



Faith Calls

February 2019

Moving Forward in Mission...

**The following is a second message and information from
Bishop Tracy Malone, Bishop of the East Ohio Conference, United Methodist Church
dated January 17, 2019**

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

This new year is filled with new and fresh opportunities to share the immeasurable and gratuitous love of God in a fractured, hurting Church and world. In this season of Epiphany, I am reminded of the biblical story of the three magi who sojourned together with humility and courage to an unknown place in search for Christ, so they could worship him. They came bringing their best gifts as an offering to honor Christ – and an unwavering trust in the promise that Jesus Christ is God's gift of love, light, hope and salvation for the world.

As the people called United Methodist, like the magi, we have been sojourning together, engaging in prayer, going deeper in dialogue, and exploring new possibilities of how to strengthen and maintain the unity and mission of the Church and maximize our witness in the world. We have dared to go into unfamiliar places and consider unknown paths, with humility and courage, in search of God's wisdom and revelation in fulfilling God's mission ... our mission, To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

And like the magi, as we prepare for the Special Session of General Conference and the days after, may we be committed to bring our best gifts... a praying spirit, a humble spirit, and a steadfast spirit... as an offering to honor Christ and the Church. May we have an unwavering trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to help us discover the gift of God's grace to help us do what we are incapable of doing, to see what we cannot see, to hope where there is no hope, and to honor the Christ in each other!

Our journey continues after the February 23-26 Special Session of General Conference as we move forward with the mission of making disciples!

My office will provide a prayer that I am asking to be shared in every congregation during worship on Sunday, March 3. This prayer will be available the week of February 25.

I am calling all lay and clergy of East Ohio to attend one of the following informational gatherings led by me and members of the General Conference delegation. Specific locations will be announced soon

- Saturday, March 9 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Southern Region of the Conference
- Saturday, March 9 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Central Region of the Conference
- Sunday, March 10 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Northern Region of the Conference

We will present the facts of what happened at the Special Session (what decisions were made) and I will share how we move forward – what comes next – as we live into the mission of the Church which is, and will be, still yet alive!

I ask you to join me in prayer for the mission of our beloved Church and our way forward together. We know that through Christ all things are possible! I offer this prayer of Jesus as a word of hope and blessing!

"I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. I've given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. I'm in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me." John 17:21-23

With Love,
Bishop Tracy S. Malone

Peace,
Pastor Brady



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™

Sunday School February 2019

Sunday School is going great this school year. We just finished 13 Very Cool Stories and Why Jesus Told Them. Our next lessons will be from 13 Very Amazing Animals and How God Used Them. We will "help the kids discover the faith-building, life-changing truths tucked into the stories of 13 animals that God created. They will also see how God used some thirsty camels, low-flying quail, a talking donkey, a dove, and more. Along the way, kids will be assured that God knows them and loves them – and is ready to use them in big ways too!"

Sunday School for 6-12th graders is held at 10:10-10:55 AM and for pre-k to 5th grade it is following Children's Chat in the 11:00 service (about 11:15) until church is over. Both classes are held in the back-right classroom in Fellowship Hall. Our Sunday School schedule follows the Twinsburg school calendar, so if there is no school the following Monday there is no Sunday School class. We have wonderful volunteers who love to help the children learn and grow in Jesus. Children NEED Jesus to survive in the world we live in today. Parents and guardians are welcome to check out the classes anytime! If you have any questions, please call or text Kris Loughley at 330.571.2850 or kloughley@aol.com.



Administrative Council (Adboard) Update

Ever wonder what Adboard does? Do you have questions about how the church functions? Please come to our open Adboard meeting to find out more.

Calling all Trustees, Finance Committee, Staff Parish Relations Team, Missions, Health/Member Care, Christian Education, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Committee on Lay Leadership, Worship Planning Committee, Prayer Teams, Technology Coordinators, Fellowship Committee, G.I.F.T. Shop team, Spiritual Life Team. It is a new year and we have new officers. Our first Administrative Council meeting will be **February 4th, 2019 at 7pm**. **Everyone** (not just committee heads) is invited.

If you have questions, suggestions, or would like to help plan our celebration, please contact Theresa Johnson at FaihtAdboard@gmail.com or 330.405.1588.

ADMINISTRATIVE
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MEETING



Communion Stewards for Second Service

On 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 a.m. 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 ten months.

