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## Next Week's Faith Servants

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Nursery: Pat Tolle & Cindy Howard

*Bulletin items need to be submitted by 8AM Thursday.  
If you or a loved one has been admitted to the hospital,  
we would like to know.*

## Faith UMC Office

Tuesday: 1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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# Faith United Methodist Church



**December 15, 2019**

Usher/Greeter: Donnie & Roberta Covert,  
Nick & Cindy Howard

Liturgist: Teresa Felton

Nursery: Jessica Stonecypher & Amanda Hatfield

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 15

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

New Hope Circle Progressive Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17

Leadership Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 19

Newsletter Deadline 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 22

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 24

Office Closed Early 12:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25

Office Closed (Merry Christmas!)

Sunday, December 29

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 31

Office Closed Early 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1

Office Closed (Happy New Year!)

## New Hope Circle

The New Hope Circle has changed the date of the progressive dinner. It will now be on Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m.

## Prayer List

*Thea Crawmer*

*Ernie DeGarmo*

*Steve DeGarmo*

*Marlene Farley*

*P.C. Fitz*

*Friends and Family*

*Homeless Community*

*Family of Wendell Huhn*

*Family of Roger Kuhn Sr.*

*All Levels of Leadership*

*Joesy Moore*

*Barbara Morris*

*Joann Norman*

*Karen Norman*

*Parlin Family*

*Natalie Rich*

*Family of Ron Schaeffer*

*Steve Summers*

*Tresha White*

*Greg Williamson*

Medical Faith Shut-ins:

Frances Johnson and Kathleen McCutcheon

\*Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise requested.

## Benediction

Rejoice in God always, and again I say, rejoice! For God has created you with the capacity for joy.

**We will find what makes us joyful, and make that our gift to the world.**

Trust in God's good will for all of creation and open yourself to God's gentle, transforming love.

**We will welcome new possibilities in our lives. □**

**We will offer ourselves to God's goodness. □**

**We will go forth in hope, and peace, and joy.**

**Amen.**

## UMW 2019 Reading Program

The Well Women: Crossing the Boundaries written by Ladina Housholder. Mission Emphasis: Spiritual Growth. Meeting date: Jan. 27, 2020. See Barb Wolfe for a copy of the book.

## Poinsettias

Extra poinsettia order forms are on the welcome table for those who did not get one last week. Please turn them in today.

## Christmas at the Free Store

If you have leftover Halloween candy or new or gently used small toys that can be given out to the children at the free store, please bring them in. Thanks for your support of the missions at First Church. Marilyn

## Blessing Bags

Please remember that we are still accepting donations for Head Start Blessing Bags. We are in need of more "protein items" and less "sugary items."

## Christmas Eve

We have invited First UMC to join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight service which will be held at 7:00 p.m. This year's offering will be split between the Lifewell and a water bundle for children in need worldwide.

## Head Start Christmas

Sign up sheets are on the welcome table for the Head Start Christmas food bags. Please note that we need specific amounts of each item, so be sure to list the individual number of things you will bring. We have 17 students enrolled. The items we are in need of are:

- 17 Large boxes of healthy cereal
- 17 Fruit or applesauce cups (6 per pack)
- 17 Juice boxes (8-10 per pack)
- 17 Shelf stable milks
- 17 Packs of Vienna sausages (6 per pack)
- 17 Canned tuna or chicken (4 per pack)
- 17 Cans of chili
- 17 Cans of pasta with meat
- 34 Boxes of Mac-N-Cheese
- 17 Winter hats/toboggans
- 17 Pairs of mittens

## Announcements and Welcome

### Breakthrough Prayer

Abundant God, we are bursting  
with anticipation  
to see the new that you have in store  
for Faith Church and our community.  
Thunder forth your will for fresh possibilities!  
You say in your word,  
“See I am about to do something new.  
It begins now! Don’t you see it?” (Is. 43:19)  
Lord, help us to see clearly  
the next steps on your path. Amen.

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

*The advent of Christ brings the joy of God’s presence  
in our midst!*

**We sing praises to God for the salvation Christ  
brings to us!**

*Because of Christ, the weak are strengthened, the  
fearful are encouraged, and the unrighteous are re-  
deemed!*

**Joy and gladness are ours, because God has  
come to us in Christ to walk with us in the paths  
of righteousness!**

**As we continue our preparations for Christmas,  
may our celebrations renew our faith and fill us  
with joy and thanks.**

Hymn “Joy to the World” UMH 246

### Lighting of the Advent Candles

We light the candle of joy as a reminder that whether  
we climb the highest heavens,  
or make our bed in the pit of despair, God is with us.

### Unison Prayer

*Gracious God, our hearts leap for joy knowing that  
you, though almighty and everlasting, will soon be  
born as a humble baby, revealing to us the depths of  
your love for all of creation. By your Spirit, give us the  
courage to share the everlasting joy of your messiah.  
Amen.*

Prayer Song “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” UMH 204

### Pastoral Prayer

“The Lord’s Prayer” UMH 895

### Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

“The Doxology” UMH95

### Prayer of Dedication

We rejoice that we are able to love, O God, because  
you first loved us. May these gifts be used by your  
church as agents of your love, compassion and jus-  
tice, that we might provide for our neighbors' needs  
with more than bread alone. Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Hymn “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” UMH 206

Lesson: Luke 1:30-47, Psalm 139:7-12

Altogether in Joy Pastor Joy Wigal

Hymn “There’s a Song in the Air” UMH 249