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Usher/Greeter: Donnie & Roberta Covert,
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Nursery: Jessica Stonecypher & Amanda Hatfield

*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 8, 2019

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 8	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
UMW Christmas Lunch	after worship
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!)	

Prayer List

Thea Crawmer

Ernie DeGarmo

Steve DeGarmo

P.C. Fitz

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

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

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection—For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder, and set aside time to offer quiet thanks.

The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

We will welcome Christ into our hearts. We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry. We will go forth from this place in hope. Amen.

Poinsettias

Extra poinsettia order forms are on the welcome table for those who did not get one last week.

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/toboggins
- 17 Pairs of mittens

UMW Christmas Lunch

All ladies of the church and their guests are invited to the UMW Christmas "Songs of the Season" today after the worship service down in the fellowship hall. We will enjoy music provided by our own Andrew Ferguson. On the menu is Ham Loaf, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and for dessert, no-bake cookies and cinnamon rolls. The cost is \$8.00 per meal.

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.

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.

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.

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

Come, Lord Jesus!

Today we continue the journey of Advent. Let us pray that we may be ready and able to welcome the Christ child into our lives again.

May our worship together help us to face these Holi days with HOPE in our hearts. It was hope that gave people the courage to go on, and it was hope that directed their prayers toward a Messiah.

Because of our trust in what God has already done for us, we are bold to hope for what God will yet do with us.

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.”

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” Let us cling to the promised coming of Christ’s light in the midst of our current darkness. Let us seek the Hope that only Jesus can bring. Amen.

Hymn “Angels from the Realms of Glory” UMH 220

Lighting of the Advent Candles

As we light the candle of hope, we not only look to our own bright future but also seek the well-being of our neighbors and even our enemies, bearing witness to a living hope that the One who lifts us up has come to redeem and restore all the world.

Unison Prayer

Gracious God, you are the source of our hope and the One we hope for.

May the hope we find in you surround us and lift us, driving out fear and inspiring us to love. And may this lively hope lead us into new birth through Jesus Christ. 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

You are the God who creates us, the Christ who redeems us, the Holy Spirit who fills us with hope. May we and our gifts be instruments of your purpose here on Earth. Amen.

Hymn “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” UMH 196

Lesson: 1 James 1:3-6

Altogether in Hope Pastor Joy Wigal

Hymn “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” UMH 218