



# FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**"LOVING GOD, SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS"**

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## *For the Mind of Christ*

*"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation." Genesis 2:1-3 NRSV*

### **"Litany of Labor"**

by The Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel  
*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose.

Almighty God, when you formed us lovingly out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life and gave us work and purpose for living.

**You placed Adam in the Garden of Eden to till and keep it.**

Through our work, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live.

**You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.**

By our labor, you enrich the world.

**By our labor, we enjoy the fruits of creation.**

By our labor, we find direction and purpose.

**By our labor, our families are made secure.**

For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for janitors and sanitary workers, for drycleaners and maids; for those who produce cleaning products and those who use them:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

You bless us all with skills and gifts for labor.

**You provide us opportunities to use them, for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.**

Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

**Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.**

Look kindly upon the unemployed and the disabled.

**Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.**

Keep us from laboring only for greed.

**Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.**

Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world. Give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Grace & peace,

*Pastor Jeff*

**THANKS  
BE TO  
GOD**

# What's Happening

## Worship Services

### September Worship Services

#### September 4 **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Kingdomtide** - Eucharist

8:00a.m. & 10:15a.m Worship;

Message Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

11:45a.m. Worship *Reconciled*- Cancelled

#### September 11 **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Kingdomtide-**

#### Promotion Sunday

8:00a.m. & 10:15a.m Worship-

Message Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

11:45 Worship with praise group *Reconciled*;

#### September 18 **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Kingdomtide**

8:00a.m. & 10:15a.m Worship-

Message Text: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-4:2

Worship *Reconciled*- Cancelled

#### September 25 **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Kingdomtide**

8:00a.m. & 10:15a.m Worship-

Message Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

11:45 Worship with praise group *Reconciled*

**FAITH**  
is like Wi-Fi,  
it's invisible but  
it has the power  
to connect you to  
what you need.

## NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The new adult Sunday School class will begin meeting on Sunday, September 11 at 9:15 a.m. We will meet down in the classroom that is the second on the left at the bottom of the stairs. Our first class will be a "get acquainted" time, complete with pastries and coffee!! We will also decide on a name for our new class, so come with ideas to share! Books have arrived so please see Carol Lanzer to get yours if you have not already received one.

There will also be a Fall Kickoff Cookout that same evening, September 11, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on the lawn at the church. Please join us as we kick off the Sunday school year for a time of fellowship with the children, youth and adults of the church! Please bring a dish to share and your lawn chairs ~ burgers, sausages, drinks and tableware will be provided! Questions? Please see Carol Lanzer.



From Mysterious Ways (Aug/Sept 2016) Norman Vincent Peale wrote "All of the Universe is a vibration." Science in the 1960's has come to agree with him. Atoms are made up of tiny strings. If something alters the charge of one, the other changes too. Dr. Peale's theory is that God pulls the strings. The application is possible for prayer. Come learn more about some of the parts of prayer. Repentance, forgiveness and feelings at 9:15 each Sunday in the Pilgrims room.

Love, Judy Munn

## Notes from the Choir Loft

In a few short weeks, the choir will return to the chancel for the 2016-2017 Choral Year. The date of the first rehearsal is Thursday, September 8 at 7 PM, and our first anthem falls on the infamous date of September 11, (Nine-Eleven) now designated as Patriot Day. It is recognized by US law as the official day of remembrance and is observed not only in America, but all over the world. The City of Tiffin has some events planned in observation of that catastrophic day.

As the new Choral Year begins, as always, new singers are invited and welcome. One of the handouts the choir received years ago was titled, "Everything I Know About Singing I Learned in Kindergarten." Often when new members are encouraged to join, the reply is, "I can't sing good enough" or perhaps they'll say, "You guys are too good." Trust me, we have often discussed that somehow between Thursday rehearsals and Sunday services, a miracle takes place! Seriously, any one of any age is not only qualified but super-encouraged to join the choir. (This invitation also holds for any young person who is still in school.) Your voice is needed and your voice is able to sing praises to the Lord! When new folks join, the 'seasoned' members help you every step of the way! We practice far enough ahead so if you are not able to be present for every rehearsal, you still will know the music.

