

FOOTHILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE LIGHTHOUSE-SEPTEMBER, 2010



Dear Sisters and Brothers:

There are two common times on a one year calendar when people start something new, or have new beginnings: September with the advent of the new school year (we've all become conditioned by that cycle which has its origins in the planting and harvesting cycle) and January 1st with a "New Year's Resolution."

Beginning with September 12th, the Sunday after Labor Day, I'd like to begin a sermon series on "New Beginnings." While coming from a pastor you'd expect such a series to have a spiritual dimension, and that will certainly be my intention. But, coming out of a "Life Coaching" background as well as a pastoral background I'm anticipating this to be a very grounded nuts and bolts kind of approach to encourage folks to "take charge" of their lives.

Having said that, I acknowledge that "control" is largely an illusion – we're rarely in control of much at all least of all others (whom we seem more desperate to control than ourselves). But, neither are we victims of all of life's circumstances unless we choose to be victims. I'm hoping that we not a people who choose to be victimized and since hope in and of itself is not enough, I'll be addressing that over a number of weeks in September and October.

Also, "Taking Charge" and "Control" are different insofar as the former is more a matter of acting intentionally and the latter has more to do with being "top dog." I'm much more about intention than who thinks they are in charge.

On Sunday, August 15th, in a sermon entitled "Transformation or Decoration?" I said that we have hope on a wide variety of things but that just as was described in the old rock 'n' roll song, "hopin' and dreamin,' wishin' and thinkin'" alone won't accomplish anything. Faith however, is something different. Faith is a matter of belief and we act upon those things we believe in. If I believe that gravity holds me down relative to my mass, then I will avoid the bathroom scales. So, the general thrust of the sermon series will be acting on those things we believe in, and it is my hope (and therefore the focus of my action) that we believe in ourselves and the spirit of God directing us. The series will be action oriented, and focused upon our individual lives as we decide to make use of what is presented.

I am a strong proponent of the notion that each new moment brings us to a new moment of choice and that no single moment is necessarily dictated by the last. That's true for individuals, for family units and for communities like churches. So let's make September our month of "New Beginnings" and see what each new moment and choice may bring to us.

Yours in Christ,
Terry

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From the Desk of the Associate Pastor

The word this month is **angel**. There are many references to angels in the Bible. "The **angel** of the Lord said...." Then there would be great news delivered. How often have you heard "You are such an **angel**."? It is nice to be referred to as an **angel**. It is nice to deliver good news or gifts to others.

Some of you have heard how I was the benefactor for three **angels** on my return trip from Washington, DC.

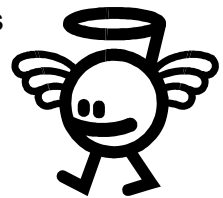
The first **angel**, Clinton, stopped when the car I was in broke down on the side of the road. We were somewhere in Maryland and this first **angel** gave directions to the tow truck driver so we could be quickly found.

The tow truck driver, Thomas, was the second **angel** we met. He took us to a garage, made sure we found a motel to stay at and then gave us his home phone number - just in case. We did end up calling him the following day when things were not going well at the garage and he helped us to receive what we needed but then the part wouldn't be available until Tuesday. Kathy Reese and I then needed to rent a car in order to get home by Sunday since we both were scheduled to preach at our respective churches.

The last and third **angel** on that trip we did not see but knew one was traveling in the car with us as we were running out of gas at 1 a.m. Somehow we drove into the only gas station open at that time. We were driving on fumes since the gas gauge had read **E** for several miles.

I have decided to call this my (triple) AAA trip - the triple **angels** that God provided for Kathy Reese and I on our way home. We could not have asked for God to give us different **angels**. He gave us the best He had. So I thank God for angels. Look for the **angels** - big or small, that are in your lives. Be an **angel** to someone else even before you are asked. Brighten the world with **angel** wings. Share God's love and kindness with others and you will hear - "You are such an **angel**."

Thanks for listening to my story because every time I tell it, I can feel **angel** wings around me. You all are **angels** to me!



Peace to all,
Pastor Cindy



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**NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT**

**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

PLEASE HELP!!! The Education Committee needs YOUR help! We are in need of some volunteers to help out in Sunday school classrooms and the nursery. For safety and security purposes, we are required to have 2 adults in each classroom. If you feel that you could help us out, please see Lori Bumpus or Joan Clapper.

