

Faith United Methodist Church
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By Faith

The Monthly Newsletter

Faith United Methodist Church—

Month of February



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1025 Tullar Rd
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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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Dear Friends,

As I write this letter it is very, very cold outside. It is interesting that during Christmas the weather was pretty decent for winter. However, as I write we are in the middle of winter and with Easter being late this year. Things are kind of quiet and it makes one feel very housebound.

That being said, on occasion and more so being stuck indoors, I do turn the on the news on television or I read it on line. Things that I do enjoy doing and then sometimes used to enjoy doing. I say this because some of the news reported and the behavior of people as reported is shocking. It leaves me to wonder where is the common sense and where do people go to get the truth? It also speaks of a great absence of the fear of God or God's presence in the world. But then, should we be surprised by this?

I say this because in spite of all this stuff (I am trying to be polite.) there is still comfort and peace in God's Word. Recently, I was comforted by Jesus words in Matthew 16:12 when Jesus was teaching the disciples to guard against the yeast, not that was used in the bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. It should make everyone think about the kind of yeast they are and where they are getting it from. Like that of the Pharisees and Sadducees or that of a disciple of Jesus Christ? As a disciple, God's word is trustworthy and true. Or, as I also read in Proverbs 30:5-6, "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar."

Praise God for his word in scripture!

See you in church!

Pastor Tim

PREPARING OUR HEARTS
FOR
WORSHIP SERMON TITLES

February 3, 2019

Getting unstuck in
my **Friendships**
Romans 12:1-2

February 10, 2019

Getting unstuck in my **Future**
Jeremiah 29:11
Proverbs 3:5-6

February 17, 2019

A Savior Who
Disturbs and Disrupts
Mark 1:21-28

February 24, 2019

The Purpose Driven Life
Mark 1:29-39



SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES & Bible
Studies

Winter Quarter

10:15A.M.—11:15 AM

Nursery ages 2-3— Room 106

Clairellyn Sommersmith

Preschool-First Grade Room 104

Bev Pezewski & Michelle Woodard

2nd grade—5th Grade Room 208

Kurt VanHandel

Ken Gellerstedt

6th—12th Grade Room 207

Dan Duff

Adult Classes

“Sermon Notes” by Charles Stanley

Hugh Davies Room 202

“The History of Old Hymns”

Evie Gau & Mary Muthig Room 204

MEDIA CENTER/LIBRARY STUDIES

Senior Bible Study—

Wednesdays 1:30 P.M.

Agape Bible Study—

Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

February BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Elden Ball
2/3 Aaron Hintze
2/6 Marlene Desing
2/7 Jim Hoyman
2/8 Julie Beck
2/9 Ruth Brusewitz
2/11 Sally Steffens
2/14 Jack Oakley
2/15 Marilyn Nyberg
2/15 Lydia Siegel
2/17 MacKenzie Fairchild
2/20 Charlotte LeChey
2/24 Mark Williams
2/24 Watson Whiteside



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.



Wedding Anniversaries

**During the month of
February**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2/10 Hugh & Mary Davies
2/28 Roger & Becky Kindschi

2018NEWSLETTER

PUBLICATION DATES

** The deadline for newsletter articles will be the **Wednesday "prior"** 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 SCHEDULE

MONTH OF February 2019

Narthex/sanctuary entrance

2/3 John & Beth Hall
2/10 Sharon Bucholtz & Joy Wade
2/17 Julie Beck & Ann Cheshire
2/24 Cindy & Mary Muthig

Education Wing Entrance

Bev Pezewski & Kevin Schuh
Howard & Sally Steffens
Char Kryszak & Geraldine Manteufel
Marly Divver & Merry Beverlin

HELPING IN THE CHURCH

Have you every thought how you could help the church. We are looking for our church family to help in areas of the church. What areas if the church could you help. Some of the areas where someone could help is cleaning and maintaining the rooms like the gym, fellowship hall, vacuuming the halls by the office and down the hall. There are some areas that are being maintained, but there are other areas where someone could give of their time. If you like to paint, or are willing to give a few hours to help paint, we need help to paint the men's bathroom, ladies bathroom in the education area, the music room, other classrooms by the gym before the end of the year. After the first of the year, there is the hallways by the fellowship hall and step areas downstairs. Think about it and talk to your friends. Maybe you can help out as a fellowship and social time.

