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LaMont's Lines
November 2018

Understanding Change

I. Why People Resist Change in a Church

There are many reasons why people resist change. For some people change is an admission of failure. They've invested their lives in doing church a certain way, and change means their way no longer works. They'll argue that "things will return to normal if the church simply continues to do what it has always done but in greater quantities or with superior quality." Such churches will try to work harder and challenge their members to be "more committed." A common complaint in such churches is their members simply aren't as committed to the church as they used to be.

What these well-meaning folks forgot is their previous way of doing ministry was once someone's new idea that replaced a method which was no longer working.

A. Some people resist change because they realize the new church will be different from the old one. Like an old pair of shoes, the church they've known for so many years is comfortable. All organizations, including churches, prefer routine and the status quo. Pastors and lay leaderships can perform their duties with minimal resistance and stress. They're not confronted with the challenge of learning anything new.

B. Some people resist change for personal reasons. In the old church system they knew their role. They're not sure what their role would be in a changed church or if they would even have a role. It can be a real power issue. A man was approaching his fifth anniversary as the pastor of a church when some of the lay leaders told him he should probably be looking for another church since none of their previous pastors stayed more than five years. They ran that church and didn't want a pastor to stay too long who might be able to take some of their power. In another church, newer members were kept out of decision-making roles by the older members who didn't want to relinquish their power.

C. Churches that have rapid pastoral turnover often are resistant to change. Some small churches may have a new pastor every year or two. When a change is suggested, the church automatically rejects it, because they believe that by the time the change is instituted, the pastor will leave and they'll be stuck with the change. Besides, the new pastor will probably want to do something else different. To protect themselves, they automatically reject any change that is proposed.

D. Churches may resist change because they don't believe the change will make a difference. These churches have been in decline so long that the people have essentially given up. They circle the wagons to protect the meager assets they have so the church can last as long as possible. As long as they can pay someone to preach and keep the utilities paid, they'll be satisfied.

Jr. Church
November 11th & 25th

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Confirmation class
November 4, 11, 18

Prayer Blankets

If you would like your prayer blanket re-blessed, contact Annabelle Rominger at (812) 865-0927, (812) 723-3190 or annrobertr@frontier.com.

Blankets of Love
workshop
November 12
1:00 P.M

100% of what you
give to UMCOR goes
directly to the
Advance!

Please keep our
church coconut oil
and peanut free for
those members who
are allergic.



Sunday Service Times

8:15 A.M. Worship
 9:00 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
 10:15 A.M. Worship

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8 A.M. – 3 P.M.
 Friday 8 A.M. – noon
 (closed from 12-1 for lunch)

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Confirmation 2 P.M. Youth at Harmon's 6-7 P.M. Daylight Savings ends	5 Boy Scouts 385 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall	6 Cub Scouts 381 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall	7 Choir 7 P.M.	8	9	10
11 Confirmation 2 P.M. Trustees 6 P.M. Christmas program practice 6-7 P.M. Youth shopping at Walmart 6-7 P.M.	12 Boy Scouts 385 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall Blankets of Love Workshop 1 P.M. Fellowship Hall	13 Cub Scouts 381 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall	14 Choir 7 P.M.	15	16	17
18 Confirmation 2 P.M. District Conference 3 P.M. Christmas program practice 6-7 P.M. No youth	19 Boy Scouts 385 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall	20 Cub Scouts 381 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall	21 Choir 7 P.M.	22 Thanksgiving Office closed Jackie Bosley family reunion 9 A.M.-4 P.M. Fellowship Hall	23 Office closed	24
25 Christmas program practice 6-7 P.M. Youth TBD	26 Cub Scouts 381 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall Little Creations 8 A.M.-3:30 P.M. Fellowship Hall	27 Cub Scouts 381 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall	28 Choir 7 P.M.	29	30	

