

Faith UP

February 2017

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

It has been a very busy time around the church in the last few weeks, as all the year end work is at full throttle. There is so much to do to wrap up the year so that all the records from the previous year can be finished so that: all the programs and activities and such can be started for the new year, and the session and deacon boards are organized for the year to come, and preparations can be made for the Annual Meeting, and we can move into the new year without missing a beat. That was all done in January, and a big thank you goes out to all of the Committee Chairpersons, group leaders, and staff who submitted reports; to those who helped proofread the reports and Year Book; to the Finance Committee for your work on the new budget; to Connie Sponder, our Clerk of Session, for doing all the work that Clerks must finish and submit to the Presbytery and the General Assembly, and to Teri McCallum, our Administrative Assistant who put all these reports together, often after deadlines have been missed by those of us who are submitting things to her. We finished up the first year of our ministry as Faith United Presbyterian Church in a good way, and the way is clear for us to really move into 2017 full steam ahead.

What we can draw strength from, as we move forward, in life, in the church, in the nation, in the world, is that even with all the challenges we face in the year to come, we belong to God and God will move with us so that we can move ahead. My understanding of the Scriptural witness shows us that throughout the history of God's people Israel, then as the coming of Jesus brought a new community into existence, the challenges were plentiful, and God's people faced them, often were the cause of them, but always were moved forward in life because God chose to move them forward. There was nothing that happened in life that could stop the forward movement toward a new day of God. Sin, evil, hard heartedness, stubbornness, self-centeredness, Empire, crucifixion, death; none of these could derail God's forward movement into life and the bringing along of God's people. I trust with all my heart that that still holds true today, and nothing that goes on in this world today is new under the sun nor can stop God's movement today. Though we have made life very challenging for one another and for creation, God continues to move among us and move us forward toward a new day. And God, in compelling us forward in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, fills us with hope, recognition, faith to receive and share what God has done, is doing and will continue to do in Jesus. The year 2017 will hold challenges for the church, for this church, for this community, this nation, the nations of the world, yet all can be faced, met, and transformed because God chooses to move in and among and through us. May we hold on, go and do as we are called, and enjoy the movement. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Dave

WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

5th: Scout Sunday; the service will be led by members of the Scouting program and the message will be shared by Skip Trout. The Annual Pancake Feed will follow in the Dining Room.

12th: The Sermon On The Mount continues, Matthew 5:21-37, as Jesus gives to us a new understanding of the law. We will share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

19th: Matthew 5:38-48; One of Jesus' more difficult ways for us to live by- Love even your enemies and pray for those who persecute you- confronts us today.

26th: The Transfiguration of the Lord, from Matthew's understanding; Matthew 17:1-9.

Lectionary Scripture Lessons in February

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany—February 5

Isaiah 58:1–9a [9b–12]; Psalm 112:1–9 [10]; 1 Corinthians 2:1–12 [13–16];

Matthew 5:13–20

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany—February 12

Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm 119:1–8; 1 Corinthians 3:1–9; Matthew 5:21–37

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany—February 19

Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18; Psalm 119:33–40; 1 Corinthians 3:10–11, 16–23; Matthew 5:38–48

Transfiguration of the Lord—February 26

Faith United Presbyterian Church

Is on a pilgrimage to resurrect and expand our church community and to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ. We worship as an authentic expression of our gratitude to God for grace unimaginable and love unconditional. We strive to be God's heart, hands and voice to all ages as we grow in faith and engage in mission locally, nationally, and globally.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

February

Circles will meet:

- Rebecca Circle – Feb 1 – 10:00 am
- Card Making – Feb 8 – 9:00 am
- Esther Circle – Feb 9 – 10:00 am
- Coordinating Team - Feb 17 - 10:00 am
- Lydia Circle – Feb 21 – 7:00 pm @ Dawn
Braddy's house - 3624 Jackson St.

Thought of the month:

**"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up.
The most certain way to succeed is always
to try just one more time."**

Thomas Edison (1847 - 1931)

Many thanks to all who helped for the Raffle!

