

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ORLAND PARK

FAITH MATTERS

December 2020

Christmas 2020



As I write this month's newsletter article, my heart is full of mixed emotions. On one hand, the Covid-19 pandemic is raging across the country and in our communities. Hospitals are filling. Businesses are closing. Schools are returning to online learning. On November 7,

our church building suspended in-person services and ministries. More & more people in our community are getting sick and/or quarantining. On the other hand, we will adapt. Our church is finding new ways to love and care for each other. Our community will continue to adjust to our changing circumstances.

On Christmas Eve, I hope we can gather for in-person worship services. Just as the growing Covid-19 positivity rate caused us to close down, we can reconsider opening once the positivity rate falls below 6.5% for 7 consecutive days. However, (realistically,) we will not resume in-person worship services until 2021. So, what will we do for Christmas?

Here are our plans for the upcoming month:

1 – We will continue our weekly livestream worship services every Sunday @ 9 AM. You can join us on Facebook and YouTube. If you sleep in on Sunday mornings, you can watch the recorded service anytime. (Note: the link to worship services are available on our website www.faithumcop.org.) If you do not have access to the internet, contact the church office for a printed bulletin & sermon manuscript.

2 – We will continue our Virtual Taste of Faith on Sunday @ 10:15 AM. We resumed this ministry on November 22 to facilitate encouragement and support – to see each other's faces – to hear each other's voices. If you're feeling disconnected and isolated, I hope you'll join us for this ZOOM fellowship time. ZOOM link is available on our website and church Facebook page. You also have the option of calling into the meeting using a telephone.

3 – Our Advent sermon series, "Making Room," will invite us to prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth. I know Covid-19 is dominating our attention, but let's reflect on Christ's birth. During Advent, we will focus on the themes: Remember, Repent, Restore, and Reveal. We will also celebrate the lighting of a travelling Advent wreath each week with a different member(s) of our church family.

4 – We will "release" an online Christmas Eve worship service at 1:00 PM on Christmas Eve, December 24. This service will include the traditional Christmas components: carols, communion and candlelight. (Note: if we resume in-person services, we will gather for services at 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, & 11:00 PM. On the first Sunday of Christmas, December 27, we will gather for a joint service @ 9:00 AM if we reopen. If we remain closed, you can ignore these last few sentences.)

5 – We are preparing a Christmas Eve package for our Faith church family & friends. This package will include communion elements, candle(s), and other "surprise" items that will be used for the Christmas Eve service. Contact the church office (faith@faithumcop.org) if you have family/neighbors, who would like to join us for worship, and we will prepare a package for them, as well.

6 – We will offer a variety of Service Opportunities to care for our neighbors. See list of "Christmas Outreach & Missions" a little later in this article.

7 – We will remind each other that Christmas Is Not Our Birthday. This is not a season for us to receive gifts. This is a season to prepare gifts for Jesus. After all, it is his birthday. With this in mind, our Finance Committee and Church Council have agreed to give away 100% of our 2020 Christmas Eve special offering. 50% of this gift will be given to support children/families locally. The other 50% will be given to support children/families in another part of the world. Our Mission Committee is deliberating on the recipients of these gifts.

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Pastor Caleb's message continued:

Friends, in this unprecedented year, let's find our hope and peace in the love of God and the gift of Immanuel, God with us. Let's prepare our hearts and minds to receive him. Just as he was born as a light in the midst of darkness 2000 years ago, he will surely come again. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

The Prayer Challenge

During the last 3 weeks of November, I challenged our congregation to pray: 3 Times, 3 Topics, 3 Weeks. I hope that you've been blessed as you made prayer part of your daily routine. Now, the challenge is continuing this newfound discipline and maintaining a rhythm of prayer.

In Daniel chapter 6, we learn that Daniel was known for his prayer life. Even his adversaries knew he prayed 3 times a day. Friends, this is a powerful witness. There is much for us to pray for. Let's become known as a people of prayer – who know God, love God, and turn to God in all circumstances.

Christmas Outreach & Mission

Here are some of the Christmas Outreach & Mission opportunities at Faith in 2020.

