



Faith Connections

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



September 2021



Joy and I are blessed to join with you in serving our Lord. We continue to experience the depth of love of the congregation and community. Faith

UMC is blessed to be a blessing and every week I see people who help one another by providing transportation and food, visiting and assistance, as well as being present with each other in many ways. As we move forward in faith, God will do wonderful things in us, through us, and around us.

In September, I've shared about God's grace through Jesus, in whom we experience love, are forgiven, strengthened, and have eternal hope. Dallas Willard asserts, "...without grace we can do nothing, but our action is also required". Jesus taught about God's way, and always challenged his disciples/students to respond. God's grace is lavished upon us, and like Jesus' disciples, I believe God is calling us to respond in four ways:

- **Prayers:** Paul tells us, "...but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:6). Jesus taught his disciples about prayer in Luke 11, and concluded by saying, "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" (Luke 11:13). Prayer is talking to and listening to God. When our prayers are focused we are in God's Presence. I ask that you pray for our congregation, especially our children and youth programs. You can take a bold step by praying for our youth in the **Pray For Me** ministry.
- **Passion:** Passion is what excites you and engages you. Jesus told us the greatest

commands were, '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.' (Matthew 22:37-39). I translate the verses, "Love the Lord, and love our neighbors as ourselves with everything we've got". What excites you and how do you connect it to your love for God and others?

- **Presence:** Someone once said, 80% of life is showing up. While we may agree or disagree on the percentage, it is true that you will not succeed if you do not show up. Faith Church needs your presence, because you bring a distinctive blessing of God which no one else can offer. I also believe, if you show up, you will grow. My prayer is that every person will grow in faith, and Faith will grow because of every person.
- **Purpose:** Purpose is your motivation in life. It is your vision which inspires your mission. At Faith Church our purpose is to love, follow, and glorify God, and in doing so share the love of God with all people so they will experience Jesus. My hope and prayer is we will fulfill Jesus' command to make disciples of all groups (Matthew 28). Thus, we will fulfill Jesus' purpose for the church. We are doing so at Faith Church, and I believe God will bless us as we continue to live God's purpose in Trenton.

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
Administrative Asst..... Karin Hiske
Custodian.....Jon Ream
Pianist.....Karen Johnson
Nursery Attendant.....
Sunday School Coordinator.....Heather Stefan
Coordinator of Technology.....Rick Perlaki
Organist..... Sandy Strall
Youth Coordinator..... Cheryl Lentner
Director of Music..... Stephanie Bell



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 1st Monday of each month** from 7-8:30 PM in the parlor. However, our September's date will be **Sept. 13 due to the Labor Day holiday**. 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



To our Faith Friends:

Thank you so much for your prayers and kind thoughts at the passing of Vicki.

All of your kindness was very comforting to us.

With love, Walt Owens & family

Dear Faith Card Ministry:

I want to thank you all for thinking of me so often. You really can brighten someone's day!

I also love the magnet I got on my door. So sad I missed the person who came by.

Grace Ann, thanks for sending me all the weekly bulletins and stuff.

I hope I have not forgotten anyone. You all know how much I miss being at church but getting all the messages & sermons sent to me makes me still feel a part of each of you.

May God bless you all for your wonderful work!

Have a blessed day, Gladys Williams



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 671-5211 or 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:

Wanda Bates	Mary Fowler	David Levely
Taylor Bell	Wes Gould	Larry Maas
Elise Bellestri	Cindy Hawkinson	Bev Murchland
Diane Black	Ken Husband	Pat Poehler
Dorothy Crooks	Kathleen Jacka	Julie Storm
Ginger DeCoster	Jean Jackson	Pat Swart
Jan Deller	Alice Kraepel	Gladys Williams
Jean Dingess	John Langevin	Don Windeler
Mareline Fitch	Bill LeFevre	Imogene Writer
		Bertha Yost

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

NEW UPDATES at Faith Church

Faith Church is now sharing its' Sunday worship service in the sanctuary and also via **ZOOM** at 10:00 a.m. The Zoom link for worship is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/338584368>. Advanced reservations for our Sunday worship service are not necessary. Masks are no longer required.

