

# FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ORLAND PARK

## FAITH MATTERS

April 2020

***“Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.” - Isaiah 40:31***

March was an unexpected month. I didn't expect a 2 week quarantine. I never imagined worship services being suspended. I would have never dreamed of people hoarding toilet paper and everyone (around the globe) practicing social distancing. And yet, in the midst of these unexpected events, there were blessings. I was able to slow down and be more attentive to my children. I was able to complete odd jobs for my wife, who was texting me honey-do lists during her self-isolation.

While the world has changed dramatically, I remind us that the gospel of Jesus Christ has not changed. God's love for the world has not changed. Jesus' invitation to follow Him has not changed. The Holy Spirit's whisper to love our neighbors, even the cranky ones, has not changed. So, how will you respond? While the world has changed and most of us are in isolation, how can we love God and love our neighbor during these strange and peculiar days?

As I write this newsletter article, a verse running through my head is **Romans 12:10**. The apostle Paul writes, ***“love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.”*** In the first phrase, Paul reiterates the second half of the great commandment to LOVE one another. SERVE one another. LOOK OUT for one another. In the second of this verse, he makes this commandment FUN. He invites us to OUTDO one another in showing honor.

Some of you know that I love sports. I love “the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.” I love how sports brings out the best in us, gets our blood flowing, and pushes us to our limits. So, what does it look like to OUTDO one another in showing honor? Personally, it means being still and praying more than usual. It's going through the church directory and praying for each of you by name. It's being more responsive to the “taps” of the Holy Spirit urging me to be extra-patient when grocery shopping. It's being grateful for each day and counting God's blessings even in times like this.

While we do not know when life will return to “normal,” we know that restaurants WILL reopen. School WILL reopen. Churches WILL reopen. Until then, let's be safe and follow the guidelines of government and health officials. Let's be prayerful and grateful for each and every day. And let's “outdo” one another in showing honor.

### Worship Services

As I write this article, our worship services are closed only through the month of March. I'm guessing this suspension of in-person services will continue for several more weeks. My fingers are reluctant to type what Holy Week and Easter will look like so let me simply write – STAY TUNED. As soon as decisions are made by pastors and Church Council, we'll share the news with you so that you can be informed.

For now, I hope you make it a point to join us for our live-streamed service on Sunday morning at 9 AM on Facebook Live. If you are not a FB user, go to our website ([www.faithumcop.org](http://www.faithumcop.org)) and click on the sermon link. If you wake up late, you can watch a recording of the service by clicking the link.

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Pastor Caleb's message continued:

### Giving

While worship services are suspended, let's continue to financially support our ministries. You can offer your gifts & tithes electronically through our website ([faithumcop.org](http://faithumcop.org)) OR mail your checks to church (15101 S. 80th Ave. Orland Park, IL 60462). Of course, you can also hold onto your offerings and bring them with you once the church reopens.

### Fellowship

While Lenten Small Groups are cancelled, Small Group leaders have been given a new assignment. Their job is to reach out and connect with Small Group members once a week. For those who are NOT signed up for Small Groups, we have established the **Phone a Friend** network. We're assigning friendly friends to contact folks in our congregation. Our hope is to check in with ALL of you during these weeks of isolation. If you'd like to help us with this ministry, contact Sandy Ward ([sandyward60462@yahoo.com](mailto:sandyward60462@yahoo.com), 708-349-7490).

### Mission

"What can I do to help during this time?" This is a question I've heard from so many of you. Thank you for offering your help. Let me encourage you to look for opportunities throughout the community. At Faith, here are a few possibilities:

**Grocery Gophers** – The Men of Faith are organizing to serve as gophers for church members in need. This is a service to deliver groceries or medicine or other items from the store. If you would like to join the "gopher" team OR would like to utilize this service, contact our Gopher Coordinator, Dale Carver ([aonemanshow@comcast.net](mailto:aonemanshow@comcast.net), 762-218-7657), and he'll put you in touch with one of our volunteers. Details will be worked out on a call-by-call basis.

