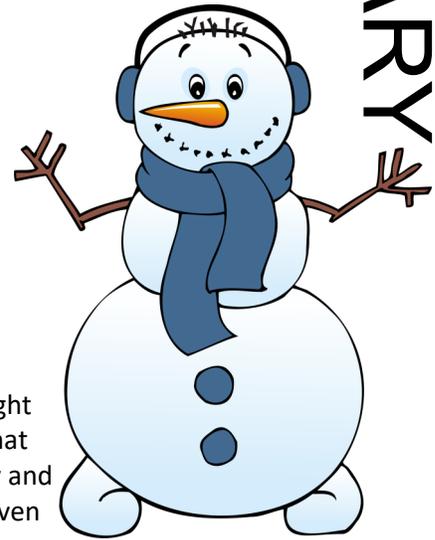




JANUARY  
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### PASTOR JOY

Ugh, January! It hasn't even begun yet and I'm dreading the cold, snow, and sunless days. Some would point out to me that the days (sunlight hours) are now getting longer so it can only get better! To them, I reply that snow and cold are both four-letter words. It's not at all unlike how dreary and drab things look after all the Christmas decorations are removed. Some even say it looks 'depressing'.

Have you ever lit a candle in a totally dark room? It is fascinating how that little bit of flame can be seen from anywhere in the room. It lights up whatever is around it. I used to do a children's message in which I held my hands cupped together, as though I were hiding a small ball between them. Then, I would tell them that I was holding darkness in my hands. A little bit of light can go a long way, but the darkness I held between my hands, when released in the room, could not even be seen. As John 1:5 (NLT) says: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it." Other versions say, "The darkness cannot overcome it." No matter how dark the space in my hands when I cup them together, that darkness cannot overtake the light when I release it.

Isn't that a powerful truth for our spiritual lives as well? Darkness cannot overtake the Light of Christ. Darkness can seem so deep, like an empty void leading nowhere. In our lives, it feels like gloomy ambiguity, loss and grief. In fact, in darkness, we tend to feel lost. God does not want us to feel lost or empty. That is why God came in the flesh as Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. We can never get so far gone into the darkness that the light of Christ can't reach us! God will always provide a way through, no matter how terrified we may be at our situation or the situations our loved ones face, no matter how hopeless it may seem. The light of Christ is still brighter!

There is darkness in our world – to make a list of ways we see it would not be helpful, only depressing. The miracle of Christmas that needs to carry us through the darkness and through the new year is this: The light of the world has come and been born in each of us! ...Continued on page 9

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## UMW

There will be a UMW Executive meeting Tuesday, January 10 at 4:00 PM.



## EVENTIDE CIRCLE

There will be no Eventide Circle meeting this month.

February 2nd Eventide will meet at the Helen Purcell Home. Reservations are due to Marsha Kelly by January 25th.

Eventide Circle welcomes Marlene Farley, Betty Miller, and Janice Moore as their newest members.



## NEW HOPE CIRCLE

New Hope Circle will meet Sunday, January 8 at the church after Christmas decorations have been taken down. Susie Dunlap is the host.

Items to donate to the First UMC Shelter this month are scarves, hats, and gloves.

New Hope Circle welcomes Teresa Felton as their newest member.

# BE JUST. BE GREEN.

In 2017 the Faith United Methodist Women are going to practice creation care by providing recycling boxes in the Fellowship Hall and upstairs in a location to be determined. These boxes are for recycling items used at church events. They are not for you to bring recycling from home. There will be separate boxes for paper, plastic, aluminum, and glass.

The following items are accepted for recycling in Muskingum County:



## **Paper Products**

Corrugated cardboard (flattened), pasteboard food & cereal boxes, mail, newspaper including inserts, office paper, shredded office paper, computer paper, brown paper bags, phonebooks, catalogs, & magazines.



## **Plastic Bottles: #1 & #2 Only**

"Narrow mouth bottles with the mouth smaller than the base", food, and beverage containers with the mouth narrower than the base – examples include milk bottles, soft drink bottles, plastic beer bottles, laundry detergent, fabric softener, soap shampoo, coffee containers.



## **Aluminum and Steel Food & Beverage Containers**

Any can that is designed for the containment of food and beverages, regardless of size (empty the cans) including pet food cans.



## **Glass Food & Beverage Containers**

Clear, Green, Blue, and Brown food and beverage containers only. This includes beer and wine bottles, soft drink bottles, glass food bottles and jars, baby food, and canning (Mason™) jars.

