

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ORLAND PARK

FAITH MATTERS

September 2021

Laity-Driven Church



*"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts;
and though all its parts are many, they form one body." - 1 Corinthians 12:12*

Have you ever heard of the Pareto Principle? You may have also heard it as the 80/20 Rule. This is the rule that (for many outcomes) 80% of the effects comes from 20% of the causes. 80% of sales comes from 20% of customers. 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people. 80% of the clothes we wear is only 20% of the clothes in our closet.

Like most organizations, churches fall into the Pareto Principle with 80% of the work done by 20% of the members. Friends, this is NOT how God designed the Church to function.

The apostle Paul compares the Church to a human body. In a human body, if only 20% of our organs were functioning, we'd be in big trouble. In a human body, we need 100% participation by 100% of the parts. Every part is important. Every part is unique and plays a specific function. The eyes allow us to see. The ears allow us to hear. The nose allows us to smell. The ears allow us to hear. The eyebrow allows us to... not look like the Mona Lisa.

Put another way, where would the body be if the fingers felt unappreciated and chose not to work? How would we type emails, eat meals, drive cars, or pick our nose? Where would the body be if the heart and lungs decided, they didn't want to work anymore with the liver and kidneys? Bottom line - we would all suffer. We would all be the lesser.

God created the Church to be a community. We need each other. Every person is valuable. Every person is gifted. Every person has a specific function only she/he can fulfill. For every person who is excluded - for every person who is unappreciated - for every person who is overlooked - the Church is lesser. The Church functions at our best when every member is active - publicly and privately - in the foreground and in the background. Our Church is at our best when every person embraces the ministry God gifted him/her to do.

Faith is a permission-giving church. We are a laity-driven church. So, what ministry has God placed on your heart? What great need is God calling you to address? What gifts has God given you to exercise? Perhaps it's to lead a small group or sing in the choir. Perhaps it's to serve in hospitality ministries or athletic ministries. Perhaps it's to work with children or go on mission trips with youth. Perhaps it's to call on the homebound, visit the sick, or make quilts for infants. Whatever your calling, let us support you. Let us equip you. If you don't know where to start, you can begin by identifying your gifts. To take a spiritual gifts inventory, search "spiritual gifts inventory" on www.umcdiscipleship.org. After identifying your gifts, take time to pray and ask God where/how God is calling you to serve. Then, contact myself or one of our church staff, who can help you connect with existing ministry teams or create new ministry teams.

Faith UMC is at our best when we are all serving - doing our part - contributing our time, gifts, and talents to the larger ministry. Together, let's be the Church Christ calls us to be.

Worship Services

We will celebrate Kick Off Weekend on the weekend of September 11-12. While the start of Sunday School classes is postponed (see page 4 for more information), we are celebrating our ministry with children and youth. Note: this is our last weekend of uniform worship services.

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Pastor Caleb's message continued:

On the following weekend (September 18-19,) we will offer distinct worship services and kick off live music. The Chancel Choir will sing in the Sunday @ 9 AM service. The Faith Rising Band will lead praise in the Sunday @ 11 AM service. Saturday @ 4 PM will be a blend of our Sunday morning worship style & format.

While these are our current plans, we will make adjustments as the pandemic continues to change. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

Beware Phishy Emails

Over the last few years, fake emails have been sent out to church members using my full name "Caleb Yong Min Hong." Friends, unless it's for legal purposes, I never use my full name. These emails ask for emergency gift card or for an urgent response. Please be wary of any phishy emails from "Caleb Yong Min Hong." All of these emails utilize a phony Gmail address.

I will only reach out to you from one of two email addresses: pastorcalebhong@gmail.com OR pastorcaleb@faithumcop.org. I will never ask you to purchase and send me authorization codes for emergency gift cards. If I need to urgently reach you, I'll call you personally on the phone.

Once again, my apologies for this inconvenience. If you receive these phishy emails, please do not respond directly to them. Contact me or the church office so we can inform others of the latest scam.

September Sermon Schedule

We begin September with our 4th and final message in our series "*The Gospel According to the Beatles*." Join us as we reflect on the song, "*Love Me Do*."

On September 11 & 12, we will celebrate the start of the new school year with a weekend highlighting children and youth. We will also bless backpacks/laptops on this weekend.

