

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ORLAND PARK

FAITH MATTERS

December 2021

Advent & Christmas

"Waiting is the hardest work of hope." - Lewis Smedes

Advent is the season of waiting. The word "advent" derives from the Latin "adventus," which means "coming." Advent the season of preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth. It's also the season of anticipation for Jesus' second coming – when Christ will come to judge the living and the dead.



One of the ways we prepare is communal worship. This Advent, we'll reflect on traditional Advent scriptures and themes. Each weekend, we'll light candles on the Advent wreath – a wreath holding 4 outer candles and 1 inner candle. The four exterior candles represent Advent themes of joy, hope, peace, and love. As we light candles, we'll remember our longing for these virtues in our personal life and wider world. When we light the central candle – the Christ candle – we'll celebrate God's response to our longings – by sending us Jesus.

2 Joint Services, Christmas Eve, & New Year's Day

Traditionally, Faith concludes our year by offering one joint service on the final weekend of the year. This gives a much-needed break for our AV & worship volunteers, who lead 3 worship services every weekend for the rest of the year. The joint service also encourages our congregation to gather together at one service instead of three different times.

Due to the timing of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve this year, we will close 2021 and begin 2022 with **two Joint Worship services**. On **Sunday, December 26 AND Sunday, January 2**, we will gather for a single worship service on Sunday morning at **10:00 AM**. Please note these special worship times on your calendar.

Praise God that we can gather for in-person **Christmas Eve services** in 2021.

On **Friday, December 24**, we will offer worship services at **4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 11:00 PM**.

The **4:00 PM** service is an interactive and shorter service designed with children in mind.

The **7:00 & 11:00 PM** services are more traditional in design and feature a full-length sermon and music by the Faith Rising Band (7 PM) and Chancel Choir (11 PM). All 3 services will include carols, communion, and candles.

Every year, I lead a New Year's Day service on January 1. This is an opportunity for us to kick off the new year with worship. The format is simple. There are no additional music nor AV staff present. I will lead this New Year's Day service on **Saturday, January 1 @ 10:00 AM**.

So, here's the worship service schedule for December. Note: we are offering our regular worship schedule (*Sat @ 4 PM, Sun @ 9 & 11 AM*) unless otherwise noted. After the two joint services, we will resume our regular worship schedule on January 8&9, 2022.

December 4 & 5

December 11 & 12

December 18 & 19

Friday, Dec 24 @ 4, 7, 11 PM

Sunday, Dec 26 @ 10 AM

Saturday, Jan 1 @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, Jan 2 @ 10 AM

January 8 & 9

"Advent 2: Root from the Stump of Jesse"

"Advent 3: The Suffering King"

"Advent 4: The Shepherd King"

"Christmas Eve: The King of Kings"

Joint Service *"Service of Lessons & Carols"*

New Year's Day service

Joint Service *"Wesleyan Covenant Service"*

"Do You Hear God Calling?"

Santa Drive Thru

Santa Claus is coming to Faith UMC!! Help us spread the word about our **Santa Drive Thru** on **Saturday, December 4 from 9:30 AM - Noon**. Location: church parking lot. All are welcome to this free, fun, and safe program. No registration needed. For more information, contact Miss Kim (Director of Family Ministry, kids@faithumc.org). See article on page 4.

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Pastor Caleb's message continued:

Blue Christmas

For some, Christmas is a time of stress and anxiety. Due to grief, the Christmas festivities and fun are replaced by heartache and sadness. This is especially true for those who experienced the passing of a loved one and are facing their first Christmas holiday season without their loved one(s). Faith is offering a **Blue Christmas** service on **Sunday, December 12 @ 2:00 PM**. For more information, contact Dr. Jim Sandberg (Director of Congregational Care, jsandberg@faithumcop.org). See article on page 9.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who showed up and helped us decorate the church at this year's *Hangin' of the Greens*. The sanctuary looks beautiful! Special thanks to coordinator, Sue Roessler.

Thank you to everyone who blessed local children with Christmas gifts through **Together We Cope's "Adopt a Child" program**. Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts for children of incarcerated neighbors through **Angel Tree**.

While the days are getting shorter and the temperature is getting chillier, the ministries of Faith are just heating up. May God bless you and your loved ones this Advent & Christmas seasons!

