



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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Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

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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).

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

We are in the season of Eastertide or Easter Season. It is time between Easter and Pentecost.

After Jesus' resurrection he appears several times before he ascends to his Father. Some of the scriptures where Jesus appears after his resurrection can be found in:

- Matthew 28:8-10; 16-20
- Mark 16:9-29
- Luke 24:13-53
- John 21
- Acts 1:1-10

We find in the Gospel of Luke...*"That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. As they walked along, they were talking about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them."* (Luke 24:13-15)

At the end of the walk, *"They said to each other, 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?'"* (Luke 24:38)

When Jesus walked with the disciples, he explained the scriptures to them. Their hearts

were burning and yearning to hear and understand.

Jesus walks with us every day. Jesus walks with us as we seek to hear what message Christ may have for us in scripture.



I remember my first silent retreat. I was invited by a friend. It was at a time when I had been away from the church for a long time. I thought it would be a great way to spend some quiet time – have a peaceful day. I did not know what to expect.

We were told to bring whatever we wanted to do for the day. I don't remember everything I took that day, but I do remember that I took my Bible. After a bit of fellowship, we were lead in scripture and prayer and then told to spend the morning in silence which would be broken at lunch. I sat there not knowing what to do. So, I opened my bible and started to read but I could not concentrate - I started to cry. I sat in silence. Then I heard – walk.

I took my bible – I don't know why it just felt like I should - then headed down the country road. Every once in a while, I felt compelled to open my bible and read. There was no rhyme or reason to what I read – I just opened my bible and read whatever it opened to. Then I

continued my walk thinking about what I had read until the desire hit me again. I continued walking and reading scriptures all morning.

Something powerful happened to me that morning. I guess you could say my heart began to burn and yearn. I began to feel peace and joy in my heart. My whole body started to relax. I began to really hear the birds singing, see the beauty of the flowers and trees around me. I felt Jesus walking with me.

When was the last time you took a walk and read scripture? Just walked, read and were open to what you might hear or see as Jesus walks with you.

During the rest of Eastertide, consider focusing on taking a walk or walks with Jesus – read scripture and be open.

As the hymn says...

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

Have a blessed Easter season.

Shine the light of Christ out on everyone you meet everywhere you go.

Pastor Sandy



- Every Sunday
 - Sunday worship
 - Adult Sunday School
 - Children's Sunday School
 - Blessing Box restock/Food Pantry Outreach
- Every Tuesday: AA
- Every Thursday: weekly online reflection time video
- May 1:
 - Worship Team Meeting
 - Donations for Franklin Mission Dinner
- May 3: Franklin Mission Dinner
- May 8: Mother's Day/Celebration Sunday
 - Worship service 10:30 am
 - Mother's Day and May Birthday/Anniversary celebration after worship
- May 15:
 - Board of Directors meeting
 - Donations for:
 - "First Responders Thank You" bags
 - Franklin Mission Dinner
- May 16: UMW
- May 22: donations for Franklin Mission Dinner
- May 24: Franklin Mission Dinner
- May 29: Ascension Sunday & Memorial Day weekend
 - donations for Franklin Mission Dinner
- May 31: Franklin Mission Dinner

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

Everyone is welcome to join us for fellowship and food after worship each Sunday.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 AM

(A shorter worship video also posted on Facebook, YouTube and our website on Sunday morning.)

EASTER SEASON

- 5/1..... John 21:1-9 (Pastor Sandy preaching)
- 5/8..... Mother's Day – John 13:31-35 (Jennifer Fry CLM preaching)
- 5/15.... John 10:22-30
- 5/22.... John 14:23-29
- 5/29.... Ascension Sunday – John 17:20-26 & Acts 1:1-12 (Pastor Sandy and Alexa Lawhorn preaching)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Third Monday of each month
11:00 am.



All women are welcome. Enjoy fellowship, a bible study, mission work and lunch.

