

By Faith

The Monthly Newsletter

Faith United Methodist Church—



Month of

January



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(for all ages)
10:15 - 11:15
(Sept - May)

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The Monthly Newsletter of Faith United Methodist Church

January 2020

Greetings Faith Church,

As I write this letter we begin a new year. That means everything is a year older. However, that is not all bad. We can look back and praise God for some really great things that happened this past year in our life. We can also look back and praise God for some really great things that did not happen in our life too. Or, to put it another way, we can praise God for his will being done and not ours being done.

2019 is in the rear view mirror, and all we can do is see its reflection. The Good News is beginning January 1, 2020, (today) we can look again through the windshield. The new year is a precious gift that God has given us. We get to start again! This is possible because of Christmas, Jesus birth, his life, death and resurrection we get a fresh start.

There will be many things happening in 2020. Another General Conference of the United Methodist Church, a presidential election, both of which will garner a lot of media attention and then all the unknowns that will be happening in our daily lives. How does one survive? We can begin by looking for all the signs of God's loving presence as we journey along the path of life. Look for the little pleasures the he has strewn along side your pathway. Sometimes they will be put in surprising places and then thank him for each one. In thanking him we can remain close to him and also find joy in our journey in the midst of the craziness of life and a new year.

Happy New Year!

See you in church,

Pastor Tim



**PREPARING OUR
HEARTS FOR
WORSHIP
SERMON TITLES**

New sermon series entitled:
Counterfeit Gods,

The Empty Promises of money, Sex, and Power, and the Only Hope That Matters , by Timothy Keller

January 5, 2020

The Idol Factory
Exodus 20:3-5

January 12, 2020

All You've Ever Wanted
Romans 1:21-25

January 19, 2020

Love Is Not All You Need
Genesis 29:16-20

January 26, 2020

Money changes Everything
Luke 16:13-15



Sunday School

children, youth & adults

10:15 A.M.—11:15 A.M.

Weekly - BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday School Classes

2-3 year old - Nursery

Julie Caflisch & Michelle Woodard

4K/Kindergarten—1st grade

Bev Pezewski

2nd-5th grade

Kurt VanHandel & Ken Gellerstedt

Senior High 6th-12th grades

Dan Duff

2 adult classes

ADULT CLASSES

The Beginning of the Battle by:

John MacArthur

Hugh Davies

A Life God Rewards (Bruce Wilkenson)

Mary Muthig

Bible Studies—

Agape Bible Study Thursday evenings

at 6:30 P.M.

January Birthdays

1/3 Amanda Halverson

1/3 Sharon LeMaire

1/4 Loree Johnston-LaChey

1/9 Brian Fairchild

1/10 Jon Halverson

1/11 Courtney Flom

1/12 Tim Albrecht

1/12 Cindy Boelter

1/14 T.J. Severson

1/20 Zach Flom

1/21 Lori Albrecht

1/25 Terry Ball

1/25 Michael Knoll

1/26 Hugh Davies

11/27 Michael Steffek

1/31 Kurt VanHandel



2019NEWSLETTER

PUBLICATION DATES

** The deadline for newsletter articles will be the 25th of each month. An email will be sent out to the Ministry team leaders prior to the 25th. 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. 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

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.

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

January

2nd Jerry & Nola Sell

14th Michael & Maryann Halverson

15th Jeremy & Bobbi Olson

GREETERS SCHEDULE MONTH OF: January 2020

Narthex/Sanctuary Entrance

5th Ginny Shepard & Bruce Marchinowski

12th Cindy & Mary Muthig

19th Todd & Cindy Boelter

26th Howard & Sally Steffens

Education Wing Entrance

Judy Schwandt & Diana Vieth

Evie Gau & Mary Davies

Gary & Charlene Reiter

Marly Divver & Joanne Ball

Our Christmas Eve soup supper was a success!

What a joy it was to have food, fun, and fellowship with family and friends over a bowl of soup on Christmas Eve!

Thanks to all who helped with the prep work, brought in goodies to share for dessert, take down, and clean up. That old line "Many hands make light work" holds true. We set the tables for sixty, and had seventy eight! It truly is a joy to see our congregation work as a team no matter what the event is! God is good!

Until next time,

The soup supper committee

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.

IN NEED OF A RIDE — CAN YOU HELP

Joe VanHaaster has asked if someone would be able to pick him up for church on Sunday mornings. If you would be able to help him, please call him at 920-727-4646 or contact the church office.

SENIORS OF FAITH

The seniors of Faith will not be meeting during the month of January. Their next get together will be announced in the bulletin and newsletter. If you have questions, please contact Ginny Shepard.

