

## Faith United Methodist Church

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

I think my biggest dog has quite a racket going! He's a mixed breed and likely has several breeds that are known 'runners' and we have known his ability to escape to be rather remarkable – including turning doorknobs and unlocking and opening sliding glass doors. Lately, when he escapes, he seems to head almost directly to Walmart. You see, he has learned that people in the parking lot there will eventually start feeding him in an effort to get ahold of him! After a round of hot dogs or cookies or dog treats or whatever else people have in their cars to feed him, someone eventually is able to grab him and call my phone number, visibly displayed on his tag. When I show up, he is more than happy to let someone put him in my car – something that he avoided 30 minutes earlier.

We, too, can be very clever at avoiding what we should be doing or where we should be going. We think to ourselves, "Well, I really should do this, but I think I'll do that other thing first..." Then we somehow get distracted and never do get around to what we really should do. Like the kids who know on Friday afternoon that they have homework to do and avoid doing any of it prior to late on Sunday... or maybe even Monday morning! Likewise, it's easy to put things off until Sunday morning and tell ourselves, "I really need to get this done instead of going to worship... I'll go next week." The Good News is that, just as I am more than happy to get my dog back in the car take him home, God is eager to welcome us and spend time with us, regardless of how many

times we have run the other way.

We are God's people. We gather weekly to be in the presence of God and others who journey in faith with us. We experience God through our worship and interactions with one another; through personal reflection and ministry and service to our neighbors and to complete strangers. We recognize that life is not easy for any of us and that we are stronger together. We learn. We grow. We serve. We love as Christ loves us – unconditionally, sacrificially, and in both word and action.

This month, we have two excellent opportunities to engage with our neighborhood. The first Saturday (May 6, with May 13 as a rain date) from 8am – 4pm will be our annual Basement Sale. I encourage you to volunteer or at least stop by. It's ok if you do not buy anything, just come through for the fellowship! On the last Friday of this month, we will be having our first drive in movie since the pandemic! I hope you will consider how you might participate in this outreach event that is beloved by many in our neighborhood. Come and help with the snacks we offer or just sit in your car or lawn chair and watch the movie as it begins at sundown.

Jesus said that he was leaving us with a new commandment, that we love one another: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. (John 13:34) Friends, we cannot love one another without being with one another. We cannot love our neighbor without loving our neighborhood. We can find lots of great distractions at home and/or feel rewarded for running away, but eventually, we need to go to the one who knows us best and loves us most. We need to connect with our brothers and sisters in Christ and then others in our neighborhood. In so doing, we encounter the one who designed us, gives us life, and cares for us along our journey.

Blessings,

Pastor Joy Wigal

## 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
Buck Brackman	Pastor Joy Wigal
David Inman	Patty Pavlik
Dennis Cebulsky	Pear Bradford
Doug Adams	Ron Pyle Sr. Family
Dunn Family	Sarah Chapman & Family
Ed McAuley	Sandra Boyd
Ellen Kelton	Steve Cahn
James Finlay Jr.	Steve Inman
Jane Thorne	Suzanne Collins
Janice Moore	Terry Pickens
Jasmine	Thea & Mark Crawmer
Jill Shrock	Tim & Sherry Dickerson
Jim Tignor	Vicky Wolfe
JoAnne Peadon	Zola Duncan & Family
Juanita Mohler	<b>Medical Faith Shut-in:</b>
Judy & Ron Jr.	Kathleen McCutcheon
Junior Pyle	*Peace for the World*
Karen Bay	

*Song of Solomon 2:11-12 "For behold, the winter is past, The rain is over and gone. 12 The blossoms have already appeared in the land; The time has arrived for pruning the vines, And the voice of the turtledove has been heard in our land."*



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 6—Ellen Kelton  
 May 17—Andy Dunlap  
 May 27—Carlee DeGarmo  
 May 27—CJ DeGarmo  
 May 29—Jim Tignor  
 May 31—Kathleen McCutcheon

### MAY LITURGISTS & GREETERS

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
May 7	Marsha	Don, Roberta & Susie
May 14	Barb T.	Chris & Heather
May 21	Roberta	Mark, Thea & Vickie
May 28	Nick	Floyd & Pat

### NEW HOPE CIRCLE HOSTING A LUNCHEON



Everyone is welcome to stay after the church service on Sunday, May 21 for lunch. We will have a Mexican-themed lunch which will include a chicken and vegetarian casserole

choice. There will be nachos with cheese dip, salsa, guacamole and sour cream. Churro-flavored cookies will top off the meal!



We hope you can join us. All donations will go toward the boiler/capital fund.

### LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Board will meet 6:00 pm  
 on Tuesday, May 16, 2023

### HEAD START

Consider joining us in gathering donations of shelf stable food items to provide to Head Start families at our location. Please keep in mind that we now have 18 students! Even quantities are greatly appreciated.



If you have questions, please contact Amanda.

### BASEMENT SALE

Mark your calendars! Jim & Barb Tignor will lead the Faith UMC Basement Sale Saturday, May 6th from 8:00am-4:00pm. Bring your items to the church basement:



Monday, May 1st 10am-2pm,  
 Tuesday, May 2nd 10am-2pm,  
 Wednesday, May 3rd 10am-2pm,  
 Thursday, May 4th 10am-2pm or  
 Friday, May 5th 8am-12pm.

Contact the church office at 740.453.7988 if you have questions.

Barb Wolfe and Don & Roberta Covert will run the kitchen during the sale. Monetary donations will be accepted for food. Please give donations directly to Roberta Covert or Barb Wolfe.

*Psalm 62:1 "My soul waits in silence for God alone; From Him comes my salvation."*

## EVENTIDE CIRCLE

Eventide Circle will NOT meet during the month of May. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 1.p.m.

Program: Barb Tignor

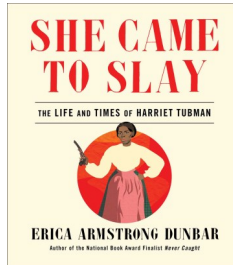
Devotions: Marsha Kelly

Response Moment: Marsha Kelly

Hostess: Roberta Covert

We will meet in the Chapel area. All women of the Church are welcome to attend.

## 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 Wolfe if you need a copy of the book.

## 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  
Password: 7777#

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

We have many opportunities to help our community such as volunteering to help with church movies, the basement sale, etc. Contact the church office if you would like more info!

## BOILER UPDATE

Our new boiler has been delivered and installed! We are just waiting for the arrival of specialty insulated pipes to finish up the project. Thank you to all who have generously supported us in gathering funds to help pay for 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.

## CARD SHOWER



Ellen Kelton will be celebrating a birthday on May 6th. Cards can be sent to her at 1575 Bowers Lane, Apartment C12.

*"Never cut a tree down in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come." Robert H. Schuller*