## **In Muskingum County we DO NOT recycle the following list of items and do not want them dropped off.**

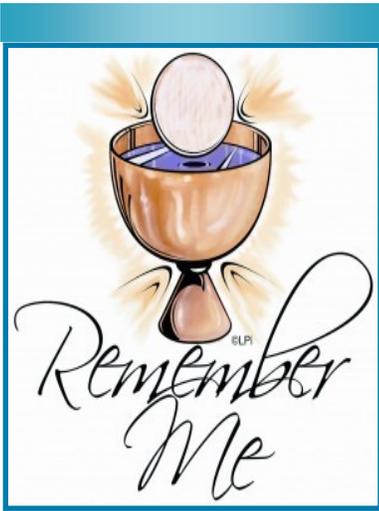
Egg cartons, juice and frozen food boxes; pizza boxes; plastic trash and grocery bags; tissue, napkins, paper towels, food trays; oil and antifreeze containers; yogurt cups, buckets, window glass, automotive glass, ceramics materials, drinking glasses, cups, mugs, dishware, pots, pans, plates, silverware and other eating utensils, light bulbs, clothing, wood, wooden pallets, toys, pools, pool liners, aerosol cans, steel and plastic drums, Styrofoam or any other plastic than those listed above; scrap metal, furniture, bedding, carpet, sharps/syringes & other medical waste, food waste, dead animals, yard waste, automotive fluid or other hazardous materials, computers, televisions, computer monitors, computer printers, copiers, scanners, cell phones, telephones, mattresses, electronics, appliances, scrap tires, and construction & demolition waste, paint, gas tanks; air, propane and gas cylinders; fire extinguisher, scrap tire, burn barrels, buckets & pails, vinyl siding.

## **Recycling drop off locations:**

Muskingum County MRF 2215 Adamsville Rd.  
Muskingum County EMA Lot 2213 Adamsville Rd.  
Falls Twp. Moose Lodge Lot  
Falls Twp. Sanitation Department  
Salem Twp. Building  
Springfield Twp. Thompson Real Estate Lot  
Zanesville City Sanitation Dept. Lot  
Zanesville City 4th St. & Elberon Ave.  
Zanesville City SR 666 & Riverside Park

Wayne Twp. Wayne Twp. Garage  
Union Twp. Union Twp. Garage  
Licking Twp. Licking Twp. Garage  
Perry Twp. Perry Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Goodwill Industries 3610 West Pike  
Goodwill Industries 2134 Maple Ave.





## JANUARY 1

Heather DeGarmo, Chris DeGarmo, Barb Tignor, Jim Tignor  
Liturgist: Marsha Kelly  
Communion Stewards: Jim Tignor, Barb Tignor, Heather DeGarmo, Marsha Kelly

## JANUARY 8

Cindy Howard, Nick Howard, Pat Tolle, Floyd Tolle  
Liturgist: Roberta Covert

## JANUARY 15

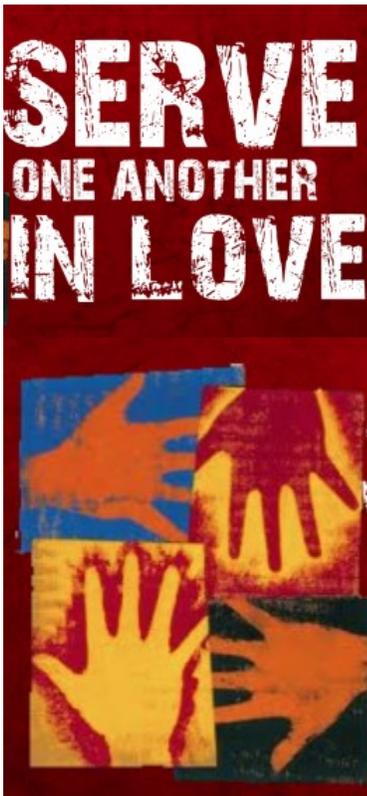
Nonnie Brackman, Beth Dougherty, Marsha Kelly, Janice Moore  
Liturgist: Nick Howard

