



# Faith Calls

November 2019

## *Whitt's Wisdom*

### **IN HUMBLE SUBMISSION I AM SHARING THE PASTOR'S REPORT AND GOAL SETTING REPORT FOR THE CHARGE CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 9, 2019. WITH YOU**

I know that it is with great joy that I have the pleasure of serving as your Pastor since July 1, 2019. I have been in Sunday worship with you for a total of 18 Sundays! In some sense, time flies as we grow together in our commitment to Christ.

In reflecting what is presently most important at Twinsburg Faith as new and future goals, I realize it's a challenge as we are in the middle of a visioning plan. I look forward to that progress evolving over the next few months. Nevertheless, I will share some initial assessment and possible goals for your consideration.

What I share with you now are some initial steps that will be refined over time as we search the leading of the Lord in the life of Twinsburg Faith United Methodist Church.

I am extremely proud of the faithfulness of the lay leadership of Twinsburg Faith. The current leadership responded to critical issues in the church and is the key to many meaningful and lasting church life experiences.

I am also proud of where we are as a church and the strength and the growing edges for the five areas of church life. They include worship, community outreach, evangelistic focus, discipleship, and Christian fellowship. At the same time, within our church life there is room for growth and strength.

The worship experience of having a great variety between the two services is a strength as we are serving two distinct styles of worship. Each one has attracted visitors that have returned after a positive worship experience! A strength of the services is tremendous lay leadership, for which I am most grateful.

You have welcomed my suggestions and recommendations to improve the flow of our worship as we continue open communications. The core group during the first service is composed of a group of extremely dedicated persons. Without a doubt, the members of the core group are a great asset for the first service as is the Praise Band during the second service.

One of our challenges is the flow of both services. The Praise Band along with the musical program in the second service will need support and prayers. Both services can be improved as we seek open unpredictable-predictable structures, a balance between increased professionalism and inviting members of the congregation to take part in the service, and ways to allow the deep expressions of spiritual gifts. We are also challenged to upgrade the worship experience by working with the outside commitments of the leadership, physical space, freedom of movement and limited time restraints.

The commitment for community outreach (service and justice) remains a strong focus for Twinsburg members when asked, but the substance has been lacking for more than a few years. During the last few years Twinsburg has made monetary gifts to a local and international mission but almost no hands-on missions for the entire congregation. The new monthly community meal in concert with other Twinsburg churches is an ecumenical step forward. Combining the meal with opening the G.I.F.T. Shop was a spiritually lead endeavor in the right direction, and I am proud of the quick progress in the number of volunteers that have stepped forward.

The exact nature of a future outreach program remains to be developed especially since we are located in

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### *Whitt's Wisdom (cont.)*

a mixed socioeconomic community. Any outreach would have to be very focused to be successful over time. I am extremely excited about the REACH cohort that will enhance our community presence.

As I have become increasingly familiar with members of Twinsburg Faith, I am aware of its unique approach to evangelistic focus which has proved to be a place of growth for many of its members. There are a number of persons who have in their work and personal life shared their faith as a form of evangelistic focus, and no doubt these persons have positively impacted others.

It remains before us to develop a church-wide method to encourage persons to share their faith. A starting point may be three basic steps: We must identify our mission field. Next, we will need to focus on the message of the Gospel. Then move forward to the third step, which is sharing our true life stories of God's power. As a church community, it is a joy in knowing that no matter how "ordinary" our lives may appear, we as the people of God, in this location, have stories to tell.

There are many members and friends at Twinsburg Faith who desire to be in a position for discipleship growth. For a good number of folks, the Bible studies and outside spiritual growth experiences have strengthened their relationship with God. At the same time, discipleship has been minimum at the local church level. A discipleship program using the leadership within the church would be an excellent starting place. I would suggest using the resources of the United Methodist System. One direction is to develop small groups dealing with the intertwining of relationship between contemporary issues with spiritual growth.

Christian Fellowship has been a strong point with Twinsburg Faith over a number of years. The coffee hour after the 9:00 a.m. service and the luncheons after the 11:00 a.m. service have served a number of people in a loving and lasting manner along with the Sunday Community meals. The goal is to expand the number of people supporting this aspect of church life by moving toward a greater diversity of style, needs, content, and people attending.

As we look at these five church life pillars, we praise God for where we are as we strive to make improvements. Yet we rest in the hands of God who, through the Holy Spirit, is moving us to accept the challenges that we will face in the coming year of 2020.

Before us remains the opportunities to be the best we can be in serving Christ under the circumstances that we face at Twinsburg Faith United Methodist Church, over against facing possible major changes in 2020 regarding the structure of the United Methodist Church.

Let us remember the words my daughter shared with me this week.

