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April Newsletter Deadline:
March 21st at noon.

E-mail submissions to:
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“for April newsletter” in your subject field.



Dear Friends,

Much of our Lenten journey this year is spent in the month of March, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14th, but continuing all the way to Easter on April 1st. Personally, I find irony in the overlap between Lent and tax season in our country. Who hasn't heard the expression that the only two certainties in life are death and taxes? This year, we can reflect on both at the same time! Yet as a congregation, I would like us to journey together to a sort of third reality: the reality of uncertainty. Isn't that also implied in the statement? If only those two things are certain, then all the rest is uncertain; uncertainty is something we can count on.

The longer we live lives of faith, we learn that those uncertain passages in our lives are not only assured to happen, but that we quite often have some of our greatest spiritual growth while we are in them. We learn and grow when surrounded by uncertainties because it pushes us to rely on faith in God, rather than our own resources or knowledge. However, we most generally do everything in our power to avoid spending time in the land of uncertainty. I mean everything! We plan ahead and invest ourselves and our resources wisely. We save up money so that our futures are secure. We build good relationships so that we will have “relationship collateral” when we need to spend it (or collect from it). We even buy insurance just in case something unforeseen goes wrong. We calculate and budget and plan and prepare, yet things change... again, the unforeseen happens.

From the Pastor's Desk continued

This makes the theme of our Lenten worship and study group rather ridiculous, frankly. Who wants to ponder *Embracing the Uncertain*? Yet that is precisely what I would like to invite you to do. Since uncertainty is already a reality, and a reality through which we tend to experience spiritual growth, why not embrace it fully? Why not learn to sit in the midst of that uncertainty, identifying the tensions surrounding us, and discover how God works in our lives and the world around us? What would it be like if, in the midst of overwhelming uncertainty, we as people of faith could know God's presence and leading and, being filled with peace, say to those around us who are experiencing the panic of uncertainty, "Let me help you find God. God is with us and God is leading us through!"

The topics for the remainder of Lent and for Easter Sunday are based on the book by Magrey R. deVega and include:

- March 4th The Crowd and the Uncertainty of Worry
- March 11th Lazarus and the Uncertainty of Mortality
- March 18th Zacchaeus and the Uncertainty of Surrender
- March 25th Jesus and the Uncertainty of Obedience
- April 1st The Empty Tomb and the Proof of the Resurrection

We will continue these topics in our Wednesday study group at 6:30pm. Please join us!

There is also an opportunity to enjoy evening worship through our Community Lenten Services (see enclosure). Holy Thursday and Good Friday services this year will both be held at Coburn UMC on their respective days at 7pm.

May our Lenten journey be filled with enough uncertainty to empower us to walk with Christ.

Blessings,

Joy

Book Study

Wednesday, February 21st, we began our Lenten study with the book "EMBRACING THE UNCERTAIN" by Magrey R. deVega. If you would like to join, please see Pastor Joy.

Scrap Metal Drive

We will be holding a scrap metal drive to raise money for the boiler fund.

Celebrate Earth Day Weekend by bringing your old metal items, large or small, to the bin located in our lower parking lot.

You can bring items Friday, April 20th through Sunday, April 22nd.

Please be sure to only put scrap metal items in the bin!

Thanks in advance.



Easter Brunch

We are planning for the Easter Brunch again this year. We hope that you will help with this adventure by bringing one of your favorite brunch items. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Church for you to let us know what you are planning to furnish.

The food items need to arrive at 9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday. If you agree to bring paper products or plastic ware they may arrive prior to Easter Sunday.

We hope you will plan to eat with us.

Birthdays

March 3—Marianne Maxwell
March 3—Carol Norton
March 7—Juanita Mohler
March 7—Susie Dunlap
March 8—Keith Wolfe
March 9—Gary Graham
March 11—Beth Dougherty
March 11—Amanda Dunlap
March 11—Megan Dunlap
March 16—Kyler Moore
March 17—Evan Christopher Wolfe
March 19—Henrietta Hurst
March 19—Steve Farmer
March 23—Dee Clark
March 25—JoAnne Peadon
March 29—Roberta Covert

Anniversary

March 21—Keith & Barb Wolfe



Community Yard Sale



Talk has begun about the community yard sale. If anyone is interested in coordinating it this year, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

If we do participate, the dates will be May 4th-5th. In the event of bad weather, it will be moved to May 11th-12th.

Servant Schedule



March 4

Don & Roberta Covert,
Randy & Jeri Schreiber

Liturgist: Phil Allen

Communion Stewards:
Schreiber, Howard

March 11

Jim & Barb Tignor,
Chris & Heather DeGarmo

Liturgist: Marsha Kelly

March 18

Mark & Thea Crawmer,
Doug & Bradley Adams

Liturgist: Barb Tignor

March 25

Nick & Cindy Howard,
Floyd & Pat Tolle

Liturgist: Randy Schreiber

Flood Buckets

We have gotten a request from our District Superintendent Rev. Dennis Miller:

“The Ohio River rose upwards of 40 inches since last Thursday flooding businesses and houses in the Foothills District communities of Belpre, Marietta, Racine and Pomeroy. As we offer prayers for those suffering from loss of property and hope, it’s time to join together to “put hands and feet to the Gospel” and show our river communities how the power of love can overcome the forces of nature. Will your church or small group begin assembling cleaning kit buckets again? “

More information on assembling flood buckets can be found under a link on the home page of the church website.



United Methodist Women

Eventide Circle

Eventide Circle will meet Thursday, March 1st.

Program: Marsha Kelly A Call to Prayer and Self Denial 2018 "Learning For a Lifetime: Developing Leaders"

Devotions: Marlene Farley

Response Moment: Pat Tolle

Hostess: Juanita Mohler

All ladies of the church are welcome!