## JANUARY 22

Rob Mack, Monica Mack, Don Wolfe, Vicky Wolfe  
Liturgist: Gail McGreevy

## JANUARY 29

Thea Crawmer, Mark Crawmer, Susie Dunlap, Vickie Finlay  
Liturgist: Barb Wolfe





We are updating our website for Faith UMC weekly. If you want to know what is happening in the church, the calendar is available. If you missed last week's bulletin, it's on there! And, if you're not sure when your favorite meeting is taking place, it's on there! If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact the church office. You can see us at: [fumcz.org](http://fumcz.org)

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*"He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.'" ~Job 37:6*

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## COLORING ACTIVITY



## BIRTHDAYS

January 2  
January 11  
January 23  
January 26

Nick Howard  
Lari Harper  
Phil Kelton  
Don Covert



## ANNIVERSARIES

January 10  
January 25

Don & Vicky Wolfe  
Jeremy & Amanda Hatfield

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*But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love. ~1 Corinthians 13:13*

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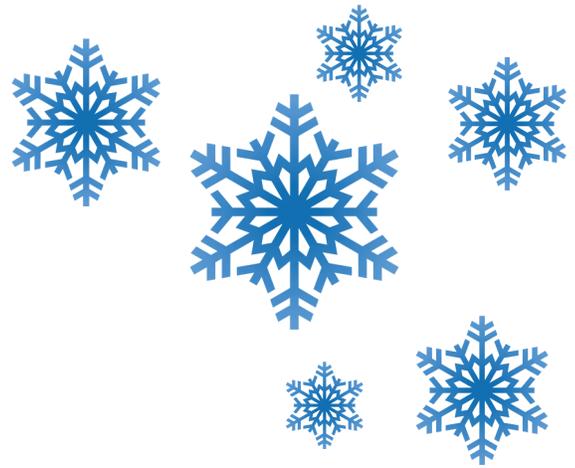
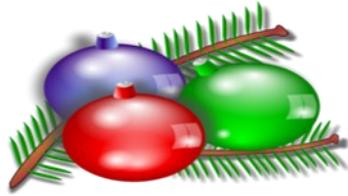
## PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Faith UMC, Shannon Davis, Marion Jr. Hatfield, Gayle Ghrist, Barb Tignor, Bonnie Reienbach, Eloise Zayac, Karen Curtin, Bob & Melanie Kirkwood, Pam Thomas, Terry England Family, Bonnie Reichenbach, Janet Bates, Phil & Grandma Plummer, Janice Moore's healing, Jimmy Moore, Bob Dudley, Lori Rivercomb, Don Miller, Randy Schreiber, John & Kim Cain, Daniel Ghrist, Janice Moore family, Shellie Siefert, Sherry Brooks, Jim Porter, Dianna Slifko, Kay Baker, Melissa Wood, Joesy Moore, the family of Ben Welker, Carole Sayre, Debbie Paul, Doug Adams, Alice Goyne, Norma Coyle, Jeannine Cady, Pam Thomas, Henrietta Hurst, Logan Wolford, Joyce Stimpert, Todd Sands, Erin Watts, the homeless, abused, sick, imprisoned, those who have not yet accepted Christ and those who only minimally follow the teachings of Christ.

Medical Faith shut-ins: Kathleen McCutcheon and Frances Johnson.

Pray for your church, your pastor and your church leaders.

## TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



The New Hope Circle would love some help taking the church Christmas decorations down and packing them away for next year.

Join us, Sunday, January 8th after the service. We will serve a quick lunch (sloppy joes, chips, cookies and a drink) for all the helpers and then we will get to work! It shouldn't take long if enough people volunteer.

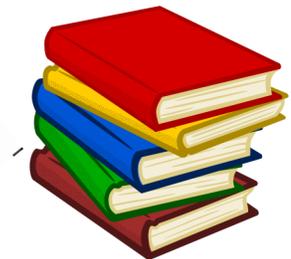
Thanks in advance for your help!

## CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

All offerings made during the Christmas Eve service were divided and donated to the LifeWell and the shelter.



## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

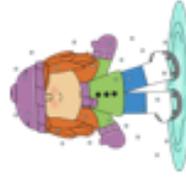


Recently at the meeting of the Eventide Circle it was brought to our attention how many children's lives are hampered by their inability to read fluently by the third grade. Some children's ability to read is hindered by lack of access—not having books in their homes.

We hope that you will join us in collecting new or gently used books to be distributed in our community.