Several new anthems have been ordered, and the choir is familiar with some we've sung in the past, so it is easy for new members to join.

In an earlier newsletter, nine reasons for maintaining the traditional church choir were listed but perhaps the main function is to be "an army of worship voices leading the people of God into the presence of God." There are two real rewards of being part of the choir. The first is to encourage and support congregational singing. The second is that you are part of a wonderful group of people whose only purpose is "To make a joyful noise unto the Lord." You grow to appreciate the camaraderie and fellowship of being in the choir.

As we embark on the New Choral Year, there is no way of knowing the challenges that lie ahead. But with God's help and with deep appreciation for the commitment of each person in the choir (some have sung for many years), we trust that our contributions to the worship services will be a blessing to every person whether you are singing or listening.

Sing' ~ cerely,

*Nancy*



## Missions Update



"Strength for Service to God and Country" books are on the Mission table for anyone to take and give to someone in the military or anyone who would enjoy the daily devotions. These books may make a difference in your outlook on life and might become your "Light" shining in the darkness".

**September / October Missions** Project will be Operation Shoebox Christmas Child. Donations will be accepted after each service in September. This year we will purchase items for boys age 11-14. There is a great need for school supplies. Our youth group will help pack the boxes which will then be prayed over before they are sent. The last Sunday in September we will collect to help with the cost of shipping.

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## UMW Update

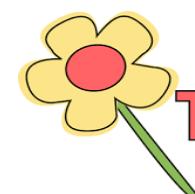


United  
Methodist  
Women

The UMW will be meeting September 10 at 10:00 a.m. Our guest will be Sister Mary Kuhlman from St. Francis. Sister Mary has been instrumental in establishing a safe haven for trafficked girls who have been rescued. This group called "Sisters in Shelter" is providing shelter, food, and counselors to help these people who have been so badly mistreated. Come to our September meeting to hear more details about what we can do to help. Donna McConahay will also talk about her mission of Purses with a Purpose which are purses that are prepared and given to the rescued girls.

Our Fall District Meeting will be Saturday, October 8, 2016 at Clyde First United Methodist Church. Join us for a time of fellowship and to hear about **TEEN CHALLENGE** and the **STARFISH PROJECT**. The **Annual Celebration** will be October 28-29 at Mentor UMC.

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**Thank You**

Dear Friends, The salvation Army would like to thank you for the donation of food and toiletry items. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Times are getting harder and people struggle to make ends meet. We are able to continue this endeavor because of donations from people like you. Thanks You and God Bless You! Major Becky

FAITH UNITED METHODIST ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TEAM MINUTES - August 22, 2016

Meeting called to order by Sandy Yarbrough, opened with centering prayer, Paul Fortney gave devotions.

**Meeting Minutes:** The July minutes were available but not printed, approval held until next meeting.

**Treasurer Report:** Sandy Yarbrough presented the detailed financials for June. Giving has been down during the summer months about 50% due to deaths and those not in attendances during the summer. Sandy asked if any questions having none Laura O'millian made a motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Schubert motion carried.

**Finance Report:** Sandy Yarbrough stated finance will be working on 2017 budgets

**Worship Team:** Jane Schubert reported the following:

Promotion Sunday September 11, World Wide Communion October 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Saints Day 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November

Planning Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas decorating, Suggested through the 5 Practices committee the worship team will include a survey asking members if interested in assisting with greeting, ushering, or reading. Christmas Eve services will be 7pm and 11pm

**Trustees:** Laura O'Millian reported projects:

Minor van Repairs, Termite and Spider problem, Minor spouting Repairs, Moving along on the chair and design samples for the sanctuary

**Staff Parish Relations:** Jeannine Curns reported:

Preparing conference reports, Will be starting staff evaluations

**Mission Team:** Linda Lonsbury reported:

Sept & Oct mission project the shoe box ministry, with Donna McConahay organizing

Salvation Army donations are complete and thanks to Earlene for packing and delivering the donations

August 27<sup>th</sup> classic car show and luncheon, things are going well parking is a concern and committee is doing their best.

