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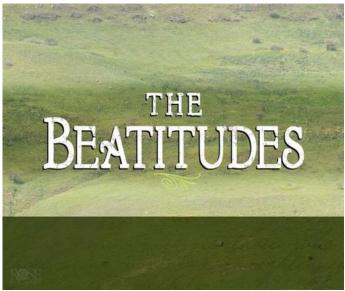
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The Monthly Newsletter

Faith United Methodist Church—

Month of ....August, 2018





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(Sept - May)

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# The Monthly Newsletter of Faith United Methodist Church August, 2018

August 2018

Greetings,

As the month of August begins and summer keeps rolling along the pastor's letter always presents a challenge for me. There are a whole lot of things that can be written about but where does one begin?

Recently, there has been a lot of news about the Carr Fire in California. The news reports say that the wind(s) and dryness has caused these fires to spread and increase in their destruction. I started looking at the pictures of this on line and on television and I cannot begin to process what this must be like. The heat, smoke, loss of possessions, family, and home, when will it stop? As I was thinking about all of this it reminded me of a Proverb I had read. It was Proverbs 30:15-16. It says, "...There are three things that are never satisfied, four that never say 'Enough!': the grave, the barren womb, land, which is never satisfied with water and fire, which never says, 'Enough!' "

Indeed, I do not know of a fire that says to itself I think I have done enough destruction and it is time to quit. It usually takes a trained firefighter to take care of this. What I have learned or observed from this is that our lives can be like fire sometimes too. We are never satisfied and keep doing and searching for things that are destructive and in the end burn our-self out or lead to death.

In the midst of all this is a call to come back to scripture, read our Bible, and put our complete trust in God. Because his word is true. Or, as Matthew 5:3 (the first beatitude) says, blessed or happy are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." This happens when we repent of our sin and put our whole trust in Jesus Christ and no one else.

Things might be going up in smoke around us. However, surrendering all to Jesus will and depending on him will save us from eternity of fire.

See you in church,

Pastor Tim

# PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP SERMON TITLES August, 2018

August 5, 2018 "The Happy Mourners" Mathew 5:4

August 12, 2018 "The Meek Laugh Best" Matthew 5:3

August 19, 2018 "The Hunger Road to Happiness" Matthew 5:6

August 26, 2018 "Many Happy Returns" Matthew 5:7



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

<u>Fall</u>

10:15A.M.—11:15 AM

**Nursery** 

**Preschool-First Grade** 

2nd grade—5th Grade

6th—12th Grade

**Adult Classes** 

**Senior Bible Study** 

Monday's 1:30 P.M.

Agape Bible Study

Thursday Evenings 6:30 P.M.

September will soon be here
Do you want to be a part of our
education program?



#### **August Birthdays**

8/2 Heidi Kuehl 8/21 Margaret Schultz

8/5 Ashley Maloney 8/22 Seth Geiger

8/7 Angela Hinz 8/22 Bev Pezewski

8/8 Charlie LeMaire 8/23 Keith Irish

8/8 Evie Gau 8/24 Debbie Fritz

8/9 Mike Dietz 8/25 Jim Bayer

8/9 Susan Johnson 8/27 Ken Stiff

8/9 Abby Schuh 8/29 Lisa Williams

8/11 Jan Lee

8/11 Elizabeth Roberts

8/12 Lorenzo DeLaCruz

8/15 Christina Fritz

8/16 Dave Jannusch

8/17 Geraldine Manteufel

8/18 Brian Fritz

8/19 Susan Fruendt



If you know of a birthday or anniversary that was missed, please let the office know so we can be sure our database is correct.

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

8/9 Kevin & Nora Stiff

8/24 Kathy & Jim Bayer

8/25 Michael & Diane Knoll

8/27 Scott & Lisa Williams

8/29 Jeff & Julie Laabs



## 2018NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DATES

\*\* The deadline for newsletter articles will be the <u>Wednesday "prior"</u> to the publication date. The church office will be sure to advise of any changes to this schedule. You can either email your information to Bev Pezewski or you can drop the information in the mailbox in the church office labeled newsletter/bulletin articles. Thank You!

Please let the office know if there is anything else you would like to see added to the monthly newsletter.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Faith United Methodist Church, please contact the church office.

REMINDER: If you are currently receiving the newsletter either via email or through the U.S. postal service and no longer wish to receive it, please contact the church office and let us know and we will remove your name from our distribution list. If you would like to change how you are receiving the newsletter please let the church office know.

#### CHURCH DIRECTORY

Have you changed your address, telephone number or e-mail address Please complete your card on Sunday with all the changes or contact the church office. This will help us keep the directory up to date. If you have any questions, please let the church office know.

#### **GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**

	<u>Narthex</u>	Education Wing
8/5	John & Beth Hall	Julie Beck & Ann Cheshire
8/12	Chuck & Sharon Bucholtz	Bev Pezewski & Kevin Schuh
8/19	Judy Schwandt & Diana Vieth	Terry & Joanne Ball
8/26	Cindy & Mary Muthig	Bill & Ginny Shepard

#### **SENIORS OF FAITH**

To all corn eaters—the annual corn roast will be held on **August 16th**, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Davies home. Bring a dish to pass, table settings and lawn chairs. Corn, brats and beverages will be provided. Please contacting Hugh & Mary Davies or Ruth & Vern Brusewitz.



