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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

As I write this, I am incredibly thankful for all of the people in my life. As a youth, I had lots of allergies and, as my parents said, caught everything coming and going. Since colds and allergies were a lot alike, I learned to keep going regardless of not feeling well. So, when I finally caught a cold during this pandemic, I didn't know what to do. Being told that I needed to stay home on a Sunday morning was really quite incomprehensible. I consulted with leadership at each church and did as I was told. Around noon, I said to Dennis, "It's only noon? So this is what it's like to stay home on a Sunday!" One responsibility at a time, people offered to take care of my commitments: driving a friend to and from work, giving insulin to another's dog, fixing food, caring for pets, dealing with the shelter, handling worship, and so on. What a blessing!

As my 27-year-old daughter dropped some moth larvae into a glass jar, she asked, "Remember when we had the caterpillars that turned into butterflies?" That had to have been 20 years ago! How did I find time for that?! It seemed like the kids and I always had some type of project going. While serving two churches most of their childhood, I also volunteered as scout leader and whatever else I could do to

be involved in their lives. Walking away from our adult conversation about her childhood memory, I gave thanks to God for the strength to create quality time with my children during those busy days. Even when work kept me so busy that I barely saw them, always, I connected with them. "Choose quality over quantity," I would tell myself. It's actually very easy to live or work with someone, spending lots of time sharing space with them, and yet not have any in-dept or sincere communication with them. I didn't want that for my kids and me. I wanted to intentionally connect with them on a daily basis. By the grace of God, we connected more often than not.

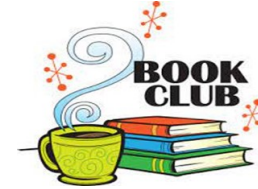
Isn't this what often happens in our relationship with God? When I was young, it seemed to me that simply being aware of God's presence would be enough to move one forward in one's relationship with God. Perhaps awareness is a good starting point, but certainly nowhere near the richness we are meant to experience with our Creator and Savior. It is comforting to know that God walks the path of life with us, sharing in our joys and our challenges and, of course, our sorrows. God desires to be even more a part of our lives, actively engaging us in our hearts and minds. Just as I would hit pause on everything else happening in my day in order to connect with my children, we need to hit pause on all else and connect with the presence of God, who created us and knows us better than we know ourselves. When we do, we will find our spirits nourished and strengthened for the rest of life's journey. People will come and go in our lives and relationships change and evolve over time. But God is always present, always aware of what we experience and how we react, always wanting to connect and support and direct. What a blessing!

Let's connect with one another and our Creator on Sunday!

In Christ,
Pastor Joy

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

READING PROGRAM



We are ready to begin our 2022 UMW Book Club! We have chosen the books that meet the program requirements of our mission emphases. Below are the book titles, authors, and meeting dates. The times of the meetings will vary and will be announced as we approach that date.

Finding Jesus at the Border by Julie Lambert Fogg. *Mission Emphasis: Education for Mission.* We will meet Monday, February 28, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the church chapel. You may acquire the book as you wish (library, Amazon, Kindle) or see Barb Wolfe to borrow the book, provided by the UMW.

The other books and dates are:

The Moment of Lift, by Melinda Gates. *Mission Emphasis: Leadership Development.* We will meet on Monday, April 25, 2022. Time and location TBA.

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. *Mission Emphasis: Nurturing for Community.* We will meet on Monday, June 27, 2022. Time and location TBA.

Girl Gone Missing by Marcie R. Rendon. *Mission Emphasis: Social Action.* We will meet on Monday, August 29, 2022. Time and location TBA.

READER'S CHOICE – *Mission Emphasis: Spiritual Growth.* We will meet on Monday, October 24, 2022. Time and location TBA.

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Board will meet 6:30 pm, Tues. February 15, 2022. We will meet in person unless the weather decides to interfere.

CHECK OUT THE UMW BOOKSHELF!

We have many books in the UMW bookshelf in the lounge for anyone who likes to read! You don't have to participate in the UMW book club to enjoy the books we have to offer. Please help yourself to any of the selections from the top row to the bottom row, plus the informative response magazine.



Have you borrowed a book in the past? Do you have a book that needs to be returned? There is no fine or penalty – just return it to the bookshelf so others can enjoy! Thank you.

BIRTHDAY'S

FEBRUARY 3—CASSIE DONOVAN

FEBRUARY 3—REESE DONOVAN

FEBRUARY 3—PAT TOLLE

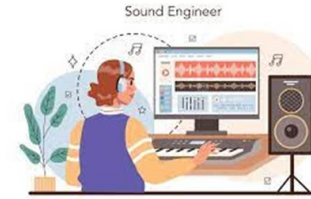
FEBRUARY 15—ORLEN BATES

FEBRUARY 22—THEA CRAWMER

FEBRUARY 24—DON WOLFE



THE SOUND MINISTRY TEAM WANTS YOU!



How would you like to be part of the Sound Ministry Team? You don't have to be a technical wizard! Barb Wolfe and Larisa Harper want to develop a team of workers who can help run the sound system, advance the Power Point slides, monitor the cameras, WebEx and Facebook streaming. We will train and guide you along the way. If we can do it, you can do it! No age or skill set requirement necessary, however, if you are a young person with computer skills, we'd love to have you on our team! Think about it, pray about it and let Barb or Larisa know. We are in the back of the sanctuary, every Sunday waiting to hear from you! Thank you in advance.

RESPONSE MAGAZINE

We are honored to learn that our own Barb Tignor had a full page article published in the November/December 2021 issue of the United Methodist Women's Response Magazine. Her article was based on her reading of Massacre at Sand Creek by Gary L. Roberts. She shared a synopsis of the book and how The Faith UMW gathered to speak of the book and share food that would have been eaten by our frontier ancestors. They also admired artwork such as blankets and baskets made by the Cheyanne and Arapaho people.

NEWSLETTER

Have an item you would like to put in our newsletter? Contact Amanda at fumcza@gmail.com or 740-453-7988! Items are due by the 20th of each month.

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 meet on February 3rd. A Call to Prayer and Self Denial 2022. Justice and Service: Answering the Call.
Program: Marsha Kelly
Devotions: Pat Tolle
Response Moment: Roberta Covert

FEBRUARY LITURGISTS & GREETERS

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
Feb. 6	Mark Crawmer	Don & Roberta Covert & Susie Dunlap
Feb. 13	Roberta Covert	Chris & Heather DeGarmo
Feb. 20	Gail McGreevy	Mark & Thea Crawmer & Vickie Finlay
Feb. 27	Teresa Felton	Jim & Barb Tignor

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bernice Osborne
Bev Wolford
Bill Dougherty
David Inman
Dennis Cebulsky
Diana Bohn Family
Donald West Family
Ellen Kelton
Gloria Dalrymple Family
Heidi
Henrietta Hurst Family
Jane Thorne
Janice Moore
Jim Boetcher
JoAnne Peadon
John Tignor Family
Karen Norman
Karen Wilson
Marlene Farley
Matt Weiser
Steve DeGarmo
Suzanne Collins
Thea & Mark Crawmer
Veronica

MEDICAL FAITH SHUT-INS:

Kathleen McCutcheon

WITH SYMPATHY

The family and friends of Henrietta Hurst who passed away on January 12, 2022.

The family and friends of Donald West who passed away on January 19, 2022.

