

Faith United Methodist Church
1025 Tullar Rd
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By Faith

The Monthly Newsletter

Faith United Methodist Church—

Month of October....



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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 October, 2018

October 2018

Dear Christian Friends,

Sometimes the business of life keeps spinning and we kind of become numb to the events of it. Reflecting back as we begin October there have been many things happening at Faith Church in the last couple of months. Some have weighed heavy on our hearts. We continue to pray for Susan and John Johnson as Susan recovers from her aneurysm. The sudden death of Bill Shepard caught us all off guard too. But in the midst of everything life continues to go on. Part of those life events have seen our young families continue to expand as we welcome Zoe Gellerstadt and Miriam Steffek into the world and into Faith Church. Also, there will be coming an announcement regarding the results of the Holy Cow assessment.

What does this all mean? It reminds us that God is the author of life, when it begins and ends. Not only that, but he is the author of all that happens in between too. Ecclesiastes three says for everything there is a season.

It might appear at times that things are out of control if one listens or reads the news on a regular basis. However, if we stay strong in God's word through worship, studying our Bible and witness we had nothing to fear.

Hebrews 13:8 says, "...Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." that has not changed!

See you in church.

Pastor Tim

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS
FOR
WORSHIP SERMON TITLES**

October, 2018

Sermon -Series:

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

October 7, 2018

Knowing The Great "I Am"
Exodus 3:1-14

October 14, 2018

I Am the Bread of Life
John 6:27-59

October 21, 2018

I Am The Light of The World
John 7:2,14; 8:12

October 28, 2018

Gary Reiter Preaching



**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

10/1 Amy Burns
10/2 Anmarie Roos
10/3 Ursula Scharschmidt
10/8 Charlene Reiter
10/10 Micah Sommersmith
10/17 Cindy Siegel
10/20 Ginny Shepard
10/21 Deb Schultz
10/25 Chelsea Fritz
10/26 Sara Armstrong
10/29 Taylor Kuehl
10/30 Mary Jane Thompson
10/30 Matt Hinz
10/31 Laurel Marchinowski



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.

October —Wedding Anniversaries

10/1 Shawn & Savannah Bordeaux
10/4 Stan & Deb Schultz
10/13 James & Mary Jo Ryan
10/16 Eric & Christel Schlieter
10/22 John & Carole Halverson
10/24 Brian & Lori Fritz
10/29 Jim & Ardis Lyons



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 October

Narthex/sanctuary entrance

October 7 John & Beth Hall
October 14 Charles & Sharon Bucholtz
October 21 Judith Schwandt & Diana Vieth
October 28 Cindy & Mary Muthig

Education Wing Entrance

Bev Pezewski & Kevin Schuh
Terry & Joanne Ball
Ruth Brusewitz & Ginny Shepard
Julie Beck & Ann Cheshire

LOOKING FOR HELPERS IN THE NURSERY

We are in need of helpers for our nursery—care room. We have had several youth who have been helping in our Nursery during worship service for the past couple of years, but they are going to be starting their confirmation class and will need to be in Worship Service each Sunday.

So we are looking for helpers. If you have a desire to work with the young children, and would like to help out in our Nursery area, please contact the church office or see Bev after Sunday morning worship.

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.

If you are interested, please contact Dave Jannusch



MISSION MINISTRIES

We would love to have you come help serve a meal with us at the Homeless Connections on Friday, October 19th 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.

Would anyone be interested in helping with the "Salvation Army" Bell Ringing—one day or evening during the holiday season, please see Bev in the church office.



Lord, we come to You in prayer for: comfort and strength for the *Bill Shepard family*, Susan Johnson, Judy Schwandt, Elaine Paulson, Ernie Fritschle, Kathy Bayer, Mary Jane Thompson, Gordon Brigham, 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; and our many unspoken prayers.



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.

CALL FOR REPORTS

You may have noticed we will be having the circuit charge conference meeting on November 11, 2018 we are asking for "year-end reports" from each 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. You can send your yearend report to the church office by October 21st. Once the he reports the church office will gather them together and prepare the report. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bev in the church office. Thank you for your help on this project.

