

## *Jesus the Refugee*

**O**ur daily Journey tells a story that breaks the soul of humanity, like the three-year-old Kurdish boy Alan Kurdi, his lifeless body washed onto the shore after the refugees' inflatable rubber boat capsized, horrified us. Too often, however, the outrage has yielded little action. A year after his son's death, Alan's father told reporters, "Everyone claimed they wanted to do something because of the photo that touched them so much. But what is happening now? People are still dying, and nobody is doing anything about it."

The number of people forcibly displaced from their homes is the highest since World War II. According to the UN Refugee Agency, "An unprecedented 65.5 million people around the world have been forced from their home. Among them are nearly 22.5 million refugees, over half of whom are under the age of 18."

There are also 10 million stateless people who have been denied a nationality and access to basic rights such as education, healthcare, employment and freedom of movement. In addition, 28,300 people a day are forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution.

Also, as we grapple with the terrors refugees face, we must consider the fact that Jesus was a refugee.

**"After the scholars were gone, God's angel showed up again in Joseph's dream and commanded, 'Get up. Take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt. Stay until further notice. Herod is on the hunt for this child and wants to kill him.' Joseph obeyed. He got up, and took the child and his mother under cover of darkness. They were out of town and well on their way by daylight. They lived in Egypt until Herod's death. This Egyptian exile fulfilled what Hosea preached, 'I called my son out of Egypt.' Herod, when he realized that the scholars had tricked him, flew into a rage. He commanded the murder of every little boy, two years old and under, who lived in Bethlehem and it's**

**surrounding hills. (He determined the age from the information he'd gotten from the scholars.) That's when Jeremiah's sermon was fulfilled: A sound was heard in Ramah, weeping and much lament. Rachel weeping for her children, Rachel refusing all solace, her children gone, dead and buried." (Matthew 2:13-18, MSG)**

Dreamers and refugees are now serving our country in the military, risking their lives protecting our freedom. Dreamers and refugees are now serving in fire and police departments around our nation today!

According to US Today, September 17, 2017 reminds us about 900 undocumented immigrants know as "DREAMers" who are currently serving in the United States military, the Pentagon says, which could prove a major challenge for the administration as it tries to wind down an Obama era program that protected those immigrants from deportation.

Those service members—all of whom have healthcare or languages the United States military considers vital—would be forcing "DREAMERS" to leave the military in March 2018.

The military dreamers include doctors, nurses and service members with proficiency in some languages considered to be of strategic importance.

Spanish is not one of those languages, but Arabic, Russian, Chinese and Korean. What will Jesus do? Perhaps, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ proclaim this truth:

**"I was hungry, and you fed me, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was homeless, and you gave me room, I was shivering, and you gave me clothes, I was sick, and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me." (Matthew 25:35-36, MSG)**

Our task as disciples is to love the broken, the lost and the refugees because we all are made in the image of God.

Peace,  
*Pastor Brady*

## LENTEN PRAYER AT FAITH CHURCH



Prayer is the foundation of our relationship with God. It is through prayer that we draw closer to the Lord and it is how He reveals Himself to us on a personal basis.

Lent is a time of preparation. We are preparing ourselves to be raised with Christ to Glory on Easter morning. We prepare for this through prayer, repentance, and fasting.

This year we will be distributing a 40 Day Prayer Devotions on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. The devotionals will cover the 40 days from Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, (the first Sunday of Lent) through Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> (Maundy Thursday).

We will again be having a Prayer Vigil during Holy Week. The Prayer Vigil will begin at the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday Service, at 8:00 pm on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, and conclude on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, with the beginning of the 9:00 am Worship Service.

We strongly encourage you to do the 40 Day Prayer Devotional and to participate in the Holy Week Prayer Vigil as a way of spending time with the Lord, to prepare to receive Him in a new and fresh way on Easter morning.

We are prayerful that all of you will participate in these times of prayer and truly turn Faith United Methodist Church into a House of Prayer during this season of Lent. Please be part of these times of prayer and see how God will open Heaven itself, and pour out His blessings on you and the church.

Our Lenten Lunch Schedule is printed on the next page. As we prepare for this Lenten season, we are praying that you will plan to participate. We know not everyone will be able to attend, but that doesn't mean you can't participate. You can pray for our members to be moved by what they hear and to show their Christian light.

We are also looking for A FEW GOOD MEN to do the cooking for the Pancake Lunch on February 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway near the restrooms, as well as sign-up sheets for the first 2 lunches.

