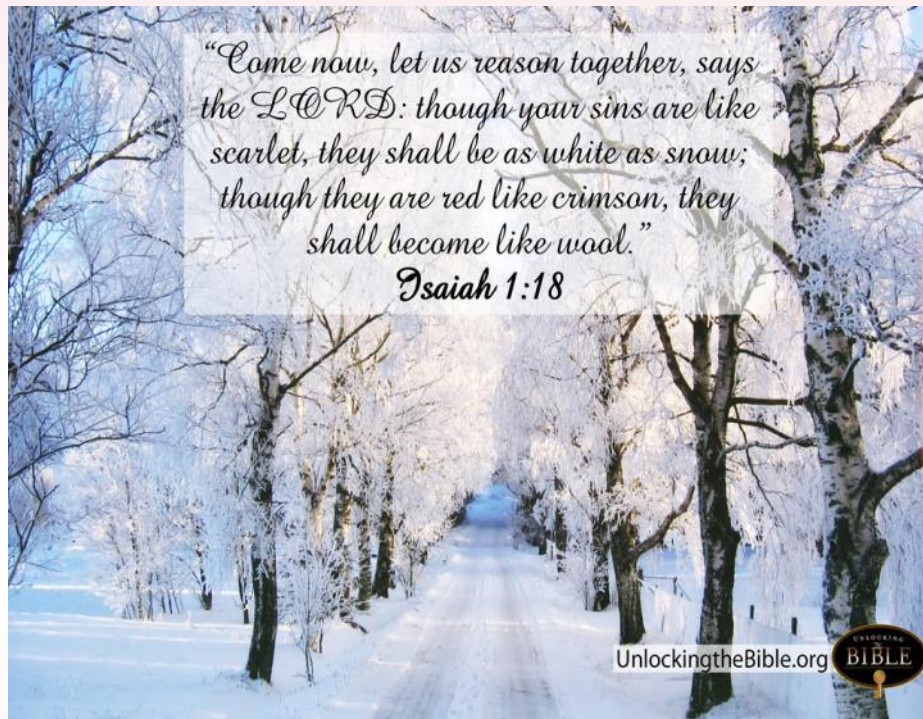


By Faith

Faith United Methodist Church—



JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Beginning of a New Year 2022

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.



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**Faith United
Methodist Church**
1025 Tulare Rd
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Sunday Worship
Service
9:00 a.m.
Sunday School
(for all ages)
10:15 - 11:15
(Sept - May)

January 2022

Greetings Faith Church,

Christ is born and a new year has begun! Because of Covid, the last two years have been somewhat foggy and confusing for all of us. Now, I have to confess that this Advent/Christmas season was the best one that I have been involved with since I have been in the ordained ministry. Previously, I have said the Christmas words about Jesus birth, been part of Christmas programs as a youth, opened gifts at Christmas and then December 26th came and everything was over. Then the dog days of winter set in. I forgot this, my birthday came in January, and that was a brief pause for a day!

This year I got a better understanding of what the Incarnation was all about and what it means personally. God is good! During the now completed Incarnation series, I was using a book by Adam Hamilton entitled the Incarnation, Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas. Something I did not have time to talk about was that question why do we celebrate Christmas on December 25th? Now no one exactly knows the day that Jesus was born. Because during Jesus time in Jewish culture people did not ordinarily celebrate birthdays nor were certificates issued by the government recording a child's birth. However, the winter solstice begins on December 22 and winter begins and we know that this is the shortest day of the year! The good news with that is on the 23rd the days begin to get longer! The light is piercing in and moving out the darkness just as Jesus birth is the light and the darkness cannot overcome it. A light that shines into the dark corners of our lives. With Christ's birth we have a light to blot out the darkness of sin.

For this we can be thankful. As we/you begin the new year, the last three sentence from my devotional reading from December 26th help with how we should begin the new with gratitude. It said this: "...So whenever you are counting your blessings, be sure to include the infinite wealth you have in Me. Add Me into the equation, and your gratitude will grow exponentially. Whatever you have + Me= an incalculable fortune! With Christ's birth we many blessings have much to be thankful for.

