

Faith United Methodist Church
1025 Tullar Rd
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By Faith

The Monthly Newsletter of Faith United Methodist Church

For the month of February 2017



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

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February 2017

Dear Christian Friends,

As I write this letter we have just finished up the sermon series, Three Simple Rules. On Sunday, January 22, the theme/title was Love God or Stay in Love with God. John Wesley had six spiritual disciplines that could help us all to stay in love with God.

Scripture study was one of them. I had mentioned that scripture study has been very enlightening for me. I enjoy seeing the scriptures come alive as I read them. God's word is true! Or as Proverbs 30:5-6 says, "...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." I have written next to that in my Bible, "Whoa!"

In one of my devotional readings this week the writer talked about the walking sticks he liked to use for his walks. He said that he was frequently reminded that the word of God is like a staff. Psalm 23:4 says, "...Your rod and your staff, they comfort me." God's word (the bible) is like a staff. The shepherd's staff has the hook on the end to pull sheep back into the fold. When we want to stray or feel like we have fallen away, public worship or scripture study (bible reading) can pull us back into the fold. In good times when we walk with the shepherd we just have to follow the staff and know that we will not be led astray.

The staff is also a sign of comfort in times of uncertainty. God might know what is next but we do not. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "... For I know that plans I have for you,...plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." What comfort. When sheep cross under the rod across at an entrance the shepherd is checking to see if they are okay.

When we stay in love with God his word not only provides comfort, it also keeps an eye on us to see if we are also okay. Let thy rod and staff comfort you too.

See you in church,

Pastor Tim

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR



WORSHIP SERMON TITLES

Agent of Change (4 Week Series)

February 5, 2017

“My Story Can Change Lives”

John 9:1-11, 24-27, 35-38

February 12, 2017

“My Readiness-Can Save Lives”

Acts 8:26-38

February 19, 2017

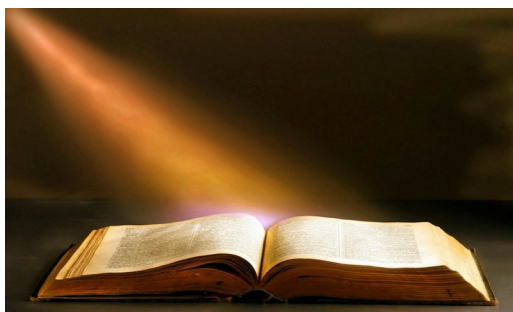
“My Generosity”

Matthew 6:19-20

February 26, 2017

“Agent of Change”

John 1: 40-49



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Each Sunday from

10:15—11:15 AM

4 yr. old -2nd Grade

Nursery Class

Susan Johnson—Bev Pezewski

Pastor Becki Kindschi

3rd grade—6th Grade

Kurt VanHandel

Confirmation Class

Pastor Tim Albrecht

7-12th Grade

Roger Kindschi—Dan Duff

Adult Sunday School Classes

Gary Reiter

“Entire Book—Revelation”

Author: Charles Stanley

Mary Muthig

“The Great House of God”

Author: Max Lucado

Senior Bible Study Classes

Mondays —1:30 P.M.

Ruth Brusewitz

STAYING CONNECTED

OUR MISSION MINISTRIES—UPDATE

THE YOUTH HELPING OTHERS

Our FUMC Sunday School youth/children and their families, will be preparing a meal for some of the men staying at COTS during our Sunday School hour on February 5th.

Each year, over 130 members of our community make the decision to transform their lives. They work to overcome addiction, lack of education, chronic health issues, and chronic homelessness, and COTS helps them find a better-paying job, enroll in school, and connect with mental health services.

“WEMI - the family”

“WEMI the family” will be sponsoring a collection of hygiene products during the month of February and March.

