

December 2018
January 2019



**WHERE PATHS ARE
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SET AND ANSWERS ARE
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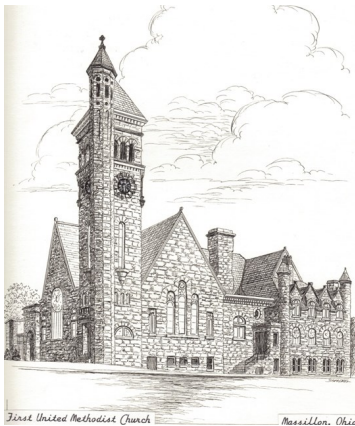
Vision Statement: "We are called TO BE and TO MAKE disciples of Jesus Christ."

Mission Statement: "God calls this church to minister in the power of the Holy Spirit to all His people through the Gospel, various worship experiences, prayer, and growth in relationship and service to Him and to one another."

Values We Hold and Aspire To:

Passion for Jesus Christ, Prayer, Biblical Teaching/Preaching, Meaningful Worship, Spiritual Growth, Enrichment Through Small Groups, Love for All and Everyone in Ministry

Ministers—All of Us



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THE CHIMES

GLORIOUS IMPOSSIBLE

See the Virgin is delivered,
In a cold and crowded stall
Mirror of the Father's glory,
Lies beside her in the straw
He is Mercy's incarnation,
Marvel at this miracle!
For the Virgin gently holds,
The Glorious Impossible



This is one of my favorite songs that the Gaither Band sings. In looking at just the first two verses of this song, the Christmas story is summed up. This little baby in the manger was the Glory of God (the glorious part) born to a Virgin to save us from our lives of sin and it was done through immaculate conception (the impossible part of the song). As we reflect on all that Thanksgiving and Christmas are about, may we truly, in the depths of our hearts, give God all the praise and glory for all he has done.

My family and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year.
Pastor Linda

You will be reading/receiving this after Thanksgiving but I have to share with you something I am thankful for, and that is I got the chance to go to the *Fall for All Clergy Retreat* Nov 12-14. Thanks to Rich Norris for covering emergency calls for me. The retreat was held at the Carlisle Inn in Sugar Creek OH and being in that area filled my soul with peace.

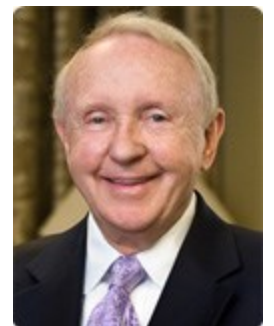


The speaker was Dr. Rev. John Ed Mathison retired pastor of Frazer UMC in Alabama (frazer.church). His church had grown by the time he retired from a few hundred to 8,000 plus. Eight services-two of which are in a different language. John Ed now runs a non-profit organization (<http://www.johnedmathison.org>) where he is a motivational speaker. It would have been great if all of you could have heard him speak, but I am going to share some of the things with you that he talked about.

Our churches must change to stay in business. However, he shared three things that are changeless. The Master, the Message and the Mission. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). The message of what God did for us (sending His only son) is forever and we are taught to go and make disciples for the transformation of the world. The Master, the Message, the Mission.

So, what does John Ed tell us needs to change? Our mindset. We need to have a mindset of Jesus Christ. We need to take risks and not do it as we always have. From 65-05 the UMC attendance dropped by 2.6%. From 05-15 it dropped by 18.8%. If football coaches don't change with the times, they don't have their jobs very long and the team starts to die. The same is true in the church, pastors are moved and churches die. We need to be risk takers for God. One of the reasons that John Ed's church grew so much in the time he was there was the programs were lay led. They would have thoughts and ideas and get his permission and he would guide them if needed, but the laity saw the vision through.

