

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ORLAND PARK

FAITH MATTERS



VBS Highlights



We did activities in Worship!



We ate snacks and hung out in the Snack Lab!



We played games in the Action Lab!



We did crafts and experiments in the STEAM Lab!



We acted out Bible stories in the Bible Lab!

Turn the page for more on VBS . .

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**Family
Ministries**



We had a fantastic week this year at our VBS “Changemakers Lab.” Students learned about how to be “Changemakers” in the world using their minds, hearts, hands, and feet. They used stories from the Bible and applied them to our world today. The week couldn’t have happened without our amazing volunteers. They joyfully guided our students through the day, teaching them in every way that they interacted with them.



Finally, as promised, Ms. Jamie went to church on Sunday in a Dino Romper, with crazy dyed hair, pug slippers, and riding in on a bike because the students raised \$600 for Together We Cope’s Back to School Campaign!

**This will provide
School Supplies
for 12 kids!**

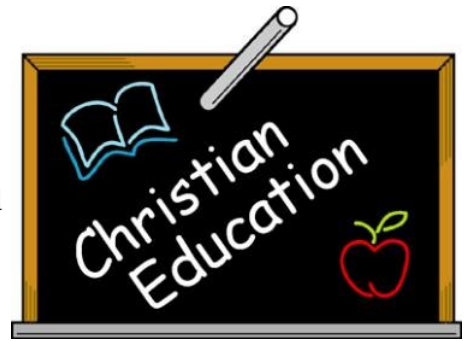


Earlier this month, our Community Care program hosted a Mercy Festival for members and their families. Below is a story that was featured in our newsletter. The food assistance provided by Faith United Methodist Church supported many of our Community Care member’s needs. I thought it might be nice to share more about our Community Care program and this recent gathering.

Thank you for Faith United Methodist’s generosity to our members!

Elizabeth Sorice

The article being referenced is on the bulletin board.



Christian Education Committee

Welcome to Pastor Conway. We look forward to getting to know him and hearing his ideas for Christian Education programs. In Fall of 2023 there will be small groups but there will not be an accompanying sermon series. More information about our fall small groups will be coming the later this month.

Disciple Bible Study

Disciple Bible Study course is a Methodist Bible study for those who want to learn more about the Old and New Testaments. Cokesbury publishers say, “The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. Disciple draws upon the work of scholars, the personal Bible reading and study of the participant, and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible.” Church members who have done the Disciple class have said it took their faith to higher level.

Nancy and Dale Carver will lead a Disciple 1 or 2 class this Fall, depending on the preferences of group members. Please email Nancy at carverdn2comcast.net for more Disciple Bible Study information

Jigsaw puzzle give away:

There are many jigsaw puzzles in Room 13 which have been donated for your enjoyment. You can “give one, take one” or pass it on when you’ve finished.



Hi Everyone from your Endowment Committee.

We met on July 11th for our regularly scheduled meeting.

We received 4 grant requests for review at this meeting . The decision was made to approve the following requests: My Joyful Heart - Mokena, IL, and Jennifer S Fallick Cancer Support Center- Homewood & Mokena, IL.

All grant requests that we receive whether the requests are approved or the decision was made by the committee to not fund the grant request at this time, a letter is sent from the Endowment Committee.

I was able to deliver the check in person to Erin Burns the Director of “My Joyful Heart” to help

purchase school supplies for their “Back to School” event. This annual program helps to supply children in need with backpacks filled with all the items to help get them ready for the new school year. Erin gave me a tour of the new Resale Shop they just opened this week.

We also discussed endowment’s contributions towards “Tee Up for Youth” coming up on August 6th & how we could help with the reception that was held for Pastor Conway.

Our next meeting date is set for Tuesday, September 12th. Happy Summer, Paula Morrone Chair of Endowment



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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.

Honor Flag: We raise the honor flag 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.

General Membership Meeting: Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 3, 7 PM at the Orland Park Veterans Building, 15045 S. West Ave., Orland Park. Pam Barnett of PAWWS (Paws for Wounded Warriors) will be our guest and will speak to us about her organization's mission and operation.

Salute to Veterans: Join us at the Taste of Orland on Saturday, August 5, at 7 PM, for this annual program to salute our armed forces and our veterans. This is a main stage event.

Veterans and Athletes United Global War on Terror Memorial: Fri-Sat (8/4-8/5) This awe-inspiring display of the sacrifice of members of our armed forces will be on display near the Village of Orland Park Veterans Memorial, Ara Pace, Place of Peace. This 28' x 6' replica of the American flag is made of dog tags representing the more than 7000 service members who have lost their lives during the War on Terror. Please visit and pay your respects to our heroes.

