

By Faith

The Monthly Newsletter

&

Midweek connection

Faith United Methodist Church—

Month of April 2020

AND THE WEEK OF 3/25/2020



Members and Friends of Faith Church

We miss you and want to let you know that Faith Church is here for you.

While we are disconnected from each other lets stay connected in other ways.

Remember our Sermons can be found on our web page. <https://www.faithchurchneenah.com>

Or join us on our Facebook page for a video recording of the service. This should be available. The Sunday sermon should be available by Saturday each week.

Remember to either call the church office, or go on the web site to enter your joys and concerns for the week. Pastor Tim will share the concerns during the worship service if you would want to be part of the service.

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Church**
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Sunday Worship Service
9:00 a.m.
Sunday School
(for all ages)
10:15 - 11:15
(Sept - May)

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The Monthly Newsletter of Faith United Methodist Church

April 2020

Dear Friends of Faith Church,

Like you, I have had many different thoughts running through my mind. One thought that continues to go through my mind is how much longer? I am also thinking of the things that I have taken for granted. Things like going out for dinner. We all have different tastes and we have many different choices right at our finger tips and yet still grumble. At present, all that is left is the drive through. I believe that when things do settle down my thought process will begin to refocus on the emphasis of privileges and not entitlement for whatever the circumstance! I have had to do it before and will now have to do it again.

I have said previously, that God is still on the throne even during all this chaos. He is. I was reminded of this in my devotional reading that said, "I am the Risen One--your *living God*. As the living God we can celebrate the Joy of serving a Savior who is exuberantly alive! We can rejoice also in His promise to be with us continually--throughout time and eternity. It is these truths that can sustain us through the greatest trials or disappointments that we might encounter.(I believe that this would hold true at this time with the current state of events!) What this means for us is that we have the privilege to walk boldly along the path of Life with Him, trusting confidently in the One who never lets go of your hand! Now, we might let go of his hand but by hanging onto his he will not let go of ours.

By holding His Hand we are offered forgiveness of all of our sins and forever-pleasures in heaven. It also proclaims His Presence. As we now have to worship on line. There are numerous other ways of worshipping Him: singing hymns and praise songs, studying and memorizing scripture praying individually and with others, glorying in the wonder of His creation. Also, serving and loving others with His Love can also be worship.

We are privileged people to have a God who sent his Son Jesus Christ into the world for us as a Savior. And a friendly reminder that even during this time we have 24 hour all access to God!

God's Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Tim

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR

On—Line WORSHIP

SERMON TITLES

This Sunday's Sermon

March 29th

Jesus Directs my Path

Matthew 7:13-14

Sermon Series: "This Is Jesus"

**Continues: for the month of
APRIL**

April 5th

Palm Sunday

Jesus Secures My Eternity

Acts 4:12

Maundy Thursday 4/9 TBD

Good Friday 4/10 TBD

April 12th

Easter Sunday

Begin **New Series: Things I Have
Learned About God**

God Loves Me

Psalms 86:8-11

April 19, 2020

God Has a Plan

Jeremiah 29:11

April 26, 2020

God Is With Me

Psalms 139:7-8

Members and Friends of Faith Church

Today, we are sending out our Newsletter and the midweek connection as one.

Remember our Sermons can be found on our web page. <https://www.faithchurchneenah.com>

