

Faith United Methodist Church
1025 Tullar Rd
Neenah, WI 54956



By Faith

***The Monthly Newsletter of Faith United Methodist Church
For the month of January 2017***

Each new year brings us new opportunities to know him more, to walk in faith, and grow by His grace.



*May your year be
blessed in the Lord*

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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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January 2017

Dear Christian Friends,

We begin a new year on Sunday January 1st. Nothing like beginning a new year on the first day of the week! I never thought of it like this, maybe this year while you are in church on the first and in front of God we should all make our New Year's resolution (s) in front of Him too. I believe that would make many people nervous if all were to be held accountable then each Sunday morning during 2017 on how we were doing with it.

In spite of our good intentions regarding those resolutions and falling short because we are human. What I can say is that we will begin 2017 in a little different way. Beginning on January 8th and running through January 22nd we will begin a three week series on a Wesleyan Way of Living. Which will include three simple rules for living that are: No Harm, Do Good, and Love God.

Then concluding on the last Sunday of January the 29th, I will be preaching on Hell. This might sound like kind of a strange thing to talk about. However, the wages of sin is death, and because of Jesus Christ birth, death, and resurrection we have the promise of eternal life. The issue at stake is that many talk lightly of hell and that it is not such a bad place. When you really look at what it is about would you really want to go there or hope anyone else to go there? Moreover, if you ever wondered how much God loves us he went to great lengths so that we would not have to go there (hell). The problem is for some to justify their sin they have to have a light look on hell. Lastly, in John Wesley's published sermons he preached on this topic too.

So, as we begin January we begin with a framework to begin to live all of 2017 as a way to keep those resolutions that we have made. And, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can accomplish those tasks and live a life the way that God has created us to live.

See you in church.

Pastor Tim

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR

WORSHIP

SERMON TITLES

January 2017

January 1, 2017 New Year's Day

"A New Kind of Kingdom"

Matthew 25:31-46

January 8, 2017

3 for 2017: A Wesleyan Way of Living (3 Week Series)

"No Harm"

Galatians 5:13-18

Colossians 3:12-14

January 15, 2017

Do Good

Ill John 5-11

January 22, 2017

Love God

John 21:15-22

January 29, 2017

Hell—No?

Matthew 7:13-14

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Each Sunday from

10:15—11:15 AM

4 yr. old -2nd Grade

Nursery Class

Susan Johnson—Bev Pezewski

Becki Kindschi

3rd grade—6th Grade

Kurt VanHandel

Confirmation Class

Pastor Tim Albrecht

7-12th Grade

Roger Kindschi—Dan Duff

Adult Sunday School

Gary Reiter

"Entire Book—Revelation"

Author: Charles Stanley

Senior Bible Study Classes

Mondays —1:30 P.M.

Ruth Brusewitz

First class of the new Year

1/9/17

STAYING CONNECTED

January 1—We start the New envelopes. - FINANCE TEAM NEWS UPDATE

The envelopes are now a part of the Sunday Bulletin. What this means is that you will no longer be receiving a book of envelopes at the beginning of the year.

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

If you have any questions, please contact one of the ushers, or members of the financial team.

NO REGRETS MEN'S CONFERENCE SEMINAR

Mark your calendar for the "No Regret's Men's Conference Seminar coming on February 4, 2016. 7:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Watch the mini-news and newsletter for details or contact Bob Fritz for details.

MONDAY – SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

The Senior Bible Study class will begin meeting at 1:30 P.M. on January 9, 2017 if you have any questions please contact.

Ruth Brusewitz.

NEW WEB PAGE

The new web page is up. Please take some time and look at the changes. We still need to make some minor adjustments, please let the church office know if you see something that needs changing. At this time, of this publication the calendar is not opening, This will be fixed after January 1, 2017.

Also if you have some Pictures you would like to share, from one of the ministries, please send them to Bev in the church office and she will add them to the "galleries" section.

Hope you like the changes - Tell us what you think.

SENIORS OF FAITH

Our annual Church Service Day is January 19th. We will gather at 9:00 A.M. in fellowship hall to clean and repair as needed.