Faith Church will have boxes in the Narthex and by the office in the education wing. To help WEMI in their collection

“Many of our clients arrive afraid, depressed, and embarrassed to ask for help. They are very grateful for the personal care items we can offer them. These donated supplies not only help them with their immediate needs, but they also demonstrate that our community cares about them.”

*The Family’s ‘Help for the Homeless’ hygiene drive works with area homeless coalitions to stock the shelves of 82 homeless and crisis programs in 13 Wisconsin communities in our listening areas. The goal of Help for the Homeless is to supply a year’s worth of product to each agency (In many cases, this is happening!). **Donations remain in the communities where they are collected. Watch for more information in the Sunday Bulletin and in the midweek connection.***

SERVING AT THE HOMELESS CONNECTIONS

February 17, 2017 will be the next opportunity to help serve at the Homeless Connections. If you are interested in helping serve or providing food, there will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.



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 monthly newsletter.

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

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.

MINISTRY LEADERS

If you have a meeting set up for your Ministry team, and want it on the calendar, please send the dates and times to the church office.

WEATHER RELATED ALERTS

Should the Church decide to cancel worship service, or close the office due to inclement weather, we have several ways in which to alert you. We will have it listed with, Channel 5, TV station. We will have a note on our church website, we will have a post on our Face-book page, and we will have a message on our Weather message line (#25) on the church phone when you call in. It is our hope that one of these methods of communication will work for you! Contact the church office if you have any questions

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 Busewitz
- 2/11 Edward Coyle
- 2/11 Sally Steffens
- 2/14 Jack Oakley
- 2/15 Lydia Siegel
- 2/15 Marilyn Nyberg
- 2/17 MacKenzie Fairchild
- 2/24 Mark Williams



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 2/10 Mary & Hugh Davies
- 2/26 Pastor Becky & Roger Kindschi



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.
Thank You!

STAYING CONNECTED

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Narthex

2/5 Jim Ardis Lyons

2/12 Gary & Charlene Reiter

2/19 Howard & Sally Steffens

2/26 Char Kryszak and Geri Manteufel

Education Wing

Cindy & Mary Muthig

Todd & Cindy Boelter

Evie Gau and Mary Davies

Vern & Ruth Brusewitz

SENIORS OF FAITH

The next Seniors of Faith event is on February 16th. They are going to tour the Community Blood Center on Spencer Street in Appleton. We will meet at the church at 9:45 A.M. to carpool. The tour starts at 10:30 A.M. promptly. We will leave at 10:15 A.M., lunch will be at the Machine Shed at noon. Mary and Hugh Davies are hosting. Please contact Mary Ann and Hugh Davies for reservations. Their phone numbers are 277-6108 and 729-0448

Potluck

Think Spring—Potluck

March 5, 2017

"Mark your calendar" for the potluck on March 5th.

But what kind of a potluck should we have?

We decided to try something new. Bring a dish to pass that begins with the first letter of your first name.

Because Ginny is Virginia she could bring Velveeta cheese, for Terry tater tots Hmmm.....

Put on your thinking caps. We will also be having a hymn sing for those who don't go to Sunday school so please join us for hymn sing, enjoy the smells that come from our kitchen and our potluck with all the delicious food!

The New envelopes. -

FINANCE TEAM NEWS

As of January you have been seeing the envelopes as part of the Sunday Bulletin. .

Place your offering in the envelope and place it in the offering plate when the offering is received.

You can take the envelope home, you don't have to add postage and you can mail it back to the church at any time.

The church financial team is asking that if you are not going to be using the envelope please deposit the envelope in the boxes found in the Narthex.

Because of the change in the format of the envelope and the new process we are asking that you completely fill out the requested information on the inside cover of the offering envelope. This will ensure that your Tithes/offering will be entered correctly by the counters and placed in the church's financial system

Lord, we come to You in prayer for:

Gordon Brigham, Joe VanHaaster, Kathy Bayer, Jim Bayer, Lois Stewart, Dick Raleigh, Alice Littlefield, Edith Cuminale, Elaine Paulson, George Elwood, Ginny Shepard, John Johnson

on-going medical concerns, our shut-ins; our military and their families; individuals facing health, employment, and financial concerns and those in need of healing; and our many unspoken prayers.



