



Faith United Methodist Church January, 2024



“Faith United Methodist Church’s mission is to share God’s love and encourage others through worship and service to our community and beyond.”

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

Happy 2024! I would like to express my gratitude to you for your prayers and generosity for the mission of our church. I’m grateful for your commitment and service to this body; you have made a difference! On behalf of the parsonage family, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for your support and loving gifts. This new year I pray for God’s abundant blessing on our works, families, and most of all, ourselves.

Let’s hear Psalm 65:

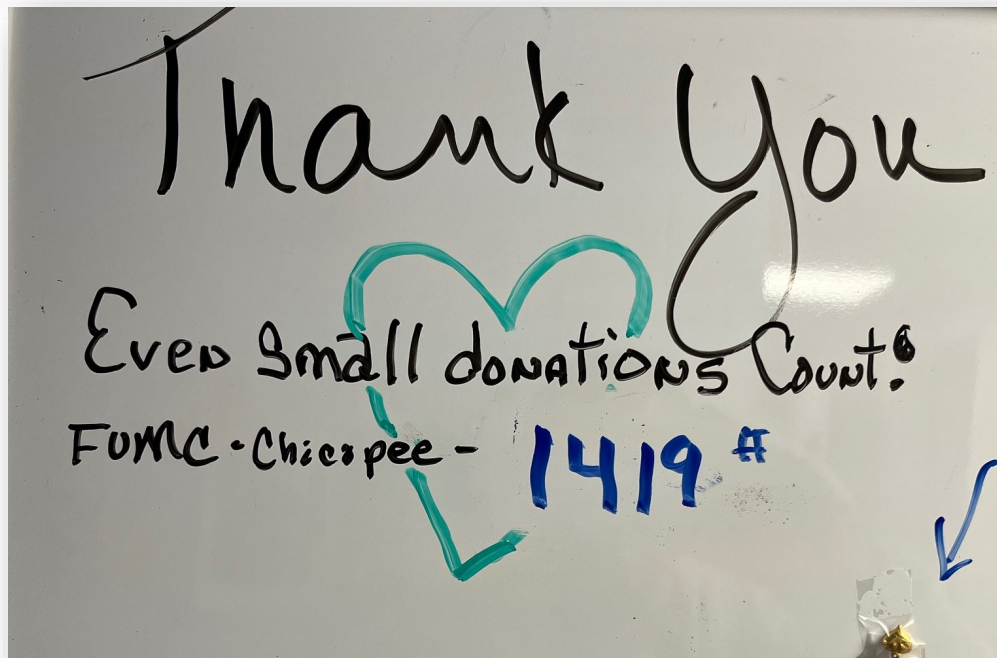
*You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout
and sing together for joy. (Psalm 65:11-13, NRSVUE)*

As the new year has begun, everyone might have different expectations for the year. Some might be worrying about the ongoing health situation, while some might be excited about the coming of the new year. Some might be barely able to find comfort, while some might seek hope for new days. Wherever we are at, I would like us to be reminded that we are standing on the promises of God. As the people of God, we will rely on God and live our daily lives with gratitude and joy.

May God bless our communities, our church, our families, and us this new year. This new year, as in past years, let’s keep following God as God will lead us and fill us with joy and blessing. Let’s pray for God’s blessing and guidance; let’s believe in God’s power; let’s expect God’s great works. Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC



Final report for donations from FUMC - 1419 pounds of groceries for those in the area with food insecurity.

2 Thank you for being Christ-like in generously donating.



The Book Club will meet Monday, January 22nd at 6:30 pm at the home of Joan Forgie. Our meetings are the third Monday of the month if you would care to join us.

The book we will be discussing this month is

"You are My Sunshine" by Sean Dietrich.

In this true life tale Sean Dietrich and his wife Jamie, having received some scary news, plan a great big adventure. They share their hilarious, touching, and sometimes terrifying story of a long bike ride to conquer The Great Allegheny Passage and C&O Towpath trail. In the end it will remind you of what's most important in life, the value of keeping promises and the connection of your most treasured relationships.

Card-Making Class

January 12th, at 10:00 am

Don't you just love it when you get a handmade card in the mail?! Now YOU can make 3 special cards to send or give to friends & family. You are invited to a card class in the Fellowship Hall of the church, taught by Joanne Milloy.

These classes will held the 2nd Friday of each month.

