

Faith UP

January 2019

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Very soon we will say goodbye to another year, and hello to a brand new year, 2019. For many of us, as we reflect back on our lives, not just the past year, but over the years, we inevitably ask ourselves where the time went, how did we get to this place and time, how could we have gotten here? Many of us view life as those moments in time when things happen and milestones take place, and we are able to make a go of life. Yet, too often, when we reflect, we feel a sense of emptiness, because either we have not had enough of those "moments" in life, or we have gotten older and we can no longer always count on being able to participate in those moments any longer.

I think that this way of looking at a year, or the years, could lend it self to a feeling of disappointment, even of ending: I can't be who I was, so what is the point, or, since there isn't enough to go around, we might as well just end the endeavor. I think that the life God provides for us has so much more to it, so much more at stake. It boils down to a question of sustainability, we have these moments and we do these things, and when we can't it is done. Maybe we can look at things another way, with an eye toward faithfulness, faithfulness to the message of hope we have been given. Are we striving simply to be sustainable, able to make a go of things for another year, or are we more concerned with what we do, of living life, even in lean times, as being engaged with the message of hope that God is giving us in Jesus Christ?

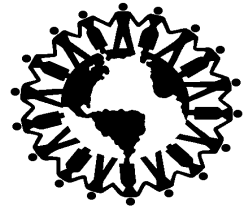
As we celebrate the gift of Jesus' birth and as we celebrate the incoming new year, I am offering us a challenge, as people, as disciples, as a congregation of the church of Jesus Christ: can we base what we do this year on making a faithful response to the gift of love that sustains us, or are we simply concerned with being able to make ends meet and when we can't we have failed? The session will be challenged this year to look at the life of this congregation and our mission in the world through the lens of faithfulness versus sustainability, using some survey information that our denomination has put out that actually shows that congregations who are more concerned with a faithfulness to the message we have been given than to whether we can be sustainable in our numbers, actually end up being more sustainable, more able to continue to move forward. This is a new way of looking at where we go and how we get there, but it is worth our exploring this as we look at what God wants from us and how we see ourselves as a part of the body of Christ in this time and place. Simply being able to make ends meet does not give us a good picture of what it means to be the church, and if these surveys are correct, simply trying to make ends meet does not give us that possibility anyway.

I am challenging all of us, myself especially, to look at our lives and our lives in the church and truly ask if we are faithful to the message of love and caring that we have been blessed with, and how we might move toward a more faithful way of being as we move into this new year. I hope we will be able to dialogue about this throughout the year, in sermon time, in meal times, organized as well as informal. Merry Christmas and Happy New year! Let's move forward in joy and thanksgiving.

Dave



MISSION NEWS



Written by Harriett Marsh

Spotlight on Missions!!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with backpacks at the Food Bank on Monday, January 17th. Becky Bainbridge reported that there were 21 folks there from Faith United and Westminster! Next date for backpacks is January 22.

And thank you to all who volunteered at the Soup Kitchen on December 31st. We always manage to have all the folks needed for a successful afternoon and evening.

Our "Yes We Can" tree also grew and we will deliver the items to the Community Action Agency for their food pantry early in January. And watch for a new collection of just a couple of items for Morningside Elementary coming in January.

At the end of the year the Mission Committee disburses most of the money in the Benevolence (G.I.V.E.) account which is over and above the regular mission budget of the church. This year the committee decided to give \$500 each to three local organizations which benefit children with disabilities and to the homeless. The first is the Miracle League of Sioux City which through the Miracle Field in Riverside provides a complex that includes a baseball field, a splash pad, playground, music park, mini golf and other support facilities for children with both mental and physical handicaps. The second organization is GiGi's Playhouse which offers service, empowerment, and acceptance to children with Down syndrome. The third organization to receive help from us is Erik's Closet, a service started by Danielle at the Soup Kitchen and with the cooperation of the Warming Shelter to provide warm clothing and personal necessities for the homeless. It is named for a homeless man who passed away and operates one day a week from the front of the Soup Kitchen. If you have any warm clothing you would like to donate, I'm sure Danielle would appreciate it. The benevolence account is also available for emergencies, and if you have any suggestions for places the money is needed, please let a member of the Mission Committee know.

We will be getting a table for the Food Bank of Siouxland's annual Empty Bowls fund raiser. If you would like a ticket, please see Pastor Dave or Peggy Reid. Tickets are \$50 each.

There will be a complete breakdown of where Faith United's 2018 mission budget went in the yearbook which is distributed at the annual meeting.

Blessings to all of you who so willingly and generously support the mission of Faith United!!

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

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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

January

Circles will meet:

Naomi Circle does not meet in January
January 2, Rebecca Circle, 10:00 am
January 10, Esther Bible Study, 9:30 am
January 15, Lydia Circle, 7:00 pm
January 18, Coordinating Team, 10:00 am

Vina Rodecker

WORSHIP IN JANUARY:

6th: Epiphany Sunday; Matthew 2:1-12; God chooses to reveal to the world the very manifestation, the reality of God in the baby in Bethlehem; the Children's Choir will sing, and we will celebrate communion.

13th: Baptism of the Lord Sunday; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; God's voice booms out words of love as Jesus comes out of the waters of baptism, and those words are boomed over us as well.

20th: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11; God's overflowing love is on display through the spiritual gifts God gives to us and the changing our life from what was to what can be.

27th: Luke 4:14-21; Jesus begins public ministry, and is not always well received.