<p><u>November sermon titles & texts</u></p> <p>November 4 Communion Sunday "Key Commandments" Mark 12:28-34</p> <p>November 11 Christian Education Sunday "Abundance & Poverty" Mark 12:38-44</p> <p>November 18 Food Pantry Sunday "Lead Astray" Mark 13:1-8</p> <p>November 25 Missions Sunday "What is Truth" John 18:33-37</p>	<p><u>Particular Sunday Emphases</u></p> <p>1st Sunday of the month - Communion 2nd Sunday of the month - Christian Education/Junior Church 3rd Sunday of the month - Food Pantry/Altar Call 4th Sunday of the month - Mission Moment/Junior Church 5th Sunday of the month - Stewardship Moment/Altar Call</p>
	<p><u>November Altar Flowers</u></p> <p>Nov. 4 Jerry & Joanne Stroud Nov. 11 Nov. 18 Mary LaVerne Boston Nov. 25</p> <p>See altar flowers clipboard across from church office for more information.</p>

Living Aloha

By Steve Beard

Aloha is the most well-known way to say hello and goodbye, but it has multiple meanings and represents deep philosophy, culture, and theology.

Long before Western explorers arrived, the traditional greeting (called “honi”) between two Hawaiians involves touching foreheads and noses and sharing the same breath of air and responding with Aloha. It meant the “exchanging of breath,” “face to face breath,” or “the breath of life.” As a meaningful lifestyle, however, aloha is expressed through love, generosity, and cooperation. It is a virtuous and respectful ideal – and especially practical when one faces the unique challenges of living on a remote and isolated island with other people. In other words, aloha is treating someone else as you would want to be treated.

More than 30 years ago, Hawaii enacted the “Aloha Spirit” law which recognizes the cultural standard of kindness and consideration. “This law is virtually impossible to enforce because it is a philosophy that directs a code of conduct and a way of life. Nonetheless... all citizens and government officials of Hawaii are obligated to conduct themselves in accordance with this law,” Dana Viola, first deputy attorney general of Hawaii, recently told the BBC.

The late Hawaiian poet and philosopher known as Auntie Pilahi Paki wrote the aloha law and gave spiritual meaning to the word in the form of an acrostic:

A stands for *Akahai*, meaning kindness (grace), expressed with tenderness

L is for *Lokahi*, meaning unity (unbroken), expressed with harmony

O is for *Olu olu*, meaning agreeable (gentle), expressed with pleasantness

H is for *Ha aha a*, meaning humility (empty), expressed with modesty

A stands for *Ahonui*, meaning patient (waiting for the moment) and persevering

United Methodist Student Day

November 25, 2018

United Methodist Student Day provides scholarships for qualified United Methodist applicants. The funds received from the offering go into the United Methodist Student Loan Fund to underwrite scholarships for these students. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. When you give on this day, you support United Methodist students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS SPECIAL SUNDAY OF
The United Methodist Church

means leaders of tomorrow receive critical
 financial aid that turns their

DREAMS

Little Creations

In October the children learned about fire safety and the importance of knowing where to meet in case of a fire. We also have been learning about community helpers. This year we had a visitor from the Paoli Police department and visitors from the Orange County Sheriff's Department. They explained some of their duties and showed the children some of their equipment. I believe the Police vehicles were the favorite!

This month we will be talking about Thanksgiving and what we are thankful for. We will also be talking about sharing and caring for others. We will have a friendship day of sharing food with one another.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Cindy Murphy Jeanette Kintz Tina Benham

Preschool Classes:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30 –11:30 A.M.

Monday-Friday
8:30 –11:30 A.M.

Early Preschool Classes:

Monday & Wednesday
12:30-3:30 P.M.

Tuesday, Thursday
8:30 –11:30 A.M.

Preschool director
Cindy Murphy

Teachers
Tina Benham
Jeanette Kintz

Substitute
Lesa Farlow

Facts about Thanksgiving, *November 22nd*

The Plymouth settlers did not refer to themselves as 'Pilgrims'. The majority of the settlers were dissenters who had broken away from the Church of England. They would have called themselves 'separatists' or 'puritans'. It wasn't until 100 years later the term 'Pilgrims' started to be commonly used.

