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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dearest Faith,

As you are probably all well aware, many Methodist churches have been doing the work of discernment over the past couple of years as they seek to decide whether to remain in the United Methodist Church or to disaffiliate and become an independent congregation or join another denomination. Your church council has had a number of meetings over the past year to discuss this topic and have considered it carefully. After a lot of prayer and some heartfelt conversations, your church leadership voted in favor of remaining in the United Methodist Church.

While I welcome and celebrate this decision, I also recognize that we have a diversity of opinions, and some of us may feel some lament or grief right now. And so, I invite you to pray with me for the healing of any wounds and the strengthening of relationships. It's so important that - with love, grace, and humility - we hold onto each other and care for each other as one church united in Christ.

Something these meetings revealed to me in even deeper ways was how much the people of Faith UMC love each other and care for each other. What could have been a divisive and contentious issue was instead a gracious conversation. It wasn't easy, but it was loving. The people of Faith - with all of our different feelings - love Jesus and love this church deeply, and because of that love, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we remain connected to each other. May we continue to grow in our love of each other and in our care for the people in our community.

As we heal from this challenging time, we look ahead with hope. God brought Faith together, and God gave Faith our purpose, our calling, and so we have very good reason to hope. And while we all have our differences, we are one body in Christ (Romans 12:4-5), connected to each other so that we may continue to make disciples for the transformation of the world. In the days and weeks and years ahead, may we continue to live out this mission.

Dearest Faith, I am so thankful for you, and all the ways that you love each other and our neighbors, and I am so grateful that I get to be a part of this faith community. "Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you." (2 Corinthians 13:11)

Grace and peace,
Jed

MESSAGE FROM LAY LEADER – SUSAN TRANTHAM

“Living with Purpose”
Have you ever asked yourself “what is my purpose in life?”? I am sure we have all asked that at some point in our lives. Maybe the following can help you answer this question!

First, you can be used by God. He can use you to bless others. Be a vessel for God’s glory.

Second, just follow Jesus. He has chosen you, as he did the twelve, to be fishers of men. The gospel of Jesus Christ is a gift he’s asking you to share with others.

Third, be an example. Jesus Christ was the role model for each of us. He gave us the best example of how we are to live.

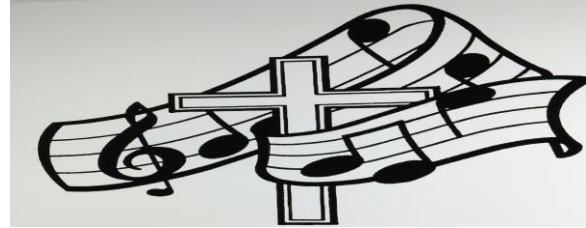
Fourth, any time and in every way help others. Even relatively simple acts of love can make an enormous difference!

Fifth, love is a verb. Have a heart of compassion. Open up your heart.

Sixth, good measure. Give and it will be given unto you. Focusing on the problems of others can help you to stop focusing so much on your own. Let God handle your life as you invest in others.

Seventh, shine your light! Allow your light to break forth into the world. Do not worry about the journey, God is ahead of you and has paved a way that is safe and secure. Trust him in every way...

Blessings, ST



RICK’S REFRAIN

Will return next month....



BETH’S MISSION MESSAGE

This whole foot thing has left me hollow and feel like I have nothing to give. So, I trust you all to continue. Be kind, do good. Give what you can to those who need. Thank you for your prayers. They are the only thing keeping me going.



Stewardship News as of June 26, 2023

I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with my Prayers, my Presence, my Gifts, my Service, and my Witness.”

2023 Budget \$50,519.00

Needed to date for budget \$26,269.88

Received to date for budget \$18,942.00

Behind budget \$ 7,327.88

Paid out to date for budget \$19,151.37

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!



JULY 2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP 11 AM

Smokey has Sunday School lessons for children ages 4 to 12 and Mark has adult lessons each week.

It's about time to update the Faith mailing/contact directory so please let me know of corrections for your information or if you'd prefer not to receive further mailings, etc., please let me know by emailing to

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

3 - Judy Ferguson
21 - Don Williams



JULY ANNIVERSARY

19 - Gordon & Donna Wheeler