



Faith Connections

A look at what Christ is doing through
Faith United Methodist Church, Trenton, Michigan
Serving God and community since 1958



February 2021



First, I share thanksgiving and praise. Because of very strong giving in the

last two months of 2020 and carefully reducing our spending, we finished the year with a positive balance. I thank everyone who made it possible. Second, we also received an influx of pledges for 2021 in the last month. The amount pledged for 2021 exceeded the amount in 2020. The increase was largely people who increased their pledges, as well as others who turned in their pledge this last month. We are grateful for everyone's commitment and look forward to the coming year. Lastly, the Worship Team has prayed about and researched what we would need to transmit worship from the sanctuary. A Tech Task Force identified needed equipment and a generous family agreed to fund the project. We are grateful to our Lord for providing so that we can transmit worship from the sanctuary. We hope to begin sometime in February.

In the next month the worship topics will focus on prayer. The topics will be:

- January 24: The Prayer of a Wise Leader: Kings David and Solomon 1 Kings 3:7-15
- February 7: The Prayer of the Bold: Peter and John. Acts 4:24-31
- February 14: The Prayer for Christ to Be in Us: Paul Ephesians 3:14-21

I ask that you practice the "Three Squared" prayer daily. Pray three times a day, for three minutes, for three things:

- 1) **Thank** God for something.
- 2) **Realign** with God (lifting up where you've sinned or fallen short-and ask for forgiveness.
- 3) Pray to **share God's love/kindness** with someone.

We are living in a time when we need to center ourselves in God's Presence and pray for our nation. Giving thanks centers our minds on God's goodness. Realigning reconnects us with God. Praying to share God's love/kindness provides intentionality of living God's love and making a difference. Let's pray for God to do things beyond what we can do, and to be the presence of God's goodness.

Gratefully serving our Lord with you,
Pastor Wayne

FUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry



This wonderful ministry provides comfort and support for those in spiritual or physical need by providing them with handmade shawls, Afghans, blankets, scarves, and just about anything that can be sewn, tied, knitted, or crocheted. Our Prayer Shawl group meets every **Thursday evening** at **7:00 P.M.** All are Welcome!

MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor.....	Rev. Dr. Wayne Price
Deacon.....	Rev. Grace Ann Beebe
Newsletter Editor.....	Karin Hiske
Nursery Attendant.....	Lauren Solano
Sunday School Coordinator.....	Heather Stefan
Coordinator of Technology.....	Rick Perlaki
Organist.....	Sandy Strall
Youth Coordinator.....	Cheryl Lentner
Director of Music.....	Stephanie Bell
Administrative Asst.....	Karin Hiske
Custodian.....	Jon Ream
Pianist.....	Karen Johnson

Sunday Morning Worship Service Schedule on Zoom February Liturgist Schedule

10:00 AM

Feb. 7	Kay Kornis
Feb. 14	Ruth Briggs
Feb. 21	Scott Church
Feb. 28	David Hiske

**A special thanks to everyone who serves
the Lord so willingly & faithfully!**



Dear Faith United
Methodist Church:

Thank you so much for your generous donation to St. Philip Food Pantry. It is deeply appreciated. Thanks again and God Bless!

Love and Prayers, Pola, Coy, Barb, Pat



Our ChristNet Daytime center remains open for guests at Church of the Nazarene, providing breakfast and lunch as well as our support services. Our Nighttime Shelter program is being housed in a local motel, provided by Wayne Metro Services. Both of these facilities are set up following the CDC pandemic guidelines, keeping our guests safe.

Pastor Wayne has let me know that ChristNet is our Faith Church **MISSION PROJECT** for February. As a church, we have whole heartedly supported ChristNet in many ways, especially in late February/early March, when we have welcomed ChristNet guests into our Faith home for a week of hospitality. While we cannot host ChristNet guests in our church this year due to the pandemic, there are many ways that we can continue our mission.

ChristNet churches have been encouraged to remain involved this year by providing evening dinners during their usual host week for guests at the motel, as well as breakfast supplies. With the help of individuals from our church and many other churches, lunches are being provided daily at the Daytime Center.