**Kitchen Crew
for January is
Rebecca Circle**

CARD MAKING GROUP

will meet on January 9, 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 January

Epiphany of the Lord—January 6

Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14
Ephesians 3:1–12; Matthew 2:1–12

Baptism of the Lord—January 13

Isaiah 43:1–7; Psalm 29
Acts 8:14–17; Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Second Sunday after Epiphany—January 20

Isaiah 62:1–5; Psalm 36:5–10
1 Corinthians 12:1–11; John 2:1–11

Third Sunday after Epiphany—January 27

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10; Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12–31a; Luke 4:14–21

Christian Ed News

January

All the hard work that was put into our Christmas program, Christmas Presence, really paid off. What a wonderful performance. Thanks to everyone who helped and participated. Special thanks to Sonja Floyd and Peggy Reid.



Don't forget January 7 some of our youth will be helping at the Southern Hills Culvers from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy supper at Culvers. They will be getting 10% of the profit made that night.

Christian Ed

SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS

Will meet January 16 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.

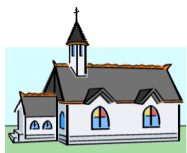
These Days

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 2	40
December 9	97
December 16	91
December 23	113
December 24	135

January - OUR CONGREGATION IN ACTION



Prayer Families for January

6 - David Dahl, Jeff & Rhonda Dahl & family, Ben Daniels, Carolyn Daniels, Deanna Daniels, John & Mary Daniels

13 - Richard & Mary Delfs, Susan Delfs, Gene Doran, Marlene Downs, Marv & Lorraine Edmunds, Chuck & Lori Edwards

20 - Marilyn Erickson, Audrey Fenton, Pat & Sonja Floyd, Carlotta Fox, Jim & Linda Geusebroek, Andy Gottsch & family

27 - Zach Gould, Fran Graham, Bill & Shannon Graves & family, Betty Grieve, Gary & Alice Hacker, Bill & Mary Hall

Ushers



10:30 Service

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

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

20 - Carlotta Fox*, Karen Lien, Helen Lehnertz, Mary Stokes

27 - Skip Trout*, Dick Pruehs, Sheryl Collins, Bill Strawn



Liturgist



Greeters

6 - Audrey Fenton
13 - Bonnie Oliver
20 - Elgerd & Marlyn Arnett
27 - Toots Pittman

Communion Servers

6 - Don Stokes, Kathy Angerman, Eric Butler, Kelli McWilliams



COFFEE SERVERS

Jan -



Offering Counters



6 -
13 -
20 -
27 -

January 2019



Birthdays

- 1 - Eve Johns
Lynn Kelly
- 2 - Mary Stokes
- 6 - Koda Crain
- 8 - Kathleen Hansen
- 9 - Bill Blatchford
- 10 - Renea Anderson
Julie Trout

- 11 - Nora Chmielewski
- 15 - Angie Irwin
- 16 - David Hansen
- 17 - Fern Herbst
- 18 - Elizabeth Boyer
- 22 - Betty Ludwig
- 23 - Betty Maxfield
- 26 - Stevie Rice
Nathan Stokes
- 27 - Anne Fuchtman
- 28 - Jim Geusebroek

January 2019 Anniversaries



- 1 - John & Kathy Becker
- 22 - Adam & Larisa Chmielewski

Thank
you

A Special thank you to everyone. I appreciate all the cards, calls, love and concern expressed to me.
Fern Herbst & family

EMPTY NESTERS

Empty Nesters will meet at 5:30 pm on January 8 at . 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, January 2 the Lunch Bunch will meet at Applebees 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
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Treasurer's Report from November

Income	\$15,340.56
Expenses	\$18,347.42

January 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<p>1 9:00 Quilting Group</p> <p>No Naomi Circle</p>	<p>2 10:00 am Rebecca Circle 12:15 Weight Watch 12:30 pm Lunch Bunch @ Applebees</p> <p>5:45 Weight Watchers 5:30 pm WFAM 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:15 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>3 8:30 Men's Club 10:00 Weight Watch</p> <p>7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>4 9-12 Cribbage games</p> <p>8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>5 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers</p>
<p>6 10:30 am Worship Service COMMUNION</p> <p>1:00 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA</p>	<p>7 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>8 9:00 Quilting Group</p> <p>5:30 pm Empty Nesters @</p> <p>7:00 pm Doll Club 7:00 pm Lydia Circle</p>	<p>9 12:15 Weight Watch</p> <p>5:45 Weight Watchers 5:30 pm WFAM 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:15 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>10 8:30 Men's Club 9:30 am Esther Bible Study 10:00 Weight Watch</p> <p>7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>11 9-12 Cribbage games</p> <p>8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>12 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers</p>
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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

Skip Trout
Andy Gottsch

Christian Education

Eric Butler
Becky Bainbridge
Tina Hansen

Finance

General Administration

Skip Trout
Laura Stokes
Tina Hansen

Investment/Endowment

Membership

Helen Lehnertz
Eric Butler
Kathy Angerman

Memorial

Helen Lehnertz
Becky Bainbridge

Mission

Kelli McWilliams
Kathy Angerman

Worship

Laura Stokes
Helen Lehnertz
Zach Gould
Eleanor Tasker

BOARD OF DEACONS

Shirley Heath	Julie Mesmer
Angie Irwin	Bonnie Oliver
Karen Juhl	Dick Pruehs
Sally Lingle	Harvey Stokes
Bobbi Mesmer	Mary Stokes

THE SESSION OF FAITH UPC

Clerk of Session-- Connie Sponder

Kathy Angerman	Tina Hansen
Becky Bainbridge	Helen Lehnertz
Eric Butler	Kelli McWilliams
Andy Gottsch	Laura 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