

Faith United Methodist Church
1025 Tullar Rd
Neenah, WI 54956

By Faith

The Monthly Newsletter

Faith United Methodist Church—

Month of November....



Hello November.

Happy Thanksgiving



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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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The Monthly Newsletter of Faith United Methodist Church November, 2018

November 2018

Dear Christian Friends,

The month of October has been anything but quiet. It contained a lot of "ifs". If the weather was nice and warm, then we had mosquitoes to deal with. If it was not warm, it was raining. If raining, it was not a gentle rain but a lot of rain. If you were watching the news there was a lot of chaos surrounding the supreme court. If, you were are a baseball fan then the Milwaukee Brewers could help ease a troubled mind with their fifth playoff appearance in their forty-nine year history. That is an important "if" because it happens approximately every ten years!

Peace and quietness of the soul. Constant chaos is not the work of our Lord it is of Satan. In my devotional reading for October 20th the passage was from Philippians 4:7 which said, "...The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." It went on to say that there is a part of the sea known as "the cushion of the sea." It lies beneath the surface that is agitated by storms and churned by the wind. It is so deep that it is a part of the sea that is never stirred. When the ocean floor in these deep places is dredged of the remains of plant or animal life, it reveals evidence of having remained completely undisturbed for hundreds, if not thousands, of years.

It went on to say that this is what the peace of God is like. An eternal calm like the cushion of the sea. It lies so deep within the human heart that no external difficulty or disturbance can reach it. This calm is available to us when we enter into the presence of God.

I found this very comforting in the midst of all that is going on and watching the behaviors of people in our nation. May we take advantage of this offer as we begin November and begin to head into the holiday season beginning with Thanksgiving.

See you in church,

Pastor Tim

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS
FOR
WORSHIP SERMON TITLES**

November, 2018

Sermon -Series:

The God We Can Know,
Looking at the I Am sayings of Jesus

November 4th
I am the Good Shepard
John 10:1-10

November 11
I am the True Vine
John 15:1-8

November 18
I am the Way the Truth and the Life
John 14-1:7

November 21 Thanksgiving Services

November 25th
I Am the Resurrection and the Life
John 11:17-26



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES & Bible
Studies**

Fall Quarter

10:15A.M.—11:15 AM

Nursery ages 2-3— Room 106

Clariellyn Sommersmith

Preschool-First Grade Room 104

Bev Pezewski & Michelle Woodard

2nd grade—5th Grade Room 208

Kurt VanHandel

Ken Gellerstedt

6th—12th Grade Room 207

Dan Duff

Adult Classes

“Sermon Notes” by Charles Stanley

Gary Reiter Room 202

“The History of Old Hymns”

Evie Gau & Mary Muthig Room 204

MEDIA CENTER/LIBRARY STUDIES

Senior Bible Study—

Wednesdays 1:30 P.M.

Agape Bible Study—

Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/1 Ruth Bloy
11/3 Mya Halverson
11/5 Scott Williams
11/7 Kevin Schuh
11/7 Nola Sell
11/10 Carter Albrecht
11/11 Michael Sell
11/13 Kris Robers
11/15 Neale Caflisch
11/21 Kyle Flom
11/21 Andrew Roos



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 November

11/9 Lorenzo & Debbie DeLaCruz
11/10 Russ & Margie Hintz
11/14 Jack & Barb Oakley
11/16 Timothy & Lori Albrecht



2018NEWSLETTER

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 the 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.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

MONTH OF November

Narthex/sanctuary entrance

11/4 Gary & Charlene Reiter
11/11 Evie Gau & Mary Davies
11/18 Mark & Cathy Geiger
11/25 Dick & MaryAnn Wylie

Education Wing Entrance

Todd & Cindy Boelter
Char Kryszak & Geraldine Manteufel
Nola Sell & Corky Sullivan
Vern & Ruth Brusewitz



SENIORS OF FAITH

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner – November 15, 2018

You are welcome to join the Seniors of Faith for a traditional Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, **November 15, 2018**. The catered dinner featuring turkey and all the trimmings will be served at **noon** in Fellowship Hall. Following dinner an interesting program will be given by Howard Dutcher, a lawyer from Wautoma. He will share his personal experiences with the Prisoners of War who were housed in camps throughout Wisconsin in the mid-1940s.

