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LEADING A TRANSFORMED LIFE

By the time you receive this newsletter our church-wide study of the *Treasures of the Transformed Life* will be coming to an end and you will be given an opportunity to respond as members of the Body of Christ. On **Communion Sunday, November 7th**, every member of First United Methodist Church will be invited to renew their membership covenant by committing to a life of service, prayer, attendance and financial giving. By coming together and renewing our vows, we will be more confident in our future and united in our purpose and mission.

These commitment cards are for your benefit to enable you to challenge yourself, to grow spiritually, and to experience the full blessings of a transformed life. But it all begins with a single step, a commitment to make Christ and his Body, the church, a priority. I hope you know that I'm praying for you and the challenges you will undoubtedly face when confronted with living the Christian life.

The greatest temptation will be to put it off till a "more convenient time" arrives. Jesus wants to give you so much more than lukewarm faith, He wants you to experience a deeper sense of peace and purpose and wants to use you and your life as a blessing to others. Your membership vows to the Body of Christ are as serious as any you can make and I pray the Holy Spirit stirs within you a passion for the new life that is waiting for you.

This study has been such a blessing for our entire church family, and I want to make sure that you don't miss out on leading a transformed future. Our church simply isn't complete without the gifts, talents and presence you bring to the table. So won't you join us this Sunday?

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J.F.' or similar initials.

A Church of People like Me

My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of Almighty God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my church to be.

DON'T MISS OUR YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON!


It's November and the beauty of the season is breathtaking. We have so much to be thankful for. Our Young at Heart Seniors are invited to join us for a traditional Thanksgiving lunch and celebrate the be-

ginning of the holiday season with friends and neighbors. Bring a friend and enjoy! No covered dish is necessary and the meal is FREE!

The menu will include:

- Turkey
- Mashed Potatoes /Gravy
- Corn & Cranberries
- Rolls & Pie

Enjoy the musical sounds and entertainment of the saxophone from a student at Marietta College.



NOTE the Date Change for the lunch for NOVEMBER ONLY

November 12 at 12:00pm

WINTER COATS NEEDED!

The FUMC Clothes Closet serves those in need within our community. With Winter fast approaching and cold winds blowing, the need for winter coats and clothing has begun. FUMC Clothes

Closet is accepting donations of gently used or new winter coats and clothing for all ages. New underwear, socks and t-shirts for all ages is also a need. Please drop your donations

off at the church office. Thank you so much for your generosity. Your donations make a difference in someone's life! Our next Clothes Closet Day is November 20.

To volunteer to help hang, fold and stock clothing or serve during open hours of the Clothes Closet, Contact Pam Middleton at 304.464.4237

NORWOOD UMC OFFERS THANKSGIVING DINNER

Each year, Norwood UMC in Marietta offers a free Community Thanksgiving dinner to anyone whether they are in need of money or companionship or just want to enjoy a hot meal served with Chris-

tian fellowship. Join us for dinner or volunteer! We need people to help deliver meals to shut-ins and to chauffeur those unable to drive but would like to enjoy the meal and fellowship. We need people to help

serve, bus tables, wash dishes and prepare the meal. Last year more than 400 meals were served. If you can volunteer, contact the church at 740-374-5606 or Tom Insley at 740-374-8738 but November 2.

Norwood UMC is located at 23 Colegate Drive in Marietta, Ohio

Lunch will be served from Noon to 2pm

YOUTH GEAR UP FOR ADVENT CONSPIRACY

We've gotten off to a great start in FUMC Youth Ministries this school year! In Sunday School, we just finished a study on the Sermon on the Mount and are starting a series on the Exodus that will lead us into Advent season. Our Sunday evening youth groups have been lots of fun, and during October we've been focusing on the work of UNICEF and helping our kids learn more and raise awareness about the issues of hunger and poverty in the world, and God's heart for serving the poor.

As the Advent season approaches, our youth will once again be leading our

church in Advent Conspiracy, a program to encourage Christians to give more fully of themselves by giving more meaningful gifts to friends and family while helping the poor of God's kingdom. This year's fundraising focus will be on clean water for Haiti, which still suffers from many health problems nearly a year after the devastating earthquake there in 2009. We are assisting Living Water International's efforts to drill or repair 500 wells in Haiti. We will have fundraising announcements throughout Advent, and we also have an online

giving page for anyone who would prefer to give by credit card. Just visit www.unify4water.org to donate!

FUMC Youth meet for Sunday School between morning services every week and at 5:30pm every Sunday evening. We start with a light dinner together before our lessons and activities, and we finish by 7:30pm. If your student hasn't been attending lately, please know that they are always welcome and we miss them!



To learn more about Youth Ministries at FUMC, contact any member of our team: Joe Webb, Tom O'Donohue, Darla Kerns, Shelley Ash, Andrea Flowers, Brad Thomas or Cristie Winkler.

ADVENT CONSPIRACY

CHRISTMAS CAN STILL CHANGE THE WORLD.

THIS YEAR, GIVE PRESENCE.

WORSHIP FULLY ~ SPEND LESS

GIVE MORE ~ LOVE ALL



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTIONS BEGIN

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection has begun, and we are prayerfully asking the church family to donate items to be given to children across the ocean that need a Christmas hug. Each

filled shoebox costs \$7 to be shipped. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make the check payable to FUMC and write the word "Shoebox" in the memo line and place your donation

in the offering plate. Items that are needed to fill the shoeboxes are small toys, school supplies, hygiene items (no liquids or lotions) hard candy, lollipops, t-shirts, socks etc...Please bring your donations by 11-8-10.