Drive Through Santa – While we are unable to host our traditional Santa Breakfast & Jamboree, we are hosting Santa Claus in our first "Drive Through Santa" at Faith on Sunday, December 6 @ 1:00 – 3:00 PM. For those wishing to remain in their cars, Santa will offer a wave and a socially distanced photo. Another option is to get out of your car for a quick (and socially-distant) photo opportunity with Santa. All kids will receive a special gift. No registration needed. This program is open to the community so help spread the news. Any questions? Contact Kim Clifton, Director of Children's Ministry (kids@faithumcop.org).

Together We Cope Gift Program – We are accepting donations OR toys & pajamas for children and infants (infant – 17 years). Monetary donations should be designated "Christmas Gift Program" on your checks and envelopes. You can also drop off donations during our Drop Off Dates: November 28 @ 1:00 – 3:00 PM and December 2 @ 5:00 – 7:00 PM. All gifts should be unwrapped and marked Boy/Girl & age. Gifts will be distributed by Together We Cope. Contact church office (faith@faithumcop.org) with any questions. Donation deadline: Dec 2.

Winter Coat Collection – We are collecting new or gently used coats, hats, boots, gloves, and scarves. Since the church building is closed, you can drop off your winter items during our Drop Off Dates: November 28 @ 1:00 – 3:00 PM and December 2 @ 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

Angel Tree – This year's Angel Tree program is virtual. Angel Tree gifts bless the children of our incarcerated brothers and sisters. We are invited to purchase Walmart gift cards (\$22, includes shipping & processing.) Once we receive names, we will share more information on how everyone can participate. Contact Clyde Blanke & Donna Petersen (708-349-0150).

Upcoming Sermon Series

In December, worship services will focus on the theme, "Making Room" as we prepare for Christ's coming.

On December 24, we will "release" our 2020 Christmas Eve Service video at 1:00 PM. If in-person services are resumed, we will gather for services at 4:00, 7:00, and 11:00 PM.

On December 27, we will finish up 2020 with a Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service.

On January 1, we will gather for a virtual worship service @ 10:00 AM to start 2021.

On the first Sunday of January (1/3), we will hear God's challenge to serve as a people who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Starting January 10, we will start our new year's sermon series, "The Big Questions." We'll consider life's big questions: who we are, why we exist, and what we are living for. This will be a great series to invite unchurched family and friends.

November 29 "Making Room: Remember"

December 6 "Making Room: Repent"

December 13 "Making Room: Restore"

December 20 "Making Room: Reveal"

December 24 "Making Room: Receive"

December 27 Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service

January 1 New Year's Day Service @ 10:00 AM

January 3 "Living in a Micah Moment"

January 10 "The Big Q: Who Am I?"

January 17 "The Big Q: Why Am I Here?"

January 24 "The Big Q: What Am I Living For?"

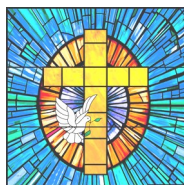
Do you have themes and/or topics you'd like to hear addressed from the pulpit in 2021? Contact Pastor Caitlyn or myself with your suggestions.

Pastor Caleb



Worship Services

Due to the rise in Covid-19 rates, Faith UMC is closing our building until further notice. We hope you can join our livestreamed worship service on Sunday @ 9:00 AM. You can find the links on our website (www.faithumcop.org).



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LIVE



Christmas Eve Service

We will have an online Christmas Eve worship service at 1:00 PM on Christmas Eve, December 24. This service will include the traditional Christmas components: carols, communion and candlelight. We hope you can join us.

Drive-In Communion

We are offering monthly "Drive-In Communion" the 1st Saturday of the month, **5:30 - 6:30 PM**. Location: church parking lot. This is communion especially for people who are uncomfortable and/or unable to join in-person worship services. Just drive up to the front entrance, receive communion elements from a pastor, & drive away. Next "Drive-In Communion" date: **Sat. Dec. 5, 5:30 - 6:30 PM**.

Pastoral Emergency Fund

Objective: Provide monetary assistance to our neighbors in need.