Starting September 18 & 19, we will start our fall sermon series, "*Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets*" by Andy Stanley. This is a 6-week sermon series and small group curriculum based on a series of important questions that will help you make better decisions!

September 4/5	<i>"The Gospel According to the Beatles: Love Me Do"</i>
September 11/12	<i>Kick Off Weekend</i>
September 18/19	<i>"Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets: More than a Decision"</i>
September 25/26	<i>"Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets: The Integrity Question"</i>

I hope y'all have a safe and exciting start to the fall season. Whether you worship with us virtually or in-person, I hope to worship with you soon!

Pastor Caleb



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).

Worship Services

Church In Person Services: You must sign-up to attend on our website (faithumcop.org). This allows us to provide contact tracing.. Nursery care is unavailable at this time. Updated guidelines can be found on our website & Facebook.



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LIVE

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

Sign-Up Genius Information

Linda has taken over the responsibility of Sign-Up Genius now that Pastor Caitlyn has moved to a new church. Linda will do the registration sheets 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.

Safety Guideline Update

There is currently an increase of Covid-19 cases in the community around us and the Delta variant is the predominate strain causing infection. This variant has the ability to infect the vaccinated as well as those who are not vaccinated and all infected can transmit the disease.

In order to protect the most vulnerable members of our church family, everyone of the age of 2 years and older must wear masks while indoors at our church. (This is currently the indoor masking guideline set by the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention.) Please join with us as a Christian family as we protect our most vulnerable members.

We ask that you continue to practice social distancing while in the church and that you continue to register your attendance for all of our worship services and other activities in the church. In addition, we will be suspending the service of shared food at any events at the church as a further precaution.

Please join with us as we work to protect all of those in our church family especially those at greatest risk.

Thank you,
Faith UMC COVID-19 Task Force

Worship News



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



Financial \$ Report

July 31, 2021

Income YTD	Budgeted YTD
\$300,519.18	\$298,783.50
Expenses YTD	Budgeted YTD
\$275,728.52	\$313,580.59
YTD Apportionment Payments	
\$27,797.00	
YTD Profit/Loss	
+\$24,790.66	

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Family Ministries

We have some exciting things happening at Faith UMC!!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: Faith UMC will once again be packing shoeboxes to be sent to children all over the world. This will be a take home project for anyone interested in bringing some sunshine and joy into the life of a child. Empty boxes will be available for pickup during worship services on **September 11-12, 18-19, and 25-26**. Simply take the box home and fill it with personal hygiene items, school supplies and small toys. Examples of great items to add to your box: soap, washcloth or small towel, comb, toothbrush, deodorant, band aids, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, markers, index cards, small paper pad or journal, bookmark, stickers, ruler, tape, coin purse, small tools, small fishing kit, sewing kit, ball, stuffed animal. Please return your packed box to Faith on **October 2 and 3** during worship services. Shipping costs for each box is \$9. If you would like to pay for shipping, please include \$9 per box in cash or check (written to Faith UMC with "Operation Christmas Child Shoebox" on memo line).



Kick Off Weekend: Join us for worship services on September 11 or 12 (livestream available at 9 am on Sunday) to celebrate the kick off of the new school year. A special message will be shared for kids (and adults too) to offer encouragement and love. We will also offer a backpack/school bag/work bag blessing during services.



Sunday School Updates and Changes: We are super excited to offer in person Sunday School classes again soon. Our tentative start date is Sunday, October 31. We are continuing to listen to CDC guidance and watching COVID metrics in our area and we will make any changes to start date as needed. All Sunday School attendees and volunteers will be required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.



In an effort to have children be more present in worship we are changing the format of Sunday School. Instead of offering Sunday School during services, this year we are moving Sunday School to between services. Sunday School is scheduled from 10:15-11am. Classes will be offered for children ages 3 years through high school. It is our hope that children and families will choose to worship together on Sunday mornings. Kids will be given the opportunity to serve during services by helping as ushers, greeters, readers, or helping at the Welcome Center. Kids will also be able to actively engage with various parts of services. We want all children and families to feel welcome and feel that they are valuable members of the Faith family. We hope this change in format will help our youngest members to grow in their faith.

