

THE NAVIGATOR

2019

September 21, 2019

New Beginnings

You'll notice a "new look" at the top of this week's Navigator!

It's part of a new branding campaign that we've been discussing over the past two months.

On September 3, our church board approved the use of a new logo that has the objective of broadening our appeal to new visitors to our church.

According to recently published research less than 78% of Canton-area residents attend a religious service regularly. The good news is that our church offers a variety of worship services, programs and events that these folks might be interested in. We just need to find a better way to get our name out. And part of that is adopting a new logo that can be utilized in our website, social media, directional signage and other traditional forms of communication that is more distinctive and welcoming.

In our attempt to broaden our appeal to new visitors to our church, our board has adopted the following new logo:



Over the years, our church has utilized different names and acronyms (Faith UMC) to identify the church. Unfortunately, many folks outside the Methodist community might not know what UMC means. We also know that more than 12 area churches use Faith in their name, which makes Faith UMC harder to distinguish from Faith Family Church, Faith Community Church, Faith Baptist Church, Faith Bible Church and so on. Consequently, we have decided to use the two words to identify ourselves -- --Faith United--- two words that most reflect who we are as a church and who we want to continue to live into---a community united by faith! Plus it is a name that we have utilized in the past. And when combined with "A United Methodist Church," we still retain the heritage, legacy and identification to our denomination.

We'll be discussing this change in future communications and discuss the transition and migration to this new look.

Len Terilizzi, Web Development and Marketing Support Team Leader

Visioning Retreat
Saturday, October 5

9:00 a.m. - 12:00

Robinson Hall

For the Whole Church

"Where there is no vision, the people perish," - Proverbs 29:18a KJV.

For four years now, Faith UMC has been carrying out its 20/20 Acting on Faith Initiative Vision. We have come a long way! During this time, over \$1 million has been given in second-mile giving. With these funds, we have accomplished many goals including repaving the parking lot, starting Messy Church, putting a new roof on the sanctuary, buying a new church bus, supporting a new Worship Arts Coordinator position, providing scholarships to our Faith Friends Learning Center, replacing the church boiler, increased support for the youth mission trip, WiFi throughout the building and so much more! With our commitment to give a tithe of all money received, we have faithfully supported our local Canton Calvary Mission, international missions through the Bishop's 3cs and United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, and we have provided funds for hurricane and disaster relief.

In the coming year, 2020, we will continue to see these 20/20 Vision Funds used until they are spent. Most noticeably, in 2020 we will see the sanctuary chancel area renovated - hopefully by Easter!

Faith is a church that prayerfully discerns a vision and then faithfully lives into that vision. Now is the time to gather and cast a new vision for the 2020 new year. This is an exciting and life-giving time in the church. Everyone at Faith is a member of the body of Christ and therefore, each of you has a unique and valuable perspective to share.

Please mark your calendar and plan on coming to this year's Visioning Retreat on Saturday, October 5, 9:00-12:00 in Robinson Hall. Together, we will discover the plan God has for our church to continue its life-transforming and world-transforming work.

In Vital Ministry Together,
Pastors Steve and Cara

Labyrinth ~ Walk for Peace & Hope Wednesday, October 2

10:00 am – 8:00 pm



Labyrinth and Prayer Stations available in Faith UMC's Family Life Center for a time of prayer, reflection, healing and hope.

Learn more about Faith's indoor prayer labyrinth at <http://www.faithumchurch.org/labyrinth.html>

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North Canton, Ohio
www.faithumchurch.org

Labyrinth and Prayer Stations Wednesday, October 2
Walking for Hope and Peace: A Time for Prayer, Reflection and Healing

October is recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness and Pregnancy and Infant Loss Month. Grief, stress, anxiety, illness, depression and mental health issues impact our lives. Our media is filled with news of disease, hardships, conflicts and tragedy. Our prayer stations are designed for all ages. Come and pray for our community and our nation. Faith UMC's Indoor Labyrinth and Prayer stations will be available in Faith UMC's Family Life Center for a time of prayer, reflection and hope on Wednesday, October 2, from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm. Learn more about Faith's indoor prayer labyrinth at <http://www.faithumchurch.org/labyrinth.html>.

On Sunday, September 8, we announced the beginning of our Enough church-wide book study. By Wednesday, September 11, we had 95 people participating in the nine groups available and several more people express interest. Some people have asked if there will be any more groups in October. As a result, we are currently seeking facilitators to offer more groups in October. We are also excited to announce that we will begin a 4-week "Enough" Worship series on September 29. Our hope and prayer is that all of us will experience the true joy that comes through simplicity and generosity. Go to the church website or search groups in Realm to join a group and to get access to the most recent materials for this study and series.

