

### October 2016

# Action

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### A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOY

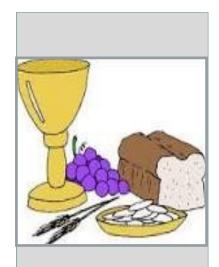
Dear Friends,

Recently, while listening to the radio, I heard a faith analogy about seeing an animal standing in the middle of the road and wondering why it didn't just pick a side. I have often wondered the same about some teenagers and young adults: why do they think it is so great to walk down the road instead of the sidewalk, or stand around in the school parking lot, in the *middle* of where people need to drive?! I have never been positively impressed by their actions! The radio spot associated this to our tendency in faith to become complacent and stand in the middle of the road, not committing to what we believe or taking a stand for what we know is right. It also pointed out that the middle of the road, while it may feel safe because it is non-committal, is a very dangerous place to be, particularly when it is night around us. Revelation 3 clearly says that God wants us not to be "lukewarm" in our faith and many passages in the Bible warn against becoming complacent.

In order to not be lukewarm or complacent, in order for us to be safe and secure in our faith, we need to seek where God wants us to be and get there, wherever that may be. How do we know where God wants us to be? It begins with spending time with God. God rarely (if ever) tells us that we have grown all we need to in our faith! Faith in God is an ongoing journey, partly because life is a journey and we work constantly to grow our faith in order to meet the challenges of the current bend in the road. Life keeps moving and so must our faith. That requires spending time with God in personal devotions and prayer as well as worshiping, serving, and being involved in the Body of Christ, the Church. You *cannot* get to contentment or to where you need to be in your faith or in life without those elements. Through growing in our faith, we get a clearer picture of where God is leading us. Without it, we meander down the middle of the road and all we can do is hope no one, or no event or circumstance, comes along and runs us over......Continued on page 5

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# SERVE ONE

GALATIANS 5:13, NIV

ANOTHER

IN LOVE.

### SERVANT SCHEDULE

October 2— Heather DeGarrmo, Chris DeGarrmo, Barb Tignor, Jim Tignor. Liturgist: Jim Tignor

Communion Stewards: Don & Vicky Wolfe, Jeri & Randy Schreiber.

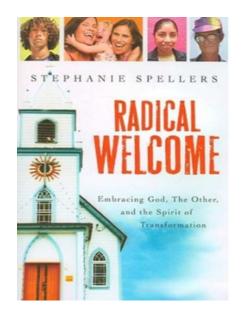
October 9— Cindy Howard, Nick Howard, Pat Tolle, Floyd Tolle. Liturgist: Gail McGreevy

October 16— Vicky Wolfe, Don Wolfe, Marsha Kelly, Beth Dougherty. Liturgist: Roberta Covert

October 23— Roberta Covert, Donnie Covert, Jeri Schreiber, Randy Schreiber.

Liturgist: Don Covert

October 30— Thea Crawmer, Mark Crawmer, Susie Dunlap, Vickie Finlay. Liturgist: Barb Wolfe



# Join our next Mid-Week Study Group!

Meets Wednesdays at 7pm
For four weeks:
October 19 & 26 and
November 2 & 9

What we embrace and who we welcome into our lives can have a profound impact on shaping who we are and how we understand our own lives and needs.

Radical Welcome: Embracing God, the Other, and the Spirit of Transformation is a practical theological guide for congregations that want to move beyond mere inclusivity toward becoming a place where welcoming "the other" is taken seriously and engaging God's mission becomes more than just a catch-phrase. The book is based on two years of work and over 200 interviews with people in urban, suburban, and rural congregations around the United States. Each chapter introduces specific congregations and their challenges, and lays out the theological underpinnings of tackling fears head-on and embracing change as a welcome part of community life. Contents include:

The Radical Welcome Journey;
Mapping the Way;
God of Welcome, God of Grace;
With Hearts Wide Open;
Getting Real;
Facing Our Fears and Embracing the Dream;
The Joy in the Struggle.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the November newsletter is coming! Do you have an event or something that you would like to share, please do so.

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, and be sure to put "for November newsletter" or the equivalent in your subject field. We look forward to receiving your submissions!

DEADLINE:
October 18

### PRAYER LIST

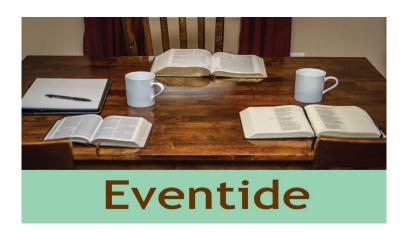
Prayer and Praise:

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

Please pray for: Please pray for: Faith UMC. Loni Revercomb, Don Miller, Randy Schreiber, family of Robert Lashley, John & Kim Cain, Daniel Ghrist, Janice Moore family, Eloise Zayac, Shellie Siefert, Sherry Brooks, Jim Porter, Dianna Slifko, Kay Baker, Jacob Blackstone, Melissa Wood, Joesy Moore, Robert Lashley, Ben Welker, Carole Sayre, Debbie Paul, Doug Adams, Alice Goyne, Roger Brosie, Norma Coyle, Jeannine Cady, Pam Thomas, Henrietta Hurst, Logan Wolford, Joyce Stimpert, Art Herron, Todd Sands, Erin Watts, , 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 and Frances Johnson. Pray for your church, your pastor and your church leaders.