**Join us for a Shoebox Filling Party on
Sunday, November 14
between Worship services
on the 2nd floor.**

IT'S HUG-A-BEAR TIME!

The Hug-A-Bear Collection begins on November 13. Bring a cuddly, squishy, loveable teddy bear to church and place it in a pew, so we can hug them and fill them with lots of love be-

fore we deliver them in December to area nursing homes and local shut—in residents.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Angel Breakfast Advent Event
December 4, 8:30am
Come, enjoy a morning of fun and fellowship when the children will have a "Birthday party for Jesus"
Families will have breakfast and then visit stations with fun activities and crafts.
Children, watch the mail for details!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PREPARATION

Do you ever wonder what photos are in God's photo album of the night Jesus was born to us on earth? Join the children as they celebrate Jesus' birth thru music and drama as they present

"Photo's of Christmas", a play written by Tonia Bohnen. Children will begin practicing the music during PALS on Sunday October 31. Children from Preschoolers to sixth graders are invited to participate.

Please watch the Bulletin for details of after school practices and Presentation Date. If you would like to volunteer to prepare sets, costumes, or work with the children, Contact Tonia Bohnen at 740-376-0357



DATES TO REMEMBER

Weekly Activities

Community Walking	M-F, 8:30am
Praise Band Practice	TH, 8:00am
Leap Ahead Learning Center	M- TH, 9:00am
Wednesday Women's Bible Study	Wed, 9:30am
Girl Scout Troop	Mon, 3:00pm
Praise Band Practice	Fri, 4:30pm
I.H.S. Youth Group	Sun, 5:30pm
French Class	Tues, 6:00pm
Boy Scouts	Mon, 6:30pm
Handbell Practice	Tues, 6:30pm
Choir Practice	Wed, 6:30pm

Monthly Meetings

November 1	Trustees (7:00pm)
November 8	Program Leadership (7:00pm)
November 9	Children's Ministry (5:00pm)
November 10	Church Council (7:00pm)
November 17	Worship Committee (5:30pm)
November 24	Sarah Circle (7:00pm)

Monthly Activities

November 4	Cub Scouts (6:00pm)
	Faithgirlz (3:30pm)
	Evergreen Youth Strings (6:00pm)
November 12	Senior Luncheon (12:00pm)
November 18	Faithgirlz (3:30pm)
	Evergreen Youth Strings (6:00pm)
	Cub Scouts (6:00pm)
	Soccer Club Meeting (7:30pm)
November 20 & 27	Community Breakfast (8:00am)

Special Activities

November 11	Girl Scout Cookie Training (6:30pm)
November 14	Shoebox Filling Party (10:00am)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND

November 1	Betty Erb
November 4	Chandler Kerns
November 5	Carlee Nelson, Ryan Cutright
November 6	Tim Sayre
November 7	Dewayne Lowther Natalie Chambers
November 8	K.C. Cox
November 9	Jillian Leo Allie Bodnar
November 10	Dani Gray, Bailee Nicewarner Joshua Chambers, Bryce Sayre
November 11	Dan Stephan
November 13	*Mark & April Adkins Eula Hardman
November 15	Betty Miracle, Emily Flowers
November 16	Nancy Kay Doak
November 17	Joanna Wells
November 18	Heather Gray
November 19	Jo Hune
November 21	Melissa Cieslewski, Richard Blauvelt, Sr.
November 22	Eileen Cieslewski, Tarah Merrifield
November 23	Alisha Sexton
November 24	Megan Sayre, Tammy Burge
November 25	*Carnick & Marj Hamperian Matt Westfall
November 27	*Charles & Pat Pickens Eric Fenton, Jacob Huggins Roni Huggins
November 29	Emma Berman
November 30	Nick Meadows, John Burge Garrett Wilson, Susan Dehmlow

Hospitalized

Jerry McCallister, Dick Blauvelt

It's a Girl!

Korby & Becky Guthrie announce the birth of their baby girl, Savannah Grace, born on September 28, 2010.

She weighed 7 pounds , 7 ounces

Proud Big brothers are Zach and Will

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NOVEMBER USHERS

9am Blended Service

Brian Burge, Fred Burge, Steve Bodnar

11am Traditional Service

November 7:

Wes Clarke, Gene Duncan, Karen Fenton (WA)
(Helpers Requested)

November 14:

Rex Bush, Ken Cox, Chris Henderhan, Jim Schmidt,
Bob Woodford

November 21:

Fred Dearman, Wayne King, Jeff & Pam Middleton,
Charles Pickens, Warren Epperly (WA)

November 28:

Rick Blauvelt, Larry & Marilyn Croucher, Tim Sayre,
(Helpers Requested)

Contact Rex Bush to serve as an usher.

NOVEMBER ACOLYTES

9am Blended Service

November 7: Liz Sexton
November 14: Amanda Webb
November 21: Elissa Erb
November 28: Isabelle Erb

11am Traditional Service

November 7: Luke Nelson
November 14: Emily Pickering
Katie Pickering
November 21: Jillian Leo
November 28: Corey McClung

Join us for Worship

9am Blended Service
11am Traditional Service

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