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST for this event. The cost is **\$11.00 per person, payable when you make your reservation.** Please contact Merry Beverlin at 920-470-2954 or bemerry@new.rr.com by November 12, 2018 to make your reservations.

MISSION MINISTRIES

We would love to have you come help serve a meal with us at the Homeless Connections (Now called the Pillars) on Friday, November 16th from 7-9 P.M. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Geiger.

Upcoming events —2018 “Giving Tree”

November 15—December 16, 2018. Watch the mininews and the newsletter for details. If you want to help with this upcoming event, please contact members of the Missions Committee.

Community Christmas Dinner

Faith will once again be participating in the Community Christmas Dinner at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Neenah on Dec. 8th. We will be collecting chapstick and donating 20 dozen cookies. Anyone is also welcome to volunteer to work at the dinner that day. Details to follow. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

If anyone is interested in Ringing the bells for the Salvation Army, you can go to their website and sign up to help at a time that is convenient for you.



Lord, we come to You in prayer for: Susan Johnson, Diana Vieth, Judy Schwandt, Elaine Paulson, Ernie Fritschle, Kathy Bayer, Hugh Davies, Mary Jane Thompson, Gordon Brigham, Margaret Schultz, Marilyn Nyberg, 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; and our many unspoken pray-

NORTH EAST DISTRICT CIRCUIT CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Churches' Charge Conference for the district will be held on November 11, 2018 here at Faith Church at 6:00 P.M. We will have information for everyone who attends; watch the mininews for details as we get closer to the event. This conference will be similar to last year when we all met at Peace United Methodist Church in Kaukauna. The meeting will be with all churches in the district.

WEMI NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

The Family asks for your prayers and support during their annual Fall Fundraiser, November 5-9. A Northeast/Central Wisconsin radio ministry, they are non-denominational and listener-supported, featuring contemporary Christian music and programs. Their "Help for the Homeless" hygiene drive supports more than 80 crisis programs annually in 15 communities, serving 70,000 people. To make a pledge of support, volunteer to help answer pledge phones, or pray for the prayer requests that are called in during the event please call 800-236-9364. Pledge or donate on-line at

OFFICE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for someone to volunteer in the church office every other Wednesday morning from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

This is a very laid back position. The main responsibilities are answering the phone, greeting people as they enter the building and some light office work (as needed).

If you are interested, please contact Bev in the office.

CALL FOR REPORTS

We are asking for "year-end reports" from each ministry team leader and committee chairperson. While we will not be presenting them at the Circuit Charge Conference as in previous years, we will be creating an "end of year report" for the congregation to have the information.

After the circuit Charge Conference is over we will put together a report and have it available in the Narthex.

If you still haven't sent in your report there is still time. Thank you to those who have already sent their report. Once the reports are in the church office will gather them together and prepare the report. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bev in the

FAITHFUL SINGERS REHEARSALS

The Faithful Singers, Faith Church's adult choir rehearse 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 msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com or by cell phone at 765.993.7019.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Starting November 4, 2018, there will be a forms in each Sunday bulletin for ordering Poinsettias, to help decorate the church for the holiday season and to take with you for your celebrations at home. If you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia—watch for the form, fill it out and put it in the offering baskets.

We will be working with the decorating team and the florist and will let you know in the midweek when the flowers will need to be ordered by so they can be available when the decorating team wants to have them.



Quick Summary of September 2018 Financial Information

Operating Fund – Sept receipts were \$20,010; disbursements were \$20,405 for net disbursements of (\$395). Year to date receipts were \$199,142; disbursements were \$199,126 for net receipts of \$16. The Operating Fund balance was \$11,886 at January 1, 2018 and was positive \$7 at Sept 30, 2018.

