

Faith UP

February 2019

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Pastor's Page

You all are reading this just days after the annual meeting, the 4th annual meeting for Faith United; we have been at this new congregation stuff going on the 4th year now. In my mind that means we have had time to get settled in with one another and have now begun to think, explore, examine, and hopefully ask "WHAT NOW?" I would like to speak a minute about "WHAT NOW" in this February 2019 Newsletter.

For most congregations, including ours, the idea of 1)being able to pay the bills, and 2)having reserve monies for a day to come, are very desirable and probably important. Having the ability to have both in the affirmative speaks to the sustainability of an organization; if you can pay the bills you can keep moving, and if you have money in the bank there is not only a safety built in, but there is a mindset of comfort and an absence of anxiety. It is the desirable place to be. But, the reality for many congregations, maybe even most, is that this is not our reality any longer. So, we take appropriate steps; we cut budgets, we end programs, we cut staff, we cut mission giving, or we spend down our reserves. And each of these causes a certain amount of weeping and gnashing of teeth for the congregations that find these as the reality of the day. No arguments that these are not desirable things and we all long for the day when these were not part of discussions at annual meetings and session meetings and committee meetings. Welcome to the church in the 21st century. What can we do when none of the options seems to be very good.

I am not sure what the answers are, how we get more money coming in, from pledges, from building use, from investment incomes. There seems to be no clear cut approach, we have pursued options and nothing seems to change. But, maybe there is a way to change mindsets instead of circumstances, to not look at how sustainable we are, or how unsustainable we are becoming, but maybe instead, look at how faithful we can be to what God is calling us to be and do, and to the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus. Over the next few months the session is going to explore what each of these terms mean: sustainability and faithfulness, and how each of these things applies to us and our ministry. My hope is that by mid year we might be able to hold a congregational meal and have a conversation about these things and the differences between them, and what each means for us as we seek to move forward in our ministries and shared life. In the mean time, I encourage all of us to do some research on our own as to what these two terms mean, and to start thinking how they may pertain to us here at Faith United. We are in year 4, and we are moving, are we going in the right direction?

Dave



MISSION NEWS



Written by Harriett Marsh

Spotlight on Missions!!

We send out another heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who worked at the Soup Kitchen, Back Packs and the Warming Shelter. It is always great to see us out helping in the community. Thanks to those who contributed to our Can Tree. We took to 62 items to Community Action Agency. We will let you know how many glue sticks and containers of disinfecting wipes we collected for Morningside Elementary in January.

Opportunities for mission in February are below.

Feb. 3, Souper Bowl Sunday - begun by a Presbyterian Youth Group in the south, collection of \$1 each from the congregation to be given to a local organization addressing hunger issues.

Feb. 25, filling Back Packs at the Food Bank.

As always, we would love to have some men on the mission committee.

Committee members: Becky Bainbridge, Kelly Berkenpas, Karen Juhl, Harriett Marsh, Kelli McWilliams, Peggy Reid

Please direct ideas, articles and questions to
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*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.*



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Upcoming Dates to Remember

February

Circles will meet:

Naomi Circle does not meet in January
February 6, Rebecca Circle, 10:00 am
February 14, Esther Bible Study, 9:30 am
February 15, Coordinating Team, 10:00 am
February 19, Lydia Circle, 7:00 pm

Vina Rodecker

WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY:

3rd: Luke 4:21-30; Jesus, having preached at his home synagogue, is rejected for his message to those who thought they had him and things figured out; Holy Communion.

10th: Luke 5:1-11; Scout Sunday; Skip Trout will give the proclamation and we will celebrate the Scouting programs here at Faith United.

17th: Luke 6:17-26; Jesus' Sermon on the Plain and blessings and woes.

24th: We will have pulpit supply leading us today as Dave and Sherry will be in Germany visiting a new grand daughter.

**Kitchen Crew
for February is
Esther Circle**

CARD MAKING GROUP

will meet on February 13, at 9:00 am. All are welcome to come and help us make cards.

Cards are for sale for --\$.50 each or 3 for \$1.00.



Lectionary Scripture Lessons in February

Christian Ed News

February



Our Middle / High School youth enjoyed helping out at Culvers. They made \$136.74 that will go toward a mission trip. Destination is yet to be determined. Thank you everyone who came to Culvers to support them. They wore a nice red Faith United Presbyterian T-shirt that we will sell for anyone to order.

Come join the adult Sunday School class at 9:00 am in the Fireside room. We will be discussing the New Testament reading that Pastor Dave will be preaching from. The Middle/High School youth will also be joining in the discussion.

Christian Ed

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany—February 3

Jeremiah 1:4–10; Psalm 71:1–6
1 Corinthians 13:1–13; Luke 4:21–30

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany—February 10

Isaiah 6:1–8 (9–13); Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1–11; Luke 5:1–11

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany—February 17

Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12–20; Luke 6:17–26

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany—February 24

Genesis 45:3–11, 15; Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40
1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50; Luke 6:27–38

SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS

Will meet February 20 at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. All caregivers of individuals with a dementia are welcome to attend. It is free and open to the public.

