

Faith In Action

Faith United Methodist Church
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PASTOR JOY'S NOTES

Dear Friends,

I find myself feeling very blessed these days. Although my first year here has held its challenges within my personal life, you have been amazing and wonderful as support and new friends. Another blessing I am enjoying is to be part of the production team not just for our Annual Conference, but also, this year, for General Conference.

General Conference, the top legislative body of The United Methodist Church, will meet May 10-20, 2016, at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. The center is billed as the largest convention facility in the U.S. Pacific Northwest. Some 864 delegates, elected from around the world, will gather to set policy and direction for the church, as well as handle other important business. Meeting every four years, General Conference is the only entity that speaks for the denomination. The United Methodist Book of Discipline, updated every four years, incorporates changes made by General Conference.

The theme of the 2016 General Conference is “Therefore Go.” The Commission on the General Conference selected the theme in 2013. United Methodist Communications developed the logo as an action-themed graphic that ties to the roots of The United Methodist Church in the “Great Commission” (Matthew 28:19-20). That passage reads, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

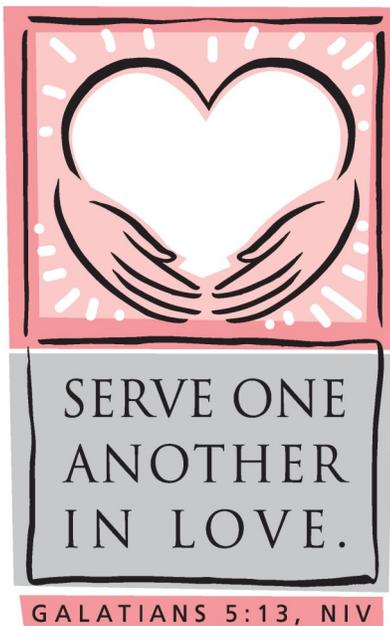
Delegates and others can follow the proceedings on the General Conference website at <http://gc2016.umc.org> (or umc.org/gc2016). You can also follow General Conference on Facebook and Twitter using #UMCGC. Features will include news coverage in multiple languages,

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SERVANT SCHEDULE

May 1 Heather DeGarmo,
Chris DeGarmo, Barb
Tignor, Jim Tignor

May 8 Cindy Howard, Nick
Howard, Pat Tolle, Floyd
Tolle

May 15 Vicky Wolfe, Don
Wolfe, Marsha Kelly, Beth
Dougherty

May 22 Roberta Covert,
Donnie Covert, Jeri
Schreiber, Randy Schreiber

May 29 Thea Crawmer,
Mark Crawmer, Vickie
Finlay, Susie Dunlap

May 1—Communion
Stewards: Don & Vicky
Wolfe, Jeri & Randy
Schreiber

“The happiest people don’t necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything with what they have.”
— Unknown

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The shoeboxes that we collected from Faith UMC have been delivered to children in Columbia, Mexico and the Ukraine.

Many thanks for supporting this ministry.



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MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER

As a mother protects her children, watching over them day by day, alert to danger, and ready if necessary to sacrifice herself for their sakes, so you Lord protect, your arms constantly encircling us, your hands delivering us from harm. For the intensity of your love, Lord Jesus we thank you. Loving God, we thank you for mothers – for all they mean or have meant, for the love they have shown and the care they have given. We thank you for the qualities of mothers – their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding. We thank you for the part they play in our lives, and we thank you for this day of saying ‘thank you’ this opportunity

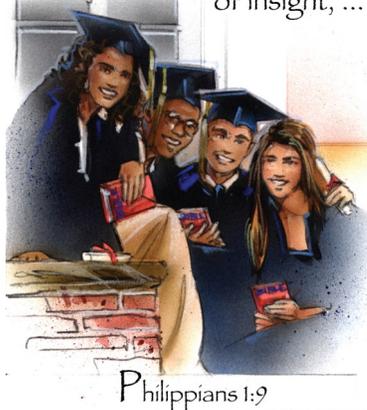
to say what we so often mean to say but so rarely do. For mothers and motherhood, for children and families we bring you this day our grateful praise.



BLESSING FOR GRADUATES

Eternal light shine in our hearts.
Eternal goodness deliver
us from evil.
Eternal power be our
support.
Eternal wisdom scatter
the darkness of our
ignorance.
Eternal pity have mercy
on us That with all our
heart and mind
and soul and strength we
may seek your face
and be brought
by your infinite mercy to your holy presence.
(Alcuin of York 8th century)

This is my prayer: that your
love may abound more and
more in knowledge and depth
of insight, ...