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
02/03/19	DELANEY RUSH & SARA STRAW	03/03/19	MYRTLE HAWKS & TRISHA ZONA
04/07/19	MATTHEW & ANNIE ZELLNER	05/05/19	BOB & LYNN DENGES
06/02/19	KEN & PATTY KEMP	07/07/19	GREG & LENORA MATTHEWS
08/04/19	MIKE & TRACY SHAUB	09/01/19	GERALD & SYLVIA GUNN
10/06/19	ANDREA & REBECCA PETERS		

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

Friday Night at the Movies

Friday, February 15th~ 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

The film focuses on Paul Asher (Brenton Thwaites, from last year's "Pirates of the Caribbean" installment). He's a religion columnist who recently returned home to New York after being embedded with U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan. Asher's marriage is crumbling and his veteran friend suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Asher also is under severe stress from his experiences overseas, with covert suicidal ideations.

Then he encounters a man who claims to be God. He grants Asher three half-hour interviews on consecutive days. "The Man," as he's identified in the script, is portrayed by longtime TV actor David Strathairn.

After consulting with his editor, Asher accepts the offer and attempts to conduct the interviews as a professional, dispassionate journalist. But, time and again, The Man turns each question in a personal, caring way as he tries to meet the reporter's needs. God, Asher learns, is kind, concerned, humorous and humble yet deeply thoughtful. The columnist finds himself challenged on many levels, often leading him to consternation.

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Through the interviews, Asher also begins to realize that many people surrounding him are giving him support through this difficult time. His boss, his sister-in-law and even a caring neighbor enrich and bless him with encouragement and help just by being who they are, giving of themselves.

It's so easy to just live in the minutiae of each day, so it feels good to be challenged to think about the big questions in life posed by this film. "An Interview with God" delivers deep and clear, complete yet simple thoughts on God acting in our lives, his wonderful plan for his children, and his great concern and love for us. The movie also embeds the power of prayer as the characters seek answers to their stress and problems.

On another level, the film challenges us to be those whom God uses to help others as we share what God has done for us.



A Thank You Received

January 9, 2019

Rev. Edgar Brady & The Faith United Methodist Church,

I wanted to thank you and your congregation for the gift during my wife's emergency hospitalization in Jacksonville, Florida, far away from home. Like any un-planned event, this added in unexpected expenses. Indeed, you have shown how a faith community responds to help one another, and that is the Spirit of Christ manifested.

Grace and Peace!

Rev's Alvin & Kathy Goodwin

Methodist Youth Fellowship

Our New Year's Eve overnighter was a ton of fun!!! We played several games that kept us laughing all night and had a pretty amazing taco bar! We played the saran wrap ball game (trinkets and prizes wrapped up in a large ball of plastic wrap), Oreo and Skittles game, Left, Right, Center, homemade personalized Bingo, Extreme Uno, Extreme Hide and Seek, and a few more. Some former youth stopped in and played a few games with us as did Pastor Brady.

February is the month we go snow tubing. Watch for info on this event! If you EVER have any questions contact Kris Loughley 330-571-2850, text or call.

Like card games? Catching up with your friends? Snacks? Friends are ALWAYS welcome! We welcome anyone in grades 6-12 you'd like to bring along to a meeting or fun activity.

February Schedule

Sunday, February 3	NO Meeting
Sunday, February 10	Regular Meeting
Sunday, February 17	Snow Tubing
Sunday, February 24	Regular Meeting

"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."

I TIMOTHY 4:12

MYF Mission Statement ☞ TO EQUIP TEENS TO
LIVE AS CHRISTIANS IN THE REAL WORLD

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

Contact Dave and Kris Loughley at 330-571-2850 or
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February Coupons

February is a short month, but there are enough days to save money on groceries. Remember... every little bit helps. We can help. Take as many coupons as you can use. (Give some to your friends.)

Join us **Thursday, February 28th** to update our board for March. We will meet from **1pm to 3pm**. If you can't make it and are looking for something special (i.e., Luv's diapers) just let us know. We take requests.

For more information, contact Theresa Johnson at 330.405.1588 or TheresaMJohnson@msn.com. We look forward to seeing you.





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

Monthly Birthday Celebration February 17th

Do you have a birthday in February? If you do, tell us quickly at **330.425.2565**. We want your name on our cake. We want to celebrate you.

Birthdays are about family. Come and celebrate your February birthday with your church family. We will celebrate in the middle of the month on **February 17th** after second service.



If you would like to help, please contact Lee Reynolds at FUMCLayLeader@gmail.com or Gary Todd at 330-425-9745.



Movie Night Schedule

Once a month we present a movie on a Friday night in Fellowship Hall. Each of these movies has a message that can open a heart and change a life. The movies are shown in Fellowship Hall and start at 7:00 pm.

Below are the movies that we will be showing for the next six months.

Friday, February 15 th	An Interview with God
Friday, March 15 th	The Prayer Box
Friday, April 5 th	The Fourth Wise Man
Friday, May 10 th	Unbroken- Path to Redemption
Friday, June 14 th	Paul, Apostle of Christ
Friday, July 12 th	God Bless the Broken Road

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!