If you can think of other areas of the church where you have an interest in giving of your time, please let the church office know. As we are seeing more new faces in the church, we need to always be thinking of how to make God's house more appealing.

COUNTERS NEEDED

The finance committee is looking for additional counters to count the church offerings on Monday morning at 9:00 A.M. It takes about an hour and a half for counting the offerings each Monday. Do you have a few hours that you could help do this important volunteer project? If you have an interest please contact John Johnson or other members of the finance team.

FAITHFUL SINGERS REHEARSALS

The Faithful Singers, Faith Church's adult choir 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 cell phone at 765.993.7019 or email msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com



SENIORS OF FAITH

Seniors of Faith will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall on February 21st at 12:00 noon for an afternoon of playing board games, snacks will be provided. If anyone has a favorite board game please bring it with you. Contact Ginny Shepard @ 722-9049 if planning to attend

Lord, we come to You in prayer for: the family of Ernie Fritschle who recently passed away, Susan Johnson recovering from recent surgery, Elaine Paulson, Kathy Bayer, Mary Jane Thompson, Gordon Brigham, 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.



Youth/children's news

As the New Year begins, the youth and children in our church are involved in many outside activities during the year. We would like to start an information page as to accomplishments of the youth in this newsletter. If anyone wants to share what their children have accomplished through out the upcoming year, please let Ms Bev know and it will be add to our Youth/children's news and activity pages.



CHILDREN/YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTRIES—ADVENTURE

February 3, the children/youth are going to go to

FunSet Boulevard in Appleton for an afternoon of laying games, pizza for lunch, bumper cards, a merry go round and other activities in their play ground. All the children/youth and their parents, friends, grandparents are invited to attend for the afternoon of fun and fellowship

We will be leaving after Sunday School around 11:30 and arrive at FunSet Boulevard at 12:00 noon with lunch to follow.

Hope to see you there.

ANNUAL SKI TRIP TO NORDIC MOUNTAIN

Our ski trip this year to Nordic Mountain will be the end of February or early March. This trip will be to honor the memory of one of our skiers Bill Shepard and to honor Susan Johnson. We are looking at the 24th of February or March 3rd following Sunday School. We will have lunch at the church before we leave and arrive at Nordic around 1:00 or 1:30 P.M.

Please check your calendar and see which date would work for your family and friends to come and enjoy an afternoon of skiing and tubing.

We are also inviting those who are attending college that used to be part of our ski families and their friends if they can break away from their studies.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms Bev in the church office.

Spring Fling— Fund Raiser

The calendar says it is February but the children/youth and family ministries are thinking spring. We are planning a spring fling. We will have a brat and hamburger fry, chips and desserts, but we are going to have our second annual "Basket Raffle"(Auction). We haven't picked the date yet, but we thought we would get everyone started in thinking of what kind of "basket's can be made to raffle (auction) off.

So, you question, where is the money going to be going. Well, the church is in the process of purchasing a new sound board and getting some new cameras for security purposes, so the children/youth and family ministries are going to raise money to help pay for the two projects. Won't you join us, be part of our spring fling fund raiser, put your thinking hats on and come up with a "basket of goodies" to be raffled (auctioned) off. We started early in our planning so that it will give everyone who wants to join us some time to be creative.

Continue to read the mini-news, the newsletters for the date we are planning.

THINK SPRING What kind of basket can I make???????