Background: Faith currently has a designated fund that provides bill assistance and gift cards to our neighbors who express need. Foreseeing the economic repercussions for our neighbors who receive hourly wages and are unable to work for two weeks, we are anticipating a significant increase in assistance requests. By donating to the Pastoral Emergency Fund, your resources will be used by Faith's pastors to assist with bill payments and gift card assistance.

How to help: You can donate to the Pastoral Emergency Fund by mailing a check to Faith United Methodist Church, 15101 S. 80th Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462. Please make checks payable to Faith United Methodist Church. In the memo line of the check write Pastoral Emergency Fund for your donation to be used towards bill assistance. Or, in the memo line of the check write Pastoral Emergency Fund - Gift Cards if you would like for your donation to be used to purchase gift cards for assistance.

You will be credited on your giving statements for donations to the Pastor Emergency Fund.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Caitlyn at pastorcaitlyn@faithumcop.org or 815-474-3136 (cell).

Worship News



WORSHIP WITH US THIS

CHRISTMAS



The Faith Matters newsletter is now available in the footer of every page on the website. Simply scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Faith Matters in the footer.

Strategic Goals

Bless Children & Youth
Deepen Discipleship
Broaden Missional Impact

Office Closed

Church Office will be closed on Thursday, 12/24 & Friday, 12/25 for Christmas.



*Merry Christmas
& Happy New
Year from the
staff of
Faith UMC*

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Children's Ministry



HO! HO! HO! Faith UMC is hosting a **Drive Thru Santa** visit! We are so excited to announce that we have spoken with Santa Claus and he is ready. We are not able to host our traditional

Santa Breakfast and Jamboree this year; but that doesn't mean we can't spend some time with the big guy in red. Santa will be bringing his sleigh filled with gifts on **Sunday, December 6th, 1-3 pm**. For those wishing to remain in their cars, Santa will offer a wave and a socially distanced photo. Visitors will also have the option of getting out of their car for a quick photo opportunity with Santa. Visitors will need to bring their own phone or camera for photos. All kids will receive a special gift. Santa is very busy and can't afford to become sick, so we will observe social distancing and mask wearing. Santa will also be bringing his special North Pole mailbox so bring your Christmas wish lists and notes for Santa!

Thank you to all who participated in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox project. Thank you for donating supplies, packing boxes and donating money for shipping costs! We were able to pack and pay shipping for 201 boxes this year!! Boxes have been brought to the shipping center and should be delivered to children within the next couple of months. Faith UMC has once again blessed the lives of children all over the world!!



New Members Received



Jeanne & Joe Purpura
8401 W. 151st St.
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-460-3953



Karen Tobola
8531 Bethany Ln.
Tinley Park, IL 60487
708-204-3989



Terry & Steve Velten
13302 S. 104th Ave.
Palos Park, IL 60464
817-301-7183

NEW MEMBERS

On November 11th we welcomed 5 new members to the Faith family via Zoom. When we get back to in person services, make sure you introduce yourself.

Security Team Recruiting

We have created a security team of 10-12 members to be a welcoming smile to anyone who might come into the building during worship services. Additional security members are needed.





Youth Group

While the Stay-At-Home order is in place, in-person Youth Group has been cancelled until further notice. If you would like to be a part of the Youth Group email chain to be updated when Youth Group meets, please contact Pastor Caitlyn at pastorcaitlyn@faithumcop.org.

Confirmation

Faith's Confirmation class has begun meeting with five students in the class. Please continue to hold our confirmands in prayer as we learn and grow together in our faith.



ASP

Faith's Youth Mission Team is planning on returning to the Appalachia area July 4th - July 9th 2021. If you are interested in being a part of the 2021 Youth Mission Trip to Appalachia Service Project contact Pastor Caitlyn at pastorcaitlyn@faithumcop.org.

Christmas Eve Gifts

With COVID, Christmas Eve will likely look very different this year compared to how we have celebrated in the past. To make this time special, Faith will be delivering a special gift to each household in our congregation. If you are interested in packing the gifts and/or delivering the gifts, please contact Pastor Caitlyn at pastorcaitlyn@faithumcop.org.



United Methodist Men Activities for December 2020, and beyond!



Due to the FUMC building being closed, all scheduled meetings for Men of Faith and Promise Keepers are cancelled until further notice.

