



# faith church

## W I L L I S T O N

### MONTHLY NEWS

# january 2024

## pastor's note

God is at work in and through us. As I reflect on all that happened in 2023, there is so much to be thankful.

We began our life as a Global Methodist Church! Taking a stand on the authority of Scripture and the imperative of putting hands, feet and voice to our convictions defines us. We believe that we are not our own, that we belong to the Living God who continues speaking through His word. We believe His witness through all the ministries of Out in Faith is bringing people closer to God. We have learned the gift of patience as we worked through the issues with our building. Though we are far from done, there is a great joy being back in the sanctuary! We continue working on the carpet and finishing the basement so there will be more opportunities to learn about God's timing!

We are grateful for all who are servant leaders in the church, who make it possible for ministry to happen. Thank you for the time you give out of your already busy lives. Thank you to the Methodist Women and the Quilters who give beyond themselves.

Thank you to all in Music and Christian Education and all the others who do so much.

So as we prepare for this new year, join me in praying John Wesley's convent prayer: I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

With a grateful heart,  
Ross

## Get in Touch



### Sunday Worship Times

9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30 am - Worship

11:00 am - Online Worship

## upper room

The January-February Upper Room Devotionals are available at the church. If you would like one sent to you, please contact the church office.

# Announcements

## out in faith & g.i.f.t.

We are grateful for everyone who assisted us during the Christmas season! All who received a Christmas Bucket were excited and grateful for the gift. Thank you everyone who made the Christmas Bucket project a reality.

The holiday season is special to everyone, but often times it can be a difficult time when one is struggling in life. Each week people seek assistance both physically and spiritually. Many have received coats, gloves and blankets. We are able to be generous because you are generous as well as our supporters. Thank you for helping us meet the needs as they arise at Faith Church through Out In Faith and the GIFT service and meal.

If you would like to assist with a meal, please come to the church by 4pm on Saturday evenings, or call the church office. Thank you for your part in Out In Faith! A special "Thank You" to ALL who gave!

## sheets needed

The Quilters need flat sheets in good condition for some blankets. They need full size sheets on up. If you have some you would like to donate sheets, please bring them to the church office or contact Ann Gudmunson.

## grace recovery

Grace Recovery is a ministry for those recovering from addiction. Adults meet for a short Biblical discussion before small groups. Children are welcome.

Grace Recovery meets every Wednesday at 6:45

## christian education

Welcome back to Sunday school after having our Christmas program and Christmas break. It was such a joy to see so many children take part in our program, and I hope to see all of you in Sunday school and confirmation.

The only date I have on our upcoming calendar is Super Bowl Subs and Chili Fundraiser on February 11. There will be preorder forms in the bulletin and newsletter in February, but you can still order at the last minute. You may have your meal at church or to go. All students fifth grade through confirmation are asked to help build subs and clean up. Complete information is coming next month.

Please come join us in Sunday school, Confirmation and adult fellowship each Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

Debbie Brown

## a time of celebration

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all who have been celebrating in January and will be celebrating in February. God bless you!

## home communion

Home Communion: If you would like communion, but do not feel comfortable gathering with others during this time of COVID or are limited in your ability to leave your home, please let us know at the church office and we will arrange a home visit with communion for you.

## financial giving

Financial giving will continue to be an option on our website: [FaithChurchWilliston.org](http://FaithChurchWilliston.org)

## greeting cards

The United Methodist Women sell greeting cards all year long. The cards are in boxes of 12-16 cards. There are cards for all occasions: birthday (adult and children), Confirmation, graduation, wedding, get well, sympathy, thinking of you, etc. The box price is \$6.00. If you are interested in cards, please check with the church office.



# MONTHLY CALENDAR

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| Sunday                              | Monday                   | Tuesday                           | Wednesday   | Thursday                                     | Friday | Saturday             |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--------|----------------------|
|                                     | 1                        | 2<br>Noon Bible Study             | 3<br>Noon Bible Study<br>6:45 pm Recovery Ministry  | 4<br>1 pm Faith Quilters<br>7 pm Boy Scouts  | 5      | 6<br>5 pm GIFT meal  |
| 7<br>Sunday School Resumes          | 8<br>6:00 pm Cub Scouts  | 9<br>Noon Bible Study<br>7 pm 4-H | 10<br>Noon Bible Study<br>6:45 pm Recovery Ministry | 11<br>1 pm Faith Quilters<br>7 pm Boy Scouts | 12     | 13<br>5 pm GIFT meal |
| 14                                  | 15<br>6:00 pm Cub Scouts | 16<br>Noon Bible Study            | 17<br>Noon Bible Study<br>6:45 pm Recovery Ministry | 18<br>1 pm Faith Quilters<br>7 pm Boy Scouts | 19     | 20<br>5 pm GIFT meal |
| 21<br>11:35 am Administrative Board | 22<br>6:00 pm Cub Scouts | 23<br>Noon Bible Study            | 24<br>Noon Bible Study<br>6:45 pm Recovery Ministry | 25<br>1 pm Faith Quilters<br>7 pm Boy Scouts | 26     | 27<br>No GIFT meal   |
| 28                                  | 29<br>6:00 pm Cub Scouts | 30                                | 31  |  |        |                      |

"So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my  
righteous right hand."

-Isaiah 41:10



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