Church Carpet Fund

As you know, the finance committee and the trustee committee has established a carpet fund for the Education Wing and Narthex. We have been receiving monies and are moving forward toward our goal of \$65,000. As we move forward with the funds and beginning the carpet project, the trustees wanted to let you know where we will start the project.

The winter months is not the best time to replace a carpet—with the salt and melting snow that comes in during the winter, the trustees want to begin in an area where the salt and snow doesn't show up on the carpet.

—the project will start on the second floor of the education wing and the Narthex. They have received bids from various companies in the Fox Valley and are ready to begin the project as funds become available.

If members of the church would like to help with our carpet fund, they can simply write Carpet Fund on their giving Envelope.

Thank you for your support on this project !!

Basic Lay Servant Class

February 18 and February 25, 2017

9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Clintonville UMC, 24 W Thirteenth St, Clintonville

Cost: \$11. This covers the cost of the book, "Lay Servant Ministries" by Sandy Ziegler Jackson and Brian Jackson, and postage. Please make check payable to: North East District Office, and send to: 1025 Tullar Road, Neenah WI 54956

Deadline for registration is February 1, 2017.

We will order from Subway for lunch or bring your own bag lunch; water, coffee, and tea will be provided.

The book, along with any instructions, will be mailed to you prior to the first class.

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Women's Retreat March 31 - April 2, 2017 at Lake Lucerne Camp and Retreat Center

Join us for the Women's Retreat **March 31 - April 2, 2017** at Lake Lucerne Camp and Retreat Center We will ***Bee United by God's Sweet Word*** as we participate in workshops such as Bee Keeping, Bible Study, Cooking with Herbs, Flower Arranging, Sweet Music with Chimes, Stamping, Mindful Movement and more. There will be devotions, worship and social time too.

The cost is \$160 for 2 night's lodging, 5 meals and all materials. A \$60 deposit must accompany your registration form, **registration deadline and final payment is due March 1, 2017. For more information contact**

bonnieclement05@gmail.com or [262-895-2644](tel:262-895-2644).

How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Psalm 119:103

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"



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 are looking for information on our youth and children accomplishments. If anyone wants to share what they have accomplished during the year, please let Miss Bev know and it will be added to our Youth/Children's News page.

Seth Geiger has been part of the Neenah Wrestling Team and the season ends around the middle of February. Seth met his goal by making Varsity as a freshman. He wrestles at the 138 pound class. As a team, Neenah has one loss in the conference to Kaukauna. Neenah recently beat a very good Hortonville team and the team is in on track to finish second in conference. Seth is currently 11-9 and hoping to meet his stretch goal of going .500 on the year.

Congratulations Seth—Best of luck to you

Michael Arndt is planning on going to China in 2018. He will be working on a mission project. He is selling "candy" to earn money for his trip. If you would like to help support Michael, each Sunday Michael will have his box of candy available in the "Education wing—Lobby".

YOUTH Adventure

Everyone will be receiving this newsletter on the day (January 29th) when the youth, families and friends, will be going to Badger Sports park for a fun time playing in the various game areas. There are inflatables, mini bowling, the game room and Laser Tag which everyone can take part in. We are going to have Pizza for lunch at the sports park. Watch the Mid week connection for pictures of our adventure. When we go on our adventures, we invite everyone, friends, parents, grandparents and anyone that is interested in joining our adventures, if you would like to join us this afternoon, please stop in the Media Center after Sunday School or you can meet us at Badger Sports park around 12:00 Noon.

On February 5th the youth will help prepare a meal for the COTS program. The Mission team has some information regarding information about the COTS program. Check out their article in this newsletter. .

