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Liturgist:

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Nursery:

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Communion Servers:

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*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

## All God's Creatures



## December 29, 2019

Usher/Greeter:

Chris & Heather DeGarmo & Doug & Bradley Adams

Liturgist:

Barb Wolfe

Nursery:

Amanda Hatfield & Jessica Stonecypher

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 31	
Office Closed Early	12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1	
Office Closed (Happy New Year!)	
Sunday, January 5	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Taking Down Christmas Decorations	
New Hope Circle	
Sunday, January 12	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 19	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday, January 20	
Book Club Meeting	6:00 p.m.

### Taking Down the Christmas Decorations

Please join the New Hope Circle on January 5 as we take down the Christmas decorations. We will serve a light lunch of sloppy joes, chips and drinks for all who can help take down decorations, then we will get to work taking them down and packing them up. The more help we have, the faster it will go! Thank you.

### UMW 2019 Reading Program

The Well Women: Crossing the Boundaries written by Ladina Housholder. Mission Emphasis: Spiritual Growth. Meeting date: Jan. 20, 2020. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Parsonage. Pastor Joy will host.

man partners, and lead you to praise your Creator.  
Amen.

Hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" UMH 147

### ***Sending Out***

*Christ calls you to be his disciples,  
to serve him with love and compassion,  
to serve Earth by caring for Earth's creatures.  
Will you care for creation?*

**We will care for creation!**

**We will nurture our animals!**

**We will celebrate the circle of life with them!**

### ***Blessing***

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all,  
fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth  
and the presence of Christ within you.

Go in peace! Serving Christ and loving all creatures!

**We go in peace, serving Christ and loving our  
animal kin.**

**Amen!**

Postlude

## Thanks and Confession

*We hold the animal we love and place our hand on its body as we give thanks.*

*Lord, for all the animals in the whole wide world,*

**We thank you, God!**

*Lord, for all the fun and friendship we have with animals,*

**We thank you, God!**

*Lord, for all the times we have hurt or neglected animals,*

**We are sorry.**

*Lord, for all the times we have used poisons that have harmed animals,*

**We are sorry.**

*Lord, for all the times we have destroyed the homes of animals in the forests, oceans, and fields,*

**We are sorry.**

## Absolution

*I speak for Christ. For all your sins against the creatures of Earth,*

*I forgive you and I call upon you to honor and protect all the animals. May the animals of Earth be your companions in life and lead you to celebrate your place in the circle of life.*

**Amen! Shalom!**

*The leader moves to each animal, saying its name, holding a hand over the animal, and blessing it in the name of Christ who fills and heals creation. (Musician plays All Creatures of Our God and King #62.)*

Blessing: [*Pet's name*], may the power of this blessing from Christ fill you with life, bind you to your hu-

## *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*

*Family of Trisha 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.

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

*Welcome! We worship this Sunday with all the creatures we love.*

*We join the Psalmists and rejoice with all living things.*

**We sing with the all the birds and animals that  
make our lives richer because of their presence.**

*Creator God, we assemble with all your creatures in  
this circle of life.*

**We ask you to join our circle and celebrate with  
us.**

*Jesus Christ, as we join in celebration with you and all  
creation,*

**We ask for your blessing, your *shalom*, on the  
creatures present here that we love and on all  
creatures celebrating in the wild.**

*In the name of God, who creates all life,*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, who redeems all  
life,**

*and the name of the Spirit, who renews all life,*

**Shalom! May your blessing come!**

Hymn “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” UMH 224

Meet and Greet—Sharing of the friends and photos

Hymn “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” UMH 229

*Offering will be Received during this time*

“The Doxology” UMH95

Prayer of Dedication

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us  
these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expres-  
sion of our deep thanks for all the animals and other  
creatures that have enriched our lives. With all animals  
around the throne, we bless the Lamb of God. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:25-34

Reflection Pastor Joy Wigal

*Circle of Praise – A Version of Psalm 148*

*All dogs and cats, large and small:*

**Praise the Lord!**

*All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs:*

**Praise the Lord!**

*All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures:*

**Praise the Lord!**

*All robins, wrens, and singing birds:*

**Praise the Lord!**

*All racoons, squirrels, and deer:*

**Praise the Lord!**

*All horses, cows, and sheep:*

**Praise the Lord!**

*All lizards, snakes and creeping things:*

**Praise the Lord!**

*Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest:*

**Praise the Lord!**