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Items need to be submitted for the bulletin by Thursday morning.

If you or a loved one has been admitted to the hospital, we would like to know.

Faith United Methodist Church

December 16, 2018

Ushers & Greeters:

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Upcoming Liturgists

December 23—Mark Crawmer

December 30—Thea Crawmer

Faithful Through the Eyes of Joseph

Now thru Christmas!

Weekly Worship

Sunday mornings

9am First UMC 857 Putnam Ave.

10:30am Faith UMC 1616 Blue Ave.

Study and Discussion

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Faith UMC

Please contact Pastor Joy if you have questions or for more information.. Books available.

UMW Reading Program Announcement

The Faith UMW Book/Reading club has read and discussed four of the five books required for the Plan 1 of the UMW Reading Program for 2018. The fifth book will be a “reader’s choice” of any Social Action book from the UMW Reading List for 2013-2018.

If you would like a copy of the list of Social Action books, please see Barb Wolfe. Several of the book choices are available at the Muskingum County Library and at the church.

All books must be read by the end of December 2018. We will have a wrap-up Book/Reading Club meeting in January to discuss everyone’s last book choices.

Prayer List

Mel Adams
Wanda Adams
Jim Boetcher
Sherry Brooks
Tom Burkhardt
John & Kim Cain
Dan Campbell
Family of Bud Cordell
Mysti Davis
Shannon Davis
Ernie DeGarmo
Bobby Dudley
Tony Dukes
Janice Farmer Family
Kathy Ford
Family of Chad Foster
Porter Harmon
Family of John Herman
Jeannita Johnson
Kelton Family
Loretta Kennedy
Robbie Mack & Family
John McCain Family
Jill McDonald
Peggy McGee
Bob Mercer
Don Miller
Janice Miller
Paul Mills
June Mock
Janice Moore
Jerry Moore Sr.
Jimmy Moore

Joesy Moore
Norman Moore
Bill & Judy Muck
Jeff Paul
Bob Pitts
Jim Porter
Bonnie Reichenbach
Scott Reishelbee
Linda Renner
Richards Family
Lori Revercomb
Charlie Roberts
Todd Sands
Carole Sayre
Ronald Shaffer
Heather Shepherd
Christie Shirer
Shellie Siefert
Chris Smith
Tami Swope
Holly Thomas
John Tignor
Sharyn & Harold Tucker
Clark Watson
Family of Cheryl Watt
Erin Watts
Jim Watts
Don West
Jeff Wheeler
Don Wolfe Family
Vicky Wolfe
Logan Wolford
Melissa Wood

Faith UMC, our pastor, our government, county, city, and world, our soldiers, the homeless, abused, sick, imprisoned, Head Start, 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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 16		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Wednesday, December 19		
Advent Book Study		6:30PM
Thursday, December 20		
Newsletter Deadline		12:00PM
Sunday, December 23		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Monday, December 24		
Office Closed at Noon		
Candlelight Service		7:00PM
Sunday, December 30		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Monday, December 31		
Office Closed at Noon		
Sunday, January 6		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Un-Decorate		After Worship
Sunday, January 13		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
New Hope Circle		6:30PM
Tuesday, January 15		
Finance		6:00PM
Leadership		6:45PM

Head Start Christmas Boxes

Sign up sheets are on the welcome table for those who can donate food for the Head Start Christmas boxes. Please note that there are multiple lines under each item, so if you plan to bring 4 boxes of Mac & Cheese, please fill in your name on 4 lines.

Thanks!

Remember, you can bring items in during Amanda's regular office hours up until Thursday, December 20th at 10AM.

If you would like to help prepare the boxes, you can meet us in the Fellowship Hall at that time.

Office Holiday Hours

The church office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and at noon on New Year's Eve also.

Christmas Eve

Please join us during the Candlelight service at 7PM on Monday, December 24th.

Free Store

The free store at First Church on Putnam Avenue is in desperate need of all sizes: coats, socks, warm hats and gloves, warm shoes and boots and any other hoodies and sweatshirts or jeans

Announcements and Welcome

Breakthrough Prayer

Abundant God, we are bursting with anticipation
to see the new that you have in store
for Faith Church and our community.

Thunder forth your will for fresh possibilities!

You say in your word,
“See I am about to do something new.
It begins now! Don’t you see it?” (Is. 43:19)
Lord, help us to see clearly
the next steps on your path. Amen.

Prelude

Call to Worship

O come, O come, Immanuel.

Lift our eyes from lists to see the wonders of the heavens, the smiles on other faces.

Fill each heart with carols of joy, songs of gladness.

Make conflicts cease, fill each table with sufficient food, shelter all from winter cold.

Bring healing to bodies and souls hurt by abuse, by addictions or by bitter words.

Shower us with forgiveness and blessing, hope and laughter. Let your love clothe us as dew on the morning grass.

O come, O come, Immanuel.

Make us crazy enough to sing in the midst of troubles, to hope in the midst of doubts and to light candles in the midst of darkness.

UMH 196“ Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Unison Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come into our midst. Come into our hearts. Come into our homes and our community, into our schools and workplaces. May we welcome you everywhere,

making room for you, preparing for you, anticipating your arrival with joy and reverence. We commit this season of Advent to becoming ready. Shine your light in those nooks and crannies we keep in the shadows. Sweep the cobwebs from our long-hidden doubt and fear. Repair our torn and wounded places. We long for your arrival. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

UMH 204 Prayer Song“ Emmanuel, Emmanuel?”

Pastoral Prayer

UMH 895 “The Lord’s Prayer”

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

UMH 95“ The Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in joy,
And we give with joy.
Joy for all you have given us;
Joy because of your sacred promises.
Receive these generous offerings,
And use them to spread your joy in our world.
Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

UMH 242“ Love Came Down at Christmas”

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1:18-21

Raising a Child Not Your Own

Pastor Joy Wigal

UMH 203“ Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Benediction

We have waited, but soon we will wait no longer.

The celebration of the birth of Christ is almost upon us.

May your time with friends and family be sweet, may the memories you make be unforgettable.

These are the moments when we see Christ.

Do not miss him. Do not forget him. Welcome him into your homes and lives as you eat and drink and give gifts. As you leave here today, go in joy. Go in hope. Go in peace. **Amen.**