If you have any questions, please see Sheryl Soden or call her at 330.348.0270. We hope you will join us.



**Pastor's Lenten Bible Study to Begin**  
Pastor Brady's Bible Study class meets on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm and Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 am. The topic of the class during Lent this year (February 13<sup>th</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup>) will be based on *Final Words*, a recently published book by Adam Hamilton. Study books will be provided for everyone attending the class, which meets in the Wesley Room of the church. All are invited to attend. Please join us for this interesting study.

## Bible Study FOR LENT



## Ash Wednesday Worship Service at Faith Church

Faith United Methodist Church, Twinsburg will host the Ash Wednesday Worship Service, sponsored by the Aurora, Solon and Faith United Methodist Churches, on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Plan now to join with our neighboring Methodist churches at this meaningful service to begin the Lenten season.



## 2018 Church Directory

*The 2018 edition of our Church Directory will be available by February 11<sup>th</sup> and may be found on the narthex table. Please be sure to pick up your copy. We have printed forty copies initially, but will gladly print more if needed.*



**CHURCH**  
DIRECTORY

# Save these Date(s) for our Lenten Lunches



**FEBRUARY 18**

**Pancake Lunch** t 12:15 PM.

\*\* We're looking for A FEW GOOD MEN who can flip pancakes or grill sausages. Please contact Sheryl Soden if you will help.

**FEBRUARY 25**

**Soup Sunday**

**12:15 PM**

\*\* Please use Sign-up Sheet listing what you will bring.

**MARCH 4**

**Sandwich Sunday**

**12:15 PM**

\*\* Sign-up sheet posted.

**MARCH 11**

**Hot Dog Sunday**

**12:15 PM**

Let's repeat our Veteran's Day hot dog contest!

\*\* Sign-up sheet to be posted.

**MARCH 18**

**Green Lunch Sunday**

**12:15 PM**

Bring your favorite green food to share.

\*\* Sign-up sheet to be posted.

**MARCH 25**

**Palm Sunday—Potluck Brunch**

**12:15 PM**

\*\* Sign-up sheet to be posted.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO STRENGTHENING OUR RELATIONSHIP  
WITH OUR LORD AND WITH EACH OTHER. PLAN NOW TO JOIN US.



*If you have any questions,  
please contact Sheryl Soden at 330.425.8922.*

**\*\* Sign-up sheets for these programs  
will be found on the hallway Bulletin Board  
in the coming weeks.**

Do you know what God has in store for you? Do you know about your purpose? Those questions can be daunting. The best way to get to those answers is to pray AND serve.



Maybe the answer is to help us with our internet presence. There are lots of ways to help:

- ✓ Copy for our updated Website (under Construction)
- ✓ Facebook
- ✓ Youtube
- ✓ Google Plus
- ✓ Twitter
- ✓ Proof Readers
- ✓ Research

If you have questions or would like to help, please contact the Pastor, Theresa Johnson at [FUMCLayLeader@gmail.com](mailto:FUMCLayLeader@gmail.com) or Rich Todd at 216.235.9410.

## 2nd Service Communion Stewards

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 eight months:

02/04/18	Tom Prorok, Deb Todd
03/04/18	Delaney Rush, Sara Straw
04/01/18	Myrtle Hawks, Trisha Zona
05/06/18	Bob & Lynn Denges
06/03/18	Matthew & Annie Zellner
07/01/18	Ken & Patty Kempf
08/05/18	Greg & Lenora Matthews
09/02/18	Mike & Tracy Shaub



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



## Methodist Youth Fellowship

What is youth group all about? It is: *TO EQUIP TEENS TO LIVE AS CHRISTIANS IN THE REAL WORLD* because it's not easy!!!

Last month the group went to Camp Asbury in Hiram, Ohio for our annual retreat. Our youth group has been going to this camp for over 40 years! It is always such a special weekend where many special memories are made. This year we learned about prayer and how God, believe it or not, is NOT a genie! We watched Disney's *Aladdin* where the genie could be asked to fulfill 3 wishes. Thankfully, our God is NOT a genie. We can go to Him ANY time, ANY where, about ANY thing!!! God is way better than any genie!

This month we are going snow tubing on Sunday, February 18. Once arrangements are made info will be mailed and texted to the youth. If you would like to be added to our mailing list or receive text reminders let Kris know.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Sunday, March 18 we will be making dinner and having a meeting.

Friends are ALWAYS welcome! The more the merrier! So, if you have a friend or two or three you'd like to bring along to a meeting or fun activity, go ahead!