Building Fund – September receipts were \$1,705; disbursements were \$1,020 for net receipts of \$685. Year to date receipts were \$14,608; disbursements were \$9,182 for net receipts of \$5,426. The Building Fund balance was \$3,128 at January 1, 2018 and was \$8,554 at Sept 30, 2018.

Carpeting Fund – Sept receipts were \$40. There were no disbursements. Year to date receipts were \$5,388. There were no disbursements. The Carpeting Fund balance was negative (\$5,054) at January 1, 2018 and was \$294 at Sept 30, 2018.

Unrestricted Cash Balances – total \$79,703 as of Sept 30, 2018. The accounts are held at Investors Community Bank, Appleton, WI.

Restricted Cash Balances – Pynch Memorial Fund – is \$10,025 as of Sept 30, 2018. Principal of \$10,000 is to be maintained forever. Earnings on the account are to be used for kitchen supplies and library materials. The account is held at Investors Community Bank, Appleton, WI.

Mortgage Balance – The mortgage balance on Sept, 2018 is \$80,542. Payments of \$1,020 (principal and interest at 4.750 percent) are due on the 25th of each month. The final payment is due September 25, 2020. The mortgage is held by Investors Community Bank.

JOINT THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

November 21, 2018

Whiting Community Baptist will be hosting the Tullar Road joint Thanksgiving Eve worship service this year. We will be joining the congregations of Whiting Community Baptist Church and Gloria Dei Lutheran on Wednesday evening November 21st and members of each church's choir will be singing together. We will provide you with updated information as it becomes available.

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES

Christmas Program – December 9, 2018

To all children and youth - We will begin preparing for our Christmas program that we will be performing on December 9th starting in November. If you are interested in being part of the Christmas program, help with the sound, taking pictures and helping with setting up the scenes. All the children from our Nursery class to our Senior high class, can be involved in the program this year.

Also, if any children, youth or adult play an instrument Micah and Bev would like you to be part of our Christmas program as well. Please see Miss Bev. We will have a letter prepared for each family and Miss Bev will stop in each classroom on November 4th to tell you a little more about the program.

JUST A REMINDER — AREA HOSPITAL PROCEDURES —

The local hospitals in the area have changed their procedures in regards to notifying churches when members of their congregations are hospitalized. Ascension St. Elizabeth's Hospital does not call the churches when someone is hospitalized. The admissions office will still ask if you have a church affiliation so the information is available for the chaplains on duty. Aurora Medical Center and Ascension Mercy Hospital in Oshkosh and Thedacare—Appleton and Thedacare Neenah have already had this procedure in place. The unit staff or the chaplains may call one time if the family or patient ask them to make a call. This is due to several reasons, the main reason is the privacy laws (HIPAA, Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act), that both state and Federal governments have in place and another reason is the decreased number of volunteers to call the churches.

Certain Specialty units do not publicize patients names at the front desk or give them to the telephone operators. The operators and front desk staff will say "there are no patients here by that name". So any visitor or someone calling in for a name or room number will not get a room number or will not allow you to go up to those units.

So we are asking that if you or a family member are being hospitalized and want a visit from Pastor Tim, we will need for you or your family member to call the church office and let us know that you or your family member is hospitalized and what room number they are in.

For the Specialty Units, you will need to verify with the nursing unit for their rules and guidelines for visitors and whether or not visitors will be allowed into these units before you call.

We don't want to miss someone, so please call the church office and let us know. If you have any questions regarding this please contact the church office.



**NOVEMBER 4th
Day Light Savings
time Ends.**

So Remember.....

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.

My Thanksgiving Top Ten List



Theme: We have much for which to be thankful!

Scripture: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4 (NIV)

Do you enjoy working puzzles? I do, I especially enjoy word puzzles and I have a word search puzzle this morning. At the end of the children's sermon this morning, I will give each of you one of these puzzles so that you can find all of the words that are hidden in there. The title of the puzzle is "My Thanksgiving List." I looked at all of the things on this list and made another list. It is a list of the top ten things for which I am thankful. Your top ten list might be different from mine, but here is my Thanksgiving Top Ten List.

