



Faith United Methodist Church February, 2025



***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!

It came before New Year's Day. Another one arrived between February and March, before the Daylight Saving Time began. Similar things continued to appear in certain times until the end of the year, such as Easter, school break, summer vacation season, the beginning of a new school year, Thanksgiving season, or Christmas. Marketing mails or catalogs have been dropped regularly or irregularly in our mailbox. It might be time to check the heating or air system of houses. Shops want to offer a special discount option for a season. Banks want to reward once a new customer opens a new account or makes a direct deposit. Or some might want to prepare their garden with flowers, fruits, or vegetables. "Call us or stop by our shop" (and spend your time and money on items we would like to sell you, and you will buy from us again next year). Have you ever received these kinds of "hopeful" messages (or junk mails or scams)?

Interestingly, these mails try to sell “hope”. Once seeds are dropped in your garden, they will be planted, watered, fed, and will flourish. Once we examine your house and give you an estimate, your house will be secured. Once you take tablets or eat this meal packet on a daily basis, you will regain your strength or will sleep well every night. It sounds quite hopeful, right?

I like to think the Bible gives us a hope, much better than the “hope” the catalogs or marketing mails try to sell us. We read stories of those who longed for God’s salvation. We find those who put their trust in God, and we are encouraged to do the same thing. We are reminded that God has loved us and the world so much. We are reassured that by grace we’ve been saved through faith, which is not our “own doing” but “the gift of God” (Eph. 2:8). What matters is this: are we willing to receive God’s grace? Do we want to prepare our hearts to nurture our faith? Do we want to make room for God’s love in our daily life? Let’s expect what great things God will do through us this month.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC





Valentine's Candy

This candy will be sold after worship on February 2nd and February 9th for Valentine's Day.

Buy some sweets for your sweetie and help the church

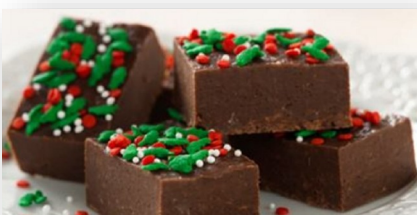


CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Please Mark your new 2025 Calendars!!

Faith UMC will be holding our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 13, 2025, and you Christmas crafts are needed!

Please watch in upcoming newsletter regarding donations, ornament and candy making days, drop off times, as well as sign-ups in the months to come.



RURAL MISSION TRIP ON FOR MARCH

Our trip is schedule for Friday March 7th—Sunday March 16th

For more information please contact Dave Mason



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 2nd—After worship Valentine Candy Sale

Sunday, February 9th—After worship Valentine Candy Sale

Friday, February 14th—10:00 am Cardmaking w/Joanne Milloy

Wednesday, March 5th— Ash Wednesday

Tuesday, February 18th—4:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Rural Missions Trip March 7th—March 16th see Dave Mason

Men of Faith—Tuesdays, 9:00 am

Bible Study—Wednesdays, 7:00 pm on Zoom

3rd Thursday of each month—Wellington Assisted
Living, Springfield 1:30 pm for singing and fellowship
w/ residents





Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

There are some perks to having Bible study on Zoom—at night—in winter when weather can be iffy. The facilitator/teachers (Joanne and Peter Milloy) send out the questions to be discussed before we meet. If you'd like to see what it's all about, ask the church office and you'll be sent the Zoom link (413-533-6093) If you're more of a listener than a talker, that's all right. We talkers appreciate listeners.

“For by Grace you have been saved through Faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good Works which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them”

Ephesians 2:8-10



**PLEASE HOLD THESE
PEOPLE IN PRAYER:**

Scott

Lee MacLean

Linda

Janet Valley

David Beeler

Ryan

Cheryl Boucher

Sondra Spence

Edwina Lessard

Janet Lavoie

Jeff

Leann & John Hackett

Bob Ramsay

Sally Latham

Lynda Henderson

Margaret

Jane Schneeloch

Diane and Jay

Eileen

Ryan McCarron

Our military families

Our Country

**Folks to Visit/Call/Send A
Card**

Barbara Atherton—Home

Nancy Burke—Home

Eunice Bock—home

Carol Glancy—Home

Neil Marshall—Home

Dottie Squires—Home

Card-Making Class

February 14th, at 10:00 am

Don't you just love it when you get a handmade card in the mail?! 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. We have a good time, talking and making beautiful cards.

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 .Neighbors, friends, family, and even men are welcome!





Flowers for the Altar

As we enter our second month of 2025, we would love to add to our Sunday morning worship experience by adding flowers to the altar. It looked so beautiful over the holidays that the Worship Committee thought it would be a blessing to keep it going. Therefore, if you are interested in participating,, we ask that on the particular Sunday that you select and sign up for, you bring whatever type of flower arrangement or plant with you by 9:45 am so that we may set it on the altar for worship. After the service, please know you are welcome to bring your flower arrangement or plant home. Also, if you would like our church to know that you provided the flowers in honor or memory or that you provided the flowers for any reason, please let Merrilee know by Wednesday afternoon of that week.

Thank You so much!



- 2/9 - David Boucher**
- 2/15 - Rick Hidde**
- 2/16— Bill Kaeding**
- 2/20 - Jimmy Skibel**
- 2/21 - Cathy Allen**
- 2/23 - John Barrett**
- 2/25 - Ron Jackson**
- 2/25 - Edwina Lessard**
- 2/27 - Linda O'Donnell**



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.







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.**

Liturgists

Feb. 2—Bette Lacey

Feb. 9—Jiwon Chang

Feb. 16—Sondra Spence

Feb. 23—Mike Adelman

Counters

Feb. 3—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy

Feb. 10—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson

Feb. 17—Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin

Feb. 25—Cheryl Boucher & Joanne Milloy

Greeters

Feb. 2—Merrilee Riopelli

Feb. 9—Joanne Milloy

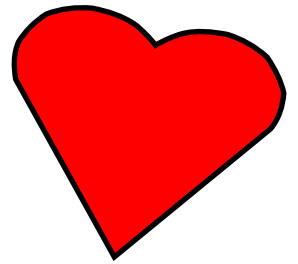
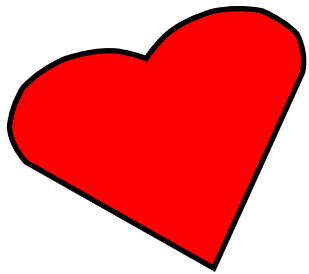
Feb. 16—Rich Pearson

Feb. 23—Jim Kahle



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