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."* 1 Timothy 4:12

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

Contact Dave and Kris Loughley at 330.425.3558 or [dloughley@aol.com](mailto:dloughley@aol.com), [kloughley@aol.com](mailto:kloughley@aol.com)

~ February Schedule ~		
Sunday	Feb 4	NO MEETING!!
Sunday	Feb 11	Regular Meeting
Sunday	Feb 18	SNOW TUBING!!
Sunday	Feb 25	Regular Meeting





## Friday Night at the Movies

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# The Shack

Friday, February 16th ~ 7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Mackenzie "Mack" Phillips suffered physical and emotional abuse as a child at the hands of his drunken father. He witnessed similar abuse of his mother as well. There is the implication that as a 13-year-old boy he attempted to poison his father with strychnine. Whether he succeeded in killing the man is not entirely clear, although subsequent events suggest that he did. But as an adult he has a bountiful life with his wife, Nan, and their three children: Kate, Josh and Missy.

Mack's life is shattered, however, when their youngest child Missy disappears during a camping trip while he is saving Kate and Josh during a canoeing accident. The police determine Missy is the victim of a serial killer after finding her torn dress and blood in a vacant cabin. Kate blames herself for Missy's death because of her own reckless behavior in causing the canoe accident in the first place. The tragedy derails Mack's faith and life until the onset of winter when he receives an unstamped, typewritten note in his mailbox. The surrounding snow is devoid of any incriminating tracks. The message is signed "Papa" (which was Nan's nickname for God) and invites him to meet at the cabin.

Thinking this may possibly be an opportunity for meeting and capturing or killing the serial killer, Mack drives himself there and, finding the ruined cabin cold and desolate and empty, is overcome with frustration, rage and an almost irresistible impulse to turn his handgun on himself. But he suddenly encounters a mysterious trio of strangers who invite him to stay at their well-furnished, cozy little house that is situated just down the path and, oddly, in the midst of a beautiful, sunshiny, summertime wilderness.

The trio of strangers gradually reveal their identities. The purpose of their invitation is to first help him to better understand his life as seen from a much broader context or higher perspective. This realization helps free him from an inclination to pass judgment upon himself as well as upon everyone else who crosses his path. It is from that new starting point that he may then continue his long, slow journey into healing for himself and his family and forgiveness for himself as well as for those who have grievously harmed him and his loved ones.

*We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to join us to watch this film. The movie is free and pizza, snacks and refreshments will be provided. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES!*

## February Coupons are Now Available

Start your new year right by saving money. We can help. Take as many as you can use. (You can also give some to your friends.)

Join us **Tuesday, February 27th** to update our board for February. We will meet from **1 pm to 3 pm**. If you can't make it and are looking for something special (ie: Luv's diapers) just let us know. We take requests.

For more information, contact Theresa Johnson at 330-405-1588 or [FUMCLayLeader@gmail.com](mailto:FUMCLayLeader@gmail.com).



## Monthly Birthday Celebration February 18th



Birthdays are about family. Come and celebrate February's birthdays with your church family. If your birthday is anytime in February, your name will be on the

cake. We will celebrate in the middle of the month on **February 18th after second service**. If you would like to help, please contact Theresa Johnson at [FUMCLayLeader@gmail.com](mailto:FUMCLayLeader@gmail.com) or Gary Todd at 330-425-9745. Join Us.

## Movie Night Schedule

Once a month we present a movie on a Friday night. Each of these movies have a message that, to an open heart, could be life changing. The movies are shown in Fellowship Hall and start at 7:00 pm. Below is a list of dates and movies that are scheduled as of now.

Friday February 12	<i>The Shack</i>
Friday March 16	<i>The Resurrection of Gavin Stone</i>
Friday April 20	<i>I am Not Ashamed</i>
Friday May 18	<i>Hacksaw Ridge</i>
Friday June 22	<i>All Saints</i>
Friday July 27	<i>Right to Believe</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.



