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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

In the last two years, we have learned how quickly things can change and how different life can be than our expectations. We have formed opinions over vaccines and masks and acted in ways concurrent with those opinions in an effort to feel a little more in control of an out-of-control situation. It is therefore with a manner of apprehension that we enter yet another year under the shadow of an impending pandemic crisis. In his advice to more than one faith community, the apostle Paul instructs believers to keep their eye on the goal or the prize. Amid the turmoil of the recent past, what is claiming our focus? In what direction are we running? Or have we stopped participating in the race at all, “out of an abundance of caution”?

Perhaps we could benefit from focusing on a different goal or idea. A few years ago, a colleague of mine shared that at the beginning of each year, she prayerfully seeks to discern an image or a symbol through which God could guide her. For example, one year, the word/image was threshold. She recognized God consistently moving her from one place to another – physically and spiritually and in other ways. There are many words that could help to center us

throughout our 2022. Here are some words to get you started thinking: journey, light, water, family, stranger, feather, harmony, etc. It could be anything. Where is God working in your life? Is God taking you in a new direction or deeper where you are? Perhaps your word would be “deeper” or “different”.

Beginning January 12th at 1pm, we will gather to discuss *So Long, Normal* by Laura Story. Whatever normal is – or was – we know that the future will be different. As Story writes, “My hope for you and me is that whenever we face the loss of normal, we encounter God. And not in a way that puts a spiritual Band-Aid on the grief we’re experiencing, but in a way that helps us recognize God is working in and through our circumstances beyond our imagining.” I hope you will consider joining me so that we can journey forward together.

Please do your part to stay well and know that God is faithful in walking with us in the past as in the present and as will be in the future.

Blessings,
Pastor Joy



THANK YOU

Thank you, friends, for the many expressions of Christmas blessings. You add joy to our holiday season.

The Staff of Faith UMC

A LETTER FROM DON WOLFE

Merry Christmas Everyone,

We hope that you are all well fed and in good health. Does it seem like the years go by faster and we don't see one another as much as we used to? I don't feel it's a bad thing, its just how our lives change and we create a new normal.

Well, I'm not real fond of that term, but you cant deny that it happens. We will always have our great memories of the past and hopefully forget and forgive the others that weren't so great.

One thing that will never change, God's love for every one of us, regardless of any differences we may have from each other. I hope we can focus on His unlimited love and share it with everyone this Christmas season and all of next year (just for a start).

Our family is doing well and staying well fed and healthy. Grand kids are turning into teenagers and our babies into young children. Its so great to see and enjoy their growth and to see their parents handling the same issues that we were faced with as parents raising our children and teaching them about faith in God, love for one another, honesty and integrity.

I pray for God to give me the right words to write you and He simply reminded me of His Greatest Commandment, Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength, and the second greatest Commandment is like it, Love your neighbor as yourself.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Loving New Year,

Don & Vicky Wolfe

2022 GREETERS

1st Sunday: Susie Dunlap, Donnie and Roberta Covert

2nd Sunday: Chris and Heather DeGarmo

3rd Sunday: Mark and Thea Crawmer and Vickie Finlay

4th Sunday: Floyd and Pat Tolle

5th Sunday: Jim and Barb Tignor

EVENTIDE CIRCLE

Eventide Circle will not meet in January. The next meeting will be Thurs., Feb. 3, 2022. Call to Prayer and Self Denial will be observed at that meeting.

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Board will meet 6:30 pm, Tues. Jan. 18. We will meet in person unless the weather decides to interfere.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, January 2, 2022 we will have a blessing of the animals service in the downstairs/Fellowship Hall.

FREE STORE NEEDS

The free store is giving away LOTS of coats. We need your coats, hoodies, sweatshirts, boots, blankets.....warm clothes....all sizes. Thanks, Marilyn



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

TIME TO TAKE DOWN THE DECORATIONS!

Please plan on staying after worship on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Many hands make light work! Thank you in advance for your help.



NEW HOPE CIRCLE JANUARY MEETING

The New Hope Circle will be meeting Sunday, January 9, 2022 at church, after we take down the Christmas decorations. Any lady of the church who would like to attend is welcome! See Susie Dunlap for details.

UMW BOOK CLUB MEETING

Any UMW member who would like to help choose the 2022 books for the book club is welcome to attend a meeting on January 10 at 1:00 in the afternoon. Please see Barb Wolfe or Marsha Kelly if you are interested.



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

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Eventide Circle will not meet in January. Our next meeting will be on February 3rd. A Call to Prayer and Self Denial 2022. Justice and Service: Answering the Call.

JANUARY LITURGISTS

Jan. 2 Barb Tignor
Jan. 9 Roberta Covert
Jan. 16 Marsha Kelly
Jan. 23 Gail McGreevy
Jan 30 Teresa Felton

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the love, prayers and cards. I am truly grateful for the love and support from my church family!
Blessings, JoAnne Peadon

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bernice Osborne
Betty Howard
Bev Wolford
Bill Dougherty
David Inman
Dennis Cebulsky
Diana Bohn Family
Gloria Dalrymple Family
Heidi
Janice Moore
JoAnne Peadon
Karen Norman
Karen Wilson
Marlene Farley
Matt Weiser
Steve DeGarmo
Suzanne Collins
Thea & Mark Crawmer
Veronica
Medical Faith Shut-ins:
Henrietta Hurst
Kathleen McCutcheon

WITH SYMPATHY

Gloria Ann Dalrymple, passed away Sunday, December 5, 2021.

Richard (Dick) Smith, passed away on December 5, 2021.

