



A Warm Heart

Summer 2021

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH UNITED CHURCH, COMBINING FAITH TRADITIONS OF LUTHERAN AND UCC CHURCH DENOMINATIONS

Greetings Brother and Sisters in Christ,

I am optimistic about the future and believe we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. We still need to be a little cautious but hopefully Covid stays on the down turn. I share this with you as I make reference to John 10:10. *Please hear these words from Jesus, The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

Evil tries hard to pull us away from God, but Jesus reminds us why he is here with us. Covid has killed and totally interrupted our lives, but it is time for us to place our focus, life and hope in the hands of Jesus Christ and find ways to move forward. Allow the Holy Spirit to be poured out into your hearts giving you the courage to live your lives to the fullest.

I want to emphasize our new YOUTH GROUP PROGRAM for ages 4 and up. I call these children our Jr. Disciples. Parents and Grandparents I am counting on you to please find time in your busy schedules to make room for this program. I have never felt more strongly about anything we have started at Faith United than I do this. All you need to do is look around our community, our country and world and we see so much disrespect, ugliness, in so many different ways.

At the present time we meet on the **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:00-7:30 pm AT THE PAVILLON**. Our next gathering is Sunday **JUNE 13TH**. We meet rain or shine. We cook-out, have snacks, sing, play games, and have a Bible Story. Parents and grandparents are welcome; in fact I encourage you to stay. Bring a lawn chair, a snack to share and let's share the fruits of the spirit with our kids.

For the summer months we will be sharing the story of David in worship. We will be worshipping outside most of the time, so bring a friend, a neighbor, family member to share in the fellowship. Please read your newsletter carefully as we have a lot of different activities. I hope you will find something to connect with. Also there is always room to serve on our committees.

God Bless,

Pastor Elaine

Happenings at Faith United Church

Everyone is welcome at Faith United Church! We extend an invitation to anyone in the community who would like to join us in worship and in having fun!!



WE'RE MOVIN' ON OUT!

We're going to start having some of our worship services outside! For now, the plan is to worship outside June 6th & 13th and July 4th & 11th

There will be more Outside Sunday's coming. Check future bulletins & emails for more info.



Holy Communion

At Faith United we plan to resume celebrating **Holy Communion** on the first Sunday of each month and on other special Holy Days.

Next two Communion celebrations are scheduled for **June 6th and July 4th**



WILLING WORKERS!

Next meeting is **June 16th, 9:00 am** at the church.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Children's Sunday School will begin on June 6th after worship.

We have a great group of teachers who will share Bible Stories with our children every Sunday.

If you can't make church and you still want to bring your children for Sunday school, please do so.



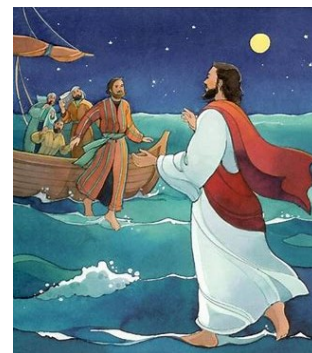
SOFTBALL!

We need players! Come on out to the ballgame! Our first softball game of the season is at home on Monday, **June 7th**. All games start at 7pm. Schedule can be found on the Faith United Softball Facebook page and will also be available at the church.



Remembering Thelma Johnson

Saturday June 25 at noon the family of Thelma Johnson invites everyone to join them for a meal to honor Thelma at the Ickesburg Fire House. June 25 is Thelma's birthday. The service at the cemetery is for family only.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 21-25

VBS will be held June 21-25 from **10:00 am – Noon**

VBS this year is entitled, "Bible Stories." Join us and Jesus as we walk on land and water, feed the masses, heal the blind, and calm the waters. There will be upbeat music to sing, lessons to learn, crafts to make, activities to get your blood pumping and of course, good things to eat!



HOSPITALITY!

We will be enjoying a special Hospitality Sunday (outside) on **June 13th** after worship.





YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets the second Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm rain or shine. We cook out, sing, play games, and have a story.

This group is for 4 years of age and older. I pray that parents and grandparents will make this a priority for their children. Parents are welcome. This is a tremendous place for our children to learn and have fun.



Group Discussion

Beth Moffett along with Pastor Elaine are going to start a discussion group following worship. We will be starting on **Sunday June 6th**. Discussion will focus on Pastor's message and any further questions anyone might have and any relevant current issues. Where we will meet has not been determined.

Let's get connected, have a little coffee and maybe plan an outing together. Great place to gather parents while children are in Sunday school.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

On **July 11th** we're celebrating with Christmas in July. **Worship starts at 10:00.** We'll be celebrating the season (7 months later) with Christmas Carols and Pastor's special Christmas meal. See future bulletins and emails for more information.

Ho Ho Hope to see you all there!



June Mission Project

Our project for June is boxes of facial tissue – due at the church by **June 13th**.



FELLOWSHIP AT THE RANGE

Tuesday evening **June 1** will be our first "Fellowship at the Range". God, Guns, Gals and hopefully Scott. Please let Pastor Elaine know if you have interest.

We will hold this at the Ickesburg Sportsman Club starting at **6:00 pm**. We will start with a short meditation, and prayer and have safe and fun shooting. You can email pastor at saintickes@gmail.com

717-438-3891 or 717-380-8653. Please bring your own gun and ammo.



Ickesburg Carnival

The Ickesburg Carnival is on again this year. **July 21-24**. Faith United Church will be responsible for helping to sell the food out of the kitchen on Friday July 23. Please place that date on your calendars. Sign-up sheets will be available in the near future.



Collecting Soap!

We're collecting bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief. We will be needing 200 bars of soap (any brand in original wrapping – 4 oz. bars).



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