Sarah Hale, writer of 'Mary Had a Little Lamb', led a 17 year campaign to get Thanksgiving declared a national holiday. Many letters she sent to presidents went unnoticed, until a letter to Abraham Lincoln convinced him to declare Thanksgiving a holiday in 1863.

The holiday Thanksgiving has changed over time since Abraham Lincoln. Today it is time to gather with loved ones, celebrate, give thanks for your blessings. The traditional American Thanksgiving meal includes, turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, yams, and pumpkin pie. The meal stems from that eaten by the pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving.

Another American Thanksgiving tradition is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The Parade began in 1924, even before Thanksgiving was a legal holiday.

That year Macy's employees marched through New York City from 145 th St. down to 35 th St. The employees dressed as clowns, cowboys, and knights marching next to professional floats, live bands, and 25 live animals borrowed from the Central Park Zoo. A quarter of a million people were in the audience. It became an annual tradition.

After a three-year hiatus during World War II, the parade picked back up in 1945 when it was nationally televised, making the parade part of the American Thanksgiving tradition.

Christ the King Sunday, *November 25th*, focuses on letting Christ be the ruler of your life.

Today, however, distrust of authority exists. Individualism has been embraced to an extreme; the only authority is the individual self.

The idea of Christ as ruler is rejected in a strongly individualistic society. Some reject the titles of "lord" and "king" for Christ because they believe that such titles are borrowed from oppressive systems of government. However, these individuals miss the point: Christ's kingship is one of *humility and service*. Jesus said:

You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:42-45, NAB).

And Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"... Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b, 36-37).

Thus, Jesus connected his role as king to humble service, and commanded his followers to be servants. In other Scriptures, Christ's kingdom is tied to his suffering and death. His teachings focus on a kingdom of justice and judgment balanced with radical love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness.

When we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive system, rather one who is willing to die for humanity. Christ is the king who gives us true freedom. *Never forget Christ radically redefined and transformed the concept of kingship.*

In the 21st century many Western Christians, Catholic and Protestant, celebrate Christ the King Sunday. Lifting up Christ the King on the Sunday before Advent, remembering a loving, merciful and just - king of the universe.

UMCOR & Hurricane Michael Recovery

On October 10, 2018, Hurricane Michael raged ashore making landfall in the Alabama-West Florida Conference. The catastrophic damage is far-reaching and the recovery process will be a long-term effort that the United Methodist Church is committed to leading. In the meantime, there are various ways that we can continue to help:

- Prayers
- Monetary donations (make checks payable to UMCOR)
- Relief kits/supplies (visit www.umcor.org/UMCOR/relief-supplies for items needed)

Celebrations & Member Care

Lifting up others in prayer and giving thanks

The earnest, heartfelt, continued prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available – dynamic in it working. James 5:16 AMP

Celebrations



Kids say some interesting things!

Kalyn Hannon, "Can we have Junior Church more than 2 Sundays a month?" (October 21, 10:15 service)



Our college care package ministry led by Dave & Margaret Mathers



Confirmation continues by examining the life of Jesus.



Jesus Corner coming soon to the sanctuary foyer. (Based on an idea from Matt Bowen).

Medical Concerns

LeRoy Boyer
Mike Burton
Betty Cromwell
Larry Evans
Christina Harris
Paulette Purkhiser

Cancer Concerns

Rex Babcock
Joyce Schaar
Sarah Windhorst



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E. The final reason that churches often don't see the *need* for change. They don't believe there *is* a problem.

II. Change Is Necessary

We live in a rapidly changing world. Our churches must learn to change quickly if we wish to minister to the world in which we live. As John Maxwell says, "When you're through changing, you're through." A church's ministry has ended when it refuses to minister in the present. A healthy small church is committed to relevant ministry, and that church knows regular changes will be necessary if it's to remain relevant. It will readily accept some changes, while others will be more difficult, but the healthy small church will change so it can continue to provide a viable ministry to the community God has given it.