Our Host Week is Sunday, February 28 through Saturday, March 6. We will provide the dinners that week as well as breakfast items and some lunch supplies, much like if we were hosting at Faith. And just like hosting at Faith, much help is needed to have a successful week. I have already heard from several people who would like to be involved and will be in touch with you. More information will be coming via e-mail around February 1, which will include information on signing up for meals, donations needed, etc. Anyone should contact me directly, **especially if you do not have e-mail**, if you have any questions. Please give prayerful consideration on how you can be a part of our mission this year.

As always, please keep our ChristNet guests, and each other, in your prayers during this continued stressful time.

Many Blessings,

Linda Dickman (734) 673-2444

P.S. Tom and I were fortunate to be able to visit with Joan and Larry Maas Thursday afternoon, January 14. We were outside, socially distanced and masked and had a very nice visit. They have been keeping in touch with family and meeting newborn great grandchildren on Zoom.

NEW UPDATES at Faith Church

Faith Church tentatively plans to share its' Sunday worship services in the parking lot and also via **ZOOM** at 10:00 a.m. **The Zoom link for worship is:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/338584368>.

Participants can **ALSO** join the ZOOM worship service by telephone, as well. Dial 1-312-626-6799 at **9:55 a.m.** You will be prompted by the operator to enter the meeting number followed by the pound (#) sign. Please enter the number - 338584368# and stay on the line until the service begins".

Faith will continue sharing Pastors' weekly Sunday Worship Service also on **Facebook** on the Wayne Price homepage **at 11:00 a.m.** and we encourage you to join, wherever you are!

Pastor Wayne continues his virtual Bible study on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on **Zoom**. Here is the link to the weekly Bible Study: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82441454354>.

Small groups (10 or less) continue to meet inside the church. Please note: Everyone entering the building is asked to sign in on the clip board (name, date, phone #). This list will be utilized to contact folks if possible COVID exposure has happened. All indoor meetings need to be scheduled and reserved through the church office. Thank you!

The church **is open Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** If you would like to pick up the church bulletin, weekly devotions, newsletter, or fundraiser and other items from the church, please stop by during those times. You can also leave your tithing envelopes in the office.

Continue to stay happy and healthy,

Karin Hiske, Admin. Asst.



Altar Flowers

To have flowers placed on the altar or organ as a tribute, memorial, or a special occasion, please call the church office.

The price of the bouquet is \$15.00, a rose is \$6.00.

The flowers on the altar on Sunday, Feb. 14 are in celebration of Darlene Peryam's birthday and given by Dave Peryam.



Our church has one and we want to know about your concerns and if you would like them to be on our prayer chain. Please call Karin Hiske at 675-3783 or Pastor Wayne at 269-330-6768. We would also like to know about your answered prayers, too!

Please remember the following in prayers:

Nancy Anderson	Wes Gould	Pat Poehler
Taylor Bell	Ken Husband	Mike Steinhauer
Diane Black	Kathleen Jacka	Julie Storm
Marylouise Blanco	Jean Jackson	Pat Swart
Dorothy Crooks	Alice Kraepel	Gladys Williams
Jan Deller	Bill LeFevre	Janet Woodard
Mary Fowler	John Langevin	Imogene Writer
Catherine Gallow	Bill LeFevre	Bertha Yost
David Gearhart	Larry Maas	Chuck Zeese
Barb Girard	Bev Murchland	

And those caregivers who provide physical and emotional support for those in need.



J.O.Y. Lunch (Just Older Youth)

For adults who like food.
Our group will meet at:

Faith Church – Compton Hall
Pack a lunch or bring along a take-out from your favorite restaurant. Wear a mask

Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at
2530 Charlton Rd., TRN

We hope to see YOU there!



Light Up the Cross ...

As a memorial or honorarium for your loved ones. (Donation: daily-\$15, weekly-\$100, monthly-\$350) Please contact the church office, 671-5211, regarding your plans to "Light the Cross" and we will place your announcement in the Sunday bulletin.



**Please make the following changes in
your current church directory:**

*Scott & Karen Dunsmore-865 S. Boshaw Dr., Attica, MI.
48412

* Pat Poehler-Pine Crest Manor-34330 Van Born Rd.,
Wayne, MI 48184



FAITHFUL READERS will meet
on **Tues., Feb. 16**, at 11 AM
in Compton Hall to discuss
This Is How It Always Is by

Laurie Frankel. Bring your lunch.

