

Faith United Methodist Church  
1025 Tullar Rd  
Neenah, WI 54956

# ***By Faith***



***The Monthly Newsletter***  
***Faith United Methodist Church—***  
***Month of ....January***

MAY YOU SHINE  
THE LIGHT OF  
CHRIST IN THE  
NEW YEAR!

*Happy  
New Year  
2018*

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**Faith United Methodist  
Church**

**1025 Tullar Rd  
Neenah, WI 54956**

**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 December 2017*

January 2018

Greetings!

As this letter comes to you we begin the post Christmas period again as we begin 2018.

While the Packers failed to make the playoffs, there are many things going through my mind as I write this letter. The first, as you begin the new year have you made a resolution worth keeping?

I would invite you to consider your commitment to your Christian Faith and the witness it represents. Maybe that would consist of attending church one more Sunday per month than 2017? Or, if attendance is not an issue, there is the resolution of financial stewardship with tithing (10%) as the ultimate goal.

Maybe that sounds overwhelming. However, speaking from personal experience it started by doubling my giving on a yearly basis. In the early days of my walk this consisted of going from 1% to 2% and then 2-4% and etc. As you trust God in this process it becomes a witness to your faith journey.

Also, as we begin 2018, we will be looking at our church and what we believe. Beginning the first five weeks of 2018 the sermon series will be entitled: I Love My Church and the Lenten Series will be entitled: Creed. We will be looking at what we believe. Because what we believe says what is in our heart and explains how we act and treat others. The Lenten study will be a little longer this year and is tentatively scheduled to begin at the end of January. There will be more information coming out about that soon.

As 2017 ends, 2018 provides a lot for us to think about. As your pastor, I am deeply concerned about the spiritual heart the outward appearances suggest that it is weak. There are many heart issues to look at!

See you in church,

Pastor Tim

## **PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR**



### **WORSHIP**

### **SERMON TITLES**

**January 2018**

**Sermon Series:**

**“I Love My Church ”**

***January 7, 2018***

I Love My Church

Ezekiel 37:1-10

Isaiah 29:13

***January 14, 2018***

Found People Find People

John 1:43-51

Romans 3:10-12

***January 21, 2018***

Service Matters

Luke 10:25-27

***January 28, 2018***

No Man Is An Island

Matthew 26: 56-75

Hebrews 10: 19-29

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**Sunday Mornings**

**Winter Quarter**

**10:15A.M.—11:15 AM**

### **Preschool-Kindergarten**

Susan Johnson & Bev Pezewski

### **2nd grade—5th Grade**

Kurt VanHandel & Ken Gellerstedt

### **6th—12th Grade**

Dan Duff

Levi VanHandel

### **Adult Classes**

“The Good News”

“Mary & Mark Muthig

“Be Wise (1Corinthians)”

Gary Reiter & Friends

### **Senior Bible Study Classes**

**Ruth Brusewitz**

Monday afternoons

1:30 P.M.

**MISSION MINISTRIES    UPDATES**  
**SERVING AT THE HOMELESS CONNECTIONS**

Please consider helping us as we serve at the Homeless Connections in

Appleton on Friday, January 19th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

**A SPECIAL—THANK YOU**

The Mission Team thanks our church family for all you did to help make the Christmas season brighter for our neighbors in need -

Thank you to the cookie bakers and servers who helped at the Community Christmas Dinner. Thank you to the drivers who delivered meals to some of our homebound members and to Pastor Tim for helping with the Healing Service before the dinner. Thank you for the warm winter hats, scarves, mittens and gloves we gave as Christmas gifts to local shelters. Thank you to the servers who prepared and served a meal to the families staying at the Homeless Connections. Thank you to Kimberly Clark and Chris Bordeaux for the much needed products that were shared with 13 local agencies that help people in need. Sharing Christ and his Love can be done in so many different ways. Thank you



**COMMUNION SERVERS**

Have you ever thought of serving as a communion Steward during worship service. We are looking for servers to work with our current team of stewards. Three servers are needed for each worship service. We have communion services on the first Sunday of every month as well as special services. The sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. If you have questions or want to join the team, just sign up or contact the church office.

**ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE**

*The Annual FUMC Charge Conference was held on November 21, 2017, at Peace United Methodist Church in Kaukauna Wi. The conference was made up of all the churches in the area. The meeting consisted of worship, celebration of our Ministries and our Mission. There was leadership Development training: Discovering your community, discerning your niche. The end of the meeting was affirming the required reports. The copy of the minutes is in the newsletter and a packet of information is available for review. This packet of information is made up of charge conference minutes, year-end reports from each ministry that provided a report. Copies of electronically submitted forms including the forms that were voted on during the conference. The individual churches voted on their specific forms for their church. If you have questions, please contact Bev in the church office.*

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"



Minutes of the Church Conference Committee Held: November 21, 2017

Members of Faith Church that attended: Pastor Tim Albrecht, Bill Shepard, Ginny Shepard, Susan Johnson, John Johnson, Dave Jannusch, Sue Prince and Bev Pezewski.

