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# THE FOHLWIND NEWSLETTER

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## From the Pastor...

The kids are back in school. Vacation season is coming to a close. Things are beginning to feel like summer is almost over. And while these things seem to bring a sense of sadness, it's a GREAT time to get on board the **Discipleship Program**.

At this point, we have room for several males to begin this faith building event. We'd also love to put more ladies on the waiting list. I believe this will be worth your time and effort. I've heard nothing but good things from those who have completed, or are actively involved.

Read the following anonymous letter that was sent to me several weeks ago:

In the beginning, I went into this class because I felt called to the next step, but had no idea how much I actually needed it. I did not think that I needed much more to be that Godly person. After all, I've been part of the church my entire life.

As I started taking the class, I soon realized how much I got wrong, or how little I really knew. Through the discipleship class, the Lord is revealing to me all my faults, and making me truthfully examine my own heart and where it actually stands on matters of prayer, trust, forgiveness ( and the list goes on). My entire viewing of the world around me is changing as well, in terms of how I feel about that world through the eyes of Christ. I felt bad about my own misguided ideas and have had to be truthful with myself on things that I held in my heart that needed fixed or let go of.....but felt completely loved because he

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## CHURCH HAPPENINGS...

### Moms of Faith

The Moms of Faith Group will be meeting again during JOY Club from 6 – 7:15 p.m. Our first night will be Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Any mom is welcome to join us and fellowship!

### Walk for Hunger 2017

The annual Walk for Hunger, sponsored by the Fairless Clergy Association, will be held on Sunday, September 24. Several changes are being made this year, including the start time. This year's walk will step off at 1:30 PM with registration beginning at 1:00 PM. This will give people more time to get home from church and have a bite to eat before returning for the walk.

The walk will be a 5k+, beginning at St. Paul UCC, traveling up the towpath to John Glenn Park and back to St. Paul. A bottle of water and goodie bag will be handed out to each registered walk to take along to keep hydrated and keep energy up. Water and chips will be available upon return to St. Paul.

This year we will be reinstating the CHURCH CHALLENGE, a traveling trophy given to the church raising the most money. Donations will be tallied and the Sunday following the event, an FCA representative will visit the winning church and present the trophy.

We will also be encouraging the use of social media this year. You can post your photos, comments and testimonials on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter using the hashtag #FCAWalkforHunger. If you can't make it the day of the walk, do your own walk anytime and use the hashtag to share.

This promises to be a fun-filled day with great fellowship and everyone participating making a great contribution to our community thru the Clergy Association. Let's all plan to participate and make this the best walk yet!! And lets make the first trophy winner, FOHL!!!

**There are information sheets and sponsor forms on the church office door!**



never gave up on me and continually pushed me in his direction till it finally clicked.....I NEEDED MORE. And now I am humbled more than ever, and becoming better equipped to do, and be what he is calling me to do.

I truly feel that he led me to take this class to give me the amazing chance to see what I have been doing wrong, and what I have been missing as far as really knowing my Bible as LIVING!! He loves me enough to give me the chance to correct it and he wants me to get it right and is showing me exactly how to do that through this class. Now I can understand and hear him better than I would have on my own. I realize now that I needed led. I cannot become a mature child of God on my own.....That's why we have Christ. There is no room for arrogance if I truly want MY future with him. I feel I have truly grasped his HOPE and GRACE. Learning and reading used to be boring and somewhat daunting , but it really is this great love story that people have told me about and now I am finally...truly...wholly allowing myself to be a part of his love and learning to love back.

I encourage anyone who has the chance to take discipleship to do so. I personally feel that the lord is calling us to this chance to help us be FULLY prepared to meet AND follow him.

I THOUGHT I was on His path before.....now I FEEL His guidance.