Enough

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity



In a culture where having "enough" seems to be a never-ending pursuit, Faith UMC offers a "Book Club" reading "Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity" by Adam Hamilton. Join us this fall for this four-session study as we gather in small groups and as a congregation to build relationships, experience community and together explore the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity.

Get connected in one of this fall's Enough Book Club Studies! Books available in the church office.

Enough Book Club Studies will be taking place on the following dates and times:

- Sundays at 9:45 am - Facilitators: Janice Golden and Kim Reynolds, Room 16 *^
- Sundays at 11:00 am - Facilitators: Laura Hobbs and Sue Schillings, Parlor *
- Sundays at 6:30 pm - Facilitator: Molly Meister, Parlor ^
- Mondays at 6:30 pm - Facilitator: Ron Luikart, Parlor
- Tuesdays at 6:30 pm - Women's study, Facilitators: Laura Luikart and Sue Bell, Parlor
- Wednesdays at 6:45 pm - Facilitators: Mike and Sharon McConnell, Room 16 *^
- Wednesdays at 6:45 pm - Facilitators: Chuck and Beth Standley, Parlor *

Note: *Wednesday groups begin with dinner at 6:00 pm in Robinson Hall. Leave the cooking to us!*

- Thursday Sept. 26, and Tuesday Oct. 1 at 1:00 pm - Facilitator: Joanne Fox, Joanne's backyard

**Denotes groups when nursery/childcare and activities for children are available.*

^Denotes groups when youth activities are available.

Can't find the group that will fit your schedule? Additional Groups will begin in October. Let us know your availability!

- Wednesday at 6:45 beginning Oct. 2 with Pastor Steve

Sign up for the group that best fits your schedule by visiting our website, the display in the Gathering Area, or through Realm. Contact Jan Baker (rbaker1@neo.rr.com), Kim Reynolds (reykim53@gmail.com) or Kathy Schmucker

(kschmucker@faithumchurch.org) or call the church office at 330-499-6040 for more information.



Additional Adult Group Opportunities:

- **Faith 101**, Sundays at 11:00 am beginning October 6. Review the Christian Faith, Methodism and Faith UMC with Pastors Steve and Cara. Whether you are new to Faith UMC or you have been here your whole life, this class is a way to rediscover the wonder and power of the Christian faith; the mission, history and theology of the United Methodist Church; and the unique expression of both at Faith UMC.
- **Meditation Group, New Seeds of Contemplation**, begins Monday, September 16 at 7:00 pm. Facilitators: Tom and Lynn Strauch.
- **Twelve Women of the Bible**, Wednesday Women's Study at 9:00 am. Facilitator: Linda Reynolds.
- **The Pursuit of Happiness, Men's Life Study**, begins Saturday, September 21 at 7:00 am at Beyesly's Restaurant. Facilitator: Kim Reynolds.
- **Coffee Talk: Navigating the Messiness of Faith and Life**, Tuesday, September 24 at 9:30 am at Cultured Coffee and Waffles on Portage St.

To learn more about these and other opportunities for adults happening at Faith UMC, visit our website or contact Kathy Schmucker, Spiritual Formation Director, at kschmucker@faithumchurch.org or call 330-499-6040, ext 107 or 330-224-6138.



Get Connected at Faith UMC



Messy Church Interactive Worship Experience

Sunday, October 13 at 4:00 pm.

Messy Church is an innovative worship experience where people of all ages engage with the day's Bible story through a variety of hands-on art and creative activities followed by a time of learning and worship, and then end our time together with dinner.

October Theme: God's Armor of Light

There is a place for you on our Messy Church team!

- Assist with Messy Church activities, set up and clean up
- Welcome and engage in activities with participants

Contact Kathy Schmucker or Pam Wig for more information about how to get involved with Messy Church.

wednesday night faith connections

Wednesday Night Faith Connections Dinner and Programs

Dinner at 6:00 pm followed by program and activities for children, youth and adults. Leave the cooking to us and join us for an evening of fun, food, faith & fellowship!

Wednesday Night Faith Connection Dinner Worship is worship, prayer, a meal, a time for connecting with others, relationship-building and meeting new friends, loving and serving our neighbors both near and far, faith formation for kids, youth and adults.



Family Prayer Ground Coming to 9:45 Modern Worship Service

Our Lord has placed a high value on children and families, and so do we.

Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these,”* Mark 10:14.

At Faith United, we welcome children of all ages as important members of the body of Christ, and we welcome the sounds and activity that accompany their wiggles and their wonder as they learn about God! There are a number of spaces and activities designed for children to experience and participate in worship according to their need. Coming to Faith United this September will be one new option, the Family Prayer Ground! The Family Prayer Ground will be located in the front-right section of the Family Life Center. Because kids are short and pay more attention when they can see what’s going on, this area in the front of our worship space is designed for children to quietly engage in age-appropriate activities while experiencing worship along with their families. The Family Prayer Ground will consist of carpet squares, two small tables with child-sized chairs, and worship manipulatives from our Worship Engagement shelf. Rocking chairs will be available at the Family Prayer Ground for parents and grandparents.

In an effort to accommodate the variety of needs of families, the Family Prayer Ground will be an option for families in addition to our staffed Nursery and Sunday School programs. Faith United’s Spiritual Formation and Worship Arts Ministry Teams have been collaborating, planning and preparing for our Family Prayer Ground over the last several years and are excited to see this come to fruition with funding from the Rhonda Wozny Memorial. Rhonda loved children and supporting them and learning from them as they experienced God. To learn more about the Family Prayer Ground, contact Pastor Cara, Kathy Schmucker, Karen Truett, Bethany Sedziol, or Pam Wig.

Professional Pictures available at No Charge

Sunday, September 22, 9:30-12:30 in the Chapel. Dane, photographer from Crowl Marketing Creative, will be taking pictures. If you would like to have your picture taken here at church and uploaded to Realm, just show up!

Bulletin and Navigator Newsletter Submissions

We encourage anyone who wants to submit an article or other information for the bulletin and/or Navigator Newsletter to use this email address: communications-team@faithumchurch.org. We are trying to be consistent and have everything flow through one email account. This email is seen by several people who have a part in preparing bulletin announcements and Navigator articles. In the subject line of your email indicate if your submission is for Bulletin, Navigator, or both and the date you want your information included. Please add this to your email address book for easy access next time you want to send a communication for the church.

Navigator Submission Dates:

9/27 for 10/5 issue

10/11 for 10/19 issue

10/25 for 11/2 issue

11/8 for 11/16 issue

Let's Keep in Touch

The United Methodist Women would like to keep in contact with our young adults in college, trade schools or the military. If this is something your son or daughter would enjoy, please give the church office their current address. This needs to be done every school year, even if the address remains the same as the previous year. We look forward to staying in touch with them and thank you for your help.

Second Wind

Along with the delightful shivers of cooler weather, fall brings the shivers of ghost stories well told. Join us in October for a program with actor Jim Knight in the persona of the spookiest storyteller of them all: Edgar Allen Poe. Don't be caught, nearly napping, when he comes gently rapping, rapping on our chamber door, or you'll be sad... forevermore.

Program: James Knight as Edgar Allen Poe

When: Tuesday, October 8th. Desserts and coffee at 1:00 in Robinson Hall

Cost: \$1/person for refreshments

Church bus pickups: Danbury at 12:35, Waterford 12:45

Please contact Betsy Douce by Sunday, October 6, with your reservation (330.494.3337 or BetsyDouce@yahoo.com).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: November 12, Kim Kenney (McKinley Museum) will bring us a program encapsulating one of the most popular and powerful exhibits the museum has ever displayed: Letters From the Front.

Joyful Noise Children's Choir

When? Wednesday's 5:15-6:00

Where? Room 8

For who? All children K-5

Come join us for a fun musical experience! If you like music, this is for you!

Continue after choir with dinner and the other Wednesday activities Faith Church

offers.
Praising God in song,
Sandy Wallace, Joyful Noise Director

CALLING ALL KIDS WITHOUT A CHOIR!! Are you 6th grade and older, like to sing but currently are without a church choir? We are offering a special ensemble which will sing at worship twice during the school year. All youth are welcome! Please contact Sandy Wallace (330-815-4416 or pianoplayer@sandywallace.us) or the church office. We will set a meeting time with those interested to discuss music and a potential practice time.



Wednesday Night Wonder Kids

Wednesday Night Wonder Kids is a mid-week connection for kids in Grades K-5 that follows Wednesday dinner. Wednesday Wonder Kids explore Bible stories in new fun ways and learn about faith through games, art, activities, service and mission projects and worship experiences!

Contact Kathy Schmucker or Bethany Sedziol for more information.

