

February 2022

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1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Corinthians 16:14

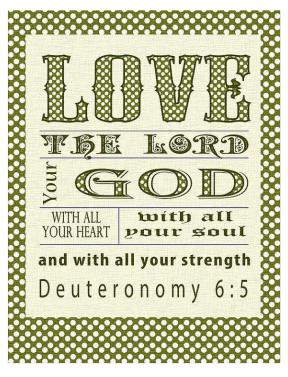
Do everything in love.

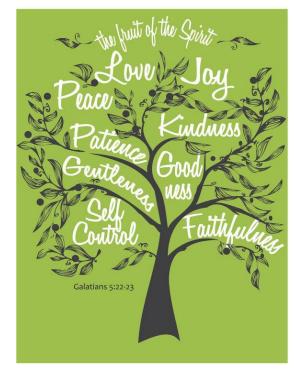
1 Peter 4:8

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

1 John 4:8

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.





"No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us."

1 John 4:12

Hello Church,

Our former Bishop Park often referred to the Church as a "Beloved Community." I have always appreciated the meaning behind those words. In a season of constant change and uncertainty and even growing division I have found great comfort and support in our beloved community at Fawn. I know many of you have felt the same as we strive to extend the love and embrace of Jesus to each other. We are encouraged, supported and reminded of the firm foundation of Christ on which we stand!

This beloved community at Fawn is strong; filled with genuine, caring, generous, and faithful growing disciples of Jesus. The past couple years has been a challenge in finding ways to live out our beloved community in the midst of ever-changing circumstances, but as James says in his letter to the early church those times of challenge produce genuine faith. I have heard from many of you concerning how your faith is growing and being clarified like never before. I have heard of many sharing the renewed value and appreciation of this beloved community. God truly does work in the midst of all things for His good in us!

Prior to the pandemic there were many dreams and passions being translated into fruitful expressions of ministry throughout out our church. While the pandemic can make it feel like someone knocked over the Lego tower we were building, those dreams and passions are still alive within us all. Furthermore, we also realized that not all fruitful ministry needs the building of something external, but the willingness of a heart changed by God to respond and be moved.

While hopefully the challenges of the pandemic are more behind us than in front of us, I wanted to give an update on the current state of our United Methodist Denomination and the most likely split into two new denominations.

A proposal for the UMC separating into two new denominations has been presented and informally agreed upon. One would maintain the name "United Methodist" (a progressive theological church) the other would be called "Global Methodist" (a traditional or conservative theological church). For this action to move forward our global governing body called "General Conference" must meet and vote to approve. This has been postponed twice because of COVID and currently planned for the end of this summer. In the meantime, our theological discipline stays the same as it has been on all issues.

Once the proposal that is informally agreed upon is adopted by the General Conference each Annual Conference would vote to affiliate with one or the other in the early summer of 2023. With some Annual Conferences it is obvious which denomination they will choose. Our Susquehanna Conference however is hard to predict the outcome. Regardless of the Annual Conference vote each local church will be able to vote either to stay apart of the annual conference (if the conference votes in agreement with the local church) or to separate and join an annual conference that matches their theology. (This would be temporary until a new local annual conference of the new denomination is set up; possibly a year).

While we continue to wait for more clarity and for the larger pieces to be decided we are reminded that Fawn's beloved community continues in mission and ministry, and I am confident that Fawn will be able to navigate whatever decisions are made with grace and a trust in God's larger mission for Fawn in our local community; to become living stones that build pathways to Jesus!

PRAYER MINISTRIES OF FAWN CHURCH



Anointing and Pastoral Care: Our church family wishes to pray for anyone before surgery or at a time of illness. Anointing with oil and laying on of hands is offered and especially encouraged during Worship

Prayer Book: Please see our prayer book on the stand in the lobby for names of those to Pray for and where you can request prayer.

E-mail Prayer Chain:

Call or email Church Office (717)382-4573 fawnumchurch@gmail.com)







Contemporary Service

9:30am (Sanctuary)
Traditional Service
11:00am (Sanctuary)
Kids for Christ
Adult Growth Groups
8:30AM (Parlor)
9:15AM (Social Hall)
10:30AM (Parlor)



SPRC Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 1st @7pm **Ad Council Meeting** will be on Tuesday, February 15th @7:00pm



Fawn UMC Mission/HUB Update:

We are collecting <u>MEN's Sweatpants (x-large sizes)</u>. There is a need at Kennard-Dale High School. You may place donations in the plastic bin on the Mission Hutch.

The **HUB Sewing Ministry** will meet on Saturday, **February 5th from 9 until 11 AM**. Please join us!