Youth Group Updates: Youth group will be returning for in person activities in the fall. We plan to resume in late October. Youth group and youth activities are open to kids in 6th grade through high school. Youth will meet on Friday evenings and Sundays right after 11am service. This schedule will rotate throughout the school year. Meetings will be planned on a monthly basis. A calendar of upcoming events will be available soon.



We are all so excited to welcome kids back to Faith UMC and in person programs!!!

Kim Clifton, Director of Family Ministries



Online Bill Pay

So, why should you offer your church gifts and tithes online? For starters, you'll save money on postage and save your time. Online Bill Pay is also safer than the snail-mail method. More importantly, it allows our church to financially plan for the future.

Sandy Mawhinnie
Stewardship Committee

Church Closed:

On Tuesday, 9/14 & Wednesday, 9/15 the church building will be closed during the day because of the replacement of the heating & air conditioning units on the roof.

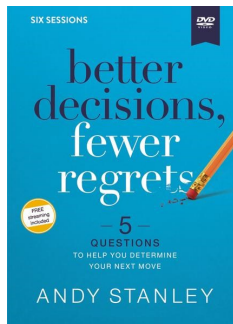


Small Groups



COMING SOON - FALL GROUP STUDY

Decisions, decisions, decisions!
We all have to make them no matter our age. We want to make the best decisions we can. Whatever we decide affects not only ourselves but those around us, family, friends, and community. Beginning on September 18, Pastor Caleb will begin a new sermon series following Andy Stanley's **"Better Decisions: Fewer Regrets."**



Small groups will begin that week also, to coincide with this sermon series, and study this curriculum. Andy Stanley tells us that good decisions begin by asking good questions. We can learn about these ideas and share our own experiences in a Small Group.

Look to our church website to sign up to participate. Study Guides will be available to purchase in the lobby, Cost - \$9.00 each.



If you have any questions, contact Janice McBride (jchmcbride@comcast.net or 708-945-4288.)

Hope you DECIDE to participate.

New Addresses

Ron & Kathy Drechsel
10823 S. Prairie Lane
Mokena, IL 60448

Kathy's cell: 708-261-8923
Ron's Cell: 708-261-8920



The word hero is redefined this past year and half. Frontline heroes, healthcare heroes, teacher heroes, etc. The list goes on and on. At Faith UMC we also have so many heroes carrying our church forward. Our church family is a beacon of light in hard times. Hooray and thank you to all. If you need help call our pastor or Bruce Person, Stephen Ministry coordinator. "For you are God's fellow workers, you are God's field, God's building." - 1 Corinthians 3:9. Be not just a good worker but a God worker.



Nancy Duracka

United Methodist Men Activities for August 2021, and beyond!

Men of Faith Sunrise Breakfast: Sunday 9/12 at 7:30 a.m. We are back under Covid protocols so masks are required and 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, 9/15, at 8:30 a.m. Jim Simmons will lead the meeting. Stacks is located at the corner of Harlem Avenue and 183rd Street.

It is with sadness I pass on to you the information that the Northern Illinois Conference of UMM Spiritual Congress for 2021 had been canceled.

Save the Date: Sunday, 10/17, will be UMM Recognition Sunday (we hope and pray). An afternoon concert by the Alleluia Quartet and the annual Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser will take place that afternoon. This is all Covid dependent. A decision will be made the week of 9/12.

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

Notes Received

Thank you for the calls, cards, & prayers as Meriellen continues her recovery at home.



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Prayers & Thanks,
Al & Meriellen Anderson

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.

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Veterans Voices

Veteran 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 9/2, 7 p.m., at the Orland Park Veterans Building, 10545 S. West Ave., Orland Park. There will be a short business meeting followed by a presentation of "The Last Battleship".

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.

Walk of Honor: Time is running out to submit an order for a paver to be added to our Walk of Honor on Veterans Day this year. There are order forms outside of Room 4. You can also print out a form at our web site: www.veterans-voice.org The cost is \$65 per paver. The deadline is Wednesday, 9/8. This is a great way to honor a family member, friend, old service buddy, etc. For more information contact Dale Carver at the number/address provided above.

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



Important Changes for Safe Sanctuary Procedures

Faith's Safe Sanctuary policy has been updated to reflect current procedures and includes some changes to ensure the safety of our children and youth. The complete new procedures can be found on our church website. The biggest change is that **ALL** adults (18 and older) who work with children and youth **MUST** complete a training and background check **every 3 years**. This is in effect for all paid staff of the church, too. The Safe Sanctuary committee will offer these training sessions 3 times a year.