Pastor Caleb

Nursery Help Needed

Now that our nursery has reopened, we are in need of a team of volunteers to help occasionally when one of our attendants is ill or on vacation. We want to ensure that our nursery is able to offer an excellent, inviting, and safe environment for our youngest children. Volunteers would need to be vaccinated, wear masks, and have attended a Safe Sanctuary class within the past 3 years. If you are willing to assist occasionally with this important job for Saturday or Sunday services or have questions, please contact Kathy Broadhurst at 708-535-3591.



Financial \$ Report October 31, 2021

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Income YTD | Budgeted YTD |
| \$411,423.29 | \$426,833.40 |
| Expenses YTD | Budgeted YTD |
| \$402,142.40 | \$447,894.79 |
| YTD Apportionment Payments | |
| | \$39,710.00 |
| YTD Profit/Loss | |
| | +\$9280.89 |



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 Caleb at pastorcaleb@faithumcop.org or 815-474-3136 (cell).

Offering Envelopes

If you presently have a box of envelopes but intend to give electronically in 2022, please email Sue Eade (cgeade60@yahoo.com) or Lois White (loisann50@netzero.com).

We will then not assign a 2022 box of envelopes to you.

Thank you,

Worship News

Worship Services

Church In Person Services: You should sign-up to attend on our website (faithumcop.org). This allows us to provide contact tracing. **Nursery care is available at all three services.** Updated guidelines can be found on our website & Facebook.



You can also join our livestreamed worship service on Sunday @ 9:00 AM. You can find the links on our website (www.faithumcop.org). You can also view the service at any time later on Facebook or YouTube.

Sign-Up Genius Information

The registration sheets are done on Fridays, so if you signed up on Friday afternoon or on Saturday you will have to write in your name when you check in at church.

Christmas Eve Services

Faith will be offering 3 Christmas Eve services at 4 PM, 7 PM & 11 PM on Friday, 12/24. A Family Christmas Eve service will be at 4 PM in addition to more traditional services at 7 and 11 PM.



Christmas & New Year's Services Recap

Friday, Christmas Eve, 12/24 -
4 PM, 7 PM & 11 PM
Saturday, 12/25 - No service
Sunday, 12/26 - 10 AM
Joint Service
Saturday, Jan. 1 - 10 AM
Sunday, Jan. 2 - 10 AM Joint
Service

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

Applications for Office Manager Position



Church Staff Opening

Faith UMC is seeking to fill this position this fall. It is a part time position requiring a 30 hour per week work commitment. The salary starts at \$23k per year. The work schedule for this position is ideal for a stay-at-home parent. Please forward all applications and inquiries to the church office at faith@faithumcop.org.

The deadline for submitting applications is Dec.1, 2021.

This is a 5 day/week position: Mon – Thursday, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM & Friday, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

If you have any questions about the job, you can contact Linda at faith@faithumcop.org. She would be glad to answer all your questions.

Office Closed

Church Office will be closed on Friday, 12/24 for Christmas Eve & Friday, 12/31 for New Years Eve.

The Faith UMC staff wish all of you a very Merry Christmas!



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Family Ministries!

HO! HO! Santa Claus is coming to Faith UMC! Santa will be here for a visit on Saturday, December 4th, 9:30am-12pm. Santa will be outside as this will be a drive thru opportunity with an option for parking your car. All families are encouraged to bring your own phone/camera to take photos. Each child will receive a special gift from Santa. There will also be some surprises along Candy Cane Lane while you are waiting to see the Big Guy. No preregistration required.



Attention Youth in grades 6-high school: We need you! Bring a friend and your imagination to our 1st Annual Gingerbread House Decorating Contest. All materials will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Join us on Friday, December 10th, 6:30-8pm.



Faith will be offering a special Family Christmas Eve service on Friday, December 24th at 4pm in addition to more traditional Christmas Eve services at 7 and 11pm. The 4pm service will be a shorter and more interactive service filled with familiar Christmas songs. Kids will actively participate during the reading of the Christmas story. Communion will be served at all 3 services.

Sunday School is scheduled for December 12 and December 19 between services (10:15-11am). All kids are invited to attend the HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS party on December 19. We will be celebrating the birth of Jesus with fun games and activities. Don't forget to wear your jammies for the party! Wahoo!! Everyone loves a pajama party!

Sunday School will take a break for Christmas and New Year's. Sunday School will resume on January 9, 2022.

