

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ORLAND PARK

FAITH MATTERS

January 2022

Wrap Up 2021



Creativity. Flexibility. Perseverance. These are the words I use to describe Faith UMC in 2021. In the midst of denominational conflict and worldwide pandemic – our church family found creative ways to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Creativity – In 2021, Faith took huge steps in our online ministry. We updated software and hardware. We trained and retrained our AV team. Most importantly, in July 2021, we hired Rev. Josh Bailey-Green as our Director of Audio-Visual and Web Ministries, who will help us develop these areas of ministry. Every now and then, homebound (or mobility challenged) members ask me if we're going to stop livestreaming services once the pandemic ends. I respond that online ministry is one of the ways we connect with members and reach out into the mission field. I assure them that we will continue this vital ministry. In 2021, the pandemic forced us to adjust how we did ministry. After a year of no VBS (in 2020), Miss Kim developed the **"Super Spy Kids Take-Home Vacation Bible School"** this summer. This winter, Miss Kim moved Santa outside for a second year of **"Santa Drive Thru"** to safely bless children and families in our congregation and local community.

Of course, the challenges also impacted ministries with adults. Many adults were disconnected and isolated from everyone else since March 2020. In response, Faith prepared (and delivered) Christmas packages to our entire church family in 2020. This included fun goodies (like reindeer food) but also communion elements. This Easter (2021), we delivered Easter packages to our entire church family. This time, packages included items such as handmade crosses, jellybeans, and communion elements.

Flexibility – One of the biggest challenges of 2021 was adjusting to the reappointment of Pastor Caitlyn in July. In addition to overseeing youth ministry and congregational care, Pastor Caitlyn was a regular preacher and worship leader. Our Staff Pastor Parish Committee worked hard over the past year to reconfigure our church staff team. On July 1, they hired Rev. Josh Bailey-Green as our Director of AV & Web Ministries. At the same time, they reconfigured the job description for Miss Kim (our Director of Children's Ministry) and hired her as our new Director of Family Ministry, which includes youth ministry. On November 1, Faith hired Dr. Jim Sandberg as our Director of Congregational Care.

In addition to these planned staff changes, there was more work for the SPPRC to do. In September, our SPPRC expanded the job description of Beth Ridderhoff (our Director of Contemporary Worship) to include organist/choir accompanist responsibilities. As of mid-September, Beth's new title is Director of Music Ministry. Currently, the SPPRC is working to hire a new Office Manager. Thank you to our amazing SPPRC for your flexibility and faithfulness this past year.

Perseverance – It has been challenging and tiring year. Many of us (including myself) are physically, mentally, and spiritually drained. However, we found ways to persevere and adjust to our ever-changing circumstances. We have helped each other keep our eyes focused on Jesus and his call to love God and serve one another. Throughout the year, our Church Council and Safety Team guided us in the ways we can safely reopen our facility and restart ministries. It's been a series of two steps forward and one step back, but Faith has always kept our church family's physical health and well-being as our top priority.

As a result, we've experienced unexpected blessings in the midst of the pandemic. For example, we had a lot of baptism. Specifically, we baptized 16 infants & children from November 2020 to November 2021! We baptized babies in our Memorial Garden. We baptized twins in a family's home. The other baptisms were in the sanctuary after Sunday morning services.

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Pastor Caleb's message continued:

All baptisms were livestreamed. All baptisms were shown in worship services the following weekend so that the congregation could take our vows to love and nourish the faith of little ones.

So, where are we going in 2022?

One answer is – I don't know. Who knows what we'll experience in 2022?

On the other hand, our larger mission is clear. We will make disciples of Jesus Christ by blessing children & youth, deepening discipleship, and broadening our missional impact. We will bring people to Jesus through Worship, Education, Mission, and Fellowship. We will be a church of substance (not only style) – who loves God and neighbors, not only with words alone, but with concrete actions and impactful partnerships.

Christmas Season

For many people, Christmas ends at the end of December 25. Historically, Christmas is a 12-day season that runs from Christmas Day (Dec 25) until Epiphany (Jan 6). So, here's what you can look forward to during the Christmas season at Faith.

On **Sunday, December 26**, we'll gather @ **10:00 AM** for a Service of Lessons & Carols. We'll celebrate Christmas by reading and singing Christmas scriptures and songs.

On **Saturday, January 1**, I'll lead a New Year's Day service @ **10:00 AM**. This is an opportunity to kick off the new year with a simple service of worship and prayers.

On **Sunday, January 2**, we'll gather @ **10:00 AM** for a Wesleyan Covenant Service renewing our commitment as followers of Jesus Christ.

