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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that we are already in October! The days and nights are definitely cooler with less hours of sunshine. Pumpkins and mums are everywhere! In a few weeks, we will be passing out "Halloweenies" in the parking lot (last year, we went through 600!) and preparing for Thanksgiving. As with many years, Advent begins the following Sunday. However, this year is one of those unusual years in that Christmas will fall on a Sunday. During my tenure at Faith, we have worked cooperatively between Faith and First to schedule our holiday services. This year is no exception. Our Christmas Eve service will be on Saturday, Dec. 24th, at 4pm, at Faith. I know that is an early time, but we are hoping that the earlier time will make it easier for those who have difficulty driving after dark or have evening family commitments to attend. If you would like to attend an evening service, Rev. Jessica Stonecypher held an amazing Christmas evening

service at her family farm last year which gave a ‘real feel’ experience. It was very family friendly and meaningful. Be sure to check next month’s newsletter for details about this and other possible worship opportunities.

On Christmas Sunday morning, because we do not expect most people to attend more than one service between Christmas Eve and Christmas morning, there will be one combined service at First UMC at its usual 9am time. We plan to make it a casual and celebrative event concluding with a Birthday Party for Jesus! I know it seems early to consider holiday plans, but I wanted to get these details out to you as soon as possible so that you could be sure to include worship in your planning. Sometimes it takes intentionality to include worshiping the Christ child as a part of Christmas. The older I get, the more I appreciate how much my parents loved having “everyone” (the kids and grandkids) home for Christmas. Since the pandemic, family together time seems even more precious. When our faith is fully integrated into our lives, faith and family should not feel so completely opposite – as though there is a tug of war on our time between the two. Perhaps having Christmas on a Sunday is the perfect time to consider the ways you will demonstrate and incorporate the birth of Christ into your family celebration. What will you do to make this year spiritually meaningful?

Over the next several weeks, we will be focusing on deepening our self-awareness of the well-being of our souls. *Beguiled by Beauty* is a Marcia McFee series that helps us to shift from the beauty we see marketed around us to the beauty God sees and created all around us. Fall is a beautiful time of

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| Adah Grace Family | Juanita Mohler |
| Baby Christian and Family | Karen Norman |
| Bernice Osborne | Karen Wilson |
| Bev Wolford | Kevin Bushong |
| Beth Dougherty Family | Laura Peck |
| Betty Miller | Marilyn Inman |
| Bradley Adams | Marlene Farley |
| Carol Densmore | Pastor Joy Wigal |
| David Inman | Saundra Boyd |
| Dennis Cebulsky | Steve DeGarmo |
| Diana Bohn Family | Steve Inman |
| Doug Adams | Suzanne Collins |
| Ellen Kelton | Thea & Mark Crawmer |
| Heidi | Tim & Sherry Dickerson |
| Jane Thorne | Veronica |
| Janice Moore | Medical Faith Shut-ins: |
| Jill Shrock | Kathleen McCutcheon |
| JoAnne Peadon | |

Heartfelt sympathy to the Harper family with the loss

of Paul Harper on August 26, 2022.



OCTOBER 2—IRIS HOWARD
OCTOBER 5—AARON HARPER
OCTOBER 5—JORDAN MCKEE
OCTOBER 6—TERESA FELTON
OCTOBER 18—BEVERLY WOLFORD
OCTOBER 19—ERICA BISHOP
OCTOBER 31—NANINA BRACKMAN



October 2—Aaron & Larisa Harper
October 15—Jim & Barb Tignor
October 17—Don & Beverly Wolford



year! Taking time to see the beauty God has laced throughout all creation nourishes our soul and heightens our awareness of God's presence.

I pray that this fall finds you well and that you will designate time to tend to your soul and connection to God and the people of God. I look forward to seeing you and worshipping together!

Blessings,
Pastor Joy

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN/
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
HARVEST LUNCHEON**



Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch on Sunday, October 16 after the worship service. On the menu is soup, rolls, salad, pumpkin cookies and hot and cold apple cider. Reservations are due to Roberta Covert by Sunday, October 9. The cost is \$5.00. Besides enjoying good food catered by Kevin Dooley, we will be discussing Pastor Joy's "Questions to Ponder" from the morning worship service. We will also distribute information about how to participate in Amy's Totes of Hope, the 2022 mission project introduced at our last luncheon. Hope you can join us!

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

The next Eventide meeting will be
Thursday, October 6th at 1 pm at the
home of Charlotte Cole.
Thank Offering Program: Pat Tolle
Devotions: Barb Tignor
Response Moment: Barb Tignor
*Outreach offering may be made at
this meeting if you missed it last
month.



CHURCH BOILER

The time has come to finally replace our
60+ year old boiler system. Thanks to all
of your efforts in the past few years, we
have saved up approximately 50% of
the money needed . Faith, we need to
raise the other \$50K . Please
prayerfully consider donating something weekly and
designating it for the Capital Fund. Thank you in advance.
God is good all the time and all the time God is good!
Thanks,
Cindy



LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Board will meet 6:00 pm, Tuesday, October
18, 2022.

OCTOBER LITURGISTS & GREETERS

| Date | Liturgist | Greeters |
|---------|------------|----------------------------|
| Oct. 2 | Marsha K. | Don & Roberta C. |
| Oct. 9 | Roberta C. | Chris & Heather D. |
| Oct. 16 | Nick H. | Mark & Thea C. & Vickie F. |
| Oct. 23 | Gail M. | Floyd & Pat T. |
| Oct. 30 | Barb T. | Jim & Barb T. |

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN READING PROGRAM



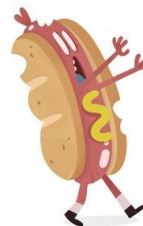
We will be discussing several books at
our next Book Club meeting on
Monday, October 24, 2022 at 1:00 in
the afternoon at the church. All are
welcome to choose a book for the
Spiritual Growth category, read it and then tell the rest of
us all about it! See Barb Wolfe for book suggestions. This
will be our last meeting of the year.

LOOKING AHEAD!

Please mark your December
calendars. The Christmas Eve Service will
be held at 4:00 pm this year with your
families and the First UMC family invited
to join us.



HALLOWEENIES



Halloweenies will be on Sunday, October 30th
from 5:30-7:00pm during Zanesville City Trick
-or-Treat. Money can be given to Roberta
Covert to go towards the purchase of hot
dogs. A signup sheet is on the welcome table
for those who can volunteer during the event.