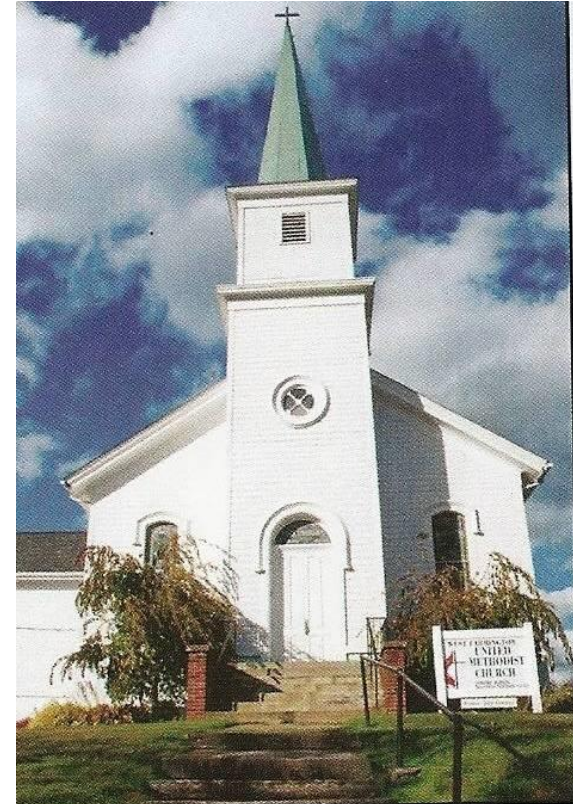


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Every Saturday

SUMC Contemporary Service at 7:00pm
Very casual with snack time after.

Every Sunday

SUMC Worship 9:30 AM
SUMC Adult Sunday school at 10:30 AM
WFUMC Adult Sunday school 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM
Children's Sunday school during the service
Nursery is available
Coffee downstairs before and after services

January Greeters WFUMC

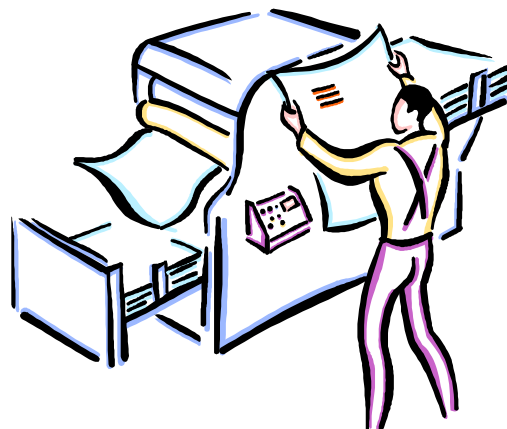
January Liturgists WFUMC

Courier Deadline

The deadline for submitting to the Courier and the Church Calendar will always be the next to the last Sunday of each month.

I will accept hand written articles, but prefer them to be sent to the E-mail address if possible.

The Courier E-mail address is wfchurchnews@gmail.com
Thank you to all who have contributed to this newsletter! ~ Georgene



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 5 – Florence Satterlee
January 5 – Linda Vogler
January 12 – Beth Cleer
January 13 – Judy DeFabrizio
January 18 – Pastor Jim
January 19 – Middy Smith
January 31 – Ken Stevens

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 4 – Joe & Dorothy Cleer
January 25 – Lloyd & Barb Adams

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018!

Welcome to the January 2018 issue of The Courier. I took over The Courier many years ago, but due to my work schedule and lack of participation, I decided with heavy heart to give up the paper. Sharon VanDervort had also tried, and Wanda Kover finally took over. We have not had a newsletter in over a year, so I have decided to try again. Please, please help me out with anything that you think would be of interest to our congregation. Be it Thank You's, Congratulations, coming events or whatever you think is newsworthy, either give it to me or email me at wfchurchnews@gmail.com Church news will always be first in the newsletter. With your participation, I hope the New Year will be a success for our church Newsletter.

A New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences,
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things,
The things of this past year,
The Lord will do new things in us,
Much more than we are aware.

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts,
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities,
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace

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You can also email any prayer requests to:
jgeorge004@neo.rr.com.

