



Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

Red Lion United Methodist Newsletter

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To Serve God, Christ's Church and the Community: Proclaiming Salvation To All.

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AN AUTUMN MEDITATION

It's a time of change. God's awesome colors are being displayed on the trees. And soon the leaves will begin to fall.

Take some time to rest. Maybe take a walk and enjoy the cool air and God's colors. Then find a place outside to take time to reflect on God's glory.

I thought I would share an Autumn meditation that I have done (and will probably do again).

Draw an autumn tree (it's ok it does not have to be perfect, it is yours no one else needs to see it).

Let the tree symbolize yourself, for each part of the tree reflect on the following questions. Write your responses on that part of the tree.

The root provides nourishment to the tree. Who or what has given you nourishment and vitality in your life? Who or what "roots" you in your times of significant changes?

The trunk provides support for the tree and channels nourishment from the roots to the rest of the tree. What are your strengths? What events have channeled new life into you?

The leaves show the change of seasons. In Autumn, they change color, die and let go of the branch. What is changing in

your life? What is dying in your life now? What do you feel called to let go of?

The bark protects the tree. Who or what protects you, comforts you?

The terminal buds indicates the hope for future new growth. What is your hope? From where does your hope come?



End your time of reflection with a prayer.

Creator God, the trees are ablaze with your glory.

The seasons change, but you never do. Your love never ends and never changes. autumn. Make me like you. Let my life reflect your love season after season.

The trees are letting go of this year's foliage. Help me let go of worries, worldly values, and burdens, and surrender them to your loving care.

Thank you, Lord, for your love, your protection. and your hope as I move into this season.

In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

Keep shining that light of Christ that is in your heart out to everyone through whatever way is safe but that keeps that light and love of Christ shining out into our family, friends, community and the world.

God Bless, Pastor Sandy

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays in October 2020
9:30 AM and 10:30 AM

For you and other's protection, masks must be worn – social distancing enforced.



Oct.4 – World Communion Sunday. Scripture:

Philippians 1:12-20

Oct. 11 – Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9. Guest preacher, Jennifer Frye CLM.



Oct. 18 – Laity Sunday – A Biblical storytellers' video of the story of Joseph in the Old Testament. Guest Biblical storytellers: Janet Steele, CLM, Certified Biblical storyteller; and Joanne Rouse-Clark.



Oct. 25 – Scripture: Matthew 22:37-40

We are able to fit about eight families at each service. If you can, please call the church or send an email to let us know what time you are coming.

Worship will consist of a combination of video and live. Communion will be celebrated in a safe way.

PRAYER CONCERNS

We lift up...

Robert H.
Bella B.
Judy B.
Marty C.
John S.
Marilyn M.
Charlotte M.
Brenda D.



and those on our hearts to you Lord, you know their needs. We place them in your loving caring arms because you are the great healer, the great comforter and the great peace maker and through you anything is possible. Amen.

COMMUNICATION

We continue to use various methods to stay in contact – cards, phone calls, newsletter, online devotions.

Check out our website for Sunday morning worship video (scripture & message), and for updates on worship services and gatherings.

We also post on our Facebook reflections, devotions and worship video.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

In order to maintain safety and “social distancing,” there will be no fellowship time offered before or after the service.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Not meeting at this time. Contact Norma or the church if you know someone who could benefit from receiving a card with an encouraging word.

OUTREACH

On Sunday mornings, we will have Kroger cards available for people in need of assistance. Masks must be worn to enter the church.

AA MEETING

Every Tuesday 7:30-8:30 PM.
Contact Mike Tracy to ensure they are meeting: H: 513-932-0538 C: 513-850-4633

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARYS

Birthdays:

10/9..... Marty C.
10/11..... Reagan G.
10/12..... Mike G.
10/16..... Pat W.
10/19..... John G.
10/20..... Caleb B.

Anniversaries: None

If we missed a birthday or anniversary, please let Pastor Sandy know.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING

Sunday, Oct. 18 at 11:45 am

You will be able to attend either in person or via zoom. If you are not on the Board of Directors, please let Pastor Sandy know if you will be attending living or via zoom.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, Nov. 15 at 11:45 am

You will be able to attend either in person or via zoom. If you are not on the Board of Directors, please let Pastor Sandy know if you will be attending living or via zoom.

WAYS TO SERVE THE LORD

For any of these, you can drop a check in the mail, payable to Red Lion UMC, indicate what it is for or drop it in the appropriate basket/jar if you attend worship.

- **Support the church:** Please continue your tithing, so we can be servants through worship, service and whatever God puts on our hearts.
- **March to Mission:**
 - Sept. 6: Jose Luis and Christy Sanchez Calderon, Campus Crusade Missionaries in Dayton
 - Sept. 13, 20, 27: Angel Tree
- **Mission Dinner at Franklin UMC:**
 - Along with Hope UMC, we are serving bagged dinners for now.
 - Oct. 6 & 27 (3:30 om finish prep; 4:40 pm serve; 5:30 pm clean-up)
 - Donations:
 - Oct. 4 – monetary donation as supplies already purchased (jar in back of Sanctuary)
 - Oct. 27 (bring to church Oct. 25); Potato Chips, Coleslaw, Halloween treats.
 - If you would like to help with food donations, bagging lunches, handing them out or dropping them off, call Marty.
 - Contact Marty if you have any questions or would like to help.
- **Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN):** Please keep the families in prayer.

If you have a prayer concern, a need, or would like to receive weekly messages in the mail during this time, email us (rlumc.oh@gmail.com) or leave a voice message (937-746-2131).