Jim Simmons has opened a ZOOM account and has graciously offered to host our meetings via that media. Here are the details:

Sunrise Breakfast Session, Sunday, December 13, 7:30 a.m., Join from PC, Mac, iOS, or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/87283585794>
Or join by phone: 1-415-762-9988 (US Toll) or 1-646-568-7788 (US Toll)
Meeting ID: 87283585794
Passcode: 062552

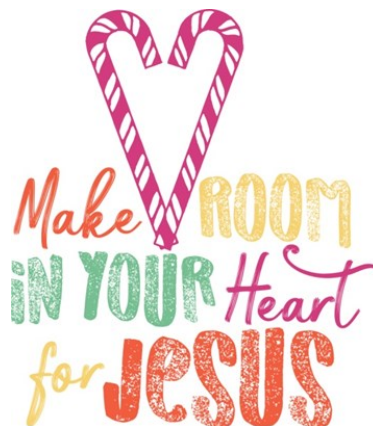
Promise Keepers Breakfast Session, Wednesday December 16, 8:30 a.m. Join from PC, Mac, iOS, or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/86046138885>
Or join by phone: 1-415-762-9988 (US Toll) or 1-646-568-7788 (us Toll)
Meeting ID: 86046138885
Passcode: 479054

Please direct questions concerning ZOOM to Jim Simmons @ 708-334-6189.

Saturday, December 5. The Aurora District Advent gathering will take place via ZOOM. Details to follow.

The Winter Quarter meeting of United Methodist Men is scheduled for January 25, 2021, at 7 p.m. Details on this ZOOM session to follow in the January issue of Faith Matters.

Questions? Contact Dale Carver @ 762-218-7657 or aonemanshow@comcast.net



Stephen Ministry

This year we will all celebrate a different kind of Christmas. We will still open presents from under the tree but the presence of loved ones will not be there. We all have to adjust to social separation. But remember God's gift of Love to us can wrap us in the peaceful knowing that He is ever present. Carry the message beyond the holiday and your fears will give way to faith. If you need help, call either pastor or Bruce Person, Stephen Ministry coordinator.

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift."

- 2 Corinthians 9:15

God's gift is Love,
Nancy Duracka



Although our small group is not meeting, we continue to send birthday and special occasion cards to 46 adults with special needs. In the past, some of you have been generous with donations of cards and postage which have been greatly appreciated. We would like to encourage you to continue to do so—there is still a box for cards outside Room 4 and stamp donations can be placed in Sue Eade's mailbox in the office. Thank you for your help from **"Cheer Givers"** Mary Bukovi, Sue Eade, Peggy Gillespie, Jan Kubillus, Madeline Magnus, Sally Puzon, Marla Smith, and Liz Whitcher.



Golden Opportunity Coupon Books

It's that time of year again—new coupon books. Golden Opportunities books allow you to save thousands of dollars at a variety of your favorite LOCAL merchants. They sell for \$25 (our profit \$7) and are valid now until September 30, 2021. While restaurants and stores really need business during the pandemic, this is one way to support them.

Since we cannot sell the books at church this year, Golden Opportunities will offer 3 ways for Faith members to purchase books and have the credit for the sale go to Faith UMC:

You can **call 800-884-6533** and use a credit card to purchase one or more books by phone. There will be a \$5 flat shipping charge, no matter how many books are purchased as long as they're being shipped to the same address.

Members can **mail in a check payable to Golden Opportunities**. Again, the cost is \$25 per book ordered plus the flat \$5 shipping charge. The address is Golden Opportunities at P.O. Box 1011 Frankfort, IL 60423.

To avoid any shipping charge, you can **stop by their office at 11535 183rd Place, Unit 118 Orland Park, IL** (Take Wolf Road to 183rd Place. Turn right. Go through the first stop sign and then turn left at the first driveway. Go to Unit 118). They accept cash check, or charge. Theresa will even bring the book to your car if you don't want to go in. Please call before stopping to be sure she knows you're coming. She is typically in the office M-F from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Please help the church support this fundraiser and local businesses. **Be sure to mention FAITH UMC or Sandy Ward so they'll know to credit the church.** If you have questions, call Sandy.