Submitted by a current Discipleship Program Student



**Reasons Guests Return to Church:**

1. The presence of God is felt. There is an unmistakable awareness of the presence and power of God at work. It may be inspirational and filled with emotion, or a more quiet and peaceful stirring within, but however it's experienced, the presence of God is felt.
2. The worship service is positive, relevant, biblically sound and executed with heart. You don't have to compete with the other churches near you. The important thing is to be the very best that you can. For example, if the worship team isn't strong, select less challenging music, and do it with excellence. Make sure the service is positive, clearly biblical, upbeat and communicates faith in an atmosphere of grace.



**Church/Sunday School Picnic/Square Dance**

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for our Church Picnic from 2 -4 p.m. at Camp Wanake on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Then at 4:00 p.m. there will be an old fashioned square dance in the barn. We've hired some professional callers, so dig out your cowboy boots and hats! The picnic will be at the Orchard Pavilion. Bring a covered dish to share, your own table service and lawn chair. Beverages will be provided.

**Swiss Steak Dinner**

It's that time again time for our Swiss Steak Dinners! The first one will be held on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6 p.m. in Smith Hall. The cost of the meals are \$9.00 per adult. If you can help serve, please contact Laurie Neumann.

**Men's Breakfast**

The monthly Men's Breakfasts will begin again on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in Nydegger Hall. These breakfasts are open to all men of the church and their friends. Think about joining us this season!

**Trunk or Treat**

Mark your calendars now for Trunk or Treat at Fohl UMC on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. More details to come.



**Once again, our Junior Church Crew has been busy putting together this year's Junior Church/JOY Club theme, "Under the Sea." Please take a minute to look at Smith Hall and remember to thank the team for all their hard work this summer!!**

## SERVING FOHL CHURCH...

**September Ushers** are Tim Stangelo, Jon Pavlik, Bob Wuske, Gary Winkhart

**September Greeters** are Don & Betty Lint, Alice Rial & Marilyn Schaller, Jeremy, Ashley & Heidi Lynch

### Preschool During Worship

A sign up sheet will be circulated.

### Nursery During Worship

A sign up sheet will be circulated.

### September Media Technicians

9/3 Tyler Lautzenheiser      9/10 Ben Everhart  
9/17 Jason Edinger            9/24 Jason Everhart

### September Liturgists

9/3 Phil Lautzenheiser      9/10 Shirley Sponsler  
9/17 Bob Smith                9/24 Robin Keith

### September Camera Operators

9/3 Madison Stangelo        9/10 Emma Edinger  
9/17 Ella Pumneo              9/24 Nyana Pumneo

### September Pre-Service Bell Ringer

9/3 Lily Askren                9/10 Allie Newtz  
9/17 Bridget Newtz          9/24 Courtney Newtz

### September Prayer Before Offering

9/3 Linda Wuske                9/10 Persephone Luckring  
9/17 Lisa Waechter            9/24 Bob Smith

### Card Ministry

 volunteer is Betty Lint

Thanks to Elden Surbey for the DVD Ministry each week. Weekly Sermons can also be accessed on our church website. Thanks to Lindsie Newtz and Dave Kennat for keeping the website updated each week!

### Fohl UMC's Goals for 2017 (as set at our Annual Church Conference in November)

1. Continue our efforts to increase Worship attendance
2. Focus on ways to help the congregation grow in their commitment to Christ (discipleship)
3. Strengthen Membership Care Ministries
4. Strengthen Mission Outreaches
5. Strengthen Community Outreaches
6. Strengthen Fellowship & Volunteer Opportunities

## Stewardship Report...

Attendance	8/6/17	Attendance	8/13/17
Worship	134	Worship	171
Offering	\$4,403	Offering	\$3,448

Attendance	8/20/17	Attendance	8/27/17
Worship	140	Worship	147
Offering	\$3,788	Offering	\$4,329

Total Operating Expenses:      \$215,681.00  
Finances Needed Per Week:      \$ 4,389.00

We are currently at 97% of our budget for the 2017 year.

## Membership Care Notes...

We celebrated the Holy Baptism of Sadie Lynn Janson on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Sadie is the daughter of Clay & Lauren Janson and the granddaughter of Randy & Anita Janson.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Evelyn Studer, who passed away in August.

Pray for all our teachers and students as school is back in session!