See you in church,
Pastor Tim

Preparing our Hearts for Worship

SERMON TITLES

JANUARY 2022

Begin new 5 week sermon
series: Dare To Be Great!

January 2, 2021

Dare to Follow

Matthew 22:34-40

January 9, 2021

Dare to Care

Luke 10:30-37

January 16, 2021

Dare to Serve

Matthew 23:11

January 23, 2021

Dare To Grow

Matthew 28:19-20

January 30, 2021

Dare to Be Great

Acts 20:24

Sunday School

children, youth & adults

Weekly - BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER Worship

10:00 A.M. — 11:00 A.M.

Nursery class:

Ages 2-4 years Room 106

Julie Caflisch, Michelle Woodard

Pre – K — Kindergarten — 1st grade
Room 104 Bev Pezewski

Second—Fourth Grade Room 208
Kurt VanHandel Ken Gellerstedt

5th—12th Grade Room 207 Dan Duff

Adult Sunday School class Room 204
Hugh Davies

Agape Bible Study—Library
Thursday 6:30 P.M.

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The Midweek connection *Faith United Methodist Church*

Sunday Morning
2nd SUNDAY After Christmas
WORSHIP SERVICE
January 2, 2022 9:00 A.M.

Call to Worship

Prelude:

Welcome

Opening Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" **UMH64**

Children's Message **Bev Pezewski**

"Morning Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Gifts to God

*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH #95**

Special Music: "I Am Nothing" (by Ginny Owns)

Beginning New 5 week sermon series: "Dare To Be Great!"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon "Dare to Follow" **Pastor Tim**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn: "The Bond of Love

Benediction

Postlude:

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal *TFWS – The Faith We Sing Song Book*

Assisted Listening Devices available – See an usher

DARE TO BE GREAT

...Dare to Follow...

Matthew 22:34-40

The Dare to be Great Challenge:

A great _____ to the Great Commandments and the great Commission done with great compassion will grow a great _____ (and a great Christian)

- Matthew 22:34-40 — the Great Commandments
- 1 John 4:19

How Do I Keep the Great Commandment?

1. To Love God With All my _____

....I Give Him my _____

- 1 Matthew 22:37
- Deuteronomy 11:16

Idolatry _____

(Exodus 20:4-6, Romans 1:25)

- Romans 12:1

2. To Love God With All My _____

.... I Give Him My _____

- Matthew 22:37
- John 15:21

My Faith Goals for 2022

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- Matthew 6:33

3. To Love God With All My _____....

... I Give Him My _____.

- 1 Matthew 22:37
- Psalm 119:105
- Philippians 4:8

Memory Verse: Matthew 22:37-38

Children's Message

Jesus tells us which is the greatest commandment.

Scripture

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Rules are very important, aren't they? Whether you are at school, at work, or play there are rules that you are expected to follow. In just about every classroom that I have ever been in, there is a poster on the wall like this one with a list of rules that the teacher expects the students to follow. (Read the rules to the children.)

I think that is a pretty good list of rules, don't you? Which one of these rules do you think is the most important? (Allow some feedback.) Which rule do you think your teacher would think is most important? Well, if you were to ask me, I would say that the most important rule is "be kind and respect one another."

The people in Jesus' day had to follow rules too. One day a lawyer asked Jesus, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?" How many commandments there are? There are ten, aren't there? Well, there were ten that Moses wrote on the tablets of stone and we call them the Ten Commandments, but the Jews actually had 613 laws. There were 248 dos and 365 don'ts. Wow! That is a lot of dos and don'ts isn't it? Can you imagine trying to remember all of them? Six hundred thirteen laws! Which one do you think Jesus said was the most important? Listen to what Jesus said to the lawyer.

Jesus answered him, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,' this is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." In other words, Jesus was saying that if we could keep these two commandments, we would not have any trouble keeping the others.

It isn't easy to keep the commandments, is it? We need God's help each and every day. Let's pray and ask him to help us to love as he has commanded us.

