



# Faith Calls

August 2019

## *Whitt's Wisdom*

There are no words to fully express my joy in being your Pastor at Faith Twinsburg United Methodist Church. Dr. Eugenia Johnson-Whitt, Mrs. Eula Frazier and myself have felt a warm welcome, and immediately experienced Twinsburg as a new home Church. In sharing with many of you during the first few weeks, one theme has been constant: there is a strong desire to expand the ministries of this church in reaching out to others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In thinking and praying about moving from where we are today, to where we desire to be, the phrase, "to do better shorter", comes to mind. We can be better without always expelling more energy. Before we can move forward we must be open to accept ideas from all of us as God reveals his plan among the saints in this location. One way to remain open is to engage in Possibility thinking, which I have shared with you during my first four sermons, is how we manage or respond to new ideas. In other words, we are open to fresh ideas, and will not be closed-minded rejecting all we can. Instead we will pray, search, prepare, plan, execute, and evaluate, repeating that cycle more than once.

***But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" Matthew 19:26***

Here are the seven concepts:

1. Never reject a possibility because you see something wrong with it! There is something wrong with every good idea.
2. Don't throw away a suggestion when you see a problem. Instead, isolate the negative from the possibility. Neutralize the negative. Exploit the possibility, and sublimate the negative.
3. Never reject a possibility because you will not get the credit! God can do tremendous things through the person who does not care who gets the credit. Do not worry about getting the credit. If you do, you will become ego-involved in the decision-making moments of life.
4. Never reject an idea because it is impossible! Almost every great idea is impossible when it is first born. The greatest ideas today are yet impossible! Possibility thinkers take great ideas and turn the impossibilities into possibilities.
5. Never reject a possibility because your mind is already made up! I am sure you have heard the saying: 'Don't confuse me with the facts; my mind is already made up!' I have had to change my mind publicly more than once. People who never change their minds are either perfect or stubborn. I'm not perfect and neither are you. I'd rather change plans while still in port, than to set sail and sink at sea.
6. Never reject an idea because you do not have the money, workers, muscle, or months to achieve it! All it takes to accomplish the impossible is mind power, workers, money power, muscle power, and month power. If you do not have them, you can get them. Spend enough time, use enough energy, develop enough human resources, acquire enough financial capital, and you can do almost anything.
7. Never reject an idea because it will create conflict! The longer I have studied the possibility thinking, the more I have come to one conclusion. You can never develop a possibility without creating problems. You can never establish a goal without generating a new set of tensions.

*Let's add one more for good luck:*

8. Never reject an idea because it might fail! Every idea worth anything has failure potential within it. There is risk in everything. Risk is there in crossing a busy traffic road. Risk is there in having junk food. Risk is there in driving a car. Risk is omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent. Decide yourself whether you want to live a risk-driven life or rest-driven life.

## Information Meeting regarding Parsonage

Please join us **this Sunday, July 28th at 10:15am** in the sanctuary for an



update report on the parsonage. On behalf of the Trustees, Tracy Shaub will present information from our professional inspection of the parsonage and field questions. We will have a **Charge Conference the following Sunday, August 4th at 10:15am with the District Superintendent** (or his representative) for a formal vote. Please contact Tracy with any questions at [shaubtracy@gmail.com](mailto:shaubtracy@gmail.com) or 740.591.7675.



## Special Charge Conference Meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup>



**Twinsburg Faith UMC (we)** have called a special Church Conference at Faith UMC in Twinsburg on **Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am**. Dr. Bailey (or his representative) will preside at the meeting.

**All members of Faith UMC are invited to attend.**

The purpose is to present a motion by the Trustees. Content of the motion is to authorize the church trustees to do all necessary steps to **prepare the parsonage for sale up to receiving an offer**. At the time an offer is received a second Church Conference shall be called to discuss and possibly accept the offer.

It might be helpful for you to discern with your leadership where the proceeds from the sale would be invested. Brian Sheets, Executive Director of the East Ohio Foundation would be very happy to share the investment possibilities that can be offered by the Foundation.



Study <sup>the</sup> Bible  
with us



## Sunday Evening Bible Study

We have just finished our current study of James' letter on Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking a short break for the balance of Summer.

Sunday Evening Bible Study will resume on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> with a new study on the book of 1 Peter. 1 Peter is one of 2 letters written by the apostle Peter. His letter is directed to both the Jewish and Gentiles that made up the early church in what is now Turkey. As Christians they were persecuted. Peter writes to encourage these new believers to persevere in suffering that will lead to glory. He also tells them that they need to walk in holiness as a people of faith.

If you desire to mature in your faith, even in difficult times, we encourage you to plan on attending this new study. We will be meeting in the Wesley Room at 6:00 pm on Sunday evenings, and we hope that we will see you there.