Mission Meeting - Tuesday, February 8th from 6-7:30pm in the Social Hall.

We will be discussing the disbursement of the 2021 mission donations. Anyone interested in being part of this conversation is welcome.

Thank you! Fawn Mission/HUB Team

--His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3

MISSION CENTRAL. 2021

It was a record-breaking year for Mission Central and we were thrilled to be able to serve so many people in need.

The pandemic brought the 'perfect storm' of organizations looking to offload material goods, donors looking to donate and many, many in need.

Together we assisted:

- Over 900,000 people with \$2.4 million in medical equipment and support
- 1.2 million in non-UMCOR kits went out (that's Activity Kits for schools, Care Kits for those experiencing homelessness, Camp Kits for campers and more!)
- Almost \$700,000 in animal food for homeless animals
- Over \$620,000 in disaster relief was provided to victims of natural disaster
- Almost \$600,000 in cleaning and hygiene items went out to schools, hospitals, churches and those experiencing homelessness
- \$143,000 in food went to those in need
- Over \$125,000 in supplies (food, clothing, school supplies and general assistance) for students and their families in the Mission Central School Program
- 51 international shipments were picked up And much, much more...

We look forward to continuing to reach those in need.

Thankful,

Fawn HUB / Mission Team in Partnership with Mission Central



Kids for Christ Worship

This is available for children in preschool thru 5th Grade. Please come and join us as children, each Sunday morning at 9:30am.

Singing Sundays will be Feb. 13th and Feb. 27th Memory Verses are:

I Corinthians 13:13 NIV "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 16:14 NIV "Do everything in love."

We are working with lessons on true love-love is kind, patient, forgiving, and everlasting.





Our Youth meet every Sunday from 6-8pm during the 2022 school year. Please contact our

Youth Director, Jeffrey Billings if you have any additional questions.

<u>Jeflynbilaaol.com</u> (443) 693-3256

Spring 2022 Sound/Projection Schedule

February

6-Feb Ben Lowe 717-891-0380 13-Feb Pattie Herbert - 717-683-6615 20-Feb John Ayres 717-487-9283 27-Feb Justin Hall 443-562-8607



Backpack Program

 Friday February 4, 2022
 Johnny Ayres
 717-487-9283

 Friday, February 11, 2022
 Pat SanAugstine
 717-817-8556

 Wednesday, February 16, 2022
 Cindy Hall
 717-968-7447

 Friday, February 25, 2022
 Sara Gibney
 717-515-1370

Delivering to the School Margaret McGinty

Emma Busha - <u>eversoemmab19912gmail.com</u>

Phone: (443) 987-1976

About: This a group for moms with kids of any

age. You may have toddlers or kids in college, and we want to come

together to support and

encourage moms in whatever season we

may be going through.

Held on: MONDAY NIGHTS 20 6:30PM

February 7th "Galentines dinner", Feb 21st

March 7th, 21st April 4th, 18th

May 9th



BOY SCOUT LAW

A Scout is:

Trustworthy, Loyas,

Friendly, Helpful,

Courteous, Kind,

Obedient, CHEERFUL,

Thrifty, Brave,

Clean, & Reverent.

Fawn Grove Boy Scout Troop 83

Troop meetings are held on Sunday's in the Fellowship Hall 4pm-5:30

kareyreed@icloud.com

(Troop Leader is Karey)

Fawn Grove Girl Scouts Troop 20840

Our troop accepts girls KDG-12th grade. We are looking forward to new faces for the New Year! We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's each month in the Fellowship Hall.

Any additional information please contact: (717) 654-8297 **Troop Leader is Danielle**girlmafia@hotmail.com

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor: I will try:

To serve God and my country.

To help people at all times,

And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do,

id to respect myself and others, respect authority.

respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.



- 2 Bradley Stewart
- 2 Zachary Stewart
- 4 Richard Awalt
- 7 Sara Gibney
- 7 Lauren Lowe
- 12 Floyd Goodchild
- 13 Duane Herbert
- 13 Mary Stewart

19 Ashley Hughes

21 Jessica Armacost

23 Robert Morris

23 Joanne Ness

25 Rebekah Simmers

26 Steven Gemmill

27 Charlotte Gemmill

28 Tammy Bobbitt



9 Martin & Erin Miller
9 Robert & Dorothy Barbour
10 Jordan & Rebekah Simmers
11 John & Joann Sliger
14 Justin & Leanna Richardson
15 Sal & Danielle Bisesi
22 Kenneth & Barbara Zimmerman