#### **Birthday celebration**

Margaret Schultz, will be celebrating her 100th birthday and her family are having a small celebration in our fellowship hall from 1:00 P.M.—3:30 P.M. on

August 19th. They have invited members of the congregation to come and celebrate this special day.



## FAITHFUL SINGERS REHEARSALS RESUME AUGUST 15

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." - Psalm 95:1. The Faithful Singers, Faith Church's adult choir, will resume weekly rehearsals on August 18. We rehearse 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays in the choir room, Room 201. Membership is open to all adults and high school age youth, and new members are always welcome. No prior choral experience or training is required or expected, only a love of singing and a willingness to offer your time and attention at rehearsals. If you have questions, please contact Micah by email at <a href="mailto:msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com">msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com</a> or by cell phone at 765.993.7019.



Lord, we come to You in prayer for: Geri Manteufel, Elaine Paulson, Ernie Fritschle, Mary Jane Thompson, Kathy Bayer, Gordon Brighum, Joe VanHaaster, Lois Stewart, Dick Raleigh, Alice Littlefield, Margaret Schultz, and for those with on going medical concerns, financial concerns, our shut ins and our military and their families and those in need of healing; and our many unspoken prayers.

Country \*Southern Gospel \*Bluegrass

The voices of Peace,

Peace Church,

Potter, Wi

14th annual—Gospel Music Fest

Hilbert Civic Park Hwy 57, Hilbert, Wi

Friday August 17th 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Saturday, August 18th 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Rain or shine.

If you are interested please see the flyers on the table in the Narthex and on the bulletin board by the church office.

Free admission—Bring lawn chairs

Bring your family Food available

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Please no carry-ins.

#### **Technology Ministry**

If anyone is interested and enjoys working with computers, we will be looking for helpers to work with our audio-visual equipment on Sundays and for special worship services. If you are interested, please contact

Dave Jannusch.

#### **MISSION MINISTRIES**"

We would love to have you serve a meal with us at the Homeless Connections on

Friday, **August 17th** from 7-9 P.M. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table in the narthex.



#### **FAMILY MINISTRIES—NEXT ADVENTURE**

Our next adventure is to going to Bay Beach, We are looking at the following dates, August 12th, August 18th or August 25th.

Please check your calendars. Everyone is invited to come. We will leave the church and drive up to Bay Beach where we will have a picnic lunch. Details to follow, once a date has been established.

All children, grandchildren, moms dads, friends and neighbors, are invited to come for a day of fun and food, rides. The last adventure before the summer ends and school begins. Please let Miss Bev know what date is the best for everyone.

#### **EDUCATION MINISTRIES**

It is that time again, when we start thinking about fall, falling leaves and school starting and looking for teachers, helpers, leaders to be part of our education ministries.

If anyone has a desire to be a teacher, a helper in the Sunday school classes either our adult or youth, our senor Bible Study or begin a Bible Study or be part of our nursery-caregiver program, then we are looking for you.

We are also looking for those who may be interested in being part of our Education Ministries team and Family Ministries team.

The beginning plans show the following classes

nursery class 2-3 year olds, preschool 4-6 year old class 7-10 year old class 11-18 year old class.

Confirmation class 2 adult classes.



We are also looking for anyone who would like to teach our

Monday—Senior Bible Study class.

If someone has another ideas for a bible study during the week or evenings, please let us know.

During worship service, we will again offer a child care program in our nursery and if anyone has a desire or love working with our little children, please let Bev know.

We will be having our education team meeting on August 14th, check your calendar and, let Miss Bev know if you will be attending. Anyone who is interested can attend.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Bev Pezewski or the church office.

#### FAITH CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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.

#### **COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

We have had some problems with the latest upgrade in the windows software. Outlook does not

communicate with all email vendors anymore. I have been working with Virtual tech and we have tried to fix the errors but we need your help. If the church office sends you a email with an attachment and you cannot open it, send me an email right away, that way I can try and fix each individual email account. If I don't hear from you, I am going to assume you are able to open the attachment. If you have any questions, or concerns, please let me know. I'm sorry for the problem this is causing, but until Outlook/Windows makes a change in their software, I have no other way of fixing the problem. Thank you for your patience. Bev

#### Summer pictures

#### Our adventure to the baseball game













**GALILEAN WORSHIP—June 24th** 









### He Cares for You

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31 (NIV)

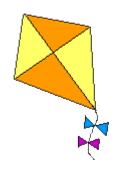
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FALL	SERVANT	BODY	AFRAID	GROUND
WORTH	SOLD	ABOVE	MASTER	WORTH

#### Who Has Seen the Wind?



**Theme:** No one has seen God, but we can know that He is there.

Scripture: No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is

made complete in us. 1 John 4:12

How many of you like a windy day? The wind may spoil some activities, but one activity that can enjoy when the wind is blowing is flying a kite. How many of you have flown a kite? It is great fun to watch them soaring high into the sky. What is it that keeps the kite up there? It is the wind, isn't it? How many of you have ever seen the wind? That was a trick question! No one has seen the wind. You can't see the wind because it is invisible. Well, if you can't see the wind, how do you know that it is there?