When change is accepted, it won't happen overnight. Significant change can takes years to implement. It's usually best to start with small changes that offer the best opportunity for success. Such success will give people courage to try greater changes. Change is better accepted when people feel an urgency to make the suggested change. Wise leaders will create this sense of urgency when proposing change to churches.

Throop Jubilee Christmas

- New clothing items
- New toys
- Food

All items are donated to needy children in the Paoli community

Gifts will be gathered until December 2nd



Love Offering

It seems early to think about this, but the end of the year is quickly approaching.

As in years past, the Staff-Parish committee is seeking a love offering for our staff. You can give your offering to any committee member.

Linda Barnett
 Jim Bowen
 Howard Detweiler
 Janis Easterday
 Darrell Newkirk
 Annabelle Rominger
 Jerry Stroud
 Holly Vincent

Please make checks payable to PUMC

Sincerely,



Jim Bowen - chair

To: Sunday School classes

The trustees are in the process of moving the high school classroom from their upstairs classroom to the room currently used as the library. We are asking the other classes to look over the library to see if there are any objects or furniture they might want for their classroom.

If so, please let one of the trustees know. A response is appreciated by the end of November 2018.

Jennifer Austin
 Frank Barnett
 Diane Dillard
 Jim Faulkner
 David Foster
 Darlene McBride
 Kevin Mills

Thank you,

Frank Barnett

Members in nursing & retirement facilities

Martha Denny Rm. 119
Bliss House, 3008 S. Shawnee Dr.
 Bedford, Indiana 47421

Mary Margaret McCoy
Westview Nursing Center, 1510 Clinic Dr.
 Bedford, IN 47421

Rosemary Noble Rm. 123A
Garden Villa, 2111 Norton Ln.
 Bedford, Indiana 47421

Bud Caraway Rm. 407B, Bill Cromwell Rm. 306,
 Betty Jo Henderson Rm. 402
Paoli Health & Living, 559 W. Longest St.
 Paoli, IN 47454

Pastor visits the homebound & retirement facilities once a month with Harold Minton.



Blankets of Love*

*quarterly goal
 October-December 2018
 Total Collected \$220
 Collection Goal \$400

Missions

Local AA meetings

Paoli
 Mondays, 10 A.M.; New Hope Christian Church

Tuesdays, 8 P.M.; Paoli Wesleyan Church

Orleans
 Wednesdays, 8 P.M.; American Legion Post 69

French Lick
 Sundays, 7 P.M.; Springs Valley Wesleyan Church

Wednesdays 7 P.M. Beechwood Christian Church

For up to date changes on AA meetings visit:

<http://www.district10.area23aa.org>

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Rev. Dr. LaMont Bonath, pastoral care specialist, AAPC

Sunday Schedule

8:15 a.m. Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:15 a.m. Worship

Junior Church November 11th & 25th 10:15 service

Access church website
using the quick response
code.



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To make a donation,
use this quick
response code

November Worship Helpers

Greeters

November 4 Anthony & Megan Bradley
November 11 William & Sarah Windhorst
November 18 Dave & Margaret Mathers
November 25 Trent & Beverly Magner

Please contact Lesa Farlow if you are unavailable as a greeter for any of the above dates at l.farlow82@frontier.com or (812) 723-2333.

Acolytes

November 4 Clara Henderson & Libby Newkirk
November 11 Lily & Barrett Hall
November 18 Michael Hannon & Max Newkirk
November 25 Emma Bradley & Harper Ralston

Please contact Dee Ann Harmon if you are unavailable as an acolyte for any of the above dates at deeharmon1@frontier.com or (812) 521-6822.

Worship Leaders

November 4 Jim Bowen
November 11 Jim Bowen
November 18 Howard Detweiler
November 25 Howard Detweiler

November Birthdays

3 Irene Tarr
5 Jessica Fortner
7 Debbie Sparks
11 Dakota Detweiler
Irvin McBride
12 Darren Fortner
13 Ed Wheeler
16 Jennifer Babcock
27 Rex Babcock

November Anniversaries

none