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August 2020



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

As we continue to navigate our way through this year, without a doubt, it continues to be nothing like 2019 or any year we have experienced prior. At times, it feels as though everything else in life has stopped except that which is related to COVID-19. Certainly, it has not! And we find our world struggling to return to some kind of normal despite the pandemic. Who would have imagined baseball games without any fans present? Wearing masks everywhere was something we would see people doing in other countries, and now we are to do the same here? Visiting doctors over the phone and having meetings over the computer used to seem impersonal and like an unfavorable choice. Even with our best understanding, it can feel as though so many changes have curtailed our freedom.

The Apostle Paul writes, "For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of others. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law... I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings." (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

I find this perspective very helpful these days. Paul reminds us to modify our actions for the purpose of reaching others with the

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Gospel. We are not given freedom in Christ for the purpose of self-gratification or pleasure, but for the purpose of reaching others and building the Body of Christ. My reason for wearing a mask and practicing social distancing isn't because I enjoy it! I don't. My reason is to express my concern over others. I have been set free in Christ! This is a freedom that goes way beyond mask wearing or attending baseball games! It is a freedom that carried Paul through imprisonments, persecutions, and mocking, and can do so for us as well. Hopefully, our freedom will never be restricted in the ways Paul experienced it! No matter what changes we may face, as a result of COVID-19 or something else, may God grant us grace sufficient to become all things to all people so that they may come to know the love of God as we share it in a way they can hear it.

We continue to worship both in person and online! We continually work to improve our online quality – it is a steep learning curve. And we welcome anyone who feels ready to join us in person. We do request that people wear a mask and practice social distancing for everyone's safety. Please contact me or the office if you have questions.

May God keep you strong in body, mind, and soul.

In Christ,
Pastor Joy Wigal

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

Basement Sale

The neighborhood yard sales have been cancelled for 2020, so we have decided to cancel our basement sale as well.



Ice Cream Social

Our Community Festival/Ice Cream Social has been cancelled for 2020.



Many Thanks

Thank you to my church family for all of the love and support during Eric's health battle and since his passing.

Thank you to Pastor Joy for the kind words shared during Eric's memorial service.

A special thank you to Nick and Cindy for all of their help during this difficult time. Nick has stepped up to the plate and handled so much for our family and I am especially grateful for him.

♥Love, Betty Howard

JOHN 16:33

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Prayer List

Marlene Farley

Homeless Community

Family of Eric Howard

Sgt. Daniel Kelton

Betty Miller

Karen Norman

Bob Osborne

Joanne Peardon

Medical Faith Shut-ins:

Henrietta Hurst

Frances Johnson

Kathleen McCutcheon

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

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

Rural King Church Week

If you plan to shop at Rural King between August 2nd and August 15th you can turn in your receipts to help Faith UMC get monetary donations!

Just get your receipts to Amanda in the office by the end of August and she can do the rest!

Rural King will donate 10% of the total spent after tax directly to our church.

If you have any questions contact Amanda at 740-453-7988 or email her at fumcza@gmail.com.



Ushers and Greeters

This is just a reminder for those who are scheduled as ushers and greeters for the month of August.

If you are listed below to serve and do not feel comfortable or are unable to be here for some reason, please contact the church office by phone or email.

More than ever, we need ushers and greeters to welcome people to worship and assisting those attending with their safety questions or needs.

Thanks for all you do to help the Faith UMC family!

August 2—Floyd & Pat Tolle & Randy & Jeri Schreiber

August 9—Don & Roberta Covert, Jim Tignor & Orlen Bates

August 16—Mark & Thea Crawmer & Chris & Heather DeGarmo

August 23—Susie Dunlap, Beth Dougherty & Teresa Felton

August 30—Doug & Bradley Adams, Marsha Kelly & Nick Howard

MATTHEW 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

UMW Book Club News

This is just a reminder to UMW ladies who are participating in the Reading Program. We are not having any in-person meetings at this time, but you are welcome to read any books from the 2020 reading list. You would just have to acquire them yourself. All UMW Reading Program information is on the United Methodist Women's website. <http://www.unitedmethdistwomen.org>. One book, not on our list, but counts for the 2020 Reading Program is "40 Days with Wesley" by Rueben P. Job. Many of you picked up the book for the Lenten Study this spring.

If you don't want to get online and would like to know what books "count" for the Reading Program contact Barb Wolfe at 740-319-4813 or wolfe_bk@yahoo.com.

If you just want to read a good book check out the ones in the lounge at church. There are many wonderful books to enjoy, even if they are not on the current list.

This fall the UMW officers will meet to discuss the book/reading club and our future plans. In the meantime, read to your heart's desire!



Phone-In Worship Instructions

Step 1: Call GoToMeeting by dialing 1 (571) 317-3122

Step 2: When prompted, enter the access code 683 463 749

Step 3: You will be connected to the live call-in worship!

If you call in 5-10 minutes prior to the start of the service, your phone will be unmuted. You will be able to talk to others who are also calling in for worship.

Everyone will be muted during the worship service so that you can hear the service uninterrupted. After the benediction, I will unmute the microphones so that we can all say good-bye to one another or greet anyone who joined late.

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—Bob & Carol Norton

August 19—Bill & Beth Dougherty

August 23—Chris & Cassie Donovan