Come join for work, fun and fellowship. A senior's video (always fun) will be presented by Jay Beck. Pizza and dessert for lunch

Hosts: – The Committee

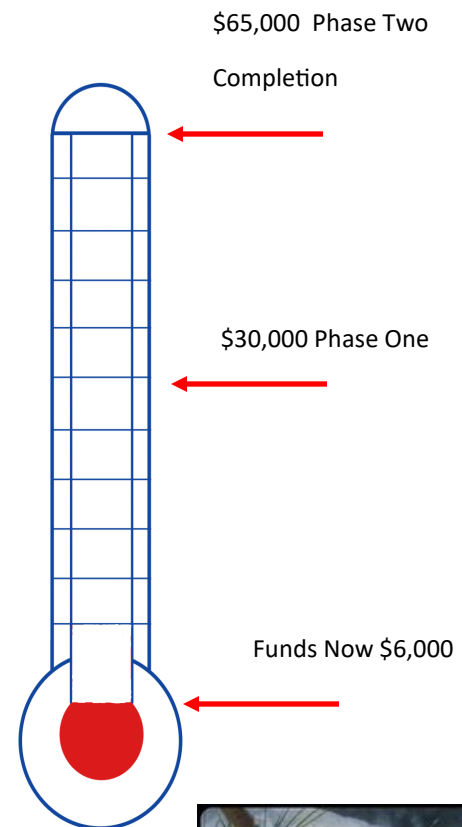
THANK YOU

Lori and I would like to thank you for the cards and gifts we received this Christmas season.

Lori & Tim Albrecht

CARPET/FLOORING FUND

2017



January Birthdays

1/3 Amanda Crooks

1/3 Sharon LeMaire

1/7 Evan Johnson

1/9 Brian Fairchild

1/10 Jon Halverson

1/12 Tim Albrecht

1/12 Cindy Boelter

1/15 Beverly Schmidt

1/19 Holly Robinson

1/20 James Davis, Jr

1/21 Laura Roberts

1/21 Lori Albrecht

1/24 Kay Roberts

1/25 Terry Ball

1/25 Michael Knoll

1/26 Hugh Davies

1/31 Robert Kramer

1/31 Kurt VanHandel



Happy Anniversary



1/2 Jerry & Nola Sell

1/13 Mike & Mary Dietz

1/14 Michael & Maryann Halverson

1/15 Jeremy & Bobbi Olson

2016NEWSLETTER

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 distri-

Meetings for 2017

If you have dates and times that your committee or team meet each month, please contact the church office, so that they can be placed on the calendar and on the web site.

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

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 JANUARY

Narthex/Sanctuary Entrance

1/1 Mark & Cathy Geiger
1/8 Jay & Julie Beck
1/15 Bev Pezewski & Kevin Schuh
1/22 Terry & Joanne Ball
1/29 Bill & Ginny Shepard

Education Wing Entrance

Nola Sell & Corky Sullivan
Dick & MaryAnn Wylie
Chris & Tish Bordeaux
Charles & Sharon Bucholtz
Judy Schwandt & Diana Vieth

SERVING AT THE HOMELESS CONNECTIONS

January 20th 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.



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 pages.

Congratulations: Michael Arndt who recently achieved his Eagle Scout Honor.

Thank you to all the parents, teachers who helped set up and practice with the group and thank you to all the youth and children who participated in the program.

The Education Team

YOUTH Adventure

During the month of January – 2017 the youth will be helping cook at meal for the COTS program and going on an adventure to Badger Sports for a Laser tag adventure. All parents, grandparents, friends are invited to be part of the adventure. We are planning on the 22nd of January - We will cook a meal at the Watch the midweek connection and the mini news for details on dates and times check your calendars and let Miss Bev know if the date will work out.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The 2017 Church director is being up-dated. If you have any changes in your address, telephone, e-mail address or will be making a change, please let the church office know the changes. The church office has received some changes already. The goal to have the new Directory available as of January 15,

Lord, we come to You in prayer for: Gordon Brigham, Joe VanHaaster, Dick Wylie, 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.



ADVANCED LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CLASS
SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Saturday, January 28 AND Saturday, February 4, 2017

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

New Hope UMC, 1950 Dickinson Rd, De Pere WI

Leaders: Rev. Rebecca Rutter and Amy Powell

Cost: \$13.00 which included the cost of the book and postage. Please make check payable to North East District and send to 1025 Tullar Road, Neenah WI 54956. The book is "Each One a Minister" by William J. Carter. The book and any instructions will be mailed to you prior to the first class.

Deadline to register is: January 13, 2017. Lunch will be provided both days.

If you have questions or to register contact Barbara Franken at 920.991.0548 or

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.

