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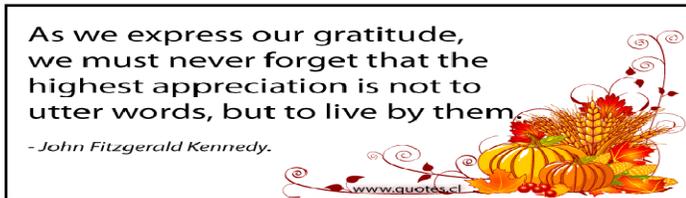
NEW time: Church Service is at 11 am!



Sunday, November 18th



Sent with a prayer to:



NOVEMBER 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 B= Emma Marske	3
4	5	6 ELECTION DAY	7	8	9	10
11 VETERAN'S DAY	12	13	14	15	16	17 B= Jeri Johnson
18 ALL SAINTS' DAY Celebration Service	19	20	21	22 THANKSGIVING	23	24
25 Board Meeting at 12:30 pm	26 B= Paul Fournier	27	28 A= Gary & Sharon Cloyd	29 6:30 pm UMW	30 B= Bernice Acheson (99)	DECEMBER Calendar



Bernice Acheson will be **99** years old on **November 30th!**
 Hope you have a Wonderful Celebration, Bernice!
 God Bless You!

TWINS!!



CONGRATULATIONS!
Paul and Connie Fournier are grandparents to twin baby girls!
 Congratulations to the proud parents, Matthew and Abby.
Babies are Blessings!



DECEMBER 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Church Conference At Frontier UMC
2 HANGING OF THE GREENS	3	4	5	6 LION'S CLUB Christmas Dinner 6:30 pm	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 B= Ken Merklin	14	15
16	17	18	19 B= Bonnie Merklin	20	21 A= Bill & Terry Willoughby	22
23 B= Gene Lamb Birthday Party for Jesus Longest Night Service 6:30 pm	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 pm	25 B= LuAnn Wall CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29
30 B= Dale Pettit	31	JAN 1 New Year's Day	JAN 2	JAN 3	JAN 4 B= Carolyn Winter	JAN 5

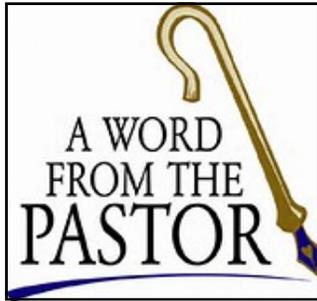


Seeds of Faith

Faith United Methodist Church Nov/Dec 2018

The Vision of Faith United Methodist Church is to empower all people to seek the fullness and assurance of God's Love.

The Mission of Faith United Methodist Church is to invite everyone into a loving community, explore the Good News of God's Love, and serve God and our neighbor throughout the world.



Thankful.

The Marske family is thankful for many things, one of which is the opportunity to work with Faith United Methodist Church. Rarely do things work the typical way for our family. Faith was no exception. We have started at one of the busiest times for the life of a church: All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas.

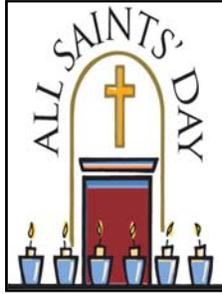
In 1621, the first Thanksgiving was celebrated with the pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians. In November 1863, in the middle of the Civil War, Abe Lincoln wanted to remind Americans that even during war, there was much to be thankful for. This Thanksgiving, try not to get so caught up with the craziness and forget what the whole holiday is about, a time to give thanks to our God.

For some, the holidays are a tough time of year. In October, Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor announced that she had the onset of dementia. Yet with the diagnosis, she has been quoted as saying, "*While the final chapter of my life with dementia may be trying, nothing has diminished my gratitude and deep appreciation for the countless blessings in my life*". Sometimes we have to dig to see the good things that we can be thankful for.