Meeting held at: Peace United Methodist Church, Kaukauna, WI

The meeting was called to order by Sue D'Alessio. She opened the meeting with a prayer

Sue asked if each church had a secretary to take minutes. Those who were identified as secretaries for each church were approved. Sue opened the presentation with worship, celebration of our Ministries and Mission. This was followed by a Leadership Development Training: "Discovering your community discerning your Niche. It identified three Core Questions.

A. Exploring your Current Church B. Exploring your community C. Discerning the future

After the training program each church presented a short power point presentation of programs, activities that each church sponsors. After the presentations were completed, there was a business meeting this was affirming the basic reports attached in the handout.

Sue D'Alessio identified each report and ask each of the church members in attendance to vote and approve the reports.

1. Care of Members and Removal of Members Report (those listed in first year and second year ) A motion was made to approve the report. All members approved the names on the report.
2. Nominations and Leadership Development Report. A motion was made to approve the list of nominations. All members of the church approved the names. There were no negative votes.
3. Pastoral Support document. A motion was made to approve the report. There were no negative votes. The report was approved.
4. Resolution of Accountable Reimbursement and the Resolution on Housing/Furnishings Allowance. A motion was made to approve the document. There were no negative votes. The report was approved as prepared.

The Fifth Report - The Lay Servant Report for Local Church Lay Servants (basic Servant Ministry Class completed since 2009 was voted on for approval. The members of our church present approved the form. Three other categories of Lay Servant were voted on.

Discussion regarding a recommendation for Ministry, Accountability questions, no vote was required

The meeting was closed with a song, prayer and benediction

### ***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](mailto: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.***

## **GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

### **Narthex**

### **Education Wing**

<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	Evie Gau & Mary Davies	Howard & Sally Steffens
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Vern & Ruth Brusewitz	Char Kryszak & Geraldine Manteufel
<b>21<sup>th</sup></b>	Mark & Cathy Geiger	Nola Sell & Corky Sullivan
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Julie Beck & Ann Cheshire	Dick & Mary Ann Wylie

## **YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES**

### **ADVENTURES COMING UP IN**

### **JANUARY & FEBRUARY**

January — Cooking a meal for the COTS program

We will be attending the Wisconsin “Herd” Basketball game.

February— Is the youth and family ministry annual ski Trip to Nordic Mountain.

Miss Bev will be meeting with the parents and youth to determine the date that works for everyone.

All children/youth, friends, grandparents, parents and any member of the congregation are invited to come to our adventures. Watch the mini news for details.

## **SENIORS OF FAITH**

Seniors of Faith Christmas will not be meeting during the month of January. Watch the midweek connection and the Sunday mini-news for meeting times and date in February

## **WEATHER RELATED ALERTS**

As the weather changes, we need to prepare 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, station, we will have a note on our church website, we will have a post on our Facebook 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



***Lord, we come to You in prayer for:*** Mary Jane Thompson, Kathy Bayer, Gordon Brighum, Liz Roberts, Lois Stewart, Dick Raleigh, George Elwood, Gaylord Rimmel, 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; our many unspoken prayers.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Life Line Screening Program

March 1, 2018

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventative screenings will be in our community on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Faith Church. They will be using our Fellowship Hall for the screenings. The screenings will include: Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: Carotid Artery (plaque buildup a leading cause of stroke, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs) a Heart Rhythm Screening ( an EKG to detect Atrial fibrillation—irregular heartbeat and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount. All five screening take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10.00 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call Register online TODAY at [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-circle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-circle) and receive your Community Circle” discount and your preferred Appointment? There is a screening appointment sheet in the Narthex. As we get closer to the event, we will fax the list to our contact. If you have any questions, please see Bev in the church office.

## **Upcoming Events**

Important upcoming events for you! Please mark your calendars.