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

The church directory has been updated and is in the process of being reviewed for additional changes. It will be available in the Narthex on December 12th. If you have changes in your email, address or phone or cell numbers, please let the church office know information as soon as possible.

DONATIONS FOR SPECIAL ITEMS

Are you willing to help with purchasing special items, such as Coffee, garbage bags, cups, plates, a can of paint, or if you have another idea for a special item that is purchased. The cards have been set up with envelopes so if you have an interest in donating money towards these special items that you would like to help please grab "a card of the item that you would like to help out on, and an envelope and after you have added your card/and any amount in the envelope, drop it off in the "basket" that can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or stop a member of the Finance or trustee committees. Thanks for your consideration to contribute to this special funds!

The Trustee and Finance Ministries



Lord, we come to You in prayer for: Ursula Scharrschmidt, Bob Fritz, Kathy Bayer, Susan & John Johnson, Sharon LaMaire, Liz Roberts, Joe VanHaaster, Elaine Paulson, Mary Jane Thompson, Marilyn Nyberg, Vic Guenther, Chris Bordeaux, and for those with on going medical concerns, financial concerns, our shut ins and those in need of healing; and our many unspoken prayers.

No regret's men's conference

February 1st at Christ the Rock

You're invited to attend the **No Regrets Men's Conference** on February 1 at Christ The Rock, our host site in Menasha, WI. You will experience a full day of spiritual development that includes:

- **17 Speakers** – hear from top speakers and theologians from around the world including Albert Tate, Carlos Whittaker, Gary Haugan, Dave Wager, Dr. Alvin Dupree, and Landon Churchill.
- **31 Sessions** – we received feedback from last year's attendees on areas of focus and we'll have sessions on being a Godly man, marriage, parenting/youth, mental health, and service
- **Worship, Prayer, and Lunch** – this is a full day of spiritual awakening and development so plan on being uplifted, connected and well fed (spiritually and physically)

Resources – speakers will provide direction on resources you can obtain to continue your growth

Go online to find out more, buy your tickets at \$5 off the regular rate, and find out how to get **a free youth admission with a paid adult**:

<http://christtherock.org/noregrets>. You can also talk to Bob Fritz for information.

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

GIVING Closing the Gap

January 2020 12For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has— not according to what one does not have. (2 Corinthians 8:12) This year, join me in taking care of the problematic and typical shortfalls in our local church budgets. Many stewardship books propose a step of 1% of income per year as you grow toward tithing. In Wisconsin, if the roughly 34,000 giving households increased their giving by an average of 1% of income in 2020, our churches would receive \$18 million more in 2020 than in 2019. Overall, we would increase our giving from 3% to 4% of our collective income. If you make the median income in Wisconsin, then one percent is about \$600. That is \$11.54 per week in 2020. Coming up with another \$12 per week for the church may take some effort and sacrifice, but you can see that for most families earning the median, this would be doable. If your household earns \$100,000 per year, one percent is \$1,000, or about \$19 per week. If your household earns \$25,000 per year, one percent is \$250 or just under \$5 per week. Generosity is not a big check; rather, it is these weekly increments that today you will resolve to give to God in 2020. If you have already pledged, tell them you want to change it, or just starting giving the additional \$5 or \$12 or \$19 or whatever is 1% of your income over and above your giving last year. If most giving units increased their giving in this way, your church would close the budget gap that people have been worrying about. Apportionments would be paid and delayed maintenance would be done. More importantly, your congregation would be able to feed the hungry, help the poor, send youth on mission trips, sponsor missionaries any do good in many other ways. Isn't this why you are a church? Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

The web site is “ www.wumf.org or [Facebook/wumf.org](https://www.facebook.com/wumf.org)

FAITHFUL SINGERS REHEARSALS

"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, meet weekly 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 msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com or by cell phone at 765.993.7019.

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. We have a new digital sound board and are in need of additional people to learn how to work with the new board and projection. Would you like to be part of the team—please contact Dave Jannusch.

Family/YOUTH Adventures for 2020

During the month of January – 2020 we are looking at possible activities that we can do during the winter season. We have several options, but would like your opinion. Possible idea is to go ice skating and tubing up at Green Bay and maybe even go through Lambeau Field. I am thinking that we may need to have two adventures one for “the younger children” and the other the youth. There are a couple new places where we could go and jump on the trampoline, maybe bowling, go to a basketball game in Oshkosh, maybe have pizza and a movie or a game day at church? These are some ideas, what are your ideas, let Ms. Bev know and we will try and work out something for everyone to come and enjoy. Remember all events are for everyone, moms, dads, grandparents, friends, and neighbors. Ms Bev is looking at two dates possibly the 12th and the 19th. And will have some information in next week’s midweek connection and bulletin

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.