Angela Askew ~ 5  
 Patty Kempf ~ 8  
 Charlie Richards ~ 11  
 Heather Rush ~ 11  
 Ruth Hartung ~ 14  
 Dorie Schultz ~ 14  
 Deb Todd ~ 14  
 Gerald Gunn ~ 16  
 Scott Johnson ~ 16  
 Phillip Rawson ~ 17  
 Sarah Straw ~ 17  
 Kevin Lowe ~ 18  
 Pat Zona ~ 19  
 Jessie White ~ 22  
 Brett Loughley ~ 24  
 Bertha Brady ~ 29



Stephen & Summer Williams ~ 14  
 Jason & Angela Stroup ~ 20  
 Jeff & Debra Victor ~ 29

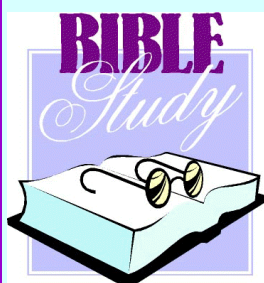
## SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

New Class on Philippians Beginning 2/3/18

*The Sunday Evening Bible Study Group will be wrapping up its study of Ephesians on Sunday, 1/28/18. The following Sunday we will kick-off the new study of Philippians.*

*We are continuing a series of studies looking at the various letters that the apostles wrote to encourage the new churches and their leaders. These letters were not just written to encourage the early churches but they will also encourage us today.*

*If you want more, if you want to grow in your walk with the Lord, we encourage you to join the study. We anticipate each study to last about 6 weeks, so keep an eye out for announcements of new studies.*



*We will meet in the Wesley Room Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm. Please join us.*

*Please contact Gary or Deb Todd if you have any questions for need directions to their home at 11298 Heritage Dr., Twinsburg.*

## Lay Leader Luncheon February 4th

We all have New Year's Resolutions (whether we admit it or not). One of mine is to expand my palate. So, come on an adventure with me in February. I am reaching out to Africa for two new dishes: Nigerian Jollof Rice and North African Chicken Tangine. (Don't worry. We will have some old favorites as well.)




The early church made a point of sharing meals. For me, it is an honor to continue that tradition and I am grateful for those who helped in January. Thank you, Merry Ann and Kathy for cleaning up. Thank you too Patty, Rich, and Troy for helping me with the prep work. I truly enjoyed your help and your fellowship.

If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share or if you would like to help, please contact Theresa Johnson at [FUMClayLeader@gmail.com](mailto:FUMClayLeader@gmail.com) or 330.405.1588.



# February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FH = Fellowship Hall WR = Wesley Room SHR = Sr High Room Sanc = Sanctuary				1 7:00p Praise Team	2	3 8:00a Men's Prayer
4 9 & 11:00a Worship & Communion 6:00p Bible Study	5 6:00p Fitness Class 7:00p Ad Council 7:00p Boy Scts/01/FH	6 6:30p AA/SHR 6:45p Boy Scts/67/FH 7:00p Pastor's Bible Cls 7:00p Music Practice	7 10:00a Pastor's Bible Cls 6:30p Girl Scts/262/FH 6:30p Boy Scts/10/FH 6:45p Women's Prayer/WR	8 6:00p Girl Scts/053/FH 7:00p Praise Team	9 7:00p Friday Night at the Movies	10 8:00a Men's Prayer
11 9 & 11:00a Worship 6:00p MYF 6:00p Bible Study	12 5:00p Trustees 6:00p Fitness Class 6:30p SPRC 6:00p Girl Scts/136/FH 7:00p Boy Scts/01/FH	13 6:30p AA/SHR 7:00p Pastor's Bible Cls 7:00p Music Practice	14 Ash Wednesday 10:00a Pastor's Bible Cls 6:45p Women's Prayer/WR 7:00p Ash Wednesday Worship at Faith, Twinsburg	15 1:00p Single Srs/ Dolphin/Oakwood 7:00p Praise Team	16	17 8:00a Men's Prayer
18 9 & 11:00a Worship 6:00p MYF/ Snow Boarding 6:00p Bible Study	19 President's Day 6:00p Fitness Class 7:00p Finance	20 6:30p AA/SHR 6:30p Boy Scts/05/FH 6:30p Boy Scts/06/FH 7:00p Pastor's Bible Cls 7:00p Music Practice	21 10:00a Pastor's Bible Cls 6:00p Girl Scts/182//FH 6:30p Boy Scts/08/FH 6:45p Women's Prayer/WR	22 6:00p Girl Scts/053/FH 7:00p Praise Team	23	24 8:00a Men's Prayer
25 9 & 11:00a Worship 9 & 11:00a Worship 6:00p MYF 6:00p Bible Study	26 6:00p Fitness Class	27 1:00p Coupon Clipping 6:30p Cub Scts/7/FH 6:30p AA/SHR 7:00p Pastor's Bible Cls 7:00p Music Practice	28 10:00a Pastor's Bible Cls 6:30p Boy Scts/05/FH 6:45p Women's Prayer/WR			

February 17th – Deadline for submission of articles for the March Newsletter

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*February 2018*

*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*