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 11:30 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>.

Groups continue to meet at the church. All indoor meetings need to be scheduled and reserved through the church office. Thank you!

The church **is open Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** If you would like to pick up the church bulletin, newsletter, or fundraiser and other items from the church, please feel free to 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.



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

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

Buddy's Pizza

Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at

21611 Allen Rd. Woodhaven

We hope to see YOU there!

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.

Contact the church office if you would like to sign up for an altar flower date. You can now also sign up for altar flowers again in the corner lobby.

The flowers on the altar on July 4 were in loving memory of Roy Magnuson by Carol Magnuson.

The flowers on the altar on July 11 were in loving memory of Dr. Joe Gannon Talbert from Linda S. Talbert.

The flowers on the altar on July 18 were in loving memory of Nancy Lawrence and given by Joyce Brown Gillespie.

The flowers on the altar on July 25 were in loving memory of Russell Morrison and given by Joyce Brown Gillespie.

A note to say Thank you

Your kindness means the world to Us.

Blessings,

The Quilters

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

The Finance committee met in July to review income and budget performance for the first 6 months of the year. Based on this review and projected future plans for the remainder of the year, the budget was increased by \$10,555. Budgets for program, education, office and loan principal reduction were increased.

	2021 Reduced Budget	2021 Revised Budget	2021 Actual Expense	2021 Adj Actual Expense
Operating Budget				
Church Programs	4,000	5,000	2748.03	2395.68
Christian Education	1500	2000	310.67	310.67
Staff	163,832	163,832	93,601.74	93,601.74
Pastoral Support	31,200	31,200	15,903.62	15,903.62
Church/Parsonage Care	62,595	62,595	43,196.04	27,965.55
Office and Admin	9,200	10,000	6,106.30	5,414.31
Apportionments/Askings	45,356	45,365	27,839.93	27,839.93
Total Operating Budget	317,683	319,992	189,706.33	173,431.50
Debt Retirement	37,858	46,104	26,893.65	26,893.65
Total Budget	355,541	366,096	216,599.98	200,325.15

Don Martin

SEPTEMBER 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 am Bible Study on Zoom 2 pm-Journey Group-Lobby 6:30 pm AD Board Mtg.	2 Light the cross 9 am Ladies Breakfast	3 12:30pm-Church Women United	4
5 Worship 10 am Produce Sharing Worship at Faith 10 AM Live & Zoom 11:30 AM on Facebook	6 Labor Day Office Closed No Men's Breakfast No Bazaar Workshop No Golf League	7 1 pm UMW Leadership Mtg. 11 am Comm. Closet 5 pm Comm. Closet	8 10 am Bible Study on Zoom 9 am Applique Group 11:30 am JOY Lunch- Buddy's Pizze NO-Journey Group-Lobby 6 pm Card Making Group	9 7 pm Prayer Shawl group- returns	10	11
12 Worship - 10 am Produce Sharing-last day 9am Harmonizing the heart Sunday School & Youth Group start-up 11 am All Church Picnic	13 9 am Men's Breakfast 10 am Bazaar Workshop 4:30 pm ADK Teacher's Mtg. 5:30 pm Golf League 7 pm Caregiver Group	14 11 am Comm. Closet Noon Ladies Lunch-Mom's 5 pm Comm. Closet	15 10 am Bible Study on Zoom 2 pm-Journey Group-Lobby 7 pm Youth Mtg.	16 1pm Red Cross Blood Drive 7 pm Prayer Shawl group	17 6:15 pm Ladies Movie Night	18 Det. District Annual Charge Conf.-Nardin Park
19 Worship Service-10 am 11 am - Cookies for caregivers	20 10 am Bazaar Workshop 5:30 pm Golf League	21 11 am Comm. Closet 5 pm Comm. Closet	22 10 am Bible Study on Zoom 2 pm-Journey Group-Lobby 7 pm Youth Mtg.	23 10 am Applique Group 7 pm Prayer Shawl group	24	25
26 Worship Service-10 AM Lite the cross UMW Sunday & reception	27 10 am Set-Up Rummage sale 5:30 pm Golf League- last day	28 10 am Set-Up Rummage sale 11 am Comm. Closet 5 pm Comm. Closet	29 10 am Set-Up Rummage sale 10 am Bible Study on Zoom 2 pm-Journey Group-Lobby 6pm Faith's Treasure Hunt 7 pm Youth Mtg.	30 10am Faith's Treasure Hunt 7 pm Prayer Shawl group	1 10am Faith's Treasure Hunt To Noon	



