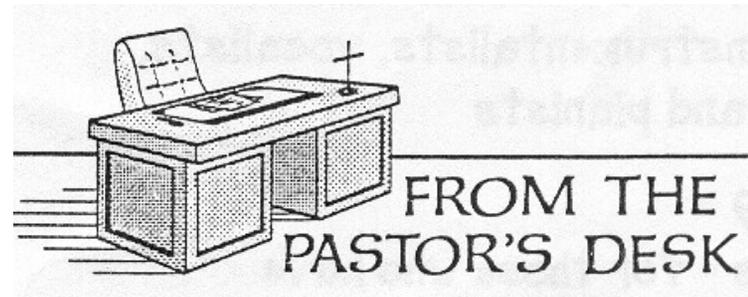
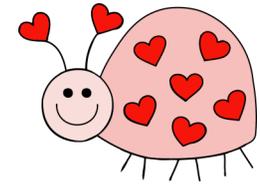


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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On our recent trip to visit my brother and his family in Tennessee, I listened to a book entitled *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. Living in the Dayton area from the age of seven through 18 and again during seminary for four years, and given that their father was a Bishop in one of the forerunners of the United Methodist Church, I felt like I should know more of their story. It was fascinating to learn about their tight knit family. After their mother died, the three younger children, Wilbur, Orville, and Kathryn (the only daughter), became very close and cared for one another, operating as a family through many decades and their father's old age.

Two things were painstakingly clear in their story: their love for one another as a family and their tenacity in making a flying machine despite failures and ridicule. They would plan and brainstorm and argue. They would try and fail. Each would wake up the next day and say they were sorry and should have listened to the other! Then they'd do it all over again. What a way to approach life! Day after day, standing up for what you believe. Day after day, making mistakes, but not giving up. Day after day, asking for forgiveness and trying again. This went on for year after year after year!

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## ***From the Pastor's Desk continued***

As a preacher, I couldn't help but recognize just how much this pattern sounded like a Christian's faith journey. We are all brothers and sisters, bound together by the love and grace of God. We all fight fiercely for what we believe and what is most precious to us. And we all need to admit that we get it wrong daily (yes, daily) and ask one another for forgiveness.

As January closes and February begins, the stores are littered with hearts and other Valentine expressions... and commercial expressions of love. Through the example of Christ, we know that God centered love is a love that forgives and yet stands up for that which is just and right. It's a love that hangs in there despite adversity. When you see the hearts and as February 14th comes and goes, let us be signs of God's eternal and tenacious love in the world around us. Don't give up on that which is important to you, to God, or to those you love.

And most important, don't give up on each other. Perhaps, like me, you can look back over your life and think about the people with whom you most openly disagreed, only to realize that they are also the people with whom you've been the closest. It's a Methodist thing to disagree with one another in love! The Wesley's certainly had their moments! But that's an article for another day...

Love is a powerful force! Nowhere in our faith is the greatness of God's love more evident than in the days that approach Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Lent this year will begin on March 1st, with an Ash Wednesday service to be held in conjunction with other United Methodist Churches at Grace UMC downtown. Let us continue to journey together, agreeing, disagreeing, never giving up, and always loving as brothers and sisters in the Family of God.

Blessings,

Pastor Joy

## ***Event***

### **urbangreens**

COMMUNITY GARDEN

KICK-OFF

Saturday, February 11, 2017

From 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Zanesville Community High School

920 Moxahala Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio 43701

Art projects for the whole family

Worm Compost Building

Community Garden Planning

Hosted by Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District

## ***Recycling Project***

Don't forget about the UMW recycling project going on at the church.

Labeled recycling boxes are currently placed in both Fellowship Hall and upstairs by the doors to the playground.

Materials that can be collected are:

Paper Products

Plastic Bottles #1 and #2

Aluminum and steel food and beverage containers.

Glass food and beverage containers



Remember NOT to bring items from home. We are only collecting items from church functions.

## Thank You

Friends,

What a wonderful blessing to receive your gifts!!!

The shelter served 145 homeless guests during 2016 for a total of 4776 overnight stays in the church.

Because you care, together many will be served in this new year.

Your prayers and gifts "make a difference."

Thanks and Blessings to you for your support.

First Church Family

Marilyn Moody

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*Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

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## Mark Your Calendars

Plan on attending the next New Hope Circle Boiler Fundraising luncheon.

Join us for an Irish inspired lunch celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> following the worship service.