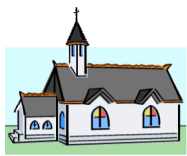
These Days

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

Sunday Attendance

	<u>10:30</u>
December 30	68
January 6	88
January 13	99
January 20	67

February - OUR CONGREGATION IN ACTION



Prayer Families for February

3 - Brian & Tina Hansen & family,
Kathleen Hansen, Keith & Eileen
Hansen & family, Lori Hansen &
family, Paul Hansen, Fran Harris

10 - Opal Hayes, Shirley Heath, Kevin & Jill
Heller & family, Rhonda Henry, Arlo & Pat
Herbold, Fern Herbst

17 - Josh & Emily Hicklin & family, Sid & Lois
Hoover, Marlyn Hulst, Angie Irwin, Rev Lowell
& Reta Johnson, Roger & Cindy Johnson

24 - Karen Juhl, Lynn Kelly, Dave & Sherry
Koehler, Daren & Sophia Koehler & family,
Darrell Krommenhoek, Dave & Sue LeGree &
family

Ushers



10:30 Service

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

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

17 - Angie Irwin*, Richard Delfs, Jeff &
Becky Paulsen

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



Liturgist

Skip Trout



Greeters

3 - Shirley Heath

10 - Rita Johnson

17 - Marilyn Watkins

24 - Bob & Julie Mesmer

Communion Servers

3 - Don Stokes, Zach Gould, Kelli
McWilliams



COFFEE SERVERS

February - Deacons

March - Lydia Circle

April - Empty Nesters

May - Session

June - Men's Club & Sunday School Leaders

July - Choir

August - Naomi & Esther Circles

September - Out to Lunch Bunch

October - Ushers

November - Bell Choir

December - Faith Together 7 PW Board



Offering Counters



January - Andy Gottsch & Connie Sponder

February - Don Stokes & Renea Anderson

March -

April -

May - Skip Trout & Kelli McWilliams

February 2019



Birthdays

- 2 - Roxanne Bobolz
Sally Vilhauer
- 4 - Ben Daniels
- 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
- 19 - Sonja Floyd
- 21 - Larry Manker
Karen Paulsen
- 25 - Tom Braddy
- 26 - Pat Herbold
- 27 - Vibian Busse
Cheryl Carey
Betty Grieve
- 28 - Betty Hass

February 2019 Anniversaries



- 7 - Jeff & Becky Paulsen
- 10 - Bill & Susan Blatchford
- 22 - Jeff & Becky Bainbridge

EMPTY NESTERS

Empty Nesters will meet at 5:30 pm on February 12 at Chili's. Please let Bob Mesmer 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.

LUNCH BUNCH On Wednesday, February 6 the Lunch Bunch will meet at Red Lobster at 12:30 pm

Jan/feb UPPER ROOM
DEVOTIONALS ARE
HERE!



*The deadline for newsletter submission is the **3rd Wednesday** of the month prior to publication. Please direct articles & questions to Teri McCallum
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Treasurer's Report from December

Income	\$20,778.60
Expenses	\$16,368.93

February 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1 9-12 Cribbage games 8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm AI-Anon	2 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers
3 10:30 am Worship Service COMMUNION 1:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA	4 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Blue & Gold	5 9:00 Quilting Group No Naomi Circle	6 10:00 am Rebecca Circle 12:15 Weight Watch 12:30 pm Lunch Bunch @ Red Lobster 5:45 Weight Watchers 5:30 pm WFAM 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:15 pm Bell Choir	7 8:30 Men's Club 10:00 Weight Watch 7:00 pm Scouts	8 9-12 Cribbage games 8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm AI-Anon	9 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers
10 10:30 am Worship Service Scout Sunday 7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA	11 12:00 - PEO 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Session	12 9:00 Quilting Group 5:30 pm Empty Nesters @ Chili's 7:00 pm Doll Club 7:00 pm Lydia Circle	13 12:15 Weight Watch 5:45 Weight Watchers 5:30 pm WFAM 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:15 pm Bell Choir	14 8:30 Men's Club Bible Study 9:30 am Esther Bible Study 10:00 Weight Watch 4:00 pm Deacons 7:00 pm Scouts	15 9-12 Cribbage games 10:00 am PW Coordinating Mtg 8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm AI-Anon	16 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers
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24 10:30 am Worship Service 7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA	25 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	26 9:00 Quilting Group 9 am - 5:30 pm Lifeline	27 12:15 Weight Watch 5:45 Weight Watchers 5:30 pm WFAM 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:15 pm Bell Choir	28 8:30 Men's Club 10:00 Weight Watch 7:00 pm Scouts		

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Worship Schedule

Service times

9:00 Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service

Staffed Nursery Available

Faith United Presbyterian Committees

Building & Grounds

Andy Gottsch
Don Stokes
Ben Miller

Christian Education

Tina Hansen
Becky Bainbridge

Finance

Renea Anderson
Zach Gould

General Administration

Skip Trout
Don Stokes
Tina Hansen
Kelli McWilliams

Investment/Endowment

Gary Hacker

Membership

Skip Trout
Kathy Angerman
Kelli McWilliams

Memorial

Becky Bainbridge
Renea Anderson

Mission

Becky Bainbridge
Kelli McWilliams
Kathy Angerman

Worship

Kelli McWilliams
Zach Gould

BOARD OF DEACONS

Carolyn Daniels	Bonnie Oliver
Angie Irwin	Dick Pruehs
Beth Lindgren	Harvey Stokes
Sally Lingle	Lorman Vilhauer
Julie Mesmer	Sally Vilhauer

THE SESSION OF FAITH UPC

Clerk of Session-- Connie Sponder

Renea Anderson	Tina Hansen
Kathy Angerman	Kelli McWilliams
Becky Bainbridge	Ben Miller
Andy Gottsch	Don Stokes
Zach Gould	Skip Trout

FAITH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. David Koehler - Admin. Asst.: Teri McCallum - Music staff: - Sonja Floyd, Pat Herbold, Ellen Osborn, Eleanor Tasker
Maintenance Services: Lindy Johnson - Nursery Care Coordinator: Tina Hansen