

I have been privileged to have been on a wonderful journey over the last thirty some years as a minister, and more than that as a human being. I have never known what the future had in store but every time I put my trust in God. I feel I have always ended up where I was supposed to be. Every time I have waited in faithfulness, God has never let me down. It is never easy to move out of ones comfort zone to go in another direction, but God will never let you journey alone.

Whether it is a private journey of faith, or a new path that the church is taking. Have faith in our Lord and Savior. Rely on our God that He will plant us exactly where He wants us to be. Wait in faith and grow in the light of His love.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Walter Coy



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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

If you haven't checked out our website, take a look!
www.zionuccsteubenville.com

God is still speaking,

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Mary Hoover, Bill Bertram, Janet Davis, Dakota Miller, Marlene Rhueff, Barb Mottice, Al & Elaine Panyi, BethAnn Postlewait, Pat Loyszczyk, Vern McCamic, Doug Lewis (Joyce Coy's brother)

➤ If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.

PASTOR COY CELL PHONE

If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Coy his cell number is **330-301-0551**.

WELCOME BACK!

God is Good! We have resumed having our regular 11 AM service with no coffee fellowship. We ask that you please observe social distancing. It's nice to go to a church that's friendly. It's better to go to church with a friend. We invite you to bring a friend to church! *Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*
—Psalm 100:4

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next church council meeting will be **July 5, after worship in the sanctuary.**

Pastor's Pen

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your path. (Proverbs 3:6)

T.S. Eliot wrote, "We shall not cease from exploration and at the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time."

To transfigure vision, it requires faith. Things are constantly changing in our world and things should be constantly changing in our church. As uncertain as change is it has to happen.

I recently read a book that talks about things that are taking place and how you sometimes have to wait or step out of your comfort zone to a world of change. In the story you may recognize, The Wizard of Oz, it refers to Dorothy and how she is picked up, house and all, spinning, whirling as the house and her are taken to another place. You know the story, at first Dorothy is very worried, but as the hours pass she decides to wait calmly and see what the future holds.

Same with us, our hope lies in standing firm in the chaos and waiting calmly with trust in the God who loves us. Change can be scary, but if we step out of our comfort zone and have faith, God will deliver us somewhere amazing. In the midst of everything there is a great God that will heal and guide us. God is providing us with a sacred opportunity, that if we have faith and truly let him lead us, we will end up where we are supposed to be as a person and as a church. God does not want not to do this alone. He wants us to do our part as the disciples He has entrusted us to be.

Like Dorothy, she stepped out on the yellow brick road and so must we. We must tell people about our church. We must make attending church a priority in our lives. We must make working for the church a loving duty in our lives. Why would others want to attend, work and love our church if we aren't doing the same? God doesn't say tell me about it, He says show me. Walk the Walk of Jesus!

OUTDOOR PLANTING

John Diekmann has volunteered to take care of outdoor planting this year! We have been accepting memorial and honorary donations. **If you would like to contribute, it's not too late!** Please make your donation in an envelope with your memorial written the way you would like it to read in the bulletin and newsletter and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

OUTDOOR PLANTING 2020 MEMORIAL

LIST

Walter & Joyce Coy in honor of Children & Grandchildren.

John C. Diekmann in memory of Jeff Knauff, Estella & Lewis Diekmann.

Mel Humes and Carlene Christ in memory of Martha Kress, Dorothy Kress Humes, Charlotte (Humes) Sullivan and Barbara Humes-Mott.

Dave & Renea Hunt in memory of Olie & Vern Hunt, Dorothy & William White, Roy & Mary Pifer, Dora (Morelli) & Robert Starkey.

Deborah Cole-Kahriman in memory of Wayne E. Cole and Donna Cole- Ramsey.

Carole Kirkendall in memory of Jeff Knauff.

Carlene Lewis in memory of Carl, Ethel Spahn, and Carol Rogers.

Al & Elaine Panyi in memory of Jeff Knauff.

Barbara Ross in memory of George H. and Aimee Ross.

Howard Ross in memory of Aimee Ross.

Betty J. Sparr in memory of Loved Ones.