YOUTH ADVENTURE—ANNUAL SKI TRIP

We have also started preparing for our annual Ski Adventure to Nordic Mountain. The date is February 19th. Mark your calendars and join our family adventure for a day of skiing.

Remember all friends, parents, grandparents, anyone can join us at our youth/family adventures.



"A Bright Reflection"

Bible Reading: [1 John 2:3-6](#)

"Look at how bright the stars are tonight!" Steve's little brother, Eric, gaped at the sky from his spot on the lawn.

"Yeah, and the moon is really bright too," said Steve.

"Why is it so bright?" asked Eric. "Is it a great big ball of fire?"

Steve laughed and shook his head. "The sun is more like a ball of fire. The moon doesn't actually have any light at all. It reflects the light of the sun--that's why it looks bright. I learned about that in my science class."

"Come on in, boys!" called Mom. "It's time to get to bed."

The boys got up from the grass and headed for the house. Once they were inside, Eric ran over to the window and pointed to the moon. "Guess what, Mom! Steve told me that the moon isn't really a big fireball--it just reflects the sun's light. Did you know that?"

Mom smiled. "Yes, I did know that. Now, scoot along to bed, or morning will come before you're ready for it."

After church the following day, Steve asked a question that had been puzzling him. "My teacher says people are supposed to see Jesus in us and in the stuff we do," he said. "But we aren't Jesus, so how can they see Him? I don't get it."

"Well," said Mom, "remember what you told Eric about the sun and the moon when you were outside last night?"

"Sure," said Steve. "I said the moon reflects the light of the sun."

"Right," said Mom. "The moon isn't the sun, but it reflects it. When people look at the moon, the light they see is really the light of the sun. And we're not Jesus, but our lives should reflect Him. When people see what we do, they should be seeing Jesus' character shining through us."

"That's right," said Dad. "When we do the things God wants us to do by obeying the Holy Spirit when He prompts us to do something, we reflect Jesus and His great love for everyone. Just like the moon reflects the light of the sun, Christians are able to reflect the love of God's Son--Jesus."

Something you can Memorize:

Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps. (1 Peter 2:21)

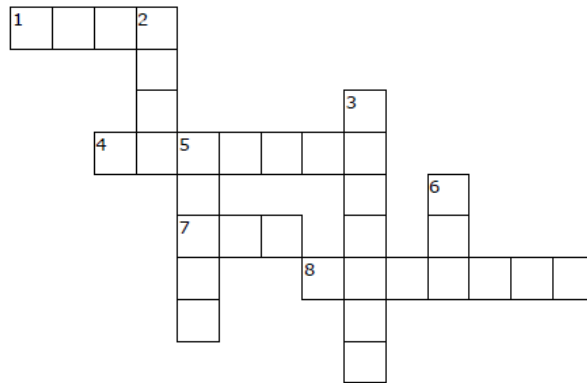
How about you?

Do others see the love of Jesus reflected in your life? When you follow Jesus' example and practice the things He teaches, others will see Him and His love in you. But you don't have to figure out what Jesus would do when you face a tough situation on your own--He sent the Holy Spirit to help you! Trust the Spirit to show you how to reflect Jesus' love.

Key Thought of the Day:

Let Jesus be seen in you

Reflecting the Light



ACROSS

1. The man sent from God to tell about Jesus (John 1:6)
4. To have confidence that something is true (John 1:7)
7. The creator of heaven and earth (John 1:6)
8. A person who has personal knowledge of something (John 1:8)

DOWN

2. What a person, place, or thing is called (John 1:6)
3. To tell others about what you have seen or heard (John 1:7)
5. Something such as the sun, a flashlight, or lamp that allows you to see (John 1:8)
6. An adult male person (John 1:6)

BELIEVE	MAN	TESTIFY	LIGHT
JOHN	WITNESS	GOD	NAME



Word Search

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Decoder Puzzle

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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February 2017

Monthly Planner

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