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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

It is incomprehensible to imagine 18 young children and three adults being killed in one community's mass shooting. It is upsetting to the core; the kind you can feel in the pit of your stomach. While it happened in Texas this time, we know it could just as easily have been closer to home – even one of our own schools. As a country, we have a violence problem. We have an anger problem. We have a problem with handling disagreement and division without escalating anger and violence. In fact, while mass shootings seem to be mostly a US phenomenon, violence in other countries and between certain countries (such as the Middle East or Russia against its neighbors) has remained undaunted by the pandemic and back on the increase as the 'post pandemic' mindset evolves.

Why does God let this happen? It is unthinkable that God is somehow okay with the violence and death that is happening, and certainly God does not cause it. Without a

doubt, God is weeping just as Jesus wept at the tomb of his friend, Lazarus. God allows each of us to make our own choices and decisions; we call it free will. Our US culture emphasizes that each of us has the freedom to make our own decisions. This is true. And this is part of God's design. Unfortunately, that freedom is often taken too far and we find people hurting others because they are angry and feel it is their 'right' to do so. Likewise, we have the 'right' to keep and bear arms. God did not cause the violent tragedies that lead our news broadcasts, nor the ones that go unheard, and the right to keep and bear arms was never intended to supply resources for mass shootings.

God does not let this happen... we do. While you may feel safely distanced from the violence in Texas or Ukraine, division and disagreement are as close as the supermarket or our own property lines – in fact, for some of us, heated debates can verge on violence within our own families. People get angry; it's part of our human nature. Anger is not wrong or bad, but it can lead us to sin (Ephesians 4:26-27). What do you do when you feel anger rising up within you? Do you take a deep breath? Do you allow the increase in adrenaline to help you think clearer or to fuel aggressive actions to get back at whatever set you off? How do you handle disagreements and divisions? Pretending things are fine is not the answer. Instead, we need to practice listening and communicating about our differences. For that matter, how many times have we gotten really upset over something and then, as time passes, the intensity of the problem seems significantly less and we wish we could undo some damage that we have done? There is a reason for the expression, "the heat of the moment"! When we run away from God in the heat of our anger, when we seek solutions through violence and weapons, when we fail to communicate our differences calmly and rationally, our problems will only increase.

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Family of Henrietta Hurst would like to invite you to a celebration of life held at the Zanesville Country Club on Saturday, June 11th. The Service will be at 3:00 PM with visitation from 2:00-4:00 PM.

FIRST UMC BASEMENT SALE

First United Methodist Church will have a basement sale Friday, June 10th and Saturday, June 11th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Stop by 857 Putnam Avenue in Zanesville and shop to support First UMC. Contact Marilyn at 740-452-7117 with any questions, thanks!

BETHEL COMMUNITY CENTER

Bethel starts its Summer Youth Program June 6th! We host school age kids each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-3. We always need monetary donations to fill the gaps in programming costs and for monthly bills. Donations can be sent to Bethel Mission Inc. 126 Ontario Street in Zanesville. Thanks!

CHECK OUT THE UMW BOOKSHELF!

We have many books in the UMW bookshelf in the lounge for anyone who likes to read! You don't have to participate in the UMW book club to enjoy the books we have to offer. Please help yourself to any of the selections from the top row to the bottom row, plus the informative response magazine.



Have you borrowed a book in the past? Do you have a book that needs to be returned? There is no fine or penalty – just return it to the bookshelf so others can enjoy! Thank you.

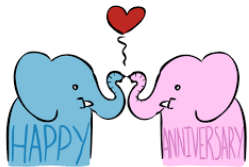
BIRTHDAY'S

JUNE 6—Will Howard
 June 18—Isabel Ross
 June 28—Floyd Tolle
 June 30—Suzanne Collins



ANNIVERSARIES

June 6—Chuck & Sue Berga
 June 16—Brian & Amy Wolfe
 June 19—Charlie & Teresa Johnson
 June 24—Nick & Cindy Howard



What should we do?

Listen more than we talk – God gave us two ears and one mouth for a reason.

Practice stating your passionate feelings in a calm and clear manner.

Pray! More than ever, we need God's guidance.

Act in a positive way. We don't need high powered weapons falling into the hands of dangerous people. What can you do to ensure that does not happen again?

God gives us free will. Some choose to do terrible things with that free will. What will you do with yours? People do things that are 'crazy bad' with their free will. What can you do that is 'crazy good'?

See you Sunday.

Pastor Joy Wigal

JUNE LITURGISTS & GREETERS

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
June 5		Don & Roberta Covert & Susie Dunlap
June 12	Roberta Covert	Chris & Heather DeGarmo
June 19	Barb Tignor	Mark & Thea Crawmer & Vickie Finlay
June 26	Nick Howard	Pat & Floyd Tolle

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 June 2nd.

Program: Roberta Covert

Devotions: Marlene Farley

Response Moment: Pat Tolle

UMW EXECUTIVES

A reminder to UMW executive team: The officer's meeting will be Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.

UMW BOOK CLUB

The next UMW Book Club meeting will be Monday, June 20 at 1:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

There will be a UMW meeting and luncheon on Sunday, July 17. More details soon. Mark your calendars!

NEW HOPE CIRCLE

The New Hope Circle will be sponsoring "Christmas in July" again this summer. Look for more information in your June bulletins. Start saving your spare change to make a donation to the Salvation Army's food distribution program at Christmas. Thanks in advance!

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Board will meet 6:30 pm, Tues. June 21, 2022.



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
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