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Authentic Friendship

But if we live in the light, as God is in the light, we can share fellowship with each other. Then the blood of Jesus, God’s Son, cleanses us from every sin. If we say we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:7–8 (NCV)

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In Christian fellowship people should experience authenticity.

Authentic fellowship is not superficial, surface-level chit-chat. It’s genuine, heart-to-heart, sometimes gut-level, sharing. It happens when people get honest about who they are and what is happening in their lives. They share their hurts, reveal their feelings, confess their failures, disclose their doubts, admit their fears, acknowledge their weaknesses, and ask for help and prayer.



Authenticity is the exact opposite of what you find in many churches. Instead of an atmosphere of honesty and humility, there is pretending, role-playing, politicking, superficial politeness, and shallow conversation. People wear masks, keep their guard up, and act as if everything is rosy in their lives. These attitudes are the death of real friendship.

It’s only as we become open about our lives that we experience authentic fellowship. The Bible says, “If we live in the light, as God is in the light, we can share fellowship with each other. . . . If we say we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves” (1 John 1:7–8 NCV).

The world thinks intimacy occurs in the dark, but God says it happens in the light. We tend to use darkness to hide our hurts, faults, fears, failures, and flaws. But in the light, we bring them all out into the open and admit who we really are. Of course, being authentic requires both courage and humility. It means facing our fear of exposure, rejection, and being hurt again.

Why would anyone take such a risk? Because it’s the only way to grow spiritually and be emotionally healthy. The Bible says, “Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed” (James 5:16 MSG). How will you start?

Thank you

Dear FUMC,
Thank you for contributing to the success of Nelsonville's 2008 Gus Macker Basketball Tournament.



The Gus Macker Tournament Committee
(Kevin Dotson & Charlie Smith, chairmen)



What gives me the most hope every day is God's grace; knowing that his grace is going to give me the strength for whatever I face, knowing that nothing is a surprise to God.

Rick Warren



Grandparents' Day

First UMC will celebrate Grandparents' Day on Sunday, September 14 during worship. The influence of a Grandparent is priceless. Bring your grandchild to worship with you and share your faith.



**Honoring
Grandparents**

Queen Esther Class

The Queen Esther class will resume their fellowship event on Tuesday, September 2nd at 5:00 pm.



When you sing to God, when you praise him, when you worship him, God gives you peace that you can't understand. He pours on you wisdom that you would not have had you not prayed and thanked Him and glorified him.

Thelma Wells



Financial Peace

Do you need some financial peace? Do you find yourself unsure about how you'll pay your bills? Maybe that's not too scary but are you comfortable with your retirement plan? Do you have a clear sense of God's economy? Check out the Financial Peace class on Mondays at 7:00 pm for answers to your questions!



Evangelism Goal

Everyone at FUMC is challenged to pray for at least one unchurched person for at least one minute every day at 1:00 pm. If you cannot possibly pray for one minute at 1:00 pm, you may want to choose another time. The important thing is to pray!



Newsletter Articles

Please turn your newsletter articles in to Judy Barber by September 24. Thanks for helping to make *The Common Line* more informative and helpful! If you are receiving the newsletter and no longer wish to, please email Rev Walters at kwalters@woh.rr.com. If you joined another church or want to move your membership, please contact Rev Walters.



Thank you

Thank you for everyone who helped with the Parade of the Hills. It was a success because of each of you – the donated desserts, time volunteered and every person who came and ate. A special thank you to Pat Covert and Leah Wallace for chairing the event.



Where there is great love, there are always miracles. Willa Cather



FUMC Shut-ins

Charles Harris – Hickory Creek Continuing Care, 51 East Fourth Street, The Plains, Ohio 45780

Lucille Steenrod, Eileen Burchfield, Florence Forbes, Charlotte Smathers – Logan Health Care, 300 Arlington Drive, Logan, 43138

Alberta Hellyer - Reflections, 2750 W Fair Ave, Apt 226, Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Nellie Haynes – Brown Memorial, 158 E Mound St, Circleville, Ohio 43113

Dorothy Colwell, 1658 Connett, Nelsonville 45764

Shirley Howard, 103 ½ St Charles St, Nelsonville 45764

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Ronnie Townsend, 187 Watkins St, Nelsonville 45764

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Lucille Goss, 856 Southside River Road, McConnelsville 43756

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Ruth Higgins, 109 Mulberry Lane, Monacca, PA 15061

Geneva Johnson, 1021 Heatherfield Lane, San Jose, CA 95132

David Lovsey, 4369 Davis Road, Macon, GA 31217



Acceptance

The current theme for the United Methodist church is “Open hearts...Open minds... Open doors”. This reminds us to love and accept others just as Jesus did.



Memorial Service

The memorial service for Dorotha Hoskins will be held at First UMC on Sunday, September 14 at 1:00 pm with lunch to follow. Please plan to honor Dottie, her service to God and her warm friendship to each of us on September 14th.



Men try to fix things with duct tape. God did it with nails.



Aaron Cunningham Updates

If you're wanting to keep up to date with how Aaron's doing, go to www.caringbridge.org and sign into the web site by using his name, Aaron Cunningham except that you have to use all lower case, all one word (aaroncunningham). Thanks for you prayers and concern! This allows everyone to check on updates whenever they are praying. If you don't have a computer, you can always check in the church office.



