

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ORLAND PARK

FAITH MATTERS

January 2020

Closing One Year & Starting Another

Every year at Faith is exciting as we take new steps to grow as a church family. 2019 was no exception. Here's a brief recap of **2019** through the lens of our **3 Strategic Goals**.



Bless Children/Youth: This was the first year (in the past decade) that Faith offered confirmation classes in consecutive years. We continue to grow in the #s of children and youth who call Faith their church home. Fittingly, this is also the year we introduced bold policy changes to make Faith safer and more hospitable for children/youth and young families.

Deepen Discipleship: We began 2019 with series of sermons on what Jesus might say about some of the most controversial topics of our day: Immigration and Gun Control. During the summer, we walked through the entire Gospel of Mark. In the spring and fall of 2019, we engaged one another as we studied curriculum from Max Lucado's, *"Anxious for Nothing."* And Andy Stanley's, *"What Makes You Happy."* In the fall, we launched our Saturday @ 4 PM services. This fall, we also hired a new Director of Contemporary Worship Leader, Beth Ridderhoff.

Broaden Missional Impact: Throughout the year, we worked to deepen existing mission relationships and establish new ones (eg. The Night Ministry and PADS.) We sent a mission team to Honduras in March. We sent another team to Appalachia in July. Note: the team we sent to Appalachia was the largest team we ever sent to ASP (Appalachian Service Project)!

In addition to taking steps in our 3 Strategic Goals, 2019 was a year of physical transformation around our building. While our sanctuary experienced the most noticeable change with its new lighting system, work was also done in other areas of our space. We updated classrooms with fresh paint. We renovated our kitchen with a new work island and cabinet doors. We also remodeled bathrooms and updated lighting in every classroom.

Of course, the greatest challenge has been the debate over issues of same-sex marriage within our larger denomination. I'm proud that our congregation responded to the vote at the 2019 General Conference by turning it into an opportunity for discussion and dialogue. Throughout the summer & fall, we engaged in listening sessions that offered opportunities for teaching and learning. Some of the learning was about who we are as a United Methodist Church and what it means to operate as a global denomination.

"I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me."
Philippians 3:14

In many ways, **2020** will be a very different year. As our society continues to change and people increasingly distance themselves from the institutional church – as our denomination continues to debate and potentially divide over issues of same-sex marriage – as our congregation does our best to evaluate current ministries and reimagine ways to connect with people who are wary of religious institutions and yet hunger for God – we need to remain focused on our larger mission. So, let's hold fast to our calling to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Let's be bold in finding new ways to further bless children and youth in 2020. Let's be creative in spurring one another on to deepening discipleship. Let's continue to take risks and be unafraid as we seek to broaden our missional impact in our community and wider world. Above all else, let's grow in our love for God and for one another.

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Pastor Caleb's message continued:

Friends, we've come a long way in our 11 year history as Faith UMC; but we have a long way to go. God has done a good work in us, but God's work is not done yet. So, with humility and expectation, let's continue to embrace our mission as a church family dedicated to bring people to Jesus Christ through Worship, Education, Mission, and Fellowship.

January Worship Services

As I write this article, I can only imagine how awesome the Christmas Eve services will be. I'm totally pumped about celebrating Christmas with you! It's been fun preparing and preaching with Pastor Caitlyn through the *"Carols of Christmas"* series. I hope we will revisit this theme in future years.

Here's a sneak peek at our upcoming worship services and the January sermon series.

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

Sunday, December 29	10:00 AM	Joint Service
Wednesday, January 1	10:00 AM	New Year's Day Service

January 2020 Series: "Seeing 20/20"

January 4/5	<i>"Seeing 20/20: Spiritual Health"</i>
January 11/12	<i>"Seeing 20/20: Physical Health"</i>
January 18/19	<i>"Seeing 20/20: Emotional Health"</i>
January 25/26	<i>"Seeing 20/20: Mental Health"</i>
February 1/2	<i>"Seeing 20/20: Financial Health"</i>

Happy New Year!
Pastor Caleb

Thank you

A big thank you from the church staff for your generous gifts at Christmas. We are fortunate to be part of this loving church family at Faith UMC.