Sunday School classes will resume on September 12th during the 10:30 a.m. worship service (with Adult Sunday school at 9:30)! The children and youth will be getting geared up for another exciting year with our "LIVE B.I.G." curriculum where we learn to "Hear, See and Live" our Belief In God (B.I.G.) We are planning to continue our classroom levels and teachers as follows:

Nursery (up to age 3): Amy Fox

Pre-K and Kindergarten: Lori Bumpus and Sharon Lent

Grades 1-3: Linda String

Grades 4-5: Bea Topliff

Grades 6-8: Ceil Blunck

Grades 9-12: Joan Clapper

Adult Sunday School: Pastor David Truscott

Also, remember that Adult Bible studies continue to be held on **Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m.** with Pastor Cindy and on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** with Pastor Terry!

As always, we greatly appreciate the dedication and commitment that all of our teachers give to the Christian education programs at our church! Please remember to keep this special group of people in your prayers!

In His Service,
Lori Bumpus



FOOTHILLS UNITED METHODIST

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The first meeting for the UMW will be September 20th with a covered dish dinner at 6:00. There won't be a program per se, kind of getting reacquainted and going over the calendar for the year.

If anyone owes dues please give them to Lucille and keep filling your banks with extra change for our donation at the end of the year.

Please remember, all women of the church are United Methodist Women so please join us for friendship and fellowship!!

Yours in Christ,
Claudia Burlett

KOINONIA KRAFTERS



Koinonia Krafters will start up in September. Our first meeting will be 9/20/10 at 6:30pm in our craft room. We have some new projects and some old favorites to work on. We will have a table at the Moose Club craft fair in November. So let's get gluing, cutting, painting and creating. Hope to see all our old members and newbie's are encouraged to join in the fun, fellowship, friendship and of course kraftiness.

In faith, friendship and kraftiness,
Sandy Harrington

ONE STROKE PAINTING

One Stroke Painting continues to meet weekly at my home. Soon we will return to the church perhaps with a change of evenings. We are really improving every week. I'm so proud of our projects and their creators. Our painting projects are the same and everyone adds their own creative flair to make uniquely theirs. Think about joining our group. We'd love to have you. If classes get too large we can think about two evenings or one late afternoon group and one evening class.

Keep painting, Sandy

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**MISSIONS
at home
& abroad**

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

We had a beautiful day for our table at the Rail Fest. Our purpose of having a table was to promote our church to the community. Thank you to Jack Wilson who helped with the table and chairs and to all who came to support us. We displayed many of our handmade items, a birthing kit, health kit and a school kit, as well as painted items from the one-stroke painting class. Chelsea and Carly Cirillo did a great job face painting and earned money for the youth group. We handed out many fliers noting what our church has to offer and inviting the community to attend our worship services. Thanks everyone!

Please note! Yarn needed! Although we do not have our knitting and crocheting class during the summer months, many of us continue to knit at home. If you have yarn you don't need and can help us out, we would certainly appreciate it. And remember to save your can tabs to benefit the Children's Hospital in Boston. You will find a container in the milling room for them.

183 - that's how many times we have filled the "Bright Red Bookshelf". Thanks once again to the "Friends" at the Gloversville Library and to all who continue to bring children's books and stuffed animals.

Our Missions & Outreach Team will meet on the third Tuesday of September which will be September 21st. Summer is going quickly. Enjoy!

Remember: "God leads, do you follow?"

Yours in Christ's name,

Joyce Ashe

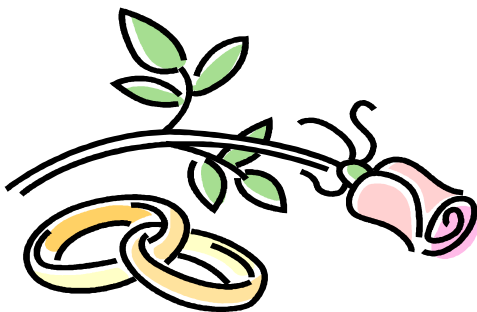


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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



