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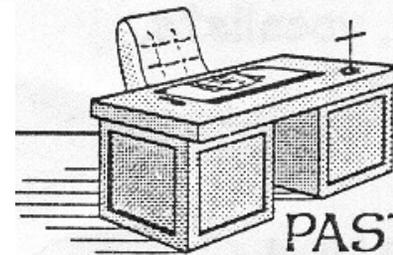
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FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

### The Front Porch

When I was a child, I loved visiting my grandparents! I'd even spend a week in the summer with them, not because there was a lot to do, but because it was so peaceful. I remember spending time on the front porch with Grandpa, just watching the neighborhood. Sometimes, we would take "cakes" (cookies) to the young children playing across the street. People would walk down the street and stop to chat; you never knew who might stop for a visit! I've heard it said that people don't know their neighbors in the same way anymore largely because no one sits out on their porch just to watch and visit. We are too busy or we head inside for the television, computer, and air conditioning. Sitting out on the porch with Grandpa meant that anyone was welcome to stop by, pull up a seat, and visit. It was a sign of hospitality and welcome.

Today, I often hear people concerned when they see folks sitting out on the front porch. "I wonder what those people are doing there?" or "It doesn't look good to have so many people congregated together like that!" How have we lost such a valuable communal piece of our heritage? There is a growing sense of alienation within our country and community. It says that if people just stayed in their own home and did their own thing, the world would be a better place. This simply is not true. We are created by God to live in relationship with God *and one another*. We are not meant to go through life's ups and downs by ourselves. Consider the recovery efforts from the hurricane: how many more would have died if people had that philosophy? Consider when your closest friend when through a difficult time and how much you wanted to be there for support. Or when the roles

## From the Pastor's Desk continued

were reversed, how much you needed the support of those nearest to you.

The image of welcome and hospitality, of desire for fellowship and community, is symbolized in our country's heritage by the front porch. They say God's Kingdom has a front porch, also. The followers of Christ host it. You and I determine just how welcoming or foreboding people feel about approaching and visiting God's Porch. We hope that passers by will see us as friendly and compassionate, that they will be drawn over to visit and pull up a chair. We might offer them a cool cup of water and a little shade: some gifts of grace expressing God's love and mercy. As we chat, they might even learn of God's interest in having a relationship with them and take God up on the invitation to be part of God's Kingdom.

How do you connect with your neighbors? In what ways do you hang out on God's front porch being invitational and hospitable to passers by? God doesn't want you to be alone or isolated! God designed us to live in relationship and the porch is *always* open for you to sit and visit or just relax. Hope to see you Sunday.

Pastor Joy

## Wednesday Study Group Resumes

Beginning Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, we will begin studying the book *The Jesus You Can't Ignore: What you must learn from the bold confrontations of Christ*, by John MacArthur. From the back cover:

Our view of Jesus affects the way we view God, the world, ourselves, and every one of our decisions... Like an investigative journalist on a mission, best selling author and teacher John MacArthur walks through the gospel records and shows you a remarkable and compelling picture of the Jesus you can't ignore.

This study will last eight (8) weeks and anyone who is curious or interested should come! Please see Pastor Joy if you have questions or would like to review the materials.

## Church Servants

It is time to begin making plans for the Sunday morning worship services for 2018. In the preparation process we are asking for you to assist.

With this information early we will be able to have the schedule in your hands in early December.

Please place your name next to what you will help with

USHER \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNION SERVER \_\_\_\_\_

LITURGIST \_\_\_\_\_

The completed form should be returned to the church office by October 1, 2017

If you would like to serve as a Nursery Attendant, please contact either Barb Wolfe or the church office. We will be conducting background checks for individuals in this position as required through the Safe Sanctuaries Policy.

*My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth Psalm 121:2*

## Pearl Park Luncheon

Sunday, September 17, starting at noon, you are invited to the church picnic at Pearl Park by the Jonathan Creek Bridge.

Hot dogs/buns, drink, and table service are provided. Please bring a favorite dish to share at the meal. Bring chairs, hot dog sticks [if you can] and your family. Come and enjoy.



## Birthdays

September 9-Mona Moody  
 September 12-Mark Crawmer  
 September 14-Janice Farmer  
 September 14-Ralph Collins  
 September 19-Bernice Osborne  
 September 19-Bradley Adams  
 September 26-Betty Howard  
 September 26-Lee Wolfe  
 September 28-Phil Allen  
 September 28-Jeremy Hatfield



*Whoever humbles himself...is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven Matthew 18:4*

## Anniversaries

September 4-Marianne & Daniel Maxwell  
 September 26-Ralph & Suzanne Collins



## Servant Schedule



**September 3**  
 Don & Roberta Covert,  
 Randy & Jeri Schreiber  
 Liturgist: Nick Howard  
**Communion Stewards:**  
 Jim & Barb Tignor,  
 Heather DeGarmo, Teresa Felton



**September 10**  
 Chris & Heather DeGarmo,  
 Jim & Barb Tignor  
 Liturgist: Gail McGreevy

**September 17**  
 Nick & Cindy Howard,  
 Floyd & Pat Tolle  
 Liturgist: Randy Schreiber

**September 24**  
 Nonny Brackman, Beth Dougherty,  
 Teresa Felton, Janice Moore  
 Liturgist: Mark Crawmer

## UMW 2017 Reading Program

September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. – **The Perfect Place**, written by Teresa E. Harris. Mission Emphasis: Nurturing for Community.

November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. – **Behind the Kitchen Door**, written by Saru Jayaraman. Mission Emphasis: Social Action.



## Hurricane Harvey Relief

If you would like to donate to the relief fund for hurricane Harvey, please visit: <http://www.umcor.org/> and follow the links on their home page. UMCOR is trusted and 100% of contributions go directly to relief.

