



# Tanner Valley Voice



Tanner Valley United Methodist Church

September 2019

## Great is Thy Faithfulness

I have been singing the hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" my whole life, but I still remember that moment when I realized what this song was about. I had gotten wrapped up in my faithfulness to God. Was I making all the right decisions? Was I doing all the right devotions? Was I serving in the right way? Then, I looked at this song again and I realized the song is not titled Great is MY Faithfulness. It is titled Great is THY Faithfulness. It is about God's faithfulness to us.

As the leaves begin to change colors, I always find myself reflecting on the reality that those leaves are dying. The tree, though, is not dying. The leaves fall but the tree lives. Next spring, new leaves will grow. Great is Thy faithfulness. God, who is faithful, has made the leaves to fall so the tree can weather the winter.

We are often surrounded by uncertainty. Seasons of death, seasons of loss, seasons of change. We sometimes fail to be faithful. Yet great is Thy faithfulness. Though we may lose some leaves, and face some winters, God promises spring will come. Great is God's faithfulness!

As you watch the leaves turn their crimson and golden hues, I hope you will hear God's promise:

"Great is Thy faithfulness", O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!



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**Adult Sunday School**  
Sundays—9am

**Worship**  
Sundays—10am

**UMW**  
2nd Thursdays—  
1 pm

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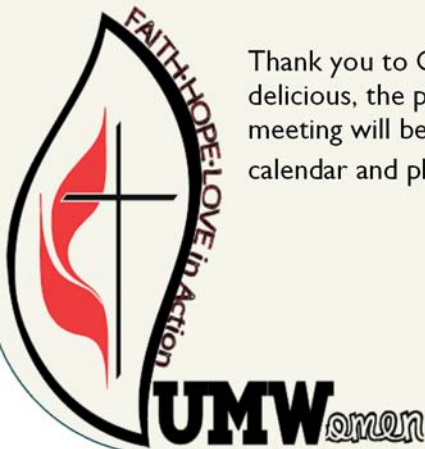
*Rev. Crystal Jacobson*

## UMW Update

Did you ever "choose up sides" when you were a child? Two children were the captains and they alternated in choosing players from the remaining children. When were you usually chosen? Were you one of the first, or were you one of the last ones to be selected? If you were among the first chosen, you were probably elated that your skills were recognized. If you were among those chosen last, however, you know the sense of waiting and hoping, then the feeling of rejection that comes from not being among the most popular.

(I was always one of the last to be chosen.)

Did you know the Apostle Paul tells us we are not only chosen by God through Jesus Christ, we are actually adopted by God. Paul says that God has chosen us, each of us, and that being chosen by God is a permanent reality in our lives. God has chosen us and adopted us, made us God's own, through the grace that overcomes all things. Our response to God's choosing us should be one of praise and gratitude. Thanks be to God for choosing you and me!



Thank you to Clara, Harriet and Sandy for hosting our last UMW meeting. The dessert was delicious, the program on hymns was informative and the fellowship was uplifting! Our next meeting will be September 12, at 7:00 p.m. June, Pam and Billie are in charge. Mark your calendar and plan to join us. Remember to be THANKFUL!

Nancy

## Christian Education - Did You Know

We publish the events in which members of the church do together, such as VBS and the Easter Egg Hunt, but there are many of our members who are involved in other activities, by themselves or through other organizations, that we do not see or about which we do not hear. To provide a means to share those events and activities, a bulletin board has been introduced in the church lobby on which this information will be posted.

Check it out the next time you are in church. Pastor Crystal called it "Facebook for those without Facebook".



## Finance Committee Highlights

The Finance Committee met on August 14th with ten of seventeen members present.

### Treasurer's Report for July:

- The General Fund began the month with a balance of \$8,872.25. There were deposits of \$7,155.00 and expenses of \$9,900.45 and a deposit correction of \$200.00, leaving a balance at month end of \$5,926.80. For the year to date, the average weekly offering was \$2,332.85 which is below the weekly budget average needed of \$2,399.00 for a weekly deficit of \$66.15. At 7/12th, or 58.33%, of the year gone, total expenses are 53.8% of the budget.
- The Special Account began the month with a balance of \$18,711.63. There were deposits of \$391.22 and withdrawals of \$2,115.00 leaving a balance of \$16,987.85. At the end of July, the Capital Improvement Fund balance was \$4,776.38, and the Faith Promise Fund was \$3,779.02.