September 2021

Verse of the Month: *"Be strong & courageous do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* **Joshua 1:9**

It's perfectly fitting that school starts in the month of September. This a perfect time to begin sowing seeds and planting great ideas and activities. When I googled the word September, I found that it is considered "the first month of autumn, a good time to sow plants early in September." I am thankful for the beginning of a slow-down, for many this is the time of year to look back at all the fun and wonders of spring and summer.

For students everywhere it is a time to start learning new things and participating in their favorite sports and extra-curricular activities. I am hopeful that youth group and Sunday school will be part of your regular schedule.

We will be kicking off September with our All-Church Picnic on Sunday, September 12 starting right after church & Sunday school at 11:00. Heather Stefan and I have some great treats and activities planned for everyone young and young at heart. There will be a bounce house, a frozen treats truck, games, and activities for everyone! So, bring your lawn chair and join us! Let's start planting seeds early in September this year!

*The Youth Group will continue baking Cookies for Caregivers & First Responders throughout the school year. We will meet on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m., except the month of September (**Sun., 9/19 at 11 a.m.**)

*We will start Sunday school in October so keep a look out for the times and start dates.

*Youth Group will begin in October as well; we are considering Sundays after church. MIDDLE SCHOOL will meet the 1st & 3rd Sundays, and HIGH SCHOOL will meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays. We will have Youth Group for everyone on Wednesday nights (or a night during the week) at 7:00 pm.

Building relationships and having fun together on a regular basis is the goal. Please pray about your commitment to our group, whether you are a youth member, a parent, or someone who would like to make a difference in a young person's life.

Keeping you in Faith,

Cheryl Lentner, Youth Coordinator 734-726-2437



Hello Faith Families!

Welcome back to school! I love back to school time- School shopping, putting together a new routine, and all the excitement

that goes with starting a new school year. I am especially excited for September because Sunday school will begin again at Faith after a year and a half! God is so good!

We had a great summer here at Faith! We were able to have three Faith Family Summer Fun Nights! Our first one was **Art in the Parking Lot** where we played Sidewalk Chalk Pictionary, tie-dyed, and made cool sidewalk chalk art designs on the side yard. Our second Summer Fun Night was an epic **Olympic game night** where we played lots of outdoor games and cooled off with water balloons! Our third and final night (scheduled for 8/24 at 6:30 pm) will be a **Glow Up Scavenger Hunt**. We will be going on a scavenger hunt at dusk in the neighborhood around church and end back at church with a **Sunday School Open House** from **7:30-8 pm!** Come and check out which room your child will be in and fill out paperwork so we know who is excited to come back to Faith!

Sunday school is scheduled to begin **Sunday, September 12 at 10 a.m.** with an **All-Church Back-to-School picnic** immediately following! We are so excited to be able to offer this again to our families and community, here at Faith. There will be hot dogs, chips, water, and some special treats (stay-tuned!), along with carnival games. Please bring a dish to share and come and enjoy being outdoors with all of our Faith Families! Be on the lookout for more information about this event and look for the sign-up in the corner lobby.

