

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is pastor appreciation month. Please keep Pastor Joy in your prayers throughout October (and every month of the year!). Here is a calendar with a word for every day that describes Pastor Joy.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2
					Faithful	Able
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Loving	Kind	Well-trained	Tactful	Good	Spiritual	Hospitable
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Courageous	Happy	Enthusiastic	Hard-working	Sincere	Generous	Charitable
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Practical	Humble	Honest	Independent	Sensible	Friendly	Empathetic
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Conscientious	Christian	Selfless	Good-natured	Determined	Passionate	Authentic
31						
Joyful						



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FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Psalm 139: 1-2 reads:

O Lord, you have examined my heart

and know everything about me.

² You know when I sit down or stand up.

You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. (NLT)

While I understand that these verses are intended to bring comfort, isn't it kind of frightening to think that God even knows our every thought? Even when we feel far away from God? In our humanness, we all find ourselves thinking thoughts that aren't so nice... or thoughts that are outright mean or even hateful. I don't think we want anyone knowing all our thoughts! Especially not God! Throughout our lives, we work to master the art of 'filtering' what we say and finding ways to make our comments helpful rather than hurtful. Growing in such a way is good! It enables us to have constructive conversations



rather than just tearing people and relationships down. But God doesn't get the filtered version of ourselves that we seek to present to the outside world. God knows our thoughts, our rude comments, and our very hearts.

God knows when my heart is angry, or jealous, or arrogant, or spiteful, or hurting. Even when we try to stay far away from God and keep God from knowing that all the negative, unfiltered 'junk' in our hearts, God still knows. Even when we try to deceive ourselves about what is in our hearts, God still knows. Wouldn't it be amazing to skip the whole hiding and pretending behavior and just be honest and upfront with God? God already knows our hearts and loves us. Who better to help us wrestle with those thoughts than the one who knows us best? And God wants to help us wrestle with these.

In a similar way, we need to stop pretending with one another that we don't wrestle with our thoughts, feelings, and attitudes. In an effort to be our best around others, we can begin to appear as a church people that have it all together and no longer struggle with sin or any negative junk on the inside. While we don't need to parade our problems, increase drama, knowingly hurt one another, or imply that we don't have faith in God's ability to help, we do need to be willingly vulnerable with one another in our worshiping community. When others endeavor to understand who we are, they need to see real and sincere people, desiring to have a meaningful relationship with their Creator and brothers and sisters in Christ, through the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit. If Christ cannot

Capital Fund Update

In the fall of 2015, we began a Capital Fund campaign to raise money to replace the boiler which seemed to have a short lifespan remaining. Thankfully it is still working! During the past six years we have raised approximately \$94,000, thanks to the generous donations of our church family and community.



Unfortunately, even though the boiler is still functional, other things have not been. We have spent about \$98,000 for sanctuary duct work, sanctuary carpet replacement, sanctuary thorough cleaning, new air conditioning, audio/visual equipment, and roof repairs. The money for these expenses has come from the Capital Fund, UMW, estate funds, and the General Fund.

The current balance in the Capital Fund is slightly over \$29,000. We will be spending about \$13,500 very soon to replace air conditioning and heat pump for the gym and office areas which quit working in August.

Considering our church facility is over 60 years old, these types of maintenance items are not surprising as time goes by. Sadly, these tend to occur at unexpected times. Will you consider supporting our continued Capital Fund campaign? Your church leadership thanks you and prays that you are led to support the campaign.

Serving Opportunity

If you are interested in serving Sunday mornings for 2022 either traditionally or in new and creative ways, please contact Marsha Kelly at 740-674-6629 or lilacmarsha@yahoo.com. Thank you to all who have assisted in our Sunday morning services.



Halloweenies



The City of Zanesville will hold trick-or-treat on Sunday, October 31st from 5:30 to 7 PM.

We will serve hot dogs (Halloweenies) during this time. If you would like to donate monetarily towards the purchase of hot dogs, please see Barb Wolfe or Roberta Covert. Buns will again be donated by Bimbo QSR in Zanesville.

Missions Update

Faith United Methodist Church was able to donate \$2,000 to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This money was collected from the basement sale, football parking and the Faith UMW.



connect to and help with the real substance of our hearts and daily lives, what is the point of faith?

Won't you join us on Sunday mornings either online or in person? Let us work together to be genuine people seeking to have an authentic, faith-filled relationship with God and each other.

In grace,

Pastor Joy Wigal

United Methodist Women Book Club



Our last book club meeting for 2021 will be Monday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

The Mission Emphasis is Education through Mission. This will be a "READER'S CHOICE"

selection. You can pick your own book based on the UMW selection list or see Barb Wolfe to borrow one from our own library.

Offering Envelopes

It is almost time to re-order offering envelopes for 2022. Many people have gotten away from using the booklet style envelopes. If you would like offering envelopes ordered for yourself, please contact the church office at either 740-453-7988 or fumcza@gmail.com. Thanks!

Birthday's

October 5—Aaron Harper

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October 6—Teresa Felton

October 18—Bev Wolford

October 19—Erica Bishop

October 31—Nonny Brackman



Anniversaries

October 2—Aaron and Lari Harper

October 15—Jim and Barb Tignor

October 17—Don and Bev Wolford

Eventide Circle

Eventide Circle will meet Thurs., Oct. 14, 2021 at 1 pm.
(note: 2nd Thurs)

Charlotte will be the hostess. Her address is 1235 Stonington Place, Phone 740-454-8439.

Vickie Finlay will lead the devotions.

Pat Tolle will present the Thank Offering Program.

Barb Tignor will share the Response Moment.

Marilyn Inman the Prayer Calendar.

If you want to carpool, meet at the Church Upper Parking Lot at 12:30 pm.

Keep in Your Prayers

Dennis Cebulsky

Suzanne Collins

Thea and Mark Crawmer

Jane Donovan

Bill Dougherty

Marlene Farley

Betty Howard

Henrietta Hurst

David Inman

Janice Moore



Karen Norman

Bernice Osborne

JoAnne Peadon

Barb Tignor

Matt Weiser

Karen Wilson

Bev Wolford

Medical Faith Shut-ins:

Henrietta Hurst

Kathleen McCutcheon

Newsletter

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