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.

Quick Summary of August 2018 Financial Information

Operating Fund – August receipts were \$16,590; disbursements were \$18,757 for net disbursements of (\$841). Year to date receipts were \$179,145; disbursements were \$178,734 for net receipts of \$411. The Operating Fund balance was \$11,886 at January 1, 2018 and was positive \$12,296 at August 31, 2018.

Building Fund – August receipts were \$1,721; disbursements were \$1,020 for net receipts of \$701. Year to date receipts were \$12,904; disbursements were \$8,160 for net receipts of \$4,744. The Building Fund balance was \$3,128 at January 1, 2018 and was \$7,871 at August 31, 2018.

Carpeting Fund – August receipts were \$30. There were no disbursements. Year to date receipts were \$5,348. There were no disbursements. The Carpeting Fund balance was negative (\$5,054) at January 1, 2018 and was \$294 at August 31, 2018.

Unrestricted Cash Balances – total \$82,552 as of August 31, 2018. The accounts are held at Investors Community Bank, Appleton, WI.

Restricted Cash Balances – Pynch Memorial Fund – is \$10,022 as of August 31, 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 August 31, 2018 is \$81,177. 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.

Here are several opportunities for Lay Servant Ministry Trainings that have been scheduled around the area, if you are interested, please check out the various dates and times on the next two pages.

Lay Servant Ministry Trainings

Saturdays, October 27 and November 3, 2018

9:00 am – 3:00 pm Bethany UMC 1110 Echo Lane Green Bay, WI

There will be three lay servant ministry classes being held at the same time. Students from all three classes will join together for opening and closing worship and lunch both days. You choose which class you want to attend. You will need to purchase your book on line from Cokesbury or Amazon. Lunch will be provided and donations will be accepted.

Contact the leader of each class to register.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 8, 2018

Basic Class –

For those who have never taken a class before:

Led by Paul Schumacher - spaulsdoor@aol.com 920.823.2109

Book to be used: Lay Servant Ministries – Basic course Participants Book by Sandy Jackson with Brian Jackson.

Advanced Class –

For those who have taken the basic course or need the course to fulfill their lay speaker requirements: **Spiritual Gifts**

Led by Rev. Amy Powell powellmama@gmail.com 608.220.5873 (cell) Book to be used: Each One a Minister (revised and expanded version) by William J Carter

Advanced Class –

For those have taken the basic course or need the course to fulfill their lay speaker requirements:

Preaching Led by Rev. David Leistra,

PastorLeistra@gmail.com 920.866.8957

Book to be used: From Your Heart to Theirs, Participants Guide: Delivering an Effective Sermon by David Carroll and Tony Franks

Your instructor will e-mail specific plans 2-3 weeks prior to the first class.

If you have any questions about these trainings, please contact: Rebecca Voss at

PastorRebeccaVoss@gmail.com or 920.360.7396.

Lay Servant Ministry Training – Advanced Course*

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Faith UMC

633 Detroit St. Sheboygan Falls, WI

All laity are invited to participate in all Lay Servant Ministries courses, not just persons seeking to become a Local Lay Servant or Certified Lay Servant. The Basic Class is NOT a prerequisite before taking this class.

Leading Worship

Led by Pastor Mary Balson

First United Methodist, Campbellsport, WI

Book to be used: *Worshipping with United Methodists* - Revised Edition by author Hoyt L. Hickman will be the primary textbook for the class. You will need to purchase your book on line from Cokesbury or Amazon.

To Register, please contact:

Caren Schultz, Administrative Assistant; Faith United Methodist Church

633 Detroit St. Sheboygan Falls, WI (920) 467-6244 — E-mail: crossandflameumc@gmail.com

Fee: \$10.00

This covers snacks and lunches for BOTH days. Please make check payable to: **Faith United Methodist Church**, and send to: 633 Detroit St., Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

JUST A REMINDER — AREA HOSPITAL PROCEDURES HAVE CHANGED—



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 or may call one time. 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.