## ***United Methodist Women***

The item to donate to the First UMC shelter this month is Coffee.

### ***Eventide Circle***

Eventide Circle will meet on September 7. Hostess will be Betty Howard. Juanita Mohler will have the program, Bernice Osborne the devotions, and Roberta Covert the response moment.

### ***New Hope Circle***

New Hope Circle will meet on September 10. Teresa Felton will host.

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***Before a word is on my tongue You know it completely, O LORD Psalm 139:4***

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## ***Ministry in the Margins***

Foothills District UMW  
Fall Annual Day

Somerset United Methodist Church  
139 East Main Street  
Somerset, Ohio

October 7, 2017 10:00am—3:00pm

**Registration deadline September 17th.**

## ***Breakthrough Prayer***

**Abundant God, we are bursting with anticipation to see the new that you have in store for Faith Church and our community.**

***Thunder forth your will for fresh possibilities!***

**You say in your word,**

**“See I am about to do something new.**

**It begins now! Don’t you see it?” (Is. 43:19)**

**Lord, help us to see clearly  
the next steps on your path. Amen.**



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***Everything in heaven and earth is Yours 1 Chronicles 29:11***

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## ***Help with Football Parking***

We need volunteers to help with football game parking this season. Dates are September 8th and 22nd. We will need help from 6-7PM. If you are able to help, please contact Floyd or Pat Tolle. Thanks!



## ***Prayer Requests***

Please pray for:

Doug Adams  
Kay Baker  
Jim Boetcher  
Sherry Brooks  
John & Kim Cain  
Melissa Cook  
Karen Curtin  
Shannon Davis  
Bobby Dudley  
Marlene Farley  
Matthew Farus  
Dalton Fitz  
Kathy Fleming & family  
Chad Foster  
Daniel Ghrist  
Gayle Ghrist  
John Herman  
Mollie Holdcroft  
Steve & David Inman  
Jeannita Johnson  
Family of Bob Lake  
Robbie Mack & Family  
Peggy McGee  
Don Miller  
Mona Moody  
Jimmy Moore  
Joesy Moore  
Bill & Judy Muck  
James Osborne  
Joey & Sam Osborne & Family  
Debbie Paul

Jim Porter  
Bonnie Reichenbach  
Melissa Riley  
Lori Rivercomb  
Todd Sands  
Carole Sayre  
Shellie Siefert  
Joyce Stimpert  
Pam Thomas  
Erin Watts  
Tara Wilson  
Vicky & Don Wolfe  
Logan Wolford  
Melissa Wood

Our County, Leaders, and the upcoming school year, Faith UMC, 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.



## ***Celebration of the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women***

**Be Bold right Now!**

**Saturday, October 28, 2017**

**Registration deadline October 1st!**

Faith Community United Methodist church  
100 Country Club Drive, Xenia OH 45385  
Facility if Handicap Accessible

10am—3pm (Check-in begins at 9am)

- Keynote Speaker: Sally Vonner, Assistant General Secretary for Membership and Leadership Development, National Office of United Methodist Women.
- Panel of Speakers from the 4 West Ohio Conference National Mission Institutes.

Material Donations Requested

**Community Development** for all People, Columbus: socks and underwear infant to age 12; toys for preteens, ages 11-12.

**Friendly Center**, Toledo: toilet paper.

**Wesley Community Center**, Dayton: new or gently used children's books, especially Dr. Seuss.

**Wesley Education Center for Children and Families**, Cincinnati: liquid hand soap, copy paper.

Help us to be green by bringing your own reusable drink containers, carpooling with others, and keeping track of your mileage.

## ***Welcome Head Start***

Head Start is scheduled to have their Welcome Days September 7th & 8th and begin classes On September 12th.

Two teachers will accompany 13-15 children ages 3-5. The children will be in class Tuesday-Friday and Teachers Monday-Friday.

## Upcoming Events

Friday, September 1	NA Ladies Night	5:00 PM
Sunday, September 3	Sunday School	9:30 AM
	Worship	10:30 AM
Thursday, September 7	Clergy Meeting	9:00 AM
	Eventide Circle	1:00 PM
Sunday, September 10	Sunday School	9:30 AM
	Worship	10:30 AM
	New Hope Circle	6:30 PM
Tuesday, September 12	Pastor Joy Conference Training	
	UMW Executive Meeting	4:00 PM
Sunday, September 17	Sunday School	9:30 AM
	Worship	10:30 AM
	Pearl Park Luncheon	12:00 PM
Tuesday, September 19	Finance Meeting	5:30 PM
	Leadership Meeting	6:30 PM
Thursday, September 21	Newsletter Deadline	12:00 PM
Sunday, September 24	Sunday School	9:30 AM
	Worship	10:30 AM

## UMW Planning Ahead

19th Quadrennial Assembly of United Methodist Women  
May 18, 2018.

**Online Registration opens September 1, 2017**



Assembly 2018 will be a forum for United Methodist Women members, new friends and partners to gather, worship and learn about the needs of women, children and youth in the 21st century. We will be claiming out 150-year history as women who know how to organize and serve and are willing to be challenged to grow in our faith as we build deeper connections with one another, church leaders and partners in the work of justice for all God's children.

Assembly will offer an incredible personal faith journey through community building, training for action, and visioning a movement for the future. Bold and courageous ventures await us!

Stay connected using the Assembly website, [www.UMWassembly.org](http://www.UMWassembly.org), for regular updates on the event.

## Newsletter Deadline

October Newsletter Deadline:  
September 21 at noon

E-mail submissions to: [fumcza@gmail.com](mailto:fumcza@gmail.com),  
and be sure to put "for October newsletter" or  
the equivalent in your subject field.

