



THE JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MESSENGER

MISSION

We, as individuals and as a congregation empowered by the Holy Spirit, strive to serve God by walking with Christ to reach the individual, touch the community, and serve the world.

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Why is it Important to Have Strong Faith in God?

To be a victorious Christian, you need to have strong faith in God. As a matter of fact, faith is essential for believers and non-believers alike. It is an important concept of life. We need it to get through life because all of us go through trials.

Galatians 2:16 declares that “know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So, we, too have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.” (NIV) The truth is you cannot call yourself a Christian if you don’t have faith. It is a basic requirement in Christianity. Believing God exists and He sent His son Jesus to die for our sins is what makes us followers of Christ. It is not enough to say you have faith. You need to walk the talk, practice what you profess.

When you hear the word “faith,” what do you think of? Whether you realize it or not, faith is an essential part of life, not just Christianity. For example, every time you sit down on a chair, you have faith that the chair will hold you. You are trusting that the chair won’t collapse under you.

That’s faith – being sure of what you’re hoping for – being certain of what you don’t see or experience yet. The Bible defines faith as “the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

During the first three Sundays in November, we will look at the importance of strong faith. We shall also look at what the Bible says about faith, ways that we can strengthen our faith, and why faith is necessary. Hebrews 11:6 states, “It’s impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him.” (The Message)

Sunday, November 6 – “Jesus notices our level of faith” – Matthew 15:21-28

The woman was a Gentile who had faith that Jesus was the only hope for her sick daughter. She wouldn’t take “no” for an answer from this Jewish Rabbi, so Jesus – moved by her faith – granted her request.

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Sunday, November 13 – *“Jesus notices our level of faith”* – Mathew 14:22-32

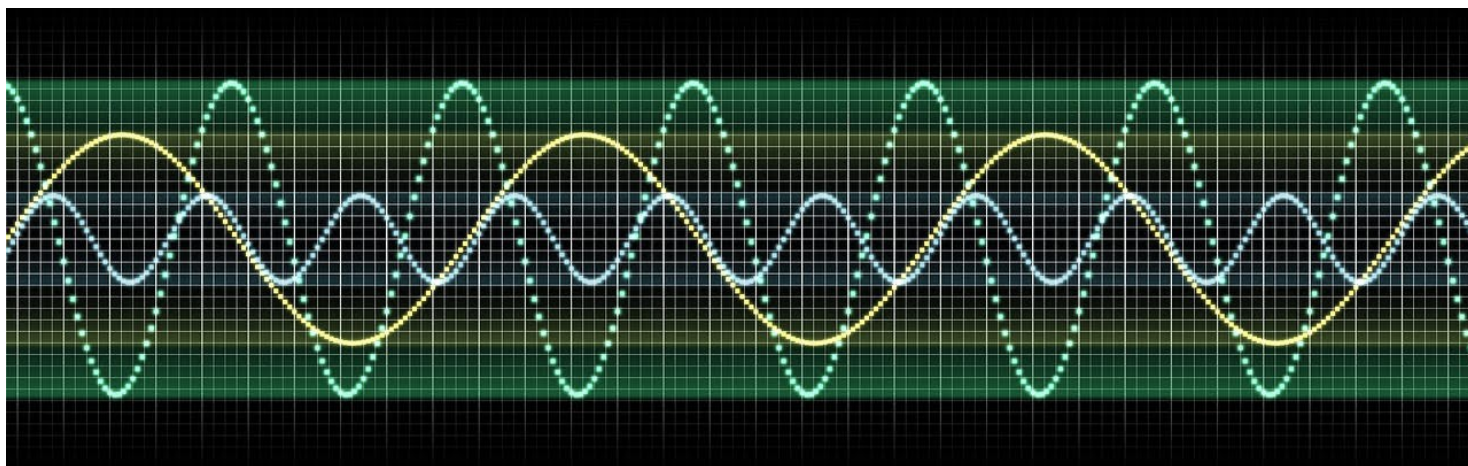
The man with little faith was Peter, Jesus’s own disciple! Jesus was walking on the water and invited Peter to come to Him; Peter had the faith to walk to Jesus on the water, but when his eyes focused on the wind and the waves, he became afraid and began to sink. We too need to keep our eyes on Jesus instead of our circumstances – this will keep our faith strong during difficulties.

Sunday, November 20 – *“Faith moves God to act”* – Mark 2:1-12

Mark 2:5 says, “When Jesus saw [his friends’] faith, He said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven you.’” The lame man got up, grabbed his mat, and went home! When Jesus saw the faith of the lame man’s friends, He moved on their behalf and healed their friend.

As Christians, we often petition God, asking Him to meet our needs, to heal our bodies or relationships, or to give us wisdom. But as James 1:5-7 says, unless we ask in faith without doubting, we won’t receive what we’re asking for.

Blessings!