Donations will go toward the Faith UM Church Boiler fund.



## Servant Schedule



February 5

**Donnie & Roberta Covert, Jeri & Randy Schreiber**  
**Liturgist: Donnie Covert**  
**Communion Stewards: Don & Vicky Wolfe, Randy & Jeri Schreiber**

February 12

**Chris & Heather DeGarmo, Jim & Barb Tignor**  
**Liturgist: Randy Schreiber**

February 19

**Nick & Cindy Howard, Floyd & Pat Tolle**  
**Liturgist: Barb Wolfe**

February 26

**Nanina Brackman, Beth Dougherty, Marsha Kelly, Janice Moore**  
**Liturgist: Mark Crawmer**

## ***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.



## ***Eventide Circle***

Eventide Circle will have lunch at the Helen Purcell Home on Thursday, February 2.



## ***New Hope Circle***

New Hope Circle will meet February 12 at 6:00 PM for a Valentine Dinner. The location is to be determined.

Items to donate to the shelter this month are hot chocolate (packets or cans) and coffee (can)

## ***Newsletter Deadline***

March Newsletter Deadline:  
February 21

E-mail submissions to: [fumcza@gmail.com](mailto:fumcza@gmail.com), and be sure to put "for March newsletter" or the equivalent in your subject field.



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*Isaiah 40:29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.*

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## ***Lenten Services***

Mark your calendar for March 12. Faith UMC will be hosting a Lenten Service from 6:00—7:30 PM. Food and drinks will be provided by the United Methodist Women.

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*"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

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## ***Weather Emergencies***

Anytime Muskingum County is under a snow emergency please contact the church office to be sure that all church related activities are still being held. We want everyone to stay safe and off of hazardous roads this winter.



# PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for:

Doug Adams,  
Kay Baker,  
Janet Bates,  
Rex Boyd,  
Sherry Brooks,  
Jeannine Cady,  
John & Kim Cain,  
Suzanne & Ralph Collins,  
Norma Coyle,  
Karen Curtin,  
Shannon Davis,  
Bob Dudley,  
Terry England family,  
Daniel Ghrist,  
Gayle Ghrist,  
Alice Goyne,  
John Herman,  
Henrietta Hurst,  
Kelsey Jenei,  
Jeannita Johnson,  
Bob & Melanie Kirkwood,  
Gary Lake,  
Ed McAuley,  
Don Miller,  
Janice Moore family,  
Janice Moore's healing,  
Jimmy Moore,  
Joesy Moore,  
Debbie Paul,

Jim Peadon,  
Phil & Grandma Plummer,  
Bonnie Reienbach,  
Lori Rivercomb,  
Todd Sands,  
Carole Sayre,  
Randy Schreiber,  
Shellie Siefert,  
Dianna Slifko,  
Joyce Stimpert,  
Pam Thomas,  
Barb Tignor,  
Erin Watts,  
Ben Welker family,  
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: Kath-  
leen McCutcheon and Frances  
Johnson.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

February 3—Cassie Donovan

February 3—Reese Donovan

February 3—Pat Tolle

February 15—Orlen Bates

February 22—Thea Crawmer

February 24—Don Wolfe



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*Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*

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# February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>January</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31				1 Eventide @ Helen Purcell	2 5:00PM NA Ladies Night	3 4
5 9:30AM Sun. School 10:30AM Worship 12:00PM Confirmation	6	7	8	9 T	10	11
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19 9:30AM Sun. School 10:30AM Worship 12:00PM Confirmation	20	21 5:30PM Finance 6:30PM Leadership	22	23 T	24	25
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## Book Club

- ⇒ The 2017 Book Club will meet every other month beginning in March.
- ⇒ The first meeting will be Monday, March 13 at 6:00 PM.
- ⇒ The book to read is: "The Weight of God's Mercy" by Deb Richardson-Moore
- ⇒ The category is Leadership Development.
- ⇒ If you have any questions see Vickie Finlay.
- ⇒ We hope to see you all there!



## Giving Envelopes

If you haven't already, you can pickup your 2017 giving envelopes at the welcome center outside the Sanctuary. If you would like yours mailed to you, call the church office 740-453-7988 or email Amanda at [fumcza@gmail.com](mailto:fumcza@gmail.com).

## Go Paperless

Would you rather get your monthly newsletter by email rather than regular mail? Just drop off a note in the church office or send Amanda an email at [fumcza@gmail.com](mailto:fumcza@gmail.com).