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December 01, 2018

Dear Fellow Member of First United Methodist Church:

At this joyous time of year, we as members of the First United Methodist Church in Massillon, Ohio have a unique opportunity to express our love and admiration for Pastor Linda Bradley. It has been a tradition within our church to give our members an opportunity to make a voluntary monetary donation which is then presented by the lay leader during the Christmas season.

We are blessed as a church by the pastoral gifts, service and dedication that Pastor Linda brings to our congregation. Let us show our collective appreciation for her willingness to answer God's call and serve the needs of our congregation.


We invite you to join us in this effort by placing your gift in an envelope and marking it "pastoral gift." No gift is too small and all gifts are voluntary. Your gift will be added to those of other members. The gift will be presented to her simply as a gift from "The Congregation."

Envelopes may be placed in the lockbox (on wall just inside office door) or in the offering plate, or they may be mailed to the church office. **Please try to have your gift in to the church office by Thursday, December 13th.** The gift will be presented during the following week.

In Christian love and fellowship,



Herb Huff
Co-Lay Leader



Deborah Royse
SPPRC Chairperson

Community Candlelight Walk **Sunday** **December 2** **5-7:30pm**
A Massillon Tradition Since 2001

Candlelight Walk—music and tours in historic churches
WHS choir concert and Candlelighting Ceremony at St. Mary Church

Treasure Massillon's beauty and tradition as you stroll amidst luminarias and lovely architecture to enjoy musical entertainment at eight historic downtown churches and four local community partners. Enjoy the candlelighting ceremony and choral music at St. Mary Church at the end of the event! All FREE for you to enjoy!

Walk to all or some of the churches and attractions in any order. Set your own pace. Maps and schedules of music and tours will be available at every stop and from "elves" along the way. A printable map is available at communitycandlelight-walk.com.

Luminarias will surround participating churches, and the CHARM neighborhood association will line historic Fourth Street with luminarias.

Churches will offer musical performances and church tours; many will be decorated for Christmas; many serve cookies and warm beverages.

St. Joseph's Catholic	St. Timothy's Episcopal
St. George Greek Orthodox	St. John's U.C.C.
First United Methodist	St. Paul's Lutheran
Central Presbyterian	Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

Additional Attractions

Massillon Museum—VOCI singers and the official warming station (free cookies, coffee, and cocoa)
Massillon Railroad Club (lower level of First United Methodist)—operating model railroad layout
Massillon Pubic Library—staff carolers on the steps
Five Oaks—see the mansion decorated for Christmas as live music fills the great hall
Downtown Massillon Association Santaland (lighting display)

Additional Churches, though not among the official historic churches, will complement the event: Grace United Church of Christ (live music by Tuslaw High School)

The Music Box Church (music)
First Church-Christ Scientist (music)

Sponsors

The Independent	Aqua Ohio
Downtown Massillon Association	Main Street Deli
Chapel Hill Community	Farmers National Bank
Koby Electric	Paquelet Funeral Home
St. John's United Church of Christ	PPI Graphics

Outreach News for Chimes

A hearty thanks to Rich Norris and all who donated undies for the needy, who baked, cooked and served at Canton Calvary Mission, who rang the bell for the Salvation Army, who filled, collected and packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. A special thanks to Angie Demmer who heads up that international Mission every year!

December brings new opportunities to serve our living King. Outreach will again adopt a family through the Salvation Army for Christmas. Anyone may sign up on the gift list on the bulletin board near door C. Gifts should be wrapped, tagged with the recipient's name, and in the office by December 9th.

Extra coats and other warm winter wear can be placed in the *Coats for Christmas* box in the narthex. Our friends who frequent Heaven's Kitchen will appreciate them.

We have been blessed to be a blessing to others!



