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2019

From the Pastors Desk

Dear Friends,

Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us, "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward doing good deeds, and acts of love. Don't stop meeting together with other believers. Instead, encourage each other..." One of the greatest challenges of the Church is living together in Christian Community. We know that it takes "all kinds" to make the church work: people who have strong organizational skills, those who are creative, some with musical talents, others with strong backs and physical stamina, folks with big hearts, and even those who are great with numbers, etc. This list could continue indefinitely! What a boring congregation we would be were we all alike!

This is such an easy philosophy to agree with and yet a challenging one to consistently practice. One way I address this challenge in my own life is to remind myself that sometimes it is good for others when things are not just the way I like them to be. In other words, if there is a song or prayer or preacher that I do not really connect with, it may be that there is someone to whom that song or prayer or preacher will have a great impact. It always amazes me when a worship service is over and someone shares with me that the part of worship I found least meaningful, was in fact the most powerful moment for them. They didn't hear what I heard because they are different from me – and usually that means they are different from my inner circle of friends as well. (I like friends who agree with me. God likes me to be stretched by others.)

Another way I address this challenge of not liking or relating to certain things is to actually encourage the very one that I do not find helpful. On one level, that sounds just ridiculous! Why would anyone want to encourage the very thing that does not seem helpful? One answer would be: *so that it can become*

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more helpful. Another would be: *to build up the work of God.* We do not all hear God's voice in the same way and God's message to you might be different than God's message right now for your neighbor. If someone doesn't speak God's message in a way that your neighbor can hear it, your neighbor may never know of God's word for them.

Here's what all of this comes down to: church isn't all about me and what I like, or about you and what you prefer, it's about us as a community. For that community to remain diverse and healthy, our worship has to remain diverse. I hope there are Sundays that each of us has moments of disconnect or feeling disquieted! That is part of being the church! Being willing to make it less about "me" and more about "us", that God would be glorified by all!

One analogy I often use pertains to the celebrating of Holy Communion. Some of us find great meaning in receiving Communion from one loaf and one cup. Others don't like going to the front of the sanctuary or going through a line to receive, so they prefer to be in their pews while everyone partakes of the bread or cup at the same time. Still others have a long tradition of kneeling in the front of the sanctuary as an act of humility and contrition. All three ways are meaningful. None is wrong. God is present in each. Sometimes we can even be surprised and find God touching us when we least expect it. Being willing to experience Communion in a different way other than our own preference is just one way that we can make it less about "me" and more about "us", that God would be glorified by all.

It's hard to live in community. How many of us have made sacrifices for our families or friends out of love and concern for seeing that their needs are met – even ahead of our own needs? That can be hard to do, but it's necessary to be faithful followers of Christ and to build up Christ's Body, the Church. So when something or someone irritates you, give thanks to God! Hallelujah we are not all alike! We are not a cookie cutter church. Our people have diverse ideas and theologies, differing priorities and values... and that is the way we were created to be.

See you in church!

Pastor Joy

Summer Celebration



Mark your calendars! Faith United Methodist Church will have its annual summer gathering after service on Sunday, July 14, 2019. We will enjoy a delicious lunch* and be part of an informative and interactive event that will include a celebration of all the blessings that we have at Faith United Methodist Church. Don't miss out on this wonderful time for fellowship and a great opportunity to stay "in the know" about all the outreach programs, mission projects, summer events, fundraising endeavors, and so much more!

See you on July 14, 2019!

*Lunch provided by the UMW

Painting Party

Sunday, July 21st at 2:00PM

Cost is \$30

Barb Tignor will be leading as we paint a 12" x 48" floral welcome sign on wood.

RSVP to the church office
by Friday, July 19th.

Sock Away \$\$ for Christmas!



The New Hope Circle is sponsoring a “Sock Away \$\$ for Christmas” fundraiser at Faith United Methodist Church. Every year the congregation has been very generous with collecting coins and loose change for our “Christmas in July” boxes and last year, our small red kettles. This year we doing the Christmas socks again! We hope you will be cheerful givers* again as we distribute the socks on June 30, 2019 to help raise funds for the Salvation Army Christmas food baskets.

As we did last year, we will be giving the money collected directly to the Salvation Army (instead of buying the food ourselves). The Salvation Army has the ability to purchase the most needed food from the Food Bank. This is more cost effective in terms of purchasing the food at a price that will serve more families in need.