Please contact Gary or Deb Todd if you have any questions or want more information regarding this study.



## TWINS DAY PARADE SATURDAY ~ AUGUST 3RD

The first weekend in August, Twinsburg celebrates "Twins Days" in honor of Arron and Moses Wilcox, identical twins who were some of the original settlers of Twinsburg. Every year twins from around the world gather in Twinsburg for this event. The weekend includes a parade, contests for twins, fireworks and a festival.

Twins Day is a great opportunity for our church to reach out to community, and this year we will have a float in the parade. We need people who can help get the float ready, and to walk in the parade. We have done this in the past and it has always proven to be a wonderful time of fellowship and outreach. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Mike Shaub or Gary Todd.

## Monthly Birthday Celebration Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

Do you have a birthday in August?  
If you do, tell us quickly at **330-425-2565**.

We want your name on our cake.

We want to celebrate you.

*Birthdays are about family. Come and celebrate your August birthday with your church family. We will celebrate in the middle of the month on **August 18<sup>th</sup>** after second service.*



If you would like to help,  
please contact  
Lee Reynolds at  
[FUMCLayLeader@gmail.com](mailto:FUMCLayLeader@gmail.com)  
or Gary Todd at 330-425-9745.

**Join Us.**

## Administrative Council (Adboard) Update

*Everyone is invited. All of our meetings are open to members of the congregation.*

**T**hank you for giving Rev. and Eugenia Whitt such a nice welcome at our picnic on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The food was fantastic and the fellowship even better. Planning as a team helps to make things go smoother. That is what Adboard is all about. Prayerfully consider carving out the time to share your time and talents.

Our next meeting is **September 9<sup>th</sup>**, but we are not taking the summer off. Join us in August for the Twins Day Parade. Email [scubadiver\\_81@gmail.com](mailto:scubadiver_81@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)*

**Join us** as we work as a team for God's glory.

Calling **all** Trustees, Finance Committee, Staff Parish Relations Team, Missions, Health/Member 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, and Spiritual Life Team to our meeting on **September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7pm. Everyone (not just committee heads) is invited.**

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Theresa Johnson at [FaihtAdboard@gmail.com](mailto:FaihtAdboard@gmail.com) or 330.405.1588.



## August Fellowship Luncheons

We have Fellowship Luncheons on Sundays immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service, in Fellowship Hall. The Todd's will be on vacation July 31st through August 18th, therefore the first two Sundays will be "Potluck" based on the schedule below. Please contact Gary or Deb Todd if you would like to help with these luncheons.



Sun, Aug 4 Bring Your Favorite Breakfast Casserole

Sun, Aug 11 Bring Your Favorite Soup Sunday

Sun, Aug 18 Birthday Sunday

Sun, Aug 25 Ham & Au gratin Potatoes Sunday

# Celebrate AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

Ryan Prorok ~ 2  
 Ashley Winston ~ 2  
 David Burgess ~ 3  
 James Berry ~ 5  
 Bob Lowe ~ 7  
 Jeff Romano ~ 8  
 Amy Sarver ~ 9  
 Tracy Shaub ~ 16  
 Morgan Winston ~ 18  
 Jeff Victor ~ 26  
 Nicholas Schmida ~ 28  
 Samuel Zona ~ 28  
 Waddell Johnson ~ 30  
 Matt Zellner ~ 31

# Happy Anniversary!

Ryan & Katie Bandiera ~ 2  
 Lynn & Jean Brower ~ 2  
 Ken & Patty Kempf ~ 8  
 Jerry & Natalie Brillhart ~ 9  
 Joe & Rhea Bandiera ~ 14  
 Gerald & Sylvia Gunn ~ 16  
 David & Kris Loughley ~ 19  
 Trent & Gerry Springer ~ 19  
 Bill & Jacquelyn Comeaux ~ 23

## Faith Church to Offer Drive-Up Prayer

We will be offering "Drive Up Prayer" on Saturday ,August 31<sup>th</sup>  
 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in our church parking  
 lot for anyone who drives up to the church.  
 Prayer is fundamental to our relationship with God.

In the world we live in, people need encouragement in dealing  
 with an assortment of issues that confront them. They  
 need to know that they are not alone and that God loves and  
 cares about them. We want to help people and walk with  
 them as they bring their cares to God. We are hopeful  
 that you will take this opportunity to be part of the  
 "Prayer Warriors" that day and sign up to be part  
 of the Prayer Team. We also encourage you to invite  
 or even better yet, to bring, people to receive prayer  
 during the "Drive Up Prayer" sessions.



## MOVIE NIGHT SCHEDULE

Once a month we present a movie on a Friday night.

