



# faith church

W I L L I S T O N

## MONTHLY NEWS

# december 2024

### pastor's note

The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He will judge between the nations  
and will settle disputes for many peoples.  
They will beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.  
Nation will not take up sword against nation,  
nor will they train for war anymore.

-Isaiah 2:3,4

Happy Advent and Christmas Season!

Soon we will be consumed with the business of Christmas. The decorations are going up, lights are appearing on the houses and new seasonal blow ups are waiving on the lawns. Thanksgiving's meal is barely settled, and we are planning out the Christmas cookies. So much activity, so much to plan and do.

In the middle of all this Holiday cheer, we remember that this is the season of peace and reconciliation. The busy days are meant as a reminder that the Prince of Peace pierced space and time and dwelled with us. The activity of the world with the endless burdens and weights we carry are laid down at the manger and ultimately at the cross. No more swords and spears, no more war. For unto us is born a Savior who is Christ the Lord!

Merry Christmas and Peace on Earth!

Pastor Ross

### scholarships

College scholarships are available for members and participants at Faith Methodist Church. The applicant must have graduated from high school or GED. Those interested in applying for a scholarship, please come to the church office for an application. Deadline is January 1, 2025.

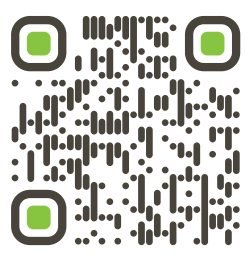
### a time of celebration

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

### bible study

Bible Studies are offered every Tuesday and Wednesday at Noon in the Fireside Room. All are welcome.

## Get in Touch



- Sunday Worship Times
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 am - Worship

# Announcements

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

We are truly grateful for everyone who assisted with the Thanksgiving meal!! 680 meals were served on November 23 at the GIFT meal. 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 are assistance both physically and spiritually. Many have received coats and gloves from the ministry. This fall, about 98 coats were given to people in need of a warm coat. 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.

The GIFT meal is served as a drive through meal. We serve the meal between 5-6:15 pm each Saturday. We will not be serving a meal on December 28. If you would like to assist with a meal, please contact the church office or come to the Church by 4:15pm on Saturday evenings, or call the church office.



## christian education

We are busy at Sunday School. We are rehearsing for our Christmas Program during Sunday school. All children are welcome to participate in the Christmas Program.

Our Christmas program is during the worship service. We will follow with a potluck and Christmas bags for all the children.

Please join us for a wonderful morning and bring your favorite main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Please view our calendar for the rest of this year.

Have a very blessed Christmas,

Debbie Brown

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| Dec 1  | Sunday school 9:30   |
| Dec 7  | Program rehearsal 10:00  |
| Dec 8  | Sunday School at 9:30<br>Christmas program 10:30<br>Potluck to follow at 11:30 |
| Dec 15 | Sunday school 9:30   |
| Dec 22 | Sunday school at 9:30 with our Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration                |
| Dec 29 | No Sunday school   |

## 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.

## cookie exchange

We are having a cookie exchange on Monday, December 9 at 6:00 pm. The cookies will be used for baskets for shut-ins and others in our church.

If you would like to participate, please bring 7 dozen of cookies. We are meeting in the Fireside Room.

## our mission project

Our mission project for November is the Christmas Bucket project through Out In Faith.

Each December, Out in Faith gives "Christmas Buckets" to all who attend the GIFT meal on Saturday nights. The buckets are gender and age appropriate. Each bucket will include toothbrush, tooth paste, brush or comb, wash cloth, soap, shampoo, hat, gloves, new socks, and a little candy. In the men's buckets, we add a razor, shaving cream and deodorant. For the women, we add deodorant and lotion. In the youth and children's buckets, we add crayons or colored pencils, small age appropriate toy, drawing paper or notebook, game/puzzle and maybe a stuffed animal.

If you would like to assist with the Christmas Buckets, bring monetary or physical gifts to Faith Church by December 3.

Thank you.

# MONTHLY CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	3 11 am Bible Study	4 Noon Bible Study	5 1 pm Faith Quilters 7 pm Boy Scouts	6	7 10 am Christmas Program Practice  5 pm GIFT meal
8 3 Communion Sunday	9 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	10 11 am Bible Study	11 10 am Pack Christmas Buckets  Noon Bible Study	12 1 pm Faith Quilters 6:30 pm Eastern Star 7 pm Scouts	13	14 10 am Christmas Program Practice  5 pm GIFT meal
15 Christmas Program during Worship  11:30 am Potluck	16 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	17 11 am Bible Study  7 pm 4-H	18 Noon Bible Study  6:30 pm Eastern Star	19 1 pm Faith Quilters 7 pm Scouts	20	21 5 pm GIFT meal
22	23	24 3 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 No GIFT meal
29 No Sunday School	30	31				

## christmas memorials

Christmas decorating at Faith Church is not complete until the Poinsettias appear. Each year, donations are made in memory or in honor of loved ones. Because the poinsettias we use are silk, the donations are used for a special project.

The Christmas memorials/honorariums 2024 will go toward new Fireside Room windows.

Memorials and honorariums given to the church will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. To be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin, the memorials/honorariums need to be in the church office by Tuesday, December 17.

Thank you for your gifts.

## 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.

## upper room

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