On **Sunday, January 9**, we'll resume our regular worship service times (Saturday @ 4:00 PM and Sunday @ 9:00 & 11:00 AM) with an invitation to use our gifts for ministry. Then, we'll kick off our New Year sermon series, "**The Bible 101**" followed by "**The Bible 201**."

Here's the January 2022 preaching schedule.

January 1	New Year's Day Service @ 10 AM
January 2	Wesleyan Covenant Service @ 10 AM
January 8 & 9	A Call to Faithfulness (resume regular service times)
January 15 & 16	Bible 101: Old Testament
January 22 & 23	Bible 101: New Testament
January 29 & 30	Bible 201: The Bible & Violence

Thank You's

December was a full month of ministry at Faith. In addition to having our **2021 Church Conference** (11/28) with District Superintendent, Rev. Jacques Conway, we had a **Special Church Conference** (12/5). We hosted the **Santa Drive Thru** for children and families eager to visit with Santa (12/4) and the **Blue Christmas** service to comfort those who struggle during the holiday season (12/12). We hosted 2 funeral services to comfort our church families in their time of grief. Youth gathered for a **Gingerbread House Building Contest** (12/10). Children gathered for **Sunday School** classes and parties. Most significantly, we were able to gather for 3 **Christmas Eve** services on December 24. This was a season full of celebration and hope.

Praise God for our amazing church staff and volunteers. Praise God for all of our committee chairs and ministry team leaders. Praise God for YOU – for all of your prayers and support of our ministries. I look forward to growing with you in 2022.

Pastor Caleb

Financial \$ Report November 30, 2021

Income YTD	Budgeted YTD
\$456,308.64	\$469,516.70
Expenses YTD	Budgeted YTD
\$446,609.93	\$492,666.19
YTD Apportionment Payments	
\$43,681.00	
YTD Profit/Loss	
+\$9698.71	



Offering Envelopes

Pick up your 2022 offering envelopes in the lobby today. They are arranged alphabetically. If you do not see your name, please fill out the sheet & you will receive your envelopes the next Sunday.



Worship Services

Church In Person Services: You should sign-up to attend on our website (faithumcop.org). This allows us to provide contact tracing.

Due to there being no use of our nursery, the final weekend for **Saturday** nursery care during the 4 p.m. church service will be January 15/16. This decision will be revisited if the need arises. **We will continue to offer nursery care for both services each Sunday.**

Updated safety guidelines can be found on our website & Facebook.



You can also join our livestreamed worship service on Sunday @ 9:00 AM. You can find the links on our website (www.faithumcop.org). You can also view the service at any time later on Facebook or YouTube.



Worship Time Changes

Every year Pastor Caleb leads a New Year's Day service on January 1. This is an opportunity for us to kick off the new year with worship. The format is simple. There are no additional music nor AV staff present. He will lead this New Year's Day service on **Saturday, January 1 at 10:00 AM.**

On Sunday, January 2, we will gather for a single worship service at **10:00 AM.** Please note these special worship times on your calendar.



New Members Class

We will have another new member class sometime in the Spring, 2022. If you are interested, sign-up at the welcome Center. For questions call Gwen Svoboda (708-743-4610) or Nancy Clemenson (309-337-9174).



Unhanging of the Greens

On Sunday, 1/9 after the 11 AM service, about 12:15 PM, we will be undecorating the church. We would appreciate all help we can get. Many hands make fast work.



Worship News



The Faith Matters newsletter is now available in the footer of every page on the website. Simply scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Faith Matters in the footer.

Strategic Goals

Bless Children & Youth
Deepen Discipleship
Broaden Missional Impact

Applications for Office Manager Position

Faith UMC is seeking to fill this position. It is a part time position requiring a 30 hour per week work commitment. The salary starts at \$23k per year. The work schedule for this position is ideal for a stay-at-home parent. Please forward all applications and inquiries to the church office at faith@faithumcop.org.

This is a 5 day/week position: Mon – Thursday, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM & Friday, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

If you have any questions about the job, you can contact Linda at faith@faithumcop.org. She would be glad to answer all your questions.



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Thank you for your generous gifts to our church staff. We all appreciate your generosity.



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Family Ministries!

What an amazing holiday season! The kids at Faith had lots of opportunities for fun. Even with his super busy schedule Santa was able to come visit us in early December. He brought his big bag of gifts and some of his elves. Each child received a special gift from Santa. Did you know that some of our kids told us that they were on the Naughty List?!?! (GASP!!)