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Each year, LEAVEN serves nearly 20,000 people in over 6,000 households in Outagamie, Calumet and northeastern Winnebago counties facing financial hardship. Over 200 volunteers donate more than 16,000 hours to the work we do in direct service to our clients. **We invite you to join our dedicated group of volunteers!** LEAVEN has immediate volunteer opportunities for various roles including Concierge, Receptionist, Interviewer and Caseworker. By becoming a LEAVEN volunteer, you learn about the needs of our community, perform meaningful work and join a team of friendly and compassionate volunteers and staff members. Contact Kiara West for information about our upcoming Volunteer Informational Sessions at kiara.west@leavenfoxcities.org or 257-5696.

MISSION TRIP

May 14, - May 23, 2019

The trip is being organized by Grace United Methodist Church in Wautoma, WI. The purpose of this journey is to spread God's word and share God's love in the Dominican Republic. One project that will be done is to paint the accommodation building of the missionary camp in the Bani area and host a Bible School for up to 90 children. We will be furnishing the labor and the painting supplies for the building, inside and out as well as books, crafts, and snacks for the children.

The cost of this journey is estimated at \$1500/person and the cost includes airfare, lodging, insurance, meals, bus transportation and sightseeing. Grace United has a planning team and fund-raisers for these expenses and is interested in having other congregations help. Down payment of \$100 is needed by December 31, 2018 to lock your spot on the team. This \$100 will go into your individual account for your specific costs. The balance will probably not be due until 45 days before the journey begins. Please make checks payable to Grace United Methodist Church P.O. Box 589 Wautoma, WI 54982. If you have any questions please contact Linda Fritz church's help. There is more information on the Mission Bulletin board across from the coffee room.

LEARN HOW TO KNIT—WORKSHOP

Would you like to make a Chunky knit blanket? Would you like to learn how to knit or be part of a knitting workshop? We have a knitting class that is coming to Faith Church.

Join the group this Sunday February 17th from 2:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M. to learn how to hand-knit your own comfy-cozy chunky knit chenille blanket. If you'd like to attend, please:

Send an email to info@createwith2gen.com Include the first and last name of the guest(s))

1. Include the color choice(s) from the options below. An email confirmation will be sent to confirm the registration. The payment of \$35 will be collected at the door on the day of the event.

Here are the colors — you would be able to make.....



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.

Loving God, Loving Your Neighbor



Theme: Jesus names the greatest commandments.

Scripture: "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31 (NIV)

One day Jesus was in the temple teaching the people who were gathered there. A group of religious leaders began asking him tricky questions to try to embarrass him so that the people would not listen to his teaching. One of the men asked Jesus, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?" Which one do you think Jesus said was the most important?

(Hold up the heart that says, "Love God.") Jesus answered him, "The most important is this, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,' this is the greatest commandment.

How do you think we might show our love to God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. (Allow time for them to suggest some ways.) Those are all great suggestions. Here are some ways that I thought we might show our love to God. Worship, prayer, Bible study, singing praises, bringing our offerings, and giving thanks for all his blessings.

Do you know what Jesus said next? (Hold up the heart that says, "Love Your Neighbor.") He said, "The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Well, how do you think we could love our neighbor? (Allow time for responses.) Good ideas! Here are some things you might not have thought of. We could treat them like we want to be treated, be kind to them, forgive them when they hurt our feelings, be helpful in times of trouble, be their friends.

These are the commandments that Jesus thought were the most important. It isn't easy to keep those commandments, is it? We need God's help each and every day. Let's pray and ask him to help us to love as he has commanded us.

Dear Father, help us to love you with all of our heart and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Greatest Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



One of the teachers of the _____ came and heard them debating. Noticing that _____ had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the _____, which is the most _____?'

'The most important one,' answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. _____ the Lord your God with all your _____ and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your _____. ' The second is this: 'Love your _____ as _____. ' There is no commandment _____ than these."

