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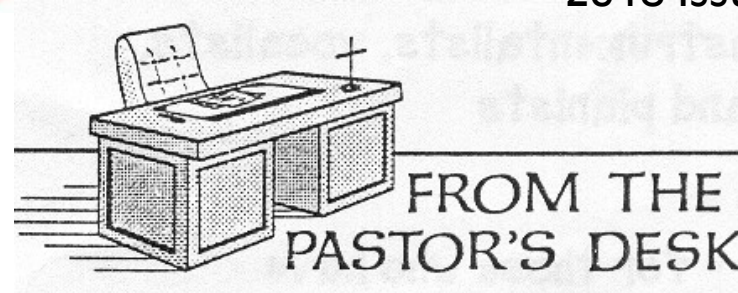
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September Newsletter Deadline:
 August 23rd at noon.

E-mail submissions to: fumcza@gmail.com,
 and be sure to put "for September news-
 letter" in your subject field.



2018 Issue



Dear Friends,

They say we have had more rain this summer than most. I can see that when looking at the river because there are places in which ground usually shows, but the ground is under water. The water table and river may show the extra water, but my back yard does not! Even the areas that receive the most shade are brown and dry. Yes, the lawn mower was on its highest setting the last time it was cut. And, knowing that we were still days away from any rain, I even watered the grass in the back. Yet there are brown patches that remain stubbornly dry.

The sun can be unrelenting! Perhaps I am extra sensitive to the subject since I had a horrible sunburn last week... and I wasn't even in the direct sun much at all! It was painful and sore for days. What's worse, any time I had to walk through sunlight, it felt as though I was burning all over again! My mind couldn't help but make a spiritual connection to this experience: Often this happens in life, we feel as though wherever we go, we are getting scorched and our souls feel stubbornly dry.

I continued reflecting on the persistent, scorching sunlight and the dry grass. Most of us reading this newsletter have had our souls watered and nourished enough to know that God is real and that God cares about our daily lives. This helps our souls to grow strong and 'green'. Then we go through a dry spell: a time when we don't intentionally connect with God in a way that we should. We may stop attending worship or fail to do any personal devotions or prayer. We may not intentionally connect with other people of faith or seek ways to praise God in our daily lives or per-

From the Pastors Desk cont.

form any acts of service to others. Whatever happens, we don't get the life giving water of the Holy Spirit and we begin to wither. Perhaps we do not totally dry out, but we cannot withstand as much as we could before.

Then comes the scorching sunlight. It may not be any fault of our own but just because we are planted where we are in life that the searing heat seems unavoidable. As it painfully beats down upon us, the longer it radiates the drier we get, and the more we pray for shade and rain. We feel dry and inflexible – as though if anyone asks us to bend even a little, we will break. Because it has been a while since we were watered, our roots can't reach the reservoir beneath us. I suppose in this analogy, Jesus would be the beautiful and cooling rain clouds - or the hose and sprinkler that bring water to revive us, a gift of grace. We cannot save ourselves from the state we get into, but we can drink deeply of the well of salvation as it is sprinkled upon us.

Perhaps as servants of Christ, we are not just the grass, but we are also called to be the one who places the sprinkler and turns on the water. Ours is a dry and thirsty world. To whom will you take the love of Jesus? John 7:37b-38 says, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" I am convinced that the only way to face the sufferings and challenges of this life is through the strength given to us in the Living Water of Christ. We must keep our souls watered and share that life giving water with others. If you feel dry and withered, I know where to go to fix that! Go to God in worship, in prayer, in meditation, and in every opportunity you can find to connect. Your spirit will be revived and thrive again!

It took more than one time of watering the back yard to revive the dry and crunchy grass. I was surprised not to find it looking any better the morning after I watered it! Perhaps we need more 'watering' than we realize. I hope you will join me Sunday as we gather together to be blessed and nourished in the life giving presence of the one who give us life, sustains us, and redeems us.

Blessings,
Pastor Joy

Please Sign Up!

The Faith United Methodist Church Community Festival will be Saturday, August 25th, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. We hope everyone will attend! We will need donations of food, money, time and talent in order to have a successful event. How can you help?

You can prepare or buy food. You can help serve food, drinks and ice cream. You can help run games. You can assist with the car show. See Nick Howard if you would like to donate money for the ice cream ingredients, other food items, and paper products.

Look for the sign-up sheets on the kitchen counter.

This is a family event and we need our whole church family to sign up!

UMW Reading Program

Anyone who would like to read the UMW Reading Program books is welcome to borrow them from the lounge. As you check one out, just put down your name on one of the note cards along with the date it is checked out.