### NORTH EAST DISTRICT 2018 EVENTS

#### FINANCE TRAINING

For anyone involved in finance in the church

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Event will be 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Neenah: Faith UMC 1025 Tullar Rd Neenah

#### SPRC TRAININGS

For clergy and members of Staff Parish Relations Committee

Saturday, January 20, 2018; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Green Bay: Bethany UMC

1110 Echo Ln Green Bay

Saturday, January 27, 2018; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Fond du Lac: Covenant UMC

20 N Marr St Fond du Lac

# January Birthdays

1/1 Courtney Flom  
1/3 Amanda Halverson  
1/3 Sharon LeMaire  
1/9 Brian Fairchild  
1/10 Jon Halverson  
1/12 Tim Albrecht  
1/12 Cindy Boelter  
1/19 Holly Robinson  
1/20 Zach Flom  
1/21 Laura Roberts  
1/21 Lori Albrecht  
1/24 Kay Roberts  
1/25 Terry Ball  
1/25 Michael Knoll  
1/26 Hugh Davies  
12/27 Michael Steffek  
1/31 Kurt VanHandel



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

January 2nd Jerry & Nola Sell

January 14th Michael & MaryAnn Halverson

January 15th Jeremy & Bobbi Olson



## 2017 NEWSLETTER

### 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 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.

## Family/Children's Bible story

**Theme:** In unity we show God's love to the world.

**Object:** Look at a jigsaw puzzle. Do you see that it has many pieces.

**Scripture:** I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. John 17:22-23 (NIV)

Do you enjoy working jigsaw puzzles? Jigsaw puzzles can be a lot of fun. (Open one of your puzzle boxes to see the pieces of the puzzle.) Wow! Look at all the pieces of the puzzle. The pieces of the puzzle are in many different sizes, shapes, colors. If you look at one piece of this puzzle, you don't get very much of the picture, do you? No, the pieces are not very important by themselves, but when they are all joined together and become one, they show the total picture.

This jigsaw puzzle can teach us an important lesson about the church. The church is made up of many individual members. Like the pieces of this puzzle, the members of a church come in different sizes, shapes, and colors. Jesus himself prayed that the church would be one so that the world would see God's love in us. You and I are part of the picture. Jesus wants us to love one another, help one another, and serve one another. When we do that, we become one, just as Jesus prayed we would be, and when we are one, the world can see God's love in us.

Unfortunately, just as it is sometimes difficult to put all of the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle together, the individual members of the church sometimes have a hard time being one with each other. We may hear people in the church saying things like "I don't like the songs we sing" or "The preacher preaches too long." When we say things like that and concentrate on our own likes and dislikes, we are no longer being one. We are like the individual pieces of the puzzle. The world cannot see God's love in us. They don't get the whole picture.

If you ever find yourself thinking about yourself, rather than being united with others in the church, remember that Jesus prayed that we would be one. When we are one, bound together by Christ's love, the world will see God's love through us.

Dear Father, help us to be one so that the world may see your love in us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.



My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.  
John 17:20-21 (NIV)

# Jesus Prays for All Believers



THAT ALL  
MAY BE  
ONE

"May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:23 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 17:20-23 (NIV).

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# Jesus Prays for All Believers



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

## Jesus Prays for All Believers

"My \_\_\_\_\_ is not for them \_\_\_\_\_. I pray also for those who will \_\_\_\_\_ in me through their \_\_\_\_\_, that all of them may be \_\_\_\_\_, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the \_\_\_\_\_ may believe that you have \_\_\_\_\_ me. I have given them the \_\_\_\_\_ that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete \_\_\_\_\_ to let the world know that you sent me and have \_\_\_\_\_ them even as you have loved me.

John 17:20-23 (NIV)

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## Quick Summary November 2017 Financial Information

Operating Fund – November receipts were \$17,852; disbursements were \$21,148 for net disbursements of (\$3,297). Year to date receipts were \$234,183; disbursements were \$242,360 for net disbursements of (\$8,177).

The Operating Fund balance was \$18,131 at January 1, 2017 and was \$9,953 at November 30, 2017.

Building Fund – November receipts were \$1,170; disbursements were \$1,020 for net receipts of \$150. Year to date receipts were \$18,965; disbursements were \$21,487 for net disbursements of (\$2,522). Disbursements include \$5,000 transferred to the Carpeting Fund. The Building Fund balance was \$4,486 at January 1, 2017 and was \$1,963 at November 30, 2017.

Carpeting Fund – November receipts were \$1,748. Year to date receipts were \$22,198. Year to date disbursements were \$35,985. Receipts include \$5,000 transferred from the Building Fund, \$5,000 transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund and \$707 of accumulated income transferred from the Pynch Memorial Fund. The first phase of the carpeting project was paid in May 2017. The Carpeting Fund balance at November 30, 2017 is negative (\$6,430).

Cash Balances – total \$74,024 as of November 30, 2017. The accounts are held at Investors Community Bank, Appleton, WI.

Mortgage Balance – The mortgage balance on November 30, 2017 is \$87,297.

January 2018

# Monthly Planner

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