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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.*

Office Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 9-3 (lunch 12-1)

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# Faith United Methodist Church

December 30, 2018

### **Ushers & Greeters:**

Beth Dougherty, Marsha Kelly,  
Orlen Bates, Jr., Susie Dunlap

### **Liturgist:**

Thea Crawmer



## Upcoming Servants January 6th

Ushers:

Floyd & Pat Tolle, Orlen Bates, Jr., Jim Tignor

Communion:

Orlen Bates, Jr., Nick & Cindy Howard, Marsha Kelly

Liturgist:

Marsha Kelly

Nursery:

Heather DeGarmo

## Prayer List

Mel Adams  
Wanda Adams  
Jim Boetcher  
Sherry Brooks  
Tom Burkhardt  
John & Kim Cain  
Dan Campbell  
Dennis Cebulsky  
Family of Bud Cordell  
Mysti Davis  
Shannon Davis  
Ernie DeGarmo  
Bobby Dudley  
Tony Dukes  
Marlene Farley  
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  
Nancy Williams  
Don Wolfe and Family  
Vicky Wolfe  
Logan Wolford  
Melissa Wood

## 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.

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.

Faith Medical Shut-ins:

Kathleen McCutcheon and Frances Johnson.

# Upcoming Events

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
New Hope Circle		After Un-Decorate
Sunday, January 13		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
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
Sunday, February 3		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Thursday, February 7		
Eventide Circle (Bryan Place)		12:00PM

## 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 sweat-shirts 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

Behold, the Morning Star of heaven;

**Among beasts of the earth he is stabled.**

The all-seeing eyes have closed in sleep.

**The fullness of eternity is sealed in skin.**

He who cradled all worlds is himself cradled in a mother's  
arms.

**Behold, the one true God, is one of us.**

*UMH 251 “Go! Tell It On the Mountain”*

Unison Prayer

With hearts open wide and thanksgivings carried like a  
king's gift, we journey to the stable. Amazing God, tender  
child, we offer you our words, brimming with joy. We offer  
our hands, ready to lift those who have fallen, and ready to  
preserve and create beauty. We offer our hearts, persistent  
in loving and faithful in caring.

Amazing God, tender child, we thank you for the reason to  
sing carols and gather friends and family together. Thank  
you for this season of star and song. 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

Generous God, in this season of love and giving, we can  
never outgive you. Like the child who came to save us, we  
seek to grow in wisdom and in your favor. Guide us in the  
offering of our resources of time and talent and wealth. Help  
us to grow in faith as those who reflect a glimpse of your ex-  
travagant generosity. Lead us into the New Year as those  
who seek for every step, every word, every action to be  
pleasing in your sight and bring glory to you and to your  
Son. In that glorious name, we pray. Amen. (*Luke 2:41-52*)

*UMH 230 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:21-24

The Rest of the Story

Pastor Joy Wigal

*UMH 240 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

Benediction

Go forth carrying Christmas in your hearts. Whatever you  
face this week, fun or stress, remember that Christ is with  
you; remember that God loves you; remember that the mes-  
sage of Christmas — the true meaning of Christmas — isn't  
confined to a day, a week or a month.

**Allow the grace of God to flow through your hearts,  
allow that grace to give you wings of wisdom and  
understanding so that where ever you go, whomev-  
er you meet, you may carry God's torch of love to  
gently and kindly illuminate the paths of those living  
in darkness.**

You are the light of the world. **Glory to God! Amen.**