



By Faith

***Faith United Methodist Church—
Midweek connection
December Newsletter***



FAITH CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday - CLOSED

We are listening to messages if we are not in the office and will contact you as soon as we can *If you are looking to contact Pastor Tim, you can call him here at the church*

or you can email him at tjalbrecht79@gmail.com

Please continue to pray for all the church staff members and committee members!

Sermons can be found on our web page.

<https://www.faithchurchneenah.com>

Click on the watch us live button on the church's web page to see our live streaming each Sunday for our worship Services. If you are having difficulty please leave a message at the church and we will get back to you and try to help. We will be live-streaming our services each Sunday on both face book and YouTube. If there is an issue with the viewing, The services will be added to YouTube and Facebook after the worship service and the technology group gets the recording completed. If you have questions, call the church office. YouTube and Facebook **Our YouTube channel is:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwn8QuPjcSsrtpR1WbPeYUQ>

Each Thursday when you receive your midweek connection either by email or regular mail the link for YouTube will be in your email or in your regular mailing. You can join the worship service on YouTube by clicking on the link. If there is a problem with the streaming to our YouTube or Facebook page and there will be a delay in the download, we will upload the video and within an hour or so after the service, Once it is available, an email will be sent to those with an email address informing them that it is up on. The sermon can also be heard on the radio station; WEMI 91.9 however, but are a week later.

Our Website—has added our “older sermons”

We have added a way you can look at all the worship services since we have been livestreaming. Please check out our website and look for the “button” View Past Sermons. It is located right below “Watch us Live”

CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new directory is available on the table in the Narthex. If you have any changes in your e-mail account, your phone numbers, cell or land line, or addresses.

Please let the church know so we can update the directory. You can complete a yellow card on Sunday Morning - THANK YOU

MIDWEEK CONNECTION

There will be changes in the midweek connection, We will continue sending out the midweek connection via email, but will be printing a few copies and they will be available in the Narthex on Sunday morning. Please help your self to the copies. We will continue mailing a copy to our shut-in's or to those who have requested a copy. If you have any questions regarding this change, please let the church office know. Also if there is anything you would like to see in our Midweek connection/Newsletter, or if there are corrections or additions to information, please contact the church office let the church office

December 11, 2022 9:00 A.M.

The link for this Sunday's worship service is

Shareable link <https://youtu.be/6uKMYbfbCwU>

Second Sunday in Advent
Sermon Series: Christmas Carols
Sermon: O Come All Ye Faithful
2 Corinthians 5:17

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**Faith United Methodist
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1025 Tullar Rd
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Sunday Worship Service
9:00 a.m.
Sunday School
(for all ages)
10:15 - 11:15
(Sept - May)

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From the desk of Pastor Tim Albrecht
Faith United Methodist church

December 2022

Greetings Faith Church,

As December begins we are getting closer to Christmas. I had mentioned a few weeks back that just before Christmas, the days will start to get longer. I found joy or thankfulness in that blessing of nature. As we conclude the year of 2022, there have been many things going on in our world and not all of them good. For instance, I find myself thinking twice when I go out in public. It seems that people have much shorter tempers when things do not go their way. I am much more aware of the things going on around me regarding my safety when I hear about events in the news. I never had to be as aware like this before. I cannot also let it overwhelm me.

A recent devotional reading talked about being thankful to God for taking the sting out of adversity. Biblically we are to give thanks for everything.

Regardless of what we might be feeling, God gives us Joy, regardless of our circumstances. This is a spiritual act of obedience and at times, blind obedience.

Being thankful opens one heart to God's presence and mind to God's thoughts. We still might be in the same place facing the same set of circumstances, but a light gets switched on when we are thankful. I think in the name of gratitude as we get ready to celebrate Emmanuel, God with us, all we can be is thankful. Thankful in spite of worldly or church events. We have a God who loves us so much that he came to earth in human form to be with us and to die for us. So that at the end of our lives and on that day when Jesus comes back we can spend eternity with him! I find myself amazed by this great gift of love. At times I find it almost too hard to comprehend. But as I journey along in my faith I know it is true!

As Charles Wesley wrote in hymn #363 UMH, And Can It Be That I Should Gain, "...Amazing love How can it be...," We will be celebrating this Amazing Love, Emmanuel on December 24th at 4:00 p.m. Also, this year Christmas Day, December 25th is on a Sunday. We will be celebrating it with a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 9:00 a.m. as our regularly scheduled worship service.

See you in church,
Pastor Tim

December 2022 Sermon Titles

Sermon Series:
Christmas Carols

November 27

O Come Emmanuel

Luke 2:11 Matthew 1:21-23

December 2

O Holy Night

Lamentations 3:20-26

December 11

O Come All Ye Faithful

2 Corinthians 5:17

December 18

Away In A Manger

Luke 2:10-11

December 24

Christmas Eve

Silent Night

Luke 2:1-11

December 25

Sunday-Xmas Day

A Festival of 9 Lessons
and Candles

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Each Sunday from 10:15—11:15
AM

Nursery Class: Room 106
Julie Caflisch Michelle Woodard

Preschool—Kindergarten: Room 108
Joanne Ball Sherry Steele

First—2nd Grade Room: 104
Bev Pezewski

3rd grade to 5th grade Room 208
Kurt VanHandel

6-12th grade. Room 207
Dan Duff

ADULT CLASSES

Revelations Room: 202
Hugh Davies & Gary Reiter



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WORSHIP SERVICE

Second Sunday in Advent

December 4 2022 9:00 A.M.

