

# Faith Calls

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## *Whitt's Wisdom*

### **We are all on a journey together toward the promises of God**

We live with emotions that we value at times, and others we wish we could place in a bottle and remove from ourselves. The feelings may be fear, anger, sadness, joy/happiness, disgust, surprise, contempt, or anticipation, that at times will try to overwhelm us, but we trust not in what we feel, but in the guidance of God.



I wonder what emotions you had, or experienced in hearing once again, that the United Methodist Church, our United Methodist Church, is struggling with. In the words of Bishop Malone, "a way to address the impasse within the denomination regarding matters of human sexuality."

A few weeks ago, there were several articles in the news similar to the one from the Washington Post, with the headlines, "United Methodist Church is expected to split over gay marriage, fracturing the nation's third-largest denomination."

The headlines from the Washington Post and local and national stories were the results of a news release from a mediation group composed of clergy and laity who met under the leadership of Kenneth Feinberg, the mediation expert who handled the compensation fund for victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, among other significant negotiations.

The mediation team goal was proposing a way for churches, clergy, and conferences to leave the United Methodist Church and form other denominations in a way that is fair for all involved.

The General Conference, which meets May 5-15 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is the only body that can make decisions regarding the future of the church. Once that body meets, it may be a while until outcomes are solid and transparent regarding the future of the United Methodist Church, as other groups may bring petitions to be considered by the delegates.

I, along with the leadership of Faith United Methodist Church, will keep you informed. Please don't be swept away by the messages from the group inside or outside the church that is predicting precisely what will happen or what should happen. Let's continue to keep our emotions in check, and rely entirely on God who will guide in the future as He has in the past.

If at any point you would like to talk with me about these concerns or anything, call. I always love to sit down with you, as together we seek to be faithful to the calling of God upon our lives.

As a Church, our mission has not changed:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The vision is ever before us:

Inspiring Spiritual Growth for all by reflecting Jesus in the Community.

I invite you as always to pray, search the scriptures, keep in fellowship with one another, give of your talents and resources, seek to bring others to Christ, give of service inside and beyond Faith Church, and rest in the knowledge that God has a plan for our lives and a plan for Faith United Methodist Church.

Once again, may I remind you:

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, plans to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)



## FEBRUARY LUNCHEONS

This month, we are having special luncheons in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. These are wonderful times of fellowship that give you an opportunity to get to know other members of your church family. Contact Gary or Deb Todd if you have any questions or would like to help with these luncheons.

*Sunday, February 2                      February Birthday Sunday*

*Sunday, February 16                      Love Sunday*



Patty Kempf ~ 8  
 Charlie Richards ~ 11  
 Heather Rush ~ 11  
 Ruth Hartung ~ 14  
 Deb Todd ~ 14  
 Gerald Gunn ~ 16  
 Scott Johnson ~ 16  
 Phillip Rawson ~ 17  
 Sarah Straw ~ 17  
 Pat Zona ~ 19  
 Jessie White ~ 22  
 Brett Loughley ~ 24



Stephen & Summer Williams ~ 14

## PASTOR'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

As we prepare our hearts for Lent and Easter, in addition to the Prayer Vigil from Maundy Thursday to Easter you are invited to be a part of the *Joseph Bible Study, The Journey to Forgiveness*. This study will be offered for six weeks beginning Wednesday, March 4th through April 8<sup>th</sup>, meeting at 3:00-3:45 pm and again at 6:00-6:45 pm. You can attend the day or evening times, as the same study theme will be offered at both time periods.

In walking with this Bible study, we read that Joseph endured betrayal and unfair treatment, but he stayed the course to forgiveness and reconciliation as he looked to God for guidance and strength. We can't go it alone either. We will need God's help. Asking for God's help in our lives is a major portion of this study and the concepts can be applied beyond the themes of forgiveness. Come and learn, share, and grow in the experience of God's grace for our lives.

Please respond that you will attend either by email ([revdwhitt@yahoo.com](mailto:revdwhitt@yahoo.com) or [twinfaithmas@gmail.com](mailto:twinfaithmas@gmail.com)) or the Sign-in Sheet located on the small table in the narthex.