Philippians 1:9

May the memories of grace shared this hour
be a delight and inspiration to us.
May the Most High increase charity in us.
May the Sun of Heaven shine through us.
May the Winds of Love move us to compassion and
service.
May we go forth...
God seeing in our eyes,
God touching with our hands,
God caring through our generosity.
(Daniel Benedict 2001)

Congratulations to Cassie Harper upon her
graduation on May 27, 2016 from Maysville High
School and Chris Kennedy who will graduate on
June 4, 2016 from Zanesville High School.

TRINITY SUNDAY

It was not until the eighth century A.D. that Christians started using the word "Easter" to describe a day set aside to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. The name originally had been used in reference to a festival honoring Eastre, the Teutonic goddess of light and spring whose symbol, by the way, was an egg.

"In the early period, and even still today, it could be argued that Easter was the most important day on the church calendar," said the Rev. Taylor Burton-Edwards, director of worship resources at the United Methodist Board of Discipleship.

And like modern times, Easter wasn't just another day.

"There was the celebration of the Resurrection, beginning with an all-night Great Vigil," Burton-Edwards said. The vigil continued until the early-morning baptisms and culminated with a celebration of communion, with those newly baptized receiving first.

MISSIONS

As we are fed, so we reach out to feed others...

We continue our challenge to collect items for the food pantry at Eastside Community Ministries. We will be collecting jars of Peanut Butter or cans of Tuna (your choice) on Sunday, May 1.

We remember that as Christ feeds us at the Holy Communion Table, so we reach out to feed those in need in our community. Well done, good and faithful servants! Keep it coming!

JOYFUL HANDS SERVING OTHERS

All ladies of the church are invited to the Faith United Methodist Women's annual Spring Dinner. The dinner will be Wednesday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m. We will be enjoying a delicious catered meal and learning about the 2016 UMW mission project. The cost is \$5.00 and reservations are due to Roberta Covert by May 15th.

You do not have to be a UMW member to attend. Please join us!

(Please note: the original date of this dinner was May 10th . It has been changed to the 18th)



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the June newsletter is coming right up! Do you have an event or something that you would like to share, please do so. **THIS IS THE TIME TO TALK UP YOUR SUMMER EVENTS AND PROGRAMS!**

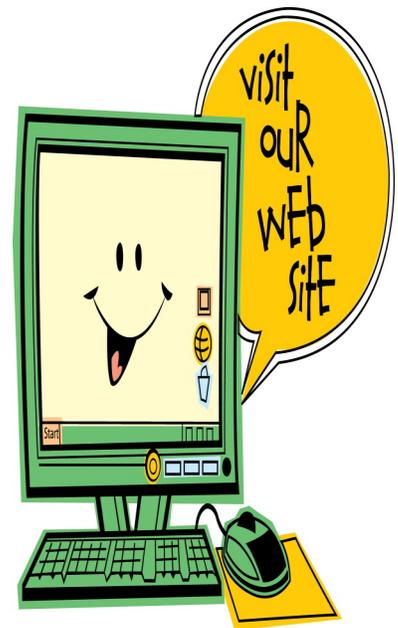
All submissions should be sent as separate e-mail attachments, ideally in Word format. Please send images as separate jpg attachments (do not embed them in your text files).

E-mail submissions to fumcza@gmail.com, June newsletter and be sure to put "for June newsletter" or the equivalent in your subject field. We look forward to receiving your submissions!



FAITH UMC WEBSITE

We are continually updating our web-site for Faith UMC. Want to know what is happening in the church, the calendar is available. Did you miss last week's bulletin, it on there! Not sure when your favorite meeting is taking place, it's on there! We have updated the look and added several new pages. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact the church office. You can see us at: fumcz.com



*"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."
— Abraham Lincoln*

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IN ACTION

EVENTIDE CIRCLE

The ladies of Eventide Circle will meet on Thursday, May 5 with the Program presented by Marilyn Inman. Devotions will be shared by Bernice Osborne with the Response Moment provided by Thea Crawmer. Marsha Kelly and JoAnne Peadon will serve as Hostesses.

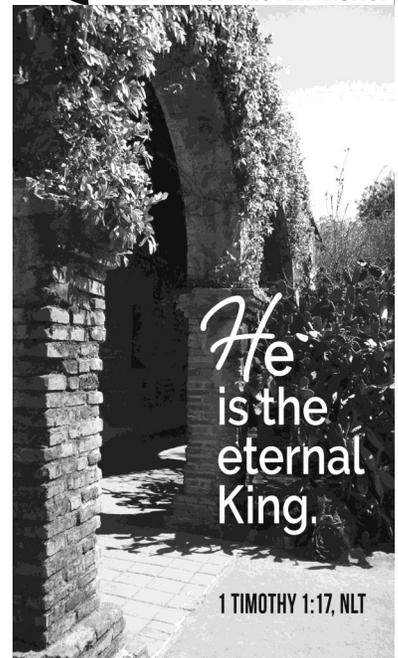
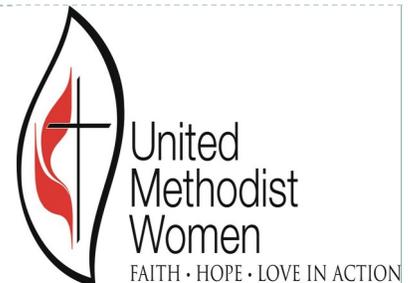
NEW HOPE CIRCLE

The ladies of New Hope Circle will meet on Sunday, May 1 at 6:30 PM at the home of Larisa Harper.