Special thanks to Marilyn Blatchford for the two Quilts, Mary Torno for the Afghan and the Carleen Davis Family for the Quilted Jacket. Also thank you to Karen Lien, Bonnie Oliver, Marilyn Blatchford and Carlotta Fox for selling tickets.

Thank you to all who generously purchased tickets to make the Raffle successful.

Angie Irwin

NOTE TIME CHANGE

Empty Nesters will meet at **5:00** pm on Tuesday February 14th at Outback Steakhouse. Please let Bob know if you will be going. You can still come even if you don't let him know, but he needs an approximate count to reserve a big enough table.

Sunday Attendance

	<u>10:30</u>
January 1 –	76
January 8 -	102
January 15 -	94
January 22 -	92

**Kitchen Crew
for February is
Naomi Circle**

Attention all kids age 4-15. We have a new children's choir that rehearses on Wednesday nights from 6-6:30 p.m. We have lots of fun learning new songs and being leaders in the worship services. We have great plans for Easter and Earth Day. Come and join us. Please call the director, Larisa Chmielewski, with any questions:
712-587-7926 or email her at 4chmie@gmail.com



MISSION NEWS



Written by Harriett Marsh, Mark Pappadackis

Spotlight on Missions!!

There are three mission projects for February - all scheduled in the first week of the month. Friday, February 3rd, is the annual fund raiser for the Food Bank and Faith United Presbyterian will again be sponsoring a table. Please see Pastor Dave if you are interested in going. Sunday, February 5th, is our Souper Bowl of Caring offering when our young people will be at the back of the sanctuary with soup pots accepting, hopefully, one dollar each from members of the congregation to help alleviate hunger. This offering is received by many different denominations and was actually begun by a young peoples' group in a Presbyterian church in Columbia, South Carolina, in 1990. In 2016, 6889 groups participated collecting \$10,508,845 in cash and food items. Last, but not least, is our ongoing project filling backpacks for the Food Bank. The date for Faith UP is Monday, February 6th, 6 P.M. at the Food Bank. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or see Becky Bainbridge.

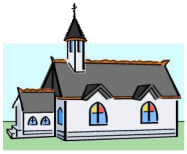
The Mission Committee would like to extend a **BIG THANKYOU TO EVERYONE! Yes EVERYONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED FOR ANYTHING THE PAST 12 MONTHS!**

This congregation has been blessed with **volunteers!** Volunteers as **Sunday school teachers and helpers and musicians;** volunteers for Wednesday night **WFAM activities;** volunteers **for Bible School;** volunteers for the **Living Nativity;** volunteers in **music and bells (singers and ringers);** volunteers in the **nursery;** volunteers as **Sunday coffee makers, funeral meal makers, and shut in visitors;** volunteers as **sidewalk snow remover's and parking lot snow pushers;** volunteers as **yard workers and mower's and planters;** volunteers in **legal work** on behalf of our new congregation, volunteers that **physically moved mountains of property** to this location, volunteers who made certain that all **fiscal property** was attended to; volunteers are unpaid workers in dollars for God yet these folks accumulated thousands of hours and saved **Faith United** thousands of dollars that can be used elsewhere to move God's mission. We also would like to thank those members that have **"retired"** from service from being an **Elder or Deacon** this past year. Your volunteer hours of dedication do not go unnoticed. Those that are new to **Session and to Deacons** and those that are continuing on are volunteers that need to be thanked. All of Gods' volunteers are appreciated and are part of this congregation's **mission to God and to Faith United.** We have come a long way in 12 months. All of these volunteers assist the paid staff to enrich the glory of God and to lighten the load for all so we can offer more as a congregation of **FAITH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** move **GOD'S WORD AHEAD!** So on behalf of your Session and your Mission Committee, **THANKS!**

Jan/Feb UPPER ROOM
DEVOTIONALS ARE
HERE!



