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With Faith in Our Future

December 2021

Seeing as how Sheboygan is in the “red zone” and Sheboygan County is at the “**HIGH**” Transmission Level, masks are now required when in church.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING: Once again, Faith UMC is ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 18 from 7 – 9 p.m. at Festival Foods in Sheboygan. We are looking for volunteers to ring. Please contact the church office, or Steve Blake, if you are able to join us.



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be held on Tuesday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This service offers a contemplative time of worship and reflection for those for whom Christmas is not a time of celebration and cheer. Please join us for a time of healing in the midst of hurt and pain.



CHANGE IN PLANS!! THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on Sunday, December 19 during the normal worship service.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE will be Friday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. This will be a family friendly, candle light service for all ages. We will wear masks and safely space by family units for this service. It will end with the singing of silent Night by candle light.

Worship on Sunday, December 26th: we will worship informally (safely spaced) in the fellowship hall. The children of the church are invited to bring a Christmas gift or two for a special blessing. We will sing Christmas carols and share some other Christmas traditions. Please join us. Wear your special Christmas pajamas if you like! Pastor Kathy will wear her special Christmas slippers! Coffee, apple cider, and hot chocolate will be available to drink around the tables.

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Events

- Dec. 12 - Bethel Babes at Faith
- **Dec. 18** - Bell Ringing - Festival
- **Dec. 21** - Blue Christmas Service
- **Dec. 24** - Christmas Eve Service - 4:00 p.m.
- **Dec. 26** - First Sunday after Christmas



Birthdays / Info / Toys for Tots

Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the **January** newsletter are due on **Thursday, December 16th**. Please send your items to Kathy Petersen at **loonnewsletter1@outlook.com**

A Confirmation class reunion of Ben, Addy, and Ethan with Pastor Kathy is still in the planning stages. Check back for more information!

COPIES OF THE UPPER ROOM for November/December are available on the guest table in Fellowship Hall. If you would like one mailed to you, please call Julie in the church office. You can also access the Upper Room online at: www.upperroom.org/standingorderchurches and choose the edition you want to view.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Much gratitude to those of you who are sending or bringing your offerings to church. Remember that our offering envelopes are postage paid for your convenience. If you need more offering envelopes, stop by the church office during regular hours and Julie will be happy to provide you with some.

Kurt and Kathy Petersen are sponsoring the December Newsletter, in honor of their children.

Thank you to all those who donated Operation Christmas Child boxes in November. Our goal was 12 boxes. We gathered 18!

Pastor Kathy blessed the boxes on Sunday, November 21st.

December Birthdays

- 2 – Ali Dulmes, Jessica McCoy, & Pat Leicht
- 8 – Heidi Schuette
- 10 – Jeff Schuette
- 12 – Laurie Kuplic
- 14 – Mark Lau
- 19 – Cindy Adam Camomilli
- 21 – Judy Leicht
- 22 – Felipe Cruz
- 24 – Rick Bigler
- 26 – Aiden Raisbeck
- 27 – Quinten Carman
- 28 – Carl TenPas
- 29 – Donette Beimborn








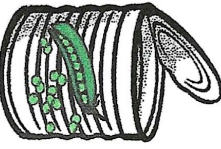

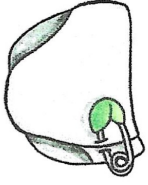











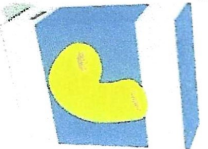

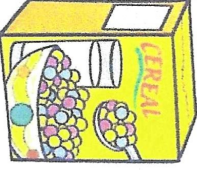


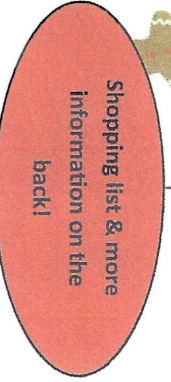

Thanks so much to Sue, Gary, Caleb, Sophia and her dad Kerry, Caren and George, Pastors Kathy and Ric for representing Faith at the Falls Parade on December 4th. It was a most wonderful time!

Reverse Advent Calendar



REVERSE ADVENT 24 DAYS OF GIVING 2021

Please join the parishes of Bethel and Faith UMC as we collect non-perishable food items and gifts this Advent. Daily, place one of these items in a box at your home. The items collected will be donated to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry, the Safe Harbor Women's Shelter, and the Salvation Army. Boxes may be brought on Christmas Eve, the Sunday after Christmas, or the first Sunday in January.

<p>28 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> 	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p> 	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> 
<p>5 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> 	<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p> 	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p> 	<p>11</p> 
<p>12 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> 	<p>13</p> 	<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> 
<p>19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> 	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p> 	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p> 	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE</p> <p>REMEMBER TO TAKE YOUR BOXES WITH YOU TO CHURCH</p>	<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY</p> 

Cookie Walk/Thanks/Children's Church/Card Shower

Cookie Walk Update -

Because we continue to be in the red "critical zone" for Covid in Sheboygan County, Pastor Kathy, out of safety concerns to Faith congregation, has made the prayerful decision not to have the traditional Cookie Walk this year.