We are putting together lots of things that are keeping our kid's safety in mind. Each student will have their very own pencil box filled with the supplies needed for Sunday school, this year. The supply boxes will be labeled with each child's name and kept at the church. A big thank you to all of the people who donated these extra supplies! We will be encouraging extra hand washing, mask wearing, and social distancing as much as we can in our Sunday school areas. We are asking a couple things of our parents and grandparents who bring children to our programs: Please keep your child home if they are experiencing any symptoms of colds, flu or COVID-19. As much as we love seeing your children at church, we want to keep everyone as safe as possible. We also ask that if your child comes in contact with someone that has COVID-19 or contracts COVID-19, that you please let myself,

Emilee Church (preschool and Kindergarten lead teacher) AND the church office know as soon as possible. This way we can contact those children and volunteers that may have been exposed. If we all work together in keeping our church safe, we will be able to continue to provide Sunday school for our children.

Lastly, I ask that you open your heart and give back to our children and youth here at Faith! We are in continuous need of volunteers to help with Sunday school, youth group, and family events. We need four volunteers to help each week with Preschool/K and Elementary Sunday School. There is no prep work--you just follow the printed lessons and all the supplies for the activities are set-up for you. It's super easy and very rewarding. We will also be offering safety training and background checks this fall. Stayed-tuned for more information on this. I use the online platform called *Sign-Up Genius* to register our weekly volunteer. You can contact me for more information or go to our Faith Families Facebook page to sign up.

Thank you for all of your support for our children's programs here at Faith! Together we will continue to provide a safe, loving and fun environment for your children and grandchildren with the focus always being on the love of our Heavenly Father!

See you at church!

Heather Stefan, Children's Ministry Coordinator
heatherstefanrd@gmail.com 734-308-9050



Our New Year. Welcome back all to Faith UMW's New Year of friendship, programs, and spiritual renewal. We have all been summering, but we are back with purpose and friendship for every member here at Faith. Let's go!

Treasure Hunt! We start our September with a return to – yes - our Rummage Sale. We are thrilled to be back and have planned a special Rummage Sale for our return - called **Faith Treasure Hunt**. Yes, this year we will offer treasures found in our homes. Treasures we love but have no more space or use for at this time. What an opportunity to share them with others, and, at the same time, provide money for needy causes. Everybody wins. To do this, we have decided to create more room by eliminating clothes, shoes, and furniture. This way

we will be able to display your many fine home treasures. (You may start bringing in your treasures on Sunday, Sept. 26.) We will set-up September 27, 28, and 29. Shopping begins September 29 at 6:00 pm and continues through September 30 and October 1. Come all, and hunt for your treasures!

Faith UMW Annual Recognition Sunday & Reception. Back by popular demand! Faith Church will observe UMW Annual Recognition Sunday and cookie reception following the worship service on Sunday, September 26, in our church lobby and parlor. Faith UMW traditionally takes part in the service, offers a cookie reception right after the service, and distributes our Annual Program Book to all interested ladies. Two years ago we were thrilled to give out 125 program books to our friends. We chatted with so many ladies, making many connections. We so look forward to returning to this event again!

Something New! Your Faith UMW intends to start a new way of communication! We are going to start an online membership information service for our online members. What is this, and what if I am not online??

First, this online membership info service will inform all online members of upcoming UMW events and opportunities. Just send your internet address to Linda Talbert, and she will add your name to the list. You will be included in an information send-out when we are having an event. You will be reminded! Linda's address is linda_talbert@comcast.net. You are not online? Not to worry - Jan Dellar and friends will call you. Just let Jan know you wish to be on her call list.

Linda Talbert has joined the UMW membership committee and, as you can see, will be a valuable addition to this committee! We greatly thank Linda for this major contribution to our Faith UMW.