New Hope Circle

Members of New Hope Circle will meet on Sunday, March 11th. Lari Harper will host.

Boiler Fund Luncheon Coming Up!



The New Hope Circle will be hosting a "Boiler Fundraiser Luncheon" on March 25, 2018. Everyone is welcome to join us after service for a delicious lunch, fellowship and an opportunity to donate to the church's boiler fund account.

On the menu will be Ham Balls, Cheesy Potatoes, vegetable side dish, rolls, sugar cookies and various drinks.

Spread the word and we'll see you there!

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.

Being Bold in Your Community

Guest Speaker: Rosetta Schaffner, A Native American Perspective
Marilyn Moody, Zanesville First UMC Free Store

Foothills District UMW—Spring Day Apart

Coburn UMC
3618 Maple Avenue
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

March 24, 2018 10:00AM-3:00PM
(Registration at 9:00AM)

Offering will be divided between Mission Giving and a local mission project.

Reservations are due to Roberta Covert (740-454-8093) by March 11, 2018.

Volunteers

We want to make everyone aware that we are still collecting peanut butter and canned tuna to be taken to Eastside Community Ministry. This is usually counted and delivered the first Sunday of the month. If you would like to volunteer to deliver the items, please contact the church office.

We are also still collecting plastic grocery bags to take to Christ Table. Anyone interested in delivering them can also contact the church office.

Prayer Requests

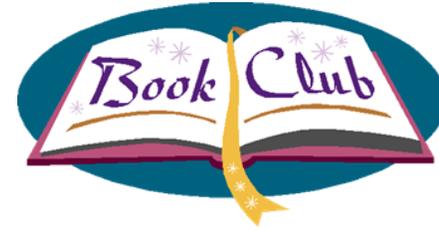
Doug Adams
Kay Baker
Jim Boetcher
Sherry Brooks
Johnny Brown
Tom Burkhardt
John & Kim Cain
Dan Campbell
Clinton Cox
Shannon Davis
Bobby Dudley
Marlene Farley
Chris Flynn
Family of Chad Foster
Jim Grosscup
John Herman
Jeannita Johnson
Ron Kelly
Kelton Family
Robbie Mack & Family
Peggy McGee
Don Miller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

Book Club News



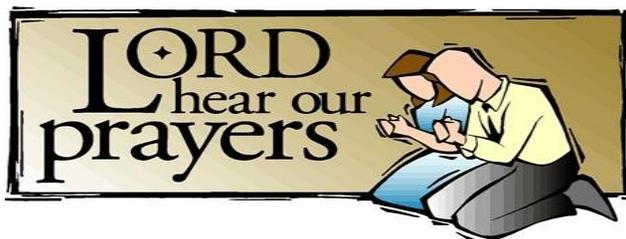
The United Methodist Women is happy to invite ladies of the church to help choose our next set of books that we will read for 2018.

An organization and planning meeting will be March 14th at 5:30PM in the lounge. This is your chance to provide your input on our reading selections provided by the national United Methodist Women's Resource and Reading Committee.

The categories are Education for Missions, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.

The 2018 book choices look at the history between The United Methodist Church, The United States and Native people; Alzheimer's disease and the importance of wellness in body and spirit. There are many book selections that focus on the United Methodist Women's quadrennial focuses of economic injustice, the environment and explore intellectual and spiritual leadership.

As always, our Reading/Book club helps us to walk together on personal journeys of spiritual growth. Please join us on March 14th at 5:30PM as we gather together to choose our 2018 books!



Jude 1:20 *But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,*

Upcoming Events

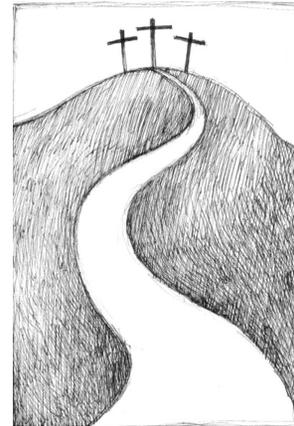
Thursday, March 1		
Clergy Meeting		9:00AM
Eventide Circle		1:00PM
Saturday, March 3		
Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall		2:00PM
Sunday, March 4		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Saturday, March 10		
Small Church Academy		8:00AM
Sunday, March 11		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
New Hope Circle		6:30PM
Tuesday, March 13		
Breakthrough Prayer Team		6:30PM
Wednesday, March 14		
Book Club Meeting		5:30PM
Thursday, March 15		
Easter Flower Order Deadline		
Sunday, March 18		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Faith's Lenten Service		6:00PM
Wednesday, March 21		
Newsletter Deadline		12:00PM
Sunday, March 25		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Boiler Luncheon		11:30AM
Tuesday, March 27		
UMW Executive Meeting		6:30PM

On Our Way to the Cross

Following Where Jesus Leads

Lenten Worship Services 2018

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Preacher (s)</i>
Mar. 4 th	Central Trinity UMC <i>62 S. 7th Street</i>	Rev. Dr. Dennis Miller <i>Superintendent, Foothills District</i>
Mar. 11 th	First UMC <i>857 Putnam Ave.</i>	Rev. John Alice <i>Rolling Plains UMC</i>
Mar. 18 th	Faith UMC <i>1616 Blue Ave.</i>	Rev. Justin Williams (Coburn) Rev. Steve Judson (Central Trinity)
Mar. 25 th	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

Faith's Lenten Service

Be sure to attend Sunday, March 18th as we host the 6:00PM Lenten worship service.

Refreshments will be served immediately after the service in the Fellowship Hall.