10. My house – there are many people in this world today who have no place to live. Many of them sleep on park benches and under bridges.

9. Food - we always have plenty to eat at our house. Many people don't. Every day as I drive home from work, I see people standing beside the road holding a sign that says, "Will work for food."

8. Clothes – I never have to worry about whether there will be clothes in my closet for me to put on each day. Many people only have the clothes that they are wearing.

7. Health – I am thankful that I am blessed with good health. Many people have a serious illness which keeps them from enjoying a full and happy life.

6. My country – I am thankful that I live in a country where I enjoy great freedom. In many countries you don't have much freedom. In some countries you can be put in prison, or even put to death, for telling others about Jesus.

5. Teachers – I am thankful for the teachers that I have had in school and in church who have taught me the things I needed to know to live a happy and successful life.

4. Friends – I am thankful for my many friends. In times of trouble, I have always had friends who were there to help me.

3. Family – I am thankful for my family. God has given me a wonderful wife and son and many other family members whom I love very much.

2. Parents – I am thankful that God blessed me with wonderful parents who loved me, cared for me, and taught me about Jesus and his love.

1. Jesus – Jesus is number one on the list of things for which I am thankful. No one ever loved me like Jesus. He loved me so much that he was willing to die on a cross so that I can have everlasting life. Thank you, Jesus.

2. Well, that is my top ten list. I have been given much. The Bible says that God blesses us and gives us much so that we may show our thanks by sharing it with others. I hope that this Thanksgiving, we will share what God has given us with those who do not have as much as we do.

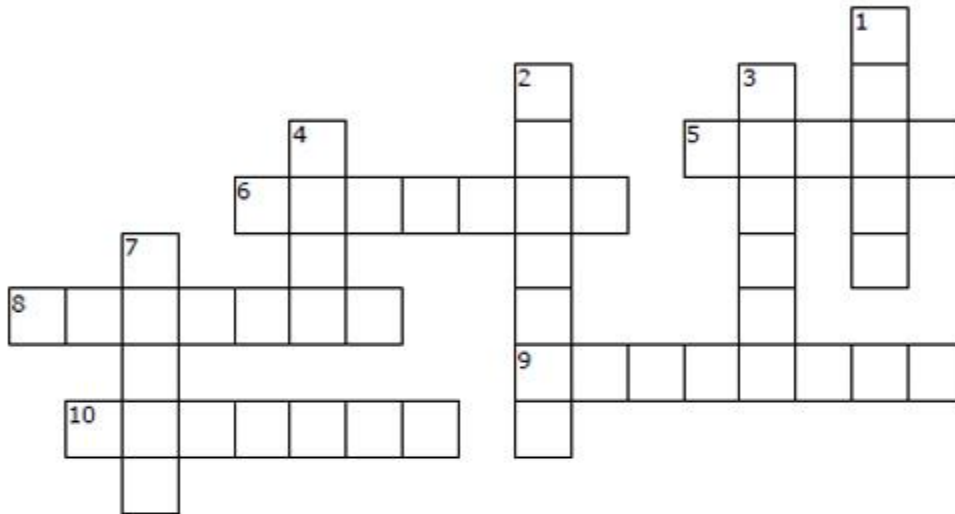
Dear Lord, thank you for all of your rich blessings. Help us to share what you have given us with those who are less fortunate than we are. Amen.



Let them give thanks to the LORD for his
unfailing
love and his wonderful deeds for men.
Psalm 107:8

My Thanksgiving List

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ACROSS

5. The Son of God
6. An area of land that has its own government; a nation, the USA
8. A person whom you know well and like a lot
9. The person who gives instruction at school
10. Things such as dresses, pants, shirts, and blouses

DOWN

1. A building in which people live
2. A person's mother and father
3. The condition of the body and how free it is illness; Are you in good _____?
4. What people and animals eat to keep them alive
7. The holy book containing God's Word

COUNTRY	PARENTS	CLOTHES	FRIENDS	JESUS
TEACHERS	BIBLE	FOOD	HOUSE	HEALTH

Thanksgiving Top Ten List

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11



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November 2018

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