We are still looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with Sunday School and other children's activities and events. You choose when you'd like to volunteer and what age group you'd enjoy helping. Ask Kim Clifton any questions you have about volunteering. She is more than happy to talk about our awesome Faith Kids.



Veterans Voices

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 the U.S.A. Check out the Veterans Voices Website: www.veterans-voices.org. May we never forget their service to our country.

General Membership Meeting: This month's meeting will take place on Thursday 12/2, 7 p.m., at the Orland Park Veterans Building, 15045 S. West Ave., Orland Park. Dale Carver will provide information on "The Christmas Truce of 1914".

Honor Flag: We raise the honor flag on the first Sunday of the month in honor of a deceased veteran. Registration forms can be found outside Room 4. Contact Dale Carver at (762) 218-7657 or veteransvoicesop@gmail.com for more information.

Questions? Contact Gary Lang @ 708-638-5213.



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"... Grandma said Christmas is just around the corner."



Stewardship Update

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I would like to thank all of our members who have turned in a pledge card to date. We are off to a fantastic start. As of 11/10, we have received 115 pledges. Total pledges for General Fund are \$316,276, Maintain Faith pledges are \$54,978 for a total to date of \$371,524. If you haven't turned in a pledge card yet, please try to do so asap. The more pledges we receive, the better we can calculate the funds we will have available to continue are ministries and maintain our building.

Also a big THANK YOU, to all those who helped with our campaign. We had awesome testimonials from Cliff Eade and Gwen Svoboda. Diane Barnett did another fantastic video presentation and Rolf Moan was usual amazing self with the music for our campaign.

If you haven't received a financial statement showing your 2021 contributions thru September 2021, let me know. Please try your best to meet your pledge for the year. For those who are financially able, we always appreciate those who can exceed their pledges to make up for some of our less fortunate members.

Again, thanks to everyone. Your commitment to our church and its ministries is appreciated by all.

Greg Bradach, Stewardship Chairman

Notes Received



Thank you all for my well wishes of cards & phone calls for my recovery. It's been a long fall but I wake up everyday blessed to be upright. Your prayers for my health were welcomed. Happy holidays.

Kim Thompson

*Dear "My Faith Family"
I would like to thank you for the very thoughtful gift box from Cherry Republic. What a fun surprise! The cherry treats, (Gummies, Salsa, Jam and Barbecue Sauce) are tasty and my family is enjoying all of it! Thank you.*

Thank you for your warm welcome. I love serving Jesus, I love serving at Faith.

You are a blessing to me and my family and we give great thanks for you.

Thanks again!

*Joy and Love in the Lord,
Beth Ridderhoff*

United Methodist Men Activities for December 2021, and beyond!



Men of Faith Sunrise Breakfast: We will have our regular Sunrise Breakfast on Sunday 12/12, at 7:30 a.m. Masks are required. The breakfast is a bring your own breakfast and beverage (BYOB&B). There will be an update on UMM activities for the next quarter and a short reading/discussion led by Dale Carver.

Promise Keepers Breakfast: Wednesday, 12/15, at 8:30 a.m. at Stacks Restaurant. Stacks is located at the corner of Harlem Avenue and 183rd Street. Jim Simmons will lead the meeting.

Lake South District will host a Zoom meeting on December 9, for all men in the district. This meeting will be the final review and discussion of the district constitution and bylaws. More details will be provided via email as the date approaches.

Lake South District of UMM is hosting a Monday evening Bible study on the book of Judges. For information on how to participate contact Dale Carver.

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

Food for Faith Families

Food for Faith Families provides meals to our congregation who may need help while recovering from surgery, returning home from rehabilitation, or having a baby. I would like to thank my team for preparing and delivering meals in the past. If you are interested in being a part of the team, please call Jan Kubillus at (708) 687-0953.

Pastor Jan Shaulis
211 N. Spring Street
Franklin Grove, Il. 61031



Director of Congregational Care

Hi, my name is Jim Sandberg.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and working with you as Faith's "Director of Congregational Care." From all that I have observed, in worshipping with you over the last 4 plus years, is that you are, at the very core of your life together, a loving and caring congregation. I consider it a blessing to work with you in building on your God given strengths and gifts for ministry.

And I will consider it a great privilege to join hands with you in praying for and visiting the sick, the shut-in, the dying, the grieving, and the most vulnerable in our midst.

