

## 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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

When I was in junior high, I frequently stayed after school to practice solo and ensemble music (flute, violin, or oboe). The band room would be filled with 10-25 other students all doing the same thing and it created an enormous cacophony of sound! We weren't the best musicians and I can only imagine how horrible it must have sounded to the onlooker – 10 to 25 people playing up to 25 different pieces of music at the same time! Of course, as one of the many who were practicing in the room, we were challenged to focus on our own playing or that of others in our ensemble. It took some adjustment, but we all managed to do it.

This lesson has helped me so many times in life. Most obviously, it has taught me how to concentrate on wherever my attention needs to be – a real help when people are talking or sleeping in worship, or when children are being children and not sitting still. My responsibility on Sunday morning is to lead worship, preach, and focus on God, regardless of other 'chaotic' happenings. But I think this lesson applies in many other ways as well. It is easy to be distracted in our daily lives by things that are not important and totally miss the things that are important. It's nice to get things done ahead of schedule or get something clean that needs it or get the trimming done that I have wanted to do for days... but sometimes, it's more important to talk... and really listen... with the grandkids; or more important to take some time on the porch with my husband.

God calls us to many good and important things in our lives. It is easy to lose our focus and totally miss what matters because of all of the distractions around us. To that end, I would like to share with you a couple of decisions that our church's

leadership has recently made. First of all, we have decided to seek to become a "North Star Congregation". From the webpage, <https://www.westhioumc.org/northstar>

A North Star Congregation is committed to

1. the mission of the United Methodist Church with no intentions of disaffiliating.
2. being a welcoming place for everyone to belong to during a season of grief, transition, and uncertainty. This season could be as long or as short as needed. They offer care, relationships, and love. They share access to their spaces and resources.
3. providing opportunities to engage in their ministries, without pressure.
  - Worship: online and/or in person
  - Discipleship: spaces to learn and grow through small group gatherings, Bible studies, and prayer opportunities for all ages
  - Mission: opportunities to serve through hands-on missions and ministries to share God's love with others
4. connecting people with other North Star Congregations in the region. If one church is not a good fit in this season of life, they will help connect families or individuals with another North Star Congregation. It's part of being Connectional.

In a similar vein, our congregation will be setting up a table at this year's Pride Event, to be held on June 24<sup>th</sup> at Zane's Landing Park beginning at noon until 9pm. We are looking forward to an opportunity to support people that have too often been demonized or at least berated by the church. We hope to express the unconditional, all accepting love of God by listening and encouraging those who are there. If you are interested in participating as a representative of our church, please contact Pastor Joy or the church office to sign up for a time.

*"It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside."  
—Maud Hart Lovelace, Betsy-Tacy and Tib*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Aggas Family	Karen Norman
Baby Christian & Family	Karen Wilson
Bernice Osborne	Kyle & Richard Felton
Bev Wolford	Laura Peck
Betty Miller	Levi Tysinger Family
Bradley Adams	Marilyn Inman
Brenda Shepherd	Marlene Farley
David Inman	Pastor Joy Wigal
Dennis Cebulsky	Patty Pavlik
Doug Adams	Pear Bradford
Dunn Family	Ron Pyle Sr. Family
Ed McAuley	Sarah Chapman & Family
Ellen Kelton	Sandra Boyd
James Finlay Jr.	Steve Cahn
Jane Thorne	Steve Inman
Janice Moore	Suzanne Collins
Jasmine	Terry Pickens
Jill Shrock	Thea & Mark Crawmer
Jim Tignor	Tim & Sherry Dickerson
JoAnne Peadon	Vicky Wolfe
Juanita Mohler	Zola Duncan & Family
Judy & Ron Jr.	<b>Medical Faith Shut-in:</b>
Junior Pyle	Kathleen McCutcheon
Karen Bay	*Peace for the World*

*"Smell the sea, and feel the sky. Let your soul and spirit fly." —Van Morrison*

## BIRTHDAYS

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

## UPCOMING LITURGISTS & GREETERS

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
June 4	Teresa F.	Don, Roberta & Susie
June 11	Mark	Chris & Heather
June 18	Marsha	Mark, Thea & Vickie
June 25	Nick	Floyd & Pat

## 2023 LEADERSHIP MEETING DATES

Leadership Board will meet 6:00 pm on:

July 18 | September 19 | November 21

*"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." — John Steinbeck, Travels with Charley: In Search of America*

God has many important endeavors for each of us and for us collectively. Let us not be distracted and keep our focus on God's desires.

In Christian love,

Pastor Joy Wigal

## 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 2023. 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! We will be distributing quart-size Zip-lock "Jingle Bags" to you on June 25, 2023. The bags will be available during the whole month of July as well. 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.

## EVENTIDE CIRCLE

Eventide Circle will meet 12:45 pm, Thursday, June 1, 2023 in the Chapel area.

Program: Barb T.

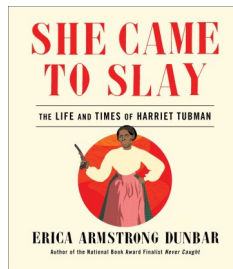
Devotions: Marsha K.

Response Moment: Marsha K.

Hostess: Roberta C.

This is the month to contribute to the Outreach Offering  
Thea will also have the sock money jar.

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH READING PROGRAM NEWS



Our next book club meeting will be June 26, 2023. We will be discussing the book She Came to Slay - The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman, written by Erica Armstrong. The mission emphasis is Nurturing for Community. Please see Barb W. if you need a copy of the book.

*"I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June." —L.M. Montgomery*

## 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.

## THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU to all that helped in anyway to make the Basement sale such a success. Those who donated food along with the sale items, those who came ahead of the sale and sorted and priced all the items, those who worked the day of the sale and those who helped with clean up Everyone together made it very successful.