Ruth Briggs

P.S. Our March book is: The Book Woman of
Troublesome Creek by Kim M. Richardson



Your United Methodist Women greet you to a brand
new year. Welcome, welcome! We intend to offer
friendship and activities in the coming winter
months. Participate!

These activities are not really new, but looking at
them anew, could offer needed relief from the
isolation of current times. Except for the last
one! Check them out, again:

- Monday mornings - Bazaar Workshop from 10:00
AM to 1:00 PM.
- Prayer Shawl Ministries – Thursday(s) at 7:00 PM.
- Faithful Readers - Third Tuesday of the month at
11:00 AM in Compton Hall. *Bring a lunch*
- Ladies' Lunch – (Second Tuesday of the month) at
Noon in Compton Hall. *Bring your lunch.*
- Card making group. This group meets once a
month on Wednesday at 6:00 in Compton Hall. All
are welcome. If you wish a daytime group, let
Laura Trosien know!
- Something New! Yes, we are going to offer a
Cards and Games group during the months of
February, March, and April on the second
Thursday of each of these months at 1:00 PM. We
will meet in Compton Hall. Only 10-12 per day so
sign up now with Jackie Gies @734-658-4192. We
can have more than one group if enough sign up!

**Please note: all United Methodist women events
will use masks and practice social distancing and
we will be very careful.*

And here is a proposed activity we are
considering: Baking breads for Ash Wednesday
(2/17). We are talking to Pastor about having
baked breads for Ash Wednesday and will need a
group to prepare them! Look for additional details
in the churches weekly e-mail blast and also during
announcements on Sundays. We do hope to do
this!

Sign-up! Show up!

Your United Methodist Women would very much like
to recognize and thank the wonderful people who
bring us drive-in and social media church! Where
would we be without you? Clueless on Sunday,
that's where. The beautiful music, the scaffold
haulers, the altar preparations (doesn't the scaffold
look warm and inviting), the ushers, the liturgists,
and Pastor in his coat, hat, and gloves, all willing to
withstand the summer heat and the winter cold to
bring us together for worship. Thank you, thank you!
Other churches are impressed with us as I have
been told.

We would also like to thank our membership for their
generous responses to our pledge letter sent out in
December. Your thoughtfulness has allowed the
Faith UMW to continue to support many charitable
services for women and children. Way to go,
gals! We love you.

Finally, we United Methodist Women wish to
recognize the generosity of our own members along
with all our church members in helping to raise
nearly \$2,300.00 for our Mini-Bazaar charitable
disbursements. We are so heartened! We can
always count on the spirited generosity of our
church. God bless each of you. Laura Trosien, our
wonderful treasurer, will provide our Mini-Bazaar
disbursement report, which is below this
column. Read it and pat yourselves on your
backs. And thank you, Laura, for your sweetest
devotion to our cause.

That's all on my end. Continue reading. God Bless
you,

Laura Hayman, UMW President

FAITH U.M. WOMEN

Disbursement & Budget Report

2021 Missions, Cultivation, & Local Church Needs

Pledge to District and Conference	\$800
Church Women United	\$100
Special Mission Gifts	\$300
Programs and Conferences	\$300
Membership Supplies	\$100
Local Church Activities	\$800
Remembrances/Memorials	\$150
Petty Cash and Child Care	\$300
Office Expenses	\$300
Kitchen/Church Equipment	\$400
State of Michigan Sales Tax (estimate)	<u>\$350</u>

TOTAL BUDGET **\$3900**

DISBURSEMENTS OF 2020 FUNDS

Faith Youth Program	\$200
Local Hunger Program	\$900
Cass Social Services	\$500
Church Women United	\$100
Penrickton Center for Blind	\$150
ChristNet Services	\$300
Methodist Children's Home	\$150
Missionary	\$500
Vista Maria	\$150
Brightmoor (Redford)	\$150
Haiti Nursing Foundation	<u>\$100</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$3200

Faith UMC - Vision Statement

We are a disciple making community.
We glorify God through:

- Loving and genuine relationships
- Growing our faith in Christ
- Outreach and Radical hospitality
- Serving others through missions
- Accepting all people as they are



OUT AND ABOUT WITH FAITH

Breakfast

The ladies will meet for breakfast on Zoom on **Thursday, February 4 at 9:00 AM**. Please let Cindy or I know if you need the zoom link to join us.

