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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION PLEASE

Any person or group using the two refrigerators in the church kitchen:

Please remember to put your name or the name of your group (i.e. – B.I.G., Food Kitchen, Lay Life, Women's Fellowship, etc. on each food item left in the refrigerators. **ALSO Do NOT** leave any left-over beverages such as Kool-Aid, punch, tea, etc. All unmarked, undated items will be thrown out when the refrigerators are checked and cleaned each month. Any beverages found left in the refrigerators will be thrown as soon as it is found. This is a health issue and we ask you to help by not ignoring these rules. Thank you to those who are already helping in this was, and thank you to those who will remember to do this in the future.

Women's Fellowship

"Hello, my name is Agnes Stewart Warner. Soon, I'm going to travel through time to come speak with you about my journey west in 1853, when my father decided we were going to Oregon. We spent time in your St. Joseph, Missouri, before crossing the river. Our family eventually became part of the Lost Wagon Train of 1853. On Tuesday, March 7th I shall be joining you at your Women's Fellowship Meeting, to share with you some memories from me, and my sisters' diaries of our journey. I hope you will come hear my story. All are welcome."

The quarterly meeting of the Women's Fellowship will be held on Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program is on the Trail Diaries of Agnes Stewart Warner and her sisters from their journey west in 1853, presented by Karen McClellan. Election of officers will also take place at this meeting. Hostesses are: Carolyn Sagasar, Eilean McCauley, Ruth Sharp, Debbie Demuth, and Frances Shores. All are welcome!

30 Pieces of Silver

Bags for the 30 pieces of silver will be available on Sunday March 5th in the Narthex and need to be returned at the Maundy Thursday Service on April 13th or before. All the money raised will be going directly to the Noyes home for Children

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C3 (Crafty Christian Chicks)

Please join us for fun, food, fellowship and some crafts. This month we will be meeting in the fellowship hall on Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 pm.

Chronological Bible Study

The chronological Bible study has started back up on Monday's from 6:45-7:45 pm, please come join us for this amazing Bible study.

Brotherhood

We invite all the men of the church to come join us. We will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday March 21st.

OWLS

We will be meeting at LaPeep's for lunch at 11:30 am on March 17th.

Faith Circle

Join us on March 9th at 10:00 am cleaning up around the church

Lay Life

We want to give a big thank you to all who participated in our Souper Bowl Sunday. 137 cans of soup went to the Calvin Center! A special thank you to Merry Sharp for the posters!



From The Pastor's Desk

“KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING GOD’S WORD”

Psalms 119: 27 says, *“Help me understand the meaning of your commandments, and I will meditate on your wonderful deeds.”* One of the toughest parts of reading Scripture is trying to figure out how to apply it to your life. The Bible speaks time and time again about the importance of meditating on God’s Word. In Joshua 1: 8, God promises Joshua that he will be a successful leader, and never alone, if he will *“Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.”* In the Book of Psalms we also find references to the importance of meditating on God’s Word. So how can you interpret God’s Word and apply it to your life, Rick Warren says that there are nine questions you need to ask yourself while you are studying.

1. Is there a **SIN** to confess? Does God’s Word make you aware of something you need to make right with God?
2. Is there a **PROMISE** to claim? There are more than 7000 promises in God’s Word. Ask yourself if the passage you’ve read contains a universal promise. Ask yourself whether you’ve met all the conditions of the promise.
3. Is there an **ATTITUDE** to change? Is there something about which you need to think differently? Do you need to work on a negative attitude, worry, guilt, fear, loneliness, bitterness, pride, apathy, or ego?
4. Is there a **COMMAND** to obey? Is there a command to obey, no matter how you feel?
5. Is there an **EXAMPLE** to follow? Are there positive examples to follow or negative examples to avoid?
6. Is there a **PRAYER** to pray? Paul, David, Solomon, Elijah, and Isaiah, among others, pray in the Bible. You can use their prayers and know that they’ll be answered because they’re in the Bible and in God’s will.
7. Is there an **ERROR** to avoid? It’s wise to learn from experience, and it’s even wiser to learn from the experience of others! We don’t have time to make all the mistakes ourselves. So what can you learn from the mistakes of those in Scripture?
8. Is there a **TRUTH** to believe? Often, we’ll read something in Scripture that we can’t do anything about. We simply have to believe what it says about God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the past, the future, Heaven, Hell, or other topics in the Bible.
9. Is there **SOMETHING** for which to praise God? You can always find something in a passage you can be grateful to God for; like something God has protected you from or something God has done.

Rick goes on to say that *“Every question in this list has a verb in it; there is something you can DO associated with them. Write them down in your Bible or put them on a note card you keep with your Bible. They’ll help you be a “doer of the Word” every time you meditate on the Bible.”*

So as Lenten season edges ever so closer, make “Getting into the Word” one of your priorities. The more you understand about who God is, the more you’ll be able to understand what He has planned for your life. As we collectively grow closer to God in our personal lives, we will be more in tune with how God will use us, Faith Church, in 2017 to fulfill His plan and to **“DO SOMETHING”** to help build His Kingdom!