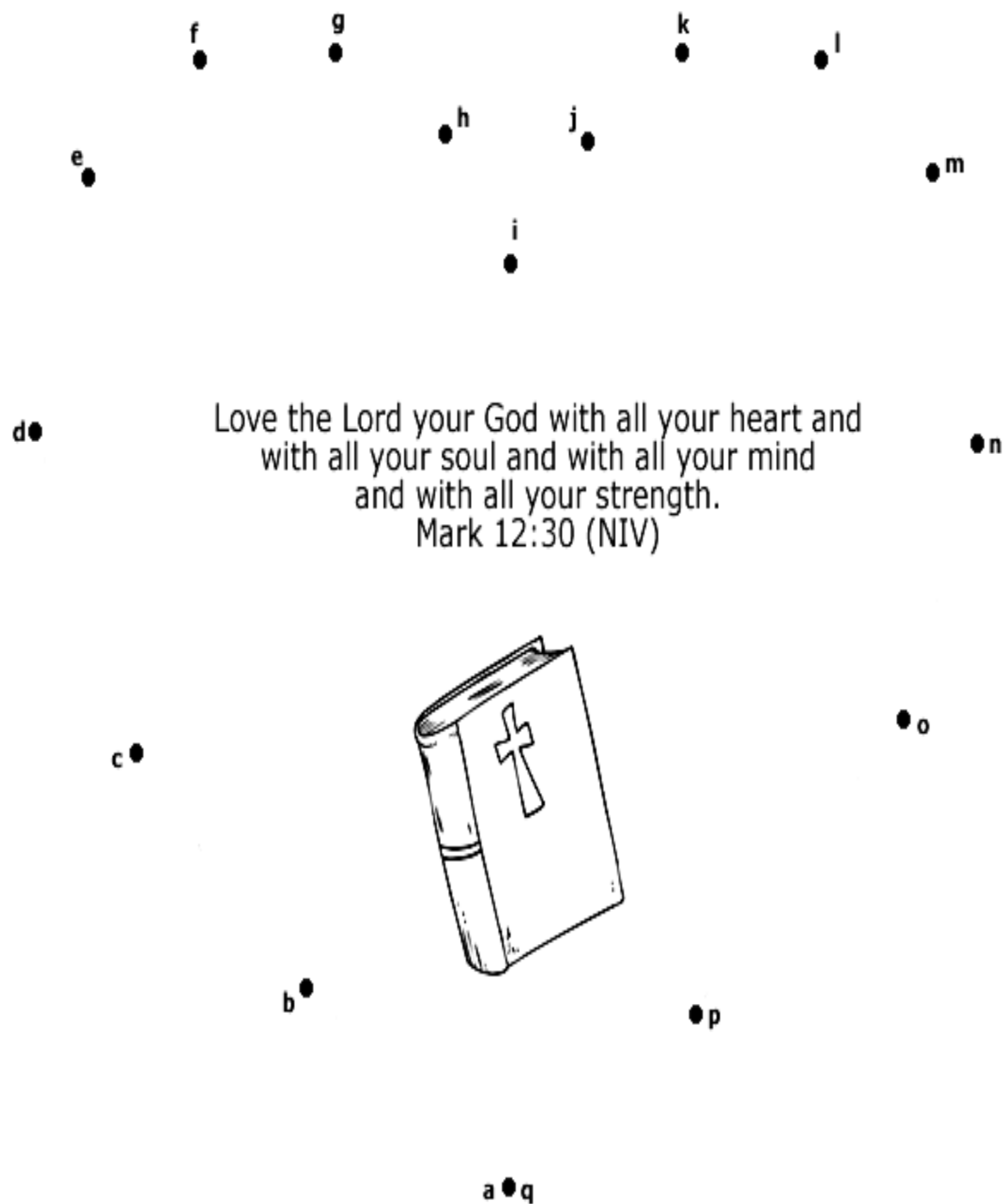
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The puzzle is based on Mark 12:28-34



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