In addition to a visit from Santa, our youth group participated in a very competitive gingerbread house decorating contest. They chose to participate in teams or as individuals. Some created a village while others decided to decorate only one house.

The entire room smelled like sugar as kids chose from 15 different types of candy to build their houses. Votes were tabulated by secret ballot and the top three houses received gift card prizes. It was so much fun! We can't wait until next year's competition.

Kids in Sunday School dressed in their jammies for our annual Happy Birthday Jesus Pajama Party. We celebrated the birth of our savior with games, crafts and lots of fun. Kids received gifts in honor of Jesus' birthday and everyone had the chance to find surprises in the Saran Ball game.

Although the holiday season is officially over, we are looking forward to many more fun events and activities with the kids.

Sunday School: Sunday School meets between services on Sunday morning from 10:15-11am. (Note, there is no Sunday School on the first Sunday of the month).



Kim Clifton, Director of Family Ministries



Veterans Voices

Veterans Voices: Join a group of veterans of the armed forces of the United States. We support each other & the greater community of veterans in the area and the U.S.A. Check out the Veterans Voices Website: www.veterans-voices.org. May we never forget their service to our country.



General Membership Meeting: This month's meeting will take place on Thursday 1/6, 7 p.m., at the Orland Park Veterans Building, 15045 S. West Ave., Orland Park. The program for this meeting will be announced at a later date.

Honor Flag: We raise the honor flag on the first Sunday of the month in honor of a deceased veteran. Registration forms can be found outside Room 4. Contact Dale Carver at (762) 218-7657 or veteransvoicesop@gmail.com for more information.

Nursery Help Needed

Now that our nursery has reopened, we are in need of a team of volunteers to help occasionally when one of our attendants is ill or on vacation. We want to ensure that our nursery is able to offer an excellent, inviting, and safe environment for our youngest children. Volunteers would need to be vaccinated, wear masks, and have attended a Safe Sanctuary class within the past 3 years. If you are willing to assist occasionally with this important job for Saturday or Sunday services or have questions, please contact Kathy Broadhurst at 708-535-3591.

Notes Received



To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, kind calls, texts, cards, visit throughout this past year.

Between Ken's many health issues, hospitalizations and rehab as well as Debbie's surgery, we have been blessed by your love and prayers!

We appreciate you and hope to be back soon.
God bless you all! Debbie and Ken Pruim

Thank you for all the kind words, beautiful cards, flowers, donations & gifts in honor of our father & husband, Dennis Iwinski. We are so blessed to have such wonderful people in our lives.

The Iwinski/Koblick Families

Men of Faith United Methodist Men Activities for January 2022, and beyond!



Lake South District will host a Zoom meeting on January 8, for all men in the district. The purpose of this meeting will be to approve the new district constitution and bylaws. More details will be provided via email as the date approaches.

Men of Faith Sunrise Breakfast: We will have our regular Sunrise Breakfast on Sunday 1/9, at 7:30 a.m. Masks are required. The breakfast is a bring your own breakfast and beverage (BYOB&B). There will be an update on UMM activities for the next quarter and a short reading/discussion led by Dale Carver.

Promise Keepers Breakfast: Wednesday, 1/19, at 8:30 a.m. at Stacks Restaurant. Stacks is located at the corner of Harlem Avenue and 183rd Street. Jim Simmons will lead the meeting.

Winter Quarter Meeting: The Men of Faith UMM Winter Quarter meeting will be held at FUMC on Monday 1/24 at 7 p.m. We will be working on developing a calendar for 2022.

Lake South District of UMM is hosting a Monday evening Bible study on the book of Judges. For information on how to participate contact Dale Carver.

Questions? Contact Dale Carver @ 762-218-7657 or aonemanshow@comcast.net

Food for Faith Families

Food for Faith Families provides meals to our congregation who may need help while recovering from surgery, returning home from rehabilitation, or having a baby. I would like to thank my team for preparing and delivering meals in the past. If you are interested in being a part of the team, please call Jan Kubillus at (708) 687-0953.

Bob Fulton
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Orland Park, IL 60467



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January 2022 - Happy New Year!

Wishing everyone a very Happy, healthy 2022. It is exciting to think that we have an entire year open to us, as always, to make a difference in the lives of our families, friends, and people we will probably never meet here and around the world through the United Methodist Women.

I was reading a daily devotional from "Mornings With Jesus". As I read it, I realized that it is just the type of love and support that the United Methodist Women is often known for.