BJ Williams

Card Ministry (Card Making)

The card making group will meet on **Wednesday, February 10 at 6 PM** in Compton Hall. *Please continue to practice social distancing rules in place.* Last year we sent 286 cards which makes a total of 515 since December of 2019. Thank you to those who help this ministry continue!

If you know of someone who would enjoy receiving a homemade card (does not need to be a church member, please contact Laura via email at ltrosien55@gmail.com or call her at 734-671-0282. Please supply the persons' address and what type of card needed (no holiday or birthday cards.)

Cass Ministry

Linda Cleaver and her Cass Social Services dinner prep group are still unable to serve at this time. Please check back each month in our Faith Connections as to when this group will begin their ministry at Cass once again on the *4th Thursday of each month (8:15-12:30 PM)*.

Community Closet

I needed clothes and you clothed me. Matthew 25:36

What a blessing to be able to offer FREE clothing to people in our community! We have been busy sorting and welcoming guests to our Community Closet. If you'd like to help, please don't hesitate to call me! Our Community Closet is open to the public on **Tuesday's only** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

If you want to visit the Closet on another day when the church is open (Monday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) you are more than welcome to shop and take whatever items you want. If you have a friend, relative, or neighbor that wants to shop at the Closet, you are more than welcome to bring them on any day the church is open...but you must accompany them.

Lastly, we are only accepting children's winter clothing at this time. Please do not drop off any other clothing. We are currently inundated with men and women's clothing.

Cindy Allison 313-618-4971



February

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1

February, it seems, is always true to this particular verse, at least for me. Have you ever found yourself waiting and watching for that chubby little ground hog, Punxsutawney Phil to **NOT** see his shadow? Come on, who doesn't hope for an early spring?! We have all hoped for something and believed in what we cannot see. That is the beauty of hope, and the mystery of God!

Youth group is still alive and well, and I am hopeful for the opportunity to begin in-person activities. As long as you are doing “in school learning”, we should be able to meet 10 people or fewer in the Youth Room. I want that more than anything! Let's get out of our houses and off the computers, bring me your ideas and hopes for what you would like to do!

Here are some of the ideas that have been shared with me about what we can do this month and through the remainder of winter...but I want more!

- **Youth Newsletter** gathering newsworthy information from our Youth group to create our monthly newsletter. Use a technology-based tool from “Mail Chimp”.
- **Christ Net Dinner** – the youth can prepare and deliver a meal to our ChristNET guests during ChristNET week.
- **Bucket Drive** – the youth will seek the donation of 5-gallon buckets again from Home Depot or Lowes; and then ask the congregation to fill the buckets with desired items for the DRAW Organization.
- **Mission-minded Month** – Each month the youth will have a different mission or missions to choose from to provide care for those in need in our community.
- **Plus**, many other fun activities to continue our focus on building relationships with our community and God.

Continue to watch the church website for our upcoming activities. You are already on your computer, so take a minute and go to TrentonFaith.com then go to the *Youth Fueled by Faith* tab. Send me suggestions and ideas for how we can come together!

I am continuing to keep you in Faith!

Cheryl Lentner – Youth Coordinator 734-726-2437

Hello Faith's Families!



Happy February! I hope that all of our families are thriving in this New Year. I know winter can seem long and dreary, but my focus for this season

with my own kids is how we can be positive at home even if we sometimes don't feel that way. We are doing this by taking care of ourselves, getting plenty of exercise and sleep, planning family fun nights (like game night, a bake-off and movie nights) and eating healthy foods. How are you staying positive at home and taking care of yourself this winter?

During the month of January, I added some new exciting things to our Facebook page. Each month, I am going to add a resource video for parents. January's video was on devotionals that parents can use with their children at home. I also added a recording of the children's book, “Little Mole Finds Hope” that I read for our students. And, lastly, we will be starting an online book discussion for parents. Our first book is “Be the Bridge” by Latasha Morrison. This is a perfect book for parents on race and I'm so excited to read this with our families.