If you are interested in being a Sunday School teacher, working with the Athletic Program, working with the Santa Jamboree event in December, being a Roamer, or any other Children/Youth activity this fall or winter and attended a Safe Sanctuary class and had a background check prior to 2019, you should sign up for the fall training session. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18th at 9:30 AM or Tuesday, Sept. 28th at 7 PM. The 1-hour sessions will include a video, discussion, and time for questions. You will receive a copy of the revised Safe Sanctuary Procedures and will complete a form for permission for a new background check. The background checks cost \$11 each and our Worship Committee will pay for them although donations of \$11 will be accepted. Please sign up on our church website's Sign Up Genius for the session you wish to attend or call the church office at 708-444-8560 for assistance.



2021 Northern Illinois Annual Conference Wrap up

Theme: Jesus Makes a Way

From the comfort of home, coffee shop, office, or church, many of the more than 600 participants of the 182nd session of the Northern Annual Illinois Conference, with the theme "Jesus Makes a Way," made their way onto Zoom to take part in two days of business, voting, reports, Bible study, and worship services from July 16-17, 2021. For the second year, COVID-19 restrictions restricted in-person meetings, making it necessary to meet virtually. A special thanks to GNTV for production assistance and Barrington UMC for hosting all those behind the scenes.

This was the first time presiding in the Northern Illinois Annual Conference for Bishop John L. Hopkins, who came out of retirement to serve as interim bishop. He started January 1 in the middle of the pandemic and became accustomed to meeting via Zoom from his home in Indianapolis, Ind.

"I feel close to many of you because you have Zoomed your way into my heart," said Bishop Hopkins. "Amazingly, I have met with many of you in meetings, conference events, district gatherings, and small groups. I have had the opportunity to learn about you and your churches; listen to the stories you tell about the heart and soul of this Conference; and feel your love of Jesus and some of your anxiety about the future."

Hopkins delivered his Episcopal Address in two parts, focusing on what he's perceived as the Conference's strengths and challenges. "Most of the realities I have discovered are incredibly positive. For example, we have gifted and dedicated clergy and laity, we take a strong stand for equity and justice with full inclusion of everyone, our local churches are doing amazing frontline ministry, the conference's new structure under the Annual Conference Shepherding Team is streamlined and productive, and we continue to have a devotion to missions (the Northern Illinois Conference gave \$418,199 and supported 18 missionaries through the Advance in 2020)."

Bishop Hopkins addressed the reality of a continual decline in apportionment payments, concern about jurisdictional realignment of conferences (if we share a bishop, the Northern Illinois Conference will not "merge" with another conference – at some future date two conferences can vote to merge if they desire, and concern about a significant shift in the denomination.

"The Church needs to be unified and empowered," said Hopkins. "The Church also needs to be clear about its mission: to make disciples; to love God with all our heart, and mind, and soul, and strength; and to love our neighbor as ourselves." Hopkins said it's important to equip local churches and ministry settings to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

"Our need to focus resources on the local church is not only about conference programs, budget, and strategy. It is about us," Hopkins concluded. "Can we focus our attention on the people in our communities who need to know about the God we serve? That is the shift we need to make. And that focus cannot be given over to a conference committee or task force. Each of us is responsible!"

Legislation

The Annual Conference voted virtually on several pieces of legislation including support for marginalized communities negatively impacted by COVID-19, advocating for the rights of Palestinian children and families, humanizing criminal justice, reorganization and streamlining of the program areas in the Conference, and a revision of the standing rules to reinstate legislative sections at Annual Conference beginning in 2022. We lifted the following eight church closings in prayer: Beach Park: York House, Northbrook: Glenbrook Korean, Ringwood, Wood Dale: Community, Chicago: Fernwood, Lisle: Faith, Alfolkey: Bethel, and Elkhorn (note: these closings are not all from one year as the pandemic delayed action on some).

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Laity Session

The NIC's three Co-Lay Leaders hosted an evening Zoom meeting on July 15 to kick off Annual Conference, which included a time for conversation and learning. Several local churches from around the Conference highlighted their new and creative ministries and a tour of the NIC website with tips on finding relevant information. To watch the recording and for presentations, visit umcnic.org/laity.

