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★ Items need to be submitted for the bulletin by Wednesday morning.

★ If you or a loved one has been admitted to the hospital, we would like to know...call us at 453-7988.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™



December 17, 2017

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Faith UMC

Worship Schedule



👋 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 redeemed!

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 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” UMH 240

Doug Adams
Kay Baker
Jim Boetcher
Sherry Brooks
Tom Burkhardt
John & Kim Cain
Dan Campbell
Clinton Cox
Karen Curtin
Shannon Davis
Bobby Dudley
Marlene Farley
Matthew Farus
Chris Flynn
Chad Foster
Daniel Ghrist
Gayle Ghrist
Jim Grosscup
John Herman
Jeannita Johnson
Ron Kelly
Robbie Mack & Family
Peggy McGee
Don Miller
Paul Mills
Jimmy Moore
Joesy Moore
Bill & Judy Muck
Debbie Paul
Jim Porter
Jeri Quinn
Bonnie Reichenbach

Lori Rivercomb
Todd Sands
Carole Sayre
Ronald Shaffer
Heather Shepherd
Shellie Siefert
Joyce Stimpert
Family of Pam Thomas
Sharyn & Harold Tucker
Erin Watts
Don West
Tara Wilson
Vicky & Don Wolfe
Logan Wolford
Melissa Wood

Peace, Faith UMC, the homeless, abused, sick, imprisoned, those who have not yet accepted Christ and those who only minimally follow the teachings of Christ.

Medical Faith shut-ins:
Kathleen McCutcheon and
Frances Johnson.

Upcoming

EVENTS

Sunday, December 17	
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Wednesday, December 20	
Newsletter Deadline	12:00 PM
Sunday, December 24	
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Candlelight Service	7:00 PM
Sunday, December 31	
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday, January 7	
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday, January 14	
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
New Hope Circle	6:30PM
Tuesday, January 16	
Finance Committee	6:00PM
Leadership Committee	6:45PM
Sunday, January 21	
Sunday School	9:30AM
Worship	10:30AM

✝ Prayer

Most gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your deep peace. Take from us all weariness of spirit. Hush the anxieties that shout in our minds. Release us from bondage to irritations that deplete our energy. Prepare us now to receive your living Word with joy through Christ our Lord, Amen.

🕯 Lighting of Advent Candles

📖 Call to Prayer "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH 204

✝ Pastoral Prayer

📖 The Lord's Prayer UMH 270

✉ Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

📖 "The Doxology" UMH 95

✝ Prayer of Dedication

Mighty One, who chose from among the least and the lowliest, Mary who would become the Mother of our Savior: Remind us again that your selection criteria for greatness is so different from ours. You choose the humble over the proud, the weak over the strong, the poor over the rich and powerful. We pray this morning as we give these gifts that you might use them to lift the lowly, feed the hungry, bring justice to those oppressed, bring love to those feeling unloved, and hope to those who feel forgotten. We pray in the Holy name of Jesus. Amen.

📖 Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH 196

🎬 Week 3 Video

The Life of Christmas Present The Greatest Gift Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:39-56 Pastor Joy Wigal

📖 Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213

† Benediction

We have waited, but our waiting is almost over.

The celebration of the birth of Christ is almost upon us.

May your time with friends and family be sweet, may the memories you make be unforgettable.

These are the moments when we see Christ.

Do not miss the Child. Do not forget Jesus. Welcome Christ into your homes and lives as you eat and drink and give gifts. As you leave here today, go in joy. Go in hope. Go in peace.

Amen.



The Assembly planners are inviting United Methodist Women who have skills in knitting, crocheting or sewing to create baby hats for those in need. The baby hats may be made from fabric, fleece or yarn. You may use a pattern you have or if you need a pattern contact Marsha Kelly and she will share her patterns for fabric or fleece.

We will have a blessing of the hats before we take them to the Assembly. That date will be announced later.

Some of the hats will be displayed in the Assembly prayer and meditation room. At the end of the Assembly the baby hats will be distributed to those in need through the Maternal Health network.

Upcoming Liturgists

December 24 AM—Mark Crawmer

December 24 PM—Randy Schreiber

December 31—Nick Howard

Eventide Circle

Eventide Circle donated 72 pair of socks to the Free Store. Thank you to all who made a contribution.

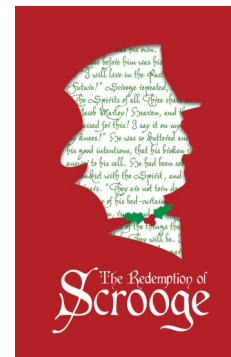
Thank You

We wanted to send our heartfelt thanks to our Faith Church family after the recent illness and loss of Ralph Collins. Your continued support with visits, phone calls, food and so much more made our deep loss easier. Ralph loved his church family and always appreciated the kindness, support and friendships he made at Faith.

God bless each of you,

The Collins Family

Advent Book Study



This Christmas, we will take a look at a classic Christmas tale from a fresh Christian perspective through Charles Dickens' novel, *A Christmas Carol*, with the resource, *The Redemption of Scrooge*, by Matt Rawle. Meetings will take place on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at Faith UMC. (Study Books will be available at both churches.) All are welcome! We have some very insightful discussion so I hope you will consider participating.