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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brotherhood

Postponed until further notice.

In Context Bible Study

Postponed until further notice

C3

Postponed until further notice

Visitation Committee

Postponed until further notice

Women's Fellowship

Postponed until further notice

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and state of emergency placed by our city, state and national authorities requiring us to shelter in place and not gather, we are following these guidelines until further notice.

Please check often on Facebook and our website for updates as they become available.

Also watch our weekly Sunday service on Facebook and our website as well.

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Communion Services

We will have a separate tray with gluten free crackers for those who need them during our communion services. Please note they will look different from the bread squares.

Card Sunday

Thank You's

Facebook Page:

Faith United church

Website:

Faithstjoe.com

From The Pastor's Desk

“The LORD is with You Mighty Warrior”

There are so many great stories in the Bible and one of the first stories I learned growing up was about Gideon. We are told in Judges 6 that Israel has once again done evil in the sight of the LORD and everything they try to do gets ransacked by their enemies. They cry out to the LORD and he hears their cries. When an angel of the LORD appears to Gideon in verse 12 he says in the NIV, *“The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.”* The angel goes on to tell Gideon that he will be the change that Israel needs. Gideon's response is a response that we all would give in some shape or form in vs. 15, *“How can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.”* But the LORD tells him in vs. 16, *“I will be with you.”*

Isn't that comforting? I think we all need to remember that when we are feeling overwhelmed that God is with us. In fact we just completed our Advent season, a few months back, where we were reminded that one of the names of Jesus is **Immanuel**, which means, **“God with us!”**

We are facing an overwhelming enemy right now that we have no way of battling on our own. The fact that we are asked to keep washing our hands and not to touch our face doesn't seem like putting up much of a fight. Keeping a minimum of six feet away from each other doesn't seem like putting up much of a fight but we have to remember “The LORD is with you Mighty Warrior!” Gideon was given 300 men with lanterns and horns to fight an enemy of what was described in Judges 7: 12 as a valley so thick with the

enemy it looked like swarms of locusts. Their camels alone outnumbered the grains of sand yet God sent Gideon to battle. Fighting an enemy that many seems overwhelming and with only weapons of lanterns and horns doesn't seem like a lot, but we must not forget that God was on his side just like he is on our side today.

So whenever you are feeling helpless, hopeless, and afraid, remember that “The LORD is with you Mighty Warrior.” There is no enemy too great that you cannot overcome!

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

P.S. I just wanted to remind everyone that we are going to continue to produce a service for you each week during this quarantine and pray for the day when we can all worship together again as one. Until then, every event is postponed here on campus until further notice! Keep your eyes on our website: faithstjoe.com and our Facebook page for further updates!

Calendar of Events

Postponed until further notice

Communion Assistants

Van Drivers

<u>Report</u>	<u>Current Fund</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Mar. 1 st -	\$3,117.00	\$120.00
Mar. 8 th -	\$3,133.00	\$535.00
Mar. 15 th -	\$2,550.47	\$30.00
Mar. 22 nd -	\$	\$
Totals:	\$8,800.47	\$685.00

\$12,371.17 needed each month to meet current expenses.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God’s amazing love; give God thanks for our friends & relationships; Give God thanks that we were able to post a worship service for everyone this past Sunday and for the foreseeable future

Cancer Patients: Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Lance (Julie Oswald’s cousin in Houston, TX) – brain cancer; Steve Hall (48) – (brother-in-law of Steve Haskey) – radiation not working, back on chemo; Delores Collins (sister of Linda Trapp)- starting chemo & radiation; Byron Myers- prostate- chemo; Lorey Schank (friend of Steve & Debi Haskey)- breast cancer returns after 28 years & metastasized to her bones; Chris, son of Susan Wheeler & grandson of Joan Schubert- leg amputated due to cancer; James Wilson- cancer & heart condition; Cass Dennee 49 (Cousin of Leonard) has cancer & is starting chemo; Sean Abersold- brain cancer; Cass Dennee 49 (Cousin of Leonard McCall) has cancer, started chemo; Jessica Wright (friend of Sharon Bannon) has throat cancer

Other: Continued prayers for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends; Donita Sunderland- chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Donna Brooks- chronic health issues; Debi Haskey- chronic health issues; The Catron Family; The Bryson family; Scotty Sharp’s Aunt Eunice- on hospice; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp’s great-nephew)- 15 yr. old- needs a heart transplant; Alex King; Paula Bryson- in nursing home; Jessica Blanton- in hospital, had surgery; Jill Frakes- eye disease getting worse; Joanna Wilson- heart condition; Debbie Demuth- eyes aren’t responding to shots anymore & had torn meniscus surgery; Steve Pulley- PT; George Fischer; John Shaw (Carole McClellan’s son-in-law)- is still having trouble with high blood pressure;

Traveling Mercies: Praying for everyone who is staying home & restricted due to the quarantine that they will follow the instructions of our city, state, & national authorities as well as stay healthy during this very difficult time

Sympathy:

Finally: all our people & programs; living more “**Give us This Day**” in 2020; “In Context” Bible Study; our Music Director, Steve Haskey; Our Pastor Jim Oswald and their families

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

“Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes

refuge in him”

Psalm 34:8