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## FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

My birthday this year was very different. (Many thanks to those of you who sent well wishes!) The weekend before, my work for the Conference required me to be in Dayton on Saturday and Sunday. This afforded me the opportunity to visit several places from my childhood: the neighborhood I grew up in, seeing our home, the pool / swim club, my former high school, the gas station where I bought gas for less than \$1 a gallon. I lived in the area from 1974 through 1985. Needless to say, a lot had changed! One of the best parts of the experience was attending worship at the church where I was raised and confirmed. It was a typical United Methodist service, still carrying the imprint of a couple of unique traditions that I recognized from decades ago.

It's interesting how life evolves. I remember, as a child, that my mother would attend "Women's Society" and that, by the time I was an adult in the UMC, we called it UMW instead. Recently, we learned that the UMW has again shifted their name to fit the changing times more appropriately, also called rebranding. They will now be United Women in Faith. I've started just saying "the Women" - it's brief and everyone seems to know who I mean. If you follow United Methodist news on a national or global level, you might also be aware that a group of UM Churches are planning on leaving the denomination in May and forming a new one called the Global Methodist Church (GMC). This is in response to a desire

for a more traditional polity and doctrine. The United Methodist Church is not scheduled to meet again as a General Conference until 2024 (postponed several times due to the pandemic and challenges of international travel). This could mean that we will see some changes in the UMC following that General Conference.

The pandemic has taught us that even our best plans can change and we have to remain flexible. While there is much that we don't know about the future of the United Methodist Church, we do know that it is part of who we are and have been for decades. I am committed to remaining a United Methodist Elder for the foreseeable future. I am certain that our theology and polity do not align with the GMC. If you have questions or would like to have a further conversation on this subject, I would be glad to talk with you. Most importantly, we will continue to worship every Sunday in the same way; we will continue to enjoy fellowship together; we will reach out in service to our community and neighborhood as Christ calls us to do; and, for the most part, we will continue to work and worship with our same brothers and sisters.

Names may change.

Denominations may shift and evolve.

We will continue to be Faith Church at 1616 Blue Avenue.

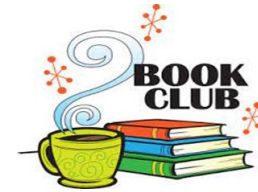
We will continue to worship God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

See you Sunday.

Blessings,

Pastor Joy Wigal

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN READING PROGRAM



We are ready to begin our 2022 UMW Book Club! We have chosen the books that meet the program requirements of our mission emphases. Below are the book titles, authors, and meeting dates. The times of the meetings will vary and will be announced as we approach that date.

**Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate. *Mission Emphasis: Nurturing for Community.* We will meet on Monday, June 27, 2022. Time and location TBA.

**Girl Gone Missing** by Marcie R. Rendon. *Mission Emphasis: Social Action.* We will meet on Monday, August 29, 2022. Time and location TBA.

**READER'S CHOICE** – *Mission Emphasis: Spiritual Growth.* We will meet on Monday, October 24, 2022. Time and location TBA.

## NEWSLETTER

Have an item you would like to put in our newsletter? Contact Amanda at [fumcza@gmail.com](mailto:fumcza@gmail.com) or 740-453-7988! Items are due by the 20th of each month.

## 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.

## LET'S DO LUNCH!



The New Hope Circle would like to invite everyone to a "Welcome Back, Welcome Summer" lunch after service on Sunday, May 15, 2022.

We will be serving a summer menu of Shredded Chicken and Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Coleslaw, Potato Chips, Cake and Fruit. There will be a variety of beverages as well.

We hope you will join us in the fellowship hall for good food, good company, and good vibes for the future!

## BOOK STUDY

The Wednesday Book Study Group will continue to meet Wednesdays at 1:00 in the Chapel through the end of May.

## BIRTHDAY'S

MAY 6—ELLEN KELTON  
MAY 17—ANDY DUNLAP  
MAY 27—CARLEE DEGARMO  
MAY 27—CJ DEGARMO  
MAY 29—JIM TIGNOR  
MAY 31—KATHLEEN MCCUTCHEON



Date	Liturgist	Greeters
May 1	Nick Howard	Don & Roberta Covert & Susie Dunlap
May 8	Mark Crawmer	Chris & Heather DeGarmo
May 15	Roberta Covert	Mark & Thea Crawmer & Vickie Finlay
May 22	Gail McGreevy	Pat & Floyd Tolle
May 29	Marsha Kelly	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 May 5th.

Program: Pat Tolle (Celebrate the Little Stuff)

Daily Prayer and Devotions: Vickie Finlay

Response Moment: Betty Howard

Hostess: Ellen Kelton (Bring your own drinks)

Please bring donations of food for the Monado's food  
pantry at Zane State College.

Items needed most are snacks like fruit cups, oatmeal  
cups, pop tarts, or anything that comes in a single serving  
container. Microwave ready-to-eat meals and bottled  
water.

Also if you have not turned in your Call to Prayer and Self  
Denial Offering it will be collected.

## LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Board will not meet in May. The next meeting  
will be at 6:30, Tuesday, June 21st.

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

BERNICE OSBORNE

BEV WOLFORD

BETH DOUGHERTY

BETTY MILLER

BILL DOUGHERTY

BRADLEY ADAMS

DAVID INMAN

DENNIS CEBULSKY

DIANA BOHN FAMILY

ELLEN KELTON

HEIDI

JANE THORNE

JANICE MOORE

JILL SHROCK

JOANNE PEADON

JUANITA MOHLER

KAREN NORMAN

KAREN WILSON

LAURA PECK

MARILYN INMAN

MARLENE FARLEY

STEVE DEGARMO

SUZANNE COLLINS

THEA & MARK CRAWMER

VERONICA

ZOLA DUNCAN

**MEDICAL FAITH SHUT-IN**

KATHLEEN MCCUTCHEON



## GARDENING GOD'S WAY

Plant three rows of peas:  
Peace of mind  
Peace of heart  
Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:  
Squash gossip  
Squash indifference  
Squash grumbling  
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:  
Lettuce be faithful  
Lettuce be kind  
Lettuce be obedient  
Lettuce really love  
one another

No garden should be without  
turnips:  
Turnip for meetings  
Turnip for service  
Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience  
and cultivate love

There is much fruit  
for your garden  
Because you reap  
what you sow.

To conclude our garden  
We must have thyme:  
Thyme for God  
Thyme for study  
Thyme for prayer  
Thyme for each other  
Thyme for friends