

Faith United Methodist Church

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**February Newsletter Deadline:
January 23rd at 10:00 a.m.**
**E-mail submissions to: fumcza@gmail.com
Be sure to put "February Newsletter"
in your subject field.**



2020

From the Pastor's Desk

It's just another day, really, and just another year. Whether it is New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, or, perhaps like some, you prefer to put off any resolution-making to January 2nd, it is essentially just another twenty-four hours. What makes it 'different', other than requiring us to remember to change "19" to "20" each time we write the date, is us: our perspective, our attitude, our approach. Do you make resolutions? Do you give thanks that the 'bad luck' or difficulty of the previous year is past? Is it like turning a page for you? Perhaps you are thankful to have a second chance at something? Or a second chance at most everything!

Zayn Malik says, "There comes a day when you realize turning the page is the best feeling in the world, because you realize there is so much more to the book than the page you were stuck on." It can take turning the calendar to grasp the entirety of the 'book' rather than feeling overwhelmed or stuck on a certain page of that book. Our God is God of second chances... and third chances, and fourth, and fifth, etc. God's recurring forgiveness and loving faithfulness happens over and over throughout the Old Testament and is ultimately embodied in becoming flesh in Jesus Christ, his death, and resurrection. One of my favorite t-shirts (from Switch Foot of course!) reads: Every breath is a second chance. While God instructs us and guides us, God also knows that we won't get it right. The history of the world testifies to that, present reality included.

But where we are is not where we have to stay. It's a new year! A new decade! The cynic would say we can mess up all over again! And we will... but we will again be forgiven and lifted up by our loving Creator. God will dust us off and set us back on our feet,

nudging us to move forward.

So, where will you go? When you get to the end of 2020, where do you want to be? What do you want to be different? What would you like to have accomplished? What might God be asking you to do in the name of Christ? How might God want to reshape you? When you get to the end of 2029, how do you want the previous decade to look to you? What can you do now to make that happen? With the Apostle Paul, I firmly believe that God is able to do far greater things than we can think or imagine! The difficulty lies in getting myself to move forward when it appears safer to stay put and let life come to me.

I know we share a mutual faith in God. And I know God has been and will be faithful to us. The only question is if we are willing to step forward into the unknown year – and decade – following wherever God wants us to go and not letting our fears and failures get in the way. When we do walk in faith, the possibilities are endless! God is always good to us! Go ahead! Turn the page! Let go of the past and take a step forward! Take 10 steps forward! See what God will do!

Let's journey together! We will spend the weeks of January and February looking at some of the promises of God. It may be a new year, but God's promises have been upheld for centuries! Come and receive the Good News of the ways that God will always come through in life. Our resolutions may fade, but God's promises last forever! See you in church.

Blessings,

Pastor Joy Wigal

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; Isaiah 55:10

Servant Schedule 2020

The 2020 Faith UMC servant schedule has been distributed. If you need a copy, please contact Amanda.

Thank You

We would like to thank all who contribute time, money or items to support Faith UMC and our missions. It is with your gracious donations that we are able to host yearly events such as Halloweenies and the Community Festival and support our designated missions; The Lifewell Ministries and Muskingum County Head Start (Blue Avenue location). In addition, our Sunday morning services run smoothly because of the volunteers who participate as ushers/greeters, liturgist, communion servers and nursery attendants. Please be assured that your presence and contributions do not go unnoticed!



Now the slaves and the officers were standing there, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself. John 18:18

Servant Schedule

January 5

Usher/Greeter:

Floyd & Pat Tolle, Randy & Jeri Schreiber

Liturgist:

Teresa Felton

Nursery:

Heather DeGarmo

Communion Servers:

Teresa Felton, Susie Dunlap,

Marsha Kelly, Orlen Bates, Jr.

January 12

Usher/Greeter:

Don & Roberta Covert, Jim Tignor, Orlen Bates, Jr.

Liturgist:

Randy Schreiber

Nursery:

Cindy Howard & Pat Tolle

January 19

Usher/Greeter:

Mark & Thea Crawmer, Chris & Heather DeGarmo

Liturgist:

Orlen Bates, Jr.

Nursery:

Amanda Hatfield & Jessica Stonecypher

January 26

Usher/Greeter:

Susie Dunlap, Nonny Brackman,

Beth Dougherty, Teresa Felton

Liturgist:

Barb Wolfe

Nursery:

Cindy Howard & Pat Tolle

United Methodist Women

Eventide Circle

The ladies of Eventide Circle will not meet during the month of January.

New Hope Circle

New Hope Circle will meet after taking down the Christmas Decorations on January 5.

UMW Reading Program

The Well Women: Crossing the Boundaries written by Ladina Housholder. Mission Emphasis: Spiritual Growth. Meeting date: Jan. 20, 2020.

We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Parsonage. Pastor Joy will host.

Taking down the Christmas Decorations

Please join the New Hope Circle on January 5 as we take down the Christmas decorations. We will serve a light lunch of sloppy joes, chips and drinks for all who can help take down decorations, then we will get to work taking them down and packing them up. The more help we have, the faster it will go! Thank you.

*Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Psalm
51:7*

Calendar

Sunday, January 5	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Taking down Christmas Decorations New Hope Circle	
Sunday, January 12	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 19	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday, January 20	
UMW Reading Program Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 23	
Newsletter Deadline	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 26	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

Birthday's

January 2
Nick Howard

January 11
Larisa Harper

January 26
Don Covert

Anniversaries

January 10
Don & Vicky Wolfe

January 25
Jeremy & Amanda Hatfield



Happy Anniversary!!!

Prayer List

Thea Crawmer

Ernie DeGarmo

Steve DeGarmo

Marlene Farley

P.C. Fitz

Friends and Family

Homeless Community

Family of Wendell Huhn

Family of Roger Kuhn Sr.

All Levels of Leadership

Joesy Moore

Barbara Morris

Joann Norman

Karen Norman

Parlin Family

Joanne Peterman

Raven

Natalie Rich

Family of Ron Schaeffer

Steve Summers

Tresha White

Greg Williamson

Medical Faith Shut-ins:

Henrietta Hurst

Frances Johnson

Kathleen McCutcheon

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