Stewardship Update

On Oct 26 & 27th, we began our 2020 Stewardship campaign with a goal of \$500,000, \$450,000 for our General Fund and \$50,000 for Maintain Faith. We have been tracking our progress showing Pastor Caleb attempting to reach our \$500,000 rim and achieve his lifelong dream of dunking a basketball. I'm sorry to say that we didn't reach our goal. As of 12/19, we have received 142 pledge cards of which \$396,450 is for General Fund and \$50,093 for Maintain Faith for a total of \$447,043

Even though our campaign has come to an end, we still want to ask all our members to make a financial commitment to our church. Our Finance committee met on December 19. They had to face some tough decisions as they finalized our 2020 budget. We are looking at a possible deficit for 2019 that is larger than originally projected. We obviously don't have the resources to continue to operate in a deficit. Pastor Caleb wasn't able to complete his dunk and has now passed the ball back to our congregation. The ball is in our court and it's up to all of us to determine a path for our future. To all those who made a pledge, we are thankful. If you are able to give even more than pledged, you can help us maintain the progress we've made over the past years. If you didn't make a pledge, your financial support is still wanted and needed.

Together, we can still accomplish much. Let's all try to continue the great works we have started and to grow as leaders in our community.

Greg Bradach, Stewardship Chair



Worship Services

Please join us at one of our services.
Contemporary Service on Saturday at 4 PM
Traditional Service on Sunday at 9 AM.
R.I.S.E. (Contemporary Service) on Sunday
at 11 AM.



Worship News



Adult Sunday School

Do you have questions about angels? The Adult Sunday School class is beginning a new study discussing the book, *"Angels: Who They Are and How They Help...What the Bible Reveals"* by David Jeremiah.

Taking Down Decorations

Deepest appreciation for all our "Hanging of the Greens" volunteers. Thank you again for taking time out of your busy schedules. We had a lot of fun!! The church looked amazing!!

Now sad to say we hope to see you all again for the "Un-Hanging of the Greens" on **Sunday, Jan. 12th** at starting at 11 AM. We need all the help we can get.



Taste of Faith Schedule

1/5 - Finance/Membership
1/12 - SPPRC/Safe Sanctuary
1/19 - Men of Faith/Publicity
1/26 - Missions/Puppet Ministry

Call the church office with questions.

2/2 - Christian Educ./Website
2/9 - Trustees/Worship
2/16 - Ruth Circle/Endowment
2/23 - Fellowship/Rachel Circle



New Membership in 2020

There are three sets of weekend services that will include opportunities for new members to join Faith UMC: March 28/29th, July 11/12th, and November 14/15th. Each of these events will have a membership class scheduled 1-2 weeks prior. Since it is often difficult to arrange attendance at the class, a new independent study packet is being developed which will allow interested new members to review the necessary information on their own time prior to membership. More information will be made available soon.

Contact Gwen Svoboda (gwensvoboda@comcast.net)
or Nancy Clemenson (nancyclemenson@gmail.com)

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 the red PDF icon.

Strategic Goals

Bless Children & Youth
Deepen Discipleship
Broaden Missional Impact

Time Reserved for Children/Youth Programs:

Sunday 4:45 - 7:30 PM

Tuesday 5:30 - 7:45 PM

Friday 5:30 - 7:45 PM

Children's Ministry Contact: Kim Clifton 708-906-4365

Youth Ministry Contact: Pastor Caitlyn 815-474-3136

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2019 came and went so fast. Where did the time go? We had an amazing year!! Our Faith Kids are a great group of young, God loving people. They are loving and giving and inspiring children. During 2019 they participated in many activities focused on serving others. These kids made Valentines for our elderly neighbors; made Easter cards for shut ins; participated in the annual Palm Sunday procession; learned how to pray for our world, our country, our neighborhood, our church, and our family and friends; worked on our VBS decorating crew; donated money to our VBS mission project, brought school supplies for our supply drive, packed gifts at the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party, made get well cards for those who are sick; designed Thanksgiving and Christmas placemats to be given to the homebound, thanked our first responders, served as greeters, ushers and communion servers; acted in a live Nativity play to tell the Christmas story and much, much more. They might be young and small but their hearts are large and powerful!!

Santa Breakfast and Jamboree was a great success again this year. More than 1400 pancakes were served to 269 people. That's a lot of pancakes!!! 155 children told Santa their Christmas wishes. 200 cookies were decorated and most of them eaten before they left the building. Two puppet shows were enjoyed by all. It was a fun and exciting morning to kick off the holiday season. A huge thank you to the more than 50 people who volunteered their morning to make it a great day for everyone who attended. This event would not be possible without the help of every single volunteer!!! Thank you!!!