Grapes must be crushed to make wine

Diamonds form under pressure.

Olives are pressed to release oil.

Seeds grow in darkness.

Whenever you feel crushed, under pressure, pressed, or in darkness, you're in a powerful place of transformation and transmutation. Trust the process, Trust God. Amen.

With God all things are possible. Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible (Mark 10:27).

*It is hard enough to make one Christian, harder still to make a Christian church. To make a Christian nation is a task to stagger the imagination; to make a Christian world may well seem all but impossible. Yet this, no less, is the goal to which our religion sets us.*

— WILLIAM ADAMS BROWN

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

## Administrative Council Update

Paul and Timothy's prayer in Philippians. Chapter 1:

<sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer: that **your love** may abound more and more in **knowledge** and depth of **insight**, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern **what is best** and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

We started our meeting focused on God's course for us. Rev. Whitt, then told us of the many ways he is leading the way for us to reach out. We shared ideas and talked about our upcoming special Sundays, finances, and Sunday School needs. If you have time, we need you as one of our Sunday School teachers. Please prayerfully consider joining the team.

Calling **all** Trustees, Finance Committee, Staff Parish Relations Team, Missions, Membership 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 to our meeting on **November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7pm. Everyone** (not just committee heads) **is invited**.

If you have questions, suggestions, please contact Theresa Johnson at [FaiThAdboard@gmail.com](mailto:FaiThAdboard@gmail.com) or 330-405-1588.

## Monthly Birthday Celebration Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Do you have a birthday in November? We want to celebrate with you. Birthdays are about family. Come and celebrate your November birthday with your church family. We will celebrate in the middle of the month on **November 17<sup>th</sup> the joys and concerns during both services and after second service** during the fellowship time.

If you would like to help, please contact  
Lee Reynolds at [LReynoldsWVU@gmail.com](mailto:LReynoldsWVU@gmail.com) or  
Gary Todd at 330-425-9745.

## Pray With Us Before Adboard

Do you feel powerless when it comes to the big picture? God hears you and will help you when you come to Him. Join us **November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 6:55** in the **Wesley Room**. We will pray about **anything** on your heart. **Join Us.**

Luke 6:12 *"In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God."*

# Let's Pray!



## November Fellowship Lunches

We have Fellowship Luncheons on Sundays immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service in Fellowship Hall. These are wonderful times of fellowship that give you the opportunity to get to know the members of your church family. *On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> we will be having a special Thanksgiving luncheon.* Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish. Contact Gary or Deb Todd if you have any questions or would like to help with these luncheons.

Sunday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sunday Nov 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday Nov 17<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday Nov 24<sup>th</sup>

**Italian Sunday**  
**Community Dinner (4:00-6:00)**  
**Birthday Sunday**  
**Thanksgiving Day Lunch (Bring Your Favorite Thanksgiving Day side dish. turkey, Mash Potato's, Stuffing and Gravy provided)**



Scott Loughley ~ 1  
 Laura Powaski ~ 4  
 Vincent Alaimo ~ 10  
 Ralph Desai ~ 12  
 Matt Hawks ~ 12  
 Sylvia Gunn ~ 13  
 Kristen Loughley ~ 13  
 Gary Todd ~ 13  
 Jerry Brillhart ~ 14  
 Matthew Sarver ~ 14  
 Jake Damcott ~ 20  
 Jessica Ranallo ~ 20  
 Lynn Denges ~ 22  
 Dick Schultz ~ 27  
 Kristi Rodman ~ 30



Calvin & Joy Shaw ~ 6  
 David & Eugenia Whitt ~ 14



## 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. All movies start at 7:00 pm. Below are the movies that we will be showing over the next three months.

Friday November 8 *Indivisible*

Friday December 13 *The Nativity Story*

Friday January 17 *A Question of Faith*



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!*

## Coupons for the Holidays

Looking for ways to save? Start at our Community Board. Remember: every little bit helps. Take as many coupons as you can use. (Give some to your friends.) Join us **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** to update our board for December. We will meet from **1pm to 3pm**. If you can't make it and are looking for something special (ie: Luv's diapers) just let us know. We take requests.



www.merrychristmas-2013.com

For more information, contact Theresa Johnson at 330-405-1588 or [TheresaMJohnson@msn.com](mailto:TheresaMJohnson@msn.com). We look forward to seeing you.

**L**EGOS, BUILDING, CREATING, PRETENDING, AND PLAYING are all part of the Sunday School lessons for the 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We are using Legos to teach the parables of Jesus. We have learned about building your life on the Rock (Jesus) rather than on shaky/sandy ground. The children built 2 houses out of Legos. Then we put one on a rock and the other on soil. When the rains (pitcher of water) came the soil washed away, but the house on the rock stayed in place and intact. Visuals always help to learn and remember. We have also learned about the Good Samaritan and how everyone is our neighbor and deserves our help. And, the unmerciful servant who was shown mercy, but did not show mercy to others. He learned a hard lesson!