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| Albert Ellis | 09/01 | Audrey Baird | 09/02 |
| John Longhenry | 09/03 | Isabella Iorio | 09/04 |
| Joan Gifford | 09/06 | Bryce Hohenforst | 09/07 |
| William Johnson | 09/08 | Peter Cirillo | 09/09 |
| Arianna Hayes | 09/10 | Harold Laird | 09/11 |
| Keyton DiScioscia | 09/12 | Hannah Hohenforst | 09/12 |
| Florence Kuebaugh | 09/12 | Stephanie Peck | 09/12 |
| Stephen Sheeler | 09/13 | Destiny Bujoiuski | 09/14 |
| Jayla McGaffin | 09/14 | John DeLaFleur | 09/15 |
| Sharon Diefendorf | 09/15 | Edna Smith | 09/15 |
| Michele Williams | 09/15 | Sandy Harrington | 09/16 |
| Kathy Baxter | 09/17 | Kaylee Bumpus | 09/17 |
| Eva Whitman | 09/17 | Elizabeth Bentley | 09/18 |
| Dana VanDeusen | 09/18 | Bonnie Clizbe | 09/19 |
| Babbet Frisbie | 09/19 | Brittany Stanzel | 09/19 |
| Diane Lindsley | 09/20 | Nancy Naish | 09/20 |
| Kathleen Riley | 09/20 | Alaya Robinson | 09/20 |
| Erin Leitt | 09/21 | Eric Royer VanSkiver | 09/21 |
| Reanna Stewart | 09/21 | Doris Morrison | 09/22 |
| Robert Bronk | 09/23 | Patrick Connor | 09/23 |
| Erica Darling | 09/25 | Vivienne Cirillo | 09/26 |
| Sandra Watson | 09/26 | Virginia Baker | 09/27 |
| Elizabeth Johnson | 09/27 | Kristin Komarinski | 09/27 |
| Genevieve Mortzheim | 09/27 | Velice Decker | 09/28 |
| Mary Roberts | 09/28 | Sandy Thompson | 09/28 |
| William Baker | 09/30 | Jeffrey Gifford | 09/30 |



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| Linda & Bob Suits | 09/04 |
| Valerie & Vincent Danise | 09/12 |
| Corinna & Dan Ellis | 09/12 |
| Marion & John DeLaFleur | 09/16 |
| Nanette & Timothy Perham | 09/18 |
| Linda & Steven String | 09/20 |

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NOTES FROM THE “BLIND MAN’S CREW”

The youth group will have their first meeting on September 19th, 6-8PM. After that we will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

Our Youth group is open to all youth from age 10 – high school graduation. If you'd like to join us please come to any meeting to check us out!!! We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of every month from September to June from 6 – 8PM. Our focus is putting God's word to use in our community and the world.

Yours in service to Christ,
Sharon Diefendorf & Carly Cirillo



MUSIC MINISTRY

There are new times for Adult & Kid's Choir. The Senior Choir will be meeting on Thursday nights starting on Thursday, September 9th at 6:00 instead of 6:30 and at 9:30am on Sundays. The Kid's Choir will be practicing at 11:30am on Sundays right after church.

All are welcome to join either Adult or Kids Choir...see everyone there!

Yours in Christ,

Vivienne Cirillo, Betty Green & Ed Goodemote

IF YOU HAVE BORROWED A BOOK FROM THE UMW TABLE AND HAVE NOT RETURNED IT, PLEASE CONTACT CLAUDIA BURLETT OR MARLENE WALKER. THE UMW IS CURRENTLY DOING AN INVENTORY OF ALL THEIR BOOKS...THEY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.

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The Rev. Cynthia VanAllen
The Rev. Garry W. Campbell, The Rev. Dick Sears, Pastors Emeritus
Administrative Assistant: Isabelle Connor
Music Ministry: Vivienne Cirillo, Betty Green and Ed Goodemote
Organists Emeritus: Joyce Manning & Marilyn Rhinehart
Maintenance Engineer: Garfield Burlett
Interpreter for the deaf : Jeanne Smith

Please call the office for prayer requests or if you are homebound and would like to receive a visit and/or communion from our Pastoral Ministry Team

VAN TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP, SIGNING IS OFFERED FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Praise Worship—9:15 am

Adult Bible Study—9:30 a.m.

Worship Service & Church School—10:30 a.m.

Vision Statement

The vision of the Foothills United Methodist Church is to reach out in love to serve, nurture and touch lives in the name of Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Foothills United Methodist Church is to serve as a lighthouse, reaching out with God's love and acceptance, sharing our faith, serving our communities, and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.