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From the Pastors Desk

Dear Friends,

As I'm writing this, the news is reporting that it is "Blue Monday". It is so called because winter can be a rather depressing time. We find ourselves spending more time inside because of cold and snow, and daylight being less and less. It's easy to not feel very energetic, at the least, or even outright depressed. This kind of sadness seems to embolden itself: when we feel sad, we can easily list all the things in life that aren't right, which makes us increasingly sad, which makes us think of more problems! The Gospel of John 16:33 includes Jesus saying, "Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows." Jesus was specifically speaking to believers. That means that following Jesus will not save us from trials and sorrows. Trials and sorrows are inevitable for each and all of us.

I think Disney had it all wrong! Wishing on a star has never worked! I promise, it doesn't make your dreams come true! And all those movies and happily-ever-afters just don't match up with reality! Don't get me wrong, when I watch or read something, I want it to have a happy ending. But I have come to the conclusion that those happy endings aren't very realistic. Jesus had it right, in this world, we do have trials and sorrows. But let's look at the full verse, in the New Living Translation. Jesus says, "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

Yes, there are trials and sorrows in this life. No one escapes that truth, not even Disney! To think otherwise is to live in make-believe. Yet, there is Good News in the midst of those trials and sorrows. First of all, Jesus offers us peace: peace in the midst of the trials and sorrows and peace when life seems as

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good as make-believe. There is a peace in the assurance of God's presence with us throughout life's journey. There is also peace in Christ's last statement of the three in this verse: "take heart, because I have overcome the world." In this world there is trouble, but Christ has overcome the world. How comforting! In the midst of those trials and sorrows, Christ will lead us to a better place. The trials and sorrows are inescapable, but they are not the final chapter or the end of the story. Our peace is always and forever in Christ, the one who helps us to overcome the trials and sorrows. What does overcoming look like? It may not be exactly what we imagine, but it will work together with other aspects of life for the that which is good.

Sound like make-believe or too good to be true? Perhaps a different version of 'happily ever after'? Life is not all rainbows and unicorns, as my daughter would say. In this life, there will be trials and sorrows – and peace, blessed, life affirming, calm after the storm, hope for a better tomorrow, peace. Peace that passes all understanding. Peace that dwells deep within us through the presence of the Holy Spirit. It's not a spectacular Disney finish, but it is out of this world. In fact, when we walk this life with God in the peace offered us, we can be assured that at the very "end of the story" of our lives, there will be a spectacular finish, better than anything even Disney could imagine!

No matter what 2019 may bring in the way of joys or sorrows, trials or triumphs, may you know the ever abiding presence of God, the forgiving mercy of Christ, and the peace-filled presence of the Holy Spirit, every hour of every day.

In Christ,

Pastor Joy

Galatians 2:20 — I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me

UMW Reading/Book Club

Please submit your Reading Program Reporting Form to Barb Wolfe ASAP. We will begin our new 2019 book series in early spring. Books, meeting times and dates will be announced soon. If you borrowed any of the books from the UMW library in the church lounge, please return them so others may check them out.



Donations

The Lifewell Free Store at First UMC on Putnam is in need of: snacks, hot & cold cups, paper towels, napkins, toilet tissue, cleaning wipes, coffee, creamer, sugar, garbage bags, cleaning supplies, paper and plastic grocery bags, coats, hats, boots, gloves, sweatshirts, socks, shoes, jeans, and new or partially used toiletry items.

The Free Store will be open from 10AM-1PM on 2/5, 2/6, 2/7, 2/12, 2/13, 2/14, 2/19, 2/20, 2/21, & 2/26.

Please keep in mind that the Free Store will close if Muskingum County is under any snow emergency, level 1, 2, or 3. This is for the safety of our volunteers and donors. Thanks for your generosity!

Romans 5:8 — But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Directory

We are handing out a draft directory for the congregation here at Faith in hopes of having a pictorial directory in 2020. If you have had an address or phone number change or simply would like to check to be sure that the office has the most up-to-date information for you, please contact the church office at fumcza@gmail.com or 740-453-7988. Thanks!



Eastside Community Ministry

This is just a friendly reminder that Eastside is still in need of donations of peanut butter and tuna. You can bring donations in on any Sunday and place them in the shopping cart.

This may be a good time to check your cupboards and collect any canned goods that you won't use. Eastside can use anything that has not expired.

We will make sure items are delivered regularly.

Psalm 91:14 — “Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.”

Servant Schedule



February 3

Floyd & Pat Tolle, Orlen Bates, Jr. & Jim Tignor
Communion Servants:
Heather DeGarmo, Teresa Felton,
Randy & Jeri Schreiber
Liturgist: Barb Tignor
Nursery: Heather DeGarmo

February 10

Susie Dunlap, Nonny Brackman,
Teresa Felton, Beth Dougherty
Liturgist: Phil Allen
Nursery: Pat Tolle & Cindy Howard

February 17

Donnie & Roberta Covert,
Nick & Cindy Howard
Liturgist: Jim Tignor
Nursery: Amanda Hatfield

February 24

Randy & Jeri Schreiber,
Mark & Thea Crawmer
Liturgist: Barb Wolfe
Nursery: Pat Tolle & Cindy Howard

