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### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

As we enter Advent and close out 2020, many of us are contemplating what a strange year it has been! All the while, we hope that 2021 will be 'better'. Remember that the days leading up to Jesus' birth were also difficult days. In Advent, we prepare for the arrival of the Light of the World in the midst of gloom. Just as a year ago we could not have anticipated how different 2020 would be, so we cannot imagine what 2021 will hold. What we do know is that God will be with us and will carry us through. In the midst of uncertainty, we are certain of God!

This runs in with our theme for Advent this year: *"I believe even when..."* We have a lot of "even when's" from 2020! The weekly topics around hope, love, joy and peace, reflect the theme through:

**Hope** in the face of despair,

**Love** in the face of hate,

**Joy** in the face of oppression,

**Peace** instead of apathy in our community.

Remember the words of Isaiah 40:9, "Raise your voice! Raise it and don't be afraid! 'Your God is coming!'" While it is disappointing that our county remains red and will likely not improve at any time through Advent or Christmas, I like to imagine our church folks connecting by phone or internet, spread out all over Zanesville and be-

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yond, each and all raising their voices! Each not being afraid and believing “even when” we experience a year like 2020. I know it’s challenging to be separated for worship and the isolation many of us have experienced due to Covid can feel crushing. Please remember that you are not alone when we worship virtually. We are part of a community, still bound together by the presence of the Holy Spirit, with many other threads that draw us together. Whether it’s the scriptures we read, the beliefs we hold dear, the songs we sing, or our commitment to love and serve the same God, we are connected in many ways.

Remember that you can watch services on Sunday mornings at 10:30am (or later!) via Face Book on Faith UMC’s Group page. If you do not use Face Book, we have a way for you to connect either by phone or by internet (without FB). Please contact me if you would like me to email you a link for the service. To join by phone, call 1-408-418-9388. The access code or meeting code is 132 203 0362. If you are asked for a password, it is 7777. Please share this information with others who may enjoy the opportunity to participate in our worship services who may not otherwise have attended. There will be an online Christmas Eve service!

This Advent and Christmas will be different! My prayer is that we will make it through the next couple of months safely and healthily. I look forward to being in the same room one day. Have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

In Christ,

Pastor Joy Wigal

*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*

## Flu Shots

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Zanesville Muskingum County Health Department is working with community partners rather than hosting a drive-thru flu vaccine event. If you would like to get a flu shot, below are a list of locations that are providing them in 2020:

Muskingum County Health Dept. 740-454-9741

Kroger 740-452-5401

Reinbeck's South Zanesville 740-450-7859

Northside Bell Street 740-453-0508

Northside Forest Avenue 740-454-6970

Northside Maysville Avenue 740-453-3700

Northside Roseville 740-697-0348

Shriver's 740-452-3691

Sam's Club 740-452-6869

Walmart Maple Avenue 740-455-9007

Walmart Maysville Pike 740-452-2117



*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.  
Ecclesiastes 3:11 NIV*

## Prayer List

*Thea Crawmer*

*Teresa Felton and Family*

*Norma Hurd Family*

*Gary and Karen Graham*

*Rick Howard*

*Marilyn Inman*

*Linda Lynn*

*Betty Miller*

*Janice Moore*

*Karen Norman*

*John Stephens*

*Barb Tignor*

*Jeff Watts*

### *Medical Faith Shut-ins:*

*Henrietta Hurst*

*Kathleen McCutcheon*

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

*Those who sow with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping,  
carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy,  
carrying sheaves with them.  
Psalm 126:5-6 NIV*

## A Letter to Faith United Methodist Women



I hope everyone is safe and healthy. I have seen a few of you at church and I really miss the rest of you! I wanted to reach out and let you know of a few United Methodist Women items and announcements. First, all Faith UMW full-group events are canceled for the rest of the year. When Muskingum County is no longer on RED alert, circles are welcome to use the fellowship hall at church if you would like to meet, as this space will allow for social distancing. If Eventide or New Hope Circle would like to ZOOM their meeting, that would be great too! Larisa Harper can help you set up a Zoom account and/or get a Zoom meeting started.

The 2021 UMW Reading Program will be the same as 2020. If you have read all the books from the 2020 list, please continue to read. You can go to [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) to see the new book selections. Many of the books are at the Muskingum County/John McIntire library and on-line (Amazon). Refer to your 2020 UMW yearbook, page 14 for more details. I will be ordering a few new books from the 2021 selection at the beginning of the year as well. If you do find a book that you think others would be interested in and would be willing to share the book, please let me know and I will get the word out! Please note: Pastor Joy has the 2019 Reading certificates. She (or I) will distribute the certificates to

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those of you who participated in the program. Also, in 2019, we (Faith UMW) received the Mission Today Gold award for monetary contributions to local and world-wide missions, our UMW programs and events, our reading program, and membership accomplishments.

At our last UMW executive meeting way back in January 2020, I suggested to the officers that we have a fundraiser to raise money to purchase items/furniture for the church's nursery. All of that is on hold, of course, but we are going to go ahead and have a painter come in and paint the original nursery since Head Start has vacated the room. We will use existing UMW funds in our account to help with this project. If you have any questions about this project, please e-mail, or talk with me.

Ladies, keep in touch with your UMW friends. Pray for each other's health and well-being. I am sure we all have stories to share and a lot of catching up to do! Please find some way to come together, either virtually or in a large space. Until we meet again, take care everyone!

Sincerely,  
Barb Wolfe  
President, Faith United Methodist Women

*Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.  
James 5:7-8 NIV*

## October, November and December Birthday's

October 5th: Aaron Harper and Jordan McKee  
October 6th: Teresa Felton  
October 18th: Beverly Wolford  
October 19th: Erica Bishop  
October 31st: Nanina Brackman  
November 5th: Doug Adams  
November 6th: Rayen Hatfield  
November 11th: Gail McGreevy  
November 20th: Cassie Harper  
November 25th: Vicky Wolfe and Jeri Schreiber  
December 7th: Kris Crawmer  
December 15th: Gloria Dalrymple  
December 21st: Don Wolford  
December 22nd: Betty Miller  
December 23rd: Brian Wolfe and Linda Hennessey  
December 25th: Randy Schreiber  
December 26th: Jordie Harper



## October and November Anniversaries



October 2nd: Aaron & Larisa Harper  
October 15th: Jim & Barb Tignor  
October 17th: Don & Beverly Wolford  
November 27th: Jim & Gail McGreevy