The article was written by Pamela Toussaint Howard and goes something like this...The author, her friend, and their moms were on their annual Christmas Eve outing in midtown Manhattan. They walked the snowy streets after a holiday concert and spotted woman near the subway entrance who was literally wearing a large black plastic garbage bag, the kind used for leaves. Her arms and legs were bare. It was cold! Compassion welled up in us, and we shared Jesus's love with her. Then each of us took off an article of our outer clothing and gave it to her. I remember vividly how my friend Melinda took off her late father's wool sweater - a treasure to her - and gave it to this stranger. I wrapped my scarf around her. Our moms gave gloves and a hat. We met the woman's physical needs that cold day, but we hope her memory of us is that we gave her Jesus, the best treasure of all.

As Faith United Methodist Women, I look forward to sharing the love of Jesus with those in need, here and around the world. God Bless!

Donna Petersen, President of U.M.W.

Bring forth the New Year for new beginnings. Time to clear out the cobwebs of the mind and start housecleaning in your heart. Sometimes we are work weary and worn out with our own busyness. Clean out your daily calendar of unnecessary negatives and focus your energy on God's possibilities. As we greet each day may we reflect on faith first and let God help with the rest. Contact Pastor Caleb or Bruce Person, Stephens Ministry coordinator if needed.

"Today is the first day of the rest of your life." - Hebrews 13.5
May the God of Hope fill each day with the light of love,
Nancy Duracka



Athletics

"Witness to Fitness" meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday, for exercise, fellowship and walking class. Call Darryl Wertheim with questions (708-781-9696). God Bless !!

Tai Chi: Meetings at the church on Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30–11:30 AM
Call Bill Grizzle for more information.
708-636-5330.



Lay Member to Annual Conference Report – 2021

The 182nd Northern IL Annual Conference was held virtually on July 16 -17.

I was one of 3 lay delegates representing Faith UMC. A special Laity Session was held on July 15. During that session, we heard about the joys of individual churches such as: the establishment of a Racial Justice Team in Schaumburg, a new church building in Minooka, and Intentional Discipleship programs in Franklin Park and Chicago (Urban Village). Break - out sessions allowed us to meet some of the laity and our District Superintendent, Jacques Conway, from our new Lake South region.

The Plenary sections of both days included voting on several pieces of legislation, Bible study with Bishop Julius Trimble stressed an “attitude of gratitude”, viewing videos on topics such as UMCOR, global health, deacons, Midwest Missions, and Church and Society. The videos showed how widespread and involved in the world the United Methodist Church continued to be – even through the pandemic. Our interim Bishop, John Hopkins, delivered his Episcopal Address in 2 parts. He spoke about local churches and their front-line ministries and how the Northern IL Conference continues to take a strong stand on equity and justice for all. The future of the NIC and the possibility of merging with another Conference was touched on. He addressed his concern about a significant shift in the denomination. This year’s Bishop Appeal raised over \$25,000 and went toward the UMCOR’s COVID - 19 relief efforts worldwide.

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, former NIC Bishop, delivered the message for the Memorial Service where we remembered clergy, spouses, staff, and laity who have passed in the last year, including the more than 600,000 Americans and 3.5 million worldwide who died from the Coronavirus. The Retirement Service celebrated the clergy who had retired with 362 years of service. Our own Jan Shaulis gave a heartfelt testimonial and thanked Pastor Caleb and our congregation for encouraging her in her quest for formal ministry. (Jan has been appointed from retirement to 2 churches in the northwest part of our conference.)

Ordination did not occur during the Conference but will take place on Oct. 1. We will reconvene on Oct. 2 via Zoom to address the budget for 2022 and nominations. Meeting virtually is obviously not the same as meeting in person. I missed the sharing of ideas, the music and sound of hundreds of voices, and the enthusiasm generated by the passion of so many. However, much was accomplished, and I look forward to 2022 when we can meet in person.

Sandy Ward, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference.

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Church Conference Report for 2021 - Lay Member to Annual Conference

The 182nd Session of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference was held on July 16 & 17 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on each day by Zoom presentation. The theme of this year’s conference was “Jesus Makes a Way”. The Conference took place in two days of business, voting, reports, Bible Study, and worship Services. For the second year COVID-19 restrictions restricted in-person meetings, making it necessary to meet virtually. A special thanks to GNTV for production assistance and Barrington UMC for hosting all those behind the scenes.

The Conference started for myself on Thursday, July 15th in an evening Zoom meeting of the Laity Session hosted by the NIC’s three Co-Lay Leaders. A time for conversation and learning was presented including a breakout presentation of the leaders of each new district. Several local churches from around the conference highlighted their new and creative ministries and a tour of the NIC website with tips on finding relevant information.