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. We are going to be working with the Lay Ministries team to try and work out a solution, but until we get something in place please be sure that no one is missed, please call the church office and let us know.



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.

FAMILY MINISTRIES(Children/Youth)

—NEXT ADVENTURE



October, 21, 2018 after Worship and Sunday School—the family and youth of Faith will be traveling to the Mulberry Lane Farm in Sherwood, Wi. Everyone is invited to join the children/youth's and their parents visit to the Farm. Please join in the fun. Invite your friends from school or your neighbors.



The children and youth will be able to pet the animals, maybe ride a pony, catch a chicken, kiss a pig, cuddle a kitten and enjoy a hayride. There are many things we can do at Mulberry Lane Farm. We also will be able to pick your own pumpkin. We are working on the details for lunch before we leave for our adventure. Hope that everyone will be able to come and fellowship and enjoy the time we can spend with our church family.

The pictures that are below and on the next page are pictures from our adventure to the New Zoo on the 23rd of September. We missed you

Hope you will be able to come to our next adventure and bring home a pumpkin for yourself or your children or your grandchildren.







Children's Story for the month – Rely on God – Acts 17:28 (**Stay close and Depend on God**)

Scripture: *"For in Him [GOD] we live and move and have our being. "Acts 17:28*

Gather round kids. Everyone all cozy? Alright! Let's think about a clock. Let's say you have two clocks one that works and a clock that doesn't work.....what would you do! Let's look at them. Aren't they quite the same? Both have the face, the hands, and the numbers to show. Both are quite complete, don't you think? From your view, both might even seem to work just fine. A clock needs very important parts like batteries and most importantly, the machine (or circuit board) to actually do its job or purpose. Inside this circuit board are gears that guide and move the hands of the clock. And tell me again, what is a clock supposed to do for you anyway? it's supposed to tell time right. More importantly, it's not just supposed to tell you time. It's to tell you the ACTUAL time, the right time!

When it's working properly, a clock helps you know when it is time to do things or to be somewhere. A properly working clock helps you stay on track and show up for people and places that count on you to be there for help or for certain responsibilities. But without the necessary parts, any clock is useless. The purpose is great; it is actually grand! But without the essential parts that make it work, it is a complete and utter junk.

You know, we are like these clocks in some way. We have a special purpose in this life. [God created us to do special things](#). God has given us gifts like skills, creativity, strength, wit, and so much more. With all these gifts, we can do things and do them well. We can do well in school. We can help our families. We can pursue hobbies for our enjoyment. Most importantly, we are able to do all these with God and through God.

The Bible says with God in us and guiding us, we can live life rightly and happily and find achievements in this life. With God guiding us, we can know when and how we need to fulfill our purpose. The Bible says that when we are connected with God (like a clock is connected with the machinery/circuit board, or, like a clock is powered and guided by gears) we find out our purposes in this life- the roles we need to play and the things we need to do. The Bible also says that with God strengthening us (like batteries powering a clock), we can be able to do things we find difficult at first to do.

So kids, remember to keep relying on God and [including Him in your daily life](#). Got a difficult test coming up? Do your best to study and pray for God to help you remember important things that will come up in the test. Got a project you need to finish? Ask God for wisdom and know that He is helping you every step of the way! [God is with you all the time](#). Never forget that! Stay purposed [focused] in Him and stay powered by Him! Prayer: Help us to remember that we need to stay close to God and that he will be there to help us in Jesus name we pray Amen.

Jesus and the
Children



He Has Chosen Us!

Ephesians 1:3-14



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PUZZLE CLUES 1. He _____ us before the creation of the world. (vs. 4)

2. God makes everything work our according to his _____. (vs. 11)

3. God has given us _____ and understanding. (vs. 8)

4. We become God's children through _____ in Jesus Christ. (vs. 12) Answer: Because of his love, God chose to _____ us. (vs. 5) Check your answers in Ephesians:3-14 (NLT)



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