SPRING DINNER

The Spring Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall.

We are starting a Book Club! The UMW is proud to announce that we are starting a monthly book club featuring books from the UMW Reading Program. Our first book will be *No Longer Silent: The Empowerment of Women of the Gospels*, by Susan D. Matthews. We will be discussing, reviewing and sharing our thoughts on this wonderful book on Monday, May 23rd at 6:30. See Marlene Farley and Vickie Finlay for details.



May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:30 PM New Hope Circle</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 AM Trustees 3:00 PM Beyond the Bell</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00 PM Eventide Circle</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Community Yard Sale</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 2:00 PM 4-H</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 PM Finance Team 6:30 PM Leadership Team</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3:00 PM Beyond the Bell 6:00 PM UMW Spring Dinner</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> 
<p>22</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Summer Lunch</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 PM UMW Book Club</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00 PM SPRT</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3:00 PM Beyond the Bell</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 PM Friends of Jesus</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
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PENTECOST

There is a song for everything, as you probably know. Whenever I recall near-disastrous events involving candles and acolyte sleeves, the song “This is a Church on Fire” pops into my head. It’s not so funny when it involves a real fire, but the metaphor is a good one for the day of Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday represents an ending as well as a beginning: the end of the “Great Fifty Days” of the Easter Season (Pentecost means “the 50th day” in Greek) and the beginning of the commemorations of the early church. Pentecost also gives us an opportunity to ask ourselves the question, “What is our community ‘on fire’ about?”



For the early church, Pentecost was the second most important part of the Christian year after Pascha or Easter. Originally, it commemorated both the Ascension of Jesus and the descending of the Holy Spirit, but became two distinct celebrations by the end of the fourth century. (As Christianity became legal, there was no reason not to have as many celebrations as possible.) Pentecost also became a favorite time for baptisms with its focus on the work of the Holy Spirit within the church and within our lives. The holy day continues to be a wonderful celebrative time for rites of passage including baptism, confirmation and the reception of new members.

Although “tongues of fire” is the most commonly used image, metaphors for the work of the Holy Spirit are many—water, wind and doves. One of my favorite traditions from Italy is the dropping of red rose petals from the ceiling of the church to recall the flames of Pentecost. Indeed, Pentecost is a time for the dramatic in worship—wind sounds, red fabric draped in exciting ways above the congregation, percussive sounds growing in intensity or even delicate wind chimes ringing as the air moves in the sanctuary.

I live in the mountains where fire is a danger this time of year, so I know fire also needs fuel to burn. This metaphor of fuel brings another set of questions to my planning: What fuels the fire or fans the flames of our church’s ministry? Compassion, love, hospitality, a desire for justice ... to name just a few. Experiment with creating a litany, or a collection of stories or testimonials, that can communicate these characteristics and light a candle for each one.

What is stirring within us? What is our passion for ministry? What sets us ablaze (or at least warms our hearts)?

May the Holy Spirit work in surprising ways in your church this year!

*McFee is a director of music and worship. She served as director of worship for the 2008 and 2012 General Conferences.

SUMMER LUNCHEON

A “Looking Forward to Summer Luncheon”

Another delicious lunch is being planned by the New Hope Circle to benefit the Boiler Fund. Please join us for a summer inspired meal of hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad and brownies. The lunch will be after the morning worship on May 22nd. No need to go out for lunch that day. Stick around, enjoy good food, great company and help the Boiler Fund!



PRAYER LIST

Prayer and Praise:

Give praises for your blessings, your family, home, friends, job, the Community.

Please pray for: Faith UMC, Ellen Kelton, Sue Gill and Family, Don Miller, Debbie Paul, Jerry Moore Sr., Don Barnes, Carole Sayre, Jim Paul, Kevin Williams, Roger Brosie, Jay Jennings, Don West, Norma Coyle, Jeannine Cady, Kurt Browning, Loy & Viv Kempthorne, Sue Goelz, Freda Adams, Pam Thomas, Henrietta Hurst, Carolyn Smith, Tina Orr, Doug Adams, Logan Wolford, Joyce Stimpert, Art Heron, Todd Sands, Erin Watts, Uncle Phil, Aunt Glenda, Dorothy Walcutt, the homeless, abused, sick, imprisoned, those who have not yet accepted Christ and those who only minimally follow the teachings of Christ.