**Micro-Pantry** – The Mission Committee has established a micro-food pantry (ie. a large bin outside our main entrance) so that no one goes hungry. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off anytime by anyone. Food items can be picked up anytime by anyone. So, the next time you go shopping, please pick up an extra can of soup or spaghetti sauce, and help us keep this micro-pantry stocked. (Note: if you drop off food donations and the bin is full, please leave your donation behind the bin.)

**Pastoral Emergency Fund** – Some of you know that Faith has a designated fund that provides bill assistance and gift cards for folks, who need a hand. Foreseeing the economic repercussions of this pandemic, we are anticipating an increase in assistance requests. By donating to the Pastoral Emergency Fund, your resources will be directed by pastors to assist with bill payments and gift card assistance. If you'd like to support this ministry, make checks payable to "Faith United Methodist Church" with "Pastoral Emergency Fund" on the memo line.

### Pastoral Care

Pastors Caleb & Caitlyn continue to offer pastoral care through emails and calls. While in-person visits are suspended (in most instances,) we will visit in case of emergencies. Please contact pastors directly by call or text: Pastor Caleb ([pastorcaleb@faithumcop.org](mailto:pastorcaleb@faithumcop.org), 815-212-5165), Pastor Caitlyn ([pastorcaitlyn@faithumcop.org](mailto:pastorcaitlyn@faithumcop.org), 815-474-3136).

### Upcoming Sermon Schedule

Here's a list of the upcoming messages in April. We'll start April by finishing up the "**Listen, Love, Repeat**" series on Palm Sunday (4/5). Next, we'll celebrate **EASTER** and **BRIGHT SUNDAY** (ie. Easter part deux). On the final weekend of April, we'll begin a new sermon series, "**Overcomers**." I hope you can join us for worship online and (eventually) in person.

April 5	<b><i>Listen Love Repeat: The Boomerang of Blessing</i></b>
April 12	<b><i>Easter Sunday: The Third Day</i></b>
April 19	<b><i>Bright Sunday: The Gospel According to the Wizard of Oz</i></b>
April 26	<b><i>Overcomers: Understanding the Obstacles</i></b>
May 3	<b><i>Overcomers: The Blessing of Weakness</i></b>
May 10	<b><i>Overcomers: Turning Obstacles into Opportunities</i></b>

God loves you and so do I,  
Pastor Caleb

## 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.

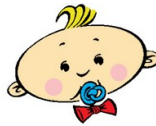
## New Membership in 2020

There are two more sets of weekend services that will include opportunities for new members to join Faith UMC: July 11/12<sup>th</sup> and November 14/15<sup>th</sup>. Each of these events will have a membership class scheduled 1-2 weeks prior. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

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

## Nursery Sitter Needed

We are in need of a nursery sitter for our Sunday services. The hours are 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM & the pay is \$12/hour. You must be 18 yrs. or older & will have to go through our Safe Sanctuary training & background check. If you are interested or know of anyone that is interested, please contact Kathy Broadhurst at 708-535-3591.



## Pastoral Emergency Fund

**Objective:** Provide monetary assistance to our neighbors in need.

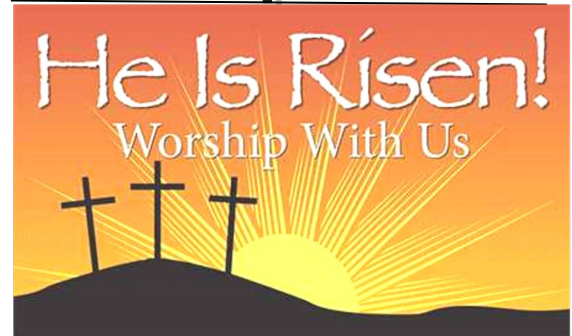
**Background:** Faith currently has a designated fund that provides bill assistance and gift cards to our neighbors who express need. Foreseeing the economic repercussions for our neighbors who receive hourly wages and are unable to work for two weeks, we are anticipating a significant increase in assistance 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. 80<sup>th</sup> Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462. Please make checks payable to Faith United Methodist Church. In the memo line of the check write Pastoral Emergency Fund for your donation to be used towards bill assistance. Or, in the memo line of the check write Pastoral Emergency Fund - Gift Cards if you would like for your donation to be used to purchase gift cards for assistance.

