

Faith United Methodist Church

1616 Blue Avenue

Zanesville, Ohio 43701



From the Pastor's Desk

Our New Normal

I can't say that I ever really missed being with people during the pandemic. No matter how much I tried to isolate myself, my work responsibilities kept me connected to people constantly. For me, it was mostly a different group of people with whom I spoke or met virtually on a regular basis. Adding back 'in-person' meetings and events has actually proved to be a bit of a challenge for me! As word has spread about the free store being open, many of our regulars – our longtime friends from the area – have returned to see us. I spent much time last Tuesday catching up with one person and then another. It felt very "unproductive", in a way! I wasn't accomplishing anything on my 'to do' list or seeming to get much of anything done!

Relationship building: taking time to be present with another and share life. Sure, we can substitute phone calls, cards or letters, or virtual experiences, but it does not have the same impact as being in person. The level of connection when standing face to face, reading the non-verbal cues the other makes, and responding with the same intensity as the reality being shared, requires a deeper and authentic connection. There is no replacement for being present with someone when they are in pain or overflowing with joy, and grasping their hands in prayer, or hugging them to embrace

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their emotion with them. It is what many of us longed for initially during the pandemic, but most of us adjusted and learned to live without over the course of the year plus of the pandemic. After so many months, most of us have adapted and no longer realize that we are even missing such a connection.

Some of my earliest church memories are in worship, sitting with and singing with others, listening to scripture and sermons. Being with other and others being with me was significant to my understanding to being a Christian. I was (am) part of a community of faith. This is what we do together. This is who we are. Each of us has our own struggles and joys, but we get through them together by way of the presence and unity of the Holy Spirit. It's relationship building. – with one another and with God. We worship God together, in the unity of the Spirit.

We need built back up, friends. Building up our relationships with one another, with God as a faith community, with God in public worship, and with our neighbors beyond the church itself is essential in this moment. We have learned to live without it, without this element of our faith experience. Yet it is vital to our development and understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ and the people of God. Without it, not only is something lacking in our souls, but the world around us lacks our witness and the light of Christ burning within us. It takes all of us together with the presence of God to keep the light shining brightly at 1616 Blue Ave.! See you Sunday.

In Christ,
Pastor Joy Wigal

Prayer List

*Dennis Cebulsky
Suzanne Collins
Thea and Mark
Crawmer
Jane Donovan
Marlene Farley
Betty Howard
Henrietta Hurst
David Inman*

*Janice Moore
Karen Norman
Bernice Osborne
JoAnne Peadon
Barb Tignor
Bev Wolford*

Medical Faith Shut-ins:

*Henrietta Hurst
Kathleen McCutcheon*



July Birthdays

*July 5-Marlene Farley
July 8-Bill Dougherty
July 9-Vickie Finlay
July 21-Kammy Gaumer
July 23-Amanda Hatfield*

July Anniversaries

*July 2-
Don & Roberta Covert
July 5-
Floyd & Pat Tolle
July 31-
Greg & Peg Beitzel*

Have an item you would like put in our newsletter?



Contact Amanda at fumcza@gmail.com or 740-453-7988!

Serving

If you are interested in serving Sunday mornings either traditionally or in new and creative ways, please contact Marsha Kelly at 740-674-6629 or lilacmarsha@yahoo.com.

Thank you to all who have assisted in our Sunday morning services.

Kiddie Playdates

We have started hosting “Kiddie Playdates” each Thursday from 10:00-11:00 at the Faith UMC playground.

This is focused on kids ages 5 and under, but all kids are welcome.

We will have special crafts and treats some days.

Please share the news with others!



The New Hope Circle is sponsoring a “Christmas in July” at Faith United Methodist Church. In the past, our congregation has been very generous with collecting coins and loose change

during the month and July. We hope that you will be cheerful givers* again this year. The money raised will go to the Salvation Army Christmas food baskets. We will be giving the money directly to the Salvation Army (instead of buying the food ourselves). The Salvation Army has the ability to purchase the most needed food products from the Ohio Food Bank. This is more cost effective in terms of purchasing food at a price that will serve more families in need.

Thank you in advance for helping with this UMW mission project.

*If you would like the donation to be reflected on your Giving Statement, please sign your name on the plastic bag label.

Celebration of Life

Iva Bailey, wife of Rev. Maurice Bailey and former teacher at Westview Elementary passed away March 30, 2020 following a brief illness.

A Celebration of Life! will be held at the Bristol Village Activity Center, Waverly, Ohio on Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 2:30. Share a memory card (4 x 6) will be provided or you may e-mail your memory to chesterlion@aol.com

United Methodist Women

New addition to our Book Club list!

To fulfill all of the requirements for the UMW Reading Program,

we have added another book to our list. The book is #Stolen – Is Social Media Stealing your Identity? written by Jessica Fralin. This book is one of the selections in the Nurturing for Community category.

We will be discussing this book on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 6:30 at the church. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Immigration and Justice for our Neighbors written by Jennifer Clark and Miriam Downey. Mission Emphasis: Social Action. Tentative meeting date: Monday, July 26, 2021.

My Life and Lesser Catastrophes written by Christina Schofield, Mission Emphasis: Spiritual Growth. Tentative meeting date: September 27, 2021.

“READER’S CHOICE” –Mission Emphasis: Education through Mission. You will be given a wide range of books to choose from. Tentative meeting date: Monday, November 29, 2021.

Falling into Place by Hattie Kauffman. Mission Emphasis: Leadership Development. We met on Monday, March 29, 2021. There are a few copies of this book in the lounge on the bookshelf.

Any questions? See Pastor Joy or Barb Wolfe.



Basement Sale



Faith will be participating in the Community Yard Sales for 2021. It will be on Saturday, August 7th this year and Jim Tignor has stepped up to lead the sale.

If you have items you would like to drop off, please call the church office at 740-453-7988 to arrange a day and time with Amanda. You may also call Amanda at 740-252-6009 if it is outside of office hours.

Barb Wolfe and Donnie and Roberta Covert are leading the kitchen for the sale. MONEY is the best thing to donate at this time. We will purchase all the food to serve to customers. However, if you would like to donate brownies or cookies, we will happily accept those as well!

Please see Roberta and Donnie Covert or Barb Wolfe to donate to this great fundraiser!

United Methodist Women

Eventide Circle will meet on July 1st at the church.

Program: Pat Tolle

Devotions: Betty Howard

Response Moment: Vickie Finlay