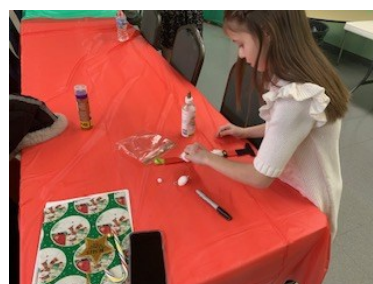
Christmas Eve services are always so special. The 4pm service was led by the children (with a little help from the Pastors). The kids also served as greeters, ushers and communion servers. During the service, the kids shared how Christmas is celebrated around the world and how those celebrations relate to the Christmas story. Did you know that roller skates are an important part of Christmas in one area of the world?

FYI: Regular Sunday school will resume on Sunday, January 12th.



Santa Breakfast & Jamboree Pictures

Dec. 7th



Santa wants to give a HO HO Huge THANK YOU to all kids and moms & dads, grandmas & grandpas that came to the Santa Pancake Jamboree. See you all next December.



Youth Sunday School

In January we will be continuing our new class for youth in 7th grade – high school. This class will be taught during the 9 AM service in the Youth Room.



Youth Group

Youth group is for any youth who in 6th - 12th grade. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of each month from 6-7 pm. In January we will be meeting on the 5th and the 19th.



Youth Sunday

If you are in 5th grade or older, you are invited to join the Faith Rising Band at the Rise service on the first Sunday of the month. To join, contact our Rise director, Beth Ridderhoff, at music@faithumcop.org.



Youth Mission Trip

This summer the Youth Mission Team will be serving with the Appalachia Service Project. This trip is for anyone who is graduating 8th grade in 2020 or older. If you are interested in learning more about next year's mission trip, contact pastorcaitlyn@faithumcop.org or 708-444-8560.

Super Bowl Subs

On February 2nd the Youth Mission Team will be selling Super Bowl Subs. Super Bowl subs are made on Sunday morning during church, and will be ready for pick up after service. Keep an eye out later in January for order forms.



BOWL SUBS

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.

If you feel that you are called to become a part of our security team, please sign up outside of room 4.

Questions, please talk to Werner Steenvoorden.
708-268-9236

A Note from the Trustees

Your Faith UMC Trustees would like to pass on their grateful thanks to all of those who have so faithfully contributed to our Maintain Faith Fund. Without your generous giving we would not have been able to accomplish all the tremendous improvements that have been made to the church.

The year 2019 was a busy year for the trustees at Faith United Methodist Church of Orland Park. During the course of 2019 the trustees oversaw the following improvements to the church building and surrounding parking areas:

- Upgraded over 95% of the church lighting to LED. The balance to be completed during 2020. This upgrade will result in a significant savings on our utility bills.
- Reworked the HVAC for the building allowing for separate zones within the church. This will allow better control of which areas are heated/cooled. This in turn will reduce our utility costs.
- Made a much needed upgrade to the lighting in the sanctuary to all LED. This not only will result in significant cost savings but allows our AV staff much more flexibility and control of how the lighting is utilized.
- Patched several areas of the parking lot.
- Continued our work to upgrade the washrooms.
- Continued the ongoing work to upgrade the kitchen.
- Sold the property owned by the church in Oak Forest, IL. This property had been a rental property and it was determined that there was no future need for this with regard to pastoral housing.

Looking forward to 2020 the Trustees will continue to look at improvements that can be made to the physical aspects of the church building and surrounding grounds. We will also be looking into upgrading our current fire alarm system. 2020 looks to be another busy year for the Trustees at Faith. Thank you again for your efforts to support the Maintain Faith Fund. Wishing everyone the best of 2020.

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Men of Faith

Men of Faith calendar of events for January 2020 and beyond...



The Men of Faith Sunrise Breakfast is scheduled for January 12 at 7:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Dale Carver will lead a short devotional from the pamphlet "Thirty Steps on the Journey." This year's guide for men's discussions is provided by the General Commission on UMM. Breakfast will be provided.

UMM will co-host Taste of Faith with the Publicity Committee on January 19. Our mission is to provide goodies from the approved list of foods. More details will be provided as the date approaches.

The UMM winter quarter meeting will be Monday, January 20th at 7 p.m. We will be addressing our schedule for service projects, fund raising, and fellowship opportunities for 2020. We will also review and edit a plan for valet parking for Sunday services during extreme weather.

