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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

You won't hear me talk much about the division within the United Methodist denomination because it is important to me that our focus as a congregation continues to be on growing as people of faith, both individually and collectively. However, recently there have been some other area United Methodist Churches that have been discussing disaffiliation – the possibility of leaving the United Methodist Church. There is significant division on the international level, and even locally, about several issues around LGBTQ rights and human sexuality. Just as our congregation welcomes people with differing political viewpoints and welcomes people with varying positions on issues of human sexuality, we will continue to minister to people of every relational orientation and divergent social status or race.

What is our role in these contentious issues? In worship recently, we have been using a chorus based on Micah 6:6-8: “[God] has showed you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” We also know that Jesus has told us the two greatest commandments are to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to

love your neighbor as yourself. These should be central to our purpose not just as individuals, but also as a church. While we cannot be certain what the United Methodist denomination will look like when the dust settles from the pending division, we know that we will continue to be faithful to our calling to love God and neighbor, with a focus on justice, kindness and walking with God. We will continue to journey together in faith, loving and supporting one and another.

Life can be hard! God wants to journey with us. I have yet to meet someone who has it all figured out, although I have met many who thought they did. Eventually, we all learn that we need God to get through; we cannot go it alone. God often speaks to us through our brothers and sisters in Christ! I love sitting with our Wednesday group and discussing something in the scripture or our study book that is puzzling. We wrestle and ponder (and laugh usually) and share experiences to come to a clearer understanding together. It's one of the highlights of my week! And definitely a great support and growth opportunity for me (and hopefully the others present).

I hope you will join us regularly at worship (or Wednesday study group!) so that you might be encouraged and challenged on your faith journey. When we start with loving God, the other attitudes / actions of loving neighbor and doing justice and mercy are an anticipated outgrowth. Let's grow on our journey together.

Blessings,
Pastor Joy Wigal

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 | Sandra 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 | |



Father, sometimes it does feel that you have left us in the battle. We know that you are with us, but so are our feelings of aloneness. The Enemy seems to be taking ground. Our crying out to you seems to go unanswered. We know you are at work, but help us trust you in the midst of our questions. In Jesus'

Name, Amen. ~ Ron Moore

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER 12—MARK CRAWMER
SEPTEMBER 19—BERNICE OSBORNE
SEPTEMBER 19—BRADLEY ADAMS
SEPTEMBER 22—JAMIE BRIGHT
SEPTEMBER 22—HEATHER DEGARMO
SEPTEMBER 26—LEE WOLFE

Anniversary

September 4—Daniel & Marianne Maxwell



LUNCH POSTPONED!

Due to refrigerator issues, the New Hope Circle has postponed the lunch scheduled for September 18th. A new date will be announced soon.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Faith United Methodist Women will have their annual Fall meeting on *Sunday, October 16 after the worship service. We will be hosting a “Harvest Luncheon” and we are inviting everyone in the church to join us! More details to come for what will be an opportunity for fellowship, spiritual reflection, and friendship.

Reservations for lunch are \$5.00 and are due to Roberta Covert by October 9.

*The date is a change from what is in the UMW yearbook.



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, September 8th at 1 pm at the
Church. This is a change from the
original date.

Program: Pat Tolle

Devotions: Betty Howard

Response Moment: Betty Howard

The Outreach Offering will be taken.



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!



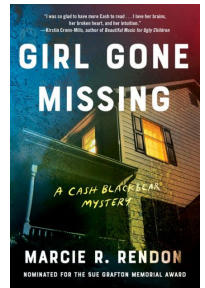
Thanks,
Cindy

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Board will meet 6:30 pm, Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN READING PROGRAM

Our next book to be discussed at the UMW Book Club meeting is *Girl Gone Missing*, by Marcie R. Rendon. Mission Emphasis: Social Action. We will meet Monday, September 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. (This is a change from the original date) We hope you can join us for fellowship, lively discussion and interesting perspectives of this great book. See Barb Wolfe if you need a copy.



SEPTEMBER LITURGISTS & GREETERS

| Date | Liturgist | Greeters |
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| Sept. 4 | Nick H. | Don & Roberta C. |
| Sept. 11 | Roberta C. | Chris & Heather D. |
| Sept. 18 | Nick H. | Mark & Thea C. & Vickie F. |
| Sept. 25 | Teresa F. | Floyd & Pat T. |

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FOOTHILLS DIST.FALL MEETING



All UMW members are invited to attend the Fall Annual meeting at First Hope United Methodist Church in Crooksville on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast will be provided. There will be a business meeting and a program on SOUL CARE.

The meeting should be over by 12:30 p.m. Please see Roberta Covert if you would like to attend. Faith United Methodist Women will pay for your registration.

See Barb Wolfe if you have any questions.