If you would like to come and see what is happening, check out our Faith's Families Facebook page! As we move closer to the Lenten season, I will be adding more resources for families to use throughout this holy time. Keep a lookout for an Easter at Home bag! I also am continuing to post weekly playlists and lessons for families to use as Sunday School at home. We are also planning to participate in a Heifer ministry this Easter, so be on the lookout for more information on that. I am praying for you all, my friends. Please continue to stay safe and healthy as we continue to see God's grace and love throughout our homes and communities.

Blessings,

Heather Stefan Sunday School Coordinator

heatherstefanrd@gmail.com



Our Men's Group is now meeting via **Zoom** on the **1st Monday** of every month at **9:00 a.m.**
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89773832620>
Meeting ID: 897 7383 2620



CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Caregiving is never an easy task. We know it is often appreciated and it can be rewarding, but it is not ever easy. Our support group at Faith was created many years ago to provide a setting where we can share information and support one another. We hope it has been helpful.

During these difficult times of COVID, problems may seem or become even bigger and we want you to know that we are here for you. Whether you are a member of our group or even if you have never come, if there's information you think we might be able to provide or if you'd like to talk, or you just need a listening ear, feel free to call either or both of us. Know that you are in our prayers and remember that self-care is important too.

Our Caregiver Support Group meets at Faith on the FIRST Monday of each month from 7-8:30 P.M. in Compton Hall. Social distancing will be observed. Please wear a mask, and bring your own beverage. We'll provide the snack.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Grace Ann Beebe 734-676-3863

Renee MacKay 734-818-9604

Faith Connections

Faith United Methodist Church
Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Price, Pastor
2530 Charlton Road, Trenton, MI 48183
(734) 671-5211

Church open: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Mon. – Thurs.

E-mail: trentonfaithumc@sbcglobal.net

Sunday Worship service

Drive-In Style & on-line thru ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/338584368>.

& on Facebook at 11:00 A.M. (Wayne Price – Facebook page)

Sunday Sermons are available on our website:
www.trentonfaith.com

Find us on Facebook at: [trenton.faih.94](https://www.facebook.com/trenton.faih.94)

December 2020

Date	Zoom & Facebook Worship Services	Sunday School
Dec. 06	98	0
Dec. 13	126	0
Dec. 20	112	0
Dec. 23	49	0
Dec. 24	135	0
Dec. 27	78	0
TOTAL	598	0



"New Life" Health Kit Project

Each person approaches Lent differently in preparation for Easter Sunday. There are 6 ½

weeks during Lent and we are asking each person to be challenged by **giving up a different food item** each of these weeks and donating the cost of that food to buy a much needed Health Kit item. Clean hands and teeth means better health – good grooming means **Bright and Shiny Smiles**.

Place your donated items on the table located outside the church office by Easter Sunday. If you wish, you may also make a donation to "Hunger" and we will purchase the much needed items.

Post the following schedule to remind you of each week's challenge:

WEEK	GIVE UP	PURCHASE
Feb. 17	Munchies	Washcloth
Feb. 21	Pop	Dish or Hand Towel
Feb. 28	Candy	Comb or Razor
March 7	Caffeine	Nail File, Bath size soap
March 14	Frozen Treats	Toothbrush or shaving cream
Mar. 21	Fast Food	Toothpaste or Deodorant
March 28	Gum	Small box Band-Aides

If you wish to donate money, please place your contributions in a Special Hunger envelope, found on the table outside the church office. Be sure to include your name and church offering number to insure proper credit. Thank you!

Dolly Cocking, Missions

Scrip Fundraiser Program

Pick up order forms on the book shelf at the back door. Remember, orders are due by the first Sunday of each month and will be filled by the third Sunday of each month.



February 17

*An evening Worship
Service is available
at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.*



Souper Bowl SUNDAY is February 7

A hot bowl of soup warms the soul during the cold winter, so please help us by bringing in cans of soup.

The Trenton Food Pantry distributes soup to needy families and the Flat Rock Soup Kitchen serves soup at each meal and both groups can always use our help.