Men of Faith/Promise Keepers breakfast is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. at Stacks Restaurant (the former Egg and I) located at 183rd & Harlem in Tinley Park, on Wednesday, January 22nd.

Save the dates:

Saturday 2/22: UMM Northern Illinois Conference annual meeting, Wesley UMC, Chicago, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 3/28: UMM Aurora District Lenten breakfast, meeting, and communion service, Good Shepherd UMC, Oswego, 8:30 a.m.

Veterans Voices



Join a group of veterans of the armed forces of the United States. We support each other & the greater community of veterans in the area and U.S.A. We meet every 4th Wednesday of the month from 7 – 8 PM at Faith (Jan. 22nd is next). May we never forget their service to our country. Contact Darryl Wertheim at (708) 781-9696 or darryl.wertheim@gmail.com.



JAN. BIRTHDAYS

1/1	Louis Zuidema	1/15	Jenna Mack
1/2	Jackie Konidaris		Annika Sapp
	Kristin Lahr	1/16	Greg Bradach
1/4	Ray Doctor	1/17	Lori Baker
1/5	Doriss Hoover		Jaclyn Carmichael
1/6	Lil Wertheim	1/18	Jim Hudik
	Kelly Westerlund		Gwendolyn Mack
1/8	Michael Ruth		Susan Ruth
	Gaspar Zavala		Billy Zeitz
1/10	Kyle Kawczynski	1/20	Patrick Coyne
	Janet Statkus		Eleanor Sapp
1/12	Ed Kawczynski	1/25	Tom Duracka
	George Motzer		Peggy Gillespie



1/26	Regina Ngorima
1/27	Jana Kubicki
	Anne Manchester
1/30	Jim Kough
	Kathy McGahan

Small Groups

Singles Ministry Events

January-Planning meeting for 2020. TBA
April, 2020 - Only 3 spaces left for Piano Man at Jacob Henry Mansion in Joliet.

We are looking for more suggestions for events in 2020, trying to have a mix of free and \$\$ events. Please contact Nancy Clemenson (309-337-9174) with any ideas you may have, or if you would like to join our group.



Women's Bible Study



They continuing their study of "The Beatitudes" in January. Come join them on Tuesday mornings in room 8 at 9:30 AM. Bring your Bible & join the discussion. Call Jan Rybolt at 708-687-3502 for details.

Jesus Loves You



The Jesus Loves You group is once again collecting and recycling your old Christmas and birthday cards. They will be turned into beautiful works of art by our friends at American House. Put in bin outside room 4. Thank you, Peggy Gillespie

Report from the Special Session of Annual Conference

Saturday, November 16, 2019 - Kishwaukee Community College

Pastor Caitlyn, Pastor Caleb and I attended the Special Session of Annual Conference on November 16 at Kishwaukee Community College. Clergy and Lay members of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference gathered to hear the latest financial report and to approve our 2020 budget. We heard the sobering news that 2019 was a very hard year (financial year) for our Annual Conference.

Twenty years ago, the Northern Illinois Conference operated at a \$7.5 million dollar budget. Today, we operate at less than \$5 million. In 2019, apportionment giving was at its lowest in 20 years. This is a trend the Conference expects to continue in 2020. In order to reduce expenses, the Cabinet will eliminate one district Administrative Assistant position in 2020. This means we will have two district offices shared by all 6 districts. In 2021, our Conference will decrease from 6 districts to 5 districts.

The Conference Committee on Finance and Administration apologized for two reasons. First, they recommended that the Northern Illinois Conference not pay the 2019 General Church Administrative portion of the apportionments following the Special Session of General Conference. This change caused confusion among local churches, many of whom chose not to pay the entire General Conference apportionment instead of just the Administrative portion. As a result, the Northern Illinois Conference paid only 8% of their total General Church apportionment in 2019. (In January, 2020, the General Church Apportionment portion will be added back to the apportionment statement.) The second apology was for changing the method of billing from paper mail to entirely email. In 2019, our Annual Conference only emailed statements to churches, some of whom never received their statements. Starting immediately, apportionment statements are being mailed.

We also heard a report from the Conference Exploration Team. This team was formed in 2019 to consider the future of our Annual Conference in relation to the wider denomination. In light of various legislation proposed for the 2020 General Conference, they will prepare multiple strategies to respond to the decisions made at the 2020 General Conference.