Also, Please let Pastor Jim know any updates or names that can be removed. Or E-mail the church at WFchurchnews@gmail.com

Please Remember our Shut-Ins:

Ann Gerlt
Burton Health Care
14095 E.Center St.
Burton, OH 44021

Jim Martin
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Newton Falls, OH 44444

UMW NEWS

By Carol Goddard

Meeting was started with a prayer given by Chaplain Judy R. She also read from James 5:13 which was about prayer and from Psalm 23:6 which was about God not being hard to find. Discussion after reading. We talked about people we know who are in need of prayer: Renee', Dorothy, Middy, Jim F. and Verona (Verona's mom), and Judy R. again led us in prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's statement was presented, discussed and then placed on file. There were 9 members present. We were reminded that UMW is an organization that fosters mission work--we are not really supposed to carry a large amount of money on our books; we discussed this quite in length and detail. A few ideas were discussed: one project we decided on was the new installed chimes; motion made by Judy R. to give \$500.00 to that project, second by Judy De, M/C. We also discussed Flat Rock, decided to postpone action till first part of 2018. Also discussed soup/sandwich meal on election days; will delay this also till 2018. We did decide to simplify the October brunch

Our Friends in Need of Prayer:

Marg Baker, Dinny Barnes, Tom Bedlion, Karen Boyles, Larry Brockway, Alexis Csehill, Dorothy Dilly, Joe Dorsey, Syla Duggers, Joe Dorsey, Joe Durkos, Lisa Gerlt Ehas, Allen Frantz, Beth Giesy, Jackie Gingerich, LaRue Harshnan, Theresa Helberg, Tonia Hillier, Emma Huth-Lafferty, Mouney Jarvis, Connie Mansfield Keller, Wanda Kover, Lillie Family, Vicki Martin, Harry Moherman, Bruce and Helen Parker, Clinton Pell, Bill Philbrick, Lockie Philbrick, Tom & Debbie Pucak, Barb Reynolds, Mark Smith, Elise Sprong, Annie Stauffer, Kevin St. Clair, Dave Sutliff, Bobbie Vandall, Shirley Williams, Ray Young, Bill Pitkin, Anne Hilditch, Carol Williams

For all of our men & women serving in the Armed Services

To put someone on the prayer list please let Pastor Jim know their name, status/condition and your name. Cards are in the pews.

for next year. Has gotten too complicated.
NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Pastor Jim has volunteered the UMW to provide snacks for our church when we host the Lenten Services on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018. We accepted.

2.) Election of 2018 officers- motion made by Mary F. to retain the same officers. Second by Judy De--Officers accepted. M/C. that finished the business of the day.

Motion to adjourn by Judy R, seconded by several!. Stood and did our "pinkie" ritual to end the meeting. Our gift exchange was done now and we all enjoyed the gifts we received from each other. We then moved to the most beautifully decorated dining area where we all partook of a fantastic covered dish luncheon. We all ate too much and talked too much, but what fellowship we enjoyed. With several pairs of hands we were able to greatly lessen the work of cleaning up. With many blessings voiced, we all slowly departed to go about our other seasonal responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Goddard, Secretary

WFUMC Administrative board meeting

By Ann Hillier

There was no December Board meeting.

MISSIONS

Noisy Collection –

January 28, 2018 – Warren Family Mission

February 25, 2018 – Somewhere Safe

Frustrated with God

Submitted by Carol Jean Goddard

Whether it stems from something you want but don't have, something or someone you lost, something you believe you deserve, or something you simply don't understand, most people find themselves angry or frustrated with God at some time in their lives. When the trials are long and intense, even a mature believer can be frustrated over God seemingly not doing anything. Proverbs says "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a

tree of life" (Prov. 13:12). In between God's promise and the manifestation of it, is the battering of our thoughts and heart. What we are experiencing clashes with the truth of God's Word and our faith. Sometimes our frustration is of our own making, sometimes it is the work of Satan. Sometimes we concentrate on the wrong, temporal things, as Jonah did. Sometimes we lash out because we think God didn't warn us like He should have of what was ahead. However, many times it is our problem, since we rush headlong into situations without thinking through the consequences. Many times the problem is with our limited view. We accuse the Lord of not understanding, or not acting when we don't see the whole picture ourselves. We can forget such scriptural wisdom as Ecclesiastes 3:1: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." What doesn't make sense to us does not mean it is without reason. And, of course we always want good "seasons" in our lives, never bad, but if we live long enough, we will all experience gains and losses, joy and sorrow, love and grief. The seasons remind us that life is temporal and our emphasis should be on God, not us.



WEST FARMINGTON MEETINGS

Township Trustee's Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Village Council	First Monday of each month at 7:00pm	Village Hall
Board of Public Affairs	Third Monday of each month 6:00pm	Village Hall
Zoning Commission	Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm	Village Hall



"If you're ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns."

West Farmington Senior Center

150 College St.

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Weight Watchers

Meeting at the senior center every Thursday

Doors open at 5:00 PM

Meeting starts at 5:30 PM

\$14.00 weekly

\$11.00 if you are a lifetime member.

Breakfast

Breakfast every Monday, reasonably priced and open to all. 7:00 AM to noon

Book Club

Last Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM

Bingo

Thursdays at 1:00 PM

We've installed a New Chimes system (\$9,400). We still need \$3,700 in donations to cover this cost. If donating, please mark "Chimes" on your envelope or in the check memol Thank you.