Athletics

Witness to Fitness "Baking for the Troops"

Even though the class is not meeting right now, the group completed their Christmas mission project. On November 9th, Witness to Fitness members dropped off over 50 tins of homemade Christmas cookies, along with enclosed cards of thanks enclosed. The cookies are being mailed via Kruse's Krew to our military men and women presently deployed overseas. Jim Kruse has spoken at our church in the past, and has been shipping packages to soldiers for over 14 years.

Witness to Fitness was overjoyed to assist him when he put out a call for "a taste of home" for the holiday mailing. Our dedicated soldiers will be far from their loved ones and the comforts of home this Christmas season, and we hope the cookies will remind them that we are thinking and praying for them. We are so thankful for their sacrifice and service to our country.





What can we say about the year 2020? It's certainly one of the strangest years I can remember, and on the surface, we might think a pretty bad one. Many people have adapted and adjusted in some very positive ways. It seems that people have been interacting with friends, family, and strangers in ways that had been disappearing for our everyday life. Wellness calls, food pantries, saying "Hi" and interacting with neighbors are certainly signs

of the times. Have you noticed complete strangers say "thank you" more often and smiling with their eyes and heart?

I could go on and on. In so many ways we've grown stronger, kinder, gentler, and more caring. I am sure none of us want this virus to continue; but I hope we keep the LOVE.

We have some changes in our United Methodist Women's events. We chose to postpone our annual U.M.W. Sunday until we are again worshipping in the church building. At that service we will memorialize 4 of our members who died during 2020. We will honor and remember: Pat Adams, Beverly Carriel, Bea Doctor, and Mickey Styrsky. We were blessed by their love, talent and faith.

Continue to watch for announcements of upcoming activities and join us. We are looking to offer events virtually in the coming weeks. Blessing and health to you all!

Donna Petersen, UMW President

Address Changes:

Chris & Jordan Zeitz
221 Ottawa Bend Dr.
Apt. 107C
Morris, IL 60450



Amy (Brundridge) & Carl Handley
2934 Forest Ave.
Brookfield, IL 60513

Phone Number Change:

Garnet Suhs—708-923-0918

Food for Faith Families

Food for Faith Families is looking for more members. We provide meals for families in our congregation that need short term help after having surgery or bringing home a new baby. There are many great reasons to join us.

- (1) We are a small group that NEVER meets.
- (2) You do not need to be a great cook as no one complains when a free meal is involved!
- (3) We do not get many requests per year.
- (4) You are able to help as your schedule allows.
- (5) It's really easy. Everything is done via our website: Mealtrain.com. If you don't use a computer, don't fret, we use Calling Post as well. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Jan Kubillus at 708-687-0953.

Face Masks Available

They are washable & reusable. Wearing face masks in the community helps protect others. If you need a facemask, contact Linda (faith@faithumcop.org or 708-444-8560) to arrange a pick up (or delivery) of your mask(s). Specify # of masks needed and if they are for an adult or child. Donations to the Mission Committee of Faith UMC are welcome.

Our church is partnering with Springfield School in Midlothian & our "masketeers" have made masks for their students & teachers, too. Great job!!



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"Then the three wise men came to baby-sit Jesus so Mary and Joseph could finish Christmas shopping."

Missions News

We will again participate in the Together We Cope Adopt a Child Christmas program & the Prison Ministry's Angel Tree. Details below
Angel Tree & TYWC will be coming soon. We hope you will take part in one of these worthwhile programs.



Micro Pantry: We are still collecting non-perishable items for the Micro Pantry outside the front doors. Take what you need. Share what you can.

Winter Coat Collection: We are collecting gently used or new coats, hats, boots, gloves & scarves. Because the church is closed right now, you can drop off your winter items when we have the drop off for the Together We Cope gift program, **Saturday, 11/28, 1-3 PM & Wednesday, 12/2 from 5-7 PM.**



Angel Tree Gifts: All activities are online; you purchase a \$20 Walmart gift cards from Angel Tree. The actual price will be \$22, the extra \$2 will cover shipping & processing by Angel tree. **The info is on our website** to donate online. Thank you for participating in this ministry to provide gifts to children of incarcerated people.



