

By Faith



Faith United Methodist Church—

August 2020

Newsletter

Midweek connection (7/28/2020)

Sunday Bulletin 8/2/2020)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

August 2020

Greetings Faith Church,

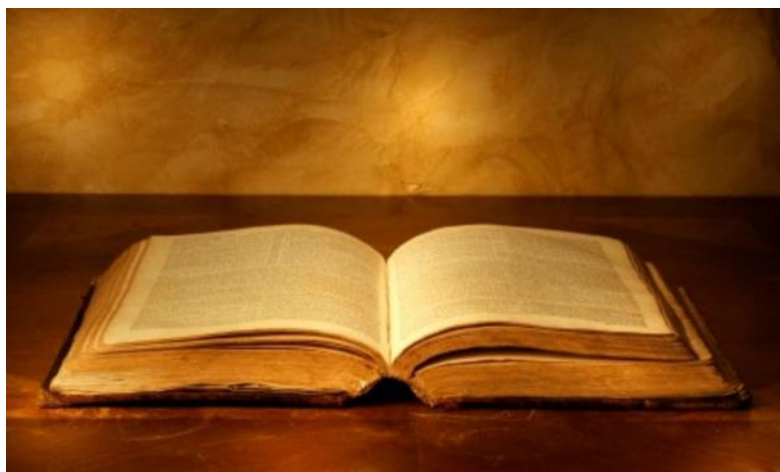
Last week I was on vacation. It was good to be off and away. In saying that I was reminded of all the things that are going on and happening around us in the world and the toll it has taken on all of us. I am not saying this to ask for sympathy. I am saying this to celebrate the gift of rest. Too often we do not pay attention to this gift that God has given us. The time off gave me some time to think about things.

In thinking about things. I would like to say **Thank You** to all who have continued to support Faith Church with their financial support. Thank you to Dave Jannusch, Dan Duff, and Bev Pezewski for their work in getting our worship services up and on line. Thank you Micah Sommersmith for the daily hymn that is on Facebook. Thank you to those who helped get the church ready for in person worship on Father's Day. Thank you to those who watch/attend worship online and in person. If I missed anyone, **Thank You**, for your part too! Lastly, thank you God for your sustenance and protection for all of us during this time of uncertainty and for your Son Jesus Christ as our Savior. You are unchanging!

One of the things I was thinking about as we got back to worship on Fathers' Day, was what would it look like? I had a couple of very short sermon series to ease back into worship. Now, as we begin August we will begin a new sermon series entitled, "When the World takes the Wind Out of Your Sails". On Sunday, August 2nd, the sermon title is, That Our Hope is in God. It seems that the news is changing so fast and between Covid, Chaos, and people behaving badly, the wind in our sails might not be too strong. The good news is that God is still in control and we can turn to Him. And, this is precisely what we will begin to do this Sunday.

See you in church (either in person or online!),

Pastor Tim



Rev. Tim Albrecht
Pastor

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Lay Leader

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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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*The Midweek connection with Pastor Tim
Faith United Methodist Church*

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

August 2, 2020

Sunday Morning Bulletin

Prelude

Welcome:

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: "Indescribable"

Prayer

Special Music: "Trust in You" (by Lauren Daigle)

- Rachel Gellerstedt

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: "Our Hope is in God"

Pastor Tim Albrecht

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn: "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Benediction

Postlude:

Lord, we come to You in prayer for:

Neil Caflisch, Jack Oakley, Dick Wylie, Susan Johnson, Vern, Ruth, Mary Brusewitz, Jim Armstrong, Lorenzo De La Cruz, Kathy Bayer, Corky Sullivan, Joe VanHaaster, Bob Fritz, Liz Roberts, Ursula Scharrschmidt, Elaine Paulson, Mary Jane Thompson, Marilyn Nyberg, our shut ins, those in need of healing, continued prayers for all our members of our church family, and our many unspoken prayers.

Prayers for those who are dealing with the Covid-19 virus. The members of the medical community throughout the country who are taking care of the patients and their families.

Prayers for our country as it continues to deal with continued uncertainty, prayers for the law enforcement and our government officials, local, state and national.

