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TIDINGS

NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship 10:00AM

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
OF HAMILTON**

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LAY LEADER

Winnie Martin

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Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Pastor's Letter

The violent events of recent days in the United States of America demand a response. The social fabric of our life together as a nation is frayed and in danger of coming apart. It behooves those of us who love God and what God has made, to do all the good we can, to stand against what is evil, and to reach out to each other in kindness and mercy. Our Bishop has offered a prayer to help us find the strength to do so. I offer it to you with every hope that it will soften your heart and harden your resolve to be a presence for love against hatred in these sad and frightening times in which we live. (Larry)

God of us all,
who created us in your image,
your peace has been disturbed;
Your heart has been broken.
One among us has invaded a sacred place,
slaughtered innocent children,
acted hatefully toward what you love.

Holy God,
who declared what you made, good,
we are stunned, shocked, pained.
Our grief is deep, and we know not how
to articulate what we feel.
You know the depth of our sorrow;
You know the desires of our hearts.

We thank you, God,
for those who have sought to bring healing,
for those who have been signs of your presence,
for those who have acted lovingly in the midst
of hatred - first responders, law enforcement
officials, medical experts, spiritual and
governmental leaders and all the compassionate
people whose names will not be in the news.

Guide us, O God, in addressing the issues of gun control
and the care of persons with mental illness.

Pastor's Letter continued...

Merciful God, who is with us always,
most especially in suffering,
be with those who have experienced this
horror;
comfort those who have lost their loved ones;
help those whose faith has been shaken;

Save us, O God. Save us from the folly of
believing
that the sin committed by one was an
individual's doing only;
help us to see this violent act
as our own failure to be your Beloved
community.

God of people of all faiths,
help us to go beyond our own faith
communities
creating a reign of your shalom
where children who call you by different
names
join not only in prayer, but in action,
to make the world a place
where we can live freely without fear. Amen.

Blessings Pastor Larry

From the Lay Leader

To Everything There is a Season

I know I have taken liberties with the quote but I hope we all get the message. For many years we have had someone who felt called to write and send cards to those on our church records. This has become costly and a burden and with the internet not necessary. We discussed it at length at the most recent Advisory Council meeting and decided to stop the process. If someone wants to recognize an event with a card it can be done on your own

Our most recent scribe was Marilyn Smith who did it for several years. We are all most grateful to her for all of her diligence and hard work.

Expecting Great Things from God

Recently I shared with you that I felt as though I was in very deep water, almost at my wits end and struggling with my faith. Finances of the church were at a new low to where there was discussion with the pastor and treasurer as to which bills we paid first. As your Lay Leader I struggled with this in many ways.

It was at this time that I was invited to go to a spiritual retreat with two of my sisters and members of their church. The theme of the weekend was "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God". I shared with the sisters how I was feeling and asked for God to show me the way.

Lay Leader Cont'd

None of this was easy as I do not open up easily. Emotions ran high for many of us. I do not cry easily either but none of that mattered. Before the weekend closed I found the peace I was looking for, a new group of sisters in Christ as well as the old faith warriors. I felt at peace in my own spirit and a new determination to continue on with the work God has called me to do.

None of us knows what the future holds for our church but I know my hand is firmly planted in His Hand and with that I and we carry on to do great things for God.

Winnie Martin



Christmas Room

Saturdays beginning on November 17th through December 22nd. (The Thrift Shop will be closed on November 24th)

New and used items!
Please bring your items close to
November 17th.

Worship Committee Notes

10/14/18

Present: Sandy Barton, Winnie Martin,
Carol Schrock, Pastor Larry

All Saints Day will be on 11/4/18. We will be remembering:

Karen Zagorski, Alberta Sheppard, Jane Pohas and Lucy Yntema

A reminder to set your clocks back one hour before bed on 11/3/18 as daylight savings time ends on 11/4/18.

If anyone is interested in lighting the Advent wreath candles, there are two open dates to do so: 12/16/18 and 12/23/18. Families and church groups are invited. This is a good time to get the children/grandchildren to visit and light the candle together. If interested, call Julie at the church.

Carol Schrock

Flower Arrangements in Honor & Memoriam

In Memory of:

11/4 Roy E. Milligan, brother of
Joan Wolkin

11/11 With Thanks for Nancy
Richard, Linda and Families

11/18 Thanksgiving Sunday

11/25 Amy and Charles Coose
and Charles Coose Jr.