At the opening of the Conference, Bishop Sally Dyck asked all members of the NIC to not press charges against one another. While we will have the capacity to press charges against anyone in our Annual Conference around issues of human sexuality, she reminded us that each trial costs between \$50,000 to \$100,000. This is money we do not have. She also asked for us to keep in mind the 3 Simple Rules of Methodists: Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God. While we are waiting the outcome of the 2020 General Conference, let's be in prayer for one another and listen to one another. Let's continue to share in our common service to the world. Finally, let's continue to carry out our common mission – to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Jim Simmons

Missions News

In December our church collected winter coats, etc. for Night Ministry, we also provided a hot meal for 120 people through the Night Ministry Health Outreach bus in Chicago. We cooked & provided a breakfast at the PADS location in Tinley Park. We donated many, many gifts to the Together We Cope Christmas program & the Angel Tree Prison Ministry program. We also sent gift bags to our college students. Thank you to all who participated.

*Happy New Year from
the Missions Committee!!
We hope you & your family have a
healthy & happy 2020.*

Food Pantry Collection

Faith collects donations for Together We Cope on the 3d Sunday of each month. On Jan. 19th we are collecting cereal. Contact the church office if you have any questions (708-444-8560).



Blood Drive

Let's start the new year off right by giving the gift of blood on January 12th, 2020. The blood drive will be in the fellowship hall from 9 am -1pm.



The blood drive dates for 2020 are:

January 12th (inside)
April 5th (Coach)
July 19th (Coach)
October 25th (Coach)

Please mark your calendar and prayerfully consider donating. You can make a difference in someone's life!

Scrip Cards

Please help support our mission teams by purchasing gift cards.

Orders are taken every Sunday and you pick them up the following Sunday. Remember that you can buy cards for restaurants, stores, gas stations, theaters, & many others. Consider cards for all the places you shop and restaurants where you dine, and exchange your cash for a card! It's easy!! Thanks for your support. See Genie Lang at the Scrip table in the lobby.



Taste of Faith ONLY

Nut Free Foods:

Thank you for helping to make Faith UMC a safe and welcoming place for all.

We are asking that you refrain from bringing in any “homemade” items because we can't guarantee they are made in a nut free environment. Items should be prepared and plated in Faith's kitchen.

Please only bring items on this approved list.

These foods have been verified as peanut free and/or made in a peanut free facility.

Acceptable Store Brand Products

Whole Foods

Bitsy's Good Cookies
Divvie's Brand Cookies
Made Good Brand Cookies
ShaSha Ginger Snap Cookies
Fancypants Baking Co. Cookies
Abe's brand cookies and muffins

Meijer

Kinnikinnick brand cookies
Two Bite brand mini cupcakes (not brownies)
(bakery dept.)
Lofthouse Cookies (bakery dept.)
Enjoy Life brand cookies and bars

Jewel

Signature Select brand English muffins
Lofthouse Cookies (bakery dept.)
Nutphree's Cupcakes (bakery dept.)
School Safe by Treasure Mills
cupcakes
(bakery dept.)
Two Bite Original Mini Cupcakes
(not brownies) (bakery dept.)
Signature Select Mini Eclairs and Mini
Cream Puffs (frozen section)
Lucerne brand cream cheese
Clyde's Donuts (also at GFS)

Nut Free Bakery

*Farmhouse Academy
(8940 W. 192nd St Unit 1, Mokena
Kara 708-465-4484)
***This is the only bakery in the area that
is verified as nut free. All bakery cakes
will be purchased from this bakery.**

5/1/2019

Nut Free Food List

Fresh fruit	Kings Hawaiian Bread
Fresh vegetables	Deli-meat
Marzetti's Caramel Dip	Yoplait Gogurt
Marzetti's Veggie Ranch Dip	(berry, cherry or strawberry flavors)
Goldfish crackers	
Wheat Thins crackers	Yoplait Yogurt
Triscuit crackers	(vanilla, strawberry or blueberry
Snyder brand pretzels	flavors)
Skinny Pop popcorn	
Pickles	
Olives	
Oreo Cookies –	
Original, Double Stuff,	
Golden, Golden Double Stuff	5/1/2019
Philadelphia Cream Cheese	
Teddy Grahams brand crackers	
Honey Maid Graham Crackers	
Cheese	
Hard Boiled Eggs	
Store Bought Salsa	
Tortilla Chips	
Enjoy Life brand cookies and bars	
Hostess brand Donettes and cakes	



The United Methodist Women hope you
have a blessed 2020.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle meeting time has changed to every second Sunday, 6:45-8 pm at the home of Amanda Steenvoorden, 15316 Woodmar Dr., Orland Park. For more information, please contact Adrienne Hirsch, 309-221-4103.