HOW SWEET THE SOUND

Dear Church Family,

We’d like to say a huge thank you from the Media Team for all you have done for the new sound system. Your prayers, support and donations are overwhelming and we can’t begin to tell you how much it means to us. We couldn’t have done this without each and every one of you. A special shout out to our dear friend Shaggy for all his help with announcements. The initial step to the sound system is complete, which is the new speakers, sound monitors and sound board. After the first of the year we will receive the new wireless mics. The new mics will definitely enhance the quality and improve our sound even more. Our current total is \$23,060 which is over our goal and we can assure you that all money donated will be used to continue to bring our media up to the standard that our church and our Conference will be proud of. So again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We will continue to keep you up to date as each step of the sound system updates occur.

Blessings,

JWUMC Media Team

Devotions Along the Way

by Gary Ward



For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 3:11

Allow me to share one of my earliest and fondest “church” memories. I’m probably four or five years old, sitting straight-legged on a hard pew next to my grandmother. I remember the aroma of Juicy Fruit gum escaping her purse and Nellie Bucher Marshall joyfully singing a hymn that would later become foundational to my faith: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less than Jesus’ Blood and Righteousness*.

Pinned in 1834 by English pastor Edward Mote, *My Hope is Built* followed a “new” gospel hymns genre where the first stanza declares God’s grace; stanzas 2 and 3 concern the application of that grace in times of trouble; and the final stanza brings the hymn full circle with the ultimate realization of God's grace.

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;

In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, and His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When every earthly prop gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne!

188 years later, the truth of Mote’s hymn continues to bring comfort to millions of believers around the world. 70 years of remembering my precious grandmother singing it so joyfully, leads me to look forward to the day when I will see her again - because “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less than Jesus’ Blood and Righteousness.”

I wonder if there’s Juicy Fruit gum in heaven?





Room Use and Calendar Scheduling

In order to have a meeting or an event on the calendar, you must contact Christie at christie@jwumc.com or call me at 513-825-0733. If you haven't confirmed your meeting through me, then it's not on the calendar and another group might end up getting that spot or date. If you are setting up a special event on a Sunday during worship (selling cookies, setting up a registration table, providing cake or treats) you also need to contact me to get that on the calendar.

Regularly reoccurring monthly meetings don't need to be cleared through me once we talk at the beginning of the year and you are assigned a meeting date and time. Please let me know if you have to change your meeting time or date, whether it's a one time change or a permanent change.

If you use a room, please leave it exactly how you found it. Other groups use that room too and expect a certain amount of chairs, tables, and equipment to be in certain rooms. If you have to move anything out of a room, please make sure you put it back in the same room when you are done.

Keep in mind that all of our classrooms and meeting spaces are used by a variety of people throughout the week. No one group "owns" a certain room or meeting space so we all need to be kind and gracious as we go about the business of being the hands and feet of Jesus.

If you have any questions about meetings, scheduling, or room use, please always direct them to me, christie@jwumc.com or call me at 513-825-0733.

Be a rainbow in someone's cloud,

Christie





Thinking About Stephen Ministry?

-Keep in Mind-

Stephen Ministry is not:

- A way to “fix” all problems.
- Appropriate for every situation.
- A commitment to provide care forever.
- For individuals under the age of 18.

Stephen Ministry is:

- A lay ministry by trained and Commissioned individuals.
- A caring Christian friend of the same gender who listens, prays, and walks beside you during times of trouble.
- For individuals who agree to communicate one-to-one with a Stephen Minister on a regular basis.
- Confidential; compassionate; Christ centered.

Stephen Ministers are Christian care-givers who trust Jesus to be the “cure-giver” Who brings healing. If you or someone you know needs this kind of one-to-one care, please contact one of our Stephen Leaders:

Gary Ward (gward@cinci.rr.com) or Susan DeNyse (sdenyse@me.com).



SHARING OUR BLESSINGS IN NOVEMBER

This is a ministry which John Wesley has supported for many years. It's in a lower-income neighborhood in Hamilton. During the school year, they provide after-school activities for children and teens, both homework help, fun activities and dinner. It gives them a safe, enriching environment in a Christian atmosphere.

Before Christmas, many of us enjoy filling boxes of gifts for the children at Living Water, and we will do that again. Our "sharing" donations help with the basics – paying staff, keeping the lights on, adding enrichment activities for the children and teens.

There are two ways to contribute:

- ♦ On Communion Sunday, place your donation (cash or check) in one of the baskets by a door into the sanctuary.
- ♦ Any Sunday in November, place your donations in the offering plate. Put "Sharing/Living Water" on the memo line of a check or cash in an envelope marked the same way.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to this wonderful ministry!

Save the Date! Fabulous Fall Fest

Join us on November 4, 2022 for Fabulous Fall Fest
hosted by the Auxiliary of Twin Towers.
Enjoy lunch and get an early start on your holiday
shopping with our gift auction!

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As we write this, most of our committees have all submitted their budget requests for the upcoming year; and we await the upcoming giving cards collection to determine the funding of those requests. We look forward to a successful stewardship campaign and thank everyone in advance for their generosity in helping our church continue its ministries through all of its committees.