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

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

# Worship News



## Taste of Faith Schedule

4/5 - UMW Bake Sale  
4/12 - Easter - No Taste of Faith  
4/19 - Finance/Membership  
4/26 - Worship Committee



5/3 - Christian Educ./Eve Circle  
5/10 - Athletics/Memorial  
5/17 - Men of Faith/Church & Society  
5/24 - Veteran Voices  
5/31 - Puppets/Endowment



Call the church office with questions.

**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

## 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

Athletics Contact: Ed Bayles 708-902-1198

## Faith Matters March 2020



On Friday, March 13 we held our second Artivities event of the year. We learned that a plastic bottle can float around in the ocean for over 1000 years, 1000 years!!! We also learned that plastic is very harmful to marine animals. Many animals mistake small pieces of plastic for food. When the plastic is ingested they become sick or worse, they die. In a continuation of the Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle theme children used plastic water bottles, Diet Coke bottles, Gatorade bottles, plastic straws, and plastic lids to create marine animals. Kids made fish, penguins, sea lions, jellyfish, narwhals, sea turtles and whales among other sea creatures. Don't worry if you weren't able to attend, we have one additional Artivities scheduled for Friday, April 24. Our annual Artivities Art Show and Sale will be held on Sunday, April 26, between worship services. Art will be sold on a free will donation basis. All proceeds from the art sales will be donated to Gigi's Playhouse for use in their art programs.



All children are invited to Faith's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 12. All kids will meet in the sanctuary at the beginning of the service. Following Faith Kids children will be invited to join us for an egg hunt and a lesson on Easter. We are looking forward to seeing all of the kids in their Easter best!!

VBS is scheduled for the week of June 7-12. The theme for this year's VBS is "Knights of North Castle". Castles, armor, knights and dragons....how fun!!! During the week of VBS the halls and rooms of Faith UMC are filled with children and volunteers excited to see and hear what each evening will bring. VBS is a magical and inspiring week for all who attend. We can't have VBS without your help. There are several ways you can help make this event successful:

1. Take a tag off the supply donation board. All tags have listed supplies that are valued at \$15 or less, most are less than \$10. Supply donation board will be available in the church lobby starting April 5.
  2. Volunteer to help at VBS. Volunteers are needed in all areas for VBS. You can help one night or all nights. You can choose where you would like to help.
  3. Register your children, grandchildren and neighbors for VBS. We always love to have lots of kids attend.
  4. Pray for VBS, pray for the children that they may see God at work in their lives, pray for the volunteers that they may share the love of God with every child and be touched by God themselves throughout the week.
- VBS is not a children's ministry, but rather a ministry of Faith UMC. With your prayers, supply donations and volunteering of your time we will have a successful and meaningful VBS. For questions regarding VBS please contact Kim Clifton at [kids@faithumc.org](mailto:kids@faithumc.org).



Artivities—March 13th





### Youth Sunday School

In April we will be continuing our new class for youth in 7th grade – high school. We will be beginning a new unit covering Bible basics. 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.



Our current unit in Youth Group covers some of the well known figures in the Bible. Join us on Sunday nights to learn about what these people did and the legacy that they have left for us.

This month we will be meeting on April 5th & April 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](mailto:music@faithumcop.org).

### Starbucks Coffee Hours

Pastor Caitlyn will be holding office hours at Starbucks on Fridays from 11 AM- 1PM throughout the month of April. Grab a cup of coffee and join her at 15858 South La Grange Road, Orland Park.