Thanks for calling me to share in a ministry that is life-giving to our brothers and sisters on the ragged edges of life.

A quick word about myself: I am a graduate of North Park University, North Park Theological Seminary, and I, also, earned a Doctor of Ministry from North park. I have 30 plus years of pastoral ministry experience; having served Evangelical Covenant churches in Attleboro, MA, DeKalb, IL, and Oak Lawn, IL.

I am the father of two great adult children Misty and Erik. And thanks to Misty and Erik I am the proud grandfather of three beautiful and fun granddaughters: Elouise, Poppy, and Ingrid.

My full time work now is with the Olson Insurance Group. I am the SR. Relationship Manager. It is a family-owned business and I love working with the Olson's.

I enjoy reading and writing. I am a big time Cubs, Bears, Bulls, and Hawks fan. I should, also, confess, I am a serious gym rat. I love working out. If I am not answering my phone in the evening or on the weekends, I am more than likely at the gym or outside running.



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On behalf of the Endowment Committee, I am pleased to report that the following organizations received financial commitments from the Faith UMC Endowment Fund this year. As a committee, our intent as we started the year was to award approximately \$48,000 to excellent organizations during 2021.



Financial Commitments awarded 1/1/2021 through 11/10/2021

1st Quarter

Greater Chicago Food Depository - \$1,000

P.A.X.A - \$1,000

Pediatric Treasure Chest - \$1,000

Trevor Risinger, Intersivity - \$1,000

Hands, Hooves and Hope Ranch - \$2,500

Elim Christian School - \$3,000

Night Ministry - \$1,000

Salvation Army - \$1,000

My Joyful Heart - \$2,500

2nd Quarter

Crisis Center for South Suburbia - \$2,000

Mercy Home for Boys and Girls - \$2,000

3rd Quarter

Bridge Teen Center - \$5,000

Orland Township Food Pantry - \$5,000

4th Quarter through 11/10/2021

H.O.M.E Housing Support - \$2,500

Kruse's Crew (V.F.W.) - \$2,500

Elim Christian School - \$2,500

Athletics

“Witness to Fitness” meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday, for exercise, fellowship and walking class. Call Darryl Wertheim with questions (708-781-9696) God Bless !!

Tai Chi: Meetings at the church on Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30–11:30 AM
Call Bill Grizzle for more information.
708-636-5330.

2nd Annual - Baking for the Troops

Members of the Witness to Fitness exercise group, once again, made it their Christmas mission to send homemade cookies to our troops serving overseas during the holiday. A "taste of home" is always enjoyed by our military men and women. They sacrifice so much to protect and serve us, and we want to let them know how much we appreciate them. Over 40 tins of special treats, with personalized Christmas cards were brought to class on December 3rd. The cookies were delivered to Kruses' Krew, and shipped in care packages to men and women serving all over the world on Dec. 9th.

With the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season may we all take time to sort out our true priorities. Think back to your young self and the childlike anticipation for the magic of the season. We all need this childlike wonder now more than ever. Take time to reflect on the true magic of the everyday of God's great gifts. As we give and receive presents this year may we open our hearts to the all loving gifts of our Lord's presence. May we always look for the light and wonder of the world in Christ Jesus. Call upon our pastor or Bruce Person, Stephen Ministry coordinator, if needed.

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." - Matthew 2:10
Keep childlike wonder in your heart.
Nancy Duracka



Welcome New Members

Three new members joined Faith UMC on August 29th.

Welcome to the Faith family.



Lindsey Goldsmith
7261 Bradford Ct.
Justice, IL 60458
630-254-1164

Michelle Warszulek
6330 Pine Ridge Dr.
Tinley Park, IL 60477
708-334-9517

Laurie Rago
15308 Orchid Ln
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-743-8918



Isn't it wonderful that we go from November, a month we celebrate the beauty of Fall, Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving, then go right into December where we celebrate God's gift, the birth of His Son, Jesus, our Lord and Savior!

A few weeks ago, the United Methodist Women asked our congregation to help us raise funds, to help us continue to support mission work here in the surrounding communities, nationally and internationally, through our pledge to mission.

I am overwhelmed and proud to report that our congregation donated \$1,510.00 to the Bakeless Bake Sale. Thank you for your love and generosity!

Some of the money has already been put to work. We made donations to Operation Blessings, Bridge Teen Center locally. We also sent a love gift to the U.M.W. District to help fund their projects nationally and internationally.