The sermon will also be available on our Facebook page on Saturday afternoon

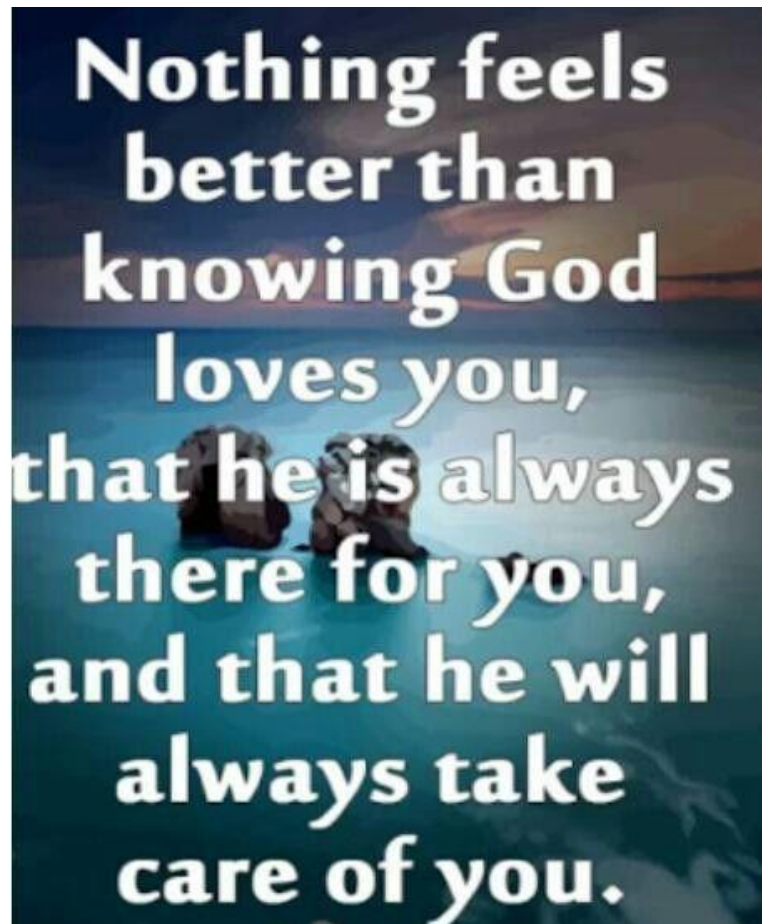
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Also, at WEMI 91.9 the sermon can also be heard, however, it is a week late.

Once services can resume at the church we will contact you as soon as possible.

Remember to either call the church office, or go on the web site to enter your joys and concerns for the week. That way, they can be included in Pastor Tim's sermon.

You can connect with us via email
office@faithchurchneenah.com



Here is the “sermon card” for Sunday’s service.....

This is Jesus

...Jesus Directs My Path...

Matthew 7:13-14

Lord—A Theological Definition

- The Greek Word for Lord is _____
- Lord Means Master and One with absolute Control
- Lord Means that Jesus is _____
- As Lord, I give Jesus Control over my _____

Jesus Directs My Path when I

1. Seek _____ for _____
- Proverbs 3:5-6
2. Study _____ to know _____
- Psalm 119:105
-Matthew 7:24
3. Saturate _____ with _____.
2Timothy 4:2-4
4. Surround _____ For _____
- Proverbs 27:17
- Proverbs 12:15
5. Submit _____ as _____
-John 14:6
- Romans 10:9



Lord, we come to You in prayer for:

Vern Brusewitz who is at home and recovering from pneumonia, Joe VanHaaster, Dick Wylie

Our shut ins: Ursula Scharrschmidt, Kathy Bayer, Susan Johnson, Bob Fritz, Kathy Bayer, Susan & John Johnson, Liz Roberts, Elaine Paulson, Mary Jane Thompson, Marilyn Nyberg, Vic Guenther, Dick Wylie,

Those who are dealing with the Covid-19 virus, those whose surgeries were put on hold, and for those with on going medical concerns, financial concerns, our shut ins and those in need of healing; and our many unspoken prayers. comfort and peace during these difficult times,

help us remember that you are in control and you will take care of us.

Amen

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

I know that some of you ordered flowers for Easter. At this time, don't know if we are going to be having Easter Services at the church, however, we were wondering if you would like to have the church place the order and you can pick up the flowers and take them home with you as you had planned. Memorial Florist has an idea about sending Easter Lilies and money raised \$5.00 can go back to the church. Their website is www.memorialflorists.com/easterfundraiser, Think about it, I have to place the order on Monday, March 30, 2020 and I wanted to know what you thought. If you have another idea, please let me know.

For the children and youth

While we can't be with each other right now, I wanted to let you know, that I miss all of you. We think about you every day and want to give each of you a hug. I wanted to let you know and I believe that God loves us and that he will help us and he loves all of us. You help take care of your mom and dad okay. Remember that the church loves you and so do I. If you need help have your mom and dad or your brothers and sisters read the bible story to you.

Pastor Tim, your teachers, and Miss Bev

Faith Church is trying to gain support and visibility on our Facebook page. If you are on Facebook but have not LIKED our page, please do so. In addition, please encourage your family and friends to LIKE us too! You can find us at "Faith United Methodist Church - Neenah, WI"



Jesus Loves Us All



Jesus loves ALL the little children and so should we!