Thank you in advance for helping this much needed United Methodist Women mission project. Start saving your coins! This fundraiser will last the whole month of July. We would like the socks returned to church on July 28, 2019.

*If you would like this donation to be reflected on your Giving Statement, please sign the label attached to your sock.

Servant Schedule



July 7

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

July 14

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

July 21

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

July 28

Randy & Jeri Schreiber, Mark & Thea Crawmer
Liturgist: Roberta Covert
Nursery: Pat Tolle & Cindy Howard

United Methodist Women

Eventide Circle

The ladies of Eventide Circle will not meet during the month of July.

They will meet on Thursday, August 1st at Theos.

Program: Devotions: Marlene Farley

Hostess: Betty Miller & Janice Moore

New Hope Circle

The New Hope Circle will meet on Sunday, July 14th at the church after the Summer Celebration.

Barb Wolfe will host.

Lifewell Donations

Our United Methodist Women will be donating grooming products and toiletries to the Lifewell Youth Program during the month of July.

Summer Tip #1:

Use SONSCREEN to prevent SINBURN.

Birthday's

July 4—Alek Mack

July 5—Marlene Farley

July 8—Bill Dougherty

July 9—Vickie Finlay

July 21—Kammy Gaumer

July 23—Amanda Hatfield

Anniversaries

July 2—Donnie & Roberta Covert

July 5—Floyd & Pat Tolle

July 31—Greg & Peg Beitzel

July Movie

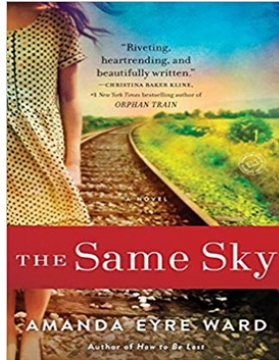
We will be showing Wonder on Saturday, July 27th. It will begin around 9PM with free hot dogs, water, popcorn, and sno-cones available shortly before and during the movie. We will be using our new inflatable screen, so set-up and tear-down will be much quicker. We do still need help with concessions so if you would like to volunteer, we will have a sign-up sheet coming soon. Thanks!



Summer Tip #4:

Prayer is a weapon
that should never be concealed.

UMW Reading Program



The next book that we will be reading and discussing is The Same Sky by Amanda Eyre Ward. You may obtain the book on your own or see Barb Wolfe to get your name on the list to borrow a copy.

We will be meeting on Monday, August 26, 2018. The time and place will be announced later. Happy Reading!

Save the Date

The Faith United Methodist Church Community Festival will be Saturday, August 3, 2019. We hope everyone will attend! We will need donations of food, time, money and talent in order to have a successful event. This is a great community outreach experience that your whole family will enjoy.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Summer Tip #3:
Don't put people down
unless it's on your prayer list.

2019 UMW Mission Project

The UMW mission project is underway. Our SWAG bags – Supplies for Women and Girl will be donated to community organizations that help women and girls in need. Thank you to everyone who has donated items to put in the bags. We still need to the following supplies if you are interested in helping. Please record your purchases on the sign up sheet on the welcome table. We will be accepting donations until August 25.

Deodorant

Hand Lotion

Band Aids

Throw Blankets

T-shirts

Wrapped Snacks

UMW 2019 Reading Program



“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.

July Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | 9:00AM Piano Tuning | | | | | 3:30PM Wedding |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| | 9:00AM Meetings in Lounge | | | | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Summer Celebra- tion New Hope Circle | | | | | | |
| <u>21</u> | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 2:00PM Paint Party | | | | | 12:00PM News- letter Due | 9:00PM Summer Movie (Wonder) |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
| | | | 8:30AM Lifeline Screening | | | |

NA meets in Fellowship Hall at 8PM Tue & Sat & 7PM Thur.

Worship service is held every Sunday at 10:30AM in the Sanctuary.

Sunday School is held every Sunday at 9:30AM in the Chapel.

Prayer List

Cindy Bates
Tom Brennan
Jamie Bright
Fraya Frampton
Sandra Gobel
Family of Stacy Green
Don & Betty Miller
Bernie & Kay Mitchell
Family of Joann Norman
Steve Summers
Jim Tignor

Medical Faith Shut-ins:
Frances Johnson and Kathleen McCutcheon

*Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise requested.

Summer Tip #2:
If the Elephant and Donkey let you down,
turn to the LAMB.