We are always looking for someone to help lead this Sunday School class from 11:15-12:00. The lesson is all written out, there are pictures of how the Legos can look (there is a lot of creating and pretending!). The kids are absolutely LOVING this!!! If you are interested in helping out one time or a few times, please contact Kris Loughley 330-571-2850 or [kloughley@aol.com](mailto:kloughley@aol.com). There are copies of the lessons in the office in the EDUCATION mail box if you would like to check them out.



**Sunday School**  
**MAKES A DIFFERENCE**





## Thanksgiving

(Lizella Augusta Jenkins Moorer)

Let us give thanks to God above,  
Thanks for expressions of His love,  
Seen in the book of nature, grand  
Taught by His love on every hand.

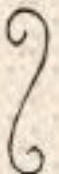
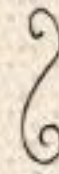
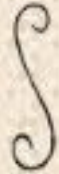
Let us be thankful in our hearts,  
Thankful for all the truth imparts,  
For the religion of our Lord,  
All that is taught us in His word.

Let us be thankful for a land,  
That will for such religion stand;  
One that protects it by the law,  
One that before it stands in awe.

Thankful for all things let us be,  
Though there be woes and misery;  
Lessons they bring us for our good-  
Later 'twill all be understood.

Thankful for peace o'er land and sea,  
Thankful for signs of liberty,  
Thankful for homes, for life and health,  
Pleasure and plenty, fame and wealth.

Thankful for friends and loved ones, too,  
Thankful for all things, good and true,  
Thankful for harvest in the fall,  
Thankful to Him who gave it all.



*Maria Corpis Nomads*



## November Schedule

Sunday, November 3: Regular Meeting

Sunday, November 10: Pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

Sunday, November 17: Project Feed: 12:30-5:30

Sunday, November 25: Youth Group Does Thanksgiving!

### *MYF Mission Statement ~ TO EQUIP TEENS TO LIVE AS CHRISTIANS IN THE REAL WORLD*

November has a lot of fun stuff going on! On November 10<sup>th</sup> we are packing the shoeboxes for the ministry of Samaritan's Purse called Operation Christmas Child. On November 17<sup>th</sup> we are participating in the East Ohio Conference Project Feed. We will be traveling to Wadsworth to join other youth and young adults to pack hopefully 100,000 meals that will be sent to developing countries around the world. We will text all the details to the group. And then on November 25<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Thanksgiving by sharing a Thanksgiving meal together during our regular meeting time. It's a tradition that is absolutely delicious!!!

We are having a great time with chit chat and catching up with each other for the first part of the meetings, playing card games like Golf, Sevens, and spoons, and coming closer to God and how He can help us each and every single day in the real world.

Youth Group is for all students in grades 6 through 12 in any school district. We meet at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall on the couches around the fireplace.

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

*Looking Ahead* ~ December will offer cookie baking, Christmas Caroling, and the annual New Year's Eve Overnighter at the church.

*"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

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact Dave and Kris Loughley at 330-571-2850 or [dloughley@aol.com](mailto:dloughley@aol.com), [kloughley@aol.com](mailto:kloughley@aol.com).



### *Communion Stewards for Second Service*

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 11:00am 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:

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>NAMES</u>		
11/03/19	Sara Schmidt	12/01/19	Tom Prorok, Deb Todd
01/05/20	Myrtle Hawks, Trisha Zona	02/02/20	Matthew & Annie Zellner
03/01/20	Ken & Patty Kempf	04/05/20	Greg & Lenora Matthews
05/03/19	Mike & Tracy Shaub	06/07/20	Andrea & Rebecca Peters

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



# 2019 Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

**H**ELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS! Your plant(s) will help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas, and may then be picked up for your own use after the late service on Christmas Eve or on the following Sunday morning. Thank you for sharing with us.

(\*\*Indicate number of each color plant desired!)

4.5" Poinsettia, 1 stem, 2 - 3 blooms	\$ 4.75 ea	_____ Red	_____ White
6.5" Poinsettia, 1 stem, 4 - 5 blooms	\$ 8.90 ea	_____ Red	_____ White
7.5" Poinsettia, 2 stems, 6 - 8 blooms	\$13.60 ea	_____ Red	_____ White
8.5" Poinsettia, 3 stems, 7 - 8 blooms	\$17.20 ea	_____ Red	_____ White
10.0" Poinsettia, 4 stems, 9-10 blooms	\$21.35 ea	_____ Red	_____ White



(Please **PRINT** clearly. Use reverse side if more space is needed.)

