



Living Faith
United Methodist Church

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Think Long

Daniel 10:12-13

From The Pastor

Seasons come and seasons go. This year our seasons have been a bit unusual, in fact, one might say we had winter, a hint of spring but went right into summer, bounced through a few quick days of fall and landed smack dab into winter again! Winter, spring, summer, and fall are seasons of our calendar and in the Midwest they are seasons of various weather patterns. What comes to mind for you when you think about the seasons? My thoughts turn to certain activities in each of the seasons, such as:

Winter: Sledding, ice skating, building a snowman, shoveling snow, sipping hot chocolate, making chili for dinner, and preparing for Christmas and Christmas family gatherings

Spring: Planting, spending time outside, preparing for Easter and Easter family gatherings, getting the motorcycles out

Summer: Vacationing, traveling, swimming, picnicking, camping, attending carnivals and fairs, family reunions

Fall: Giving thanks, reflecting on God's provision, going to the pumpkin patch, knocking on doors for treats (to avoid a trick), raking leaves, Thanksgiving dinner and family gatherings.

As we approach the season of Advent, the season of waiting, anticipating, and reflecting, may our hearts and minds focus on Christ. Jesus, the infant in the manger, Jesus, the boy in the temple, Jesus, the man who taught, prayed, healed, and loved, and Jesus, Who conquered death to give us life. Talk about a gift! When you shop for gifts this year, remember our greatest gift of all—a Lord and Savior Who gave Himself for us.

May the peace of Christ fill your heart as we light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

Spiritual Enrichment

Psalm 36:9

For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

Prayer Requests

- **Family & Friends of Barbara Schmitz, Phil Fisher's sister** ~ grieving
- **Peace of the Advent Season**
- **Travel mercies during the holidays**
- **Protection for people working or living outside in the cold**
- **Vernon Thomsen** ~ health, pain management
- **Family & Friends of Gayle Bierma** ~ grieving
- **Family & Friends of Betty Wormley** ~ grieving
- **Linda Zimmerman Morgan** ~ healing
- **Wava Jean Carl** ~ healing
- **Sandy Rockwood** ~ healing
- **Nixon Hermeling** ~ healing
- **Larry, (Nikki Elwood's dad)** ~ good test results
- **Grace Thomsen's brother –in-law Ron** ~ health
- **Joanne Raterman** ~ healing
- **Donna Chaney** ~ healing
- **Emma Baker** ~ health (Grace Thomsen's 15 year old neighbor)
- **Wayne Stillie—Rita Pfingsten's dad** ~ health
- **Karen Lakeman** ~ health
- **Tony, Joan Roberson's Son** ~ health
- **Donna Wallin's brother-in-law Jim** ~ health
- **Tim Songster** ~ scout health
- **Janet Seelhoff's in-laws** ~ overall health
- **Elderly, shut ins**
- **Travel mercies for all who are traveling**
- **Adeng , Annie, Julie Kristin, and Renson Michael Chen** (special prayers for Renson for eyes)
- **Pray for Marriages, Families, Relationships**
- **LFUMC, and all of God's churches**

JOY to the world

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR

YOUNG AT HEART

Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 11:30 a.m.
LIVING FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Fellowship Hall

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon
\$5.00 per person
All Food Provided (No Potluck)



B BRING A FRIEND
I INTRODUCE EACH OTHER
N NO ONE IS A STRANGER
G GLAD YOU ARE HERE
O OFFER LOVE AND BLESSINGS

After Lunch Join Us For Bingo. An Assortment of Unique Prizes
and Christmas Trivia to Add to the Fun



Please RSVP by Sunday, December 2, 2018
Sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or email, call or personally reply to
Del Phillis, Courtney Nixon, and Carolyn Smith: We are all in the Directory

NO AGE RESTRICTION, EVERYONE WELCOME

Christmas Card Shower for Our Missionaries and Students in Japan

Let's shower Adeng, Annie, Julie and Renson Chen - our missionaries serving in Japan - with Christmas cards and notes. There will be a basket in the church lobby to drop off your cards by Sunday, Dec. 9th. Please also consider bringing a card or note for the students they're serving as well:

Yoshie Maruyama
Xinyuan Li
Depu Wang
Roberta Koishi
Sara
Jonathan Wijaya
Bryan Chan
Ayako Sasaki
Meiyu & Chaoming
Renyong & Yuhua
Junko
Katusmi Iida
Olive Nakagomi
Emelie Nezu
Sochie & Mayumi Ueda
Kathrin Nakazawa

These cards will be included in the prayer boxes that were made during Mission Sunday and will be shipped to Japan in time for Christmas.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.

