

## Faith United Methodist Church

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### 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

*Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."  
- Psalm 16:1-2 [NIV]*

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

I begin with a word of follow up from last month's article. We did something in June that we have never done before: we set up a church booth at Zanesville's Pride Festival. I know that for some of us, this was long overdue, while others questioned our participation. The response we received while there was significant. Many, many people stopped by the tent and thanked us for being there. It seemed like everyone there had a story of how they or their child or someone they loved had been hurt by the church. As your pastor, I feel strongly that all people should know that God's love for them is limitless and that people of the church should not inflict wounds in the name of God. It felt good to represent a God that is bigger than the divisions in our present society. It was very moving to hear stories from people and watch God's healing power at work as we listened and affirmed that it was not our job to condemn anyone.

We all know the beloved John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son that whosoever believed in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." And it is equally important that we hold tight to the very next verse, John 3:17: "For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be

saved.” There are many people out there that do things with which I do not agree. It’s not my job to fix them or the world. As a follower of Christ, my job is to share how I have experienced God through Christ and trust God to take it from there. I’ve seen God make some remarkable changes in people. It doesn’t always happen in the way or the order I would expect... and that is ok because God does know better than I do. This is how I believe we should love and respect one another as people of faith: share the love and grace of God and let God work within their life in God’s own way to become all God desires them to be. For me, it is enough to continually work on getting my own heart and soul as it should be.

This month, as we celebrate freedom and independence, let us remember that the freedom we have received through Christ in the forgiveness of our sins far outweighs any other kind of freedom we have. God has blessed us with this freedom from Christ and the freedom we have within our nation so that we might build a better place to live. Our freedom is not for our personal gain, but for the building up of our communities. Jesus not only told us to love our neighbor as ourselves, but gave us the commandment to love one another as he loved us. What a better world this would be if we truly followed these words and loved others as he has loved us!

Faith is a journey! We are all working towards loving God and neighbor more fully. In worship we are focusing on the lectionary readings from Romans. Paul continually challenges the Romans, and us as well, to live more fully as the people of Christ, putting away sin and living in freedom and grace. I hope you will join us on Sunday mornings – either in person or online - as we journey together.

Blessings,  
Pastor Joy

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Aggas Family  
Baby Asher & Family  
Baby Christian & Family  
Baby London  
Bernice Osborne  
Betty Howard  
Betty Miller  
Bev Wolford  
Bradley Adams  
Brenda Miller  
Brenda Shepherd  
Brian Hina  
Chad Glass Family  
David Inman  
David Kreis Family  
Dennis Cebulsky  
Doug Adams  
Dunn Family  
Ed McAuley  
Ellen Kelton  
Gloria Jean Campbell  
Jacob Elson  
James Finlay Jr.  
Jane Thorne  
Janet Hickman  
Janice Moore  
Jasmine  
Jesse Daniel  
Jill Shrock  
Jim & Patty Evans  
Jim Tignor  
JoAnne Peadon  
Juanita Mohler

Judy & Ron Jr.  
Karen Bay  
Karen Norman  
Karen Wilson  
Kyle & Richard Felton  
Laura Peck  
Marilyn Inman  
Marlene Farley  
Mike Camp Family  
Pastor Joy Wigal  
Patty Pavlik  
Pearl Bradford  
Rita Spurrier  
Rita Young  
Ron Howard  
Ron Pyle Sr. Family  
Sarah Chapman & Family  
Saundra Boyd  
Steve Cahn  
Steve Inman  
Suzanne Collins  
Terry Pickens  
Thea & Mark Crawmer  
Tim & Sherry Dickerson  
Tonya Poli  
Ty Dierkis  
Vicky Butcher  
Vicky Wolfe  
Zola Duncan & Family  
**Medical Faith Shut-in:**  
Kathleen McCutcheon  
\*Peace for the World\*

*Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.  
- 1 Peter 2:16 [ESV]*

## BIRTHDAYS



- JULY 5 - Marlene Farley
- JULY 8 - Bill Dougherty
- JULY 9 - Vickie Finlay
- JULY 19 - Cindy Walsh

## ANNIVERSARIES

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



## UPCOMING LITURGISTS & GREETERS

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
JULY 2	Gail	Don, Roberta & Susie
JULY 9	Mark	Chris & Heather
JULY 16	Roberta	Mark, Thea & Vickie
JULY 23	Teresa F.	Floyd & Pat
JULY 30	Gail	Jim & Barb

## 2023 LEADERSHIP MEETING DATES

Leadership Board will meet 6:00 pm on:  
 July 18 | September 19 | November 21

*Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.*  
 - Galatians 5:1 [NKJV]

## 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. 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 Cooperative. 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! Quart-size Zip-lock "Jingle Bags" are 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 plastic bag label.

Thank you in advance for helping with this worthwhile United Women in Faith mission project.

*We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.*  
 - Romans 6:6-7 [ESV]

## EVENTIDE CIRCLE

Eventide Circle will meet 12:45 pm, Thursday, July 6, 2023 in the Chapel area.

Program: Pat T.

Devotions: Marlene F.

Response Moment: Barb T.

Hostess: Betty M. & Janice M.

## YOU'RE INVITED TO A SUMMER LUNCH!



The United Women in Faith are hosting a lunch for everyone on Sunday, July 23, 2023. We will meet after worship in the fellowship hall. On the menu will be pulled pork and chicken sandwiches, side dishes (potato salad, coleslaw and many others), desserts, tea and water.

Reservations are due to Roberta Covert by July 16. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

There will be a brief update on the UMW mission projects and a Faith UMC Capital Fund progress report.

Let's celebrate the summer together and enjoy a great meal.

Hope to see you there!

*Out of my distress I called on the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me free.  
– Psalm 118:5 [ESV]*

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



Faith UMC supports many local missions and hosts multiple community events. Contact us if you would like information on how you can make an impact in our area!

## BOILER UPDATE

Our new boiler has been delivered and installed! Thank you to all who have generously supported us in gathering funds to help cover the cost. Also, thank you for all the patience as we have had no heat (and sometimes too much heat) during the installation process.



Please prayerfully consider continued gifts to the Capital fund to finish funding our boiler and future repair costs for other areas of the church.

## MONADO'S MARKET

We will continue to collect items for Monado's Market at Zane State College. Donations can be dropped off at the table labeled "Zane State" outside of the lounge. Some helpful items include:

Single Serving Snacks  
Microwavable Meals  
Bottled Water  
Trash Bags  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Ibuprofen/Tylenol  
Dish Soap and Sponges  
Personal Hygiene Items  
Laundry Supplies  
Pet Supplies

**Help Provide  
everyday necessities  
for students in need!**