## COMMUNION STEWARDS FOR SECOND SERVICE

The first Sunday of every month we celebrate Communion as part of our Worship Service. This is not only a time to remember what Christ did for us, but a time to be in communion with Him and the Body of Christ. The contemporary service at 11:00 am not only gives you the opportunity to receive Communion but also the opportunity to be a Communion Steward and assist with serving Communion. If you are interested in serving as a Communion Steward and have not previously signed up, please contact Gary Todd. The following is a list of the Communion Stewards for the next seven months:



### SUNDAY    NAMES

02/02/20	Matthew & Annie Zellner	06/07/20	Andrea & Rebecca Peters
03/01/20	Ken & Patty Kempf	07/05/20	Bob & Lynn Denges
04/05/20	Greg & Lenora Matthews	08/02/20	Lois Rawson, Sara Schmidt
05/03/20	Mike & Tracy Shaub	09/06/20	Tom Prorok, Deb Todd

Please advise Gary Todd if you are not available on the week scheduled.

## ASH WEDNESDAY Worship

### Ash Wednesday Worship at Faith Church

As we begin the Christian observance of Lent, Faith

United Methodist and Solon United Methodist churches will join together in holding an Ash Wednesday worship service at Faith Church on February 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Please plan now to join us.

## Sunday School is Important

Sunday school is a very important part of a



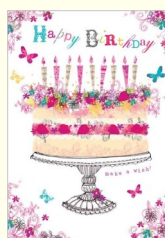
child's learning about Jesus and God. Faith Church works hard to find age-appropriate lessons that teach the bible in a fun, practical, and memorable way. 6th-12th graders have class at 10:15 a.m. in the classroom in Fellowship Hall. The 4 year olds-5th graders have class 11:15-12:00 (or the end of church). They also meet in the classroom in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions please contact Kris Loughley 330-571-2850 or Theresa Johnson 216-392-0350.

## February 2nd ~ Monthly Birthday Celebration

*Come and celebrate your February birthdays with your church family on February 2nd after second service, and share in a time of prayer in both services.*

*If you would like to help, please contact Lee Reynolds ([Lreynoldswvu@gmail.com](mailto:Lreynoldswvu@gmail.com)) or Gary Todd at 330.425.9745.*

*We'd love to have you join us!!*



## Friday Night at the Movies presents

### ***Fireproof***

**Friday, February 14th, 7:00 pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

At work, inside burning buildings, Capt. Caleb Holt lives by the old firefighter's adage: Never leave your partner behind. At home, in the cooling embers of his marriage, he lives by his own rules.

After seven years of marriage, Caleb and Catherine Holt have drifted so far apart that Catherine wishes she had never married.

Neither one understands the pressures the other faces—he as firefighter and she as the public relations director of a hospital. Regular arguments over jobs, finances, housework, and outside interests have readied them both to move on to something with more sparks.

As the couple prepares to enter divorce proceedings, Caleb's father challenges his son to commit to a 40-day experiment he calls "The Love Dare." Wondering if it's even worth the effort, Caleb agrees, but more for his father's sake more than for his marriage. When Caleb discovers the book's daily challenges are tied into his parents' newfound faith, his already limited interest is further dampened.

While trying to stay true to his promise, Caleb becomes frustrated time and again. He finally asks his father, "How am I supposed to show love to somebody who constantly rejects me?"

When his father explains that this is the love God shows to us, Caleb makes a life-changing commitment to love God. And—with God's help—he begins to understand what it means to truly love his wife.







## Administrative Council

Start the Year focused on Church!  
Everyone is Welcome February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world along with the vision statement, *Inspiring Spiritual Growth for all by reflecting Jesus in the Community*. The meeting starts with prayer as we work together as a team. Join us as we strive to be the arms and legs of Christ here in Twinsburg.

Calling **all** Trustees, Finance Committee, Staff Parish Relations Team, Missions, Membership Care, Christian Education, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Committee on Lay Leadership, Worship Planning Committee, Prayer Teams, Technology Coordinators, Fellowship Committee, G.I.F.T. Shop team, Spiritual Life Team to our meeting on **February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 7pm. Everyone** (not just committee heads) **is invited**.

If you want your concerns on the agenda, have questions or suggestions, please contact Theresa Johnson at 330-405-1588 or [FaithAdboard@gmail.com](mailto:FaithAdboard@gmail.com).

Start the new year with prayer. Do you feel powerless when it comes to the big picture? God hears you and will help you when you come to Him. Join us **January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 to 6:55** in the **Wesley Room**. We will pray about **anything** on your heart.