Notes Received

I'd like to sincerely thank everyone who sent cards, prayed for me and visited me during my long recovery after surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Caleb and Pastor Caitlyn for all of their uplifting visits. It means so much to me and I will never forget everyone's thoughtfulness.

Joyce Januszewski



I'm back to work now and wanted to thank everyone for filling in for me. It meant a lot to me and my family that everyone stepped up to cover for me while I was recovering. Thank you also for the delicious meals that were provided by our church's Meal Train.

Much thanks and love,
Don Lowry & family



Thankful Thursdays

We will be meeting on the second Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Next Event: THURSDAY, January 9th at 6:30 PM at Faith United Methodist Church, 15101 S. 80th Avenue, Orland Park.

Fun, games, crafts and more for young adults (18 & older) with physical, intellectual & developmental disabilities.

Contact: Liz Whitcher at 708-633-6478

Email: Whitcher168@comcast.net

Parents and caregivers welcome to socialize in separate room.



Address Change:

Mel Doogan
18048 Florida Ct
Orland Park, IL 60467



Cell Number Changed:

David Lenzo
630-452-7223

Quilters

The quilters will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month in room 14. In January they will meet on 1/13 & 1/27.



Who Are You?

Have you ever looked at someone at church and wondered their name? Have you ever been a communion server and wanted to use a person's name when serving the bread or juice? Has someone started a conversation with you in the lobby before Sunday's service and you couldn't remember their name? You can fix all those issues by wearing your nametag. The nametags will help visitors and members alike. They will help put names and faces together. They will help us become a more welcoming and hospitable congregation.

If you need a nametag, let the Welcome Center or the office know. Linda Bitzer will make one for you and it will be on the table under the nametags (by the food pantry box). If you have a nametag, please wear it.

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.

Fellowship News

Fifth Annual Chili and Chuckles



Mark your calendar and get out your WINNING chili recipe for this year's Chili and Chuckles. Prizes will be for 1st and 2nd place and the most Unique Chili this year, so get creative! Saturday, January 25th at 6 PM in the fellowship hall! Sign up sheets outside room 4. Questions see Amanda Steenvoorden



Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.

that river to might God the from are
a peoples if that always the on tell
know had the fear are So you earth LORD
together of each powerful ask of the what

So _____ the _____ the
_____ the _____
_____ the _____

JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV

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, 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.

Stephen Ministry

New Year's resolutions come in lists long and short to improve ourselves in the upcoming year.



We all start with great intentions that begin to fade as real life gets in the way. The answer... whatever the resolution, may it be God centered. May we reorganize our priorities and seek prayerful purposeful living. Let conflicts and worry diminish to make way for the strength of the day with God as our guide. Greet each morn with the realization that God is with you always. For those in need of help along the way call either pastor or Bruce Person, Stephens Ministry coordinator.

"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." - Philippians 4:13

Let golet God
Nancy Duracka

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff and Bil Keane



"...and just so you know, I had a very good day today, so I'd like more of the same tomorrow."

from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*
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Athletics



“WITNESS TO FITNESS”

Exercise/Walking Group

We currently have 35 + active participants. Interested in seeing what the program is all about? All are welcome. We meet Monday,

Wednesday and Friday in our gym from 9–10 AM.

Everyone moves at their own pace and ability. Our long range goal is to walk around the world, about 24,000 miles.

You are welcome to join us any day or all of the days. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information, contact the church office at (708) 444-8560.

Do You Need More Energy & Less Stress?

“Tai Chi” continues on Monday & Wednesday mornings 10:30-11:30 AM in the fellowship hall. Sign-up sheet is posted outside room 4. Any questions, contact the church office at 708-444-8560.



Adult Open Gym Basketball

This program continues on Tuesday nights from 8:30 - 10 PM in the fellowship hall. This is for men 30 years & older.

Put your kids to bed & come out to get some exercise playing basketball. Contact Ian Roque at chavez@roqueweb.com for more details.



