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September Newsletter Deadline:  
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2019

## From the Pastors Desk

Dear Friends,

Weakness. Vulnerability. Wanting to quit. We've all had those times when we just want to give up – or at the very least, we have no desire or strength or energy to try to move forward. Many times, I've endeavored to encourage people with Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "Each time [God] said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I, [Paul,] am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me." However, I have recently recognized that there is a big difference between encouraging someone by telling them that God's grace is sufficient or all that they need, and suggesting that weakness is a good thing. None of us likes to feel weak! None of us likes to be vulnerable. It's just not safe! When we allow ourselves to be vulnerable or admit (even to ourselves) that we are weak, others could take advantage of the opportunity to judge or belittle us or use us in some unsuspecting way.

It's easier to just quit or walk away than to take those kinds of risks or be seen in such a way. Yet this passage tells us that it is precisely in those times of weakness that God's power is most clearly displayed in us. It is in those moments when we know without a doubt that our continuing to move forward is not by our own ability or strength, that we are best able to point to the greatness of God. When I know my strength or ability is spent or used up, I am best able to testify that it is only the gift of God's power that is enabling me to continue. Our human nature tempts

## From the Pastors Desk cont.

us to take credit for our perseverance or tenacity. In reality, that persistence is an expression of God's grace. This would suggest that life's most incredible moments and accomplishments come out of those times when we are ourselves at our very weakest. That would also suggest that it's ok to be weak! Undoubtedly, this is a concept that goes totally against the world's understanding of weakness and power.

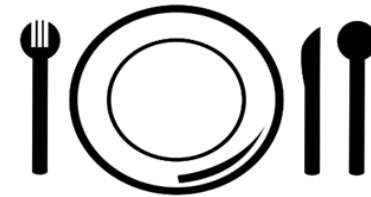
I consider that, "The joy of the Lord is my strength." (Psalm 28:7) And Ephesians 4:20, which reminds us of God's greatness: "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us." These verses help us to keep on keeping on when life gets too overwhelming or we become too weak. I don't like being weak. I doubt very many people do! Yet it is when we recognize our own weakness and rely on God's strength that we are uplifted and our faith is empowered. When we believe we are strong enough and endeavor to rely on ourselves alone, we cut God out of the picture, fail to realize our need for God, and miss opportunities to experience the wonders of God. Weakness is good? Hard to imagine! And even harder to accept or become enthusiastic about! Perhaps it is enough to know that whenever we feel as though we are not enough, or whenever the world or our families or our jobs try to tell us we are not enough, or when we feel we don't have enough time or resources or patience... perhaps in those moments, it is adequate to know that God is always enough.

Rebuild your strength weekly! Spend time with God and your fellow believers. Let us be faithful in spending time with the One who is always enough. See you Sunday.

Blessings,  
Pastor Joy

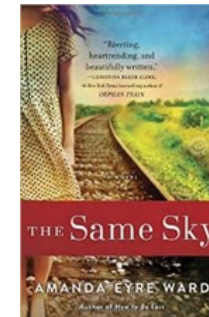
## Capital Luncheon

The New Hope Circle will be hosting another Fundraiser Luncheon on Sunday, September 8 after the worship service. Menu details coming soon. Mark your calendars and we will see you for lunch!



## UMW Reading Club

Please see Barb Wolfe if you need a copy of the book, *The Same Sky*, by Amanda Ward. We will be meeting to discuss this book on Monday, August 26, 2019 at Gail McGreevy's home.



## Football Parking

We need volunteers to collect money for parking during ZHS home football games.

The first three games are August 30th, September 6th, and September 13th.

Contact Pat Tolle if you are able to help.

Thanks!



## Head Start

The Head Start program here at Faith will have a new teacher this year. Katie Danford will begin preparing for students on August 12th.

Student welcome days will be August 21st and 22nd where the kids will meet their teacher and get familiar with the classroom. The student's official first day will be Tuesday, August 27th and they will stay with a Tuesday-Friday schedule.