"HELP THE SALVATION ARMY FEED THE HUNGRY"

DECEMBER — Baby Foods and Formula and Diapers
 JANUARY — Soup & Crackers
 FEBRUARY — Canned Meats / Condiments
 (tuna/pickles/olives, catsup/mustard/relish, etc)



Massillon's Community Candlelight Walk Sunday, December 2 5:00pm to 7:30pm

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
 St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
 St. George Greek Orthodox Church
 St. John's United Church of Christ
 First United Methodist Church
 Central Presbyterian Church
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 Mount Calvary Baptist Church
 Ceremony with Music and Candlelighting
 at St. Mary's 7:45pm
 Other sites: Five Oaks, Massillon Museum,
 Massillon Railroad Club located at First United
 Methodist Church, and Massillon Public Li-
 brary.

(Retreat cont'd) We also need to relate to people in their environment. If it means going to the bar on Friday night and getting to know folks, then sharing Jesus, that is what we do. If it means talking with the cashier in the checkout line, then that is what we need. In Kansas City MO there are 50 coffee shops that are wholly Christian based. They meet people where they are.

Third our ministries must change. In Montgomery AL two brothers came to John Ed with a vision. They said we want to start a school for inner city boys because those kids don't have a chance. John Ed admitted to us that he supported them but thought the idea was far-fetched. They started with one room and a group of six grade boys. The school has grown and they don't have enough room for all the grades and all the boys that want to attend. Every day the two brothers greet the young men at the beginning and end of the day with a simple sentence, "I Love You Man." The boys in turn share it with each other. That simple sentence gives them hope and lets them know someone cares. If you have a vision pray on it. If God is in the that vision and willing it to happen it will. We must work for what we want.

Every church member is a minister. I may have gone to seminary, but that does not give me any more talent than any of you. Lay-led ministry is biblical (Acts 2: 42-47), it is theological and it is necessary.

My challenge to First UMC is this: Pray Big, Dream Big, take ownership of an idea and run with it. The church stood long before there were appointed pastors by the bishop and will stand long after as long as the laity never stops dreaming. Everyone can do something so VISION BIG!

Pastor Linda

Voices of Canton present

CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES

Tuesday, December 11, at 7PM
First United Methodist Church, Massillon

This family Christmas concert will feature the best choral music found in our favorite Holiday movies. From "It's a Wonderful Life" to "Frozen", the chorus will have you singing and dancing in your seats. Ring in the Season with Christmas at the Movies!

Worship Schedule December 2, 2018 through April 28, 2019

9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School
10:00am Worship in Sanctuary (no 8:15 worship service)
11:00am Fellowship Hour (2nd Sunday of each month)

Decorating our Church!

Decorating trees, doors, sanctuary
When: Saturday, December 1, 2018
@9:00 AM



Burning River Brass Concert Saturday, December 15, 1:30pm (leave parking lot 12:30pm) Meal following at "Dutch Kitchen" (\$20) See Bulletin Board to sign up. Questions? See Glen Buttacavoli

Memorial Committee Report

During the last half of this year the Memorial Committee has received several requests for projects around the church. We have provided funds to replace the awnings over the 3 main doors to the church, install a new clock in the sanctuary, and purchase archival materials for Sandy Buttacavoli, our church historian, to begin to protect and preserve our church's history. Each request was prayerfully considered and discussed. These improvements were made possible by the memorial contributions of the loving family and friends of our church members who have gone on to be with our Savior. We will continue to strive to use these funds for the betterment of our church and our community.
 Respectfully Submitted, Bobbie Turkal Memorial Committee Chairman

Undie Sundays — Our 4th annual "Undie Sundays" campaign has just ended. It was our best one yet. We received a total of 429 items as detailed below:

- Men's undies, shirts & socks 126
- Women's bras, undies, socks, "camis" ... 131
- Boys & Girls undies & socks 130
- Babies' onesies & socks 36
- Wash Cloths..... 6

May God bless you for all you gave. Rich Norris



	<u>YTD Jan-Oct 2018</u>
Current Operating Receipts:	\$175,241
Current Operating Expenses:	-\$195,955
Net Operating Income (deficit)	Jan-Oct (\$20,714)

HEAVEN'S KITCHEN 2018

Lunch Sacks Items Needed:

Fruit cups, pudding cups, granola bars, cereal bars, fruit snacks, individual packs of crackers like peanut butter, individual packs of cookies, any kind of individual packed items, paper lunch bags, spoons, knives

These items can be placed in the Church Office (Marked Heaven's Kitchen) and will be taken care of from there. Any questions please contact Bunny Weltlich 330-209-2992 Thank You.



