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May Newsletter Deadline:
April 22nd at noon.

E-mail submissions to: fumcza@gmail.com

Be sure to put "For April Newsletter"
in your subject field.



From the Pastors Desk

Dear Friends,

Have you taken the time recently to ponder the vast extent to which the Easter message connects to our daily lives? Except when facing the loss of someone we care about, it can be easy to think that there is little connection. The Easter message says that Jesus died for our sins and was resurrected from the dead that we too might have everlasting life. But we say to ourselves, "I try to live a life as a good person and I'm not planning on dying right away, so I'll just deal with that when the time comes." But the Easter message is much more than "Jesus died and Jesus lives". There is much more meaning and power woven into each fiber of Easter! And it is meaning and power that can guide and sustain us in our everyday lives, in everyday kind of moments.

Cheryl Lawrie says:

It takes faith to wait without hope,
to trust that although there is no sense to this
we must do it anyway.
At the limits of our capacity to make sense of the
world
at the edges of our grace, energy and love
lie this:
bread and wine.
Take and eat.

Have you had to wait without hope? We may not think of ourselves as feeling hopeless, but most of us do understand what it is to be at the end of our rope, to be at the point where all seems pointless. All of Jesus' followers must have felt exhausted and hopeless at the time of his death. They had been through so much watching the person in whom they had met God, the person in whom they had placed all of their hope, the person they had learned to love and trust beyond all else, being tortured and painfully killed. All that the last three years of their lives had been building up to, was destroyed

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between the last supper and the next afternoon. It made no sense to hope. There was no chance, none whatsoever, that life would ever be as good again as it was with Jesus.

We've been there: those days when nothing seems to be going right, those times when someone hurts us so deeply that we think the relationship can never be restored, that moment when we just want to quit trying or give up or at least let someone else deal with it. Perhaps you feel more hopeless when it comes to situations within your neighborhood or community, or within our state or country – or world. Our daily news reports violent deaths, cases of abuse, increasing rates of poverty and homelessness. Within our community there is a growing need for affordable housing that is *not* sub-standard. We have loved ones who wrestle to make ends meet and fight with one another along the way, struggling with bad habits that drain life from them. Problems too big to tackle, people who hurt or disappoint us, situations that no reasonable person would pursue... all are representative of the hopelessness that the followers of Jesus felt the night Jesus was arrested and the day he was murdered. What's the point in trying in the face of hopelessness?

Friends, Jesus death and resurrection are interlaced with hopelessness and faith. The resurrection of our Lord means that we can hope and believe even when it is beyond reason! The Easter message tells us that even when all is futile or when we are most desperate, we *can* hope and believe, for Jesus overcame even death, that which is the most hopeless and desperate of all. Take a look around at the places in which you presently see hopelessness or feel hopeless or desperate. Consider where your efforts seem futile. Then know this, following where God leads and pursuing a world as God desires is never pointless! God will bring new life! Perhaps not exactly as you imagine. But in God's time and God's way, there will be new and abundant life. Just as those who followed Jesus could not have imagined his resurrection, so we may not be able to imagine the good that God is about to do – even in the face of hopelessness. Receive Jesus, his body and blood, and his death and resurrection. Let us celebrate the great gift of Easter every hour of every day of our lives!

See you in worship.

Alleluia!

Pastor Joy

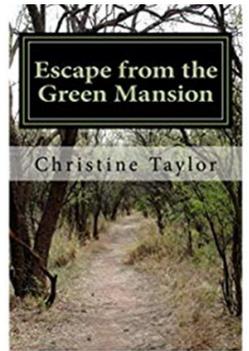
UMW 2019 Reading Program

Our first book for the UMW Reading Program is *Escape from the Green Mansion* by Christine Taylor. We will meet and discuss the book on Monday, May 13, 2019 at Marsha Kelly's home at 6:00 p.m.

If you need a copy of the book, see Barb Wolfe to get on the list.

Otherwise, you may acquire the book on your own.

Happy Reading!



Future books and dates:

Eleanor, A Spiritual Biography written by Harold Ivan Smith. Mission Emphasis: Leadership Development. Meeting date: Monday, June 24, 2019.

The Same Sky written by Amanda Eyre Ward. Mission Emphasis: Nurturing for Community. Meeting date: Monday, August 26, 2019.

“READER'S CHOICE” –Mission Emphasis: Social Action. You will be given a wide range of books to choose from. Meeting date: Monday, October 28, 2019.

The Well Women: Crossing the Boundaries written by Ladina Housholder. Mission Emphasis: Spiritual Growth. Meeting date: January 27, 2020.

Questions? See Barb Wolfe, Barb Tignor, Marsha Kelly, Pat Tolle, Gail McGreevy, and Pastor Joy.

Remembering Sand Creek

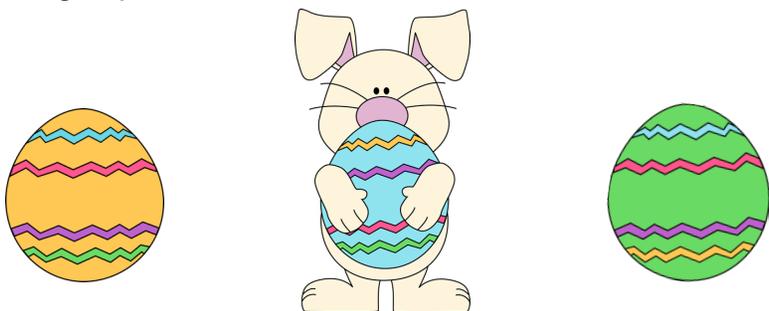


All ladies of the church are invited to the Faith United Methodist Women's annual Spring Dinner on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. See Roberta Covert for reservations by Sunday, April 28. The cost is \$5.00. We will have a delicious "Chuck wagon" meal that will include Cowboy caviar with nacho chips, Faux Rabbit Stew (beef), Cornbread, and Colorado Sheet Cake (that's Texas with nuts). J

The program will focus on the book, The Sandcreek Massacre and the United Methodist connection. Please join us for an informative, interesting, and respectful presentation honoring our Native Americans.