Given by:

Joan and Ed Wolkin

Carolyn and Stephen Walsh

Donations Encouraged

Betsy, Beverly and Dean

November Birthday Wishes

1 Elaine Whipple

2 Jana Kapantais

8 Mike Bird

11 Allison Stinson

12 Kim Hoyt

13 Darlene Lounsbury

14 Diana Campbell

21 Stephen Walsh

24 Emily Pohas

25 George Wallick

30 Leo Kulhavy

November Anniversary Wishes

6 Joan & Ed Wolkin

30 Cherylanne & Harold Gray

NOTES

Missions Committee
No Meeting in November

Finance Committee
Check November Bulletin

NOTE: Please sign up for **Coffee Hour**. If there are no sign-ups, there will be no Coffee Hour on that Sunday.

Bible Verse for November

But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, forbearance, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:22

NIV



Join us!

Praise Festival

Traditional and
Contemporary Music!

November 3, 2018

4-6PM

at

FUMC Hamilton

Come and Worship!

Prayer of the Month

*You will seek me and find me
when you seek me with all
your heart.*

Jeremiah 29:13

Thanksgiving Altar Plans

Missions Committee is planning for this year's Thanksgiving Altar. This has been a long-standing tradition with our church, but we have had to adjust as the years have gone by. Because Acord Food Pantry actually delivers Thanksgiving meals the week before the holiday, the committee will give a check for \$100 to them at the beginning of November. Then we will be requesting items for the Thanksgiving altar, based on the general needs of Acord. (list attached). If you would prefer to have someone else do the shopping, please give monetary donations to someone on the Missions Committee and they will shop for you. Food or money needs to be here BEFORE November 17th as the altar will be arranged on that date. The items will then be delivered to Acord on the Monday following Thanksgiving.

In addition, we will be adding a new collection on Communion Sunday, October 7 and Communion Sunday, November 4. For October, we are asking for **canned goods** (e.g. hearty soup, canned meats, baked beans, Chef Boyardee, Spaghettios). For November, we are requesting a **condiment** (e.g. relish, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, salad dressing). These items will be deposited in baskets provided near the Communion rail. This, of course, is a completely optional donation, not a required donation!

We want to thank this congregation for their continued support. We are truly blessed by your incredible giving nature. This may be a small church, but it has a very large heart!

As always, I encourage anyone with questions to please feel free to call me or talk with me or any Missions Committee member.

Missions Committee

**Beth Ajalat, Beverly Coose, Carol Kirby, Ed & Joan Wolkin, Carolyn Walsh
and Fay Ciaramitaro**



Acord Food Pantry

Most Needed Items

The products below are always in high demand at the Pantry, and donations are very appreciated:

Breakfast items: Jam and jelly (all flavors), cereal (all kinds), pancake mix, syrup, hot cereals

Canned goods: Chili, hearty soup, canned meats (white tuna, chicken, salmon, ham), baked beans, beef stew, Chef Boyardee, SpaghettiOs

Dry goods: Coffee, tea, cocoa, baking mixes, macaroni & cheese, couscous, quinoa, and other grains

Juices: 100% juice in cans, bottles, or juice boxes

Snack items: Healthy, individually wrapped snacks (granola bars, raisins, pudding, fruit cups)

Condiments: Mayonnaise, salad dressing, mustard, ketchup, and other condiments

Personal care items: Soap, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons

Baby items: Diapers, formula, baby food, baby cereal

Poinsettias 2018

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 9th. If you wish to place a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, please fill out this form and return it to

Sandy Barton with a check for \$12.00 per plant. Please make the check out to The First United Methodist Church **Flower Fund**. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, December 2**. Flowers may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service on Monday, December 24th or the following week.

Please Print

Name (Given by) _____

Poinsettia (s) Red# _____ **White#** _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Plants will be picked up _____ **Deliver to shut-ins** _____

Christmas Child Shoe

Boxes

Our church will be making shoe boxes again this year for the Christmas Child Shoe Boxes program. This is part of *Samaritan's Purse International Relief*. Joan Wolkin will be setting up the table with the empty boxes and instructions for what items are being collected.

This is a great opportunity for families to put together a gift for children who might otherwise not receive one.

The collection date is *Sunday, November 18th*. **The important things to remember are:**

NO TOOTHPASTE OR CANDY IS ALLOWED DUE TO CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

The cost of shipping has gone up to \$9.00 per box.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Wolkin or the church office.