February- OUR CONGREGATION IN ACTION



Prayer Families for February

5 - Heather Mesmer, Kaylinn Mesmer & family, Mary Michell, Charlene Mickey, Lynda Miller & David, Marion Molden

12 - Richard & Ione Morgan, Barb Montgomery, Keith & Linda Murkins, Lue Mutz, Karoline Nelson, Alden Noble

19 - Charlene Nuzum, Bonnie Oliver, Anthony & Ellen Osborn & family, Mark & Cheryl Pappadackis & family, Jeff & Becky Paulsen, Karen Paulsen

26 - Lyla Paulsen, Esther Peters, Lani Pettit, Naomi Pettit, Ruth Phillips, Barb Pittman

Offering Counters



5 - Don & Mary Stokes
12 - Helen Lehnertz
19 -
26 - Karen Lien, Marilyn Erickson



Liturgist

Kelli McWilliams

The deadline for newsletter submission is the 3rd Wednesday of the month prior to publication. Please direct articles & questions to Teri McCallum faithupcsec@outlook.com

5 - February 2017

Ushers



10:30 Service

5 - Tom Braddy*, Zach Gould, Andrea Cale, Shirley Heath

12 - Jeff Arnett*, Merlin & Peggy Berkenpas, Eric Butler

19 - Bob Ross*, Brady Berkenpas, Richard Delfs, Angie Irwin

26 - Bob* & Vina* Rodecker, Anthony Osborn, Marilyn Erickson

Communion Servers



5 - Eleanor Tasker, Skip Trout, Bob Ross, Andy Gottsch



Greeters

5 - Bill Strawn
12 - Dick Pruehs
19 - Becky Bainbridge
26 - Marilyn Watkins

COFFEE SERVERS

10:30 a.m after Worship

2 - Deacons
12 - Deacons
19 - Deacons
26 - Deacons



These Days

We have many copies of "These Days" available. We get new ones every quarter. Please take one for yourself, a family member or friends.

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Birthdays

- 1 – Christopher Amman
- 2 - Roxanne Bobolz
Sally Vilhauer
- 4 - Ben Daniels
- 5 - Marlene Downs
- 8 - Frances Quintard
- 9 - Lorman Vilhauer

- 10 - Lani Pettit
- 11 - Fran Graham
- 12 - Wendy Collins
Shannon Graves
Alison Hansen
- 15 - Sheryl Collins
Charlene Nuzum
- 17 - Lynda Miller
- 18 - Alden Noble
- 21 - Larry Manker
Karen Paulsen
- 25 - Tom Braddy
Mark Pappadackis
- 26 - Pat Herbold
- 27 - Vivian Busse
Cheryl Carey
Betty Grieve
- 28 - Betty Hass

February 2017 Anniversaries



- 7 - Jeff & Becky Paulsen
- 10 - Bill & Susan Blatchford
- 14 - Mark & Cheryl Pappadackis
- 22 - Jeff & Becky Bainbridge

Per Capita for 2017 is \$32.80.

Thank
you

THANK YOU I would like to thank everyone for their prayers while David was in Critical Care in Des Moines. And also the cards and memorials since his passing. A big thank you to Dave for the beautiful service for him. I can't thank you enough. A special thank you to my church family for the prayers and support you all gave me. Without you, I don't know how I would have made it through this difficult time. It has been greatly appreciated. As for me, I am back on chemo again. Taking it one day at a time. As many of you know, I plan on moving to Tennessee to be closer to my son and family and also my granddaughters. It will be a while yet, as many things need to be taken care of, but with your prayers, I will get through this. I am hoping to find a church that will welcome me like this church did. Thank you all again. *Lyla Paulsen
Mike Paulsen & family, Marisa, Megan & Jaren Paulsen.*

Treasurer's Report from Dec.

Income	\$15,933.26
Expenses	\$15,326.93

SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS

The February 15th Caregiver Support Group is proud to announce our guest speaker, attorney John Daniels who will be discussing various legal issues and documents that caregivers often have to be aware of. We meet from 10-11:30 a.m. in the fireside room. All caregivers of individuals with a dementia are welcome to attend. It is free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please call Larisa at 712-587-7926.

