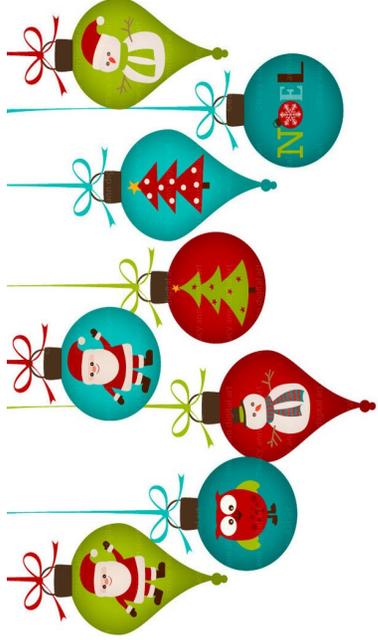


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January Newsletter Deadline:
December 20th at noon.

E-mail submissions to: fumcza@gmail.com
Be sure to put "For January Newsletter"
in your subject field.



From the Pastors Desk

Dear Friends,

Are you ready for "the holidays"? Such a question will bring a variety of responses from great happiness and excitement, to intense anxiety, to sadness or even dread. As a pastor, I work to remind others to focus their attention on God's priceless gift to us. The joys of family, gathering with friends, and the giving of thoughtful gifts each have their own value and place in the season, but the joy offered in the birth of Jesus the Christ Child should surpass any or all of the other experiences.

There are so many ways in which the birth of the Christ Child can intersect with our daily lives. We will be considering the birth of Jesus through the eyes of Joseph, Jesus' earthly father, this year during worship and in our Wednesday study group,. We seldom take time to consider what it must have been like for Joseph to find out his intended was pregnant and he was not the father! Yet he remained faithful and married Mary, helping to raise Jesus, the Son of God, and fleeing to Egypt with his wife and child when Harrod sought to kill all children Jesus' age. His life turned into quite an adventure! And likely very different than he had ever imagined.

We know that Joseph and Mary journeyed to Bethlehem because of the census being taken at the time of Jesus' birth. And we know that they fled their homeland in an effort to keep Jesus safe. Twice then, around the birth of Jesus, Joseph, Mary, and the Son of God found themselves on the move. In fact, the second time, we know that they were in such fear for their lives and the life of their child, that they left the country. They were immigrants, fleeing for their lives. Isn't it strange

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how something so ancient continues to be a reality for thousands today? We hear about the thousands of immigrants journeying toward the United States in hope of a better life, yet can any of us comprehend being so impoverished and so in fear that we would willingly gather up our possessions and families and begin a *walk* of hundreds of miles? I cannot. That amount of desperation would have to be incredibly severe.

I look forward to considering the perspective of Joseph during Advent and Christmas this year and hope you will find a way to participate. We will be basing our focus on a resource from Pastor Adam Hamilton entitled, *Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph*. I typically seek to purchase used books for folks to read, but this year, I will be ordering them as new. Although the cost is slightly higher, it is the dedication in the front of the book which caught my attention and prompted me to this decision. It reads: "Dedicated to all of the children who are refugees and orphans in our world today. 100 percent of the royalties from this book will go to projects benefiting these children." We are not building anyone's empire through purchasing these books this year; we are helping the "least of these" as Jesus told us to do. We do not typically "charge" church members for these resources so as to not prevent anyone from participating. If you would like to pay for your copy of the book, you may add \$14 to your offering and indicate "Advent Book" in the check memo or on the envelope, or turn the same into the office.

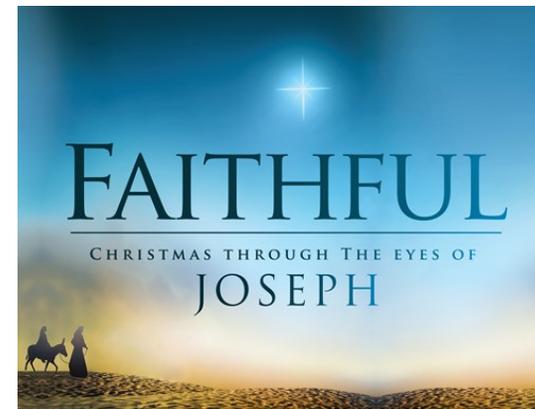
I pray you will join us in whatever capacity possible throughout the month of December and that God will bless your "holidays" with the joy and richness that only God's presence can bring into our lives.

Christmas Peace,

Pastor Joy

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



"From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity." (retrieved from Adam Hamilton website 11/18) Join us as we explore Adam Hamilton's material about Christmas through the eyes of Joseph in weekly worship and for our weekly Advent Study.

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.



December 7—Kris Crawmer
December 12—Chris Norton
December 15—Gloria Dalrymple
December 19—Vickie Wolfe
December 21—Don Wolford
December 21—Heather Heiney
December 22—Betty Miller
December 23—Brian Wolfe
December 23—Linda Hennessey
December 25—Randy Schreiber
December 26—Jordee Sue Harper
December 31—Scott Richards



1 John 5:11

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Servant Schedule



December 2

Don & Roberta Covert, Randy & Jeri Schreiber

Liturgist: Barb Tignor

Communion Stewards:

Floyd & Pat Tolle, Jim & Barb Tignor

December 9

Jim & Barb Tignor, Chris & Heather DeGarmo

Liturgist: Larisa Harper

December 16

Mark & Thea Crawmer, Doug & Bradley Adams

Liturgist: Nick Howard

December 23

Nick & Cindy Howard, Floyd & Pat Tolle

Liturgist: Mark Crawmer

December 30

Beth Dougherty, Nonny Brackman

Orlen Bates, Susie Dunlap

Liturgist: Thea Crawmer

United Methodist Women

Eventide Circle

The ladies of Eventide Circle will meet in the Chapel at 1:00PM on Thursday, December 6th.

Program: Roberta Covert

Devotions: Roberta Covert

Response Moment: Pat Tolle

Hostess: Roberta Covert

New Hope Circle

The New Hope Circle will meet on December 9th. Bev LeMaster will make appetizers, Barb Wolfe will make the main dish, and Susie Dunlap will make desserts.



Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and will call him Immanuel.

Taking Down the Christmas Decorations



The New Hope Circle would love some help taking the church Christmas decorations down and packing them away for next year.

Join us, Sunday, January 6, 2019 after service. We will serve a quick lunch for all the helpers and then we will get to work! It shouldn't take long if enough people volunteer.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Christmas Eve

Join family and friends to celebrate a traditional Christmas Eve, complete with candlelight and the singing of Silent Night.



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.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Poinsettias

Please return this order form to the church office by December 14th, along with cash or check made out to Faith United Methodist Church.

Poinsettia cost: \$8.00 each



Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Total order amount: \$ _____

In (honor, memory) of: _____

From: _____

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Calendar

Saturday, December 1	
Birthday Party (Fellowship Hall)	2:00PM
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
Thursday, December 6	
Cluster Meeting	9:00AM
Eventide Circle	1:00PM
Friday, December 7	
Adopt-A-Child	7:30AM
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 Order 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
Sunday, December 30	
Sunday School	9:30AM
Worship	10:30AM
Monday, December 31	
Office Closed	

Prayer List

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

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.