## Church Sign Replacement

Have you looked at the church sign at the entrance to New Hope Lane (that is the name of the road to our church)? It and the brick work around it are in disrepair. Work on a replacement of the sign has been ongoing for several months. A project to replace that sign with one that is higher, more prominent and current has been developed. It will be a double sided 4 x 6 foot rectangle with the top of the sign nine feet from ground level. It will be on white background with white posts and will have external lighting. The space between the bottom of the sign and the ground will permit the hanging of temporary banners. The sign will be brought current with a minimal wording change and the introduction of the Facebook symbol.

Funding for the sign will come from the Memorial Fund graciously provided by the appropriate families. On August 18, 2019, the Church Council reviewed and approved the expense for replacement of the sign.

Removal of the existing sign and the electrical work will be done by volunteers from the church. A permit has been obtained from Dearborn County, and a contract for the manufacture of the sign and the installation has been signed. Scheduling for all this activity is currently in process. Additional information will be provided when available.



## WORSHIP SERVANTS

### September 1

#### Greeter

Clara Lewis

#### Acolyte

Lydia Jacobson

#### Reader

Tracy Meyer

### September 8

#### Greeter

Emma Schwebach

#### Acolyte

Bella Huffman

#### Reader

Jerry Bowell

#### Ushers

Steve & Candy Feller,  
Bill & Debbi Robertson

#### GIC

Nancy Hesse, Billie Stockum

### September 15

#### Greeter

Lois Blodgett

#### Acolyte

Christopher Delp

#### Reader

Dorothy McCool

#### Ushers

Bryan & Amy Delp  
Larry & Peg Delp

#### GIC

Donna Morgan, RuthAnn Hoyt

### September 22

#### Greeter

Mary Schneider

#### Acolyte

Lydia Jacobson

#### Reader

Kim Schmeltzer

#### Ushers

Rich Hesse, Dave Chapman,  
Paul Meyer, Paul Titkemeyer

#### GIC

Jean Schmeltzer, Pam VanDyke

### September 29

#### Greeter

Barb Nead

#### Acolyte

Bella Huffman

#### Reader

Larry Delp

#### Ushers

Paul & Nella Hoffbauer,  
Doug & Cathy Dorsel

**NOTE:** Assigned Worship Servants are requested to find a replacement if they will not be able to fulfill their duties on the date indicated..

Thank you for volunteering to serve.

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## Operation Christmas Child Changes

As we approach the Autumn season, activities for Operation Christmas Child (OCC) are usually planned and scheduled. However, there are two major changes to those activities for this year.

First, Tanner Valley UMC is no longer a collection point for OCC boxes. After fifteen years, this task will be the responsibility of Dearborn Hills UMC. Our filled boxes will be taken there.

Second, there will not be any pre-scheduled assembly times or dates for the OCC boxes. This year, the boxes and the materials for those boxes are available in the church library. Each box has the instructions for filling attached to the top of the box. At this writing, there are 28 boxes filled and 46 boxes ready to be filled. Come and fill a box.



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**BIRTHDAYS:** 1-Peg Delp; 5-Bonnie Knox; 6 - Dale Waltz; 7 -Donald McCool; 8 -Sheila Stevenson; 10 -Pete Schwebach, Jeanmaire Schmeltzer; 15 -Rose Jones; 19 -Cyera Power; 23 -Charles Blodgett; 30 -Tracy Meyer

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 5-Chris & Annette Gadlage; 12 -Dale & Sylvia Waltz; 14 -John & Lisa Hooten; 27 -Greg & Karen Huffman; 29 -Paul & Tracy Meyer



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8 –Denny Schneider; 9 –Mary Mitchell; 11 –Jennifer Hanneken; 13 – Dorsel; 7-Don & Pam VanDyke; 15-Kristina & Jacob Brooks; 23-Josh & Ezekial Jacobson; 20 –Colton Lewis; 23 –Matthew Brackney; 27 –Bill Christy Lewis; 28-Don & Betty Zeigler  
Robertson