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FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

While serving as an associate pastor in the 90's, we noticed an interesting tendency: our attendance consistently dropped whenever we celebrated communion. I wondered if this was because the service tended to be a little longer or if it was more about the somber atmosphere of the sacrament – or something else entirely! As United Methodists, we typically celebrate Holy Communion on or around the first Sunday each month. Some members appear eager and joyful to receive the elements! Others are not comfortable enough to come forward and receive. For still others, the seriousness of Christ's sacrifice seems almost burdensome.

But the sacrament of Holy Communion is not the only reason we see Jesus gathering people around a table or around food! He willingly went to the house of tax collectors and sinners to break bread, and when he fed the multitudes, he fed any who wanted to eat. Jesus was not concerned whether a person was deserving or had good intentions or were even grateful for the food they received. At one point he even states that he knows people have come out to where he is because they were fed free food the day before. Jesus was not deceived! AND he fed them anyway.

Our current worship series is entitled, "Come to the Table". Much of our lives are shaped by the tables around which we sit, for meals, at church, in school, at work, etc. Over the next few weeks, we will reflect on Jesus' invitation to gather around the table at which he is seated. Our Wednesday study group will be learning more of the historical meaning of the sacramental table and the impact of gathering around table on church fellowship as we discuss, Table Talk: Rethinking Communion and Community. The series concludes on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October.

Interestingly, one week after our series concludes, Zanesville will hold its annual Muskingum County CROP Hunger Walk. If all of God's people are truly called to gather around Christ's table, then it is fitting that we would participate in such a walk. One of the expressions I learned through CROP is: We walk because they walk. For many in this world, to access water means an average walk of 3.4 miles. More than

PRAYER REQUESTS

Aggas Family Karen Wilson Kyle & Richard Felton Al Duncan Andy Hartsock Laura Peck Baby Asher & Family Lynn Baby Christian & Family Marilyn Inman Baby London Marlene Farley Bernice Osborne Mike Camp Family Betty Howard Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Sutton Betty Miller Nick Prindle Bev Wolford Pam & Michael **Bradley Adams** Pam Glass Brenda Miller Pastor Joy Wigal Brenda Shepherd Patty Pavlik Brian Hina Pearl Bradford Chad Glass Family Rita Spurrier Dave Smith Family Rita Young David Inman Ron Howard Debbie Gifford Ron Pyle Sr. Family Dennis Cebulsky Sarah Chapman & Family Saundra Boyd Doug Adams Dunn Family Shana Steve Cahn Ed McAuley Ellen Kelton Steve Inman Gloria Jean Campbell Suzanne Collins J.J. Jasper Terry Pickens Jacob Elson Thea & Mark Crawmer James Finlay Jr. Tim & Sherry Dickerson Tom Kelley Family Jane Thorne Janet Hickman Tonya Poli Ty Dierkis Janice Moore Jasmine Vickie Cordle Jill Shrock Vicky Butcher Jim & Patty Evans Vicky Wolfe JoAnne Peadon Wanda Adams Juanita Mohler Zola Duncan & Family Julie Glass Medical Faith Shut-in: Karen Bay Kathleen McCutcheon

Karen Norman

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS



9/12
MARK CRAWMER
9/19
BERNICE OSBORNE
9/19
BRADLEY ADAMS
9/22
JAMIE BRIGHT

9/22

HEATHER DEGARMO

9/26

Betty Howard



UPCOMING LITURGISTS & GREETERS

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
SEPTEMBER 3	Barb T.	Don, Roberta & Susie
SEPTEMBER 10	Mark	Chris & Heather
SEPTEMBER 17	Barb T.	Mark, Thea & Vickie
SEPTEMBER 24	Roberta	Floyd & Pat

2023 LEADERSHIP MEETING DATES

Leadership Board will meet 6:00 pm on: September 19 | November 21

Isaiah 40:31

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

140 million hours are spent every day by women and children to collect water. Not only is water at the tip of our fingers, but it is clean. One in six people in our world do not have access to water as clean as the water in our toilets. The World Health Organization estimates that 80 percent of all sickness in the world is attributable to unsafe water and sanitation. In fact, children are dying from unclean water and sanitation at a rate equivalent to a jumbo jet crashing every four hours. (retrieved on 9/5/23 from https:// resources.crophungerwalk.org/wp-content/ uploads/2015/11/walk-worship-resource3.pdf). I understand Cindy Howard and Amanda Hatfield are looking forward to getting a group together to participate in our community's CROP Hunger Walk this year. How will you support them?

I hope you will prayerfully consider Christ's invitation to a seat around his table and how you relate to your brothers and sisters seated with you. I look forward to seeing you there!

Pastor Joy Wigal

Matthew 11:28

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

EVENTIDE CIRCLE

Eventide Circle will meet 12:45 PM Thursday, September 7, 2023 at the Church.

The Outreach Offering will be collected.

Program: Roberta Covert

Devotions: Marlene Farley

Response Moment: Vickie Finlay

MONADO'S MARKET

We will continue to collect items for Monado's Market at Zane State College. Donations can be dropped off at the table labeled "Zane State" outside of the lounge. Some helpful items include:

- ~Single Serving Snacks
- ~Microwavable Meals
- ~Bottled Water
- ~Trash Bags
- ~Paper Towels
- ~Toilet Paper
- ~Ibuprofen/Tylenol
- ~Dish Soap and Sponges
- ~Personal Hygiene Items
- ~Laundry Supplies
- ~Pet Supplies



EVENTIDE 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

First Thursday of each month at 12:45 PM at the Church

September 7—Outreach Offering October 5—Thank Offering November 2 December 7

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



Faith UMC supports many local missions and hosts multiple community events. Contact us if you would like information on how you can make an impact in our area!

CROP WALK

Anyone interested in participating in the CROP WALK October 8th or donating, please contact Cindy Howard or Amanda Hatfield.



2 Corinthians 1:3-4

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."