Living Faith Mission Team

Giving Generously

Please give:

Generously

Regularly

To general funds as well as missions



Thank you for purchasing gifts for our Millard Family!

The Season Of Advent

Dec 5 Hope

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Dec 12 Preparation

Isaiah 40:3-5

Dec 19 Joy/Peace

Matthew 2:10-11

John 3:16-19

Christmas Through The Eyes Of Mary

December Scripture Readings

- * Dec 2 Acts 1:1-14
- * Dec 9 Luke 2:21-35/Luke 2:40-52
- * Dec 16 Luke 1:26-38
- * Dec 23 Luke 2:1-7

December Sermon Titles

- * Contemplating Christmas
- * Piercing Of Mary's Soul
- * Mary, Full Of Grace
- * Not A Silent Night

**December Adult Sunday School Discussions in Small Groups
Opening in Sanctuary**



Sunday, December 16th

11:15 a.m.

**Join us for a light lunch followed by
Christmas stories & a Christmas sing-a-long!**

Bring a dozen cookies/bars or candy to share!

Request a song ~ sign up sheet at Communication Center.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

5:00 p.m.

11:00 p.m.



Committee Updates

A big "Thank You" to all the hands and feet who helped with the set-up for the Red Bird Craft event. The changing of the church, to setting up chairs and tables, to having fun purchasing the wonderful items the skilled and talented people of Red Bird had made and the unpacking/packing of the items that were brought. A fine example of the true gathering of God's people in doing God's work.



Poinsettia Orders ~ If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope in the communicate center or office and include your \$15 check or cash. Please make the checks payable to: Living Faith UMC and designate: "Poinsettia" on the memo line. *Please place your completed Orders in the basket in the office. Orders Due December 9th*

Parents' Day Out ~ Saturday, December 1st 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ~ help needed, see Kirk

Living Hope Food Pantry ~ If you are to donate to the Living Hope Food Pantry in \$'s they are requesting Walmart Gift Cards instead of money or checks. Please mark the envelope Living Hope Food Pantry.

Living Hope and Millard South High School Food Pantry Donations ~ Please drop off your donations of non-perishable food items and hygiene items in church lobby. If you'd like to help deliver items to Living Hope or Millard South High School, please contact the office. **Millard South Food Pantry** ~ In addition to non-perishable food, Millard South HS also is requesting the following items: White Athletic Socks, New Underwear, Gently used pants and shirts, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Lice Kits, Shaving Kits, and Feminine Products.

Support Our Missionaries Annie and Adeng as They Share Jesus in Japan ~ Please consider a monthly, regular commitment and make your checks payable to Living Faith UMC and write in the note line Designated Mission Gift for Annie and Adeng." You may also support Annie and Adeng as our church's missionaries in Japan; by dropping your coins and bills in a specially marked jar in the communication center to the back of the fellowship hall. Thank you for supporting Annie and Adeng's ministries and missions in Japan, as they serve our Lord.

Safe Gatherings ~ Please consider becoming certified by Safe Gatherings, so you can work with our children! See Kirk Kingston if you have questions.

Christian Caregiving Ministry ~ If you or someone you care about is struggling or suffering with a difficult life situation, a Lay Caregiver may be helpful. A Lay Caregiver can bring the unconditional acceptance and love of God to a hurting person. A Lay Caregiver will walk alongside you as long as it takes for you to find God's hope and peace in your situation. Call Pastor Sandy, Joan Roberson or Joan Smith if you or someone you care about would like to have a Lay Caregiver help you. Pastor Sandy, 402-650-6950 Joan Roberson, 712-326-5770 Joan Smith, 402-689-8013

Finance ~ Please pray for and give generously to your church.

Our Treasurer shared with us at Church Council that special attention needs to be given to our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

Please note: Each month we are withdrawing from our savings account to meet our basic expenses.

If we all tend to generous giving, we can resolve this shortage.

Cleaning crew

We clean our own church. Currently the following 17 people on our cleaning team:

Ron & Pam Blue	Eric Tipler
Carrie Fairbairn	Grace Thomsen
Jackie Nielsen	Carolyn Smith
John Maxell	Jeff & Linda Ray
Lynn & Ben Hizer	Doug & Donna Simon
Terry Unterseher	Carol Brantz
Joan Smith	Denise Waller

Can you help? Contract the church office at 402-393-2321

Smiles & Blessings Ministry ~ Please keep our homebound members in your prayers and feel free to send a card or a note: Charlie Amidon, *Betty Bell*, *Wava Jean Carl*, *Maxine Hall*, *LeRoy Hanson*, *Esther Kauffman*, *Nina Marcum*, *Bob Mortenson*, *Blanche Sederburg*. *Vernon Thomsen*.