The first day started after a prayer with a Bible Study presentation by Bishop Julius C. Trimble from the Indiana Conference. He encouraged an “attitude of gratitude” based on Matthew 14:13 - 21 of Jesus feeding the 5,000. After a Pre-Conference briefing Overview and a break, the standard governing motions for the conference were addressed. This included acceptance of the Historic Reports and voting on the Consent Calendar. The Consent Calendar included the closing of eight churches Beach Park: York House, Northbrook: Glenbrook Korean, Ringwood, Wood Dale: Community, Chicago: Fernwood, Lisle: Faith, Alfolkey: Bethel, and Elkhorn. A prayer was offered for these communities.

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A report was given that the budget for 2022 will be based on 81% of apportionment giving at \$4,200,000.

Bishop John L. Hopkins, who came out of retirement to serve as our interim Bishop delivered the first part of his Episcopal Address. He focused on what he's perceived as the Conference's strength and challenges. "Most of the realities I have discovered are incredibly positive. For example, we have gifted and dedicated clergy and laity, we take a strong stand for equity and justice with full inclusion of everyone, our local churches are doing amazing frontline ministry, the conference's new structure under the Annual Conference Shepherding Team is streamlined and productive, and we continue to have a devotion to missions (the Northern Illinois Conference gave \$418,199 and supported 18 missionaries through the Advance in 2020)".

Bishop Hopkins addressed the reality of a continued decline in apportionment payments, concern about jurisdictional realignment of conferences (if we share a Bishop, the Northern Illinois Conference will not "merge" with another conference – at a future date two conferences can vote to merge if they desire) and concern about a significant shift in the denomination.

After a lunch break the Memorial Service was held. The message was presented by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung from the Wisconsin Conference and former NIC Bishop. He delivered a message titled, "Wreath for Your Excellent Leadership". During the Memorial Service we remembered clergy, spouses, staff, and laity who have passed in the last year, including the more than 600,000 of our fellow Americans and more than 3.5 million of our brothers and sisters worldwide who died from the Coronavirus. The day was completed with a Laity Address by the three Co-Lay Leaders and additional Legislation. A report was given that this year special Bishop's Appeal offering totaled more than \$25,000 and went toward the United Methodist Committee on Relief's COVID-19 relief effort worldwide. The second day started after a prayer with a continuation of the Bible Study led by Bishop Julius C. Trimble encouraging an "attitude of gratitude". Bishop Hopkins delivered his second Episcopal Address focusing on unity power and mission. Bishop Hopkins said "the church needs to be unified and empowered". "The church also needs to be clear about its mission: to make disciples; to love God with all our heart, and mind, and soul, and strength; and to love our neighbor as ourselves". Bishop Hopkins said it's important to equip local churches and ministry settings to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. "Our need to focus resources on the local church is not only about conference programs, budget, and strategy. It is about us" Bishop Hopkins concluded. "Can we focus our attention on the people in our communities who need to know about the God we serve? That is the shift we need to make. And that focus cannot be given over to a committee or task force. Each of us is responsible!" The Annual Conference voted on several pieces of legislation over the two days including support for marginalized communities negatively impacted by COVID-19, advocating for the rights of Palestinian children and families, humanizing criminal justice, reorganization and streamlining of the program areas in the Conference, and a revision of the standing rules to reinstate legislative sections at Annual Conference beginning in 2022. All of the legislation documents were approved except for a document on an Amendment to the Standing Rules for Consent Calendar that was disapproved by action of the Consent Calendar. The business of the Conference was concluded before lunch. I thought Bishop Hopkins did an excellent job conducting this Annual Conference. Keep on your calendar October 1st for the 2021 Service of Ordination and Commissioning (limited in - person, also livestreamed) and October 2nd business session (held via Zoom) to address the budget, nominations, and the United Methodist Foundation of the NIC's Annual meeting. The 2022 Annual Conference will be held June 8-9 and return in person at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center. Following a lunch break, we had the Retirement Service. This service celebrated those clergy and local pastors who have been a gift to the church, offering leadership to congregations and ministries beyond the church. Combined, this class has served 362 years. The highlights of this service were the many stories and advice given by each of the retirees.

