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Old North United Methodist Church

Our mission is
"To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World"

January 10, 2021



Visit our website to access our virtual worship service.
<http://www.oldnorthumc.com>

Lectionary Reading This Week

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalms 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to Old North, home to the historic 1832 Chapel

SUNDAY, January 10, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Call to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Mike Monahan

Prelude

“Sonatina in A Minor”

Georg Anton Benda

Invocation

Children’s Message

Adrienne Robinson

Invitation To Prayer

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Giving to God

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

“Mignon”

Robert Schumann

Offertory Prayer

Scripture

Mark 1: 4-11

Darlene Robinett

Sermon

Solo

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

Daniel Craig

Words: Fred Pratt Green

Music: Attr. To William Walker, 1836; harm. By arlton R. Young, 1988

Postlude

“Sarabande in D Minor”

George Frideric Handel

Prayer Requests

Seth Adams
Joshua Althouse
Erik Arneson
Pam (Antes) Bailey
Ashley Barrett
Bob Barron
Mary Bear
Sherrie Conner
Rocklynn Crawford
D. J. Edmonston
Carole Fox
Connie French
David French
Toni French
Stephanie Fuquay
Wayne Gideon
Pat Hearn

Lori Bell Knight
Mary Lamb
Richard Lamping
August Leslie
Pat Mandel
Bill McCune
Carol Morris
Sally & Joe Pack
Matthew Parker
Rick Pountain
Mike & Marilyn Punke and family
Tom Schellessor
Bernice Schipp
Eric Seastrunk
Barb Loader Singhaus
Tom Smock
Lee & Bill Thomas
Annette Williams
Beth Williams

Unspoken - 3

If you have a need or prayer request, you may call or text Dianne Hobbs at (812) 746-3394 or send an email to office@oldnorthumc.com.

Those in Uniform

Jacob Althouse Aaron Dunville
Malorie Hobbs Jason Lewis
Grant Nickens

Homebound Prayer Requests

Hamilton Pointe

Howard Norlin - Apt. 120

The Village at Holiday Health Care

Barb Schaefer - Apt. 101

River Bend Nursing

Dorris Lagow - Room 302

Signature Healthcare

Mary Pountain

FAIR TRADE CORNER



NEW IN THE SHOP! From South Africa, another clever item created by recycling water bottles! A great place to keep your earbuds, chargers, snacks, or whatever little items you want. Each little pocket case is handmade and comes with the story of the person who made it.

The Fair Trade Market is open Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Stop by soon and see all of our beautiful items made by artisans around the world!

FEROL MARTIN CIRCLE

Hello and Happy New Year to all of the United Methodist Women at Old North United Methodist Church! Although some of you have not "officially" been a part of the Ferol Martin Circle, those of us in that circle are hoping you might like to join us as this circle begins to reconvene.

We have all missed being together, and in December we had a good meeting with many of the FMC faithful on Zoom. We were all so happy to be "together" and chat and laugh and pray together, that we decided to get back on our regular meeting schedule of the second Tuesday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m.

The Ferol Martin Circle does not exactly have a leader, but we all work together to plan meetings and devotions. We are hoping that those of you who might be interested in meeting with us on Zoom will join us next Tuesday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m. Merna Peden (who also takes care of minutes and communication) will be sending out a Zoom invitation in the next few days. If you would like to be included in this meeting and do not receive an invitation from Merna, please contact her at mernapeden@gmail.com.

We are determined to keep our meetings to 90 minutes, and will include a time of fellowship, devotions (led on Tuesday by Lynn Penland), and discussion on the future of the role of women at Old North.

Please join us on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 on Zoom for what we hope will be a time of renewing our connections at Old North as women and as followers of Jesus Christ. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jeannette Oakley at jltoakley@gmail.com or at (812) 319-4903.

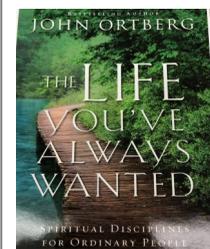
Women of all ages invited - hope to see you on Tuesday!

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT NEW SERIES CONTINUES SUNDAY!!

