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*Items need to be submitted for the bulletin by Thursday morning.*

*If you or a loved one has been admitted to the hospital, we would like to know.*

# Faith United Methodist Church

December 23, 2018

**Ushers & Greeters:**  
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## Upcoming Liturgists

December 24—Orlen Bates, Jr.

December 30—Thea Crawmer

## Prayer List

### January Reading/Book club meeting



We will meet Monday, January 28, 2019 at Barb Wolfe's home to discuss the last book of our 2018 Reading Program. Each guest will share their "Reader's Choice" book with the group. The book must be from the Social Action UMW Reading list. Please see Barb if you still need a copy of the list. We will have dinner at 6:00 and then begin the discussion.

Additional Reading Program announcements:

Please submit your Reading Program Reporting Form to Barb ASAP. We will begin our new 2019 book series in early spring. Books, meeting times and dates will be announced soon. If you borrowed any of the books from the UMW library in the church lounge, please return them so others may check them out.

### Office Holiday Hours

The church office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and at noon on New Year's Eve also.

### Christmas Eve

Please join us during the Candlelight service at 7PM on Monday, December 24th.

Mel Adams  
Wanda Adams  
Jim Boetcher  
Sherry Brooks  
Tom Burkhardt  
John & Kim Cain  
Dan Campbell  
Family of Bud Cordell  
Mysti Davis  
Shannon Davis  
Ernie DeGarmo  
Bobby Dudley  
Tony Dukes  
Janice Farmer Family  
Kathy Ford  
Family of Chad Foster  
Porter Harmon  
Family of John Herman  
Jeannita Johnson  
Kelton Family  
Loretta Kennedy  
Robbie Mack & Family  
John McCain Family  
Jill McDonald  
Peggy McGee  
Bob Mercer  
Don Miller  
Janice Miller  
Paul Mills  
June Mock  
Janice Moore  
Jerry Moore Sr.  
Jimmy Moore  
Joesy Moore

Norman Moore  
Bill & Judy Muck  
Jeff Paul  
Bob Pitts  
Jim Porter  
Bonnie Reichenbach  
Scott Reishelbee  
Linda Renner  
Richards Family  
Lori Revercomb  
Charlie Roberts  
Todd Sands  
Carole Sayre  
Ronald Shaffer  
Heather Shepherd  
Christie Shirer  
Shellie Siefert  
Chris Smith  
Family of Doug Stotts  
Tami Swope  
Holly Thomas  
John Tignor  
Sharyn & Harold Tucker  
Clark Watson  
Family of Cheryl Watt  
Erin Watts  
Jim Watts  
Don West  
Jeff Wheeler  
Don Wolfe Family  
Vicky Wolfe  
Logan Wolford  
Melissa Wood

Faith UMC, our pastor, our government, county, city, and world, our soldiers, the homeless, abused, sick, imprisoned, Head Start, 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 23		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Monday, December 24		
Office Closed at Noon		
Candlelight Service		7:00PM
Sunday, December 30		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Monday, December 31		
Office Closed at Noon		
Sunday, January 6		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Un-Decorate		After Worship
Sunday, January 13		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
New Hope Circle		6:30PM
Tuesday, January 15		
Finance		6:15PM
Leadership		6:45PM
Sunday, January 20		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship (Jessica Stonecypher Preaching)		10:30AM
Friday, January 25		
Newsletter Deadline		12:00PM
Baby Shower (Fellowship Hall)		6:00PM

## Free Store

The free store at First Church on Putnam Avenue is in desperate need of all sizes: coats, socks, warm hats and gloves, warm shoes and boots and any other hoodies and sweatshirts or jeans

## Taking Down the Christmas Decorations



The New Hope Circle would love some help taking the church Christmas decorations down and packing them away for next year.

Join us, Sunday, January 6, 2019 after the service. We will serve a quick lunch (soup, muffins, dessert and drinks) for all the helpers and then we will get to work! It shouldn't take long if enough people volunteer.

Thanks in advance for your help!

## Thank You

Thank you to all of the congregation for your generosity in donating so many food items for the Head Start Christmas boxes. We were overwhelmed by the amount of food we were able to distribute to each family. We received a beautiful thank you note signed and decorated by each child. The note can be found in the Narthex on the Welcome table.

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

Walking toward Bethlehem,

**Listening every step of the way**

For the sound of our name,

**For the announcement that we have found favor with  
God,**

We journey toward Bethlehem,

**Watching every step of the way**

For a new star in the sky,

**For guidance in our daily lives.**

Walking toward Bethlehem,

**Sensing we are not alone,**

Angels are all around us,

**The prayers of saints surround us,**

We journey toward Bethlehem,

**Hoping we shall find a baby in a manger:**

A simple sign that God loves us still

**And reason enough to sing God’s praise.**

*UMH 213“ Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*

Unison 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.

*UMH 204 Prayer Song“ Emmanuel, Emmanuel?”*

Pastoral Prayer

UMH 895 “The Lord’s Prayer”

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

*UMH 95“ The Doxology”*

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, this Advent season we wait with love,  
And we give with love.  
Love for you, our God;  
Love for your beautiful people.  
Receive these generous offerings,  
And use them for your works of love in our world.  
Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

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

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:1-5

The Journey to Bethlehem

Pastor Joy Wigal

*UMH 239“ Silent Night, Holy Night”*

Benediction

We leave this sacred space in peace and joy because of what  
the Incarnation means.

**We have a Savior who knows what it is to be tired and  
tested, befriended and betrayed, adored and reviled.**

There is no sadness, no pain, no grief we can experience that he  
has not already plumbed to the depths.

**He is in every circumstance, in every place, at all times  
with us.**

Go, beloved, to walk with God. Amen.