FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 12, 2020 † Announcements & Opportunities

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements and Joys and Concerns for Faith and Bethel will be looped on the screen before worship begins at 10:30 a.m., rather than shared aloud during worship. Hilarie Kukavitz will begin the prelude at approximately 10:20 a.m.

If you miss the live-stream when it is live, you can view it later on by going to the Faith UMC Facebook page or the Bethel UMC website and download the service.

Websites: www.faithumcshebfalls.org or www.churchofbethelumc.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/FaithUMCShebFallsWI

Let's partner together in the healing ministries of Jesus Christ, both in prevention and cure!

God abides with, in, and through us!

God is good. God is with us. God loves us.

WELCOME! We can witness to our faith and support one another even while we are being asked to practice social distancing. While gatherings are being cancelled, we can still love God and our neighbors in new and creative ways.

A WARM WELCOME to Hilarie Mukavitz, as our new Worship Musician at Faith UMC, and Chris Raisbeck, who will be serving in the role of Music Director. We are excited to have Hilarie and Chris as part of our worship team and leading our music ministry.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS at Faith UMC are normally Monday through Thursday, from 9 am – 1 pm. Please note the slight changes in office hours for the following dates: Monday, July 13 from 9-1:30, Tuesday, July 14 from 9:30-1 and Wednesday, July 15 from 8 a.m. – noon. Pastor Kathy will be on vacation from Tuesday, July 21-Satuday, July 25, but office hours remain normal during that time. Due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19 cases in Sheboygan Falls, we are taking extra precautions in the building. Face masks are being required upon entrance and we are asking all guests to please ring the doorbell and be greeted by the staff. Please call the church office (920.467.6244) or Pastor Kathy (920.980.8376) if you have any special needs, concerns, or questions.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK: The church website and Facebook page will continue to be updated as information becomes available. Please check both for important information.

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There are two different ways to access the live-stream on Sunday morning. You can go to the church website above and look for the live-stream video link on the front page to access it, or you can go to Faith's Facebook page, also listed above. Announcements for each congregation will continue to loop from 10:00 am until the prelude begins at approximately 10:20. The website will also provide a downloadable copy of each weekly bulletin and the announcements on Faith's website.

FOR FAITH UMC

BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER SPONSOR: Thank you to Dennis and Nancy Jones, in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and God's blessings to you both!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE: After prayerful consideration and discussion with the Admin Board and Worship Team, we have decided not to re-open the church for in-person worship until further notice. Three opportunities are being offered: 1.) A 30-minute time slot in the sanctuary to pray, meditate, and spent time with God. Times can be from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Please call the church office (467.6244) to sign up. 2.) Outdoor gatherings of 10 or less on the church lawn, practicing social distancing while enjoying fellowship and spiritual support through worship, devotion, prayer, or conversation, or a combination of all of these. 3.) Starting Sunday, August 2nd, one family unit can sign up to attend a regular Sunday worship service, providing you wear masks, social distance, and wait to socialize until after you get outside following the service. Because we are limited to 10 people or less in worship on Sundays, and including the worship team, we ask that you pre-register with the church office for the week of your choice. If you are interested in attending a Sunday worship service with your family, please call the church office and pre-register. If you leave a message, we will give a call back with a day and time to meet.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Please note that **volunteers are not participating** in the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry, but it is still open for those in need.

CHANGE IN QUARTERY GIVING STATEMENTS: Beginning in July, you will be receiving your Quarterly Giving Statements electronically. This will save time, paper, and postage. You will receive an email with three attachments: a letter from a member of the Finance Committee, your quarterly statement, and an auto-debit enrollment form. Church members without email will continue to receive their quarterly statements by regular mail.

The Finance Committee encourages you to consider signing up for automated giving, either through Vanco Services (the form that is attached to your email), or through your banking institution. This greatly benefits our church in that it enables us to have funds on hand regularly from week to week to pay our fixed monthly expense, especially when we cannot worship in person. It is easy to change your automated giving at any time if you financial situation changes. If you have questions about setting up automated giving, please contact Caren at 920.287.3679.

Than you to all who have been so faithful in sending or bringing your offerings to church. Remember that our offering envelopes are postage paid for your convenience. If you need more offering envelopes, come to the church during office hours and you can get some from Julie.

MORNING DEVOTION - Pat Deibert continues to offer a **morning devotion** each day from 8-8:30 a.m. for those of us with Internet access. If you would like to be a part of this, please email Pat at pdeibert@charter.net and she will send you a Zoom link to click on to join us.

FOR BETHEL UMC

IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE: The Admin Board has chosen not to resume in-person worship at the present time. We will update you as our plans change. In the meantime, we will gather outside around the bonfire with notice ahead of time.

FOR FAITH AND BETHEL UMCs

FACE MASKS: Pastor Kathy is sewing face masks. If you need one, please contact the church office or Pastor Kathy directly.

NE DISTRICT – CIRCUIT 12 LAITY COMMITTEE will be holding a free informational session "Discerning the Future of the UMC" on Saturday, August 29, 2020 from 10 a.m. – noon at Faith UMC, 633 Detroit Street, Sheboygan Falls, WI. It will be facilitated by Kate Croskery Jones, District Superintendent NE District, along with five distinguished denominational leaders, representing a diverse spectrum of positions, to provide information on options, alternatives, opportunities, and consequences, as well as to address your specific questions. Please don't miss this very important event. Please **RSVP by August 21, 2020** by emailing crossandflameumc@gmail.com or phone 920.467.6244 to register.

BIBLE STUDY: The weekly ZOOM Bible study is taking a break for the month of July. Pastor Kathy will let you know when it is resuming. Watch for a future email and updated announcements.

SUMMER VACATION SCHEDULES: Please note that Pastor Kathy will be out of the office from Tuesday, July 21 through Saturday, July 25th. Julie will be on vacation on Thursday, July 16th and Monday through Wednesday, July 27-29. Caren Schultz has graciously agreed to cover the office during the regular office hours during those dates.

GIVING: Even though we are not gathering in person for worship, your offering is still needed to support the on-going ministry of our churches. Bethel UMC, please mail your offering to our church Treasurer Angela Bonde, 10415 Meggers Rd., New Holstein, WI 53061. Faith UMC, if you do not give electronically, please consider mailing your offerings to the church, or dropping it by the church office during their regular office hours of Monday through Thursday from 9 am - 1 pm. Information about electronic giving is available on the Faith UMC website. We can send our pre-paid envelopes to Faith UMC folks, if that would be helpful.

NEW HOPE UMC

IN-PERSON WORSHIP at New Hope began on Sunday, June 21. If you are not yet comfortable with joining us in person, you are more than welcome to continue live-streaming with Faith and Bethel UMC.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are Monday and Thursday, from 10 am -1 pm. Please call if there is any special need or concern or if you have any questions about anything.

GIVING: If you are not joining us for in-person worship, you may still support the on-going ministry of our church. New Hope UMC, by mailing your offering to our church's **new address at W7797 Center St., Glenbeulah, WI 53023.** Please note: We no longer have the PO Box at the Glenbeulah Post Office.