The January Sunday morning Intentional Faith Development study will be led by Joe Easley using the book, "Everybody, Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People". "In his entertaining and inspiring book, Bob Goff takes readers on a journey into the secret of living without fear, constraint, or worry. The path toward the liberated existence we all long for is found in a truth as simple to say as it is hard to do: love people, even the difficult ones, without distinction and without limits." The book is an enjoyable and easy read. Reading it to participate in the class is not required, but is sure to benefit you in discussion. If you would like a copy of the book and/or the accompanying study guide, contact Joe Easley at 812-431-3248 or at easyjoe1947@gmail.com and he will get a copy to you. Each Sunday's study will start at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom. Joe will send an email each week with the Zoom link for the study; email him, if you want to be included in this.

If you would like to join this always-interesting class but do not receive the Zoom invitation, please contact Raaf Stevens at rfsnas@yahoo.com or Jeannette Oakley at jltoakley@gmail.com. New perspectives are always welcome!

Thursday Night Bible Study Group



The Thursday Night Bible Study is using the series called, The Life You've Always Wanted, by John Ortberg. This study looks at spiritual disciplines like slowing down, celebrating, praying, confessing, meditating on scripture, seeking guidance, practicing servanthood, and finding freedom. We will also have activities on implementing these practices into your daily routine to really change the way you practice your Christianity. Each of the practices are based on scripture which we will study as well. A Zoom invitation has been sent to Old North members to join this study on Thursdays from 5:45 pm until 7:15 pm. We hope that you will join us for fun, fellowship, and worship.



Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike Punke and family in the loss of his sister-in-law.



On behalf of the staff of Old North we would like to take this time to thank you for your generous Christmas gift. We are humbled and appreciative and look forward to more years of service.
Old North staff



Thanks to my family at Old North for all the wonderful cards for my 90th birthday. They were very much appreciated. *Sue*



Thank you to everyone for the wonderful cards, gifts and calls this Christmas season. *Mary Pountain*



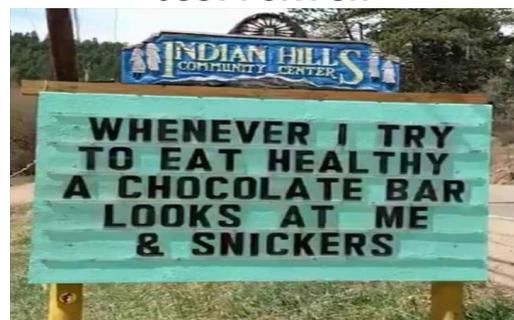
Thank you to all who gave so generously for three MOPS families to have a nice Christmas! These families were affected by Covid-19. They all are very appreciative of the gifts of coats, hats, shoes and a few gifts from their children's wish lists. May God richly bless each of you. *Nancy Temme*



Birthdays this week

- 11 Bruce Wright
- 12 Bill Mangold
- 13 Beth Bomkamp

JUST FOR FUN



Vital Statistics for

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Donations \$ 13, 415.00

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Donations \$ 7080.00
United Caring Service \$ 850.00

DEVOTIONALS AND PRAYERS

Read Exodus 14:15-22

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back...and turned it into dry land...and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground. — Exodus 14:21-22 (NIV)

TITLE

STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Praising God through my struggles helps lead me through them.

The year 2018 was one of enormous change for me. My daughter was born, and both of my grandmothers died within a three-month period. After constant prayer I came to the conclusion that the best way to find peace and rest is always to raise our hands in praise and prayer to God.

When the Egyptians were closing in on the Israelites after Moses led them out of Egypt, God commanded Moses to raise his staff and stretch out his hand over the sea to part the waters. After decades in bondage and slavery it would have been easy for Moses to decline in fatigue, doubt, or anger. Instead of allowing the situation to defeat him and his people, Moses chose to listen to God. He raised his staff and stretched his hand over the water. This one act of obedience opened the window for a miracle and delivered the Israelites from the hands of Pharaoh.

When we choose to worship God no matter our circumstances, God can do things that to the world seem impossible. No matter how exhausted we are under the weight of our struggle, God does not want us to despair. God is with us as we persevere.

Prayer: *Faithful God, give us the strength to lift our hands to you when we are weak from struggle. Amen.*

Zach Schaar (Ohio, USA)

January/February issue of The Upper Room

Prayer focus: *Someone feeling exhausted*