Save the Date! “Help for the Homeless” hygiene drive Feb. 16 – March 8, 2020

Last spring 278 Fox Cities area businesses, churches and schools placed collection boxes with posters in their high traffic areas and encouraged their staff, members, students, and friends to donate hygiene supplies to local shelters for The Family Radio’s annual “Help for the Homeless” hygiene drive. **Their donations totaled \$163,000 worth of supplies for local Fox Cities crisis programs – thank you!**

The communities "get" this! Most of us CAN afford to buy an extra bottle of shampoo or package of toilet tissue. In 2019, \$406,000 worth of supplies were donated in Northeast and Central Wisconsin, stocking the shelves of 83 local crisis agencies. **This donation allows our crisis agencies to concentrate their limited resources on providing qualified staff, safe housing, nutritious food, education, and counseling to those they serve.**

Please visit with your decision makers to participate in 2020. \$1.3 Million dollars’ worth of supplies have been donated to Fox Cities crisis programs since 2008!

In the Fox Cities, we’ll be collecting for:

1. Appleton Area School District Homeless Children & Youth Program
2. ADVOCAP Homeless Program
3. Apricity (Formerly STEP Industries & Mooring Prgms.) B.A.B.E.S. Child Abuse Prevention, Appleton
4. Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley, Runaway Program
5. COTS Transitional Shelters for Men & Women
6. Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs
7. LEAVEN
8. Menasha Joint School District Homeless Children & Youth Program
9. Mother & Unborn Baby Care
10. Partnership Community Health Center
11. Pillars: • Pillars Adult Shelter (formerly Fox Valley Warming Shelter)
 - Pillars Adult & Family Shelter (formerly Homeless Connections)
 - Pillars Day Resource Center
 - Pillars Housing Solutions (formerly Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities)
12. Riverview Gardens, Service Works Job Training Prgm
13. Ryan Community Transitional Housing
14. Salvation Army, Fox Cities
15. Salvation Army, New London
16. SOAR Fox Cities

When: February 16 – March 8, 2020

Why: Hygiene and cleaning items are expensive and are not covered by Wisconsin Food Share (formerly Food Stamps). This donation helps BOTH the crisis programs and those they serve.

Where: The Family’s Help for the Homeless hygiene drive takes place in 15 communities in our listening areas; Appleton/Fox Cities, Antigo, Chilton, Fond du Lac, Green Bay/Brown County, Manitowoc, Marshfield, Marathon County/Wausau, Oconto/Marinette, Oshkosh, Seymour, Sheboygan, Stevens Point, Waupaca and Wisconsin Rapids. **Donations remain in communities where collected.**

How: Local employers, churches, and schools place collection boxes in their high traffic areas and encourage their staff, members, students and friends to donate hygiene/cleaning products to help local crisis programs. The Family’s Help for the Homeless web page website offers helpful promotional materials, flyers, and blurbs to copy into newsletters, memos etc.

BIBLE TRIVIA

Something we haven't had in the newsletter for awhile—Here is a Bible trivia

1.) The letter to the Colossians was written by Paul and someone else.

Who? Luke Barnabas Epaphras Timothy

2.) Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints... in light. in Jerusalem, in Judea, and in the uttermost parts of the world. who from their labors rest. from the riches of glory.

3.) What was "the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints?" The forgiveness of sin through faith. Christ in you, the hope of glory. Redemption through Christ's blood. Ye continued in the faith grounded and settled, and have not moved away from the hope of the gospel.

4.) For what things does the wrath of God come on the children of disobedience? Fornication and impurity. Lust and evil desires. Covetousness and greed, which is idolatry. All of the above.

5.) What does Paul describe as "the bond of perfectness?" purity peace charity sincerity

6.) The apostle tells the Colossians that psalms and hymns and spiritual songs should be used to... learn the law and the statutes. praise God for His great faithfulness. teach and admonish one another. cheer the hearts of the sad.

7.) What does Paul advise that wives should do in relationship to their husbands? He doesn't mention it. Honor and obey them. Pray for them that they may be saved. Submit to their husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

8.) What does Paul advise that husbands should do in relationship to their wives? Ensure that they submit to them. Guide the house with all diligence. Be vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach. Love them and do not be harsh with them.

9.) In the letter to the Colossians, Paul advises that fathers should... not be strikers, but patient. provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. rule his own house well. have their children in subjection at all times.

