



The Fowler Flashes

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Hello, my friends, it is my prayer that this note finds you healthy and happy...

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

Now I am certain of the love for God I feel at Fowler UMC, I have no doubt about that...there is a sense of trust that God is with us, in us and in control... and yet Life is not predictable, and it can be painful and scary at times. There are many ups and downs along the journey as we make our way.

Now, I know that we all want to trust God, and when times are good, there's no problem with that. But when times feel difficult when there are changes we are not comfortable with, trusting God becomes much, much harder. But it is exactly during those hard times that it is even more important for us to trust God. We know that God is unchanging and knowing that should give us a firm foundation when things feel unsteady and uncertain...as they feel right now for many of us.

It feels like we are being battered and shaken up by this Covid pandemic. There is an uncertainty, a loss of control, a loss of community, a loss of familiarity even in church. We can't sing, we can't eat, we can't hug, our space of worship is changing, People whom we have come to love, and trust are making life changes and are leaving, new people are joining to lead us... how do we trust that God is in these circumstances? How do we trust God when we do not understand what is happening? When we cannot see a resolution? These are valid questions, and God wants to help us navigate them.

Going a little farther, He fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from Him. "Abba, Father," He said, "everything is possible for You.

Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will." (Mark 14:34-36)

Jesus Himself felt overwhelmed by what was before Him, and He went straight to His Father. We know God cares for our hurts. God pays attention.

How comforting it is to know that the God of the universe is also paying attention to even me. Knowing that God is for us will strengthen our trust in

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God during times of hardship and the unknown.

So even if we feel lost, alone, hopeless...remember that we don't need our emotions' permission to hold on and trust God. We just have to do it.

Which of these promises do you need to hear today to help you choose to hold on to God?

God's presence forever. Deut. 31:18 – God's peace. Phil. 4:7 – God's comfort. Isa. 49:13 – God's strength. Isa. 41:10 – or God's fight for us. Exod. 14:14

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." -Proverbs 3:5-6

Peace, pastor René

If you or your loved ones are in need of prayer, please contact the office to be added to the



Pray for

For Dick & Veona who are feeling estrangement to church

For our church and completion of church project

For Society in general

For nicer Christen neighbors

For Caritas having a successful fundraiser

For Pastor Cody Stauffer and his family For individual involved in an accident at Fairwood

For all involved in the Amtrak accident

For Carolyn Tobeck's sister who is suffering from Covid

For family of the 2 men killed at Loon Lake

Replacement for Nathan

Prayers for 2 grandsons having difficulties paying rent

Prayers for the newly married couple, Michael & Callie, to find a Christian life

Health and Healing

Carolyn Tobeck for healing

Carol Ring for continued progress

Tom's Golf friend Randy, Covid

RJ who flee and hurt his head

Thankful

For workers repairing damage and no injuries

Thankfulness that the wedding celebrations for Nate & Kat went well

Denny's sister is improveing

Thankful for good doctor report

Thankful for a great wedding of grandson Michael

October Birthdays

5th - John Godley

7th - Fern Rigney

Aubrey Barton

10th - Gary King

15th - Ron Ring

20th - Mable Pangle

24th - Gelene Griffiths

Lisa Laurier

26th - Dorian Smith

30th - Linda Hammer

Wishing our friends a
"happy...",

a "merry...,"

a "best wishes...,"

and a "blessings..."

for their special day.



The problem of forgiveness. We are commanded to do it, so why is it so difficult? If you've struggled with this issue then this workshop is for you. Come learn a win-win, no fail, works every time, sure-fire method. This takes place in Corinthian Hall at Fowler UMC, Saturday morning the 23rd of October from 10 am to 12 noon. Please pre-register with Diane in the office so that we can prepare enough materials (and donuts).

Donna Norris

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 1	Sat 2
3 Worship at 10:30am	4	5 9:00 - Tops 10:00 - Prayer Group 1:00 - Koinonia	6	7 Noon UMW	8	9
10 Worship Sunday at	11	12 9:00 - Tops 10:00 - Prayer Group	13	14	15	16
17 Worship Sunday at 10:30am	18	19 9:00 - Tops 10:00 - Prayer Group 1:00 - Koinonia	20	21 Flashes Articles Due	22	23 For- giveness Workshop
24/31 Worship Sunday at 10:30am	25	26 9:00 - Tops 10:00 - Prayer Group 1:00 - Koinonia	27	28	29	30



Fowler United Methodist Women

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS – GIFT TO MISSION

Do you want to honor someone for her or his Christ-like mission service? Send a gift to mission card.

Peace, Thank you, Congratulations, Thinking of You, A Special Day, A New Baby, In the Service of Christ, Happy Birthday and Christmas cards are available singly or in pre-packaged sets for different occasions. The cards are \$5 each or in packets of 5 for \$25. Each card comes with the notation that a gift to United Methodist Women has been made in their name.