Join Us.

*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."* (1 John 5:14)

**Pray With Us Before Adboard**

## Church Trustees



### Save the Date ~ February 23<sup>rd</sup>

The sale of the parsonage was completed on January 17, 2020. This gives us a great occasion to celebrate!

Join us on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> for a **Parsonage Appreciation Luncheon**.

We will have fellowship and say thank you to all who worked at the parsonage. We thank all who prayed that God would find the right family to pay a fair price.

Do you have a favorite dish that you would like to bring? Do you have a suggestion on decorations? Do you want to help us set up? For more information and to share your suggestions, contact Theresa Johnson at [TheresaMJohnson@msn.com](mailto:TheresaMJohnson@msn.com) or 330.405.1588.



## The third Sunday of February is *Celebration of Love* Sunday

Sunday, February 16, 2020, is devoted to the commitment of Love. Couples will have the opportunity to join in a reaffirmation of their marriage vows, families will join in a pledge to strengthen family relationships, and single persons will come forward with a promise to seek out loving interactions with others. Everyone will pledge to exhibit the love of Christ with everyone we meet.

We are also asking all persons to wear something **RED** for this Sunday. This is a great time to invite your friends, and present them with a surprise rose!!

Of course, all are welcome, with no pressure to take part in the vows, or wearing red. Remember this is a time for ALL to reflect on the greatest love of all, the Love of God in Christ the Savior of the world.

**There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13)**



## MOVIE NIGHT SCHEDULE

Once a month we present a movie on a Friday night at Faith Church. Each of these movies has a message that can open a heart and change a life. The movies are shown in Fellowship Hall and start at 7:00 pm. Below are the movies that we will be showing over the next four months.



Friday, February 14

*Fireproof*

Friday, March 20

*Overcomer*

Friday, April 17

*Time Changer*

Friday, May 15

*I Can Only Imagine*

We encourage you to come and to invite others to see these wonderful films of faith and encouragement. The movies are free, and pizza, snacks and refreshments will be provided.

## Methodist Youth Fellowship

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."  
(1 Timothy 4:12)

### February Schedule

Sunday, February 2 NO MEETING  
Sunday, February 9 Regular Meeting  
Sunday, February 16 Snow Tubing  
Sunday, February 23 Regular Meeting



~ MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship) Mission Statement ~  
*To equip teens to live as Christians in the real world.*

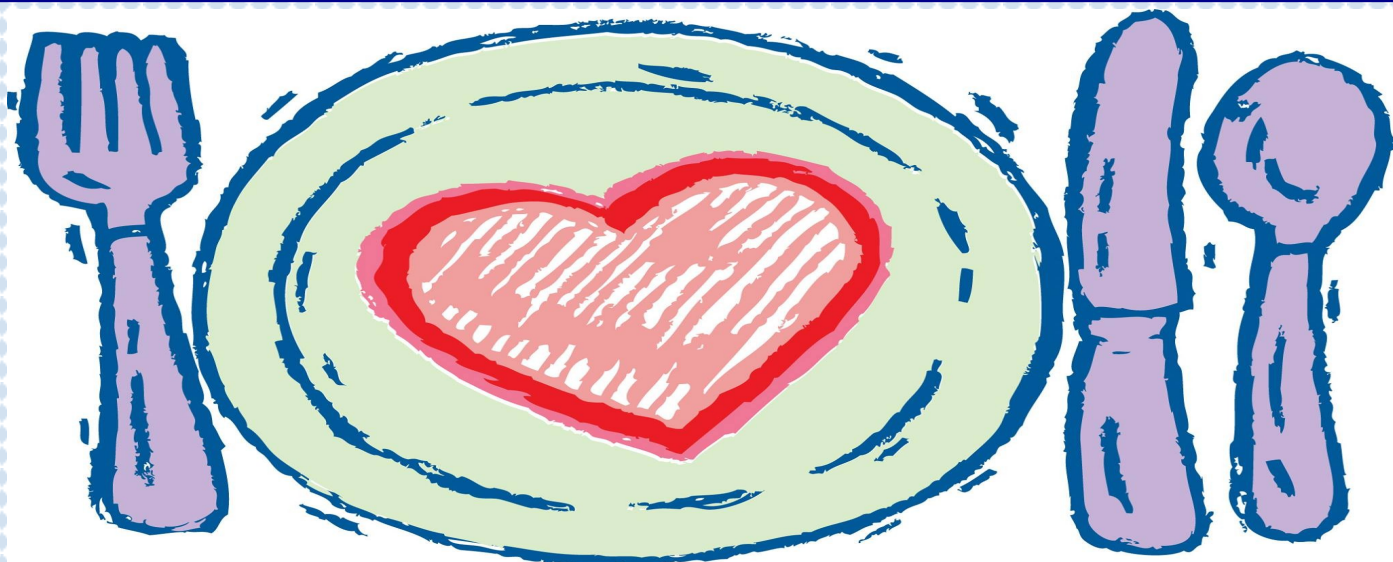
Peru! The 39 shoe boxes the youth group filled and shipped to the ministry of Samaritans Purse. In early January we heard that our shoe boxes were sent to Peru! So amazing that a little something we did helped to bless children in Peru and teach them about Jesus!