Little Wonders Childcare and activities for young children in the nursery follow Wednesday dinner.



Faith UMC Children's Sunday School

9:45 and 11:00 on Sunday Mornings

Deep Blue at Home with God

Weekly Family Devotions available at the Children's Welcome Station

Try this Family Devotion with your family!

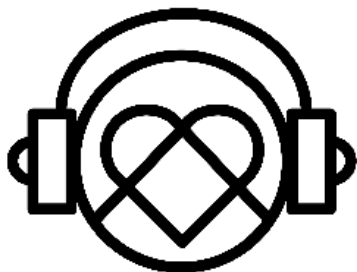
Read: Welcoming People with Differing Abilities (Mark 10:46-52)

Bible Story Focus: Jesus welcomes everyone.

Wonder Together: How do you welcome new friends?

Memory Verse: "The community of believers was one in heart and mind." (Acts 4:32)

Pray Together: Share joys and concerns, and then pray, Dear God, help me share your love with everyone in my community. Amen.



This week's family devotion is a great opportunity to talk with your families about Faith United being a Sensory Inclusive Certified location. Learn more at <http://www.faithumchurch.org/sensory-inclusive.html>. Contact Kathy Schmucker to learn how you can complete the 30-minute training online.

Check out the article about Faith UMC in the September issue of Our Town North Canton!

Library News

On Tuesday mornings, Faith United's library is bustling with excitement as children from Faith Friend's Learning Center come to the library for story time led by Faith United volunteers. This year we will be reading to 5 classes of students.



Our first week 81 preschool and learning center students and staff enjoyed a special story and the opportunity to pick out a book from Faith United's library to take to their classrooms and read during the week!

Check out all the resources for adults, kids and youth connected to our September and October worship themes. Look for the red cart just inside the library doors.

Contact Betsy Gorrell, Nancy Share, Donna

McDaniels or Kathy Schmucker for more information.

2019/2020 Children/Youth Emergency/Permission Registration Forms

For the safety of our children and youth, our Safe Sanctuary Policy asks that parents/guardians of children from birth through high school graduation complete an emergency form for children participating in church activities each year. On this form, you can designate the activities your child has permission to participate in so that you only need to complete one form per child. Click this link to register your children: <http://tiny.cc/Forms>

2 event dates & locations

Thursday, September 26
North Canton Faith UMC
300 9th St. NW, North Canton, OH 44720

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 9
Coshocton Grace UMC
422 Walnut St., Coshocton, OH 43812

Sponsored by the Spiritual Formation & Christian Education Committee of the East Ohio Conference and the East Ohio Chapter of CEF (Christians Engaged in Faith Formation)

Share Your Story

Training event for church leaders - clergy, local pastors, staff, lay leaders, teachers, Bible study leaders, volunteers, etc. - to learn how to equip all your people to tell their story. How will this benefit your local congregation? When we are able to share our stories, we can build relationships and lead others to Christ.

Faith UMC will be hosting this event at the church on Thursday, September 26. Click here to register - <https://www.eocumc.com/christian-ed/pdf/shareyourstoryflyer2.pdf>

Questions? Contact Kathy Schmucker at kschmucker@faithumchurch.org.



Fall season of ministries is now beginning. Do you want to make a difference in our congregation and community? Prayerfully consider getting involved as a Sunday School teacher or helper, Wednesday Night Dinner Team, Wednesday Wonder Kids, Nursery, Adult Group Facilitator, Messy Church, etc.

Benefits include flexible hours and nurturing your faith. Bonuses include smiles, laughter and filling your heart with the love of Christ. Contact Kathy Schmucker, Pam Wig, Bethany Sedziol or Sue Schillings

for more information.

Faith Friends Learning Center is looking to hire

Faith Friends Learning Center is looking for a high school graduate for an after school Lead Teacher position working with preschool and school-age children. Interested applicants must be able to work Monday - Friday from 3:00-6:00pm. Please email Jessica Dent, Faith Friends Director, at jdent@faithumchurch.org.



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Do You Shop at ACME?

Do you want to do something extra nice? The youth are collecting any Acme receipts that you may have dated between August 8, 2019 - December 28, 2019. We have two collection boxes, one on the youth table outside the church office and the other is right outside the youth room. Simply drop your receipts into the box during this time frame, and the youth will earn 5% cash back to support our 2020 Youth Mission Trip.
Thank you!