Some of the books are:

Finding God In A Bag of Groceries by Laura Lapins Willis

The Perfect Place by Teresa E. Harris

Hollow Faith by Stephen Ingram

Sum It Up by Pat Summitt

Birthdays

August 1—Wayne Clark

August 2—Cindy Howard

August 9—Marsha Kelly

August 18 — Teresa Johnson

August 18—Lou Ann Maxwell

August 20—Jeanine Busey

August 20—Sue Taylor

August 21—Barb Wolfe

August 21—Janice Moore

August 22—Edgar McAuley

August 22—Marilyn Inman

August 22—Karen Norman

August 31—Barb Tignor



Anniversaries



August 8—Wayne & Dee Clark

August 13—Daniel & Sara Campbell

August 13—Bob & Carol Norton

August 19—Bill & Beth Dougherty

August 23—Chris & Cassie Donovan

Genesis 8:22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

Servant Schedule

August 5

Don & Roberta Covert, Randy & Jeri Schreiber

Liturgist: Barb Wolfe

Communion Stewards:

Mark & Thea Crawmer,
Heather DeGarmo, Orlen Bates

August 12

Jim & Barb Tignor, Chris & Heather DeGarmo

Liturgist: Larisa Harper

August 19

Mark & Thea Crawmer, Doug & Bradley Adams

Liturgist: Gail McGreevy

August 26

Nick & Cindy Howard, Floyd & Pat Tolle

Liturgist: Nick Howard



United Methodist Women

Eventide Circle

Eventide Circle will meet in the Chapel
Thursday, August 2nd at 1:00PM.

Program: Barb Tignor

Devotions: Marsha Kelly

Response Moment: Marsha Kelly

Hostess': Betty Miller & Janice Moore

New Hope Circle

Members of New Hope Circle will meet
on Sunday, August 19th at 2:00PM at
the home of Gail McGreevy.

UMW Executives

Tuesday, September 4th at 6:30PM
there will be a UMW Executive Meeting.

Matthew 13:43 *"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear."*

Saving for Salvation Army in September

The New Hope Circle is sponsoring a "Saving for the Salvation Army in September" fundraiser at Faith United Methodist Church. Every year the congregation has been very generous with collecting coins and loose change in our little Christmas wrapped boxes or our fun Christmas socks. This year we're giving you a homemade collection kettle! We hope you will be cheerful givers * again as we distribute the kettles on the first Sunday in September to help raise funds for the Salvation Army Christmas food baskets.



As we do every 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 September.

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

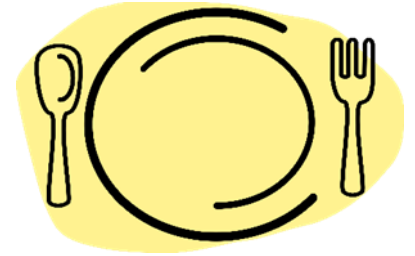
Community Festival



Song of Songs 2:12 "Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."

A Look Ahead...

The New Hope Circle will host another Boiler Fundraiser Luncheon on Sunday, September 16. Mark your calendars! Luncheon details coming soon.



Background Checks

It is time to renew background checks for employees and volunteers of the church. Because we are a location for Head Start, we are asking anyone who has a key to the church to complete a form for a background check. Forms are located on the welcome table and only require a few key pieces of information. You do not need to be present during your background check.

Thank You

To my church family—

Praying you know you are all a blessing to me. I am so thankful for the love and support of you people who care. You are some of the people that I care most about. Thank you for the many cards, phone calls and the many prayers that got me through it all. I hope to be back to church soon.

Love, Juanita Mohler

Calendar

Thursday, August 2		
Eventide Circle		1:00PM
Sunday, August 5		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Tuesday, August 7		
Election		5:30AM
Sunday, August 12		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Tuesday, August 14		
Finance		6:00PM
Leadership		6:45PM
Sunday, August 19		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
New Hope Circle		2:00PM
Thursday, August 23		
Newsletter Deadline		12:00PM
Saturday, August 25		
Community Festival		4:30PM
Sunday, August 26		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM

Revelation 7:16 *“Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat.”*

Prayer List

Doug Adams	Joesy Moore
Linda Adams	Bill & Judy Muck
Jim Boetcher	Jeff Paul
Tom Brennon	JoAnne Peadon
Sherry Brooks	Jim Porter
Tom Burkhardt	Bonnie Reichenbach
John & Kim Cain	Richards Family
Dan Campbell	Lori Rivercomb
Bud Cordell	Todd Sands
Mysti Davis	Carole Sayre
Shannon Davis	Ronald Shaffer
Bobby Dudley	Heather Shepherd
Marlene Farley	Christie Shirer
Janice Farmer Family	Shellie Siefert
Family of Chad Foster	Chris Smith
Melissa Harper	Barb Tignor
John Herman	Sharyn & Harold Tucker
Jeannita Johnson	Clark Watson
Kelton Family	Cheryl Watt
Robbie Mack & Family	Erin Watts
Jill McDonald	Don West
Peggy McGee	Jeff Wheeler
Don Miller	Don Wolfe Family
Janice Miller	Vicky Wolfe
Juanita Mohler	Logan Wolford
Janice Moore	Melissa Wood
Jerry Moore Sr.	
Jimmy Moore	

Faith UMC, our pastor, our county, city, and world, our soldiers, the homeless, abused, sick, and imprisoned.

Medical Faith shut-ins: Kathleen McCutcheon and Frances Johnson.