Our small groups will be back in business. Some never stopped! Prayer Shawl, Bazaar Workshop, Faithful Readers, Movie Night, Afternoon Delights, and Ladies Lunch are all back in operation and waiting for your return. Don't forget Laura Trosien's monthly Wednesday night card workshops. Information on these groups will be in those program books we will distribute on September 26!

So much to take in! It is so good to be back! Please plan on your own return. You will meet or make friends, have many service programs in which to participate, and encounter a spiritual experience to enrich your heart. All you have to do is attend. God Bless You.

Laura Hayman, UMW President

Faith UMW Treasure Hunt
September 29, 30, Oct. 1st

Faith UMW will offer our Rummage Sale September 29 at 6:00-8:00, Sept.30 from 10:00 to 4:00 and Oct 1 from 10:00-12:00. This year, however our rummage sale will be called Faith's Treasure Hunt. We invite you all to come and seek those treasures you have always wanted! In order to provide room, we will not be able to offer clothing, shoes, or furniture. Please do NOT bring these items to the church, but take them to Salvation Army or Goodwill. All other household items in good condition are welcome!

Faith Connections

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

Church open: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mon. – Thurs.
E-mail: trentonfaithumc@sbcglobal.net

Sunday Worship service
Sanctuary & on-line thru ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/338584368>.
& on Facebook at 11:30 A.M. (Wayne Price – Facebook page)

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

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



OUT AND ABOUT WITH FAITH

Breakfast

We will meet at TV Diner for breakfast at 9:00 AM on Thursday, September 2. We hope you can join us. 😊

BJ Williams♥
734 365 1431

Card Ministry (Card Making)

The Card Making group will meet on **Wednesday, Sept. 8** at 6 PM in Compton Hall.

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.)



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

June & July Worship Totals

Date	Zoom & Facebook Worship Services	Sunday School
June 06	109	0
June 13	108	0
June 20	143	0
June 27	121	0
July 04	108	0
July 11	121	0
July 18	129	0
July 25	128	0
TOTAL	967	0

The church extends its Christian faith and sympathy to the family of Courtney Springmeyer who passed away on June 30. His service was held on July 6.

It's a Girl

Congratulations to the Tracy family as they welcomed Emelia Isabella Clark into the world on July 14 at 5:06 AM weighing 7 pounds 3 oz. and 21.25 inches long. Proud parents are Kaitlin Tracy & Zach Clark. Emelia's grandparents are Mishelle & Jim Tracy and her great grandma is Renee MacKay.



Faith's Mixed Golf League

Ages 18-??

Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at Wesburn Golf Course

(5617 South Huron River Drive, S. Rockwood).

Begins on April 19– Sept. 27

9 holes

This is a "pay as you play" league

Cost is \$15 (cart is \$5 extra)



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.

The cross is lit on Thursday, Sept. 2 in loving memory of William & Loraine Whyte from Catherine Gallow.

The cross is lit on Friday, Sept. 3 in loving memory of Richard Beier by George & Peggy Wydo.

The cross is lit on Friday, Sept. 10 in loving memory of Marie Beier by George & Peggy Wydo.

The cross is lit on Sunday, Sept. 26 in loving memory of John Gallow by Catherine Gallow.



Feed My Sheep

St. Philip Food Pantry Collection Results

136 food items and \$300 cash donations (to buy other needed items) came from our Faith family. Sue and Ray Yee made the delivery to the food pantry. Thanks to all!

Below is a note from the Food Pantry. Blessings, Dolly Cocking

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

Sincerely, Pola, Coy, Barb, & Pat



Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

September Liturgist Schedule

Sept. 5	Kathy McKay
Sept. 12	Rev. James Cox
Sept. 19	Scott Church
Sept. 26	Kay Korn

If you would like to volunteer as an usher please contact Mike Hawkinson.

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

Harmonizing the Heart: A Sunday Morning Guided Meditation

The 2nd Sunday of the month from 9-9:30 a.m.