Forum on Human Trafficking Video

The recent forum on Human Trafficking held at our church was attended by over 60 individuals. The entire seminar is posted on YouTube if you want to view the entire seminar (Over 1 ½ hours.) This video gives you an opportunity to learn from the experts about the realities of this criminal and immoral activity and what we can do to help. It can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/X0likwomWwU>.

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Calendar Snapshot - View more at faithumchurch.org/calendar

Sunday, September 22

8:30 am - All In Worship Services (8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am)
9:45 am & 11:00 am Sunday School Room 6, 8, 18, Youth
9:45 am - 10:45 am "Enough" Group (J Golden/K Reynolds) - Room 16
11:00 am - 12:00 pm "Enough" Group (Hobbs/Schillings) - Parlor
3:00 am - 5:00 pm Cub Scout Pack - Family Life Center
6:30 am - 8:00 pm "Enough" Group (M Meister) - Parlor
6:30 am - 8:00 pm Youth Group - Youth Room, FLC

Monday, September 23

6:30 am - 8:30 pm "Enough" Group - (R Luikart) - Parlor
7:00 am - 8:30 pm Meditation Group - Conference room

Tuesday, September 24

6:00 am - Men's Prayer Group - Balcony
9:00 am - 11:00 am Library Time with FFLC - Library
9:00 am - 11:00 am - Quilts to Share - Room 5, 8
9:30 am - 11:00 am Celebration Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
9:30 am - 11:00 am Coffee Talk @ Cultured Coffee and Waffles on Portage
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm "Enough" Group (L Luikart/S Bell) - Parlor
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Boy Scouts - Robinson, FLC
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm SPRC - Conference Room

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 am - 11:00 am "12 Women of the Bible" Study - Parlor
5:15 pm - 6:00 pm Joyful Noise Children's Choir - Room 8
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday Night Dinner/Programs - RH, Parlor, 16
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm WonderKids (K-5th) - Rooms 5, 6, FLC, Chapel, (Little Wonders-Nursery)
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm "Enough" Group (McConnell) - 16
6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday Night Youth
6:45 pm - 7:45 pm "Enough" Group (C&B Standley)- Parlor
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 26

9:00 am - 11:00 am Women's Prayer Breakfast @ Samantha's on Market
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm "Enough" Group - Joanne Fox's porch
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm Welcoming the Stranger Group - Room 5
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Circle of Love - Parlor

Saturday, September 28

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Faith kitchen

Sunday, September 29

8:30 am - Worship Services - 8:30; 9:45; 11:00
9:45 am - 12:15 pm SS 9:45 & 11 - Room 6, 8, 18, Youth
9:45 am - 10:45 am "Enough" Group (J Golden/K Reynolds) - Room 16
11:00 am - 12:00 pm "Enough" Group (Hobbs/Schillings) - Parlor
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Pack 2012 Meeting - Pavilion (FLC if rain)
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm "Enough" Group (M Meister) - Parlor
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Youth Group - Youth Room, FLC

Monday, September 30

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm "Enough" Group - (R Luikart) - Parlor

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Meditation Group - Conference room

Tuesday, October 1

6:00 am - 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Balcony

9:00 am - 11:00 am Library Time with FFLC - Library

9:00 am - 11:00 am - Quilts to Share - Room 5, 8

9:30 am - 11:00 am - Celebration Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm "Enough" Group - Joanne Fox's porch

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm PLC Meeting - Robinson Hall

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm "Enough" Group (L Luikart/S Bell) - Parlor

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Boy Scouts - Robinson Hall

8:30 pm - 9:30 pm Troop Meeting

Wednesday, October 2

9:00 am - 11:00 am "12 Women of the Bible" Study - Parlor

9:30 am - 8:00 pm Walk for Hope Labyrinth - FLC

5:15 pm - 6:00 pm Joyful Noise Children's Choir - Room 8

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday Night Dinner/Programs - RH, Parlor, Wesley

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm "Enough" Group (M&S McConnell) - 16

6:45 pm - 7:45 pm "Enough" Group (Standley)- Parlor

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm WonderKids (K-5th) - Rooms 5, 6, Childcare (Nursery)

6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday Night Youth

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 3

7:30 am - 8:30 am Women's Prayer Breakfast @ Samantha's on Market

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Community Assistance - Conference Room

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Cub Scouts - FLC, Wesley, 6, 8, 16, LL

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Stewardship Ministry Team - Conference Room

Friday, October 4

7:00 am - 1:00 pm FFLC Picture Day - Robinson Hall

Saturday, September 21

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Scouts Need Bus

9:00 am - 12:30 pm Visioning Retreat and Church Board - Robinson Hall