

Faith United Methodist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

As I begin writing, there is an old photo hanging on the wall nearby of a church that my father served as pastor, retiring from there in 2002. It is a one room church with a bell and a steeple – not flattering at all really, as there is no landscaping and the windows, shutters, and roof all look somewhat tattered. That little church had life, though. Over its 170-year history, it grew to be a strong congregation with outreach programs and a pre-school. They added on an educational wing and eventually built a new sanctuary. Their members led busy lives and worked hard to keep God and the church central in their activities. It has probably been twenty years since I've been inside that church. However, the difference between then and now is striking. A recent newspaper article indicated that the church will cease holding services due to a lack of income and attendance. Having over 100 in attendance each week prior to the pandemic, they now worship less than 30 with an offering under \$100 each week. My heart breaks for the loss of their presence and witness.

The future is not always what we anticipate it will be. At

times, our expectations fuel our actions; at other times, we fail to realize what our actions or inactions will lead to. Do you remember the old advertisement that said something to the effect that no one, as a child, dreams of one day being a drug addict? Our dreams and our expectations and our actions need to line up lest we find ourselves in places we never intended. Life is continuing to return to a new normal for us at Faith. No, life will never be entirely the same as it was before the pandemic. Yet it brings us renewed enthusiasm with each person that attends, each face that returns, each soul that joins us in worship – physically or virtually.

Where are your actions and inactions taking your life? Are you becoming who you want to be? And all that God created you to be? What do you want your life to be like in a year or five years? Are you making the decisions now to get you there? What role does God play in your present? In your future? I may not know the answers to all of these questions for you – I struggle sometimes with the answers for my own life! What I do know is that your life, like mine, will be enriched by intentionally knitting weekly worship, studying God's word with others, and faithful discipleship into the fabric of your life. It's worth the extra effort. I know because I have other things I could be doing on Sunday mornings, too! Yet each week, I am glad that I have attended worship and participated in other opportunities to grow and serve. If for no other reason than experiencing the affirmation that I am not alone on this journey of faith, being part of the Church is important in fulfilling my future expectations and dreams.

Let's continue faith's / Faith's journey together.

Pastor Joy Wigal



BABY CHRISTIAN AND FAMILY
BERNICE OSBORNE
BEV WOLFORD
BETH DOUGHERTY FAMILY
BETTY MILLER
BILL DOUGHERTY
BRADLEY ADAMS
DAVID INMAN
DENNIS CEBULSKY
DIANA BOHN FAMILY
DOUG ADAMS
ELLEN KELTON
HEIDI
JANE THORNE
JANICE MOORE
JILL SHROCK
JOANNE PEADON
JUANITA MOHLER
KAREN NORMAN
KAREN WILSON
KEVIN BUSHONG
LAURA PECK
MARILYN INMAN
MARLENE FARLEY
PASTOR JOY WIGAL
SAUNDRA BOYD
STEVE DEGARMO
STEVE INMAN
SUZANNE COLLINS
THEA & MARK CRAWMER
TIM & SHERRY DICKERSON
VERONICA
ZOLA DUNCAN
MEDICAL FAITH SHUT - IN:
KATHLEEN MCCUTCHEON

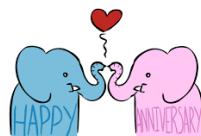
BIRTHDAY'S

JULY 5—Marlene Farley
JULY 8—Bill Dougherty
JULY 9—Vickie Finlay



ANNIVERSARIES

JULY 2—Don & Roberta Covert
JULY 5—Floyd & Pat Tolle
JULY 31—Greg & Peg Beitzel



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUMMER LUNCHEON EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Please join us at the UMW's Summer Luncheon on July 17 after the church service.

We will be enjoying Dooley's catering. On the menu is Ham Loaf, Cheesy Potatoes, a side Vegetable, Rolls, Dessert and Beverages.

Reservations are \$5.00. Please pay Roberta Covert by July 10 to make yours!

We will have a guest speaker, Amy Dillon, to introduce our 2022 mission project: Totes of Hope.

Hope to see you there!

INDEPENDENCE DAY

W W R E B M E M E R U E C
C D A T D D A Y Y C C H I
E P E P Y Y D R E N E W T
L F N C H L T E E V Y I O
E R U X L N U D T S E M I
B E D G U A N J E I U N R
R E W O A E R T R U N K T
A D C E P L A A E T V U A
T O D E A T F S T Q Z I P
E M D M S B E O T I Z H V
D N A M E R I C A B O B D
I S G H I S T O R Y J N E



AMERICA FLAG REMEMBER
CELEBRATE FREEDOM STATES
COUNTRY HISTORY UNITED
DAY INDEPENDENCE
DECLARATION JULY PATRIOTIC

American Home Front

JULY LITURGISTS & GREETERS

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
July 3	Mark Crawmer	Don & Roberta Covert & Susie Dunlap
July 10	Roberta Covert	Chris & Heather DeGarmo
July 17	Marsha Kelly	Mark & Thea Crawmer & Vickie Finlay
July 24	Gail McGreevy	Pat & Floyd Tolle
July 31	Nick Howard	Jim & Barb Tignor

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

EVENTIDE CIRCLE

Eventide Circle will meet on July 7th. “*The Old Order of Things Has Passed Away*,” Marsha Kelly

Devotions: Pat Tolle | Response Moment: Marilyn Inman

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Board will meet 6:30 pm, Tues., July 19, 2022.

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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN READING PROGRAM



Our next book to be discussed at the UMW Book Club meeting is *Girl Gone Missing*, by Marcie R. Rendon. Mission Emphasis: Social Action. We will meet Monday, September 12. 2022 at 1:00 p.m. (This is a change from the original date)

We hope you can join us for fellowship, lively discussion and interesting perspectives of this great book.

JINGLE ALL THE WAY TO CHRISTMAS IN JULY!



The New Hope Circle will be 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 of July 2022. We hope that you will be cheerful givers* again this year. The money raised will go to the Salvation Army annual Christmas food baskets distribution. 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.

So, start saving your coins! We have “Jingle Bags” for you to hold your donation. The bags will be available during the whole month of July. See any New Hope Circle member to get one.

*We will gladly accept dollar bills of any amount. If you want to write a check, make it out to New Hope Circle. If you write the check to Faith United Methodist church, make sure to indicate that it is for “Christmas in July”.

**If you would like the donation to be reflected on your Faith UMC Giving Statement, please sign your name on the “Jingle Bag” label.

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