Weight Watchers parking was discussed Jeff and trustees will review existing contracts to see if Church events take precedence over any standing contracts, such as weight watchers, tops, dart ball

Second Sat of September at 10 UM Women's Sr. Mary Komen from St. Francis presenting

**Education Team:** Jane Dietrich reported:

Christmas program December 18<sup>th</sup> rehearsal starts in October, Carol Lanzer teaching a new Adult Sunday School Class

Sunday Sept 11, promotion Sunday, Sandy Yarbrough, Melissa Mellott, Danielle Willman will be teaching youth classes

Thanks to Sue Klopfenstein for cleaning and organization of the lounge/library

**Hospitality Team:** Lois Hoover reported:

Baptism reception held August 21<sup>st</sup>, Planning for church wide Thanksgiving Dinner

Pot Luck after the combined worship service July 31<sup>th</sup> went well, September 11<sup>th</sup> reception from promotion Sunday

**Endowment Fund:** Bonnie Scherger reported: Balances of endowment funds \$ 1,234,446.16

**Youth:** Paul Fortney reported:

Youth starting a newsletter to communicate activities with the congregation and bio's to get to know the youth.

Youth assisting with car show, early morning serving breakfast items, and the picnic style luncheon, those proceeds will be used for the mission trip November 13<sup>th</sup> "Project Feed" in Wadsworth Ohio

Fall kick off outside September 11<sup>th</sup> all members invited.

**Pastor's Report:**

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> wrapping up 5 Practices, refining lists and ideas that will assist completing the annual report, Youth did a great job reporting their camp experiences, and appreciated the support of the congregation, Disciple study starts this Sunday, there are 14 people attending Oct. starting confirmation process, contacting parents and mentors, with confirmation in January

This Thursday Lay Leadership selection, Charge conference November 12, 10-11:45 Willard First Promotion Sunday Sept. 11, 2016

**Old Business:**

Paul reported the food pick up ended last week with school starting and will continue delivering in the school

**New Business:**

Judy Munn purchased a DVD selection of older TV movies and will show after 2<sup>nd</sup> service all invited.

Rev. Jeff closed with prayer

The next Administrative Council meeting October 24<sup>th</sup> with Laura O'millian giving devotions

Respectfully Submitted, Jane Arnold

Present: Rev. Jeff, Sandy Yarbrough, Jane Schubert, Linda Lonsbury, Jane Dietrich, Bonnie Scherger, Jane Arnold, Laura O'millian, Ben & Marilee Ladd, Judy Munn, Paul Fortney, Earlene Shock, Lois Hoover, Jeannine Curns, Jane Arnold

## Back to School

I came across a prayer in our United Methodist book of Worship that I thought I would share, along with a couple of comments.

*At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder.*

*We pray for teachers, students, and staff that this year might be rewarding for all. Be with us as we face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure, the expectations of parents, friends, and self.*

*In our learning and our teaching, may we grow in service to others and in love for the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (U.M. Book of Worship, #535)*

I was talking to a friend years ago about the start of a new school year. We were reflecting on what it was like for us as best we could remember. We were relating some of it to our own kids as they were starting back. We shared some fun stories, and then some not so fun ones, regarding our own experiences in school. He said, "Anybody who talks about the innocence of children all the time either wasn't one or hasn't known any actual children. The playgrounds, classrooms, hallways and gym classes can be merciless for anyone who is a little different." I tended to agree. I also shared how I wasn't convinced we ever grow out of it!