From \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to *Faith United Methodist Church*, and place both this order form and your check in the envelope on the narthex table or mail them to the church office.  
**to arrive no later than Sunday, November 17th.**

## Friday Night at the Movies presents *Indivisible*

**Friday, November 8th, 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**

**INDIVISIBLE** is based on the extraordinary true story of Army Chaplain Darren Turner and his wife Heather. With a strong, faith-filled marriage, the Turners are ready to follow their calling: serving God, family, and country.

Fresh from seminary and basic training, Chaplain Turner and his family arrive at Fort Stewart. Yet before the Turners can even unpack their new house, Darren is deployed to Iraq. Heather is left taking care of their three young children alone... as well as serving the families of the other deployed soldiers.

Despite a desire to stay connected with their loved ones, the harsh realities of war take a daily toll over the course of the Battalion's extended deployment. Meanwhile back home, babies are born, kids keep growing, and nerves are frayed with every late-night knock on the door.

With deeply etched battle scars, the soldiers' long-awaited homecoming is much different than any of their families anticipated. Carrying burdens the other can't comprehend, the Turners must decide if they're willing to face **one** more battle: the fight to save their marriage.



# Free Community Dinner



**Sunday, November 10, 2019**  
**4:00—5:30 PM**

*Faith United Methodist Church*

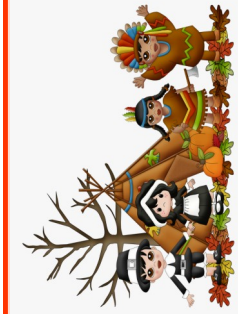
*Community Dinner is a free community meal that is served in our Fellowship Hall at 4:00—5:30 PM on the second Sunday of each month. Come join us for a time of food and fellowship!*

Community Meals will also be served on the Second Sunday of each month:  
December 8, 2019; January 12, 2020; February 9, 2020, & March 8, 2020.

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The Faith Church *Free Clothing Gift Shop* is open from 3:45-5:15 pm,  
with a limit of 1 bag of clothing or 6 items per person.

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**330.425.2565**





# NOVEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div>FH = Fellowship Hall WR = Wesley Room GR = Grace Room Sanc = Sanctuary</div> <div> <b>3</b>            9/11:00a Worship                with Communion            12:00p Italian Sunday Lunch            6:00p Bible Study/WR            6:00p MYF/FH         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>4</b></div> <div>           9:30a Fit4Moms/FH            6:30p Prayer Vigil            7:00p Ad Council         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>5</b></div> <div>           6:30p Boy Scouts/FH            6:30p AA/GR         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>6</b></div> <div>           9:30a Fit4Moms/FH            6:45p Women's Prayer/WR         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>7</b></div> <div>           7:00p Praise Team         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>8</b></div> <div>           9:30a Fit4Moms/FH            7:00p Friday Night at the Movies (<i>Indivisible</i>)         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>9</b></div> <div>           8:00a Men's Prayer            1:00p ChargeConference/                Aldersgate UMC         </div> </div>
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<div> <div> <b>17</b> <b>** December Newsletter Deadline</b> </div> <div>           9/11:00a Worship            12:00p November                Birthday Lunch            6:00p Bible Study/WR         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>18</b></div> <div>           9:30a Fit4Moms/FH            6:30p Music Practice            7:00p Finance Mtg         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>19</b></div> <div>           6:30p Boy Scouts/FH            6:30p AA/GR         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>20</b></div> <div>           9:30a Fit4Moms/FH            6:00p Girl Scouts/FH            6:30p Boy Scouts/FH            6:45p Women's Prayer/WR         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>21</b></div> <div>           1:00p Seniors Lunch/            Johnny's Diner, Hudson            7:00p Praise Team         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>22</b></div> <div>           9:30a Fit4Moms/FH         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>23</b></div> <div>           8:00a Men's Prayer         </div> </div>
<div> <div><b>24</b></div> <div>           9/11:00a Worship            12:00p Thanksgiving Day                Lunch            6:00p Bible Study/WR            6:00p MYF/Does                Thanksgiving         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>25</b></div> <div>           9:30a Fit4Moms/FH            6:30p Music Practice         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>26</b></div> <div>           6:30p Boy Scouts/FH            6:30p AA/GR         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>27</b></div> <div>           9:30a Fit4Moms/FH            1:00p Coup            6:45p Women's Prayer/WR         </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>28 Thanksgiving Day</b></div> <div> </div> </div>	<div> <div><b>29</b></div> </div>	<div> <div><b>30</b></div> <div>           8:00a Men's Prayer         </div> </div>

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*November 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*