Together We Cope Christmas Gift Programs: We are accepting monetary donations (\$15-\$20) or toys & pajamas purchased for children & youth, ages infant to 17 yrs. Send your monetary donations to the church office marked for Christmas gift program or you can **drop off donations on Sat., 11/28, 1-3 PM & Wed., 12/2, 5-7 PM.** All gifts should be **unwrapped & marked boy or girl & the age.** If you cannot make one of these dates or have questions, call office 708-444-8560 & leave a message. **Donation deadline:** Wednesday, 12/2/20.



SHOP SCRIP THIS CHRISTMAS!

Don't forget to check out our one-stop shopping for gift cards through our Scrip program. Scrip order forms and the list of businesses is now available on our website. I ask that you not use the form with all the businesses listed. You can either use the short form that you can print out and write your order on, or write your order on a piece of paper. A check made out to the church must be turned in with your order form. You can either leave your order in my Scrip mailbox at church or drop it off at my house. I process orders only on Sunday, and I get them on the following Tuesday morning. You can either pick your order up at my house or we can make other arrangements for pick up.



There are \$10 and \$5 cards available for some restaurants and stores for a limited time for Christmas. They make great gifts for teachers, your mailman/woman, garbage man, stocking stuffers and anyone you like to give a little something to for Christmas. Don't forget that all money raised goes to support our adult and youth mission trips. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me 708-638-8461 or 708-429-2205.

Yours in Christ,
Genie Lang, Scrip Co-Ordinator

Blood Drive

The next blood drive is scheduled for January 10th.



Puzzle!

Use the code to complete Isaiah's prophecy about Jesus, our Savior.



CODE:

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Answer: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6, NIV

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Weekly E-Notes

Weekly e-notes continue. These are short news blasts (different from our monthly newsletters) that Pastor Caleb & Pastor Caitlyn send out each week. Each note contains a short devotion and a reminder of "news" for the upcoming week. The goal of the weekly e-notes is simple: to improve communication within our church family. If you'd like to subscribe to this mailing list, go to our church website (www.faithumcop.org) and sign up.

Newsletters by E-mail

We have gone green with our newsletters. If you're tech-savvy and able to receive our monthly newsletter via email, send a note to our church office (faith@faithumcop.org). Let the office know that you'd like to receive the newsletter as an email attachment and the email address you'd like for us to use for this mailing. By taking this simple step, you can help us save both dollars and trees.



Deadlines

Please forward all articles/information/photos for the monthly newsletter and for the Sunday bulletin to: faith@faithumcop.org. The deadline for all newsletter articles is noon **the 15th of each month**; the deadline for the bulletin information is **Wednesday at noon**. Be certain to indicate if the news is for the bulletin and/or the newsletter.

Church Usage Policy Exempt form

Last year we adopted a new Church Usage Policy which has a few evenings out of the week allotted for children and youth programs to follow along with our Church Strategic Goals. These evenings are Tuesday & Friday from 5:30 - 7:45 PM and Sunday from 4:45-7:30. We wanted to remind people that there are days that we do not have programming and we have a "Church Usage Exemption Form" you can fill out if your group is wanting to meet on one of those days. You will want to look on the church calendar in room 4 and see if there is anything scheduled. Please do not write anything on this master calendar. If nothing is on the schedule, pick up an Exemption Form outside of room 4 and submit it to Sandy Ward. It will be reviewed by the team and an answer will be given to you in a timely fashion. If you have any questions on how this works, you can see Sandy Ward, Pastor Caitlyn, Kim Clifton or Ed Bayles.

Faith United Methodist Church

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Saturday Service: Contemporary - 4 PM

Sunday Services: Traditional - 9:00 AM

Contemporary - 11:00 AM

Nursery - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM —3:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM—1:00 PM

Caleb Hong & Caitlyn Nesbit: Pastors
Beth Ridderhoff, Director of Contemporary Worship
Kim Clifton, Director of Children's Ministry
Linda Bitzer: Office Manager
Sandy Ward: Program Coordinator
Rolf Moan: Choir Director
Patty Lazarz: Organist
Don Lowry: Custodian

Please submit newsletter articles by the 15th of each month. Articles can be e-mailed, or submitted in MS WORD format.