Call to Worship

Prelude:

Welcome

Lighting the Advent Candle:

***Opening Hymn: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH # 203**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH # 140

Children's Message: Children/Youth

Hymn: "Lo, How a rose E'er Blooming" UMH # 216

Morning Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Gifts to God

***Doxology: "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95**

Sermon Series: Christmas Carols

Scripture: Lamentations 3:20-26

Sermon Hymn: "O Holy Night" (vs 1,2)

(vs 1,3,5)

Sermon: "O Holy Night" Pastor Tim

***Closing Hymn: "O Holy Night" (vs.3)**

Benediction

Postlude:

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing Song Book

Assisted Listening Devices Available—see an Usher

Christmas Carols

.... O Holy Night...

Lamentations 3:20-26

To Experience a new day of hope with Jesus

1. Remember God's _____

Lamentations 3:21-23

2. Trust God to _____

Lamentations 3:24

3. Depend on God for

Lamentation 3:25 Hebrews 10:23

4. Wait on God for _____

Lamentations 3:26 Romans 13:11-12

Lord, we come to you in prayer for joy, peace, comfort and healing

Jim Bayer—prayers as he is healing from surgery.

Neale Caflisch — prayers of joy for healing and strength as Neale is home and having therapy at home and Brylee is celebrating her 7th birthday.

Joy Wade—Prayers for Jim as he is going to be having surgery this upcoming week

Carrie Walters Prayers for my step father Mark who lost his mom a long life of 103 years

John & Cindy Siegel and Bob & Linda Fritz—We have a praise, we are welcoming a new great grand son Ullrich Michael.

Continued prayers for: Bob Fritz, Julie Beck, Gaylord and Ina Mae Remmel, Tom Diver, Liz Roberts, Jim Hart, Dick Wylie, Marilyn Nyberg, Jim & Ardis Lyons, Kathy Bayer, Corky, Michael and Nola Sell, Lisa Armstrong, others in need of healing, encouragement, financial needs, continued prayers for all our members of our church family, and our many unspoken prayers. Prayers for our church, the leadership team and Pastor Tim during this time.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Beth Hall has been creating beautiful Prayer shawls as a gift of love and care to the recipient. The shawl is meant to symbolize the love and embrace of God. Each shawl has been lovingly made and prayed over, and those who receive the shawls continue to be held in prayer. At this time, she is in need of extra yarn. Do you have extra yarn that you are not using? To request a shawl for yourself or someone else (relatives or friends), please contact Beth Hall at or the church office and arrangements can be made for you to pick up the shawl at the church. Would there be an interest in a group meeting on a day every week to assist in making these Prayer shawls. If you have an interest in being part of this group, please contact Beth Hall at 920-289-1022.



Theme

Commitment to Prayer

Scripture

Lamentations 3:22-23 "His love for us never fails. It is new every morning.
Great is his faithfulness."

Good morning! What a beautiful new day we have been given! Let me ask you a question. Who gives us each new day?

I use sticky notes here this morning to remind me of things I need to do. Does your mother sometimes use them to remind herself to do something?

There are 50 sticky notes in a pad of Post-it notes. How many pads would you need to have a note for every day of the year. how many days are in a year? 365! You are so smart.

So God gives us 365 days a year. Every morning he gives us one. What a gift!

In Lamentations 3 the Bible says God gives us something else each morning, too. It says: "His love for us never fails- it is new every morning. Great is his faithfulness."

If God gives us something every morning- a new day and his love- let's make a COMMITMENT- a promise- to give him something each morning as well.

This is the challenge: Before you get out of bed, before your foot touches the carpet, have a conversation with God thanking him for the new day. It can be short. "Good morning God. Thank you for being with me!" Let your foot be your reminder. We can lose a sticky note, but we can't lose our foot! Get your day started off right. Start off on the right foot so to speak.

This is an exercise we can practice together. Stand up tall. Do what I do. FOOT OVER. (step one foot over) PRAYER UP. (point up.) Foot Over, Prayer UP.

Let this be our commitment— during this Christmas and our promise for the New Year. God is faithful to remember us. He doesn't even need sticky notes. Let's be faithful to our commitment to remember him.

Dear God: Thank you for each new day. Help us to start each day with you.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/3 Gaylord Remmel
12/4 Tyler Fairchild
12/7 Eric Ball
12/8 Aidan Flom
12/14 Jayden Woodard



12/20 Michelle Woodard
12/23 Joyce Sanders
12/24 Randy Kuehl
12/25 Merry Beverlin
12/30 Mary Ann Wylie

Wedding Anniversary

12/26 Gerald & Marlene Desing
12/29 Clint & Emily Kemper



December 24th Christmas Eve

December 25th Merry Christmas

Begins on December 18th Hanukkah

Begins on December 26th Kwanzaa

The birthstone is



Christmas eve services will be held at the church on Saturday, December 24th at 4:00 P.M.

