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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.

Office Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 9-3 (lunch 12-1)

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Faith United Methodist Church

December 9, 2018

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Upcoming Liturgists

December 16-Nick Howard December 30-Thea Crawmer
December 23-Mark 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
JoAnne Peadon
Bob Pitts
Jim Porter
Bonnie Reichenbach
Scott Reishelbee
Linda Renner
Richards Family
Lori Revercomb
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 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
Friday, December 14		
Poinsettia Deadline		12:00PM
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		
Sunday, December 30		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM

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!

Flowers

The flowers on the Altar are in memory of Ralph from his family.

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

Poinsettias

The deadline to order Poinsettias is Friday, December 14th. If you need a new order form, they can be found on the welcome table.
Thanks!

Office Holiday Hours

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

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

The Lord is near! Prepare the way of the Lord!

**All people everywhere, let us make ready to enter God's
presence.**

For the Lord is holy, pure and righteous.

God's glory fills this place.

God calls us to truth, mercy and peace.

Hearts that are just and kind please God.

Let us enter God's presence with humility.

The Lord is near! Prepare the way of the Lord!

Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH 230

Unison Prayer

And the messenger of the Lord came to Mary and Joseph, and the words said were not easy. The requirements that message made upon them were not simple. The word of God brought about a life that neither of them imagined. Today we pray that our hearts and minds will be open to hear God’s message for us: a message of hope and grace even amid great stress and anxiety. For unto us a child has been born, unto us the Son of the Most High has come to dwell within our midst. Amen.

Call to Prayer “Emmanuel, Emmanuel?” UMH 204

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

“The Doxology” UMH 95

Offertory Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in peace,
And we give in peace.
A peace deeper than our anxiety and fear.
A peace growing from our trust in your loving power.
Receive these generous offerings,
And use them to bring your peace to our world.
Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hymn “What Child Is This?” UMH 219

Scripture Lesson Matthew 1:18-19

Whose Child Is This? Pastor Joy Wigal

Hymn “Away In A Manger” UMH 217

Benediction

May the God of all the ages speak to you in your dreams; may you listen to his word; and may you be awakened to a new life by the birth of his Son. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.