Easter Brunch

Begin thinking of your favorite brunch items as we plan for our Easter brunch at the church. Easter Sunday is April, 21st this year. A sign up sheet is on the welcome table in the narthex.



For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. -Ecclesiastes 3:1

Servant Schedule



April 7

Floyd & Pat Tolle, Orlen Bates, Jr. & Jim Tignor
Communion Servants:
Mark & Thea Crawmer,
Marsha Kelly, Orlen Bates, Jr.
Liturgist: Barb Tignor
Nursery: Heather DeGarmo

April 14

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

April 21

Donnie & Roberta Covert,
Nick & Cindy Howard
Liturgist: Marsha Kelly
Nursery: Amanda Hatfield

April 28

Randy & Jeri Schreiber,
Mark & Thea Crawmer
Liturgist: Larisa Harper
Nursery: Pat Tolle & Cindy Howard

Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth. – Hosea 6:3

United Methodist Women

Eventide Circle

The ladies of Eventide Circle will meet on Thursday, April 4th at 1:00PM in the Chapel.

Program: Barb Tignor (Outreach Offering)

Devotions: Betty Howard

Response Moment: Pat Tolle

Hostess: Bernice Osborne

New Hope Circle

The New Hope Circle will meet on Sunday, April 14th after lunch at the church. Larisa Harper will host.

Lifewell Donations

We will be donating bottled water to the Lifewell in the month of April.



And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years. – Genesis 1:14

Birthday's



April 2—Colt Maxwell

April 7—Amy Wolfe

April 9—Peg Beitzel

April 12—Tori Farmer

April 13—Julie Wolfe

April 13—Greg Beitzel

April 16—Charlotte Cole

April 23—Karson Hatfield

April 26—A.J. Harper

April 28—Pastor Joy Wigal

April 28—Karen Graham

April 29—Kurt Wolfe



Anniversary

April 20—Randy & Jeri Schreiber



After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" – Mark 1:14-15

Lenten Service Volunteers and Donations needed.

We are asking for volunteers to be ushers and greeters at the Lenten Service at Faith UMC on April 7, 2019. Sign-up sheets are on the welcome table or see Marsha Kelly for any questions.

Barb Wolfe and Roberta Covert are seeking donations for the Lenten Service refreshments. If you would like to donate a plate of cookies or make a monetary donation to purchase other refreshments, please let us know. We also need help serving and helping with set up or clean up.

Any kind of help will be greatly appreciated as we welcome visitors to Faith United Methodist Church on April 7th.



Save the Date

The New Hope Circle will be hosting a Capital Fundraiser (Boiler/AC) lunch after service on Sunday, April 14, 2019. Join us for what will be a great home cooked meal. On the menu is Ham Loaf, Roasted Red Potatoes with cheese, Green beans and Dessert. See you then!

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. – Isaiah 61:11

All are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to borrow books from the lounge and take part in the UMW reading program. You don't have to be in the UMW or even a member of the church to take part in the program. The books fall under the following categories: Education for Mission, Social Action, Leadership Development, Spiritual Growth, and Nurturing for Community.

Just sign a card as you check out a book and be sure to keep track of what books you read through the year.

Community Yard Sale

The community yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 4th. Jim Tignor will lead the sale. 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.

We are in need of food donations or you can donate money to Roberta Covert or Barb Wolfe to go towards food and paper products. We will be selling hot dogs, chips, cookies, brownies, pop and water.



Ask rain from the Lord in the season of the spring rain, from the Lord who makes the storm clouds, and he will give them showers of rain, to everyone the vegetation in the field. – Zachariah 10:1

April Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 1:00PM Eventide	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
6:30PM Lenten Service						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
~Capital Luncheon ~New Hope ~2:00PM Paint Party		~6:15 Finance ~6:45 Leader- ship		7:00PM Holy Thursday @ Grace	~Scrap Drive Starts ~7:00PM Good Friday Service	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30AM Easter Brunch	12:00PM News- letter Deadline					
28	29	30				
		6:00PM Leader- ship w/ First				

NA meets at 8PM Tue & Sat and at 7PM Thu
Worship is held every Sunday at 10:30AM
Sunday School is held every Sunday at 9:30AM
Head Start is in session Tue-Fri 9:00 - 4:00

Prayer List

Mel Adams	Country & World Leaders
Wanda Adams	Marcus Mayle
Emma Barry	Don Miller
Cindy Bates	Bernie & Kay Mitchell
Brian Burns	Janice Moore
Dan Campbell	Jerry Moore Sr.
Dennis Cebulsky	Jimmy Moore
Dorothy Corder	Joesy Moore
Connie DeGarmo	Richards Family
David DeGarmo	Todd Sands
Faith UMC	Our Soldiers
Faith Leadership	Steve Summers
Marlene Farley	Jane Tignor
Fraya Frampton	Pastor Joy Wigal
Head Start	Don & Vicky Wolfe
Homeless	Erica Bishop
Alexander Niner	Chuck Karling
Prisella & Randy Bridwell & Family	Greyson Batross & Family
Judy Landis & Family	Linda Morgan
Medical Faith Shut-ins	
Frances Johnson	Kathleen McCutcheon

*Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. If you would like to add, remove, or keep someone on the list, please note on your connection card. Thank you.

In the light of a king's face there is life, and his favor is like the clouds that bring the spring rain.
 – Proverbs 16:15