2022 Christmas Eve Soup Supper

Dear Family and friends of Faith Church, When you come to church on 12/24 you're going to follow your nose to the fellowship hall and enjoy a bowl of soup, after, not before, the 4:00 service! This is not a potluck, soup, bread and beverage are provided. There is no cost to you, but a donation is always appreciated. Another plus is that we send the leftovers home with you! There is one small request and that is to bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share for dessert. The soup committee is asking if you plan to attend, how many will there be. Your options for that are to snag me at church, give me a call at 722-3445, send me an email at tigvarten@aol.com or let Bev in the office know. See you on Christmas Eve!

November, 27, 2022

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The children/youth from the third-fourth grade class are doing the Children's Message this Sunday. They will be continuing the "Christmas Story with Scripture and Song" Hope you will join us during Advent for our presentations.

SENIORS OF FAITH

Seniors of Faith are planning a Christmas gathering in our social area on December 9th at 4:30 P.M. Choices will be catering a meal. We will continue with the "white elephant" exchange. Call Ginny Shepard @ 920-264-7522

FAITHFUL SINGERS REHEARSALS

The Faithful Singers, Faith Church's adult choir, rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the choir room, Room 201. Membership is open to all adults and high school age youth, and new members are always welcome. No prior choral experience or training is required or expected, only a love of singing and a willingness to offer your time and attention at rehearsals. If you have questions, please contact Micah by email at msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com or by cell phone 765.993.7019

Community Christmas Dinner **December 10, 2022**

As a congregation we have supported this community dinner that is held at St. Paul's Church for the past 14 years. A meal will be provided in St. Paul's large dining room. 11 area churches participate in this outpouring of support. We have been asked to provide men's and women's hats/scarves this year. We will need 45 men items and 30 women items. The Nutty Knotters (the quilting group at our church) will again provide lap blankets.

Other opportunities to assist are:

Each church has been asked to provide homemade cookies and pies (fruit/pumpkin) number has not been established as of yet.

2-4 volunteers to work as wait staff and **3 additional volunteers** the day of the event

Drivers for the meals being delivered to your church shut ins.

1 volunteer to help from 12:30 till about 2:00 putting everything away and cleaning up.

If you have any questions please ask Bev Pezewski or Joanne Ball.



A NOTE FROM THE WED MORNING **NUTTY KNOTTERS QUILT GROUP**

We would like to give a big shout out to those who went the extra mile with your donations this last year!

It's the donations that keep us in business! Fabric old or new, flat and fitted sheets in good or not so good condition, yarn, batting, and your presence are the staples of our ministry. We love a goodie box or bag!

Here's the list of donations that came from the quilters; 37 to the Christine Ann women's shelter, 163 to world relief, 8 to King Veterans Home, 10 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and 12 lap robes for the Christmas dinner at St Paul's, with a total of 222! We would also like to offer our services if you'd like a quilt tied. Have a question you can ask Terry Ball or Beth Hall, or stop in on Wed morning. We have coffee and treats at 10:00 and you are always welcome.

Thanking God for you, The Nutty Knotters

Pillars donation drive during the holiday season

We appreciate the support you have provided for those in our community who are experiencing homelessness and housing challenges through Pillars' Giving Tree. Each year, nearly 2,000 people benefit from Pillars crisis shelter and supportive/affordable housing programs, including street outreach, crisis housing, case management and diversion from homelessness. Together, we are rebuilding lives and strengthening our community.

The Christmas trees will be set up with the "Christmas giving tree wish list" on November 28th. Once we have everything set up, we will determine the date when we will need helpers to take over our gifts. Watch the midweek and newsletter for details.

If you would like to support Pillars—Financial support.

Financial gifts are always a great way to support Pillars' clients!

YOU CAN DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT THANKS TO SECURA's \$35,000 Matching Challenge!!

All financial donations given in the month of December will be matched by SECURA Insurance Companies up to \$35,000!

Ayanda Crispin

Event Coordinator

Pillars

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Main: 920.734.9192 ext. 126

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Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Appleton

Saturday, December 10, 2022

Will be having once again hold our annual Cookie, Fudge, and Soup to Go Sale for the Christmas season!

Vegetable Minestrone or Corn Chowder

\$5.00 – Pint

\$8.00 – Quart

Emmanuel United Methodist Women's,
740 E. College Ave., Appleton

Annual Cookies, Fudge, & Soup to Go Sale
8 a.m. to 12n

Sweet Treats – “You Select”

\$ 6.00 – Cookies (Small Box)

\$10.00 – Fudge (Small Box)

\$12.00 – Cookies (Large Box)



December 2022

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4 9:00 A.M. Worship Service 10:15 A.M. Sunday School	5	6	7 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice	8 6:30 P.M. Agape Bible Study	9 Seniors of Faith Christmas Gath- ering	10 Community Christ- mas Dinner St. Pauls'
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25 9:00 A.M. Worship Service Christmas Day	26	27	28 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice	29	30	31 New Year's Eve