As we near the year's end, be sure that you submit any purchases you make for your group's ministries and that you want covered by 2022 budgeted funds well before the year's end in order that those bills may actually be paid before December 31. It will help the financial folks also if you notify the treasurer in writing or via email about any purchases that need to be paid before year's end if you are not sure when the company will invoice us. Some companies are quite slow to submit invoices for purchases.

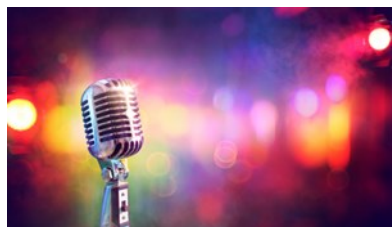
Similarly, if you plan to sell stocks for a 2022 donation to the church, be sure that you arrange that sale/transfer well before the year's end since sometimes those transactions take quite a long time. If you have questions about this process, contact Tavane Cammarn.

Another request we have from the finance people is that anyone who submits a reimbursement form needs to have another committee member's signature besides their own. If the amount is for more than \$200, you need another signature as well. This protects your budgeted funds so that everyone is aware of expenditures being covered by your area of ministry. As is good business practice and in line with the Methodist Church Discipline guidelines, the signatures should not be from family members.

As you make purchases through online vendors, such as Amazon, please contact the treasurer before doing so in order that we can arrange to avoid both taxes and shipping costs.

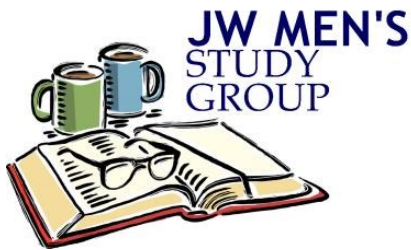
And finally, remember that if you are submitting reimbursement forms for purchases you've made, you should be sure that you did not pay sales tax on those purchases. Use the church's EIN and sales tax exemption form to show vendors that we are exempt from paying sales taxes. If you need help with this, please contact the treasurer for the exemption form you can give the vendor.

Ordinary giving for September was \$47,838.81; and ordinary expenses were \$47,976.27.



The Media Team is in desperate need of anyone who is interested in helping with running SOUND on Sunday mornings. My goal is to have enough people that, barring any unforeseen circumstances, it would involve only one Sunday a month. I also would like get to the point that you could sit in the pews with your family and run sound.

Please contact me, Barb Wetzel, at 513 235-0524 or see me on Sunday mornings! Thank you so much for volunteering!



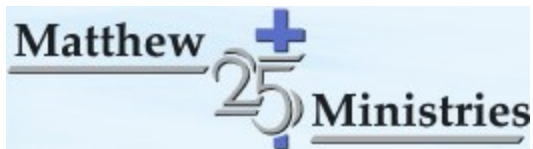
Deconstructing White Privilege by Dr. Robin DiAngelo

First Saturday of each month in Room 8.

8 AM - Brief Max Lucado video followed by discussion.

9 AM - Breakfast at Frisch's on Hamilton Ave.

There is no book, no reading, no prep, and no homework. All you need to do is show up each month as you are able.



Matthew 25 Ministries is open again for volunteer work. We have been able to secure several time slots:

Saturday November 12, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

This is open to everyone in the congregation along with friends and family. This time around I am only doing direct sign up via email or phone (no sign-up sheet). If you are interested in volunteering please email Larissa Waldorf at waldorflarissa@gmail.com (home) or Larissa.waldorf@cinfin.com (work), or both, or call my cell phone 513-488-9169.

Matthew 25 Ministries has asked that I tell anyone who has not been there since June 2020 to go to their website and fill out a pre-registration form before their visit. Go to Volunteer Registration - Matthew 25 Ministries | Matthew 25: Ministries (m25m.org). Please note that they now have sign-in stations in the lobby, and if you haven't been there in a while you might need to take a few minutes to update your information. Then they will give you an ID card, which makes sign in much faster thereafter.

Please feel free to go to the Matthew 25 website, Matthew 25: Ministries - HOME | Matthew 25: Ministries (m25m.org) to review their current COVID-19 and general guidelines so that you know what to expect now-a-days! New to the organization is "Mrs. Yeaggy's Kitchen" which is Matthew 25: Ministries' newly remodeled full-service café, now open! Meals include a complimentary bottle of water and your choice of delicious entrée options. Visit 4.5.22 MYK2021 OnlineMenu PDF 8.5x11.pdf (m25m.org) to view the menu online.

Birthdays

01 Donna Burroughs, Emily Muench
02 Ken Gerard
03 Chris Berry, Sandy Sanders
05 Chris Denterlein, Rick Canter
06 Chris Starr, Martin Harvey
09 Kathy Smith
11 Brian Burroughs, Eric Gerard
13 Chris Fouse, Linda Osterhaus
17 Ben Eddy
18 Vickie Melson
20 Susan DeNyse
24 Tim Bates
25 Peggy Schmidt, Harry Schmidt
26 Donna Upton
27 Annie Anglin



Anniversaries

16 Phil and Karen Henebry
22 Art and Judy Kuhn
24 Dave and Sue Conaway
24 Dave and Larissa Waldorf
27 Bert and Brenda Cameron