Veteran Voices is now a 501c3 charitable organization, meaning contributions will be tax deductible. 100% of all contributions will go to veterans in need, veterans' support organizations, and veterans' activities.

Questions? Contact Gary Lang @ 708-638-5213.



Men of Faith United Methodist Men activities for August 2023, and beyond!

Men of Faith Sunrise Breakfast: The Sunrise Breakfast will be on Sunday, 8/13, at 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be provided. We will eat breakfast, review upcoming events, and Dale Carver will present a short devotional.

Promise Keepers Breakfast: Wednesday, 8/16, 8:30 AM at Stacks Restaurant. Stacks is located at the corner of Harlem Avenue and 183rd Street. Jim Simmons will lead the meeting.

Lake South District UMM Wednesday Night Bible Study: The Bible Study group is going on summer hiatus starting 6/1, restarting on 9/6 with 1 Kings. We will be using the study guide, "1 and 2 Kings" published by LifeChange. Questions? Contact Dale Carver.

Lake South District UMM Monthly Meetings: These meetings are taking a summer break, resuming on 9/9, 8:30 AM, at Wesley UMC, 201 E. 95th St, Chicago, 60619.

Northern Illinois Conference Spiritual Congress: 9/15-9/17, Williams Bay, Wisconsin. BE THERE!

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



Worlds of DC/ Marvel



Looking forward to meeting everyone interested in comics and related subjects at our next meeting on August 8th from 7-8 PM. We will share our personal preferences for DC or Marvel comics. We'll talk about building our own personal collections. If you have any special comics you'd like to share with the group, please bring it/them with you to the meeting.

Question, please call or text Dave at 708.439.4250 or Steve at 708.915.9878.



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. By donating to the Pastoral Emergency Fund, your resources will be used by Faith's pastor 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.



Thankful Thursday

We will be taking a break for the summer. Watch for information about the picnic in September.

Enjoy your summer!

If you have any questions about the Thankful Thursday group, contact:

*Dorothy Wertzbauger
at
708-370-7504*

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP & SINGLES EVENTS

Sunday, September 17 @ 12:30 PM. Church Picnic Day, Join us at Union Creek Park on 80th Avenue in Tinley Park. (3 playgrounds and restrooms available and plenty of parking) Watch for flyers about this event...

*nancyclemenson@gmail.com or 309.337.9174



Fellowship News



Tee Up for Youth will be Sunday, Aug. 6th this year. We are changing things up a bit. Mini golf & regular golf will be available. Dinner will be pizza, salad & desserts and will be at the church in the fellowship hall. Food will be served at 5 PM. A magic show and viewing/bidding of silent auction items will be presented at 4 PM.

We will also have our famous silent auction items. They will be available to view & pre-bid on Sunday, 7/30 & 8/6.

If you are unable to attend but wish to financially contribute, you will be able to make a donation. Look for the display in the lobby, you can purchase a flag for par (\$10), birdie (\$25), eagle (\$50) & hole in one (\$100).

This is going to be a FUN, FAMILY event. Mark your calendars!



Have you been hoping to sing one of your favorite hymns during services? Our music department is looking for suggestions. If there is something you would like to sing, just send an email to the office (faith@faithumcop.org) and we will forward it for you.



If you are excited about watching, “The Chosen” or just curious about it, why don’t you join our small group. They currently meet on the first and third Mondays of the month. There are some exceptions to this around any holiday - check with the group. The group meets at 6 PM. Bring your own soft drink and a snack to share. You will watch an episode and then have a lively conversation!

If you have any questions, contact : Diane Barnett at 708.651.0365.



Repair the Harm to Children

As you may know, the Boy Scouts of America recently settled a lawsuit related to accusations of sexual abuse of children. Many churches, including United Methodists, have chartered BSA troops or packs over the years. As part of the settlement, the United Methodist Church has agreed to raise and give \$30 million over a three-year period to a fund to compensate survivors. The church also agreed to work for the healing of survivors and recommit to work toward ending sexual abuse of young people.



We care for the survivors financially by contributing our fair share to the survivor fund established by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Of the \$30 million committed by the United Methodist Church, the amount allocated to the Northern Illinois Conference is \$754,348. Our Conference has recommended that each church pledge 1% of its annual budget which would be payable over 3 years.