Bible Study

Bishop Julius C. Trimble from the Indiana Conference, who at one point donned a Chicago Cubs hat as a nod to his Northern Illinois roots, led two Bible study sessions encouraging an "attitude of gratitude." He helped us reflect on this year's scripture verse, Matthew 14:13-21 and Jesus feeding the 5,000. The recordings are available to watch and download at umcnic.org/AC2021.

Worship Services

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung from the Wisconsin Conference and former NIC Bishop delivered the message titled, "A Wreath for Your Excellent Leadership" during the Memorial Service as we remembered clergy, spouses, staff and laity who have passed in the last year, including the more than 600,000 of our fellow Americans and more than 3.5 million of our brothers and sisters worldwide who died from the Coronavirus. The Retirement Service celebrated those clergy and local pastors who have been a gift to the church, offering leadership to congregations and ministries beyond the church. Combined, this class has served 362 years.

Bishop's Appeal Offering

This year's special Bishop's Appeal offering totaled more than \$25,000 and went toward the United Methodist Committee on Relief's COVID-19 relief efforts worldwide.

Statistics

During an unprecedented year affected by shutdowns, the Northern Illinois Conference saw 2020 membership drop to 74,030. This is down 2,432 from 2019's numbers of 76,462. While in-person worship was impossible most of the year, churches reported more than 26,607 people joined them for online worship. During the first three months of the year, when the pandemic was spreading, but shutdowns were not in place, they reported 17,406 in-person worshippers. Professions of faith and reaffirmations totaled 605, down from 858 in 2019. Most churches halted small groups and missionary teams due to the social distancing and health safety measures. During the periods when these could occur, the number of adults and young adults in small groups was at 19,332, down from 24,567. Sunday School attendance dropped from 5,814 to 3,629, while worshippers engaged in mission dropped from 15,594 to 10,103.

Upcoming Dates

Keep on your calendar October 1 for the 2021 Service of Ordination and Commissioning (limited in-person, also livestreamed) and the October 2 business session (held via Zoom) to address the budget, nominations, and the United Methodist Foundation of the NIC's annual meeting. The 2022 Annual Conference will be held June 8-9 and return in person at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center.

For updates and more on the October session, visit umcnic.org/AC2021.

All 3 individual delegate reports can be found on our website (faithumcop.org)



As a retired teacher, I find I still get the urge to get going, organized and start the "new school year" with new adventures, challenges and blessings. Our U.M.W. leadership team plans to meet and discuss ways we can reconnect, share our talents, gifts and vision with women and children here and around the world. We would welcome your suggestions and comments. Please feel

free to share you ideas, wishes with members of our leadership team and other women in our church. The current leadership team members are Lynn Low, JoEllen Simmons, Lois White, Beth Bryce and Donna Petersen, we'd love to chat with you and hear your thoughts, dreams and ideas for our group.

On September 25th, the Aurora District United Methodist Women will be holding it's final Annual Meeting in West Chicago. This will be a celebration of the many women who have served over the years; remembering the many ministries and programs that have benefited Women, Children and Youth for such a long time.

At this time I am planning to attend the meeting in person. If you'd like to ride along, please let me know. I will be leaving the church about 7:30A.M. For those who would rather not travel, it will be available on ZOOM. I will send the link once I've received it. If you'd like to ride to West Chicago, shoot me an e-mail or give me a call. (oppete5@aol.com)

"May the God of Friendship continue to blend God's people together with love, joy and peace."
(Elmira Sellu, U.M.W. Regional Missionary in East & West Africa)

Donna Petersen, President

Singles Fellowship

The date for Piano Man at the Jacob Henry Mansion in Joliet has been changed again to Wednesday, September 22. We currently have one spot open for \$52. All those with reservations have been called, but many just got a voice-mail from Nancy. If anyone has questions, please call me Nancy at 309-337-9174. Interested in helping to plan other events later in the year? Please let me know and I will set a date to meet & eat!



Elim HOPE Packs

Missions News

Thank you to all who donated to purchase Hope Packs (ie. school supplies) for students at Springfield School in Midlothian. We collected \$1336! In addition the Endowment Committee contributed another \$3000! There will be a lot of happy students receiving these Hope Packs. Thank you for your generosity.

