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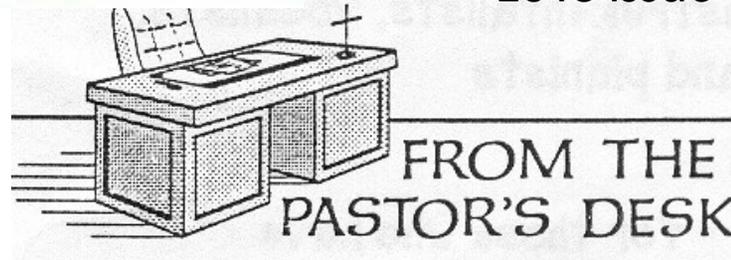
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2018 Issue



You can say it a couple of different ways:

"The tyranny of the urgent..."

"The squeaky wheel gets the grease..."

"The baby that cries loudest gets the milk..."

We live in an often-chaotic world with many complexities. It can be overstimulating at the least. Most days we find ourselves doing that which 'squeaks the loudest' or appears to be the most urgent. In that light, our world is increasingly noisy and fast-paced. I used to think it was just because I learned the art of procrastination at an early age. (After all, why do today what you can put off till tomorrow?!) But in today's world, I realize that there are more days of "hurry up and get done whatever you can" than ever before.

Recent wisdom challenges us to work smarter instead of harder. In other words, to take time to plan and prioritize the work you have to do, instead of worrying about what squeaks loudest or is said to be most urgent. When we go through the day with our focus on whatever seeks to demand our attention at the time, we can fail to accomplish that which is really most important. My guess is that anyone reading this has already had this experience many times, and that I'm not telling you anything new! For this reason, we work to maintain a broader focus on the things which are most important. When my children were younger, for example, I was very intentional about setting aside time each day

From the Pastors Desk cont.

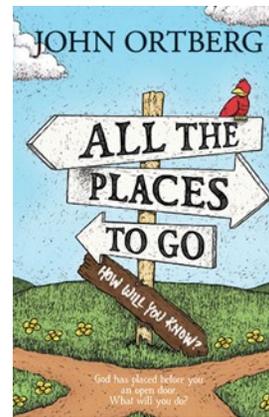
for quality conversation or activities. While the rhythm of that connecting is different now that they are adults, it still requires intentionality so that it doesn't get pushed aside by the hectic pace I keep or my tending to the crisis of the day. It's part of being a responsible adult to continually see that we are setting and living out our priorities in life.

Allow me to suggest that we need one more layer to deciding how to spend our time. We need daily to seek God's wisdom and guidance in determining what to do when. It reminds me of the maps app I use on my phone. The other day, I turned down a road and found a sign that said "bridge out". There was nothing more than that: no distance to the closure or "detour ahead" signs. Just "bridge out". I checked my phone and it did not indicate any need to re-route, so I pressed on. I squelched the rising desire to panic that I might be late to where I was going if I made the wrong choice. Can you guess what happened? Believe it or not, I found no place along the road where there was a bridge out! Not even a lane closure!

It makes me think, do we trust the signs that can induce panic in life? Do we give in to the tyranny of the urgent? Or do we trust our GPS – God Positioning System – to order our steps and direct our paths? Do we begin by asking God what we should do next or just jump into what feels best or squeaks the loudest? Our world can be loud, chaotic, and overstimulating, making it even more difficult to hear the still, small voice of God whispering to our hearts how to order our lives.

In September, our worship services will focus on figuring out and finding our Dream Job. Do we work just to quiet the chaos around us, doing whatever seems most pressing in life? Or do we work smarter and seek God in what we do, finding the meaning and purpose for our lives that we all desire at the core of our being? I hope you will join us as we delve into this dream together.

Blessings,
Pastor Joy



New Study to Begin

September 5th, 2018
Wednesdays 6:30-8pm
Faith UMC

From the author's website:

"Very rarely in the Bible does God command someone to "Stay". God opens a door, and then invites us to walk through it — into the unknown. And how we choose to respond will ultimately determine the life we lead and the person we become. In fact, to fail to embrace the open door is to miss the work God has made for us to do.

In *All the Places To Go... How Will You Know?*, bestselling author John Ortberg opens our eyes to the countless doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them, and gives us the encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await.

So go ahead — walk through that door. You just might do something that lasts for eternity."

Chapters include:

1. All the Places to Go... How Will You Know?
2. Open-Door People and Closed-Door People
3. No Mo FOMO: Overcoming the Fear of Missing Out
4. Common Myths about Doors
5. Door #1 or Door #2?
6. How to Cross a Threshold
7. What Open Doors Will Teach You – About You
8. The Jonah Complex
9. Thank God for Closed Doors
10. The Door in the Wall

Please come whenever you are able! Everyone is welcome.