Jim Simmons

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The first session 2021 Northern Illinois Conference was held via Zoom on July 16th and 17th broadcasted from Barrington United Methodist Church with Interim Bishop John Hopkins presiding. Our church delegation included three lay members, Sandra Ward, Jim Simmons and me, Barry Barnett. I was elected to serve as a delegate from our church at the church conference in 2020 in order to present different points of view and represent the members of our congregation that hold traditional Methodist beliefs. I looked forward to having a platform to counteract the very progressive agenda of the Northern Illinois Conference. Many Methodist conferences across the United States have been in open rebellion because of the position reaffirmed in 2019 by the Special General Conference of the United Methodist Church regarding homosexuality. Normally when a General Conference passes a policy, and it is determined to be constitutional, then the appointed clergy from local pastors all the way up to the bishops are required to enforce that policy. All the policies are included in the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

After the 2019 policy reaffirmation there has been several conferences and individual churches that have denounced the decision and some clergy have refused to enforce the policies therefore openly violating the Book of Discipline. Gay marriages have been conducted and openly gay clergy have been appointed and, in some cases, promoted. As many in our congregation are aware I support the church's position that was reaffirmed in 2019. If a church is to survive as a denomination, there must be a process for resolving issues of faith and belief. We have always had a process and, in my opinion, violations by rogue clergy and church members are unacceptable. Instead of continuing to resolve issues using proper processes, progressives have moved our denomination to the edge of a destructive schism which may have negative effects on the mission of our church both nationally and locally.

When I received the documents for our annual conference, I read them with an expectation that there would be legislation to be debated regarding our conference's positions that are in violation of the Book of Discipline. I discovered that many of the documents had been included in a "Preliminary Consent Calendar" determined by a committee in consultation with the bishop.

That calendar is presented in whole for approval or non-approval. I first learned that the only way to remove legislative documents from this calendar was to submit a petition before July 1st, 2021, with at least 25 other delegate signatures. I learned this at the pre-conference orientation which took place on July 8th, 2021. I voted against the acceptance of the Preliminary Consent Calendar, but it passed by an overwhelming majority. That left only 5 legislative actions to be discussed and voted upon in session. They were: Advocating for Palestinian Children 700.09 Support for those Effected by COVID-19 700.10, Call for Jurisdictional Conference 700.11 Humanizing Criminal Justice 700.13, Revised Legislative Process 702.06

The only topic that may have enabled me to express my views regarding what is happening was 700.11 a Call for Jurisdictional Conference although I knew my remarks might be declared as not germane to the topic. I did get recognized and was able to speak but was interrupted by the Bishop for not being on topic. I pled my case and was allowed to finish my speech although it was somewhat disjointed. After I spoke the Bishop moved immediately to a vote. I voted no but the document was approved overwhelmingly. Other regular business including the multitude of issues passed in whole through use of the "Preliminary Consent Calendar" is available at the Northern Illinois Conference Website. Also, the entire proceedings were recorded and may be viewed on YouTube.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry Barnett - Faith United Methodist Church – Lay Delegate



Missions News

The Missions Committee wants to thank all of you who contributed to the Christmas gifts for Together We Cope's Adopt-a-Child program & the Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree. We delivered 135 toys, pajamas & gift cards to Together We Cope & 50 names were taken from the online site for Angel Tree. Many children had a good

Christmas because of all of you. We also made 300 Christmas cards & bookmarks for the students of Springfield School in Midlothian. Happy New Year from the Missions Committee.

Genie Lang, Chair

Pastoral Emergency Fund

Objective: Provide monetary assistance to our neighbors in need.

Background: Faith currently has a designated fund that provides bill assistance and gift cards to our neighbors who express need. Foreseeing the economic repercussions for our neighbors who receive hourly wages and are unable to work for two weeks, we are anticipating a significant increase in assistance requests. By donating to the Pastoral Emergency Fund, your resources will be used by Faith's pastors to assist with bill payments and gift card assistance.

How to help: You can donate to the Pastoral Emergency Fund by mailing a check to Faith United Methodist Church, 15101 S. 80th Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462. Please make checks payable to Faith United Methodist Church. In the memo line of the check write Pastoral Emergency Fund for your donation to be used towards bill assistance. Or, in the memo line of the check write Pastoral Emergency Fund - Gift Cards if you would like for your donation to be used to purchase gift cards for assistance.

You will be credited on your giving statements for donations to the Pastor Emergency Fund.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Caleb at pastorcaleb@faithumcop.org or 815-474-3136 (cell).

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is January 9th, 2022. It will be in the fellowship hall from 9 AM to 1 PM. It's not too late to give one more gift - the gift of life!