Again, thank you and have a wonderful Christmas.
Donna Petersen

Blue Christmas

Remember Elvis's "Blue Christmas"? Is this Christmas time a blue time for you? Do you feel more like singing the blues than joining in the chorus of "Joy to the World"?



Of course, for many of us Christmas is truly the best time of the year and the joy in our hearts is palpable. But for the person struggling with grievous loss and disappointment, joy can be quite elusive.

For some of us Christmas can magnify feelings of grief, anxiety, loneliness, even depression. And as others around us are celebrating a merry Christmas, such joyous merriment, can make us feel, even bluer.

Mindful of our friends doing their best to cope with the blues, we will be hosting a Blue Christmas Service in the sanctuary at 2:00pm on Sunday, December 12. The service is for anyone feeling blue. The worship that afternoon will be uniquely designed for those of us whose hearts and souls are aching.

In reviewing the liturgy of the service, I can tell you that the movement of the worship is both powerful and healing. We will light 4 candles: 1) to remember those persons who have been loved and lost 2) to remember the pain of loss – loss relationships, the loss of a job, the loss of health 3) to remember ourselves – past memories of loss and the pain of reflecting on our own mortality 4) to remember our faith and the gift of hope that accompanies the Christmas story.

The Blue Christmas Service promises to touch the hearts of all who come to worship. In many ways I believe that it is a service meant for all of us.

So please, come alongside one another in worship on the afternoon of the 12th. It is my prayer that we might all be filled with hope and the healing power of heaven above, as we lay our blues before Emmanuel - God with us!

Golden GIVING

Live out Jesus' golden rule by preparing gift bags for people in need.



What you need:

- Gallon-size zip bags
- New socks
- Hand warmers
- Bus fare or tokens
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable food
- Toiletries and first-aid items
- Paper and markers

What you do:

1. Gather supplies, using the ideas above. Fill bags to make care packages.
2. Write notes or draw pictures for recipients, placing one in each bag.
3. Zip bags and keep them in a vehicle to distribute. Or deliver them right away to people in need (or to sick or homebound people, nursing home residents, a homeless shelter and so on).
4. Pray that God will use your gifts to help and encourage each recipient.

Missions News

Christmas Gift Programs: Together We Cope's "Adopt a Child" tags were available on 11/20 & 21 & 11/27 & 28. This is a way to bless local children with Christmas gifts.

Note: Return UNWRAPPED gift to church by Sunday, 12/5. Attach tag with the gift.

Angel Tree: We are still waiting to hear from Prison Fellowship about the details for the online gift card giving for this program. We will let you know as soon as we get the information.



Blood Drive

A heartfelt thank you to those who donated blood on Nov 7th. We collected 13 whole blood donations and 4 double red donations. We appreciate your willingness to help those in need. Our next drive is scheduled for 1/9/2022.

SHOP SCRIP THIS CHRISTMAS!

Don't forget to check out our one-stop shopping for gift cards through our Scrip program. Scrip order forms & 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 & write your order on, or write your order on a piece of paper. I have been placing Scrip orders every Sunday. You can put the orders in the scrip mailbox in the office & pick them up the following Sunday. Arrangements can be made to pick them up sooner. Call 708-638-8461.

A check made out to the church must be turned in with your order form. Gift cards 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



PUZZLE

F M K N L A D E G S C E J A T S
H → → → **U**
M ↑ **What's in a name?** ↓ **E**
V ↑ An angel told Joseph what to name Mary's baby. ↓ **L**
S ↑ Solve the puzzle to discover the name's meaning. ↓ **W**
R ↑ *Directions: Begin at the circled H below and follow the* ↓ **B**
B ↑ *arrows. Circle every other letter, and then* ↓ **A**
O ↑ *place them in order to complete Matthew 1:21.* ↓ **R**
L ↑ "S_e w_ll __ve b ir__ ↓ **V**
Y ↑ to _ s_n, and __u a_e to ↓ **H**
Q ↑ gi_e _i_ the __me J__us, ↓ **P**
O ↑ b_c_u__ he _ill s__e his ↓ **Q**
X ↑ __op_e f_o_ t__ir s_n_." ↓ **E**
A ↑ MATTHEW 1:21, NIV ↓ **F**
V ↑ **S** ↓ **L**
H ↑ **R** ↓ **S**
R ↑ **T** ↓ **R**
T ← ← ← **START HERE** ← ← ← **M**
A I N G F I P (H) S C I B E J H A

Answer: "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21, 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 times out of the week allotted for children and youth programs to follow along with our Church Strategic Goals. This evening is Friday from 5:30 - 8:00 PM. On Sunday from 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM only church sponsored events can be held. 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, Kim Clifton or Ed Bayles.