Adult Power Fitness Classes

The Adult Power Fitness classes continue on Mondays & Thursday nights, 7- 8 PM in the fellowship hall. Join us & get in shape. Cost: Free. Questions? contact Ed Bayles at 708- 902-1198.



Baseball Basics

Boys and girls from ages 4 to 7, come and join us for some Baseball Basics on the first three Saturdays in January (1/4, 1/11, & 1/18). We will be in the fellowship hall from 10:30 until noon to help you with drills and other fun activities.



Baseball Basics will include: catching, throwing, fielding and batting (T-Ball based).

On January 25 we are inviting you, your parents, grandmas and grandpas, aunts and uncles, even older brothers and sisters to play in the **Second Faith UMC Crosstown Classic**.

Sign-up sheets are on the counter next to Room 4 for Baseball Basics and the Crosstown Classic.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff and Bil Keane



“Mommy, can I have a cup of kindness before I go to bed tonight?”

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com
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Faith Matters

January 2020

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.

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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).

SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

Please keep these people in your prayers:

For all the military men & women serving in the U.S. & overseas

Genie, Gary Lang & Theresa Philosophos' nephew, Eric Mitchell deployed to Iraq

For Health & Healing:

Pat Adams, in hospice care

Barry & Diane Barnett's friend, Gary

Karin Bayles' granddaughter & friends, Ashley, Bill & Abby

Ralph Bechtold

Kim & Tom Clifton's friends 2 yr. old baby, Finley

Debby DeLorenzo's niece, Haley & friends, Terry & Cindy

Harold Deneka

Allen DeNormandie's brother

Peggy DeNormandie's mother, Marge & granddaughter, Paige

Betty Doherty

Kathy Drechsel's mother, Helen

Ron Drechsel

Don Edgren

Della & Dick Ehret

Tom Eubank

Peggy Gillespie & her husband, Paul

Doriss Hoover

Joyce Januszewski

Jackie Konidaris' cousin, George & friend, Keith

Chuck Kreuz

Carole & Chuck Kreuz' son, Steven

Pat Loebe's friend, Penny

Ryan Lowry

Christine Minneti's son, David

Mike & Paula Morrone's son, Dale

Kelly Notestein

Ione Olson, in hospice care

John Parker's mom

Sharla Parker's niece, Heather

June Pentecost

Theresa Philosophos for Fred & friend's grandma

Waldo Pool

Stephanie Roque's former student, Noah & his family

Joan Smith

Joe & Janet Statkus' friend, Carol

Mickey Styrsky

Mario Vergara

Bill Zeitz















Please keep our homebound in your thoughts and prayers:

Doriss Hoover, Warren Koerner, Ione Olson, Helen Morris &

Wally Pool



January 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>5 Worship 9 & 11 AM Adult S.S. 10:15 AM Disciple I 10:30 AM OA 3 PM Youth Group 6 PM</p> <p>MOUSE GROUP</p>	 <p>6 Tai Chi 10:30 AM RISE 5:30-7:30 PM Power Fitness 7 PM UMW Leadership 7 PM SA 8 PM Epiphany</p>	 <p>7 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM Open Gym 8:30-10 PM</p>	<p>1 Worship Service 10 AM CODA 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM S-Anon 8 PM</p> <p>Worship Service 10 AM CODA 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM S-Anon 8 PM</p>	<p>2 CODA 10 AM ALS 4 PM Power Fitness 7 PM Al-Anon 8 PM</p>	<p>3</p> 	<p>4 Baseball Basics 10:30 AM-12 PM RISE 3-4 PM Worship 4 PM Brown Party 3-8 PM</p>
<p>12 Men of Faith Breakfast 7:30 AM Worship 9 & 11 AM Blood Drive 9 AM-1 PM Unhanging of the Greens 12 PM OA 3 PM Ruth Circle 6:45 PM</p>	<p>13 Tai Chi 10:30 AM RISE 5:30-7:30 PM Quilters 6:30 PM Worship 7 PM Power Fitness 7 PM O'Green 7:30 PM</p>	<p>14 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM Open Gym 8:30-10 PM</p> 	<p>15 Upper Room 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM Literary Ladies 6:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM SA 8 PM S-Anon 8 PM</p>	<p>16 CODA 10 AM Trustees 7 PM Power Fitness 7 PM Al-Anon 8 PM</p> 	<p>17</p> 	<p>18 OA 8:30 AM Worship Run Thru 9:30 AM Baseball Basics 10:30 AM-12 PM RISE 3-4 PM Worship 4 PM</p>
<p>19 Worship 9 & 11 AM Adult S.S. 10:15 AM Disciple I 10:30 AM Olson Memorial visitation 1:30 PM - Service 2:30 PM Youth Group 6 PM</p> 	<p>20 Tai Chi 10:30 AM RISE 5:30-7:30 PM Power Fitness 7 PM UMM 7 PM Worship Committee 7 PM</p> 	<p>21 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM Open Gym 8:30-10 PM</p> 	<p>22 Promise Keepers 8:30 AM CODA 10 AM Upper Room 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM Veterans Voices 7 PM Choir 7:30 PM SA 8 PM S-Anon 8 PM</p> 	<p>23 Safe Dining 8:30 AM CODA 10 AM Power Fitness 7 PM Al-Anon 8 PM</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25 OA 8:30 AM Worship Run Thru 9:30 AM Crosstown Classic 10 AM RISE 3-4 PM Worship 4 PM Chili & Chuckles 6 PM</p>
<p>26 Worship 9 & 11 AM Adult S. School 10:15 AM OA 3 PM</p>	<p>27 Tai Chi 10:30 AM RISE 5:30-7:30 PM Quilters 6:30 PM Power Fitness 7 PM SA 8 PM</p>	<p>28 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Mary Circle 12 PM</p>	<p>29 CODA 10 AM Upper Room 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM Choir 7:30 PM SA 8 PM S-Anon 8 PM</p>	<p>30 Lifeline 8:30 AM- 5:30 PM CODA 10 AM Power Fitness 7 PM Finance 7 PM Al-Anon 8 PM</p>	<p>31</p> 	<p>Note: Walking Club meets every Mon- day, Wednesday & Friday 9-10 AM</p> 

Key:

AA- Alcoholics Anonymous
Al-Anon - Alcoholics Anonymous
Anonymous Group for Families
ALS - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
CODA - CoDependents Anonymous
O'Green - Financial
SA - Sexaholics Anonymous
S-Anon - Sexaholics Anonymous Group for Families

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JANUARY 2020

Special Upcoming Events

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| Jan. 1 | Worship Service 10 AM |
| Jan. 4 -18 | Baseball Basics 10:30 AM |
| Jan. 9 | Thankful Thursday 6:30 PM |
| Jan. 12 | Blood Drive 9 AM - 1 PM |
| Jan. 25 | Crosstown Classic - 10 AM |
| | Chili & Chuckles - 6 PM |
| Jan. 30 | Lifeline Screening -8:30AM-5:30 PM |



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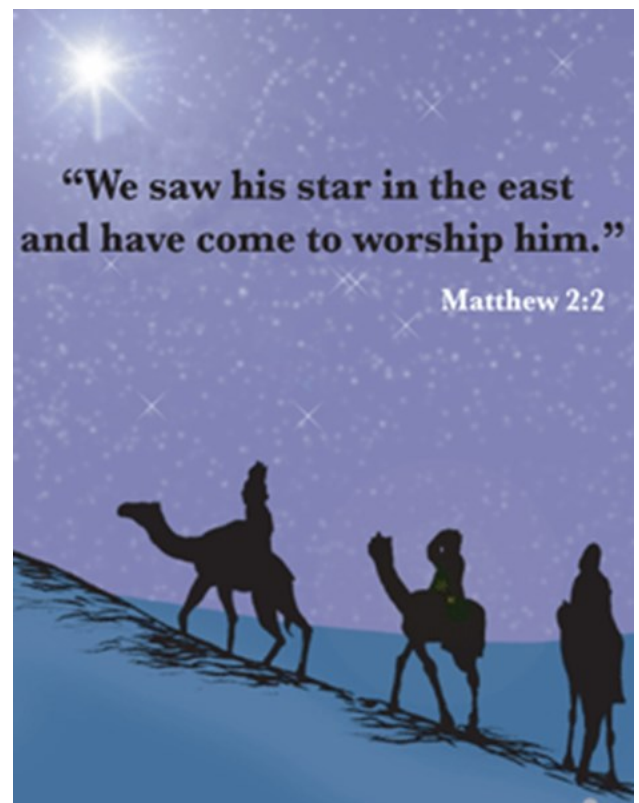
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