Medical Faith shut-ins: Kathleen McCutcheon, Frances Johnson, and Jean Buckley. Pray for your church, your pastor and your church leaders.

PASTOR JOY CONTINUED.....

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with daily summaries, feature stories and videos, such as interviews with delegates, volunteers and other key individuals. All plenary sessions, worship services, episcopal and laity addresses, and other special events will be live streamed. Users can track petitions and obtain general information about the legislative process. Plenary transcripts and consent calendars will post each day.

The Episcopal Address by Bishop Gregory V. Palmer of the Ohio West Episcopal Area will be Wednesday, May 11th at 8:30am Pacific Time (5:30am Eastern!). The Council of Bishops selected Palmer to prepare and deliver the Episcopal Address on behalf of the entire council, composed of 65 bishops presiding over

episcopal areas in the United States and central conferences.

Please keep the Conference, its delegates, our Bishop, and even little people like me who help with production, in your prayers in upcoming weeks. There will be three very experienced Lay Servants from First Church preaching on the Sundays I cannot. I'll still be checking attendance! And I know I leave you in good hands.

I look forward to sharing with you when I return, and the joy of simply returning to a wonderful congregation!

Blessings,
Pastor Joy

“The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” — Psalm 51:17

BOOK CLUB

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Monday, May 23rd at 6:30 in the church lounge. All you need to do is borrow or buy the book and read it! We will continue to read books and then discuss them each month. You can join us at any time. There is no commitment. However, If you are interested in participating in the UMW Reading Program challenge, please see the UMW Program Resource officer, Vickie Finlay for details and more information.



NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES

The trustees have been looking into having the parking lots patched, cracks filled in, and lots resurfaced with the goal of having them taken care of this spring or summer. We have been taking bids and they are over \$10,000 higher than previous estimates.

Neff Paving: 3 Lot Total Range \$14,761 - \$21,663.12

Williams Paving Inc.: 3 Lot Total Range \$19,915 - \$59,935

Main Parking Lot Option 1 \$49,550.00

Mill existing asphalt, clean & prep for new asphalt, apply tack coat, install & compact 2 inches of #448-1 asphalt top coat, and layout & strip parking lines

Option 2 \$ 9,530.00

Clean & fill cracks 1/2" wide or larger with hot applied rubberized crack filler, clean surface, apply 2 coats of asphalt sealer, & restripe existing parking lines.

The lowest bid is \$14,761 and the highest is \$59,935. Current balance in the parking lot fund is \$5,130 as of 4/19/16. With this in mind, the trustees have decided to patch the parking lot the best we can and hold off on resurfacing for at least another year. We will continue to search for lower bids. A copy of the proposals will be posted on the bulletin board.

Prayer: O Lord, brighten my face so that everyone might know my secret — that Christ is risen and is with me always! Amen.

YARD SALE

When: May 7

740-683-3865

Rain Date: May 14

Floyd & Pat Tolle

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

740-319-4427 or
740-319-4128

Bring donated items to church May 2-3-4-5 from 7:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

Don & Roberta Covert
740-454-8093

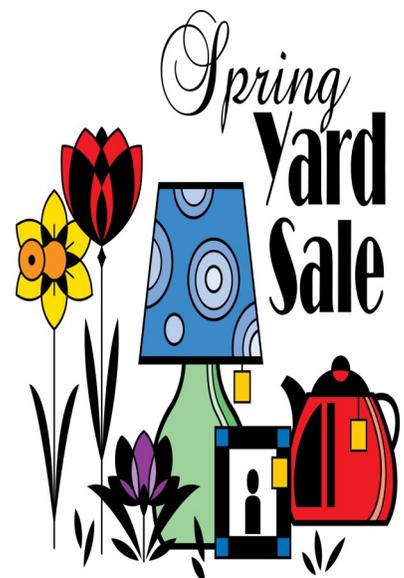
All items will be priced and proceeds go to the boiler fund. Items left over will go to free store.

Don & Vickie Wolfe
740-221-4018 or
740-453-1011

For more information contact:

Contact Jim, Don, or Roberta if you need help getting items to the church.

Jim Tignor 740-452-1157 or



**FAITH UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

What to expect

If you are new, don't panic. Sit back, relax and enjoy a cup of coffee. We're excited you're here! Worship is our gift to God. It's okay to sing loud, whisper, laugh, cry, dance, clap or bow and kneel. You are welcomed and loved.

Whatever your circumstances—single, single again, married, with or without children—and no matter where you've been or what you've done, you matter to God and to us.

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