We spend a lot of time in school and under the influence of teachers, staff and above all our peers. There will always be someone (and at times a group) that will do everything they can to make life difficult for others. But, there are also ones who do all they can to make life rewarding and for them we give a special thanks and praise!

Perhaps each time we pass a school, a school bus, a young one walking to or from school we could say a little prayer of thanksgiving and for further anointing so that God's wisdom and Spirit reigns! *Pastor Jeff*

### Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

*"If you make my word your home you will indeed be my disciples" John 8:31*

Our study is underway! Our first session was held on Sunday August 28. Please pray for and encourage the participants in this year's class. They are Judy & John Munn, Sandy Yarbrough, Bonnie Scherger, Laura O'Millian, Jane Dietrich, Mary Jo Nay, Kendullin & Paul Fortney, Amy Vittorio, Jeannine Curns, Marilyn Kisabeth, Sharon Smith, Peggy Fout and Patty Courtney. They are making quite a commitment not just for themselves, but ultimately for the love of God and neighbor. Disciple I is a 34 week long survey of the bible covering Genesis to Revelation. This study requires reading significant portions of scripture each day which leads to some meditation and reflection. The participant's book provides scholarly insights and help on the texts. They are also committing to two hours of group work and sharing each week. I give thanks for their willingness to take this journey together, and for the privilege of going along!

### **Worship with *Reconciled*** - Beginning September 25th - Nov 6th 3rd service will be beginning the video

series, BASIC by Francis Chan, all are welcome to watch this intriguing series where Francis explores the biblical foundations of the church and our understanding of it. A corresponding discussion group will follow starting on Monday September 26th. The discussion will start at 7pm but the video will be played at 6:45 pm for anyone who missed it or wants to watch it again before the discussion. All are welcome.

September 18—There will be NO 11:45am service with *Reconciled* but we will instead have an outdoor service from 1:30-3 pm in the Health Department parking lot (across from Bailiwick).

**Nursery News** Faith United Methodist Church operates a nursery for children ages birth up to age 5 during the 10:15 service each Sunday. At least two adults, or one adult and a child over age eleven, remain in the nursery during the service. Parents are asked to sign-in noting any allergies or other useful information for our volunteers. A pager system is also used in case of any emergency. If you are interested in volunteering to work in the nursery please contact Jane Dietrich at 419-447-4938 or jdietrich6@woh.rr.com.



**PROMOTION SUNDAY**—Please join us Sunday, September 11, for Promotion Sunday. Three members of Sandy Yarbrough's class will be receiving DEEP BLUE Bibles. Our Sunday School teachers will be sharing what they have in store for the upcoming year. Sandy Yarbrough will be teaching grades K-4, Melissa Mellott will teach grades 5-8, and we are thrilled to have Danielle Willman working with our High School Sunday School class this year. Please keep not only the students, but the teachers, in your hearts and prayers and we share God's love for us all.

# Prayers and Celebrations



*The following people have received our special prayers this past month:*

Amanda Ross, Kelly Munn,  
Betsy Frase, Family of Bob Young,  
Joseph Hummel, Family of Nita  
Doran, Jon Thomsic, Kailee Smith  
family, Billy Stanley, Dan Knaur

## September Anniversaries

1-Kris & Susan Klopfenstein;  
5-Paul & Heather Grover;  
6-Paul & Gina Shoemaker;  
7-Dennis & Roxanne Gribben;  
11-Jonathon & Jennifer Kiser,  
Brad & Kim Newman;  
12-James & Lois Eisenhard;  
16-Gregory & Jennifer Harkins;  
18-Kevin & Amy Baker;  
19-John & Laurie Richey; Jeff & Amanda Smith;  
21-Daniel & Meg Eborg;  
24-Charlie & Jodie Reinbolt;  
25-Jason & Hollie Borer, Eric & Michelle Miller;  
30-Mark & Patty Lonsbury



## Congratulations to:

Grant and Katie (Foy) Lafontaine! They were married August 6 in our Sanctuary!