Please join us in preparing our mind and body to connect with the Holy Spirit before Worship. Each month we will gather in Christian fellowship to breathe, let go, center our thoughts and prepare to welcome Christ into our heart! Lynn Oakley will lead us through a guided meditation using healing vibrational sound instruments, relaxing breathing techniques and inspiring readings. This meditation is for everyone regardless of your meditation experience or ability to focus. Our first meditation class will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 9 AM. Join Us!

Christian Education Scholarship News

It was a pleasure to present three Christian Education Scholarships on June 20 during the Sunday Morning Worship Service. Awards went to Kyla Summers – Wayne State, Cindy Morrison – Henry Ford and Jay Solano – Wayne State.

The total number of awards since the program began in 2005 is now at 49 for persons who completed the application and interview processes with our Scholarship Team.

Donations from members and friends have made it possible for advanced education assistance to deserving students each year.

Special THANKS to EVERYONE who donated and served delicious cookies plus juice from our youth for the reception. It was an amazing display of treats that promoted fellowship after worship.

Sincerely, Alice Shenton & Jan Deller
Co-chairpersons of the Faith UMC Scholarship Team

Outreach/Radical Hospitality Group Update

I want to update you on some of the Outreach activities we have in place and let you know about a couple of ideas that we are mulling around.

Faith in the Community - Adult/Youth Mission projects

As you will recall, we decided to stay in town this year for our adult mission trip and have the youth join us where they can. So far, we have four projects that we have undertaken:

1. Painting a condo. Thanks to Bob and Leanna Maxwell and Dave Ware, this project has been completed.
2. Installing a dryer, which included updating the electrical and fixing the dryer vent. Thanks to Todd Cleaver, this project has been completed.
3. Replacing shutters on a house. This project will be completed soon.
4. Gutting and installing a new bathroom (shower, toilet, vanity, faucet, flooring), fixing the main floor joists, and possibly replacing the current HVAC system in a trailer owned by a single mom with three children. Thanks to donations received, we have been able to order the shower enclosure. We are awaiting word on whether or not we will receive additional funds that will enable us to complete the bathroom remodel and replace the HVAC system.

Time to Share is a newly formed 501(c)(3) organization formed by Todd and Linda Cleaver to help the homeless who have been granted housing with government assistance. They provide the necessary things that are needed for a new home; things like a couch or chair, a bed, dishes, lamps, towels, pots and pans, etc. Maintaining this organization has been costly. Monetary donations are needed to help offset the cost of the storage units, gas, along with costs associated with obtaining supplies needed by the individuals that have not been donated; things like converters for televisions, shower curtains, and miscellaneous necessities.

Card Making

This program started in December 2018 and is headed by Laura Trosien. To date they have completed over 800 cards for both members of Faith and people in the community that need the encouragement that receiving a card can bring. No special skills are needed...Laura makes it so easy to create a beautiful card.

Clothing Closet

This Outreach program began in July 2020, right in the middle of the pandemic. On average, 40 bags or more of clothing are taken per month by those who visit the closet...and we are only open one day a week! Thank you Leann Maxwell, Judy Kroll, and Renee MacKay for your faithful service to this project. And we have a newbie that has begun to help...Gary Lynch!

Porch Blessings

This brainstorm of Linda Cleaver's began back in February with the delivery of heart shaped cookies; then there were chocolate pretzels and refrigerator magnets. Soon there will be another delivery, but this time you'll be asked to pass on a magnet to a

friend or neighbor! Thank you to all the people that volunteer to help create the blessings and those that help to deliver them...all 200+ of them!

Book Library

Have you noticed the beautiful book library on our Nichols side lawn? Laura Trosien painted those exquisite pictures on the library; and BJ Williams is responsible for the books we make available to the community. It has been suggested we brighten up the area even more with a nice bench and maybe some mulch around the post??