### Men of Faith

Men of Faith Calendar of events for April 2020 and Beyond:



The Men of Faith Sunrise Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, April 19th at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be provided. Dale Carver will be presenting a lesson based on Micah 6:8.

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, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jim Simmons will present the lesson.

#### Save the date:

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>: The annual Men of Faith Spaghetti Dinner. See the flier on page 11 in this issue.

### Mark Your Calendars - New Photo Directory Coming

Our photo directory is almost 3 years old & it's time for an updated one.

We will be taking pictures on Nov. 10th - 14th, 2020. More details coming.

We are looking for someone to help organize the new directory. If you are interested in this or with helping the days that the photos are being taken, call the church office (708) 444-8560.

### 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.

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

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"How do Easter lilies know what date to open up their flowers?"

from [JoyfulNoiseletter.com](http://JoyfulNoiseletter.com)

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"If you really want them to grow fast,  
you hafta say a prayer to your  
gardening angel."

from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*

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We welcomed 6 new  
members on 3/28 &  
3/29. Welcome to the  
Faith UMC family.

James Verbiar  
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Rita Schinske  
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Tinley Pk., IL 60477  
312-448-3466

Hannah & Austin Zarbuck  
7619 162nd Pl.  
Tinley Pk., IL 60477  
309-235-6516

Bob Stell  
7439 Wildwood Ct.  
Apt. 3NW  
Orland Pk., IL 60462  
708-220-9324

John Kleinow  
14620 Raney's Lane  
Orland Pk., IL 60462  
708-460-7043

## Small Groups

Lenten Small Groups have been cancelled. Contact your small group leader for more information.

Janice McBride, Christian Education

**Extreme Weather Parking Assistance** is now being offered by Men of Faith. If this service would allow you to more safely attend Sunday services, contact Dale at 762-218-7657 or [aonemanshow@comcast.net](mailto:aonemanshow@comcast.net).

This program will continue when we resume our Sunday services,

*Therefore I have hope. The  
steadfast LOVE of the LORD.*

*Never ceases; his mercies  
never come to an end.—  
Lamentations 3:21-22*

Stay safe & practice  
social distancing.

## Missions News

The Missions Committee, along with the pastors, have been trying to think of ways our congregation can serve each other during this health crisis we're facing. One thing we have decided to do is place a large bin outside the church to encourage people to donate non-perishable food for those who need it, and for people to drop by to take food if they need it. The recipients of the food will be on the honor system, so please take only what you need. If you drop off food donations and the bin is full, please leave your donation behind the bin. Someone will come by daily to check to make sure the food is stored in the church until it can fit in the bin.

If you're looking for another volunteer opportunity, the Orland Township Food Pantry is looking for people for packing and sorting food. Gloves will be provided. Phone 708-403-4222 for more info and/or to volunteer.

Thank you to all who have offered suggestions on how we can serve during this time of need. If there are more ideas you might have, please pass them along to Genie Lang ([genielang@hotmail.com](mailto:genielang@hotmail.com)) or the church office ([faith@faithumcop.org](mailto:faith@faithumcop.org)).

God bless you and stay healthy!

Genie Lang

### Food Pantry Collection

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



### Scrip Cards

Please help support our mission teams by purchasing gift cards. Contact Genie Lang (708-429-2205) if you want to place an order. 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.



### Beverly Breast Cancer Walk

Team "Walking in FAITH" will again be participating in the annual Beverly Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day), at 8 AM. More info to follow.



### Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be April 5th, at church in the mobile unit from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Walk-ins are welcome.



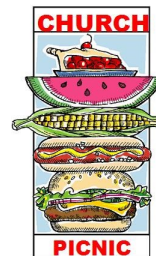
When we think of the great gift of Christ's sacrifice on the cross for us, we can "pay it forward" by sacrificing our time to be a blood donor.