Scripture: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

This morning if I was in church I would have a bag of "Dum-dums." As you can know, "Dum-dums" come in many different flavors. There are lemon, cherry, grape, watermelon, orange, and butterscotch to name just a few. I sometimes give "Dum-dums" to the children who come to Sunday School. One thing I have noticed is that when I allow the children to choose the flavor they want, some children are very picky about which flavor they choose. The favorite flavor seems to be blue raspberry. I don't think it is because kids like the taste, I think it is because they like the way it turns their mouth blue! Whenever I let the children choose, I always wind up with all of the butterscotch left when all of the other flavors are gone. For some reason, children seldom ever choose the butterscotch suckers.

I don't know why the children don't like butterscotch. I guess butterscotch is a little bit different. Maybe it isn't quite as sweet as grape or cherry, or some of the other flavors, or maybe they just don't like the color of the paper wrapper. Do you know what I do with the leftover butterscotch suckers? I eat them myself, because I love all the flavors!

These "Dum-dums" remind me of children. Have you ever noticed that when children play games, some children are always the last to be chosen? Maybe they are just a little bit different or maybe their skin is a different color. For some reason, the other children just won't choose them.

We all need to remember that Jesus loves ALL the children and he said that you and I should do the same. Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so must you love one another." Have you ever been the one who was left out? It isn't a very good feeling, but if you are ever the one that feels left out, you can know that Jesus loves you just as much as He loves the other children.

Dear Lord, help us to remember that you have told us to love one another just as you have loved us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/3 Kathy Bayer	4/15 Emily Kemper
4/7 Jim Armstrong	4/16 Jim Lyons
4/9 Dan Barker	4/17 Joanne Ball
4/12 Diane Knoll	4/19 Lynn Steffens
4/13 Levi VanHandel	4/21 Hannah Bordeaux
4/13 Debra Williams	4/22 John Siegel
4/14 Ardis Lyons	4/30 Ruth Barker
4/14 Matthew Roos	



APRIL

ANNIVERSARIES

4/6 Michelle & Brian Woodard
4/10 Terry & Joanne Ball



A note from the Finance Committee,

While we will discontinue with public worship for the next three weeks. The expenses for operating the church will not. The bills will continue to come in and our staff still needs to be paid. You will find four offering envelopes included with this mailing. We ask that you remain consistent with your giving through these unprecedented times so that our financial situation at Faith Church does not deteriorate. The envelopes have prepaid postage so no stamp is required. On our website, PayPal is another convenient way to you to remit your offering to the church.

If you feel more comfortable delivering your offering in person, please call ahead to confirm that someone is in the office to accept your funds. Bev has indicated that she plans to spend time in the office but her hours may be reduced under the circumstances. If you have automatic payments scheduled for your financial support to Faith Church, we ask that you continue with that method.

Quick Summary of Feb 2020 Financial Information

Operating Fund – Feb receipts were \$22,353; disbursements were \$25,872 for net disbursements of \$3,519. Year to date receipts were \$37,126; disbursements were \$50,484 for net disbursements of \$13,258 The Operating Fund balance was \$20,307 at January 1, 2020 and was \$6,949 at Feb 29, 2020.

Building Fund – Jan receipts were \$521; disbursements were \$1,020 for net disbursements of \$499. Year to date receipts were \$1030; disbursements were \$10,040 for net disbursements of \$9,010. The Building Fund balance was \$16,285 at January 1, 2020 and was \$7,275 at Feb 29, 2020.

Mortgage Balance – The mortgage balance on Feb 29, 2020 is \$60,944. Payments of \$1,020 (principal and interest at 4.750 percent) are due on the 25th of each month. The final payment is due September 25, 2020. The mortgage is held by Investors Community Bank.

Unrestricted Cash Balances – total \$73,466 as of Feb 29, 2020. The accounts are held at Investors Community Bank, Appleton, WI.

FAITH CHURCH OFFICE Staff

Will be in for limited hours

Monday—Thursday during the month of April.

We will be listening to all messages if not at the church

Monday thru Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Friday - CLOSED

If you are looking to contact Pastor Tim, you can call him here at the church

or you can email him

at tjalbrecht79@gmail.com

Please continue to pray for all the church staff members and committee members! That in all they/we do, we would honor God and His will for the church.