Mission Chair, Genie Lang (708-429-2205)

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be October 24th, 2021. Please consider donating.



Scrip

Dear Scrip Customers,

Because of the pandemic, there will be no Scrip table available to place orders or pick up your gift cards now that church is reopened. 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. . Because I won't be able to pass out order forms in the church, please feel free to write your orders on a piece of paper to give to me with your check or cash.

Thanks to all who have continued to support our Scrip Gift Card Program which raises money for youth and adult mission trips. Hope you all are staying safe and healthy.

Blessings,
Genie Lang, Scrip Coordinator



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.

Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



F_r by gr_c_ y_ _ h_v_
b_ _n s_v_d thr_ _gh
f_ _th, _nd th_s _s n_t
y_ _r _wn d_ _ng; _t _s
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_ph_s_ _ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV

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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, Kim Clifton or Ed Bayles.

Faith United Methodist Church

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708.444.8560

E-mail: faith@faithumcop.org

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 Contemporary Worship

Kim Clifton, Director of Family Ministries

Linda Bitzer: Office Manager

Sandy Ward: Program Coordinator

Josh Bailey-Green: Director of AV and Web Ministries

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

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SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

Please keep our homebound in your thoughts and prayers:

Doriss Hoover, Warren Koerner & Garnet Suhs

Please keep these people in your prayers:

For all military service men & women, Health Care workers, Fire Fighters, Police Officers, and everyday heroes that work to keep us safe; victims of gun violence in Chicagoland & our nation

For Health & Healing:

Meriellen Anderson

Jeannie Bellik for Tonia

Linda Bitzer for sister, Denise

Phil Bitzer for brother-in-law, Rick

Clyde Blanke for friend, Frank

Beth Bryce for sister, Barb

Pastor Caitlyn's father, Steve Butler

Laura Cardinal for friend, Barb

Rich Carriel

Janie Clifton's friend, Jamie

Debbie DeLorenzo for friend, Vern

Harold Deneka

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

Glenn Drechsel

Ron Drechsel

Elaine Eubank's husband, Tom, now in hospice care

Bob Fulton

Dolores Genis

Jan Haberichter for niece's family

Susan Heaton's mother, Janice, hospice

Kip Hendrickson

Doriss Hoover

Maury Junod

Vicki Koblick for father, Dennis

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

Sandi Kough

Chuck Kreuz

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

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

George Motzer's cousin Cory's baby, Logan

Lynda Odigie for friend, Aisha & her mom, Murry

Bruce & Karen Person for brother-in-law, Ken

Ken Prui

Sally Puzon & Sandi Kough for, Lisa & Anthony & Aunt Judy

Joan Smith

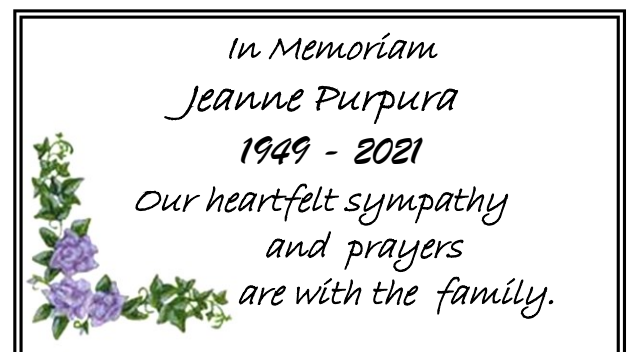
Kim Thompson

Terry Velten for sister, Tonya

Michelle Warszalek for Ron

Linda Wright for husband, Don Edgren

Bill Zeitz





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

**Note: Walking Club
Witness to Fitness**
meets every
Monday, Wednesday
& Friday
9-10 AM



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SEPTEMBER 2021

Special Upcoming Events

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| Sept. 11 & 12 | Operation Christmas Child
Pick-Up
Fall Kick-Off |
| Sept. 18 & 19 | Operation Christmas Child
Pick-Up |
| Sept. 25 & 26 | Operation Christmas Child
Pick-Up |
| Sept. 25 | Human Sexuality & Faith |
| Sept. 28 | Safe Sanctuary Training |



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Love
the Lord your God
with all your HEART
and with all your SOUL
and with all your MIND
and with all your STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30, ESV

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