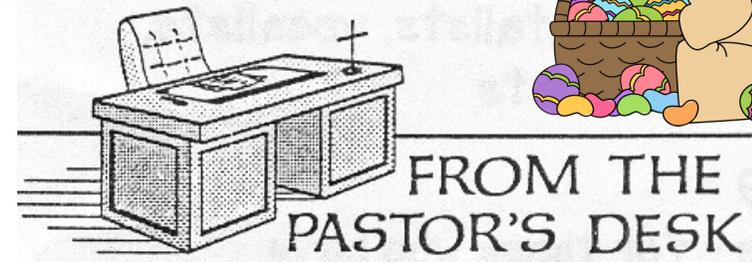


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Dear Friends,

A boat's wake can cause big problems for others on the water or even those on the shore! The waves created as a larger vessel speeds by your little boat where you are trying to peacefully fish can be rather frustrating. In fact, a big enough wake can really rock a small vessel. And being a new skier when someone flies by can be quite dangerous! There is a common expression among boaters: You are responsible for your own wake. The idea here is to encourage people to think about how their actions while boating will affect others on or near the water and act responsibly. This translates well into our daily lives: we need to think about and be responsible for the wake we leave behind us. How do our actions, how does the way we live, impact others on the water with us?

Why am I thinking about this at Easter? As my father struggles to find anything familiar and to connect with the outside world, I found some wall art for his room that I prayed would help him. Last Easter, I adhered the large words on his wall: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" These are the familiar words from our United Methodist tradition known to be how Christians would greet each other, even in the streets, at Easter. Dad instantly recognized the words and could repeat them! It was a rare and precious moment. Of course, that was last year and Dad has slipped quite a bit since then. So when a caretaker told me the other day that Dad had again read the words, I was delighted.



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From the Pastor's Desk continued

It occurred to me that Dad has left in his wake much more than just our typical greeting of, "Happy Easter!" He has left something deeper and more weighty. He has impressed upon me (and no doubt countless others, including the caregiver) the good news that Christ is risen! Easter is about so much more than cute bunnies, eggs, candy, and the food on the table. It's even about more than the family that gathers around that table. It's about grace and forgiveness. It's about overcoming life's greatest trials and tragedies – even death! Isn't that the greatest gift we can give to our family and friends? Isn't that the most important message for our wake to send out to those traveling with us? Jesus loves you enough to actually die for you! And no matter what happens in life, in Christ, you can overcome it.

I hope you find yourself caught in God's wake today, through these words. I pray that you feel the wave of God's eternal love buoying you up and overtop of any trials you have. And I pray it will encourage you to leave a wake of your own, one that uplifts and encourages others with the great news of Jesus' overcoming all evil and death. This is also what we seek to do each Sunday morning through Sunday School and Worship. During Lent, we've also been meeting on Wednesday evenings (both churches meet 7pm at Faith) and reading the inspiring words of Max Lucado in his book *He Chose the Nails: What God did to win your heart*. Copies are available at the church if you would like a terrific read.

I hope to see you soon and that you have a most blessed Easter.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Joy Wigal French



More from UMW

SAVE-THE-DATE

UMW Spring Dinner

Mark your calendars for the annual spring dinner hosted by the UMW. We will be having a wonderful meal and great program on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 starting at 6:00. More information will be in your Sunday bulletins as we get closer to the date. All ladies of the church are welcome!



Book Club

It's time for the second book for the 2017 UMW book club. The title of the book is "Reluctant Pilgrim" and the author is Enuma Okoro.

The category is Spiritual Growth.

We will discuss the book on Monday, May 22 at 6:00 PM.

If you have any questions see Vickie Finlay.

We hope to see you all there!



Birthdays

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—Karen Graham

April 29—Kurt Wolfe



Anniversary

April 20—Randy & Jeri Schreiber



Drive-in Movies

If you are able to help in any way with the Church's drive in movies it would be greatly appreciated. Whether by yourself or as a team, people to help keep things running smoothly is what we need! Contact the church office if you would like to help.



Servant Schedule



April 2

Nick & Cindy Howard, Floyd & Pat Tolle

Liturgist: Roberta Covert

Communion Stewards: Jim & Barb Tignor,
Heather DeGarmo, Marsha Kelly

April 9

Nonny Brackman, Beth Dougherty,

Marsha Kelly, Janice Moore

Liturgist: Lari Harper

April 16

Rob & Monica Mack,

Don & Vicky Wolfe

Liturgist: Nick Howard

April 23

Mark & Thea Crawmer,

Susie Dunlap, Vickie Finlay

Liturgist: Mark Crawmer

April 30

Donnie & Roberta Covert,

Randy & Jeri Schreiber

Liturgist: Marsha Kelly



United Methodist Women

Calendar Note: The UMW Spring Dinner will be on May 2, not on May 9 as noted in the UMW Year-book.

The items to donate to the First UMC shelter this month are Feminine Hygiene Products.

The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice Proverbs 12:15

Eventide Circle

The ladies of Eventide Circle will meet at 1:00 PM on Thursday, April 6, 2017. The Hostess will be Thea Crawmer, Program by Barb Tignor (Outreach Offering), Devotions Betty Howard, and Response Moment Pat Tolle.

The worker is worth his keep Matthew 10:10

New Hope Circle

The New Hope Circle will meet Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM. Barb Wolfe will host.



Easter Brunch

We will be having Easter Brunch again this year from 9:30—10:15 AM.

A sign-up sheet is available on the Welcome Center.

Items needed are fruit, mini bagels & soft cream cheese, mini danishes, donut holes, hash brown cups, mini cinnamon rolls, or any of your favorite continental brunch items that you would like to bring.

Other items needed are napkins, medium plates, plastic forks, knives, spoons and 4oz juice glasses.