There is no set cost for this event; you decide what to give. The money is used to defray the cost of supplies.

Prep for the class takes some time, so please pre-register by calling or emailing the church or letting Joanne know. Neighbors, friends, family, and even men are welcome!



**PLEASE HOLD THESE
PEOPLE IN PRAYER:**

Cheryl Boucher
Jack Valley
Lynn Riopelli
Karen Harrington
Carol Houle
Joe T.
Kati Flood
Shari—Garceau's daughter
Janet Lavoie & Family
Bob & Suzanne Wright
Kathy Washburn
Ryan & Maloah McCarron
Arlie & Sylvia Burns
Tim O'Donnell
Cindy and Ben
Dr, Anthony Morgan
Our Church
Our Country
Our World

Folks to Visit or Call

Mary Buss—home
Barbara Atherton—home
Nancy Burke—home
Eunice Bock—home
Janice DeFlumere—home
Dottie Squires—home
Neil Marshall—home
Carol Glancy—home
Connie Harris—home

Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

There are some perks to having Bible study on Zoom—at night—in January when weather can be iffy.

The facilitator/teacher (Joanne Milloy) sends out the questions to be discussed before we meet. If you'd like to see what it's all about, let the office know so that you'll be sent the Zoom link. If you're more of a listener than a talker, that's all right. We talkers appreciate listeners.



RURAL MISSION TRIP ON FOR MARCH

Our trip is schedule for Friday March 8th—Sunday March 17th

For more information please contact Dave Mason



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 9th—AST Meeting 7:00 pm

Friday, January 12th—Card Making w/ Joanne 10:00 am

Tuesday, January 16th—Trustee Meeting 3:30 pm

Monday, January 22nd—Book Club @ Joan Forgie's home
6:30 pm

Rural Missions Trip

March 8th—March 17th see Dave Mason

Men of Faith—Tuesdays, 9:00 am

Bible Study—Wednesdays, 7:00 pm on Zoom

Choir Rehearsal—Thursdays, 7:00 pm



“I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

John 8:12

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

1/13—Janet Lavoie

1/14—Beverly Solock

1/18—Dan Breton

1/22—Johnathan Riopelli

1/22—Adam Boucher

1/23—Pam Barrett

1/27—Sallie Adelman



Liturgists

1/7—Ron Jackson

1/14—Bette Lacey

1/21—Mike Adelman

1/28—Edwina Lessard

Counters

1/8—Joy Jackson & Joan Forgie

*1/16—Susan Cassidy & Sallie Adelman

1/22—Joy Jackson & Joan Forgie

1/29—Susan Cassidy & Sallie Adelman

Greeters

1/7—Sallie Adelman

1/14—Merrilee Riopelli

1/21—Joan Forgie

1/28—Joy Jackson



Roger LaCross—Organist
Sondra Spence: Lay Servant Minister
Mike Adelman : Lay Servant Minister
Merrilee Riopelli : Administrative Asst.

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Men of Faith singing Christmas
Carols
at The Arbors



Jesus said to visit the sick, care for the widow, the refugee, the orphan, for by doing so, you do so to him.

- **Make time to visit people, give them a call, write a card.**
- **Listen or sit in silence**
- **If they're too tired to talk, tell them something about what is going on in your life.**
- **Thank them for spending time with you & tell them that the church continues to hold them in prayer.**



Clothing shed at FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPREAD THE WORD!

The New Year is a wonderful time to clear out the old to make room for the new. Clean those closets and drawers and donate to the shed to help your church and those less fortunate...it's a WIN, WIN!!

Last year we got a larger shed because of your generosity

If you are not familiar with the clothing donation shed, it's designed to give community members a uniquely clean, convenient, and well-cared-for option to donate their used clothing to. St. Pauly Textile Inc., the company that has provided the shed, partners with businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they are ultimately re-worn by people who need them. FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH receives funding for donated clothing, and additionally has the option to use donations to serve community needs.

With over 1,300 clothing drop-off sheds in place, St. Pauly Textile Inc. collects over 90,000 pounds of clothing every day and estimates that this clothing ends up in 44 different countries (including the U.S.) yearly. In 2019, the company was able to help keep over 20 million articles of clothing out of landfills, which clothed an estimated 2.5 million people worldwide. The company was founded in 1996 and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau.

Accepted items: clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals.