Please prayerfully consider being a donor and saving a life.

## Fellowship News

### SAVE THE DATE

Faith UMC All Church  
Picnic Reboot  
June 28th, 12:30 - 4 PM



### Tee Up for Youth

#### Save the date!!

Our 22nd Annual Tee Up for Youth will be on Sunday, August 9th. Don't miss out on this fun event. You will be supporting the children & youth programs of our church.



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### United Methodist Women – HAPPY EASTER

March 2020 will be one of those times we remember where we were and what happened; how our everyday world was reconfigured and not quite normal.

We hear that more and more people are contracting the virus. In an attempt to slow and ultimately stop the spread of the virus we are being asked to stay away from large groups of people, shopping malls, restaurants, sporting events, church services/activities and entertainment venues. We have decided to cancel our Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Stay tuned for an alternate date or alternate activity.

*Remember the song “Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam”? The simple verse reminds us of 2 basic Christian affirmations:*

*God is light, the source of all goodness, truth and love*

*Followers of Jesus are expected to convey and be the light of God in the world.*

God's light is shining on and through us. His holy light brightens our individual and corporate dark places. How can we shine our light? His light is shining on us; it seems unfair not to share.

If you see something in print or practice that might lift the spirits of fellow readers, please post and send to Faith United Methodist Church of Orland Park Facebook, so we can all be blessed.

Donna Petersen, Resident United Methodist Women

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## Thankful Thursdays

We will be meeting on the second Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, if we have resumed our ministries at that time.

**Next Event: THURSDAY, April 9th** at 6:30 PM at Faith UMC, 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](mailto:Whitcher168@comcast.net)**

Parents and caregivers welcome to socialize in separate room.



## Church Usage Policy Exempt form

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

## Stephen Ministry

There is no social distancing with God. He is with us now and always. At this time of uncharted territory know that God is here. Life (as we know it) has temporarily slowed down. Take time for prayerful meditation. Stay calm. Stay strong. This too shall pass. If you need help along the way contact either pastor or Bruce Person, Stephens Ministry coordinator.

"Be strong and courageous, Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord is with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9

Regroup and Reflect,  
Nancy Duracka



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### 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.

### Church & Society



By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 census. You will have three options for responding: \* Online \* By phone \* By email

This 2020 census depends upon every person and community reaching out and standing up to ensure a fair and equitable democracy can flourish in the future. For those of us who desire all of God's people to flourish and be recognized with human dignity, it is imperative that we work together to make sure everyone is counted. There has been concerns of a citizenship question, but that was struck down. There is NO citizenship question on the 2020 Census

For more information related to the 2020 census visit: 2020census.gov.

### 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 U.S.A. We meet every 4th Wednesday of the month from 7 – 8 PM at Faith. Next Scheduled Veterans Voices Meeting is Wednesday April 22nd, Location: Faith United Methodist Church 15101 S. 80th Ave Orland Park, 7:00 pm, room 20.

Check out the Veterans Voices Website: WWW.Veterans-Voices.org

Get Involved / Stay Involved

For More Information Contact

Darryl Wertheim - Co-Chairman  
708-781-9696

May we never forget their service to our country. Contact Darryl Wertheim at (708) 781-9696 or darryl.wertheim@gmail.com.

### Honor Bricks

These bricks are a special way to honor our veterans. This area is an important part of our church history and a lasting tribute to our heroes.

Each 4" by 8" brick costs \$65.00. The deadline to order this next shipment of bricks is Apr. 5th & will be installed in time for Memorial Day. Order forms are available outside room 4.

### 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 Darryl Wertheim at (708) 781-9696 or darryl.wertheim@gmail.com.