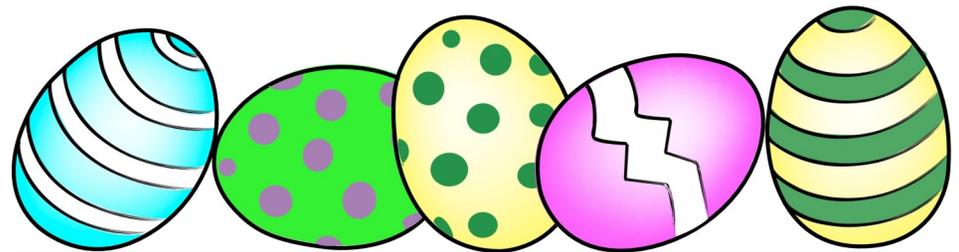
It will be helpful if you will provide, trays or bowls for your donation to be served from along with tongs, spoons or spatulas as needed.

Please bring your items at 9:00 AM.

The brunch will begin at 9:30 AM.

Everyone is welcome to come and share together before the Easter Morning Worship Service.

Any questions — Marsha Kelly (740) 674-6629 or lilacmarsha@yahoo.com.



A thousand years in Your sight are like a day that has just gone by Psalm 90:4





Please pray for:

Larry Abel,
Doug Adams,
Kay Baker,
Sherry Brooks,
Jeannine Cady,
John & Kim Cain,
Karen Curtin,
Shannon Davis,
Terry England family,
Marlene Farley,
Kathy Fleming & family,
Daniel Ghrist,
Gayle Ghrist,
Alice Goyne,
John Herman,
Henrietta Hurst,
Kelsey Jenei,
Jeannita Johnson,
Bob & Melanie Kirkwood,
Gary Lake,
Robbie Mack & Family,
Don Miller,
Jimmy Moore,
Joesy Moore,
James Osborn,
Joey & Sam Osborn & Family,

Debbie Paul,
Jim Peardon,
Phil & Grandma Plummer,
Jim Porter,
Bonnie Reienbach,
Lori Rivercomb,
Todd Sands,
Carole Sayre,
Shellie Siefert,
Joyce Stimpert,
Pam Thomas,
Barb Tignor,
Erin Watts,
Tara Wilson,
Vicky Wolfe,
Logan Wolford,
Melissa Wood,
Eloise Zayac,
Faith UMC, the homeless,
abused, sick, imprisoned, those
who have not yet accepted
Christ and those who only mini-
mally follow the teachings of
Christ.

Medical Faith shut-ins:

Kathleen McCutcheon and
Frances Johnson.

Thank You

Thank you! Thank you!

To my church family and friends who sent cards or called on my 90th birthday. You made my day. I am truly thankful and so blessed to have all of you in my life. You are some of the people I care about the most.

Love and blessings,
Juanita Mohler

Office Hours

The church office is now open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

I will still take lunch from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, but if you need to stop by during this time, just call ahead or email and I will be happy to stay at the office.

Thanks for your understanding with this schedule change,
Amanda

Baby Shower

We will be celebrating Cindy and Nick Howard's baby, Saturday, May 6, from 2-4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a pack of diapers. RSVP Amanda at 740-297-4559 by April 29.

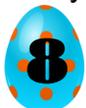
Registered at Amazon.com—search Cynthia Howard, and Walmart—search Nick or Cindy Howard.

Newsletter Deadline

May Newsletter Deadline:

April 21 at noon

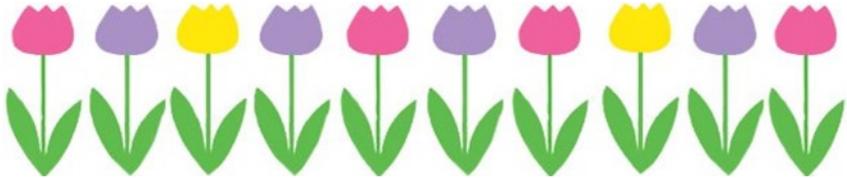
E-mail submissions to: fumcza@gmail.com,
and be sure to put "for May newsletter" or the
equivalent in your subject field.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 2	
Sunday School:	9:30 AM
Morning Worship:	10:30 AM
First UMC Lenten Service:	6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 5	
Easter Flower Order Deadline:	10:00 AM
Thursday, April 6	
Eventide Circle:	1:00 PM
Friday, April 7	
NA Ladies Night Out:	5:00 PM
Sunday, April 9	
Sunday School:	9:30 AM
Morning Worship:	10:30 AM
Easter Cantata @ Rolling Plains UMC:	6:00 PM
New Hope Circle:	6:00 PM
Tuesday, April 11	
UMW Executive Meeting:	4:00 PM
Thursday, April 13	
Holy Thursday Worship @ Coburn UMC:	7:00 PM
Sunday, April 16	
Easter Brunch:	9:30 AM
Morning Worship (Easter Day):	10:30 AM
Tuesday, April 18	
Leadership Meeting:	6:30 PM
Friday, April 21	
Newsletter Deadline:	12:00 PM
Sunday, April 23	
Sunday School:	9:30 AM
Morning Worship:	10:30 AM
Sunday, April 30	
Sunday School:	9:30 AM
Morning Worship:	10:30 AM

Easter Flowers



Easter Lilies	\$11.00	(White)	6.5"
Daffodils	\$8.00	(White or Yellow)	6.5"
Tulips	\$8.00	(White/Yellow/Red)	6.5"
Pansy Bowls	\$11.00	(Assorted)	12"

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Flower/Color choice: _____

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Flower/Color choice: \_\_\_\_\_

The deadline for Easter Flowers will be Wednesday, April 5. Order forms will be available in the April newsletter and in March bulletins. If you have questions, contact Amanda at the church office at 453-7988.