We are suggesting instead, that anyone who has donated cookies in the past, to please donate the cost of the baking ingredients and supplies that you would normally purchase to the Cookie Walk Fundraiser.



Thank you to all who stayed after church on November 28 to bring up all the Christmas decorations and put up the Christmas tree. It truly takes a village to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas! A special thank you to Colleen Wienke and Sophia Koeppen, our church's Artistic Designers, for all their work decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Sophia figured out how to hang the Christmas banners in a snap! The giant ladder needed to decorate the Christmas tree is definitely not a snap!

Cassidy Mertzig, our Children's Church coordinator, is doing a project with the children, making tie blankets to give to children and adults in transitional housing. They begin working on them December 5th. Stay tuned for the organizations that will receive the tie blankets.

The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry is pleased to announce that beginning on December 11, 2021, the pantry will be open on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

This is in addition to our normal hours every Thursday from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

Patrons are welcome to visit the pantry once each month.

We look forward to continuing to serve the communities of: Cedar Grove, Hingham, Howards Grove, Kohler, Oostburg, Sheboygan Falls and Waldo.

Please remember to bring the following each time you visit:

Photo ID, current utility bill, paper grocery bags, and face masks (required to enter the pantry)

CARD SHOWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT: Colleen is requesting cards of strength and encouragement be sent to her sister, Kathy, who is experiencing continued health issues. If your heart would be so inclined to send a note encouragement, please call the church office (920.467.6244) for her full name and mailing address.



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Peru Mission Update/ Liturgists Needed / Thank you & Thank you! / Christmas Eve Offering

I would like to express gratitude for the opportunity that I had to report on my most recent trip to Peru, The Peru Medical Mission - 2021. As I stated during our service on November 27th, and many times in the past, all of the trips that I have taken have been very rewarding.

This one though was really special. So I also want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my good news, I have fallen in love. Her name is Liliana Graciela Li Garcia and we plan to be married in Lima next March. We will then work so that she can come to the United States so that we can live together here in Sheboygan Falls.

I would ask for your prayers for this outcome. If we find that this process takes too long then I will move to Peru. We are both committed Christians, we recognize the presence of God in our world and know that He is the foundation of our love. So we are willing to leave this to His will. But we do ask for your prayers.

Thank you,
Steve Blake



Sunday Morning Readers/Liturgists Needed!



The Faith UMC Worship Team (Caren Schultz, Chris Raisbeck, and Pastor Kathy) is looking for individuals and families to participate in our worship services for things such as the Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, and Scripture reading. Pastor Kathy will send out the readings.



We cannot thank ALL of our church volunteers enough, for their willingness to donate their time and talents, not only at holiday time, but throughout the entire church year. You are greatly appreciated more than you can ever know.



Thank you so much for the love and appreciation you showed me during Pastor Appreciation Month through your cards, gifts, and words of appreciation during worship. I am blessed to serve as your pastor and am grateful for our ministry together. Thank you again.
Pastor Kathy

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING



It has been a tradition to take a special offering at our Christmas Eve worship service – an opportunity for members and friends to share their gifts with the church one more time before the end of year, and to get caught up with their yearly pledge or to give an extra gift. This year has been financially challenging for our church, because of Covid. Special offering envelopes will be available starting December 12. We invite you to bring your special offering envelope on Christmas Eve and place it in the offering plate, or you can mail it to the Faith UMC office at 633 Detroit St., Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085.

Prayers for Healing, Wholeness / Live Streaming Worship Information

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Joy for

On behalf of Bobbi's friend's son Sammy, who is out of the hospital and able to return to school

Prayers of gratefulness to God

From Nancy Shaw, for the beauty of the church Christmas tree

From Rick Bigler, that his sister has progressed enough that her two beloved dogs are able to be at home with her again and that his sister-in-law is able to drive again

From Sue Dulmes for the joyful celebration of the Toys for Tots Parade and the festive way her truck was decorated with lights and candy canes

Prayers for God's healing presence and strength for:

Bobbi's Aunt Darlene, who is having a hard time with chemo

Mary Ann Debbink, who is receiving rehabilitative therapy at Sheboygan Senior Community for a broken hip, and for Marv, who is having some health issues

Nancy Bigler's brother Dennis, who lives alone, and has been recently diagnosed with his third type of cancer

Joyce Holder, who is home from the hospital following an emergency surgery

Ethel Lau's friend Kathy, who has been diagnosed with a third cancer, stage 4 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

Prayers for God's comforting presence and strength for:

All those affected by the tragedy that took place last weekend in Waukesha

Prayers of comfort for:

The family of Denny, who died suddenly

The family of Jonathan Weavers, who passed away suddenly

The families and friends of Nathan Ziegler, who lost his life on December 1

The families and friends of Val Cihler, who suddenly passed away

The family and friends of Bernie Stanaway, who passed away on November 29, on his 48th birthday

The family and friends of Dallas Petersen, Kurt's brother, who passed away December 1st.

Live Streaming our Service - PLEASE NOTE:

Due to technical problems with Faith's website server, we have had to set up a temporary website.

You can access the live stream worship services by going to: <https://faithumc.aplos.org>

