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February 2018 Issue



Dear Friends,

A couple of weeks ago, we had one of those nights in Zanesville in which we went bed with a trace of snow and wondered which weather report would get it right: Would we get an inch of snow or six inches? It's an odd feeling to go to bed and think you will be busy running errands, going to appointments or to work, and then wake up to find we are under a Level 2 Snow Emergency and should stay off the roads unless necessary!

Life is much more uncertain than we tend to acknowledge and can change much faster than we like. I listen to the news and try to imagine what it would be like for your home to be suddenly washed away in a mudslide. Meanwhile, the phone rings and I learn that someone's life has been drastically changed through a different type of crisis. While I long for stability and control, I am startlingly aware that life is not like that. Just as we are designed to crave permanency, so time and reality prove that life is filled with change and the unexpected. Perhaps without such unexpected changes, life would become dull. Nevertheless, I think I would be willing to try it for at least a while!

Those who followed Jesus in the days prior to his crucifixion must have felt like the rug was being pulled out from under their feet. They had seen Jesus' power and believed he

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## From the Pastor's Desk continued

was God's chosen one. Yet everything they thought was certain was being swept away and taken from them. Jesus was predicting his death and betrayal, the seeming end to his earthly presence and reign. How could that happen to God's chosen one?

In the midst of their uncertainty, comes the answer to our handling the uncertainties of our own lives. As the Psalmist writes, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (46:1) Here we find our focus for Lent this year.

We will again be participating in the Community Lenten Services held each Sunday evening at 6pm. A schedule of locations and speakers is included in this newsletter. The theme is: On Our Way to the Cross: Following Where Jesus Leads. The services will contain a couple of special guest speakers, including Bishop Palmer, and some dialogue style sermons given in tandem between two clergy.

Within our local worshipping community, we will focus on the uncertainties we face along that journey. Our resource will be, *Embracing the Uncertain*, by Magrey deVega. We will use this resource for our Sunday morning themes and study the written work in our Wednesday evening study group (which will meet at 6:30pm at Faith beginning February 21<sup>st</sup>).

Ash Wednesday (February 14<sup>th</sup>) will be held at Faith at 7pm in conjunction with Grace and Coburn Churches with Pastor Justin Williams preaching. Holy Thursday worship will again be at Coburn as they do a re-enactment of the Last Supper. Good Friday service will be held cooperatively as well, with the location yet to be determined.

Could you use some certainty and stability in your life? I know I need it in mine! Let us journey together through Lent, strengthening our foundation of faith in Christ.

See you Sunday!

Blessings,  
Pastor Joy

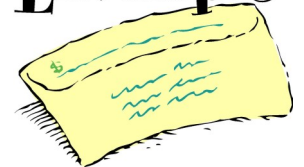
## Offering Envelopes

2018 offering envelopes are in. You can pick yours up at the church any Wednesday-Friday from 9:00-3:00.

Please call the church ahead of time so that the Administrative Assistant can let you in.

Thanks!

# Offering Envelopes



**Psalm 22:19** *But you, LORD, do not be far from me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me.*

## UMW Assembly Baby Hats



The Assembly planners are inviting United Methodist Women who have skills in knitting, crocheting or sewing to create baby hats for those in need. The baby hats may be made from fabric, fleece or yarn. You may use a pattern you have or if you need a pattern contact Marsha Kelly and she will share her patterns for fabric or fleece.

We will have a blessing of the hats before we take them to the Assembly. That date will be announced later.

Some of the hats will be displayed in the Assembly prayer and meditation room. At the end of the Assembly the baby hats will be distributed to those in need through the Maternal Health network.

## Birthdays

February 3—Cassie Donovan

February 3—Reese Donovan

February 3—Pat Tolle

February 15—Orlen Bates Jr.

February 17—Wendy Richards

February 22—Thea Crawmer

February 24—Don Wolfe



**Ephesians 4:2** *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

## Thank You

To Pastor Joy,

My gratitude is full to overflowing for all the many wonderful things you did for me and my family.

Thank you/God has filled the pulpit of Faith church with the best.



Blessings,  
Ellen Kelton

## Servant Schedule



### February 4

Don & Roberta Covert,  
Randy & Jeri Schreiber

Liturgist: Mark Crawmer

### Communion Stewards:

Floyd & Pat Tolle,  
Orlen Bates, Heather DeGarmo

### February 11

Jim & Barb Tignor,  
Chris & Heather DeGarmo

Liturgist: Thea Crawmer

### February 18

Mark & Thea Crawmer,  
Doug & Bradley Adams

Liturgist: Don Covert

### February 25

Nick & Cindy Howard,  
Floyd & Pat Tolle

Liturgist: Nick Howard



## Newsletter Deadline

March Newsletter Deadline:

February 21st at noon.

E-mail submissions to:

fumcza@gmail.com, and be sure to  
put "for March newsletter" in your sub-  
ject field.



## ***United Methodist Women***

### ***Eventide Circle***

Eventide Circle will meet Thursday, February 1st at Helen Purcell.

### ***New Hope Circle***

Members of New Hope Circle will meet at noon on Sunday, February 11th for lunch out.