Upon the recommendation of our Finance Committee, the Church Council approved the pledging of \$1825 for this and each of the next 2 years. In addition, the congregation will be given the opportunity to make a "love offering" to the Repair the Harm to Children fund. We will be collecting the weeks of August 19/20 and 26/27 . All donations will be sent with our pledge this fall.



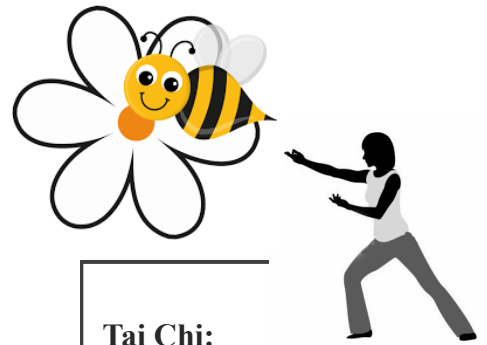
If you are looking for ways to serve the church, the AV team is looking for volunteers to help out with the sound provided during services. We are looking for someone for Saturday, the fifth Sunday at 11 AM, and as a back up.

No experience needed and training will be provided. If you are interested, contact: Michelle at michelle@faithumcop.org.

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Thanks to the 13 people that donated blood this time! Because of your generosity, 39 people's lives may be saved! Way to go!



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



“Witness to Fitness” meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday, at 9:00 AM for exercise, fellowship and walking class.
God Bless !!



If you're still wondering what our RaiseRight program is all

about, please stop by our table in the church lobby between services on Sundays. I would be happy to explain how buying gift cards helps fund our adult and youth mission trips. A list of all the cards we offer can be picked up at the table. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Blessings,

Genie Lang
RaiseRight Coordinator



Faith United Methodist Church is a church family dedicated to bringing people to Jesus Christ through worship, education, mission, and fellowship.

To Our Faith Family.....

WE ARE grateful FOR YOU!

God must be throwing the party of the century and He needed the DJ of the century to spin it!! God called our son, DJ Randall to come home and Randall answered, here I am, Lord.

Many of you know and welcomed Randall to the Faith family. During the pandemic and even today, all of you have been touched by Randall's gift of music. He has played with Faith Rising, recorded and produced the hymns, Patty playing the organ, piano music, Rolf singing, many of the choir members singing, instrumentalists, and Faith Rising for our worship services. Randall loved his music. He loved serving Jesus and the family at Faith. He felt your love and appreciation for him and his gifts. Thank you for inviting him to serve at Faith.

Our hearts are overwhelmed by the kindness, the love, the prayers, the cards, the gifts, the hugs, the tears, the memories you share and friendship that you have gifted us with. We are truly blessed. Thank you for walking on this difficult journey with us.

Please continue to lift our family in your prayers. And, please continue to lift Randall's beautiful children, Lucas, Trent, Hunter and Roxie in your prayers.

We give thanks to God for the gift of His Son, Jesus.
We give thanks to God for the gift of His child, our son, Randall.
We give thanks to God for you, our Faith Family.

Joy and Love in the Lord,
Randy, Beth and Maribeth Ridderhoff





Come
Worship
with us



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Saturday Service: Blended - 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 —3:00 PM
Friday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM

Jacques Conway: Pastor
Beth Ridderhoff, Director of Music
Jamie Meehan, Director of Family Ministries
Jim Sandberg: Director of Congregational Care
Sally Puzon: Office Manager
Sandy Ward: Program Coordinator
Michelle Babics: Director of AV Ministries
Rolf Moan: Choir Director
Renee Powers: Custodian

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

Nursery Help Needed

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 need to have attended a Safe Sanctuary class within the past 3 years. If you are willing to assist occasionally with this important job for Sunday services or have questions, please contact Kathy Broadhurst at (708) 535-3591.



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 Michelle Babics (Michelle@faithumcop.org).



Strategic Goals

Bless Children & Youth
Deepen Discipleship
Broaden Missional Impact

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.

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.