Church Chuckles

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages.

'Momma, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: 'I think it's Adam's suit!'

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together during church services. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough.

'You're not supposed to talk out loud in church.' 'Why? Who's going to stop me?' Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, 'See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers.'

Never Underestimate the Power of Your Actions



One day, when I was a freshman in high school, I saw a kid from my class was walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd." I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends tomorrow afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on.

As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They ran at him, knocking all his books out of his arms and tripping him so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes. My heart went out to him. So, I jogged over to him and as he crawled around looking for his glasses, I saw a tear in his eye. As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives." He looked at me and said, "Thanks!"

There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude. I helped him pick up his books, and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone to private school. I would have never hung out with a private school kid before.

We talked all the way home, and I carried his books. He turned out to be a pretty cool kid. I asked him if he wanted to play football on Saturday with me and my friends. He said yes. We hung all weekend and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him, and my friends thought the same of him.

Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are gonna really build some serious muscles with this pile of books everyday!" He just laughed and handed me half the books.

Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were seniors, we began to think about college. Kyle decided on Georgetown, and I was going to Duke. I knew that we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem. He was going to be a doctor, and I was going for business on a football scholarship.

Kyle was valedictorian of our class. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. He had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak. Graduation day, I saw Kyle. He looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually looked good in glasses. He had more dates than I had and all the girls loved him. Boy, sometimes I was jealous. Today was one of those days.

I could see that he was nervous about his speech. So, I smacked him on the back and said, "Hey, big guy, you'll be great!" He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. "Thanks," he said.

As he started his speech, he cleared his throat, and began. "Graduation is a time to thank those who helped you make it through those tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach...but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to someone is the best gift you can give them. I am going to tell you a story."

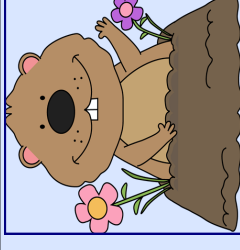
I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the first day we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his Mom wouldn't have to do it later and was carrying his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile. "Thankfully, I was saved. My friend saved me from doing the unspeakable." I heard the gasp go through the crowd as this handsome, popular boy told us all about his weakest moment. I saw his mom and dad looking at me and smiling that same grateful smile. Not until that moment did I realize it's depth.



Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture you can change a person's life, for better or for worse. God puts us all in each other's lives to impact one another in some way. Look for God in others.

— Author Unknown



February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR FAITH CHURCH* Church Office: twinfaithmas@gmail.com Pastor Brady: faithpastor80@gmail.com</p>						
3 9/11:00a Worship & Communion 6:00p Bible Study 6:00p MYF	4 6:30p Music Practice 7:00p Ad Council	5 6:30p AA/GR 6:30p Boy Scouts/FH 7:00p	6 6:45p Women's Prayer/WR	7 6:00p Girl Scouts/FH 7:00p Praise Team	8	9 8:00a Men's Prayer
10 9/11:00a Worship 6:00p Bible Study 6:00p MYF	11 5:00p Trustees Mtg 6:30p Music Practice	12 6:30p AA/GR 6:30p Boy Scouts/FH 7:00p Pastor's Bible Study/WR	13 6:00p Girl Scouts/FH 6:45p Women's Prayer/WR	14 Valentine's Day 7:00p Praise Team 	15 7:00p Friday Night at the Movies (An Interview with God)	16 8:00a Men's Prayer
17 ** 9/11:00a Worship 6:00p Bible Study 6:00p MYF/Snow Tubing	18 Presidents Day 6:30p Music Practice 7:00p Finance Mtg 	19 6:30p AA/GR 6:30p Boy Scouts/FH 7:00p Pastor's Bible Study/WR	20 6:30p Boy Scouts/FH 6:45p Women's Prayer/WR	21 1:00p Single Srs/Applebee's, Macedonia 6:00p Girl Scouts/FH 7:00p Praise Team	22	23 8:00a Men's Prayer 2:00p Pvt Event/FH
24 9/11:00a Worship 6:00p Bible Study 6:00p MYF	25 6:30p Music Practice	26 6:30p AA/GR 6:30p Boy Scouts/FH 7:00p Pastor's Bible Study/WR	27 6:30p Boy Scouts/FH 6:45p Women's Prayer/WR	28 1:00p Coupon Clipping 7:00p Praise Team		<div> FH = Fellowship Hall WR = Wesley Room GR = Grace Room Sanc = Sanctuary </div>

**** February 17th — Deadline for submission of articles for the March Newsletter**

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February 2019

*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

Staffed Nursery: 8:45 am–12:00 pm

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with us!