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MEN of FAITH  
**Spaghetti Dinner**

“All you can EAT”

Saturday, May 2, 2020

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Pre-schoolers      Free

Children under 12    \$ 6.00

Adults                \$ 10.00

Family                \$ 32.00

Reservations Welcome

Reservations & Pre-paid Tickets save \$1.00 each  
sign up at the Connectional Center or contact Jim Simmons  
at (708) 334-6189

Carry Out Welcome – Call (708) 334-6189

# Athletics

All Athletic Programs have been cancelled for now.  
Check our website for future information.

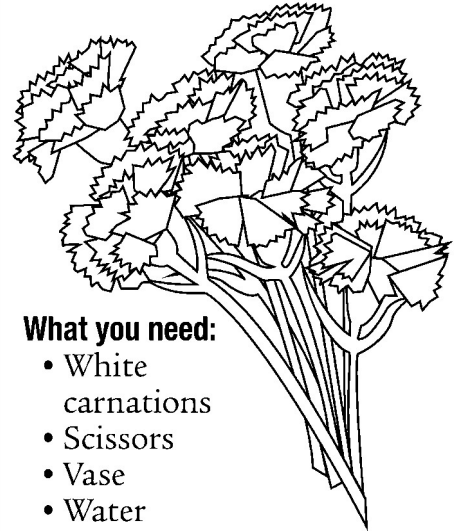
## Church Golf League

As winter begins to subside, thoughts turn to outdoor activities. The Faith Golf League will begin its season on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The league will be undergoing a bit of a makeover this year. In conjunction with Silver Lakes Country Club, our league will now be called the "Not Ready for Golf Channel League". The format will be a 2-person best ball scramble open to both men and women. The league seeks to target couples or friends who would form a team. It is also open to singles who would be paired up with other golfers. In this type of league design, we are seeking to involve more players by appealing to men and women who are beginners or golf novices. We will be playing the Rolling Hills 9-hole course. There will be weekly prizes for winning teams. For more information please contact Bruce Person by phone at 708-601-6980 or by email at [brukar621@yahoo.com](mailto:brukar621@yahoo.com). Our tee times begin at 4:00 on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!



## Scripture AND NATURE

Conduct a simple experiment to illustrate Easter's meaning.



### What you need:

- White carnations
- Scissors
- Vase
- Water
- Red food coloring
- Bible

### What you do:

1. Cut the carnation stems (at an angle) to about 8 inches long.
2. Fill the vase halfway with water. Add 10 drops of food coloring. (More may be needed to darken the water.)
3. Add the cut flowers and observe what happens to the petals over time.
4. Discuss how this is like Jesus' work on the cross. Read 1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV) and reflect on what his death means for us.
5. To learn more about this experiment, research capillary action.



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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Faith United Methodist Church

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708.444.8560

E-mail: [faith@faithumcop.org](mailto:faith@faithumcop.org)

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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](http://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](mailto: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  
People affected by the Corona virus outbreak

**For Health & Healing:**

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

Kim & Tom Clifton's friends child, Finley

Matthew Daher

Debby DeLorenzo's niece, Haley

Harold Deneka

Peggy DeNormandie's mother, Marge

Bea Doctor

Betty Doherty

Glenn Drechsel

Ron Drechsel

Tom & Nancy Duracka's friend, JoEllen

Don Edgren

Della & Dick Ehret

Tom Eubank

Doriss Hoover

Joyce Januszewski

Joyce Januszewski's friend, Kathy

Jackie Konidaris' friends, Anna & Jack

Chuck Kreuz

Carole & Chuck Kreuz' son, Steven

Vanessa Leon's godfather

Ryan Lowry

Christine Minetti

Christine Minetti's son, David, friend & husband

Kelly Notestein

Pat Parker

Waldo Pool

Stephanie Roque's student, Noah & his family

Joan Smith

Mickey Styrsky

Mario Vergara

Bill Zeitz



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All Church Ministries & events are on hold for now. Check our website ([faithumcop.org](http://faithumcop.org)) for updates.



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### Special Upcoming Events

We will post updates when we know what is going to happen.

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### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR APRIL



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