REMEMBERING THAT OUR HOPE IS IN GOD

Mark 4:35-41

1. When the world takes the wind out of our sails

- *Psalm 23:4* - *Romans 8:39* - *Mark 4—The Storm*

2. Life is Uncertain

3. The Need to Prepare Ahead

4. Our Hope is in God

FAITH CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday - CLOSED

We are listening to messages if we are not in the office and will contact you as soon as we can

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.

Join Faith Church 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”***



ATTENDING WORSHIP ON August 2nd

The precautions will be continuing

If you are planning on attending, please *RSVP* the church office.

Attendance will be monitored so that worshippers can safely maintain social distancing during worship.

Call the church office at 920-722-5842 or send a message that you are coming and how many others will be attending worship with you on Sunday.

If you have concerns, ideas, or questions regarding the safety precautions we have in place, contact the church office and we will forward your concerns and questions to the Health Team and the worship team leaders.

Sermons can be found on our web page.

<https://www.faithchurchneenah.com>

Click on the video button on the church's web page to see our videos and live streaming each Sunday for our worship Services. If you are having difficulty please leave a message at the church and we will get back to you and try to help. We will be live-streaming our services each Sunday on both YouTube and Facebook

The sermon can also be heard on the radio station; WEMI 91.9 however, it is a week late.

You will receive a email from the church office shortly before the service begins. Click on the link that you will be provided and you will join the worship service on YouTube. If there is a problem with the streaming to our YouTube or Facebook page, there will be a delay in the download for about one hour or so after the service, so we can upload the file a different way. Once it is available, an email will be sent to those with an email address informing them that it is up on Facebook and YouTube and you will be able to access them.

If there are any questions, Bev will be available after the worship service either at the church or on her cell, please give her a call and she will help you church office: 920-722-5842 or my cell:739-5297.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR
WORSHIP
SERMON TITLES



***New Sermon Series Begins:
“When the World takes the Wind Out of Your Sails”***

August 2, 2020

***Remember: That Our Hope is in God
Mark 4:35-41***

August 9, 2020

***Remember: That With God's Help You Can Bounce Back
Psalm 23***

August 16, 2020

***Remember: That It Is Important To Push Out of the Shallows
Luke 5:1-11***

August 23, 2020

***Remember: That There is Amazing Power in the Cross
Matthew 16:24-26***

August 30, 2020

***Remember: That We Can Trust God and Go Forward
Exodus 14:5-15***

September 6, 2020

***Remember: That Easter Has Good News For You
Matthew 28:1-6***



August Birthdays

8/2 Heidi Kuehl	8/15 Christine Fritz
8/2 Pamela Hart	8/16 Dave Jannusch
8/4 Jim Wade	8/17 Geri Manteufel
8/5 Ashley Maloney	8/17 Malee Mansfield
8/8 Charlie LeMaire	8/18 Brian Fritz
8/8 Evie Gau	8/22 Seth Geiger
8/9 Susan Johnson	8/22 Bev Pezewski
8/9 Abby Schuh	8/23 Keith Irish
8/11 Jan Lee	8/24 Debbie Fritz
8/11 Elizabeth Roberts	8/25 Jim Bayer
8/12 Lorenzo DeLaCruz	8/29 Lisa Williams

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

8/7 Ben & Carrie Walters
8/24 Jim & Kathy Bayer
8/25 Michael & Diane Knoll
8/27 Scott & Lisa Williams



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Agape bible study—will be meeting in the parking lot on Thursday evenings. If the weather is not good, they will move to the church education wing. Please join them.

JUBRICOSA YOUTH THEATRE PROGRAM

Jim and Pamela Hart are hosting a fundraiser for their Jubricosa youth theatre program. Classes were cancelled this summer. Funding is needed to keep the nonprofit organization afloat for future sessions.

Online shopping from local vendors is open July 25th - August 1 on the Jubricosa website.

A portion of sales goes to the organization. All orders will be delivered directly from the vendors.

A silent auction is also available on the website. You can start viewing the items on July 25th. Silent auction bidding will begin at 10:00am on August 1st and close at 4:00pm. Winners of auction items can collect them on August 3, from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Faith Church in Neenah. If you are out town or have a conflict with that time to pick up, please let us know and we will arrange a time to deliver.

Watch us live on Facebook, August 1 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm for live and recorded performances from our students and alumni, make a donation, have a chance to win a giveaway, and more! Visit our website <https://www.jubricosa.org/> beginning July 25th for details.

