita Mohler
Doug Adams	Janice Moore
Linda Adams	Jerry Moore Sr.
Mel Adams	Jimmy Moore
Wanda Adams	Joesy Moore
Jim Boetcher	Norman Moore
Tom Brennon	Bill & Judy Muck
Sherry Brooks	Jeff Paul
Tom Burkhardt	JoAnne Peadon
John & Kim Cain	Jim Porter
Dan Campbell	Bonnie Reichenbach
Bud Cordell	Scott Reishelbee
Mysti Davis	Linda Renner
Shannon Davis	Richards Family
Bobby Dudley	Lori Rivercomb
Marlene Farley	Todd Sands
Janice Farmer Family	Carole Sayre
Hollie Ferrell	Ronald Shaffer
Kathy Ford	Heather Shepherd
Family of Chad Foster	Christie Shirer
Ernie Gill	Shellie Siefert
Family of John Herman	Chris Smith
Jeannita Johnson	Sharyn & Harold Tucker
Kelton Family	Clark Watson
Shirley Knox	Family of Cheryl Watt
Robbie Mack & Family	Erin Watts
John McCain Family	Don West
Jill McDonald	Jeff Wheeler
Peggy McGee	Don Wolfe Family
Don Miller	Vicky Wolfe
Janice Miller	Logan Wolford
Paul Mills	Melissa Wood

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." —Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV)

Faith UMC, our pastor, our county, city, and world, our soldiers, the homeless, abused, sick, imprisoned, those who have not yet accepted Christ and those who only minimally follow the teachings of Christ.

Medical Faith shut-ins:

Kathleen McCutcheon and Frances Johnson.