Golf League

Now you might think that a church golf league has nothing to do with Outreach. But I would say you are wrong! Many, many guests have joined us...Mike Oakley brings Art, his father-in-law; Aldo Colapietro brings friends from work; Jim Allison brings Austin, a teenage neighbor that enjoys golf and now has joined the Gabriel Richard Golf Team! Kay Korn's brings friends from her ladies' golf league; and recently our son-in-law, Coty, has joined us for a round or two.

Bread Ministry

Long ago, Bob Maxwell would deliver a fresh loaf of bread to first time visitors. Linda Cleaver recently decided that this ministry should be reinstated, and made banana bread for the senior card players we had in Compton Hall as well as a ladies' quilting group that uses our church facilities on a monthly basis. Both groups were pleasantly surprised by this Radical Hospitality!

Christnet

Linda Dickman continues to ensure that guests at the Christnet warming center are able to enjoy lunch on a daily basis by gathering volunteers to make and deliver 25 lunches to the day time center in Taylor.

And then we have new programs or events that we are planning.

Card Club: Judy Kroll likes to play cards and wants to start a card playing group here at Faith. Her plan is to play cards on Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Both groups would meet every other week. Look for a sign-up sheet soon!

Garden Club: We are hoping to start a group that would plant and tend a community garden at Faith. We have plans to build and maintain raised gardens along the North side of the parking lot (behind/by the dumpster). These vegetables would be available either for people to just pick or maybe made available at our Clothing Closet for people to take.

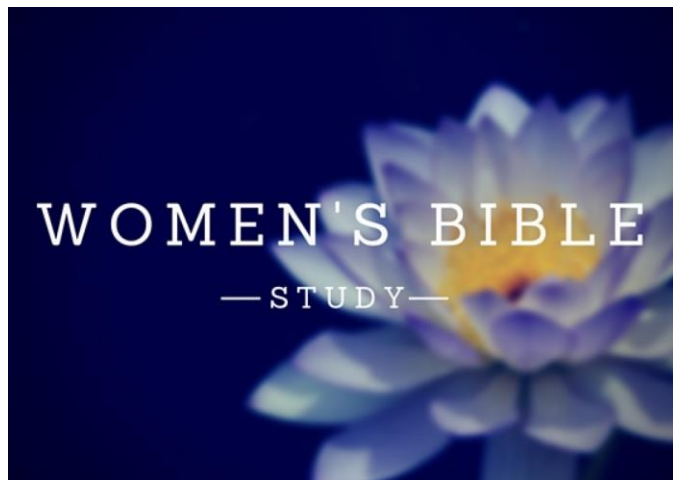
Shred Day: We did this a few years ago, where we hired a shred company and then invited the community to bring their papers that needed to be shredded. This is a great Community Outreach project and I'm hoping to be able to do this once again in October.

Dessert with Donna – An Advent Event

Our very own Donna Spencer has agreed to speak at this event. This will be a ladies only event, where members of Faith will reserve a table and then invite their friends and neighbors to join them. As host, the member will provide the table settings and dessert to share with their guests.

There are other programs taking place at Faith...these are just a few! We are truly a blessed church; a church that follows what Jesus commands of us, to Love our Neighbors as Ourselves. Let's continue to glorify God through our Outreach and Radical Hospitality and serve with the gifts that God has given us.

Cindy Allison



New Women's Bible Study: Courageous Joy

Courageous Joy is a six-week bible study on experiencing lasting joy. The tentative date is the last week of September through the first week of November. The time of day (day or evening) and the day of the week will be determined based on participant availability.

If you are interested in "finding your joy" through this small group, short-term bible study, please contact Laura Trosien (734-671-0282) or Leslie Perlaki (734-552-6463).

To learn more, visit YouTube – Courageous Joy Bible study video promo.



