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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

At times, it seems easier to find our differences than to discern points of agreement. I think that is one of many reasons that I enjoy having pets – they are always happy to see me and don't mind if we disagree! There are significant reasons that our communities and country are experiencing division: political discord, increased violence including shootings and sexual assaults, discourteous people, everyone looking out for themselves above the needs of anyone else, a belief that our personal beliefs and understanding of "truth" must be the same as God's... I could go on with this list for a very long time.

Recently, I heard a speaker share how important it is that we have multiple views on any subject in order to get a more complete picture. I love this concept! Each of us views an event from a unique angle – since each of us has different experiences and a different angle of view. In theory, having the chance to see something more fully should be eagerly anticipated.

What an opportunity! Unfortunately, most of us are more interested in expressing our perspective than hearing that of others. In so doing, we miss so much of what we could learn from others.

Jesus said, "I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest." (CEB). What does a 'full' life include, from your perspective? Our world determines life based on a heartbeat and brain activity. But what does living 'life to the fullest' mean? What does Jesus intend for us to have as he says this? Jesus was known for eating and drinking with sinners. Jesus was known for wandering from town-to-town teaching about God, feeding the hungry, comforting and healing the sick and grieving. Would you think that Jesus considered his life to be 'abundant' or 'full'? Of course, *how* we live life is only one aspect of what a 'full' life could be. Encountering Jesus was also life giving as one realized the overflowing love of God and the gift of eternal life with the forgiveness of sins. Even if you were a sinner, condemned by society, Jesus took time for you and showed you the love of God. Each and every person mattered to Jesus. When Jesus spent time with 'known' sinners (for we are all sinners), he did not first require that they confess their sin and change their ways. What does abundant life with Jesus look like?

At times I wonder if it looks anything like what we strive to have in our own lives. We strive for financial security, good homes, quality friends, and safe surroundings, yet, with all that we have, those things do not make life abundant or full. Interestingly, Jesus did not seem to strive for any of these – even his disciples were a ragtag crew. Life is abundant through the relationships we have and the love of God that fills our

PRAYER REQUESTS

Adah Grace Family
Baby Christian and Family
Bernice Osborne
Bev Wolford
Beth Dougherty Family
Betty Miller
Bradley Adams
Carol Densmore
David Inman
Dennis Cebulsky
Diana Bohn Family
Doug Adams
Ellen Kelton
Heidi
Jane Thorne
Janice Moore
Jill Shrock

JoAnne Peadon
Juanita Mohler
Karen Norman
Karen Wilson
Kevin Bushong
Laura Peck
Marilyn Inman
Marlene Farley
Pastor Joy Wigal
Saundra Boyd
Steve DeGarmo
Steve Inman
Suzanne Collins
Thea & Mark Crawmer
Tim & Sherry Dickerson
Veronica
Medical Faith Shut-ins:
Kathleen McCutcheon



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.*

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 22—MARK & THEA CRAWMER
AUGUST 23—CHRIS & CASSIE DONOVAN



hearts to overflowing! “Faith over fear” is a phrase that is appearing more frequently on shirts and bumper stickers. Faith in Christ will take us to abundant and full life. Worldly security – our homes, finances, etc. – will not. Where do you invest your time, energy, and resources? Are you experiencing the fulness of life that Christ intends? Don’t waste your life on fear! Join us on Sundays to help fill your soul.

Blessings,

Pastor Joy Wigal



The 2022-2023 school year is right around the corner and Bethel Community Center is planning our after school program along with some new food distribution programs for the Putnam Community.

Please consider donating to Bethel to help cover monthly costs to keep our center open and serving the members of the community who need us the most!

Donations can be sent to:

Bethel Mission Inc.
126 Ontario Street
Zanesville, OH 43701.

Thank you for your support,

Amanda Hatfield, Executive Director

PHONE IN WORSHIP

Sunday Worship occurs every Sunday
from 10:15 to 11:45 AM

Join by phone: 1-408-418-9388

Access code: 132 203 0362

EVENTIDE CIRCLE

Eventide Circle will have “Lunch Out” on August 4th. Lunch will be at Bistro B in Buchanan Square. Meet in the upper church lot at 10:50 to carpool.



The next Eventide meeting will be
Thursday, September 1st at 1 pm at the
Church.

Program: Pat Tolle

Devotions: Betty Howard

Response Moment: Betty Howard

The Outreach Offering will be taken.

CHURCH BOILER

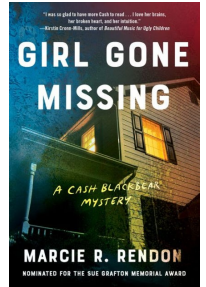
The time has come to finally replace our 60+ year old boiler system. Thanks to all of your efforts in the past few years, we have saved up approximately 50% of the money needed. Faith, we need to raise the other \$50K. Please prayerfully consider donating something weekly and designating it for the Capital Fund. Thank you in advance. God is good all the time and all the time God is good!

Thanks,
Cindy



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN READING PROGRAM

Our next book to be discussed at the UMW Book Club meeting is *Girl Gone Missing*, by Marcie R. Rendon. Mission Emphasis: Social Action. We will meet Monday, September 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. (This is a change from the original date) We hope you can join us for fellowship, lively discussion and interesting perspectives of this great book. See Barb Wolfe if you need a copy.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



The New Hope Circle will be preparing a delicious lunch for everyone on September 18, 2022 after the worship service. More details coming soon. Be prepared to bring your appetite!

UMW EXECUTIVES

The Faith United Methodist Women's Executive Team will meet August 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the church lounge.



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LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Board will meet 6:30 pm, Tues., August 16, 2022.

AUGUST LITURGISTS & GREETERS

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
8-7	Barb T.	Don & Roberta C.
8-14	Roberta C.	Chris & Heather D.
8-21	Gail M.	Mark & Thea C. & Vickie F.
8-28	Mark C.	Floyd & Pat T.