In December we made homemade cookies and goodies and packed them into little bundles. On December 22nd we set out and caroled to several shut-ins of the church and even a stranger whose lost dog we found! On New Year's Eve we had our annual overnighter at the church. We played GIANT Matching Game. We had more than 80 cards of huge (3x4 feet) cardboard cards with different biblical people on them. A new favorite game is the Saran Wrap Ball game. We also played LCR (Left, Center, Right), hide and seek, watched movies, and had lots of yummy food and snacks. January was fairly quiet with regular meetings, learning some card games, and a fun evening of the Game of Life!



In February we plan on going snow tubing and learning how to be a Christian in this real crazy world we live in! In March we are planning a movie night. Watch for info!

Friends are always welcome! Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact Dave and Kris Loughley 330-571-2850 or [dloughley@aol.com](mailto:dloughley@aol.com), [kloughley@aol.com](mailto:kloughley@aol.com) or Trent Springer.



# COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, February 9, 2020

4:00—5:30 PM

*Faith United Methodist Church*

*Community Dinner is a free community meal that is served in our Fellowship Hall at 4:00—5:30 PM on the second Sunday of each month. The Prayer Room will be available for your reflection at 3:30 PM. Come join us for a time of food and fellowship!*

Our next Community Meal will be served on March 8, 2020.

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The Faith Church **Free Clothing Gift Shop** will be open from 3:45-5:15 pm, with a limit of 1 bag of clothing or 6 items per person.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div>FH = Fellowship Hall</div> <div>WR = Wesley Room</div> <div>GR = Grace Room</div> <div>Sanc = Sanctuary</div> </div>						<b>1</b> 8:00a Men's Prayer 8a-1p Kairos Mtg/FH
<b>2 Groundhog Day</b> 9/11a Worship With Communion 12:00p Birthday Sunday 6:00p Bible Study/WR 6:00p MYF/FH	<b>3</b> 9:30a Fit4Mom/FH 6:30p Prayer Vigil 7:00p Ad Council	<b>4</b> 6:30p Boy Scouts/FH 6:30p AA/GR	<b>5</b> 9:30a Fit4Mom/FH 6:45p Women's Prayer/WR	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30a Fit4Mom/FH	<b>8</b> 8:00a Men's Prayer 8:00a Kairos Mtg/FH
<b>9</b> 9/11:00a Worship/ Salute to Black History 4-5:30p CommunityMeal 6:00p Bible Study/WR 6:00p MYF	<b>10</b> 9:30a Fit4Mom/FH 5:00p Trustees Mtg 6:30p Music Practice	<b>11</b> 6:30p Boy Scouts/FH 6:30p AA/GR	<b>12</b> 9:30a Fit4Mom/FH 6:45p Women's Prayer/WR	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Valentine's Day</b> 9:30a Fit4Mom/FH 7:00p Friday Night at the Movies ( <i>Fireproof</i> )	<b>15</b> 8:00a Men's Prayer 8:00a Kairos Mtg/FH
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**\*\*February 17<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for submission of articles for March Newsletter**

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*February 2020*

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*Worship Services*

*Traditional 9:00 am*

*Contemporary 11:00 am*

*Christian Education*

*(September thru May) 10:10 am & 11:10 am*

*Staffed Nursery: 8:45 am–12:00 pm*

