

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 26 & 27, 2020 † Announcements & Opportunities

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 Mukavitz 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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

A SINCERE THANK YOU to Paul Sucherman, for serving as our worship accompanist this weekend. We truly appreciate you sharing your time and talents with us.

BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIPS: There are bulletin sponsorship opportunities in the months of September and October, and newsletter sponsorship opportunities in the months of September through December. We are also open for taking sponsorships for 2021. You can sponsor one or the other, or both, in honor or in memory of a special person or event or "just because." The cost is \$35 each. Please contact the church office to sign up.

THE UPPER ROOM: Copies of the September-October 2020 edition of THE UPPER ROOM are now available in the Faith UMC church office. As a courtesy due to the Coronavirus, you can also access it online, for free, by clicking on this link: www.upperroom.org/standingorderchurches and then choose the edition you desire to view. It's available in both English and Spanish for your convenience. If you would prefer to have a copy mailed to you, feel free to call Julie at 920.467.6244 during normal church office hours (or you can always leave a voice message) and she will be happy to mail one to you.

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

NEW HOPE UMC

New Hope UMC is now holding **IN-PERSON WORSHIP**. If you are not yet comfortable with joining us in person, you are more than welcome to continue live-streaming with Faith and Bethel UMCs.

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 mailing address at W7797 Center Rd., Glenbeulah, WI 53023**. Please note: We no longer have the PO Box at the Glenbeulah Post Office.

FOR BETHEL UMC

IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE: The Admin Board has chosen not to resume in-person church worship at the present time. For now we will be having worship on Saturday evenings in the month of September, **at 6:30 p.m. – please note the updated time change**, under the pavilion, with a bonfire after, weather permitting. Rain date worship is always Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. under the pavilion. You are always invited to participate, as we will practice social distancing. Bring your lawn chair, s'more and/or pie iron supplies, and bug spray. The Sunday morning livestreamed service from Faith UMC is another available option each week, for those who choose not to worship in-person on Saturday evenings.

GIVING: Even though we are not gathering in person for worship, your offering is still needed to support the on-going ministry of our church. Please mail your offering to Angela Bonde at 10415 Meggers Road, New Holstein, WI 53061. Thank you!

FOR FAITH UMC

WELCOME BACK PASTOR KATHY! We hope your time away was refreshing and fulfilling.

AUTOMATED GIVING: 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, as 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. If you have questions about setting up automated giving, please contact Caren at 920.287.3679.

ALL CHOIRS are temporarily postponed until further notice. However, bell rings are still wanted. Please contact Chris Raisbeck, if you are interested in joining us in the future.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS at Faith UMC are Monday through Thursday, from 9 am – 1 pm. Please note that on Thursday, October 8, the office will be open from 8 am to noon. **We continue to take extra precautions in the church building itself. 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.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE: Until we return to in-person worship, there are three opportunities to spend time with God at our church: 1) In-sanctuary worship, limited to 10 people, including our five person worship team. You must wear a mask, social distance, and wait to socialize until you get outside after the service. We can accommodate 4-5 people each week. 2) Sign up for a 30-minute time slot to pray, meditate, and spend time in the sanctuary with God, Monday through Thursday, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. 3) We are offering outdoor gatherings of 10 people or less on the church lawn, safely distancing, for a time of worship, prayer, and fellowship. Please call Julie in the church office if you want to reserve a space on Sunday, come to pray during the week, or participate in an outdoor gathering.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Thank 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, stop by the church office during regular hours and Julie will be happy to provide you with some.

ATTENTION!!!! Next Sunday is **World Communion Sunday**. The special offering helped Kaelin Travis, a student from Mississippi, at Alcorn State University majoring in soil conservation. She says that the Ethnic Scholarship from the denomination, combined with the love and moral support from her home church, encourages her in her studies. She says, "I look forward to the day that I, too, can support college students."

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The next get-together, via ZOOM, is scheduled for October. Watch for future details.