There will be boxes on the counter outside the church office from **Feb. 1** through **Sunday, February 7** to collect your soup donations. Please drop off your cans of soup before going home to enjoy the game! Thanks for all your help.

Dolly Cocking, Hunger & Missions

ENDOWMENT FUND

Since 1986, Faith Church has had an Endowment Fund established to accept monies in the form of Designated and Undesignated Funds for the furtherance of Program, Mission and Capital Improvement at Faith Church. As we enter this TAX SEASON, contact your Tax Advisor concerning what current or future TAX ADVANTAGES are yours through CHARITABLE GIVING.

Bob Maxwell, Endowment

February Birthdays



2	Lucy Dettore
5	Kaitlyn Darling
6	Kathleen McKay
7	Sharon Hoerle
	Michael York
8	Jay Solano
9	Nicole Atkinson
	Stanley Briggs
10	Gerald Helstowski
	Jackie Hill
	Joy Price
	Lauren Solano
11	Austyn Egan
	Darlene Peryam
12	Helena Eye
14	Clarissa Dingess
15	Sandra Brackney
	Bonnalyn Truxall
16	Rev. Grace Ann Beebe
	Neil Egan
	Judy Kroll
16	Gerald Weaver
19	David Hiske
21	Olivia Pentoney
	Annika Segedi
	Mishelle Tracy
22	Donald Kasenow
24	Rev. Dr. Wayne Price
25	Beth Hinzmann
26	Justin Belcher
28	Janay Bongiorno
	Vaughn Yost



3	John & Judy Plesivec
7	Neil & Samantha Egan
10	Jerry & Jackie Hill
12	Terry & Patsy Avery
21	Scott & Beth Hinzmann
22	Timothy & Michelle Eccleton
26	Lawrence & Joan Maas
27	Greg & Holly Lusk

FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10 am worship 11 am worship on Facebook	1 9 am Men's Breakfast- Zoom 10 am Bazaar Workshop 7 pm Caregiver Support	2 11 am Comm. Closet 1 pm UMW Leadership Mtg. 5 pm Comm. Closet	3 10 am Bible Study on Zoom	4 7 pm Prayer Share! group	5	6
7 10 am worship 11 am worship on Facebook Souper Bowl Sunday	8 10 am Bazaar Workshop	9 Noon- Ladies Lunch-CH 11 am Comm. Closet 5 pm Comm. Closet	10 6 pm Card Making Group 10 am Bible Study on Zoom	11 1 pm Cards & Games Group 7 pm Prayer Share! group	12	13
14 Valentine's Day 10 am worship 11 am worship on Facebook	15 Presidents' Day 10 am Bazaar Workshop	16 11 am Faithful Readers-CH 11 am Comm. Closet 5 pm Comm. Closet	17 ASH WEDNESDAY 10 am Bible Study on Zoom 11:30 am JOY Lunch 6:30 pm Ash Wed. Service <i>Give up munchies-purchase dish cloth</i>	18 10 am Outliers Group 7 pm Prayer Share! group	19	20
21 10 am worship 11 am worship on Facebook <i>Give up pop-purchase hand towel!</i>	22 10 am Bazaar Workshop	23 11 am Comm. Closet 5 pm Comm. Closet	24 10 am Bible Study on Zoom	25 7 pm Prayer Share! group	26	27
28 CHRISTNET WEEK begins 10 am worship 11 am worship on Facebook <i>Give up candy-purchase comb & razor</i>	1 CHRISTNET WEEK 9 am Men's Breakfast- Zoom 10 am Bazaar Workshop 7 pm Caregiver Support	2 CHRISTNET WEEK 11 am Comm. Closet 5 pm Comm. Closet	3 CHRISTNET WEEK 10 am Bible Study on Zoom	4 CHRISTNET WEEK 7 pm Prayer Share! group	5 CHRISTNET WEEK	6 CHRISTNET WEEK

2020 Financial Summary

2020 was a challenging year for the operation and finances of our Church. We are also sure that 2020 was challenging for our members. Even with these challenges, thanks to your generous giving, \$352,986 was received for operational and loan expenses. This income plus \$34,000 from a Paycheck Protection Program Loan, to cover part of our payroll costs and \$30,514 for the HVAC system, brought our total income to \$417,500. Our total expenses for the year were \$378,051 (included in this amount were the cost of the HVAC system \$31,100 and salary costs of \$151,894). Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our staff in keeping expenses down, we are ending the year with a surplus, after adjustments, of \$39,185. While it is nice to finish with a surplus, there was 6 months when income received did not cover expenses. We are also hoping that with the submission of the proper documentation that the \$34,000 loan will be forgiven.