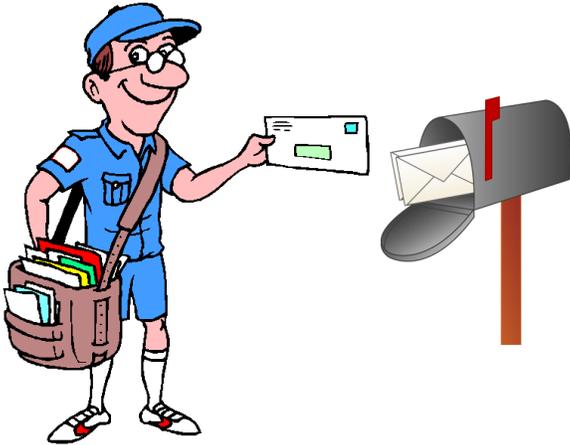
Books may be brought to the church and be dropped off in the mission table area throughout the month of January.

# January 2017

| Sunday  | Monday                        | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|-------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| 1<br>10:30AM Worship  | 2<br>Nick Howard's Birthday!  | 3<br>2016 Giving Statements will be mailed                             | 4<br>1:00 PM Trustees  | 5   | 6   | 7   |
|  |                               |  |  |   |   |   |
| 8<br>9:30AM Sunday School<br>10:30AM Worship<br>6:30PM New Hope Circle              | 9                             | 10<br>Don & Vicky Wolfe's Anniversary!<br>4:00PM UMW Executive Meeting | 11<br>Lari Harper's Birthday!  | 12  | 13<br>5:00 PM NA Ladies Night   | 14  |
| 15<br>9:30AM Sunday School<br>10:30AM Worship                                       | 16                            | 17<br>5:30PM Finance<br>6:30PM Leadership                              | 18   | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| 22<br>9:30AM Sunday School<br>10:30AM Worship                                       | 23<br>Phil Kelton's Birthday! | 24<br>February Newsletter Deadline                                     | 25<br>Jeremy & Amanda Hatfield's Anniversary!  | 26<br>Donnie Covert's Birthday!   | 27  | 28  |
| 29<br>9:30AM Sunday School<br>10:30AM Worship                                       | 30                            | 31   |  |  |  |  |

\*No Eventide this month

## CONTRIBUTIONS



Keep an eye out for your 2016 Giving Statement. They will be mailed out the first week of January.

All contributions received by Wednesday, December 28 will be included on your 2016 statement. Everything received December 29 or after will be added to your 2017 statements.

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*“Out of the south comes the storm, And out of the north the cold. From the breath of God ice is made, And the expanse of the waters is frozen.” ~Job 37:9-10*

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## PASTOR JOY CONTINUED...

In the darkest days of January, remind yourself of your favorite Christmas carol. Or that childhood song, “This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!” We are meant to be followers of the Light of the world! Not to sit in gloom and murkiness. God wants light, radiance and joy for us! By placing our hand in Christ’s in times of uncertainty, we guarantee all our faith proclaims. The Light of Christ will prevail!

I hope your January includes making it to church on Sundays! It is an excellent way to let God lift you up and help you keep moving forward in faith. I’m praying that 2017 is an awesome year! And I’m going to do what I can to help make that so, beginning with clinging to that Light, wherever it may lead.

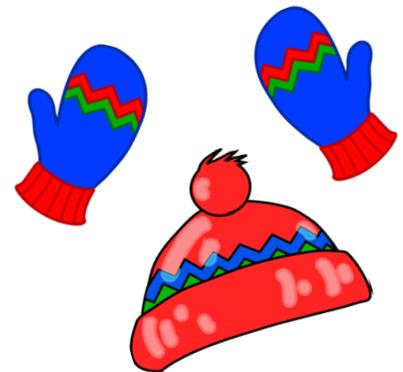
Blessings,  
Pastor Joy

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the many cards and generous Christmas gifts. It is a blessing to celebrate this most holy time of the year with you and to share the love of the family of Christ. May 2017 be a year of great blessing for all of us!

In Christian love,  
Pastor Joy



**FEBRUARY  
NEWSLETTER  
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JANUARY 24**

E-mail submissions to:  
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and be sure to put  
“for February newsletter” or the equivalent in your subject field.

### What to expect

If you are new, don't panic. Sit back, relax and enjoy a cup of coffee. We're excited you're here! Worship is our gift to God. It's okay to sing loud, whisper, laugh, cry, dance, clap or bow and kneel. You are welcomed and loved. Whatever your circumstances—single, single again, married, with or without children—and no matter where you've been or what you've done, you matter to God and to us.



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