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Please keep our homebound in your thoughts and prayers:

Nancy Jeutter, Garnet Suhs, Mario Vergara, Doreen Wardell

Please lift up in your prayers:

For neighbors in Chicago & around the world impacted by gun violence
For people of Ukraine and all parts of the world torn apart by war
For healthcare workers, first responders, police officers, & fire fighters
For all who struggle with sadness and depression

For Health & Healing:

Al Januszewski
Allen DeNormandie prayers for brother Jack
Amanda Steenvoorden
Barbara Kellogg
Barry Barnett
Beth Bryce
Beverly Dowdle prayers for Debbie & Daryl
Bob Connolly
Bob Fulton
Brenda Madding prayers for Steve Kreuz
Carole & Chuck Kreuz
Chris Minetti prayers for herself & boyfriend Joe
Darryl Wertheim
Dolores Genis
Dolores Genis prayers for friends Joy & Steve & Doug
Don Edgren
Doris Fenton
Fischer Family prayers for Bethshan residents
Frank Roessler
Greg & Lorie Bradach prayers for grandson Felix born prematurely
Greg & Lorie Bradach prayers for niece Stephanie
Greg Brudnicki
Harold Deneka
Herb & Carmen Mohn
Jackie Konidaris prayers for Tony & Paul
Jan & Bill Haberichter prayers for Daughter-in-law Nikki
John & Vici prayers for family member Becky
Joyce Januszewski prayers for sister Jan
Judy Janes prayers for son Nathan
Kathy Drechsel
Kevin Palmer prayers for mother Maureen and brother Tim
Maury Junod
Kip Hendrickson
Meriellen Anderson
Michelle Babics prayers for brother Steve & friend Kristina
Patty Lazarz prayers for friend Georgia
Phil & Linda Bitzer prayers for brother-in-law Billy
Ron Drechsel
Ron Libs for cousin, Colleen
Trina Hoskins prayers for her family
Vanessa Leon
Wendy Koch

Condolences:

Lil Wertheim and family on the passing of Darryl
Kevin Palmer and family on the passing of his father, Larry,
Marge Pantaleo prayers for Lewington family in the passing of her nephew Aron




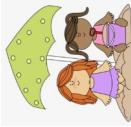
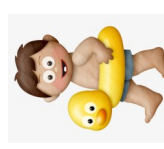



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers





August 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Faith UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</p>						
<p>6 Worship 9 & 11 AM OA 2 PM Tee Up For Youth </p>	<p>7 Tai Chi 10:30 AM The Chosen 6 PM SA 7 PM</p>	<p>8 AA 6:30 PM DC/Marvel Comics 7 PM</p>	<p>9 CODA 10 AM Upper Room 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM </p>	<p>10 WW 9:30 AM WW 6 PM Trustees 7 PM RISE 7 PM AI Anon 8 PM</p>	<p>11 WW 8 AM WW 10:30 AM</p>	<p>12 OA 8:30 AM WW 7, 8:30, & 10 AM Worship 4 PM</p>
<p>13 Worship 9 & 11 AM Planning meeting - Thankful Thursday 10:15 AM OA 2 PM</p>	<p>14 Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM Church Council 7 PM O'Green 7:30 PM</p>	<p>15 AA 6:30 PM </p>	<p>16 CODA 10 AM Promise Keepers 8:30 AM Upper Room 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM</p>	<p>17 WW 9:30 AM WW 6 PM Finance 7 PM Zoom RISE 7 PM AI Anon 8 PM</p>	<p>18 WW 7:30, WW 10:30 AM </p>	<p>19 OA 8:30 AM WW 7, 8:30, & 10 AM Worship 4 PM</p>
<p>20 Worship 9 & 11 AM OA 2 PM</p>	<p>21 Tai Chi 10:30 AM The Chosen 6 PM SA 7 PM</p>	<p>22 AA 6:30 PM</p>	<p>23 CODA 10 AM Upper Room 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM</p>	<p>24 WW 9:30 AM WW 6 PM RISE 7 PM AI Anon 8 PM</p>	<p>25 WW 8 AM WW 10:30 AM</p>	<p>26 OA 8:30 AM WW 7, 8:30, & 10 AM Worship 4 PM</p>
<p>27 Worship 9 & 11 AM OA 2 PM </p>	<p>28 Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM</p>	<p>29 AA 6:30 PM Mary Circle </p>	<p>30 CODA 10 AM Upper Room 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM Mary's Circle 11 AM SA 7 PM</p>	<p>31 WW 9:30 AM WW 6 PM RISE 7 PM AI Anon 8 PM</p>	<p></p>	<p>Note: Walking Club Witness to Fitness meets every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9-10 AM </p>

Key:
 AI-Anon - Alcoholics Anonymous Group for Families
 ALS - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
 CODA - CoDependents Anonymous
 O'Green - Financial
 SA - Sexaholics Anonymous
 S-Anon - Sexaholics Anonymous Group for Families

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Special Upcoming Events



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Be sure to check bulletin for any changes and/or additions to the events listed here.

Please check with the office or the committee chair for exact times and locations. See our website for other, regularly scheduled events & meetings.