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IN ACTION



Eventide Circle will meet Thursday, October 6, 2016, at 1:00 PM. It will be held at the home of Charlotte Cole, 1235 Stonington Place, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

Barb Tignor will present the Thank Offering Program, Henrietta Hurst will share the Response moment, and Marilyn Inman will provide the devotions.

in the News

### Women of the Year Nominations

Nominations for the "Woman of the Year" are due to Gail McGreevy or Roberta Covert by October 9, 2016. Nomination forms are available at the Welcome Center. The Woman of the Year will be announced and honored at the UMW Fall luncheon on Saturday, October 15, 2016.

### A Celebration of Women

All ladies of the church are invited to our "Celebration of Women" luncheon, hosted by the UMW on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Our theme will be "Be Just, Be Green". We will be dis-

cussing and exploring ways to care for our environment, advocate for justice and measure our own carbon footprint.

A catered lunch will begin at 12:00 PM. The cost is only \$5.00! Reservations are due to Roberta Covert by Sunday, October 9th.



### PASTOR JOY CONTINUED...

God leads us to good places. No, life doesn't become problem free as committed followers of Christ. The change or difference from following is that we know we are where we should be, no matter what happens in life around us or what uncertainties the future may hold. Safe and secure in the arms of God, we can get through life's struggles with a peace in our hearts that surpasses all understanding.

The Christian band Switchfoot sings, "I dare you to move like today never happened before... Where you gonna go? Salvation is here." Are you moving or standing still. This brings to my mind a passage in John 6 where many lukewarm followers left Jesus and he asked the disciples if they were going to leave as well. Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." (vs. 68 & 69 NIV) Where are you headed? Where are we headed as a church? We are surrounded by a community that needs to know it's better on Christ's side of the road. Let's journey with them on God's side. Let us journey together.

See you in worship and service.

Blessings!

Pastor Joy

# October 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	3	4	5	6 1:00 PM Eventide	7	8
9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Charge Con- ference	10	11	12	13	14 Moss wedding rehearsal	15 4:30 Moss Wedding
16 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	17	18 5:30 PM Finance 6:30 PM Leadership	19 7:00 PM Book Club	20	21	22
23 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:30 New Hope Circle	24	25	26 7:00 PM Book Club	27	28	29
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We are updating our website for Faith UMC weekly. If you want to know what is happening in the church, the cal-



endar is available. If you missed last week's bulletin, it's on there! And, If you're not sure when your favorite meeting is taking place, it's on there! If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact the church office. You can see us at: fumcz.com

"Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth, and you will get neither." — CS Lewis

### THANK YOU———

In the death of brother and uncle, Robert Lashley, we want to thank all those of our church family who so thoughtfully sent a card or made a phone call. It was greatly appreciated.

Juanita, Teresa, Roberta

Do You Need to Reach Us? Please call us if you or someone in your family is in the hospital or would like to be placed on the prayer list.

### Email:

fumcza@gmail.com

Write: Faith
United Methodist Church
— 1616 Blue
Avenue —
Zanesville,
Ohio 43701
Phone:
453-7988



# You are invited to the **Tenth Anniversary Celebration**

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
First United Methodist Church
Saturday, October 1, 2016
Meet at 5:30 PM
Eat at 6:00 PM
Dress Casual

"Sharing the free gift of God's abundant grace."

Please sign up at the Free Store, R.S.V.P. @ 452-7117 or email: zanesfirstumc@sbcglobal.net

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Hello all,

I'm Amanda Hatfield, Faith UMC's new Administrative Assistant. I wanted to take this opportunity to let everyone know a little about myself.

I graduated from Zane State College in the Administrative Office Assisting program in 2012. I have been married to my wonderful husband, Jeremy, for a little over 2 & 1/2 years. And we have a little boy named Karson, who is 17 months old.

I love everything that I have

learned so far at Faith UMC, and continue to learn every day.

I also would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. Especially Pastor Joy, Gail McGreevy, Lari Harper, and Susan Davis for taking time out to help me learn the in's and out's of my new position.

Please feel free to share comments and suggestions about the website, bulletins, newsletters, etc.

Sincerely, Amanda Hatfield

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

October 2— Aaron & Lari Harper

October 5— Aaron Harper

October 6— Phil & Ellen Kelton

October 15— Jim & Barb Tignor

October 17— Don & Beverly Wolford

October 18— Beverly Wolford

October 19— Erica Inman

October 31— Nonina Brackman



Faith UMC would like to wish an extra special happy birthday to Frances Johnson who turns 104 on October 31! Cards can be sent to 1856 Adams Lane, Room 107, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

### HALLOWEEN TREATS

The season is approaching for us to again plan for Halloweenies. We are asking for donations of hot dogs and buns. And most of all, hands to help the day of the event. Za-

nesville city trick or treat will be held on Monday, October 31, 2016, 5:30-7:00PM. Signup sheets will soon be available on Sunday mornings.



### 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.

Find us on Facebook—search for Faith UMC



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