February 2017

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			<p>1 10:00 am Rebecca Circle 11:30 am Lunch Bunch @ 4 Brothers 12:15 Weight Watch</p> <p>5:30 Weight Watchers 5:30 - 7:00 pm WFAM 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:00 pm Men's Al-Anon 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>2 8:30 Men's Club 10:00 Weight Watch</p> <p>7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>3 9-12 Cribbage games</p> <p>8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship Closed AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon</p>	<p>4 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers</p> <p>12:30-3:30 Pinewood build in Labyrinth Room</p>
<p>5 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bell prac Worship Service 10:30 am COMMUNION 11:30-2:30 Pancake Breakfast 7:00 pm Steel Magnolia Open AA 8:00 Big Book Study Open AA</p>	<p>6 9:00 Quilting Group</p> <p>6:00 pm Cub Scouts Blue & Gold</p>	<p>7</p> <p>2:00 pm Naomi Circle</p> <p>6:00 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>8 9:00 am Card Making 12:15 Weight Watch</p> <p>5:30 Weight Watchers 5:30 - 7:00 pm WFAM 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:00 pm Men's Al-Anon 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>9 8:30 Men's Club 10:00 am Esther Bible Study 10:00 Weight Watch</p> <p>7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>10 9-12 Cribbage games</p> <p>8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship Closed AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon</p>	<p>11 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers</p> <p>12:30-3:30 Pinewood build in Labyrinth Room</p>
<p>12 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bell prac 10:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>7:00 pm Steel Magnolia Open AA 8:00 Big Book Study Open AA</p>	<p>13 9:00 Quilting Group</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Session</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:00 pm Empty Nesters @ Outback Steakhouse</p> <p>7:00 pm Doll Club</p>	<p>15 FAITH UP DEADLINE 10-11:30 am Caregivers Group 12:15 Weight Watch</p> <p>5:30 Weight Watchers 5:30 - 7:00 pm WFAM 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:00 pm Men's Al-Anon 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>16 8:30 Men's Club 10:00 Weight Watch</p> <p>4:00 pm Deacons 7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>17 9-12 Cribbage games</p> <p>10:00 am PW Coordinating Mtg</p> <p>8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship Closed AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon</p>	<p>18 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers</p> <p>12:30-3:30 Pinewood build in Labyrinth Room</p>
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<p>26 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bell prac 10:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>7:00 pm Steel Magnolia Open AA 8:00 Big Book Study Open AA</p>	<p>27 9:00 Quilting Group</p> <p>No Scouts</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Noon - Faith Together (Alive n Kickin)</p>				

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Worship Hours

Sunday Services

9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service

Faith United Presbyterian Committees

Building & Grounds

Skip Trout
Jeff Arnett
Andy Gottsch
Don Stokes

General Administration

Bob Ross
Laura Stokes
Bill Strawn
Skip Trout

Memorial

Helen Lehnertz
Bill Strawn
Eleanor Tasker

Christian Education

Marilyn Blatchford
Eric Butler
Mark Pappadackis

Investment/Endowment

Don Stokes
Jeff Arnett
Bob Ross

Mission

Kelli McWilliams
Mark Pappadackis

Finance

Adam Chmielewski
Bob Ross
Bill Strawn

Membership

Eric Butler
Helen Lehnertz

Worship

Laura Stokes
Eleanor Tasker
Helen Lehnertz

BOARD OF DEACONS

Elgerd Arnett	Bobbi Mesmer
Marlyn Arnett	Dick Mesmer
Donna Baustian	Toots Pittman
Carlotta Fox	Bonnie Oliver
Shirley Heath	Carolyn Schmith
Angie Irwin	Mary Stokes
Sally Lingle	

THE SESSION OF FAITH UPC

Clerk of Session-- Connie Sponder

Jeff Arnett	Mark Pappadackis
Marilyn Blatchford	Bob Ross
Erick Butler	Don Stokes
Adam Chmielewski	Laura Stokes
Andy Gottsch	Bill Strawn
Helen Lehnertz	Eleanor Tasker
Kelli McWilliams	Skip Trout

FAITH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. David Koehler - Admin. Asst.: Teri McCallum - Music staff: Larisa Chmielewski, Pat Herbold, Ellen Osborn, Cheryl Pappadackis
Maintenance Services: Lindy Johnson - Nursery Care Coordinator: Connie Sponder