## Sympathy's to:

Family of Nita Doran who entered eternal rest Monday, Aug. 1, 2016.

## On Sunday August 21

We welcomed William Lewis Arnold into our covenant community, through the sacrament of baptism. William (Liam) is the son of Adam & Heather Arnold. Grandparents are Chris & Jane Arnold and Mark & Micki Tusing.



1-Jan Foy, Greg Fritsch, Kris Klopfenstein  
2-Violet Albright, Bernice Bock, James Snyder, Deborah Weber  
3-Austin Arnold, Matthew Ash  
4-David Depinet, Ryan Depinet, Cindy Jordan, Martha Kagy, Tim Renninger  
5-Andy Main, Aliyah Link, Kim Newman, Sean Smith, Andrea Traunero  
6-Dianne Roberts, Bradley Willman;  
7- Kelly Gerbino, Nicholas Grover, Marilyn Rumschlag  
8- Barb Bauer  
9-Joseph Jordan, Patty Lonsbury  
12-Shirley Galaba  
13-Monique Clagg, Lauryn Lanzer  
14-Dominic Consolo, Ryan Baker, Bonny Rhoad  
15-Maxine Cochran, Joyce Drake  
16-Doreen Lemons, Emily Hurt  
17-Kaleb Fair, Kaylee Fair, Lynn Lash, Ethan Shoemaker, Ella Mae Watts, Angie Williams  
18-Eric Hossler, Mason Ryan Link  
19-Blake Hoover  
21-James Dryfuse, Richard Edelman, Emily Stockton, Daniel Snyder  
22-Jane Dietrich, Trent Dundore, Megan Brickman, Janelle Schatzinger, Jenny Scott  
23-Brad Mesnard, Calvin Snyder  
24-Elizabeth Cramer, Gary Fout, Kristine Gottfried, Jesse Robinson  
25-Chip Hossler, Cheryl McKenrick  
26-Don Ellis, Jennifer Reedy  
27-Diana Cramer, Dillon Shedrick  
29-Laurie Richey, Joann Schreiner

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 8:30 a.m. TOPS	2	3 8:00 a.m. Weight Watchers
4 No 11:45am Service 2pm Disciple I	5 Labor Day	6 4:30 p.m. Weight Watchers	7 7:30 a.m. Bible Study at Bailiwick Lifeline Screening 6:30 p.m. The Landing 7:30 p.m.	8 8:30 a.m. TOPS Choir Practice 7pm SPRC 7pm	9	10 8:00 a.m. Weight Watchers 10am UM Women
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#### LITURGISTS

Bonnie Scherger Sept 4, 11, Carol Lanzer Sept 18, 25

Jacke Renninger

#### READERS

Sept 4                    Bonnie Scherger  
Sept 11                Kim Newman  
Sept 18                Lois Hoover  
Sept 25                David Dietrich

Lois Eisenhard  
Joan Shobe  
Chris Arnold  
Lu Ann Tooley

#### ACOLYTES

Sept 4                Ryan Dietrich  
Sept 11               Alexis Quickle  
Sept 18               Kevin Dietrich  
Sept 25               David Dietrich

Max Fortney  
Sydney Fortney

#### A/V OPERATORS

Sept 4                Tim Everhart & David Dietrich  
Sept 11               Kevin & Jonathan O'Millian  
Sept 18               Tim Everhart & David Dietrich  
Sept 25               Kevin & Jonathan O'Millian

Kevin Dietrich & Sandy Yarbrough  
Jason & Hollie Borer  
Micki & Mark Tusing  
Melissa & Curt Mellott

#### NURSERY

Sept 4  
Sept 11  
Sept 18  
Sept 25

Jim & Joanne Kimmel

#### GREETERS & USHERS

Lois Hoover, Tim & Terri Everhart, Jane Schubert