## ***Faith's Head Start Project***

Head Start began meeting here in September 2017. They currently have 14 children, three teachers, and one aid. As our Breakthrough Team continued daily to pray our church's Breakthrough Prayer, we felt strongly that God has placed these people in our building for a reason. Phrases like, "Thunder forth your will for fresh possibilities!" and, "See, I am about to do something new. It begins now! Don't you see it?" have impressed upon the Team that we are called to offer more than space to these folks and their families. Knowing that Head Start families are almost always on the lowest end of the income scale and that they struggle with "food insecurity", and after conversation with their teachers and administration, we have found three ways to be involved and supportive of the little ones and their families:

*Throw a Christmas Party for them*

*Provide extra food for them over the break*

*Beginning in January, "Blessing Bags".*

## ***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.**



**John 13:34** *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."*





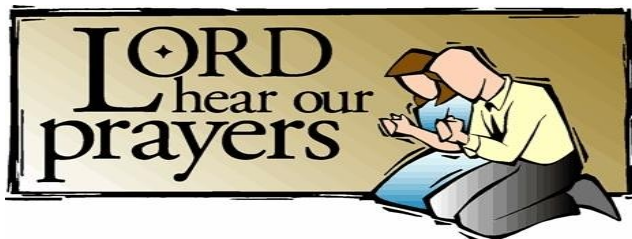
## Prayer Requests

Doug Adams  
 Kay Baker  
 Jim Boetcher  
 Sherry Brooks  
 Tom Burkhardt  
 John & Kim Cain  
 Dan Campbell  
 Clinton Cox  
 Shannon Davis  
 Bobby Dudley  
 Marlene Farley  
 Chris Flynn  
 Chad Foster  
 Daniel Ghrist  
 Gayle Ghrist  
 Jim Grosscup  
 John Herman  
 Jeannita Johnson  
 Ron Kelly  
 Kelton Family  
 Robbie Mack & Family  
 Peggy McGee  
 Don Miller  
 Janice Miller  
 Paul Mills  
 Marilyn Mock  
 Jimmy Moore  
 Joesy Moore  
 Bill & Judy Muck  
 Debbie Paul

Jim Porter  
 Jeri Quinn  
 Bonnie Reichenbach  
 Richards Family  
 Lori Rivercomb  
 Todd Sands  
 Carole Sayre  
 Ronald Shaffer  
 Heather Shepherd  
 Christie Shirer  
 Shellie Siefert  
 Stimpert Family  
 Sharyn & Harold Tucker  
 Erin Watts  
 Don West  
 Vicky & Don Wolfe Family  
 Logan Wolford  
 Melissa Wood

Peace, Faith UMC, 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.



## Faith's Head Start Project cont.

Having completed the first two, we are in the midst of providing the weekly blessing bags.

When you are doing your weekly grocery shopping, please consider picking something "kid friendly" up and donating it to the church. This will enable our team to devise gallon zip-lock bags to send home with each child on weekends.

Together, we are making a difference!

### Your Breakthrough Team

Pastor Joy	Nick Howard
Betty Howard	Barb Tignor
Ed McAuley	Orlen Bates
Dennis Cebulsky	

Here are some ideas for "Blessings Bag" food:

Cereal (individual size)	Peanuts or Almonds (individual packets)
Chef Boyardee Dinner Cup	Granola Bars
Pull tab soup	Peanut Butter with Cheese Crackers
Easy Mac Cups	Handi-Snacks Breadsticks and Cheese
Applesauce or Fruit Cups	Trail Mix or GodfishJif to Go Peanut Butter
Apples or Oranges	Beef Jerky (individual size)
Green Beans or Corn (pull tab)	
Juice boxes	
Jell-O Cups or Pudding Cups	



## Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 1

Clergy Meeting 9:00AM

Eventide Circle at Helen Purcell

Sunday, February 4

Sunday School 9:30AM

Worship 10:30AM

Tuesday, February 6

UMW Executive Meeting 6:30PM

Sunday, February 11

Sunday School 9:30AM

Worship 10:30AM

New Hope Circle 12:00PM

Wednesday, February 14

Happy Valentines Day!

Sunday, February 18

Sunday School 9:30AM

Worship 10:30AM

Bishop Palmer 2:30PM

Wednesday, February 21

Newsletter Deadline 12:00PM

Sunday, February 25

Sunday School 9:30AM

Worship 10:30AM

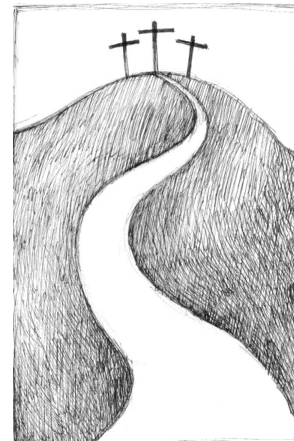
**Matthew 11:28** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

## On Our Way to the Cross

*Following Where Jesus Leads*

Lenten Worship Services 2018

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Preacher (s)</i>
Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Coburn UMC <i>3618 Maple Ave.</i>	Bishop Gregory V. Palmer <i>West Ohio Area UMC</i>
Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Grace UMC <i>516 Shinnick St.</i>	Rev. Joy Wigal (First / Faith) Rev. Emory Clark (New Hope, Logan)
Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Central Trinity UMC <i>62 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street</i>	Rev. Dr. Dennis Miller <i>Superintendent, Foothills District</i>
Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup>	First UMC <i>857 Putnam Ave.</i>	Rev. John Alice <i>Rolling Plains UMC</i>
Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Faith UMC <i>1616 Blue Ave.</i>	Rev. Justin Williams (Coburn) Rev. Steve Judson (Central Trinity)
Mar. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rolling Plains UMC <i>3350 Moxahala Park Road</i>	Easter Cantata



*We hope you enjoy this year's messages given by a combination of special guest speakers and area pastors. Some weeks will include dialogue style sermons. What will you encounter on your way to the cross?*

**All services begin at 6:00pm**  
with a time of fellowship to follow.

Offerings will be directed to support *TheLifeWell Community Center.*

You are also invited to bring socks and gloves/ mittens to donate for *TheLifeWell Free Store and Shelter* at First UMC, Zanesville.