Blessings, Barb

BARBARA A FRANKEN

North East District Office Manager

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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"



Pictures of the Children's Christmas PROGRAM

December 18th, 2016



A Promise Is a Promise



Theme:

Keeping our promises

Scripture:

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Luke 2:26 (NIV)

It is the beginning of a New Year. A brand new calendar for a fresh start on life. Most people start the new year by making some New Year Resolutions. Making a resolution is like making a promise to ourselves that we are going to do certain things. Usually it is a promise to do better next year than we did last year. Here is a list of resolutions that might be good for children to make.

- I will watch less TV and get more exercise.
- I will wear my seat belt every time I get in a car.
- I will be nice to other kids. (Even my brothers and sisters!)
- I will put away my toys when I am through playing with them.

Can you think of some more resolutions you could make? Some people don't take New Year's resolutions very seriously. After all, they are just promises to yourself. If you don't follow through, it's no big deal. Well, it is a big deal! A promise is a promise -- and it is important to keep your promises -- even if it is just a promise to yourself.

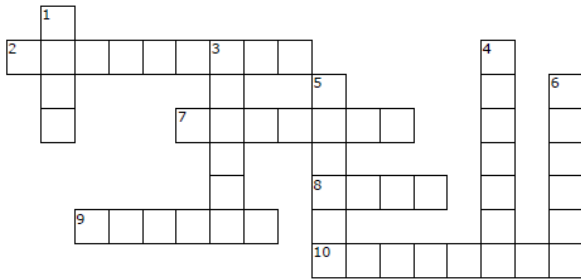
God is always faithful in keeping His promises. In the Bible, there is a story about a man named Simeon. Simeon was a very old man who had faithfully served God all of his life. Simeon was looking forward to the coming of the Messiah. God had promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Christ, the promised Messiah. A few days after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph took him to the temple to dedicate him to God. Simeon was in the temple as he usually was. As soon as Simeon saw the baby, he knew that Jesus was the Christ and that God had kept his promise that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah.

Simeon took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, "Lord, now let your servant die in peace. As you have promised, I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people." Anna, a prophet, was also in the Temple. She was always at the Temple worshiping and praying. She came along just as Simeon was talking to Mary and Joseph. When she heard what Simeon was saying, she began praising God and telling everyone that this child was the Savior that God had promised. Both Simeon and Anna knew that God is faithful to his promise just as he is faithful to his promises to you and me. Today, as we begin a new year, let's remember that just as God is faithful in keeping his promises, we should be faithful in keeping our promises. It doesn't matter whether it is a promise to ourselves, a promise to a friend, or a promise to God. After all, a promise is a promise!

Dear Father, just as you are faithful to keep your promises, help us to be faithful in keeping our promises. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle

Children's Worship



ACROSS

2. Deliverance from the penalty of sin
7. Something you said that you would do
8. The organs for seeing in the faces of humans and animals
9. A building dedicated to religious ceremonies or worship
10. The town where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus lived

DOWN

1. The mother of Jesus
3. The homeland of the Jewish people
4. A person who is not Jewish
5. The man who was promised he would not die until he had seen the Messiah
6. The earthly father of Jesus

TEMPLE	SALVATION	MARY	NAZARETH	ISRAEL
SIMEON	JOSEPH	GENTILE	PROMISE	EYES

Jesus Presented in the Temple



Word Search

Luke 2:22-40

J O H I S R A E L D D L E F J
 J M I A A P E H L O E O O M K
 B R P W L H Z V V I I V V C K
 K I K R V J P B E C G Z O E C
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 J E A P O E Q E O E O W D T V
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 P L I P P R O M I S E D E J P
 B B C C K Z M A R Y P Y R P U
 R O E M V M C H I L D P N O H

SPIRIT	RIGHTEOUS	PRAISED	COURTS	TEMPLE
CHILD	DEVOUT	LIGHT	JOSEPH	JESUS
PARENTS	SALVATION	ISRAEL	REVEALED	PIGEONS
SIMEON	PROMISED	DOVES	SACRIFICE	MARY

Decoder Puzzle

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

V	C	Y	U	K	S	N	Z	W	O	X	R	H	M	G	D	I	Q	T	P	J	F	L	B	A	E
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- 21-10-6-26-20-13 _____
- 14-25-12-3 _____
- 6-17-14-26-10-7 _____
- 16-26-1-10-4-19 _____
- 19-26-14-20-23-26 _____
- 2-13-17-23-16 _____
- 20-12-10-14-17-6-26-16 _____

MARY JESUS	CHILD TEMPLE	PROMISED JOSEPH	DEVOUT SIMEON
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Color Me!

Simeon and Anna Thank God
Luke 2

January 2017

Monthly Planner

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