\*\*\* We are looking for a **person to work in our church nursery** on Sunday mornings from 9 – 12. This is a paid position. If you know of anyone who is interested, please let the church office or Jessica Bender know.\*\*\*\*\*



## Mission Committee

Thank you to all who donated to the Back to School event. We received a large amount of pencils, notebooks, glue and other items for the Fairless Elementary second graders.

Keep the donations coming for the St Pauly used clothing shed. We accept all clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. 85% of used clothing ends up in landfills. Donating to the St Pauly shed will allow others to use the clothing you do not need anymore. Please place in plastic bags and tax receipts are on the shed. Tell your family and friends about St Pauley's.

This month the Fairless Food Cupboard is asking for "holiday items"- stuffing mixes, boxed mashed potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, dessert mixes, sweet potatoes, canned broth, hot roll mixes, jello and pudding mixes, cookie and cake mixes, etc. All nonperishable food items, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene products are joyfully accepted. August donations from Fohl were way down so let's make September doubly blessed!

Please keep Danielle Wilson in prayer as she travels to Honduras for a year on a mission trip. May she be a witness of Christ's love to those she will be ministering to.

Coming soon will be time for Operation Christmas Child. Missions has purchased 200 shoe boxes that will be filled with gifts and God's love. More details will be forthcoming.

Please consider participating in this year's Walk for Hunger, formerly the Crop Walk. What a great way to "take a bite out of hunger." Look for the Walk for Hunger article in this edition of the FohlWind.

Tim Mihal,  
Missions Chairperson



### Music Notes...

The **Voices of Praise Choir** practices will begin again at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We invite any and all new interested singers to join us!

**We need Ringers!** If you have always been interested in playing in Fohl's Bell Choir, but haven't been brave enough to try it, now is the time! We are looking for at least two ringers for the upcoming season. Please see Lisa Glasgow if you are interested!



## Youth News. . .



Youth Group will start back on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Youth Group is for those in 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Join us and bring a friend!

### Calendar:

September 10<sup>th</sup> – Youth 6-7:30

September 17<sup>th</sup> – Youth 6-7:30

September 24<sup>th</sup> – Youth 6-7:30

## Christian Education News...

Hello!!! I cannot believe it's time for Sunday School already! We are getting set for new adventures and so many fun activities. Currently, we are still looking for a PreK, K-2nd and Highschool teacher. If you feel so led to help, please see Jessica Bender or the church office.

**Sunday School and Junior Church will resume on September 10th! Our teacher meeting will be on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** We will be handing out materials and answering any questions the teachers may have! Let's lead our children together through Christ! Our God is simply amazing and has great works in store for you! Thank you for helping to make this year another great one!

**Jessica Bender, Sunday School Director**

### Classes offered:

**Nursery – Helper still needed**

**Preschool – Helper still needed**

**Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> – Helper still needed**

**3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> – Stacy Freed & Diedra Chaney**

**6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> – Tanner Seese**

**High School – Helper still needed**

**College Age – Kathy Swank**

**Pastor Dave's Class – Pastor Dave**

**Foundations Class – Susan Mihal**



**Kings Daughters & Sons – Twila Shetler**

**Topical Class/"The Excellent Wife" – Janelle McKelvey**

The **New Seekers Sunday School class** has been renamed to reflect what the basis of what they are studying. The new name is **FOUNDATIONS**, because our goal is to study core, foundational beliefs and tenets of the faith on a level that new believers can understand but that will also interest more seasoned believers. The study will be facilitated by Susan Mihal.

Our first study for 2017 will be **THE APOSTLE'S CREED** by Matt Chandler. With so many questions, opinions and interpretations among people today, even within the church, what should we all agree on as essential to the Christian faith?

