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★ Items need to be submitted for the bulletin by Wednesday morning.

★ If you or a loved one has been admitted to the hospital, we would like to know...call us at 453-7988.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™



Welcome

If you are new, don't panic. Sit back, relax and enjoy a cup of coffee. We're excited you're here! Worship is our gift to God. It's okay to sing loud, whisper, laugh, cry, dance, clap or bow and kneel. You are welcomed and loved. Whatever you're circumstances— single, single again, married, with or without children— and no matter where you've been or what you've done, you matter to God and to us.

***"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for
the transformation of the world."***

Reverend Joy French

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The Order of Worship
February 12, 2017



Announcements and Welcome.



Prelude



Call to Worship: (Congregation reads bold print)

Those who stay on course, walking steadily on the road revealed by God, are blessed.

**We are blessed by following God's instructions,
doing our best to seek God with all our hearts.**

God has prescribed the right way to live, the way that leads to health and happiness.

**Help us, Lord, to keep to the course you set, walking
with steady steps all the way.**

Then we will not be looking back over our lives with regrets.

**Instead, we will have the comfort and joy of God's
companionship all our days.**

(--Adapted from Psalm 119:1-8, *The Message*.)

Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" UMH 500

Opening Prayer (Call to Confession)

Knowing that we fall short of the exceeding righteousness to which Jesus calls us, let us come before God to lay bare our guilt that we might be forgiven and made whole.

★ Confession

Holy and loving God, anger is often our weak spot. It fuels our resentments. It prevents us from letting go. It feeds our self-righteousness. We cling to anger as if it could save us, hoping it will protect us from pain and loss. But, it is all folly. Salvation is in trusting you to make all things right. Hope is found in keeping our eyes on you and on what you have done for us, rather than on others and how they have let us down. Forgive our short-sighted and self-inflicted foolishness, Lord. Restore us in love and grace to trust you in all things.

Please pray for:

Doug Adams,
Kay Baker,
Janet Bates,
Sherry Brooks,
Jeannine Cady,
John & Kim Cain,
Suzanne & Ralph Collins,
Norma Coyle,
Karen Curtin,
Shannon Davis,
Terry England family,
Marlene Farley,
Daniel Ghrist,
Gayle Ghrist,
Alice Goyne,
John Herman,
Henrietta Hurst,
Jeannita Johnson,
Bob & Melanie Kirkwood,
Gary Lake,
Ed McAuley,
Don Miller,
Janice Moore family,
Janice Moore's healing,
Jimmy Moore,
Joesy Moore,
Debbie Paul,
Jim Peadon,
Phil & Grandma Plummer,

Bonnie Reienbach,
Lori Rivercomb,
Todd Sands,
Carole Sayre,
Shellie Siefert,
Dianna Slifko,
Joyce Stimpert,
Pam Thomas,
Barb Tignor,
Erin Watts,
Ben Welker family,
Vicky Wolfe,
Logan Wolford,
Melissa Wood,
Eloise Zayac,
Faith UMC, the homeless,
abused, sick, imprisoned, those
who have not yet accepted
Christ and those who only mini-
mally follow the teachings of
Christ.
Medical Faith shut-ins:
Kathleen McCutcheon
Frances Johnson.

upcoming EVENTS



Sunday, February 12

Sunday School: 9:30 AM
 Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
 New Hope Circle Valentine Lunch: 12:00 PM

Tuesday, February 14

Happy Valentines Day!

Saturday, February 18

NA Valentine Dance: 4:00 PM-11:00 PM

Sunday, February 19

Sunday School: 9:30 AM
 Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Tuesday, February 21

March Newsletter Deadline: 12:00 PM
 Finance Meeting: 5:00 PM
 Leadership Meeting: 6:30 PM

Sunday, February 26

Sunday School: 9:30 AM
 Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday Service: 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 2

Eventide:

Friday, March 3

NA Ladies Night 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 5

Sunday School: 9:30 AM
 Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

★ Words of Assurance

Pastor: The power of Christ's liberating forgiveness sets us free from the anger and sin that beset us. Hear the good news and believe: Jesus Christ cleanses you from all unrighteousness and makes you a new creation. **Thanks be to God!**

📖 Call to Prayer "Cares Chorus"

✝ Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

✉ Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

📖 "The Doxology"

UMH 95

✝ Prayer of Dedication

As we offer our gifts, loving God, bring to our minds any unresolved grievance we may have with others, that we may continue the ministry of peacemaking to which we are called as followers of Jesus Christ. Amen

📖 Hymn: "I Surrender All"

UMH 354

Stretch Goals Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:21-37 Pastor Joy French

📖 Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" **UMH577**

✝ Benediction (Congregation reads bold print)

God has placed before you life & death, blessings & curses.

Therefore choose life, follow God's way.

Go now, and be a people of reconciliation and integrity.

And in all the paths we walk

may God hold us steady and close.

May Christ Jesus bless us and every place we enter.

And may the Spirit give us length of days and fullness of life.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, **Amen.**

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February 12

Ushers and Greeters:

Chris & Heather DeGarmo, Jim & Barb Tignor

Liturgist:

Randy Schreiber

February 19

Ushers and Greeters:

Nick & Cindy Howard, Floyd & Pat Tolle

Liturgist:

Barb Wolfe

February 26

Users and Greeters:

Nonny Brackman, Beth Dougherty,
Marsha Kelly, Janice Moore

Liturgist:

Mark Crawmer



Snow Emergencies

Anytime Muskingum County is under a snow emergency please contact the church office to be sure that all church related activities are still being held. We want everyone to stay safe and off of hazardous roads this winter.

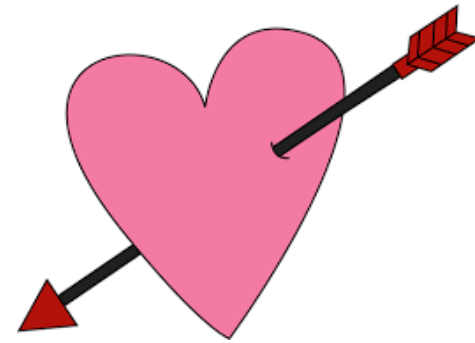
Book Club

The 2017 Book Club will meet every other month beginning in March.

The first meeting will be Monday, March 13 at 6:00 PM.
The book to read is: "The Weight of Mercy" by Deb Richardson-Moore

The category is Leadership Development.
If you have any questions see Vickie Finlay.

We hope to see you all there!



Children's Books

Recently at the meeting of the Eventide Circle it was brought to our attention how many children's lives are hampered by their inability to read fluently by the third grade. Some children's ability to read is hindered by lack of access—not having books in their homes.

We hope that you will join us in collecting new or gently used books to be distributed in our community.

Books may be brought to the church and be dropped off in the mission table area throughout the month of January.