UPCOMING MENUS

DECEMBER MENU: Ham & Scallop Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple Sauce, Dessert. **Items needed** - Scallop potatoes Mix, green beans, applesauce, Dessert

JANUARY MENU: Chili, cornbread, applesauce and dessert. **Items Needed:** chili beans, kidney beans, tomato juice, cornbread mix and desserts.

FEBRUARY MENU: Turkey & noodles, fruit and desserts. **Items Needed:** egg noodles, turkey broth, fruit cocktail and desserts.

Mark Your Calendars

December

- 01— Decorating Trees, Doors, Sanctuary
- 02— Community Candlelight Walk
- 02— Brass Quintet Love Offering
- 02-23— *The Gift of the Nutcracker* Bible Study
- 04— VOCI Rehearsal 7:00pm (6:15 access bldg.)
- 11— VOCI Concert 7:30pm (5:30pm access bldg.)
- 15— Heaven's Kitchen
- 16— Fellowship Hour
- 17— Friendship Circle / Make It, Bake It... Gift Exchange
- 22— First Men Breakfast
- 24— Office Hours 9am-12 noon
- 24— Christmas Eve Services 6pm & 10pm
- 25— Merry **Christmas**

January

- 01— Happy New Year Office Closed
- 13— Fellowship Hour
- 15— Outreach & Trustees' Meetings
- 19— Heaven's Kitchen
- 21— Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed
- 22— Finance & Ad Board Meetings
- 26— First Men's Breakfast
- 27— Safe Sanctuaries Meeting

February

- 10— Fellowship Hour
- 14— Valentine's Day
- 16— Heaven's Kitchen
- 18— Presidents' Day Office Closed
- 23— First Men's Breakfast

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec-Jan-Feb Anniversaries

- 12/01 M/M Kenneth Johnson
- 12/01 M/M Jason Radel
- 12/04 M/M Nick Vrotsos
- 12/07 M/M Robert Genet
- 12/20 M/M Roy L Blind
- 12/21 M/M Douglas B Harmelink
- 12/29 M/M Joe Livers
- 12/30 M/M Dan Jeter
- 01/08 M/M Karl Grow
- 02/01 M/M James Miller
- 02/19 M/M David Smith
- 02/28 M/M David Senften

Dec-Jan-Feb Birthdays

- 12/04 Bailey, Rob
- 12/06 Freistuhler, Carrie
- 12/07 Klekner, Dave
- 12/08 Bradley, Tyler

- 12/09 Wood, Cory
- 12/10 Grow, Sandi
- 12/13 Glew, Thomas
- 12/16 Condo, Daniel
- 12/23 Demmer, Angela
- 12/24 Suggs, Judy
- 12/28 Kanney, June
- 01/01 Radcliffe, Betty Jo
- 01/02 Burkett, Karen
- 01/02 Glew, Sue
- 01/02 Bammerlin, Bill
- 01/05 Conaway, Bonnie
- 01/05 Ladley, Liam
- 01/09 James, Michael
- 01/10 Norris, Megan
- 01/11 Livers, Joe
- 01/13 Vrotsos, Jerry
- 01/13 Jackson, Kiydin
- 01/13 Beatty, Kamdyn
- 01/14 Kreider, Gary