Faith's PRODUCE SHARING July 11 - Sept 12

If you are a gardener and have a surplus of produce you are invited to share your bounty with our congregation. Throughout the harvest season, there will be a table set up in the hallway where you may place your surplus produce (make sure it's washed, if necessary).

All produce is FREE for the taking. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so by placing it in the canister on the table. Money collected will be used for our Hunger Ministry.

We are hoping that this harvest season will be plentiful and give our gardeners the chance to share with their FAITH family.

Let's make this project a BIG success!



September Birthdays



- 1 Rev. Douglas Ralston
- 2 Susan Filkins
Leslie Goebel
Laura Trosien
- 3 Katelyn Church
Lyla Gearhart
Michael Oakley
- 4 Roberta Worthy
- 5 Alli Cooke
- 6 Kimberly Easley
- 7 Alex Harrell
Jean McIntosh-Reents
- 9 Wanda Bates
Holly Eye
- 10 Rev. James Cox
Vivian Gearhart
- 12 Ella Atkinson
- 13 Landry Rice
- 15 Amber Burbon
Timothy Eccleton
Judy Guerra
Pennington Petrarca
- 15 Kyla Summers
- 16 Bella Hintalla
- 17 John Ament
Maxine Skinner
- 18 Claudia Gilpatrick
- 20 Thomas Gosen
Randy Wiseman
- 22 Dorothy Crooks
- 22 Alex Jourdan

- 24 Linda Dickman
- 26 Aldo Colapietro
- 27 Lori Walach
Don Windeler
- 29 Cindy Skinner

Happy Anniversary

- 8 Todd & Julie Dickman
- 9 Donald & Gail Martin
Charles & Laura Trosien
- 18 Gerald & Phyllis Weaver
- 21 Christopher & Susan Haboian
- 24 Eric & Nicole Atkinson
- 29 Ted & Karla Elswick



Please make the following changes in your church directory:

- ***Sue Jenkins**-Apt. 213
- ***Lenora Whitecotton**: 3257 W. Kinney Rd.
Ludington, MI. 49431
- ***Larry Maas**: Forest Estate Senior Center-20487
Coachwood, Riverview, MI. 48193
- ***Pat Poehler** – Pine Creek Manor – 34330 Van
Born Rd., Wayne 48184
- ***Wes Gould** – 3616 Kipling Circle, Howell, MI 48843
- ***Morgan Farrah** to Morgan **Lockwood**
- ***Stefan Family** - 8374 Lasalle Ct. Grosse Ile 48138



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Faith's newest Ministry – GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share Orientation Meeting on **Tuesday, September 2**

Jesus promised, "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:40). Many families and friends at Faith UMC have grieved the death of a loved one in the past couple of years. A group of people at Faith UMC realized the need for a grief support group, and discovered the program called **Grief Share**. Grief Share was written by trained professionals, and it identifies different aspects of grief. The typical session includes a welcome, a video about different aspects of grief, and discussing questions from a Grief Share workbook. The program helps to foster healthy relationships among those who are grieving together, creating a Christian support system.

If you are interested in finding out more about Grief Share **we invite you to the orientation meeting on Thursday, September 2 at 1:00.** As is the tradition in Faith UMC, we will provide snacks. Do not worry if you miss a week along the way as the videos are on line and can be viewed at your convenience. Please pray for the leaders and for God to use this wonderful ministry to comfort, encourage, and strengthen others. If you or someone you know (in the church or outside the church) has loss a spouse, sibling, child, relative and is in need of **Grief Share** please contact the church office at (734) 671-5211, or speak to Linda Cleaver.

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.

**BE A HERO...
IT'S IN YOUR
BLOOD!**

Blood Drive at FAITH

Save the Date...

Faith UMC is holding a Blood Drive on **Thursday, Sept. 16 from 1 – 7 p.m.** If you have not donated blood since **July 18** you are eligible to donate at our blood drive. Please sign up for a donation time in the corner lobby.

Thank you for saving lives!