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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: Pastor

Beth Ridderhoff, Director of Music

Kim Clifton, Director of Family Ministries

Jim Sandberg: Director of Congregational Care

Linda Bitzer: Office Manager

Sandy Ward: Program Coordinator

Josh Bailey-Green: Director of AV and Web Ministries

Rolf Moan: Choir Director

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](https://www.facebook.com/faithum) in message line. All personal information is kept private. You can opt-out of messages at any time by replying "unsubscribe [@faithum](https://www.facebook.com/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, Garnet Suhs & Mario Vergara

Please keep these people in your prayers:

For healthcare workers, first responders, police officers, fire fighters and everyday heroes who service keeps us safe, for school staff, students and families

For Health & Healing:

Meriellen Anderson

Pat Anderson

Pastor Josh's father, Ron Bailey

Dan Beagles for father, Gerry

Jeannie Bellik for cousin's son, Danny

Clyde Blanke for friends, Patricia & Linda

Sue Blattner

Donna Brazda for friend, Carol

Chelsea Castaneda for friend's mother, Christine

Phil Chandler

Tom Clifton for his father, George

Harold Deneka

Peggy DeNormandie for mother, Marge, granddaughter, Paige, friend, Mary

& son, David

Glenn Drechsel

Ron Drechsel

Doris Fenton

Bob Fulton

Jan & Bill Haberichter for niece's daughter, Callie

Ron Harley

Susan Heaton's mother, Janice, hospice

Adrienne Hirsch for friend, Tippy

Doriss Hoover

Peggy Gillespie for granddaughter, Audriana, her teacher & classmates

Dennis Iwinski

Kathy Jones for daughter-in-law, Jessica

Maury Junod

Evelyn Kerwin for Janice, sister of her friend, Judy

Mike Kubillus

Wendy Koch

Jackie Konidaris for Joey's grandfather, Tony & friend, Brook

Chuck Kreuz

Patty Lazarz for friends, Connie & daughter, Heide & Mary & daughter, Kelly

Vanessa Leon for mother, Teresa & father, Bernardino

Connie Lundin for sister, Mary & sister-in-law, Pat

Janice McBride for sister-in-law

Christine Minetti for mother, Katherine



George Motzer for cousin, Shirley & for friend, Maynard

Sharla & John Parker for son, Ryan's girlfriend, Andrea

Diane Pochinkas for father, Albert Ken Pruum

Sue & Frank Roessler for brother-in-law, Ernie

JoEllen Simmons for friend, Phyllis

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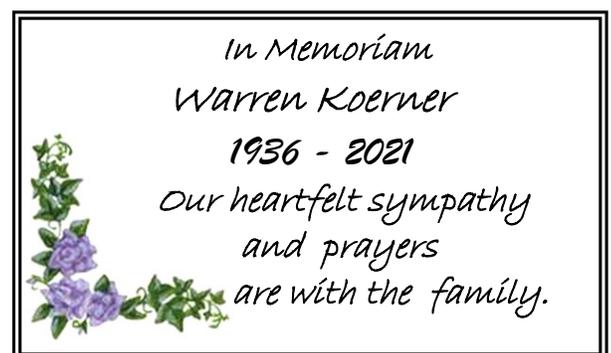
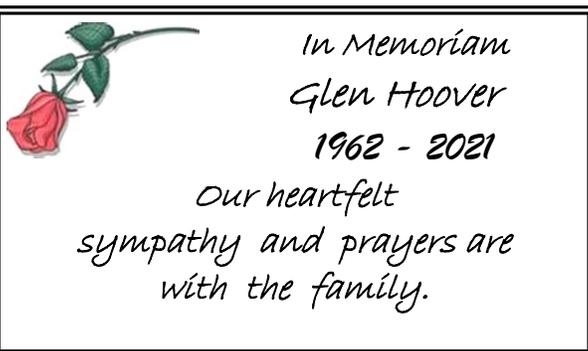
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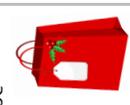
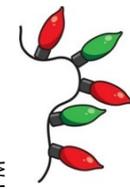
Michelle Warszalek for friend, Joyce & her family, friend, Ron & Aunt Judy