We want to continue to distribute "Blessing Bags" each Friday. Please start bringing food donations as we have in the past so that we can send the first bags out on Friday, August 30th. Thanks for your support of this wonderful program.

## Crop Walk

The 2019 Crop Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 13, for the Muskingum-Zanesville area. Last year, a total of 160 walkers from 18 churches raised \$12,211.61 for Crop. Twenty-five percent stayed in the community, split evenly between Christ's Table and the Salvation Army, a total of \$1,535 each. The remainder is being used by Church World Service to help fund anti-hunger and other projects in the United States and around the world.

Please consider participating in the walk this October 13th. Mark the date on your calendar. Registration begins at 1:30p.m., Sunday, October 13, Zane's Landing Park. The walk can begin after registration, up to 2:00p.m. Contact Pastor Joy if you are interested in participating.



## Servant Schedule



### August 4

Floyd & Pat Tolle, Orlen Bates, Jr. & Jim Tignor  
Communion Servants:  
Donnie & Roberta Covert,  
Heather DeGarmo & Jim Tignor  
Liturgist: Barb Tignor  
Nursery: Heather, Carlee & CJ DeGarmo

### August 11

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

### August 18

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

### August 25

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

# United Methodist Women

## Eventide Circle

Eventide Circle will meet in the Faith Church parking lot at 10:30 A.M. Thursday, August 1, 2019 to carpool to Theos Restaurant in Cambridge. Marlene Farley will share devotions with us and Betty Miller and Janice Moore will be Hostesses.

## New Hope Circle

The New Hope Circle will meet on Sunday, July 28th for a pool party. Gail McGreevy will host.

## Foothills District United Methodist Women

150th Birthday Celebration and Mini Mission U Sat., Aug 17, 2019 at Gilman UMC, 312 Gilman Ave., Marietta.

Registration will be 9:30-10:00 a.m. and the program will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch will be available and the day should close by 1:30 p.m.

The speaker will be Jane Benner, Director of UMW from West Ohio Conf. and will give an Overview of the history study, "Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission"

Jane will also share comments on her role as a Director—and thoughts about looking into the future.



## Birthday's



August 1—Wayne Clark

August 2—Cindy Howard

August 9—Marsha Kelly

August 18—Teresa Johnson

August 18—Lou Ann Maxwell

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

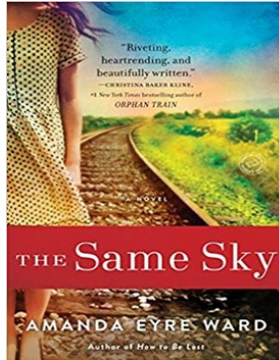
August 19—Bill & Beth Dougherty

August 23—Chris & Cassie Donovan

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 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."

—Romans 8:38-39

## 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!

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
—Psalm 23:4

## 2019 UMW Mission Project

The UMW will be accepting donations for S.W.A.G. bags through the end of the summer. Please see the sign-up sheet to see what supplies are still needed. Questions can be directed to Gail McGreevy and Larissa Harper.



## 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.

# August Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				10:30AM Eventide Circle  6:30PM Study Group		4:30PM Commu- nity Festi- val
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				6:30PM Study Group		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				6:30PM Study Group		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		6:45PM Leader- ship		6:30PM Study Group	12:00PM News- letter Deadline	Bridal Shower 1- 3:00PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Book Club Meeting			6:30PM Study Group		

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  
Steve DeGarmo  
Fraya Frampton  
Sandra Gobel  
Family of Stacy Green  
Don & Betty Miller  
Bernie & Kay Mitchell  
Family of Joann Norman  
Steve Summers  
Jim Tignor  
Logan Wolford

Medical Faith Shut-ins:  
Frances Johnson and Kathleen McCutcheon

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

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”  
—Deuteronomy 31:6