We are planning wonderful worship opportunities in the upcoming weeks. Opportunities to remember loved ones that have passed on, opportunities to thank God for all He has done, opportunities to celebrate our Lord and Savior's birth, and opportunities to get to know each other. I look forward to celebrating with you and your family.

Pastor Gracie





All Saints' Celebration Sunday, November 18th

All Saints is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning being all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember those who have gone before us, both of the Church universal and of our local congregation.

Many of our love ones have departed us in the past year. As part of the worship service, we will lift up their memory by speaking their names, ringing a bell of remembrance, and lighting a candle symbolizing our hope in Jesus Christ. Please join us for this time of supportive fellowship as we celebrate lives and honor memories.

If you are unable to attend on this day and would like a name lifted up during the service, please call the church at 307-638-3184 and leave a detailed message.



The Season of Advent

The first Sunday of Advent is December 2
Prepare the way for the Lord. Get ready. The Lord is coming!

Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Please join us as we begin our Advent journey with a special **Hanging of the Greens service** at 11:00. We will celebrate with scripture and music as we decorate the sanctuary for this special season.

Following the service, the hanging of the greens will continue after a light meal is served to all who stay to help.



UMW/ Outreach News

Thanks to everyone who participated in the *Operation Christmas Child* shoebox project. We had a great response once again this year and donated **25** boxes that will be distributed by Samaritan's Purse to children in other parts of the world.



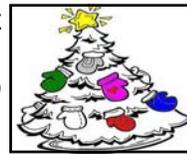
We are offering the beautiful God's Creation calendars for sale again this year. We have plenty and they make great gifts! Part of the \$8.00 cost helps fund the UMW's mission projects, and we appreciate your support!

Mark Your Calendar for these Special Events!

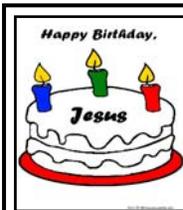


Our *next meeting* will be Thursday, November 29 at 6:30 pm in the fireplace room. This will be our Thank Offering program, so please remember to bring your thank offering box if you have one. All ladies of the church are welcome and encouraged to join us for devotions, planning, fellowship and dessert!

The mitten tree will be in the back of the sanctuary beginning the first Sunday of Advent, December 2, so please consider collecting mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks to decorate the tree and donate to those who need help keeping warm this winter.



As one of our outreach and mission projects, the UMW will continue the tradition of serving *Christmas dinner for the Lion's Club*. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, December 6, and contact Donna Newland if you would like to provide some much needed help.



On Sunday, December 23 during fellowship time after the morning worship service, the UMW will be hosting a Birthday Party for Jesus! In honor of the birth of Jesus, we will be working toward filling the baby bottle with donations to support LifeChoice Pregnancy Care Center.



Our sincerest sympathies in the passing of **Rev. Delbert Hansen** on October 8, 2018. Del was a longtime pastor of Faith Church and worked at the hospital and VA as a pastor and chaplain. He was a man of God and he touched so many lives. The memorial service held at First United Methodist Church in Cheyenne was packed and the service was wonderful. Thanks to Rev. Carol Carr for officiating and the musicians and speakers. Our heartfelt sympathy to Lois, their sons Randy and Dennis and all the family in the loss of Delbert.

We are sad that Del is gone but happy he is with the Lord!
 Thanks for all the memories, Del.
 You will never be forgotten.
 We will meet you again in Heaven someday!



"Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Please keep these in prayer for health, safety, and wellness:



Ministry of Faith UMC
 Places facing War and Unrest
 Bishop Oliveto and
 Conference Leaders
 Our Government Leaders
 Norma Wilkins & family
 Sharon Cloyd
 Bernice Acheson
 Ilene Windom
 Merklin Family
 Duane Wall



Please continue to keep in your prayers, Nathan Kissack, oldest grandson of Ken & Bonnie Merklin, who was diagnosed with lymphoma and spent 3 months at a hospital in Denver. He is now at home in Gillette, and is having chemo treatments there. Nathan has a long road ahead to recovery and your prayers are very much appreciated.