- 01/14 Williams, Bob
- 01/14 Royse, Deb
- 01/15 Manzella, Roberta
- 01/18 Gurnicke, Kelsey
- 01/25 Weltlich, Melissa
- 01/27 Smith, Shirley
- 01/29 Miller, Gwen
- 01/29 Weise, Mitzie
- 01/29 Rice, Michael
- 02/02 Jeter, Dan
- 02/04 Preston, Darlene
- 02/07 Brenner, David
- 02/07 Senften, Carol
- 02/09 Johnson, Nancy
- 02/10 Brugh, Ann
- 02/13 Bailey, Nancy
- 02/17 Manzella, Frank
- 02/20 Brenner, Shirley
- 02/22 Lamm, Wanda
- 02/23 Porter, Kay

Looking for upcoming dates of meetings and events?

- See upcoming events listed on home page of our church web-site <http://fumcmassillon.org/>
- Each Chimes newsletter has a page listing calendar online links (ex: cntrl + click to see March link http://calendar.churchart.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?print_view=yes&list_by=calendar_month&begin_date=03/1/2018%2012:00:00%20AM&ci=G1K5K5G1J4G1G1G1&igd=
- See list of upcoming events in weekly bulletins.
- 3 months of calendars are on the wall outside the office, updated every Thursday.
- See "Calendar" link on web site home page menu <http://fumcmassillon.org/calendar/>

The **CHIMES** newsletter. Please have Group Activities articles and any other articles that you would like included in the newsletters, in the office 6 work days preceding the 1st of the month (Mon-Thurs work days) .

Feb — no newsletter
 Mar/Apr — Deadline is Wednesday, February 20

Questions? Contact people listed below:

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Altar Guild | Sue Konerth |
| Ad Board | Glen Buttacavoli |
| Finance | Gary Kreider |
| Friendly Visitors | Pastor Linda |
| Lay Member of AC | Gary Kreider |
| Lay Leaders | Herb Huff, Wayne Demmer |
| Memorials | Bobbie Turkal |
| Outreach | Franci Williams |
| Staff Parish | Deb Royse |
| Trustees | Pete Truemper (interim) |
| Ushers | Pete Truemper |

Sunday Worship Schedule

MINISTERS — ALL OF US

- 9:00 am— Sunday School
- 10:00 am— Sanctuary Service
- 10:15 am— Children's Worship

Pastor Linda's Day Off - Friday
 Pastor Linda's contact information:
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 — pastorlinda1st@yahoo.com

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DECEMBER

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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26 9am- 3pm Ofc Hrs 1:00 PM Water Color Class 7:00 PM Friendship Circle / Collector's Plates	27 9am- 3pm Ofc Hrs 12:00 PM Massillon Rail Road Club 7:00 PM Massillon Rail Road Club	28 9am- 3pm Ofc Hrs 8:30 AM Prayer Team 9:00 AM Schantz Organ Tuning	29 9am- 3pm Ofc Hrs 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	30 <i>Office Closed</i> Pastor Linda's Day Off	1 9:00 AM Decorating trees, doors, sanctuary 10:00 AM Massillon Rail Road Club
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Dated Material
Return Service Requested

MINISTERS — ALL OF US

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Hope. The miracle of Jesus' birth reminds us that God keeps his promises forever. When we look at this candle, and the light it gives, remember that God loves us, and that **God's hope** never fails.

Faith. When we look at these candles, and the light they give, remember that we didn't deserve a special privilege from God, but he gives it to us anyway, just because of **faith**.

Joy. When we look at these candles, and the light they give, picture the pure **joy** we see when a baby smiles, with no fear for the future. That's the gift God wants to give us. Love, and hope, and **joy**, as we wait for Jesus to return.

Peace. When we look at these candles, and the light they give, let's think about people in our own lives who need someone to be happy or sad with, or who need our help. We can share our **peace** as we wait for Jesus.

As we look at these candles and the Christ Candle, and the light they give, I pray with the Apostle Paul "that the God who gives hope will fill you with much joy and peace while you trust in him. Then your hope will overflow by the power of the Holy Spirit."