10.) Who did Paul send to deliver the letter that he had written to the Colossians? Tychicus and Onesimus John Mark Barnabas Luke

Answers: for the bible quiz: 1) Timothy 2)in light 3)Christ in you, the hope of glory, 4)all of the above 5) charity. 6) teach and admonish one another, 7) submit to their husbands, as is fitting in the Lord 8) Love them and do not be harsh with them 9)provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged 10) Tychicus and Onesimus

CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY

God has given us the ten commandments to act as a spiritual guidance system for our lives.

How many of you have ever seen a gyroscope? A gyroscope is a very interesting object and I have brought one to show you this morning. If you have ever played with a gyroscope, you know that they can do all sorts of interesting tricks. They can balance on string, on your finger, or on the tip of a pencil. I can remember spending many hours playing with a gyroscope when I was a child. In fact, I thought the gyroscope was a toy!

A gyroscope is not a toy! It is actually a very important piece of scientific equipment. For example, an airplane uses gyroscopes in its compass and autopilot system to keep it flying in the right direction. The Russian's Mir space station uses gyroscopes to help keep it in the right position. The Space Shuttle uses gyroscopes to help keep it pointed in the right direction. Gyroscopes are even used to keep track of the movements of the Hubble Space Telescope.

Just as airplanes, space shuttles, space stations, and space telescopes need help from the gyroscope to keep them pointed in the right direction, you and I need help in keeping our life pointed in the right direction. God has given us just the right guidance system needed to keep our life headed in the right direction. It is called the Ten Commandments. Now that God has given us the guidance system we need to keep our life on the right course, it is up to us to put that guidance system into operation in our daily life.

Heavenly Father, help us to follow the guidance that you have given to us to make sure that our life is headed in the right direction. Amen.



Gyroscope and a compass

Ten Commandments
Coloring Page



The 10 Commandments

Paraphrased for kids

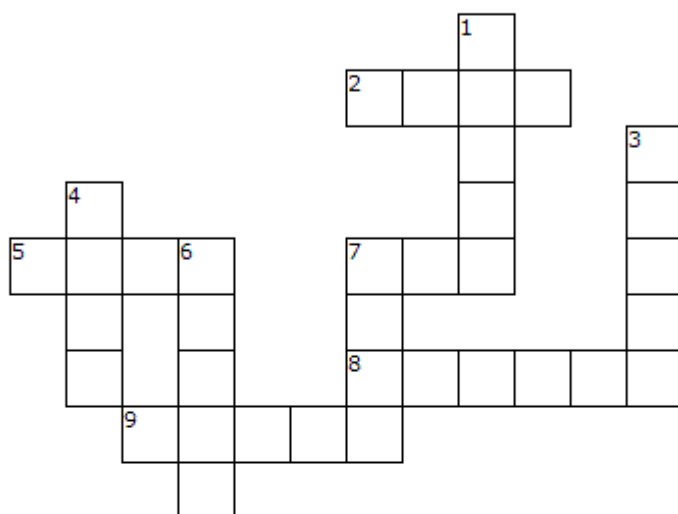
-  **1** Love God more than you love anything else.
-  **2** Don't make anything in your life more important than God.
-  **3** Always say God's name with love and respect.
-  **4** Honor God by resting on the seventh day of the week.
-  **5** Love and respect your parents.
-  **6** Don't hurt anyone.
-  **7** Always be faithful to your husband or wife.
-  **8** Don't take anything that isn't yours.
-  **9** Always tell the truth.
-  **10** Be content with what you have. Don't wish for other people's stuff.

The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3



Based on Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. You shall not make for yourself an _____. (a false god)
5. You shall have no other _____ before me.
7. You shall _____ commit adultery.
8. You shall not _____. (kill)
9. You shall not give _____ testimony against your neighbor. (untrue)

DOWN

1. You shall not _____. (to want something that belongs to another)
3. _____ your father and your mother.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it _____.
6. You shall not _____. (to take what does not belong to you)
7. You shall not misuse the _____ of the LORD your God.

FALSE	IDOL	STEAL	HONOR	MURDER
NAME	COVET	HOLY	NOT	GODS

The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words... Exodus 20:1

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



X	G	V	A	C	U	J	N	O	D	Y	W	Z	S	M	L	P	E	I	T	B	R	H	F	K	Q
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- 19-10-9-16 _____
- 8-4-15-18 _____
- 14-4-21-21-4-20-23 _____
- 23-9-8-9-22 _____
- 24-4-20-23-18-22 _____
- 15-9-20-23-18-22 _____
- 15-6-22-10-18-22 _____
- 4-10-6-16-20-18-22-11 _____
- 14-20-18-4-16 _____
- 5-9-3-18-20 _____

NAME	ADULTERY	COVET	FATHER	MOTHER
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January 2020

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