For more than 1600 years, the Apostle's Creed has united the church around core Christian doctrines as revealed in Scripture. This historic confession points us to the foundational beliefs of our faith and to the life-changing truth of the gospel. This study will go over the creed section by section and explain what you are really committing to when you say you believe what it says and why that is important. Join us as we delve into the foundations of our faith. **Please email a book reservation to Susan at [inhisimage\\_1961@msn.com](mailto:inhisimage_1961@msn.com) so that we can insure having enough books for everyone the first day. This class starts on September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<b>B = Birthdays</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>B – Char Greenfelder</b>
<b>3</b> 9:30 Worship 10:45 SS 6:00 Ladies Study <b>B – Paul Werstler, Brian Newtz, Ken Hill</b>	<b>4</b> <b>B – Shirlee Bradley</b>	<b>5</b> <b>B – Austin Weyandt</b>	<b>6</b> 1:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Sunday School Teacher Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>B – Sheila Wells, Doug Baltzer, Robert Stantz, Jim Seese, Janine Spurgeon</b>	<b>8</b> <b>B – Blaine Nofsinger, Andrew Hess</b>	<b>9</b> 4-6 Swiss Steak Dinner
<b>10</b> 8:30 Choir 9:30 Worship 10:45 SS Kickoff 6:00 Youth Group Begins 6:00 Ladies Study <b>B – Matthew Miller, Luke Everhart, TaJuana West</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00 JOY Club Begins 6:00 Mom’s Group 7:00 Ad Board Meeting <b>B – Sam Dillon</b>	<b>13</b> 1:00 Ladies Bible Study	<b>14</b> <b>B – Trenton Hughes</b>	<b>15</b> <b>B – Janet Fankhauser, Nick Mihal</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:30 Choir 9:30 Worship 10:45 SS 6:00 Youth 6:00 Ladies Study <b>B – Matthew Baker</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:00 JOY Club 6:00 Mom’s Group <b>B – Susan Stantz, Gaige Freed</b>	<b>20</b> 1:00 Ladies Bible Study <b>B – Beth Wheeler</b>	<b>21</b> <b>B – Jennifer Sprankle, Twila Shetler</b>	<b>22</b> <b>B – Mark Feters, Tina Hodge</b>	<b>23</b> <b>B – Mark Derus</b>
<b>24</b> 8:30 Choir 9:30 Worship 10:45 SS 1:30 Walk for Hunger 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 Ladies Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:00 JOY Club 6:00 Mom’s Group 7:00 Trustees Meeting <b>B – Dale Shetler</b>	<b>27</b> 1:00 Ladies Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 2:00 SS/Church Picnic @ Camp Wanake 4:00 Square Dance @ Wanake <b>B – Phyllis Cotton</b>

**Mission Statement**  
**“The Cornerstones of our Purpose”**

**To Witness**

\*Pointing to Jesus in all we do

**To Disciple**

\*Teaching how to apply Christ in everyday life

**To Worship**

\*To glorify the Lord in all we do

**To Serve**

\* To be a servant of the Lord and those He loves

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Pastor: Rev. Dave West  
Pastor of Visitation: Rev. Paul Gerycz  
Youth Director: Jon Pavlik  
Pianist & Choir Director: Cory Janson  
Junior Church: Cathy Hostetler  
Secretary: Lisa Glasgow  
Christian Education Director : Jessica Bender  
Custodian: Jim Tabler

You can find us on Facebook!

Church Website: [www.fohlmemorialumc.org](http://www.fohlmemorialumc.org)

Church Email address: [fohlmemorialumc@att.net](mailto:fohlmemorialumc@att.net)

(330) 879-2340 Office Hours: 8-1 Tuesday through Friday

Fohl Memorial U.M.C.  
121 Basin St.  
Navarre, OH 44662  
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**Please join us for an under the sea adventure!!**

**There will be singing, crafts, games, and wonderful lessons!  
Ages 4 (by September) through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Fohl Memorial United Methodist Church  
121 Basin St NW  
Navarre, OH 44662  
330-879-2340**

**Every Tuesday beginning September 12<sup>th</sup> through November 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.**

**\*New this year: We will be supplying a light supper starting  
September 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 6 in Nydegger Hall prior to JOY Club. This is  
for JOY Club participants, their families and helpers  
from Fohl. Join us!**