Dear Father, help us to love you with all of our heart and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Amen.

Lord, we come to you in prayer for joy, comfort and healing for:

Prayers for Tom and Marly Driver—Marly had knee replacement on December 30th

Sharon LeMaire—prayers for healing she had her knee replaced on December 28th.

Mary Jane Thompson—Prayers as she deals with medical concerns.

Hugh Davies—Prayers for his sister who has stage 4 ovarian cancer who had surgery recovering well treatment and doing well another sister who lives in Canada recently had a heart attack, she had 3 stents put in place and is doing well

Terry Ball —Thanks for Christmas eve it was a fun time. Thank you Terry for organizing and doing the work

Mike Steffek— prayers my uncle Brad who is dealing with bladder cancer was able to come and visit family for Christmas.

Prayers for the family of Marietta Lambrecht, passed away, the mother of Pastor Tom and Andy.

Jerry & Nola Sell—Prayers for Corky Sullivan is in Hospice, the next phase of his life

Continued Prayers for Sharon LeMaire, Neale Caflisch, Rom Pegram, Bob Fritz, Dick Wylie, Liz Roberts, Chuck and Jonel Ankrum, Corky Sullivan, Lisa Armstrong, Eric Schlieter, Kathy Bayer, Jack & Barb Oakley, Jim Hart, Marilyn Nyberg, Mary Jane Thompson, Vern Brusewitz, others in need of healing, financial needs, continued prayers for all our members of our church family, our many unspoken prayers and our answered prayers.

NUTTY KNOTTERS

Thank you everyone who helped us with donations of cotton fabric, sheets of any size and yarn. Would you like to join our group— Our quilting group, namely The Nutty Knotters, meets here at Faith every Wednesday morning in our Fellowship hall from 8:30 a.m.—12:00 noon. We work in partnership with St. Mark's Lutheran. If you have any questions or would like to be a part of our group please give a shout out to Terry Ball.

THE PILLARS GIVING TREE DRIVE

Thank you for your donations. To the Pillars drive this year. The Pillars and the mission team want to thank everyone who participated in our donation drive this year.

VOLUNTEERS

As we start the new year, the church office is looking for helpers for several continuing projects. One is to prepare the cards for birthdays and get well wishes, help with keeping the office neat and clean helping with putting together the Sunday bulletin on Thursday mornings and help with the midweek mailing. We are also looking for helpers to work one Sunday a month if possible in the nursery during worship. Please let Bev in the church office know if you have an interest in

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

1/13 Lydia Sommersmith

1/14 T.J. Severson

1/19 Tom Divver

1/20 Zach Flom

1/21 Lori Albrecht

1/22 Amelia Kemper

1/25 Terry Ball

1/26 Hugh Davies

11/27 Michael Steffek

1/31 Kurt VanHandel



Anniversaries

1/2 Jerry & Nola Sell

1/14 Michael & Maryann Halverson

1/15 Jeremy & Bobbi Olson



Sermons can be found on our web page. <https://www.faithchurchneenah.com>

Click on the watch us live button on the church's web page to see our 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

Our YouTube channel is: [faithunitedmethodistchurchneenah.youtube.com](https://www.faithunitedmethodistchurchneenah.youtube.com)

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. The sermon can also be heard on the radio station; WEMI 91.9 however, but are a week later.

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. (920-722-5842 or cell:739-5297).

Thank you

Thank you to Terry Ball as he prepared and served our Soup Supper on Christmas Eve and to those who helped prepare the Fellowship Hall.

THE UPPER ROOM

The Upper room is available on the table in the Narthex and in the office. If you are unable to come to worship and would like an Upper room, please contact the church office and we will mail one to you.

Thank you

Thank you to Dave Jannusch, Kurt VanHandel, Dan Duff, and Ben Ropella, who helped with recording and picture taking during the Children and Youth's Christmas program

Also thank you to Micah Sommersmith, Kurt VanHandel, Ken Gellerstedt, Julie Caflich, Michelle Woodard and all the parents who helped in getting the youth and children ready for the program..







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