- Pastor Joy

Sanctuary Construction

For those of you who don't know, we are having work done in the sanctuary. Ables Heating and Cooling along with sub-contractors are tearing out the concrete under the Sanctuary floor and putting in all new ductwork.

Work is set to be finished around Thanksgiving.

Pictures of the progress can be found on the church's website: fumcz.org and on the church's Facebook page.

Birthdays

September 9—Mona Moody

September 12—Mark Crawmer

September 19—Bernice Osborne

September 19—Bradley Adams

September 22—Heather DeGarmo

September 26—Betty Howard

September 26—Lee Wolfe

September 28—Phil Allen

September 28—Jeremy Hatfield



Anniversary

September 4—Marianne & Daniel Maxwell

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." —Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

Servant Schedule

September 2

Don & Roberta Covert, Randy & Jeri Schreiber

Liturgist: Larisa Harper

Communion Stewards:

Don & Roberta Covert

Beth Dougherty, Susie Dunlap

September 9

Jim & Barb Tignor, Chris & Heather DeGarmo

Liturgist: Randy Schreiber

September 16

Mark & Thea Crawmer, Doug & Bradley Adams

Liturgist: Mark Crawmer

September 23

Nick & Cindy Howard, Floyd & Pat Tolle

Liturgist: Thea Crawmer

September 30

Beth Dougherty, Nonny Brackman,

Orlen Bates, Susie Dunlap

Liturgist: Orlen Bates



United Methodist Women

Eventide Circle

Eventide Circle will be lunching at Sophie's in Somerset on 9/6.

Be at the church at 10:30AM to car pool.

Barb Tignor will need your name for reservations by 9/2.

New Hope Circle

Members of New Hope Circle will meet on September 9th.

UMW Executives

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

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork." —Psalm 19:1 (KJ2)

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.

First Church Fall Picnic

Sunday, September 16th will be the church picnic At Pearl Park by the Jonathan Creek bridge. It is a beautiful spot to relax and share a meal with your church family.

We'll eat at noon. Drinks and table service will be Provided. Please bring your favorite dishes to share, A lawn chair and any games or musical instruments.

Head Start/Blessing Bags

Now that we are settling into another school year, we welcome back the teachers, staff and students of our Head Start program.

We are once again putting together and distributing blessing bags for the students each Friday to supply them with some staple food items for the weekend.

Please think of picking up some "kid friendly" foods and snacks while you are doing your own grocery shopping. Items can be placed in the box marked "Blessing Bag Donations".



Thank You

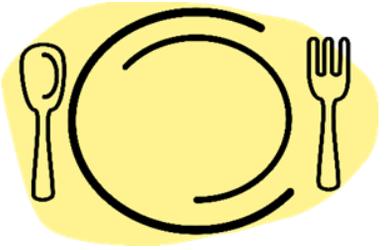
A Great big thank you for all the birthday cards, gifts and for attending my party. It was a wonderful surprise and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

To date I have received 50 cards! Marilyn Inman

"How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you." —Psalm 31:19 (NIV)

Luncheon Date Change

Due to a scheduling conflict the New Hope Circle will have the next Boiler/Air conditioner Fundraiser luncheon on September 23rd, instead of the 16th as previously announced.



We apologize for the change, but promise the meal will be worth it!

On the menu is a delicious Bacon Cheeseburger Tator Tot Casserole, Fruit Salad and No bake cookies. Coffee, tea, soft drinks and water will also be served.

Please plan on joining your church family as we enjoy good food and fellowship.

Thinking Ahead...



As we inch closer to fall we want everyone to note that we will be doing Halloweenies again this year during Zanesville City Trick-or-Treat. The date is set for Wednesday, October 31st.

We hope to have donations of hot dogs and hot dog buns as well as volunteers to hand them out for the event.

Thanks in advance!

Calendar

Sunday, September 2		
Sunday School	9:30AM	
Worship	10:30AM	
Tuesday, September 4		
UMW Executive Meeting	6:30PM	
Thursday, September 6		
Eventide Circle (lunch out)	carpool @10:30	
Sunday, September 9		
Sunday School	9:30AM	
Worship	10:30AM	
New Hope Circle	6:30PM	
Sunday, September 16		
Sunday School	9:30AM	
Worship	10:30AM	
Tuesday, September 18		
Finance Meeting	6:00PM	
Leadership Meeting	6:45PM	
Thursday, September 20		
Newsletter Deadline	12:00PM	
Sunday, September 23		
Sunday School	9:30AM	
Worship	10:30AM	
Boiler Luncheon	After Worship	
Sunday, September 30		
Sunday School	9:30AM	
Worship	10:30AM	

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." —Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV)

Prayer List

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