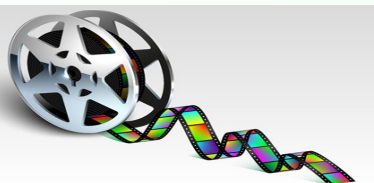
Each of these movies has a message that can  
 open a heart and change a life. The movies are  
 shown in Fellowship Hall and start at 7:00 pm.

Below are the movies that we will be showing  
 over the next six months.

Friday, August 23	<i>A Man Called Jon</i>
Friday, September 13	<i>The Isaiah 9:10 Judgment</i>
Friday, October 18	<i>The Trump Prophecy</i>
Friday, November 8	<i>Indivisible</i>
Friday, December 13	<i>TBD</i>
Friday, January 17	<i>A Question of Faith</i>

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.

Please contact Gary and Deb Todd if  
 you have any questions about this event.



Hope to see you  
 at the movies!

# Join Us for Vision Day



At the North Coast District Vision Day, you will discover:

- What it means for your church to be **Mission-Shaped**
- How to **intentionally engage** with the community beyond your church walls
- **Tools** for starting a Catalyst Faith Community

**August 20, 2019**

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

North Coast District Office  
4700 Rockside Rd., Suite 300  
Independence, OH 44131

## **Come and Listen:** Making a Difference in Kanyama, Zambia.



**Rev. Paul L. Webster**, commissioned in 1992, is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving at the Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre in Kanyama, Zambia.

Paul's ministry as a **rural economic development specialist** serves the needs of poor, rural peoples. Each project promotes major programs in:

- Education,
- Health,
- Sustainable and appropriate agriculture,
- Community development,
- Evangelism, and
- Church construction.

The projects strive to address community social, economic and health problems holistically, thus empowering participants.

**Join Us**

**July 29<sup>th</sup> – 6pm**



## 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.

Following is a list of the Communion Stewards for the next nine months:

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>NAMES</u>		
08/04/19	MIKE & TRACY SHAUB	12/01/19	TOM PROROK, DEB TODD
09/01/19	GERALD & SYLVIA GUNN	01/05/20	MYRTLE HAWKS, TRISHA ZONA
10/06/19	ANDREA & REBECCA PETERS	02/02/20	MATTHEW & ANNIE ZELLNER
11/03/19	SARA SCHMIDT, DEBI SWEATT	03/01/20	KEN & PATTY KEMPF

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



## FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

*presents*

### A MAN CALLED JON

*Friday, August 23 7:00 pm*

"A Man Called Jon" is a light-hearted dramedy about Pastor Jon Terrell Carson's unusual style of worship. Jon's church is very traditional and not accustomed to outbursts during service. One day after Jon embarrasses the church along with his family, Senior Pastor Stannum decides to reach out to the Bishop requesting that Jon be assigned to a church more suited to his praise style. Jon and his family find themselves at an African American Church where he is confronted by Associate Pastor Dickens, who later informs him that a paperwork mix-up sent him to the wrong church. Jon is moved to his third church where he struggles to will he be moved for a fourth time?



## Faith Church is Collecting Water Bottle Caps

**"Helping Our Wounded Heroes  
to Stand Proud"**

The Water Bottle caps are used to make prosthetic limbs for wounded soldiers. Please bring your water bottle tops to church and place them in the basket on the table in the narthex.





HAPPY MONTH  
OF  
**August**  
WISHING YOU ALL  
A BLESSED MONTH  
OF AUGUST!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>FH = Fellowship Hall WR = Wesley Room GR = Grace Room Sanc = Sanctuary</div> <b>4</b> 9/11:00a Worship & Communion 12:00p Bring Your Favorite Breakfast Casserole Sunday	<b>5</b> 5:00p Trustees Mtg 7:00p Worship Committee	<b>6</b> 6:30p AA/GR	<b>7</b> 6:45p Women's Prayer/WR	<b>8</b> 7:00p Praise Team	<b>9</b> 8:00a Men's Prayer 8a-1p Kairos Mtg/FH	<b>10</b> 8:00a Men's Prayer 8a-1p Kairos Mtg/FH
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<b>18</b> 9/11:00a Worship 12:00p Birthday Lunch	<b>19</b> 6:30p Music Practice 7:00p Finance Mtg	<b>20</b> 6:30p AA/GR	<b>21 First Day of School</b> 6:00p Girl Scouts/FH 6:45p Women's Prayer/WR	<b>22</b> 7:00p Praise Team	<b>23</b> 8:00a Men's Prayer 8a-1p Kairos Mtg/FH	<b>24</b> 8:00a Men's Prayer 8a-1p Kairos Mtg/FH
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**\*\* August 17th — Deadline for submission of articles for the September Newsletter**

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*August 2019*

*Faith United Methodist Church  
"Centered in Jesus Christ – Reaching out in Love"*

*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*



**WELCOME**  
Come Worship With Us