United Methodist Women

Eventide Circle

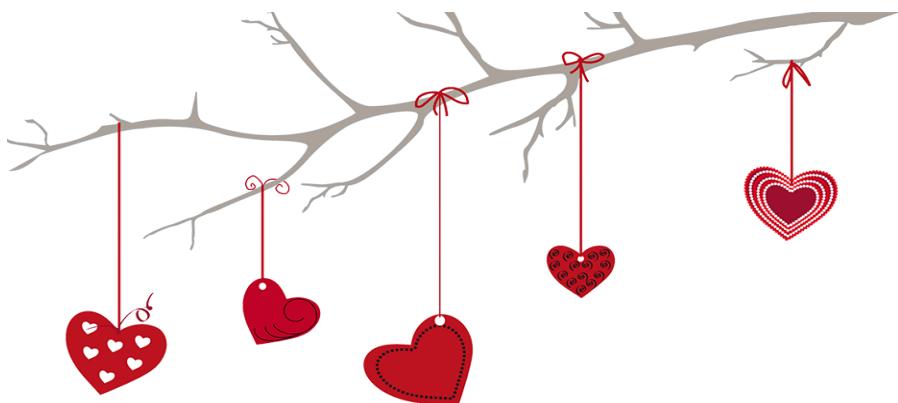
On February 7th, the ladies of Eventide Circle will go out to lunch at Bryan Place. Thea Crawmer will have the devotions.

New Hope Circle

The New Hope Circle will meet February 10th at 6:30PM for the Valentine's Day Dinner.

Executives

There will be a UMW Executive meeting Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30PM.



Romans 8:28 — We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

February Birthday's

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



Sorry We Missed It

We had a lot of information in the January Newsletter and missed posting January birthdays and anniversaries. We hope they were still great!

January 2—Nick Howard

January 10—Don & Vicky Wolfe

January 11—Lari Harper

January 25—Jeremy & Amanda Hatfield

January 26—Don Covert



Romans 8:39 — ... neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Welcome Jessica Stonecypher

Rev. Jessica Stonecypher has been appointed to serve both Faith and First United Methodist churches as a deacon in residence. Deacons are ordained United Methodist clergy who lead the church in relating Christians to their ministries in the world through worship leadership, preaching, teaching, nurturing spiritual vitality and leading ministries of service, love, and justice. They may work primarily in congregations or they may work primarily in settings like hospitals, social-service agencies, mission agencies, schools, counseling centers, denominational agencies, and more. Deacon Jessica is appointed by the Bishop Palmer and the West Ohio Conference Cabinet to serve as a Vocational Agriculture Instructor at Zanesville City Schools where she shares her call to ministry around farming and earth care with area youth. Her role at First and Faith will be in bridging the church and the world as well as leading worship and assisting Pastor Joy as needed. Deacon Jessica can be reached at deaconstonecypher@gmail.com or via phone at 740-683-4321.



1 Corinthians 13:8 — Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away

Committee Updates

We have two updates regarding committee members here at Faith UMC.

Teresa Felton has agreed to join our Staff Parish Relations Committee and Jeremy Hatfield has agreed to join our Trustee Committee. We welcome them both!



Basement Sale

In an effort to plan ahead for upcoming events, we would like to start looking for volunteers to help work our basement sale this year. It will be held on Saturday, May 4th. Barb Wolfe has volunteered to lead the kitchen with the help of Don & Roberta Covert. If you would like to help out, please contact the church office.



John 3:16 — For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

February Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship	4	5	6	7 Eventide lunch out	8	9
10 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship 6:30 New Hope	11	12	13	14 Happy Valentines Day! 	15	16 Fellowship Hall Booked
17 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship	18 	19 6:15 Finance 6:45 Leadership	20	21	22 March Newsletter Deadline	23
24 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship	25	26	27	28		

Prayer List

Mel Adams
 Wanda Adams
 Emma Barry
 Jim Boetcher
 Sherry Brooks
 Tom Burkhardt
 John & Kim Cain
 Dan Campbell
 Dennis Cebulsky
 Family of Bud Cordell
 Mysti Davis
 Shannon Davis
 Connie DeGarmo
 Ernie DeGarmo
 Tony Dukes
 Faith UMC
 Marlene Farley
 Janice Farmer Family
 Kathy Ford
 Family of Chad Foster
 Porter Harmon
 Head Start
 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
 June Mock
 Mona Moody
 Janice Moore
 Jerry Moore Sr.
 Jimmy Moore
 Joesy Moore
 Norman Moore
 Bill & Judy Muck
 Jeff Paul
 Bob Pitts
 Jim Porter
 Bonnie Reichenbach
 Scott Reishelbee
 Linda Renner
 Richards Family
 Lori Revercomb
 Charlie Roberts
 Todd Sands
 Carole Sayre
 Ronald Shaffer
 Heather Shepherd
 Christie Shirer
 Shellie Siefert
 Chris Smith
 Family of Doug Stotts
 Holly Thomas
 Jane Tignor
 John Tignor
 Sharyn & Harold Tucker
 Clark Watson
 Family of Cheryl Watt
 Erin Watts
 Jim Watts
 Don West
 Jeff Wheeler
 Pastor Joy Wigal
 Nancy Williams
 Don Wolfe and Family
 Vicky Wolfe
 Logan Wolford
 Melissa Wood

Our government, county, city, and world. Our soldiers, the homeless, hungry, abused, sick, and imprisoned.
 Faith Medical Shut-ins:
 Kathleen McCutcheon Frances Johnson