Please keep these families in prayer who grieve:

Xen Blackmore
 Colleen Pettit
 Mike Daharsh
 The family & friends of Joan Allen
 Jeff & Vicky Hildreth
 Family & Friends of Del Hansen



Blessing Box:

Everyone is encouraged to keep the blessing box stocked with canned goods, non-perishable food items, personal items, etc. We ask that you focus on individually wrapped items such as breakfast/snack bars, crackers, etc.

Remember to bring items that **won't melt or freeze.**

We have observed that people are taking items that have been put on the shelves and hopefully others will want to add more items when they can.

As the box says, **"Take what you need, leave what you can."**



Cookies for Davis Hospice



If you would like to provide cookies to Davis Hospice, the details and sign up sheet can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Please consider joining in with others who have been faithful in keeping this ministry alive.

WELCOME PASTOR GRACIE!

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to Pastor Gracie Marske who was appointed as Faith United Methodist Church's half-time pastor effective October 21, 2018. An introductory meeting was held on October 13, at which time Pastor Gracie was introduced to the SPR Committee by District Superintendent Jeff Rainwater. After a time of sharing and prayer, the appointment was confirmed and the committee welcomed Pastor Gracie to Faith Church, along with her husband Larry and their daughter Emma.

Pastor Gracie is a Licensed Local Pastor who also services Hillsdale United Methodist Church one-quarter time. The joint Hillsdale/Faith Staff-Parish Relations Committee will continue working with and supporting Pastor Gracie as she makes this transition.

We would like to thank you all for your patience as the appointment process slowly moved forward since July, as well as for your support of the change in worship time to accommodate Pastor Gracie's schedule serving two congregations. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to those who graciously filled the pulpit while we were without a pastor: Virginia Clark, Darrell Dennis, Betty Ann Shaffer, Jeff Hildreth, and from First UMC Rev. Bill Novak and Rev. Mark Marston (who administered communion.)

Please join us soon for Sunday worship at 11:00 am to get acquainted with Pastor Gracie and her family and be blessed by her message!

Believe that the best days for your church, using God's standards, are ahead.

From the Treasurer—

Thank you to everyone that has donated to the church this year. We are in good shape financially and all bills have been paid. We are grateful to all that helped with the painting and repair. We received enough donations to fund the entire project.

This church is beyond blessed every day for all the members that contribute.

It makes my job so much easier!

Thank you!

Penny Franz, Treasurer and Finance Chair



Choir practice has begun!

If you love to sing, please join us in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, November 21st at 10 am.** We will be working to prepare music for Christmas. Please contact **Connie Fournier (638-1642)** or any choir member if you have input, comments or questions.

Thank you to all the people on the committees and all the others that step up to take care of our church and its business. Thanks to everyone that is getting all the necessary reports ready for the Charge Conference on December 1st.

We are all the church together!

Thank you to all the members and friends for their generous contributions which enabled us to reach our goal for the cleaning, repairing and painting of the outside of our church. As we approach the 100th anniversary of our church, we need to give thanks to all those who have given of their resources to keep our church safe and pleasant.

Thank you from Board of Trustees.





Longest Night of the Year Christmas Service

Sunday, December 23rd at 6:30 pm



If there is struggle, chaos, grief and sorrow, then surely there is comfort.

Find it in God's promises at Faith United Methodist Church and our Longest Night of the Year Service. We acknowledge our separations, isolations, and anxieties, and validate our life losses. Yet in God, there is always hope and healing.

Listen to prayers, feel peace in music, and assurance of love and worth when there is darkness. God's light, forever shines.

Be with us Sunday, December 23rd at 6:30 pm.
Light refreshments after.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.

Hallelujah! Christ Is Born!



Celebrate Faith Church and the New Year!

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on **Sunday, January 13, 2019**, as we bring in the new year by celebrating the life of Faith Church, and then take down the Christmas decorations and stow them until next year.

More details to follow.