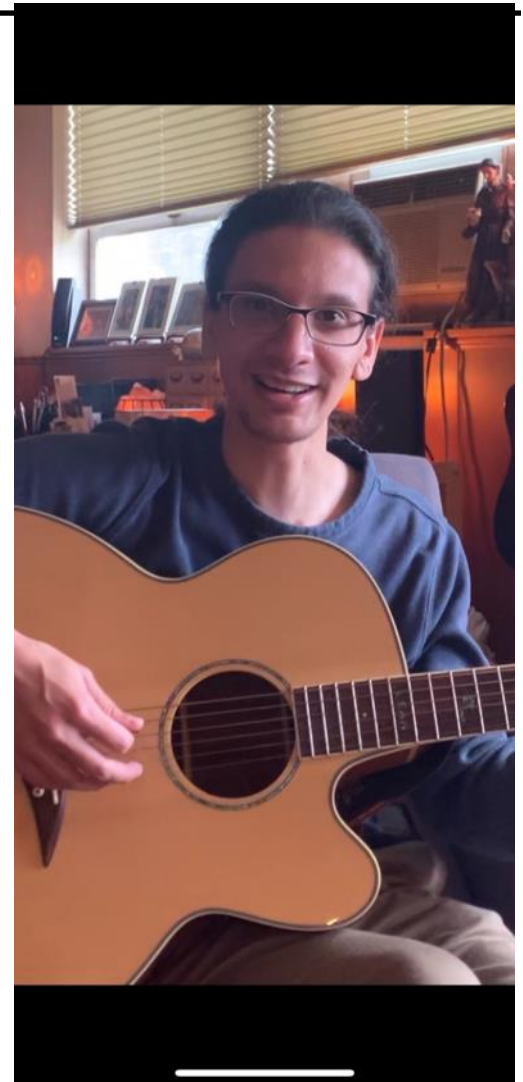
Gift to Mission is one of the five channels of giving for United Methodist Women. Contact our treasurer, Su Walker to order cards for you.

Our next unit meeting will be Thursday, October 7 at noon in Corinthian Hall. Bring your lunch and join us in fellowship. We need your ideas for fundraisers in this time of Covid.

Introducing David Miranda

David studied Flute as a Flute Performance Major for 2 years at CWU. He can play the flute, guitar, bass and sing. He has some skill in piano and saxophone. He was the Music Director at Auburn First United Methodist Church from October 2016 till June of 2021. He has an Associates of Arts and Science, Bachelors of Science in Chemistry, and is currently working on a Masters of Data Science.

So please join me in welcoming David to Fowler.



Parting words from Nathan KG...

Greetings, Fowler Family, as you are reading this letter I am making my final preparations for bringing closure to my time here as your music coordinator. Ten years ago I was called upon because you were in need of a pianist. I felt the call to re-enter music ministry and from that seed you helped enable me to articulate 10 years of wonderful music ministry. Together we re-established our chancel choir under the tremendous direction of Dottie Godley and Jim Brown on the organ. Pastor Glenn, our worship committee led by Laurie Newell, and our Fowler musicians offered many years of special worship services: Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday/Good Friday, Pentecost Sunday, just to name a few. And when the opportunity to have our very own set of marimbas be built by Washington builders you said an enthusiastic, "Yes!" From there we began a few years of a music outreach program that served our community as we met on Thursday afternoons to rehearse marimba and drum music. And with the pastoral transition you were right behind Rene' and I as we re-aligned music with more of a "band feel." Our years together sharing God's love has been real and I will truly miss it, but as we all know our journey through life calls forth extra amounts of courage at times when we know deep down that it's time to end chapters and begin new chapters...

Just to bring you all to the present, I am now in the process of applying for a job with the Mead School District as a paraprofessional where our children attend and where Tamara teaches. My goal is to within the month of October to hear back from the district about where the needs are so that I can begin work in that context. And here at Fowler as you know we are in the midst of a major sanctuary remodel. Covid is still accounting for many of our limitations in terms of what we can safely offer. So, this will be a time of change and growth not just for me personally, but for our church, as well. I am confident that Pastor Rene' with the support of our Administrative Board will help to lead our church into the future as we redefine how we can share the hope and love of Jesus Christ to a world in need.

In the weeks to come you will see a significant decrease in my attendance and participation here at Fowler in order for our new music leader to have the freedom to begin ministries as desired without feeling overshadowed or watched. I am truly excited for you all to live into new and fresh expressions of our Christian walk through the music that is shared with new leadership. It will definitely sound, feel, and look different but the underlying purpose will be synonymous...to share God's love to God's people and to bring joy and hope in doing so...

My friends, know that you are each loved by the entire "KG" family and thanks once again, for the gift of life and participation you have so feely offered to Tamara and I, as well as to Gabriel, Elijah and Noah.

Shalom and God's blessings,

Nathan

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