Text Messaging Sign Up

We are using a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that will help us share important **updates and reminders**. If you are interested in being added to this means of communication via text, please text to 81010 in "To" line & @faithum in message line. All personal information is kept private. You can opt-out of messages at any time by replying "unsubscribe @faithum". There is no charge for using this service if you have an unlimited text plan. If you have a specific text plan, each received message will be 1 text.

Check out our website: www.faithumcop.org.

Attn: All committee chairs should review their web page information to ensure accuracy of information. Provide updates to Sandy Mawhinnie, webmaster (smawhinnie@sbcglobal.net).

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SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

Please keep our homebound in your thoughts and prayers:

Doriss Hoover, Warren Koerner, Helen Morris & Garnet Suhs

Please keep these people in your prayers:

For all military service men & women, Health Care workers, Fire Fighters, Police Officers, and all Essential Workers. Also, for those recovering from the fires on the west coast, cleaning up of Hurricane Delta in the south, all the teachers, students & administrators who have started back to school

For Health & Healing:

Donna Brazda's brother-in-law, Jim

Chuck Campbell

Rich Carriel

Nancy Clemenson's sister, Barbara & niece Marcia & her husband, Jeff

Bob Connolly

Wendy Connolly's sister, Merle

Harold Deneka

Peggy DeNormandie's mother, Marge & granddaughter, Paige & friend's granddaughter, Lily

Betty Doherty

Glenn Drechsel

Ron Drechsel

Sue & Cliff Eade's daughter's family

Della & Dick Ehret

Bob Fulton

Dolores Genis

Peggy Gillespie's husband, Paul

Gruetzmacher's cousins, Becky, Tim, Charlie, & Henry

Susan Heaton's mother, Janice, hospice

Anna Hopper's father-in-law, Stan

Judy Iwinski's brother-in-law, Tim

Nancy James' daughter, Rhea & son-in-law, Mike

Wendy Koch

Vicky Koblick's uncle, Tim

Georgina Koenig's friend, Marina

Jackie Konidaris & grandson, Joey

Carole & Chuck Kreuz' son, Steven

Chuck Kreuz

Sarah Kubicki's cousins, Sheila & George

Jan Kubillus for daughter, Kim

Genie Lang

Gary Lang's cousin, Pam's great grandchild

Vanessa Leon's friend, Joyce & for Feliz

Connie Lundin's friend, Joyce

Sharon McCasland

George Motzer's neighbor, Jim

Kim O'Connor's friend, AJ's father, Ed

Marge Pantaleo's granddaughter, Lily

John & Sharla Parker's niece, Heather

Blanche Schuck's sister, Theresa & friend, Pat

Joan Smith

Janet Statkus

Karen Struck











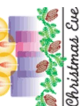






Cathy Van Kooten for friend Phyllis & her family

Bill Zeitz





December 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Missions gift drop off 5-7 PM Christmas Eve Bag Packing team drop off 5-7 PM	3	4 	5
6 Worship 9 AM Online Drive Through Santa 1 - 3 PM Confirmation 5 PM 	7 	8 	9 Christmas Eve Bag pickup 5-7 PM	10 	11	12 
13 Men of Faith Breakfast 7:30 AM Zoom Worship 9 AM Online Confirmation 5 PM	14 Church Council 7 PM Zoom 	15 Christmas Eve Bag delivery team pickup 5-7 PM	16 Promise Keepers 8:30 AM Zoom	17	18	19
20 Worship 9 AM Confirmation 5 PM	21 Worship Comm. 7 PM Zoom	22 	23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed 	25 Merry Christmas Office Closed  <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26 
27 Worship 9 AM Online Confirmation 5 PM	28 	29	30 	31		

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Special Upcoming Events

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| Dec. 2 | Missions Gift Drop off
Packing Team Drop off |
| Dec. 5 | Drive Through Communion |
| Dec. 6 | Drive Through Santa 1-3 PM |
| Dec. 9 | Christmas Eve Bag Pick up |
| Dec. 15 | Bag Delivery Team Pickup |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve Service 1 PM |
| Dec. 25 | Merry Christmas |



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