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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.

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Faith United Methodist Church

December 2, 2018

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Upcoming Liturgists

December 9-Larisa Harper December 23-Mark Crawmer
 December 16-Nick Howard 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.

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!

Sunday, December 9

Sunday School 9:30AM
 Worship 10:30AM
 New Hope Circle 6:30PM

Tuesday, December 11

Finance 6:15PM
 SPRT 6:30PM
 Leadership 7:00PM

Wednesday, December 12

Advent Book Study 6:30PM

Prayer List

Mel Adams	John McCain Family	Lori Revercomb
Wanda Adams	Jill McDonald	Todd Sands
Jim Boetcher	Peggy McGee	Carole Sayre
Sherry Brooks	Bob Mercer	Ronald Shaffer
Tom Burkhardt	Don Miller	Heather Shepherd
John & Kim Cain	Janice Miller	Christie Shirer
Dan Campbell	Paul Mills	Shellie Siefert
Family of Bud Cordell	June Mock	Chris Smith
Mysti Davis	Janice Moore	Tami Swope
Shannon Davis	Jerry Moore Sr.	Holly Thomas
Ernie DeGarmo	Jimmy Moore	John Tignor
Bobby Dudley	Joesy Moore	Sharyn & Harold Tucker
Tony Dukes	Norman Moore	Clark Watson
Janice Farmer Family	Bill & Judy Muck	Family of Cheryl Watt
Kathy Ford	Jeff Paul	Erin Watts
Family of Chad Foster	JoAnne Peadon	Jim Watts
Porter Harmon	Bob Pitts	Don West
Family of John Herman	Jim Porter	Jeff Wheeler
Jeannita Johnson	Bonnie Reichenbach	Don Wolfe Family
Kelton Family	Scott Reishelbee	Vicky Wolfe
Loretta Kennedy	Linda Renner	Logan Wolford
Robbie Mack & Family	Richards Family	Melissa Wood

Faith UMC, our pastor, our 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.

"Come, Lord Jesus"

as we await his coming as the bright and morning star.

**Hang symbols and signs of Christ — ruler, prophet, priest.
Hang stars, crosses, triangles, the "alpha" and the "omega"
to remind us of his identity, his story, and of the holy Trinity.**

A reading from the book of Revelation, chapter 22:

Celebration of Holy Communion	p.13
Hymn	"People Look East" UMH 202
Benediction	

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

God has anointed us to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and to comfort all who mourn.

Even in this season — perhaps especially in this season — our world aches to hear the good news of God's advent, of God's coming among us.

And may the grace of our coming Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of the God who sent him, and the joy of the Holy Spirit who empowers us to receive him, be with us always. Amen.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 2

UMW Christmas Breakfast	8:30AM
Sunday School	9:30AM
Worship	10:30AM
Hospice Memorial Service	3:00PM

Wednesday, December 5

Advent Book Study	6:30PM
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Thursday, December 6

Cluster	9:00AM
Eventide Circle	1:00PM

Friday, December 7

Adopt-A-Child	7:30AM
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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

Invitation to Hanging of the Greens

In the days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house will be the highest of the mountains, the most important place on earth.

It will be raised above the other hills.

People from all over the world will stream there to worship.

People from many nations shall come and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths." — Isaiah 2:2-3 alt.

With *what shall we come to God's house?*

Bring branches of cedar and holly, bring evergreens and a pine tree, hang wreaths and garlands.

Make the church fragrant with the smell of living things and our holy play. In acts of hanging greens and listening to the words of prophets and seers let us make our hearts and this space a place of inward and outward preparation for the One who comes to give us second birth.

Let us pray:

Good Lord, by your mercy guide our outward actions in such ways

**that our inward being is formed
in faith, hope, and love.
May the decorations we offer
engage our senses during the days of Advent
and enliven our praise and worship,
in the name of the child of Bethlehem,
our risen and coming savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211
Call to Prayer "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH 204
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer UMH 895
Hanging of Outdoor Wreaths

People of God, this morning we entered the church
and the doorway to the Christian year
on this *first* Sunday of Advent.
Let us mark the entrance to the church building
and our hearts and minds as thresholds for Christ to enter.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come, Lord Jesus!

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the Ruler of glory may come in.

Who is the Ruler of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!

**Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the Ruler of glory may come in.**

Who is this Ruler of glory?

**The Lord of hosts,
the Lord is the Ruler of glory!** — Psalm 24:7-10

Response "Prepare the Way of the Lord" UMH 207
(*Here the wreaths or bows are hung*)

Hanging of Garland and Wreaths

How shall we make this place a reminder of our need of repentance
and that faithfulness and integrity that comes from God our maker and
redeemer?

Let us hang garlands as Hosea speaks the word of God:

Those *hanging garlands and wreaths do so during the reading.*

A reading from Hosea, chapter 14:

Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness vs.1" UMH 140

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

"The Doxology" UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope.
And we give in hope.
Hope for your coming reign;
Hope because of your presence with us even now.
Receive these generous offerings,
And use them for your work of healing and hope in our world.
Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Christmas Tree

God, the Holy One of Israel, is a God of comfort and compassion.
With the Christmas tree
we remember God's everlasting promises to the poor and needy.
Isaiah spoke of God's making of the wilderness
a place of blessing where water and plants,
even pine trees,
would manifest God's loving action to save and provide.

Place the tree, strong friends, as we hear God's word.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 41:

Scripture Lesson Matthew 13:54-56

A Carpenter Named Joseph Pastor Joy Wigal

Hanging of Symbols of the Faith

Here in this place we prepare for the coming of the Lord.
Here we will remember his Advent,
his birth in Bethlehem,
weak and helpless as an infant.
And here we rekindle our prayer,