



A Message from Pastor Becca

Happy New Year!

As we enter into a new calendar year it is typical for us to think about change in our own lives. Sometimes we want to pay off debt, get fit, or find more time for the things we love. Some changes however come to us without much input from us. I am thinking particularly of grief and how even when we are prepared for it, we are often blindsided by some of the feelings that come along with grieving.

For the last month we have anticipated the arrival of Jesus and celebrated with great JOY his arrival here among us. We have gone to all the holiday parties and indulged in delightful desserts. Our worship on Christmas Eve was a highlight of the season for me! Yet we know we anticipate something else.

This month transition awaits us, not just in having a new calendar year but also in how we are the church. Will has already moved on from Faith and in just a few days we will bid Eric farewell while celebrating his ministry with us. These are hard changes especially so because no one wanted to make them! Beloved, change is hard, it is often painful. I would not be surprised if suddenly in a few weeks when we are faced with short days full of frigid temperatures, we find ourselves looking in the face of grief. We are a grieving people because our life together is changing dramatically. Worship will be different, phone calls to the office will be different, Sunday school will be different. All of this is apt to leave us feeling down.

I want to assure you that I am here and ready to walk with you during this time of difficult transition. You are not alone in your grief. Know that not only do we walk together, we walk with God even on the darkest of days when we feel as if the light has been overcome.

I have only been here one year but I can say with confidence that Eric's gift of music has been a gift to our worship. It has been a great privilege to work alongside him, to learn from the music, and to lead worship together. I am grateful for his time with us and wish him well on his way.

May you be blessed in these coming days and trust in the promises of God.

Pastor Becca



BEAUTIFUL MUSIC



Thank you, Eric, for creating beautiful music at Faith Church for 18 years. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude and love for all you've done for us.

*With love from
The Faith Church
Congregation*



A Special Thank You



I want to thank you all for the beautiful cards, lovely notes, and generous gifts during this Christmastide! Blessings on the New Year!

Pastor Becca

*The Longest Night Service
A time for worship with space for grief and sadness*



SLEEP MAT WORKSHOPS BEGIN January 5th!

Our annual Mat Workshops begin Saturday, January 5 and will continue every Saturday from 10:00 to noon during January, February and March. We'll prepare plastic bags to be made into waterproof sleep mats for the homeless. This is easy to do and is suitable for all ages and skill levels. We will happily train you!



PLEASE JOIN US as we work together on this special mission!

Special note: At this time, we do not need any bags. We'll let you know if we need to collect them later! See Bonnie Halle with any questions.



Faith Bible Study Groups – Please Join Us!

OGs Men's Bible Study is beginning a study of the book of Revelation on January 10th. The video series is called Breaking the Code by Bruce Metzger, Professor Emeritus at Princeton Theological Seminary. There will be open discussion following the video, then brunch at Medport Diner. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 9:30am at the church.

Morning Glories Women's Bible Study continues the study "Unveiling Mary Magdalene," discovering the Gospel truth about the most "myth-understood" woman of the New Testament. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 9:30am at the church (September to May) at 9:15am for coffee & 9:30am for the Bible study.

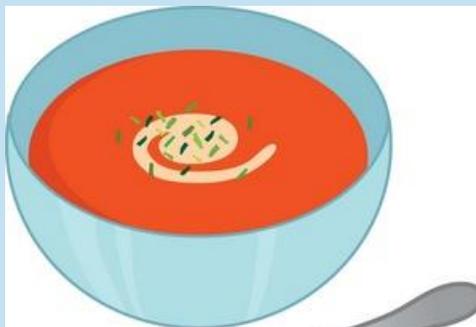


All-in-One Sunday School January 2019 Schedule

- 1/6 **Jesus is God's Son.**
- 1/13 **Tell Others About Jesus.**
- 1/20 **Jesus' Teachings and Healings Are Amazing.**
- 1/27 **We Can Put Our Faith in Jesus' Power.**

Soup Request!

We are in need of soups to be put in the freezer for distribution. Small containers are best and please add your name and the main ingredients. Contact Lorraine Kunkle for more information. Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!





Thanks to All Who Popped Up for the Christmas Pageant!

“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2: 10-11





13 Cookie Trays!

The Deacons We Care Team sends a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all the talented bakers who helped to fill 13 cookie trays given to several church members and staff. These delicious treats were greatly appreciated and a wonderful way to send our love this Christmas.



Coverlets for the CCC!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry completed two beautiful coverlets which were donated to the Christian Caring Center prior to Christmas. It is our prayer that these will keep someone in need warm this winter and that they will feel wrapped in the comfort of God's love. We are blessed with many behind-the-scenes knitting angels who dedicate their time and talent to this important ministry.

The PSM is always in need of additional home knitters, so please contact Janet Sharpe if you can help!





Elder Roles for 2019:

Buildings and Grounds: John Ford
Christian Education (Discipleship): Linda Hamilton
Clerk: Ginny Magnus
Connections: George Anderson
(Connections absorbs the roles of Belonging and Communications.)
Finance and Stewardship: Joe Currie
Mission and Outreach: Ginny Hagan
Nominating: John Heald
Personnel: John Heald
Worship and Music Team: Jonathan Cohill
Small World Board Member: Steve Carter

Deacon Roles for 2019:

Executive Board

Moderator: Kay Galberg
Vice Moderator: Lorraine Kunkle
Secretary: Bonnie Halle
Treasurer: Mary Currie

Missions

We Care: Lorraine Kunkle, Joyce Schreiner
Meals: Mary Currie, Bonnie Halle
Cards: Joan Zinader
Helping Hands: Pat Cohill, Dave Wood
Blood Drive and Immunizations: Pat Carter
Food Shelf and Turkey Drive: Betty Engelke, Betty Ann Beck
Nominating: Lorraine Kunkle
Hospitality: Paige Caracuzzo
CCC Liaison: Joan Zinader
Memorial/Haines School Outreach: Kay Galberg
HOPE Garden: Mary Currie
Panera Bread Pickup: Lorraine Kunkle, Dave Wood