Following is a summary of our 2020 financial accomplishments.

- \$331,619 was received against the pledge categories of Budget, Missions and Mortgage (\$108,275 over stewardship pledges).
- Incremental Giving
 - \$3,434 was received for "in-kind" donations (purchases of non-budgeted items by members).
 - \$490 was received in Holiday Offerings (Easter and Christmas).
 - \$17,443 was received to cover operating expenses. (i.e. loose income, rentals, altar/holiday flowers, book study, office supplies, worship transmission upgrades, etc.)
 - \$30,514 was received from members to cover a new Church HVAC system.
 - \$20,793 was received for non-budget items (i.e. hunger, memorials, UMCOR, Christ Net, Heifer program, scholarships, youth activities and work camps).
- Income from Other Sources
 - \$34,000 PPP Loan was received from the U.S. Government Cares Act.
- Distributions
 - \$42,090 was paid toward budgeted distributions for apportionments/askings to the Conference, District and Methodist Union. This will be the 32nd consecutive year that our Church has paid 100% of the requested conference apportionments.
 - \$8,246 was paid in incremental payments to reduce our loan principal.
 - \$1,700 was given to various United Methodist charities (UMCOR)
 - \$2,127 was given to non-conference charities (local hunger programs and Christ Net).
 - \$1,000 was given to fill Mother's Day Boxes – local hunger (in-kind).
 - Gift cards amounting to about \$1300 were given to the Trenton police for distribution (\$785 in-kind plus cards dropped off at the Church).
 - \$3,000 was spent on providing educational scholarships for members.
 - The donations above do not include distributions that did not pass through the general Church accounts (i.e. United Methodist Women distributions).

We should be proud of our 2020 financial accomplishments and we are hoping to return to some kind of normal services and programs sometime in 2021. The Finance Committee and Ad Council have approved an adjusted 2021 budget of \$355,541 to reflect the current times. Later in 2021 both groups will review the budget to reflect any changes in projected income and Church operations and program.

Don Martin / Lauren Solano -Treasurers

Ray Yee / Finance Chair

Operating	Income	Expenses	Variance
Church Program		6,092.40	
Christian Education		3,445.90	
Salaries		158,513.99	
Pastoral Support		27,622.18	
Trustees		84,450.82	
Office/Admin/Stewardship		\$9,732.76	
Conference		40,989.70	
Apportionments			
Conference Askings		1,100.20	
	\$380,417.99	\$331,947.95	\$48,470.04

Debt Retirement	\$37,082.00	\$46,103.40	-\$9,021.40
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	Account Balances	Committed Funds	Uncommitted Funds
December 31, 2019	\$103,238.11	\$64,052.88	\$39,185.23

Loan Balances	Loan #1	\$60,527.99	Loan #2	\$91,641.81
	PPP Loan	\$34,000.00		

Budget	2020	2021
Program	14,095.00	4,000.00
Education	8,700.00	1,500.00
Staff Salaries	171,860.00	163,832.00
Pastoral Support	31,200.00	31,200.00
Trustees	77,111.00	62,595.00
Office/Admin	13,900.00	9,200.00
Apportionments	45,774.00	43,312.00
Askings	2,073.00	2,044.00
Loans	<u>46,104.00</u>	<u>37,858.00</u>
Total	\$410,817.00	\$355,541.00



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Dear Faith Church Congregation:



Joy and I are deeply grateful for the kind Christmas gift we received from the congregation. We give God thanks to be serving our Lord with you.

In Christ,
Pastor Wayne



Heifer Project at Home!

This year, children will continue to participate in Heifer even though we are home! Have your child do chores at home during the season of Lent and earn money towards the purchase of chicks and cows for food. We will be collecting their Heifer earnings on Easter Sunday! If you have any questions, please contact Heather Stefan.