First, you can know that the wind is there because you can see it moving things. (Take some bits of paper in your hand and blow them into the air.) You can see it moving the leaves on the trees and blowing bits of paper around. You can't see the wind, but you know it is there because you can see what the wind is doing.

You can know that the wind is there because you can feel it. (Blow onto the back of your hand.) You can feel it blowing against your face and you can feel it blowing through your hair. You can't see the wind, but you know it is there because you can feel it.

Finally, you can know the wind is there because you can hear it. When I wake up in the morning, I like to know if the wind is blowing. Sometimes I turn on the Weather Channel and check to see if it is blowing. There are some mornings that I don't even have to look at the TV. I can hear the wind whistling through the trees, down the chimney, and around the windows and doors. I can't see the wind, but I know it is there because I can hear it.

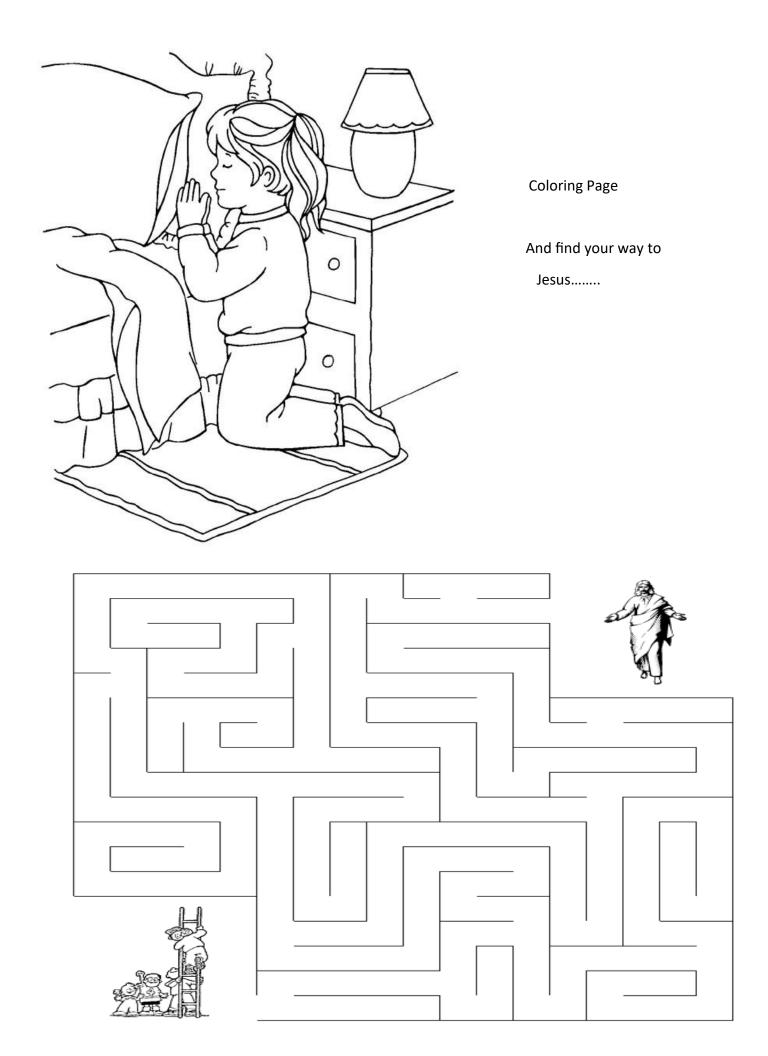
How many of you have ever seen God? The Bible says that no one has seen God. Well if we haven't seen him, how do we know he is there? I think we can know that he is there the same way we know the wind is there.

First, we can see Him moving. The Bible says that the Spirit of God moves men to speak and to do things for him. (2 Peter 1:21) We can't see God, but we can see men doing things that God's Holy Spirit has moved them to do.

We can know that God is there because we can feel His presence. The Bible says, "I will fear no evil for Thou art with me." (Psalm 23:4) The Bible also says that "if we love one another, God lives in us." We can't see God, but we know he is there because we can feel his presence in our life.

Finally, we can know He is there because we can hear him. The Bible says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and if any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him." (Revelation 3:20) We can't see God, but we know he is there because he speaks to our hearts.

Lord, we can't see you, but we know you are there because we can see you moving, we can feel your presence, and we hear you speak to our hearts. Thank you for being there! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



#### August 2018

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9:00 A.M. Worship Service	13	Education Committee Mtg. 5:30 P.M.	6:30 PM Faithful Singers Choir Rehearsals	Seniors of Faith Annual Corn Roast 6:00 P.M. Agape Bible Study 6:30 P.M.	7:00 P.M. Serve at the Homeless Connection	18
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