SCRIP GIFT CARDS

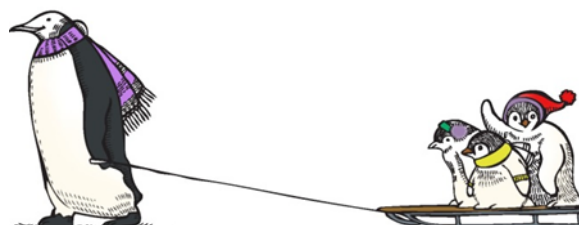


The Scrip table will be in the lobby on Sundays between services to place your gift card orders. See Genie Lang with questions.

Scrip order forms & the list of businesses is now available on our website. I ask that you not use the form with all the businesses listed. You can either use the short form that you can print out & write your order on, or write your order on a piece of paper. I have been placing Scrip orders every Sunday. You can put the orders in the scrip mailbox in the office & pick them up the following Sunday. Arrangements can be made to pick them up sooner. Call 708-638-8461.

Don't forget that all money raised goes to support our adult and youth mission trips. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 708-638-8461 or 708-429-2205.

Yours in Christ,
Genie Lang, Scrip Co-Ordinator



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Weekly E-Notes

Weekly e-notes continue. These are short news blasts (different from our monthly newsletters) that Pastor Caleb & Pastor Caitlyn send out each week. Each note contains a short devotion and a reminder of "news" for the upcoming week. The goal of the weekly e-notes is simple: to improve communication within our church family. If you'd like to subscribe to this mailing list, go to our church website (www.faithumcop.org) and sign up.

Newsletters by E-mail

We have gone green with our newsletters. If you're tech-savvy and able to receive our monthly newsletter via email, send a note to our church office (faith@faithumcop.org). Let the office know that you'd like to receive the newsletter as an email attachment and the email address you'd like for us to use for this mailing. By taking this simple step, you can help us save both dollars and trees.



Deadlines

Please forward all articles/information/photos for the monthly newsletter and for the Sunday bulletin to: faith@faithumcop.org. The deadline for all newsletter articles is noon **the 15th of each month**; the deadline for the bulletin information is **Wednesday at noon**. Be certain to indicate if the news is for the bulletin and/or the newsletter.

Church Usage Policy Exempt form

Last year we adopted a new Church Usage Policy which has a few times out of the week allotted for children and youth programs to follow along with our Church Strategic Goals. This evening is Friday from 5:30 - 8:00 PM. On Sunday from 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM only church sponsored events can be held. We wanted to remind people that there are days that we do not have programming and we have a "Church Usage Exemption Form" you can fill out if your group is wanting to meet on one of those days. You will want to look on the church calendar in room 4 and see if there is anything scheduled. Please do not write anything on this master calendar. If nothing is on the schedule, pick up an Exemption Form outside of room 4 and submit it to Sandy Ward. It will be reviewed by the team and an answer will be given to you in a timely fashion. If you have any questions on how this works, you can see Sandy Ward, Kim Clifton or Ed Bayles.

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Saturday Service: Contemporary - 4 PM

Sunday Services: Traditional - 9:00 AM

Contemporary - 11:00 AM

Nursery - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM — 3:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM — 1:00 PM

Caleb Hong: Pastor

Beth Ridderhoff, Director of Music

Kim Clifton, Director of Family Ministries

Jim Sandberg: Director of Congregational Care

Linda Bitzer: Office Manager

Sandy Ward: Program Coordinator

Josh Bailey-Green: Director of AV and Web Ministries

Rolf Moan: Choir Director

Don Lowry: Custodian

Please submit newsletter articles by the 15th of each month. Articles can be e-mailed, or submitted in MS WORD format.

Text Messaging Sign Up

We are using a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that will help us share important **updates and reminders**. If you are interested in being added to this means of communication via text, please text to 81010 in "To" line & @faithum in message line. All personal information is kept private. You can opt-out of messages at any time by replying "unsubscribe @faithum". There is no charge for using this service if you have an unlimited text plan. If you have a specific text plan, each received message will be 1 text.

Check out our website: www.faithumcop.org.

Attn: All committee chairs should review their web page information to ensure accuracy of information. Provide updates to Sandy Mawhinnie, webmaster (smawhinnie@sbcglobal.net).

SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

Please keep our homebound in your thoughts and prayers:

Doriss Hoover, Garnet Suhs, Mario Vergara

Please keep these people in your prayers:

For healthcare workers, first responders, police officers, fire fighters and everyday heroes who service keeps us safe, for school staff, students and families. For the victims of the tornadoes

For Health & Healing:

Meriellen Anderson

Sue Azana

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Brian Bachman for daughter, Abby

Pastor Josh's father, Ron Bailey

Sue Blattner

Donna Brazda for friend, Carol

Trinity Casto

Phil Chandler

Harold Deneka

Rebeca Deneka for friend, Karen

Al & Peg DeNormandie for Al's sister, Jinx

Peggy DeNormandie for mother, Marge, granddaughter, Paige, son, David

Glenn Drechsel

Ron Drechsel

Doris Fenton

Bob Fulton

Ron Harley

Susan Heaton's mother, Janice

Doriss Hoover

Anna Hopper for Ryan's grandmother, Janean

Mike Kubillus

Wendy Koch

Jackie Konidaris for Joey's grandfather, Tony & friend, Brook

Sandi Kough

Chuck Kreuz

Patty Lazarz for friends, Connie & daughter, Heide & Mary & daughter, Kelly

Connie Lundin for sister, Mary & sister-in-law, Pat

George Motzer for neighbor, Jim

Theresa Philosophos

Ken Pruim

Marla Smith for friend, Jacob

Joan Smith

Cindy Tabag

Kim Thompson

Mario Vergara

Linda Wright for husband, Don



In Memoriam
Dennis Iwinski
1947 - 2021










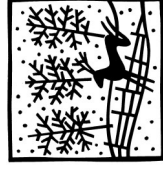






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In Memoriam
Al Noland
1932 - 2021

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January 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 2 Worship 10 AM OA 2 PM						1 OA 8:30 AM New Years Day Worship 10 AM 
3 Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM 	4		5 CODA 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM	6 CODA 10 AM AA 6:30 PM AI Anon 8 PM Confirmation 7 PM  Vet Voices 7 PM	7 	8 OA 8:30 AM Worship 4 PM
9 Men of Faith Breakfast 7:30 AM Blood Drive 9 AM-1 PM Worship 9 & 11 AM Unhanging of the Greens 12:15 PM OA 2 PM	10 Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM O'Green 7:30 PM 	11	12 CODA 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM 	13 CODA 10 AM AA 6:30 PM Confirmation 7 PM AI Anon 8 PM	14	15 OA 8:30 AM Worship 4 PM Ruth Circle 6 PM
16 Worship 9 & 11 AM OA 2 PM	17 Tai Chi 10:30 AM Worship Committee 7 PM SA 7 PM	18 	19 Promise Keepers 8:30 AM CODA 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM	20 CODA 10 AM AA 6:30 PM Finance Comm. 7 PM Confirmation 7 PM AI Anon 8 PM	21 	22 OA 8:30 AM Worship 4 PM
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JANUARY 2022

Special Upcoming Events

- Jan. 1 New Year's Day Worship Service 10 AM
- Jan. 2 Joint Worship Service 10 AM
- Jan. 9 Blood Drive 9 AM - 1 PM
- Unhanging of the Greens 12:15 PM
- Jan. 30 Reid Baptism



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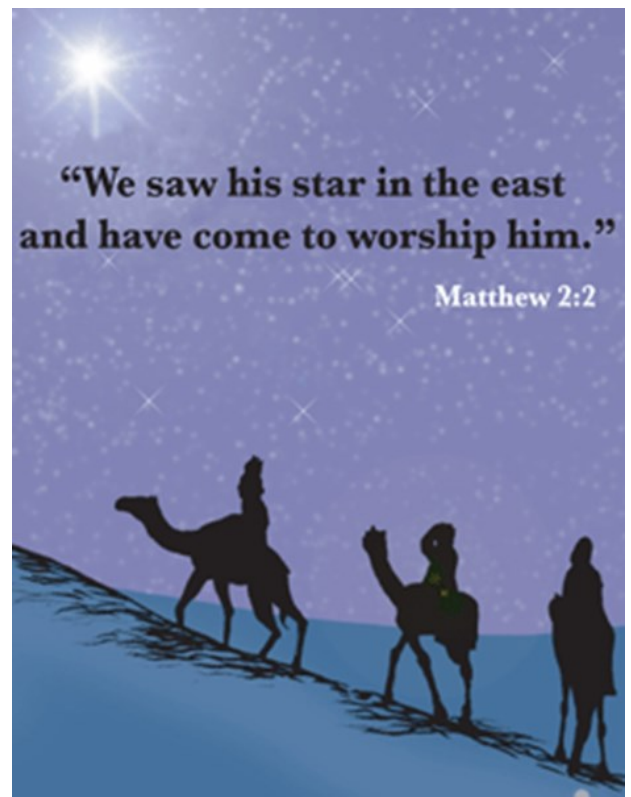
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