Help the Pastor

As you probably know, the Ohio Legislature passed a bill a few years ago, prohibiting hospitals from providing lists of patients to anyone (including pastors). They no longer call a pastor when you are admitted to the hospital. If you're admitted to the hospital, please have a family member call the pastor (in most cases, a chaplain will call for you too). *There is no other way for the pastor to know you are in the hospital, unless you call.* It is helpful as well to let the pastor know when you're released - a trip to a hospital following your release takes time away from helping someone else. If you go to a rehab center, the pastor will not know unless you call Rev Walters and let her know.

If you'd like the pastor to make a call (to your home), please mark the attendance pad or call the office to schedule.



The winds of God are always blowing, but you must set the sails.



Services

Tapes of our morning worship services are available each week. They can be picked up on the vestibule table or delivered to shut-ins by Bill

& Joan Cox. Call the office at 753-1939 to make arrangements or for more information.



Health and Wholeness Ministry

In the gospels, we find Jesus working to heal people – not just their souls – but the whole person. In an effort to do what Jesus would do, FUMC has a health ministry to address the body part of the equation.



You are invited to stop by on Sunday mornings and have your blood pressure or blood sugar taken. The RNs in our congregation are working together to provide this ministry. They will give you a book

in which to keep track of all findings to share with your physician. They will also share resources to help you become more healthy – tips to lower blood sugar or cholesterol or blood pressure or even how to eat more healthy.

Stop by and see what they can do for you and if you're a registered nurse, please talk to Debbie Cox or Shirley Wilson about how you can help.



The path of spiritual growth is a path of lifelong learning.



M. Scott Peck

Worship Celebration

We will celebrate our worship ministries on Sunday, September 14 during worship. Acolytes, liturgists and choir members will be recognized.



You're Invited

Becky Bateman and Craig Joyce invite you to their open church wedding on Saturday, September 27 at 4:30 pm. You are

Love...
always protects,
always trusts,
always hopes,
always perseveres.



welcome to join them as they exchange their vows and begin their lives together.



The first duty of love – is to listen.

Paul Tillich



Rally Day



Our annual kick off to Sunday School is Sunday, September 21st. Children are invited to arrive at 9:15 for a breakfast pizza party and introduction to our new curriculum. We're excited about the new direction of our Sunday School – come check it out!



Charge Conference

First is hosting charge conference for area churches again this year. Please plan to attend charge conference on Sunday, September 28 at 3:00 pm. We'll need lots of help too – directing people to restrooms, donating and serving cookies/coffee and making each person feel welcome to our church. Please place it on your calendar now. Because of charge conference, Administrative Council will be moved to Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:00 so we can be prepared for conference.



Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

Luke 12:15 (Revised Standard Version)



Hootinannie in the Holler

Saturday, September 13 @ 2pm is the cook out and sing featuring:
3:00 - Dayspring (Southern Gospel)
5:00 - Delivered (Southern Gospel)

7:00 - Portal (Rock)
at Keith and Roxann Putnam's – 18421 Modoc Road Bring a chair

Church Search

The annual Church Search at Hocking College is Thursday, September 18 at 5:00. If you can go with Pastor Karen to meet and invite Hocking students to our church, please let her know.



Liturgists

Sept 7 – Merv Davis
Sept 14 – Amy Davis
Sept 21 – Steve Cox
Sept 28 – Micah Covert
Oct 5 – Marianna Holtel
Oct 12 – Erin Brooks



Sound Technicians

Sept 7 – Jacien Squires
Sept 14 – Ben Robey
Sept 21 – James Holtel
Sept 28 – Jacien Squires
Oct 5 – Ben Robey



Resolve to keep happy and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.

-Helen Keller



Van Drivers

Sept 7 – Larry Barber
Sept 14 – Merv Davis
Sept 21 – Steve Cox
Sept 28 – Larry Barber
Oct 5 – Gary Campbell
Oct 12 – Merv Davis



Nursery

Sept 7 – Trisha Dean
Sept 14 – Sandy Covert
Sept 21 – Jill Squires
Sept 28 – Heather Campbell
Oct 5 – Dee Dee Loge
Oct 12 – Trisha Dean



Self-pity is our worst enemy and if we yield to it, we can never do anything wise in this world.

--Helen Keller



Education Sunday

Teachers will be recognized Sunday, September 21 during worship. Also that day, third graders will receive their Bibles. Our third graders are: Colt Yinger, Lexi Mace and Sidney Fick. If you know of another third grader, please call the church office immediately so we have a Bible for each one.



Children's Sunday School

Want to know what your kids/grandkids will learn in Sunday school so you can talk to them about it at home? Here are the topics for this fall:

In The Beginning

Sept 21st: Rally Day, God Creates The World/God Creates People (Cain and Abel)

Sept 28th: Noah and The Ark, God's Promise to Noah/The Tower of Babel

God Chooses a People

Oct 5th: God Calls Abraham

Oct 12th-Abraham and Lot/Abraham and Sarah

Oct 19th-The birth of Isaac

Oct 26th-Isaac and Rebekah

Trusting God's Promises

Nov 2nd-Jacob and Esau

Nov 9th-Jacob cheats Esau

Nov 16th-Jacobs Ladder

Nov 23rd-Jacob and Esau reunite

Nov 30th-Zechariah and Elizabeth



Staff - Parish

The Staff - Parish Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:00 to set staff salaries for 2009 and prepare forms for charge conference.



Lay Ministries

The Lay Ministry Committee (known as Nominations prior to the 2000 General Conference) will meet together on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm to staff ministry at FUMC for 2009.



Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, September 17 at 6:00 pm to set a budget for 2009 to prepare for the charge conference.



Youth Activities

Watch the bulletin for details on the kick-off of the 2008-2009 youth program. Fun, food, fellowship, fun are all promised as we grow in our discipleship!