Vacation Bible School— “ Anchored “

August 19th—August 20th 6:30 P.M.—8:00 P.M. in person

August 16th, 23rd, 30th after worship (if done virtually)

Nursery –Care Room— Opens August 23rd....

Trustee Meeting August 24th, 6:00 P.M.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS/NURSERY

We are working on a plan is to open up the nursery during the month of August. We will be limiting the number of children in the nursery, we will only have those children between the ages of 2-5. If anyone would like to help with disinfecting and preparing the nursery for opening, and be part of the leadership team, on Sunday mornings, please contact Miss Bev at the church office.

We are also looking at a Vacation Bible School program. It is called "Anchored" The program will either be Wednesday August 19th and Thursday, August 20th from 6:30 P.M. — 8:00 P.M if done in person or two or Three Sundays, starting on August 16th, August 23rd and possibly August 31 after worship and done virtually. My goal is to have the classes at the church "outside" in the front by the carport and the parking lot but I have to get approval from the ad board and the Health team.

We will update with more information as decisions are made. You will be receiving a letter telling you about the program and registration forms for you to complete for each child and return it to the church if you and your children will be attending our evening VBS. Thank you for your patience during this time of uncertainty. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Bev in the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13TH

(VIRTUALLY—OR IN THE CHURCH)

FROM 10:30 A.M.—11:15 A.M. (Virtually)

10:15 A.M.—11:15 A.M. (following worship service)

The summer is almost at the end, and we have to begin thinking about the Sunday School program for the fall. There still is uncertainty in the public school systems and likewise, here at the church. We will have Sunday School starting beginning on September 13th. We are not sure how we will do this. The "Zoom" Sunday Classes that we did early in the spring, went okay, and we may begin the fall program that way, and regardless the way we have our classes, we will need teachers to help with the education program. Please think about what you would like to see and if you have any ideas on how we can move forward during these uncertain times.

The class break outs at this time will be but may be combined based on teachers and decisions.

Nursery class: Ages 2 years— 4 years (pre-K)

Kindergarten through 2nd grade

Third Grade—5th Grade

6th grade—12th Grade

Also, there will be Adult Sunday School Classes.....

Adult Sunday School Classes

The Education team is looking for teachers for each of the classes listed above. The classes can be held either virtually or in the classroom based on upcoming decisions made by the Pastor Tim, the Health Team and the Ad board.

If you are interested in teaching this fall, please contact Bev at the church office.

Theme: Jesus calms the storms of life

Scripture: He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. Mark 4:39 (NIV)

As you see, I have a toy boat with me this morning. This little boat is to remind us that we are entering into the time of year when many people enjoy getting into their boats and going out onto the lakes, rivers, and streams. Have you ever gone out in a boat? What were you doing? Some people like to go fishing, some like to go water skiing, and others may just enjoying going for a ride in the boat. No matter what you are doing in a boat, it is important to know some things about boating safety. At the very top of the list is...always wear your life jacket!

The boating season is also the season for thunderstorms. It is wise to check the weather report before going out in a boat, but sometimes the weather can change very quickly. A storm can come up suddenly and you may need to get safely to shore.

One day, Jesus and some of his disciples were out on a lake in a boat. Suddenly, without warning, a storm came up. The wind blew so hard, and the waves were so high, that water was coming into the boat and the boat was about to be turned over.

While the winds and waves tossed the little boat about, Jesus slept peacefully at one end of the boat. Some of the disciples became upset that Jesus was sleeping. They went and woke Jesus, and asked him, "Master, don't you even care that we are about to drown?"

Jesus got up and spoke to the winds and the waves.

"Peace, be still," he said. As soon as he spoke, the winds stopped blowing and the sea became calm.

Jesus' disciples were amazed! They said, "Who is this man that even the winds and the waves obey him?"

We know who Jesus is, don't we? And we know that Jesus can still calm storms today. Sometimes, there are sudden storms in our life. Perhaps it is an illness, a family problem, or the death of a friend or loved one. During these times, Jesus can calm the storms of doubt and fear in our life. He doesn't always take away all of the problems, but if we will trust in him, he will give us peace in our hearts even in the middle of a storm.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for those times when you calm the storms that come up in our daily lives. We also thank you for those times when you give us peace even though we are in the middle of a storm. We ask you to watch over us and keep us safe. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