Liz Whitcher for brother, Bob

Linda Wright for husband, Don



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|  5 Worship 9 & 11 AM TWC Gifts to be returned 9 AM - 12 PM OA 2 PM  |  6 Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM O'Green 7:30 PM  |  7  | 1 CODA 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM  | 2 CODA 10 AM AA 6:30 PM AI Anon 8 PM Confirmation 7 PM Vet Voices 7 PM  | 3  | 4 OA 8:30 AM Drive Thru Santa 9:30 AM-12 Noon RISE Rehearsal 1 PM Worship 4 PM  |
| 12 Men of Faith Breakfast 7:30 AM Worship 9 & 11 AM Blue Christmas 2 PM OA 2 PM Ruth Circle 6 PM  | 13 Tai Chi 10:30 AM Church Council 7 PM SA 7 PM O'Green 7:30 PM  | 14  | 15 Promise Keepers 8:30 AM CODA 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM | 16 CODA 10 AM AA 6:30 PM Confirmation 7 PM Finance Comm. 7 PM AI Anon 8 PM | 17  | 18 OA 8:30 AM RISE 1-4 PM Worship 4 PM  |
| 19 Worship 9 & 11 AM OA 2 PM  | 20 Tai Chi 10:30 AM Worship Committee 7 PM SA 7 PM | 21  | 22 CODA 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM  | 23 CODA 10 AM AA 6:30 PM AI Anon 8 PM  | 24 Office Closed Christmas Eve Services 4 PM, 7 PM, 11 PM  Christmas Eve | 25 No Service today  |
| 26 Worship 10 am OA 2 PM  | 27 Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM | 28  | 29 CODA 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM | 30 CODA 10 AM AA 6:30 PM AI Anon 8 PM | 31  | |

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**Note: Walking Club
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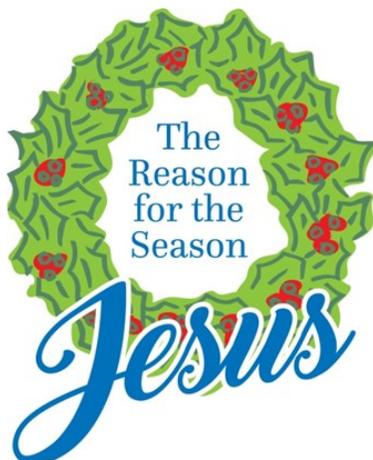
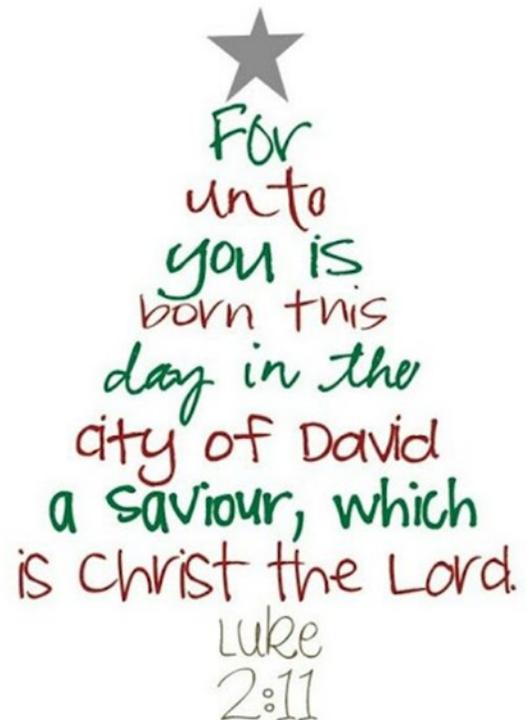
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Special Upcoming Events

- Dec. 4 Santa Drive Thru 9:30 AM-12 PM
- Dec. 5 TWC Gifts to be returned
- Dec. 10 Youth Gingerbread Event
- Dec. 12 Blue Christmas 2 PM
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services 4,7 & 11 PM
- Dec. 25 Merry Christmas



Please check with the office or the committee chair for exact times and locations. See our website for other, regularly scheduled events & meetings.