December 9th ~ Happy Birthday Blanche Sederburg



Volunteer Opportunities

Parents' Day Out ~ Help needed

Cleaning Crew ~ **Urgent need**. We clean our own church. Can you help? You only need to commit about 2 hours per month, and you can clean at a time that works for your schedule. If you would like to team up with someone who is already on the crew, you can do that too! Contact Tracy or Kirk in the Office. 402-393-2321

Nursery Scheduler & nursery caregivers needed ~ **Urgent need. Will you respond?** see Kirk for more details

Offering Counters Needed ~ **Urgent need**. Please contact Tracy Neidig in the office.

Scripture Readers ~ If you would like to read scripture on Sunday mornings, contact the office

Ushers Needed! ~If you would like to join the Usher Ministry, contact the office!

Scripture and Sermon Titles

You are invited to read the Scriptures prior to Worship Services.

Sunday, December 2nd

Contemplating Christmas
Acts 1:1-14

Sunday, December 16th

Mary, Full Of Grace
Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 5th

Hope
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Wednesday, December 19th

Joy/Peace
Matthew 2:10-11
John 3:16-19

Sunday, December 9th

Piercing Of Mary's Soul
Luke 2:21-35/Luke 2:40-52

Sunday, December 23rd

Not A Silent Night
Luke 2:1-7

Wednesday, December 12th

Preparation
Isaiah 40:3-5

Monday, December 24th

Candlelight Worship At 5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.
Daniel 10:12-13

December Adult Sunday School Discussions in Small Groups Opening in Sanctuary Not A Silent Night, Mary Looks Back To Bethlehem

Special Events

December 1st ~ Parents' Day Out 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

December 2nd ~ Project Wee Care Gifts due

December 4th ~ Young At Heart Luncheon ~ 11:30 a.m.

December 8th ~ Second Saturday Service ~ Big Garden Greenhouse

December 9th ~ Poinsettia orders due

December 16th ~ Christmas Celebration ~ join us for a light lunch, Christmas stories & sing-a-long

December 24th ~ Candlelight Worship 5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

December 31st ~ Youth Lock-in ~ 7:30 p.m.

Dec 2 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	1st Sunday Of Advent Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship/Holy Communion Worship Team Meeting Youth Group
Dec 3 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Dec 4 Tues	11:30 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	Young At Heart Luncheon Congregational Care Meeting ~ room D
Dec 5 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Advent Service Worship Team Practice
Dec 8 Sat		Service Saturday ~ Big Garden Greenhouse
Dec 9 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship
Dec 10 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Dec 12 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Advent Service Worship Team Practice
Dec 16 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Christmas Celebration ~ light lunch, Christmas stories, & sing-a-long Youth Group ~ final jar build day
Dec 17 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Dec 19 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Advent Service Worship Team Practice
Dec 23 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship
Dec 24 Mon	5:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	Candlelight Worship Candlelight Worship
Dec 26 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Worship Team Practice

Dec 30 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship
Dec 31 Mon		Youth Lock-in
Jan 1 Tues		New Year's Day ~ Office Closed
Jan 2 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Building & Grounds Meeting Worship Team Practice
Jan 6 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship/Holy Communion Youth Group
Jan 7 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Jan 8 Tues	6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Congregational Care ~ Room D Worship Team Meeting ~ CR
Jan 9 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D Worship Team Practice
Jan 12 Sat		Service Saturday
Jan 13 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Youth Group
Jan 14 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Jan 15 Tues	6:30 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
Jan 16 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D Worship Team Practice
Jan 20 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Youth Group
Jan 21 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Jan 22 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Church Council ~ FH

**Our mission is to make disciples
of Jesus Christ for
the transformation
of the world.**

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Sync up with our Google Calendar – look for us at info@livingfaithumc.com

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Weather and Cancellations

Living Faith United Methodist Church follows the policy of Millard Schools. If the schools are cancelled, the church's daytime and evening activities will be cancelled.

In the case of threatening weather on Sundays, the decision to cancel worship will be made by the Pastor.

For cancellation information, please check our website, or our local TV stations.