If you know someone who could benefit from receiving an encouraging word via a card, please let Norma know.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

ADULTS

Sundays at 9:30 AM

Everyone welcome! - Come and join lively, spirit-led discussions based on scripture. No pre-study needed.



CHILDREN



Every Sunday after Children's Moments in worship includes a bible lesson and fun activities (these may include crafts, singing, games).

YOUTH

Our Youth Directors are in communication with our youth in various ways. Let Brittany or Bandon know if you know of a youth that could use encouraging messages.

MAY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Celebration Sunday
May 8 – after worship



We will be celebrating birthdays/anniversaries on the second Sunday of each month during fellowship time.

Birthdays:

- May 2..... Addie G.
- May 6..... Tammy T.
- May 29..... Judy B.

Anniversaries:

None that we know of.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS



We lift up...

Geraldine

Charlotte

Tammy

Guy

Judy B.

Marty

Norma

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.

AA MEETING

Every Tuesday 7:30-8:30 PM.
Contact Mike Tracy if you have any questions. H: 513-932-0538
C: 513-850-4633



CHECK OUT THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

"And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

SUPPORT THE CHURCH

Please continue your tithing, so we can be servants through worship, service and whatever God puts on our hearts. You can mail it in, or drop off in basket at back of Sanctuary.

MARCH TO MISSION



For the month of May: We will be marching to help IHN (Family

Promise) – Christmas in July. The purpose is so that all of the homeless children that were in the Interfaith Hospitality Network shelter during the period of July 01, 2021 through June 30, 2022 can start the first day of school with a new outfit, backpack, school supplies, a haircut, and new shoes to name a few items. Most importantly, they will go to school feeling confident – just like the other children! Monetary donations only please as they do the shopping that is required.

FIRST RESPONDERS

Each month on the third Sunday a gift of snacks and bookmarks are delivered to a fire or police station as a thank you for their service. It is delivered by the Warmoth family.

You can bring in individually wrapped or bag snacks on the second Sunday of each month,

If you have any questions, please contact Brandon.

BLESSING BOX/PRAYER STATION

Donations appreciated:

- laundry detergent
- baby wipes/diapers
- personal toiletry items
- canned goods (with pop tabs if possible) soups, ravioli, etc. (no vegetables)

SUNDAY MORNING OUTREACH

Sundays – 11:45 am to 1:00 pm

Kroger Cards and other/extra items that cannot be put in the Blessing Box (due to temperature or other reasons) will be available.

Ways you can help...

- Donations (monetary or items)
- Help distribute on Sunday mornings 11:45 am – 1 pm.
- Be available to pray for anyone wishing a prayer

MISSION DINNER AT FRANKLIN FIRST UMC

We, along with Hope UMC, serve dinners at Franklin UMC. Ways you can serve:

- Food/monetary donations:
 - ✓ Can always use bottles of water anytime.
 - ✓ Food donations, bring to church:
 - May 1: lettuce, tomatoes
 - May 22: jars of peanut butter, loaves of bread
 - May 29: baked beans
- On May 3, 24, 31:
 - Help put dinner together 3:30-4:30 pm. Contact Marty.
 - Help serve inside or pass out dinner bags – 4:30-5:30 pm. Contact Marty.
- Pray.

IHN (FAMILY PROMISE) DINNER

Thank you to all who help provide meals and activities for homeless families.

The schedule for 2022 is:

- Saturday, July 9th
- Saturday, December 24th Note: This may be Christmas gifts for the children.

Check with Bonnie or Pastor Sandy if you wish to help.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



We started this trusting in God. Each window will cost \$20,000 to repair (total of \$60,000 for phase 1). A “Stained Glass

Windows” box is available in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations or you can send a check (indicate in memo line – stained glass windows).

COMMUNITY SHELTER



The shelter will provide us an area to do some outside worship, church events, and

community activities. A “Community Shelter” box is available in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations or you can send a check (indicate in memo line – community shelter).