Be God’s!

Pastor Jim

Pictures of New Construction



THANK YOU'S

Thank you for allowing us to use the church facilities to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary.

Tom & Penny Johnson

Thank you so much for allowing us to have our family gatherings at the church.

Please accept our donation as a show of our appreciation.

**Teresa Kidwell
For the Bartlett family**

Thank you to our church family for all the Christmas cards, all the cards for Duane's birthday, and all our prayers. We appreciate all

the love and support Faith United Church shows us.
Duane and Faye Morgan

Thank you for the scholarship! I appreciate it so much. School is going great! I hope to see you all in a few weeks.

Katharine Sharp

We want to thank the ladies of the Faith Circle for the gift bags that we received. We really enjoyed the visits from Joed and Penny. The gift bags contained so many useful items and we so appreciate you thinking of us.

Darline Langemach and June Book

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Happy 74th Anniversary to Charter Members of Faith United Church,
Donald & Mary Root

Calendar of Events

- Mar. 1 - Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
- Mar. 4th - Kyle & Melanie Vulgamott Fellowship Hall 3:30-6:00 pm
- Mar. 5th - 30 Pieces of Silver Bags in Narthex
- Mar. 7th - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Mar. 7th - Women's Fellowship 7:00 pm
- Mar. 9th - Faith Circle 10:00 am
- Mar. 11th - Thunderbirds Baseball Fundraiser 4:00 pm
- Mar. 14th - Food Kitchen Team # 1 5:00 pm
- Mar. 16th - Leaders Night 7:00 pm
- Mar. 17th - OWLS Luncheon @ LaPeep's 11:30 am
- Mar. 19th - B.I.G. Fundraiser 11:30 am
- Mar. 21st - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- Mar. 23rd - C3 Meeting in Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm

Communion Assistants

- Mar. 5th - Teresa Kidwell & Amy Bryson

Acolytes

- Mar. 5th - Josh Oswald & Rawlins Brant
- Mar. 12th - Jordan Hill & Brodie DeSchepper
- Mar. 19th - Montana Frakes & Josh Oswald
- Mar. 26th - Rawlins Brant & Jordan Hill

Van Drivers

- Mar. 5th - Corey
- Mar. 12th - Brent
- Mar. 19th - Corey
- Mar. 26th - Roy

Financial Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
Jan. 29 th -	\$3,164.00	\$135.00
Feb. 5 th -	\$6,554.00	\$265.00
Feb. 12 th -	\$1,551.00	\$110.00
Feb. 19 th -	\$1,640.00	\$30.00
Totals:	\$12,909.00	\$540.00

\$11,860.00 needed each month to meet current expenses.

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
Jan. 29 th -	85	33
Feb. 5 th -	68	30
Feb. 12 th -	80	24
Feb. 19 th -	71	15

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline”

2 Timothy 1:7

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God's continued presence in the World & never absent; Friendships formed through our relation to God and his Son, Jesus Christ! –The beginning of the season of Lent.

Cancer Patients: Rob Gregory; 13 year old Riley Whittington-chronic cancer; Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Glen Spitzer's friends- Janelle, Ethal, Jack Faulkner, Keith & Frieda Shuell; Mary Lou (friend of mina's); Angie Hernandez's friend, Doug- possible Leukemia & sleep apnea; Jill Cobb's cousin- Eric Woolley has colon cancer & has 2 young children at home; Teresa Kidwell's brother- prostate cancer; anonymous friend- recently diagnosed with cancer and very distraught; Co-worker of Missy West, the Lockridge family- recently learned wife has cancer and has been given 6 months to live; Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart)- inoperable brain tumor.

Other: Continued prays for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends; Donna Brooks- health issues; Donita Sutherland- cracks in her tailbone & one in her pelvis & muscle spasms; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Tom Vanlone- home with home health; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp's great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; Carole McClellan's brother- Gary Battelle & cousins (husband & wife)- suffering from dementia & friend; The family of Linda Trapp; Pastor Jim's Aunt Margie-knee replacement infected & on long term antibiotics; McCall's granddaughter, Ashley (Gerry) Calkins- losing their first pregnancy; Richard (flu) & Nancy sharp (flu & pneumonia); Melissa Roberts, nursery attendant- flu; Taylor Bottorff- family issues; Jim Wood- seeing new doctor in KC for knees; Leonard McCall- torn meniscus (knee); Joe Brandenburg, son of Trudy Lewis- gall bladder surgery.

Traveling Mercies:

Sympathy: The family of Denton & Nadeien Matteson who passed away in Colorado from complications of the flu (former neighbors of Trudy Lewis); the family of Linda Thomas Hardy (aunt of Steve Haskey) who passed away this past week.

Finally: prayers for our city, our country and the world; Faith United church- all our people; Safety during construction on new addition to our building: our church staff & their families; attitudes- may we live as Jesus told us- “love one another as I have loved you”; be open to compromise and **DO Something!**