



FAITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 2016

CHURCH CALENDAR

FYI - Nov. 9-13 Lori will be on vacation.

NOTE: REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR ON SAT. NIGHT NOV. 5!!

Thursday, Nov. 3

6:30 pm. Girl Scouts

Sunday, Nov. 6

9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes

10:30 am. Worship, Dottie Kaiser, preaching

Tuesday, Nov. 8

***Election Day
Basket/Craft/Bake Sale***

Saturday, Nov. 12

9 am. - 5 pm.

Threadbare Ladies

Sunday, Nov. 13

9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes

10:30 am. Worship, Tenna Rhonemus, preaching

Fellowship Hall in use in PM.

Are you part of the "Ant Colony"?

"Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!" (Proverbs 6:6)

Yes, these are words of exhortation, but think of an ant colony with the ants coming and going two ways, each ant carrying something. They work hard and tirelessly for the common good of the colony. Each ant brings what he finds to the colony - to a common home. "An ant colony is a true "corporation", a body that is dependent upon the contributions of each and every one of its members" states Dr. Ralph F. Wilson.

So it is with the church. The church, especially a small church relies on each person actively doing what he or she does best. Each person comes with his or her own unique gift to give out of love for the others. When you have willing workers, do not discourage them from the gifts they bring to the whole body of Christ. If they want to serve, let them serve.

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is...serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." (Romans 12:5-8)

"From him the whole body...grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:16)

Monday, Nov. 14

10 am. Monthly Bible Study at the church

Thursday, Nov. 17

6:30 pm. Girl Scouts

Sunday, Nov. 20

9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes

10:30 am. Worship, Howard Hunt, preaching

DECORATE THE CHURCH - Luncheon

Monday, Nov. 21

10 am. Chatty Stitchers at the church

Thursday, Nov. 24

Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed

Friday, Nov. 25

Office Closed

Saturday, Nov. 26

9am. - 5 pm.

Threadbare Ladies

Sunday, Nov. 27

First Sunday of

Advent

9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes

10:30 am. Worship, Dottie Kaiser, preaching

"Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!" (Proverbs 6:6) - Sometimes our laziness and self-indulgences get in the way in doing what we can for the good of the whole body. We can be "sluggards". I'm sure we've all heard it: "I'm too busy." "I've got too many things going on at work." "I just don't know when we're going to be in town on weekends." "I've been teaching Sunday School in this church for 50 years. Let someone else do it."

Yes, sometimes we are too busy and we do have things to do which prevents us from helping out on every single event in the church and that's OK (we cannot all help out on every event) but when you really are not that busy and when you are tempted to say these things try to remember the Church truly needs you! Every single one of you. Offer to God in faith what He has given you, no matter how small and God will use it to do His work. We all possess different gifts: treasure of music (singers & musicians), leadership, service, teachers, counselors, encouragers, pray-ers, repairers, etc - we need them all.

Question: What gifts has God given you?

Question: Do you wonder how God might use you?

Question: What gift(s) could you bring to the house of God to enrich the body of Christ Jesus?

Go back to the ant colony - the ants go two ways. Ants go out recharged and fully fed and ants return carrying something back to enrich the colony. And not one of them is empty handed. Not one.

Once you begin to realize how God is using you, even in the simplest of ways, You'll go out from church renewed ready to tackle life and then you'll return with the gifts God has given you to help the whole body of Christ. And not one of us will be empty handed. Not one.

Keep up the good work Faith Christian - people are being part of the "ant colony" stepping up to do work in many capacities - Thank You for your service and dedication for the good of the whole body of Christ!!

**BASKET - CRAFT -
BAKE SALE**
Beginning Tuesday,
November 8 at
Election Day

Please think about donating a basket, baked goods and crafts at our fundraising event. All items will need to be at the church by Sunday, Nov. 6. We will also be selling a ham lunch on election day. There is an insert in Sunday bulletins to sign up for items that are needed. Also we will need workers on November 8. Please see JoAnne Urish or June Cogan for any questions.

**UPCOMING
CHURCH LIFE
EVENTS**

**MOVIE NIGHT
Nov. 26**

*"Fantastic Beasts
and Where to
Find Them"*

Time: TBA

**DECORATE THE CHURCH
Sunday, November 20**

We are also asking for donations of finger foods, sandwiches, chips and cookies for our luncheon following worship. There will be a sign-up sheet available.



DEACONS NEWS

For the Christmas season, we will again be supporting a "Family in Need". Contact will be made to secure a family. This is a Church-wide project and all can participate if they want to.

Christmas Caroling for Nursing Home facilities is scheduled for December 11. Pizza will be served for lunch with Caroling afterward. All are welcome to participate - The more the Merrier!!

More details to come on both events.

Birthdays & Anniversaries - November

Birthdays

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| 3 Lorelei Breckenridge | 17 Jay Doute |
| 4 Howard Hunt | 18 India Avery |
| 5 Heidi Urish | 26 Johann Kramer |
| 7 Megan Ryan | 27 Debi Marshall |
| 9 Dan Marshall | 27 April Simon |
| 12 Barbara Perry | |

Anniversaries

- 1 Bud & Margaret Buckles

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Dec. 10 - 2 pm.

Bring 2-3 dozen cookies to share with ingredients listed & empty containers to fill with a variety of new cookies to take home.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Dec. 31

7 pm - 12:05 am.

Congratulations!!

To... Jessica, India & Jax Avery on the birth of their daughter & sister, Skylar Robin

Renee' Avery on October 9, 2016.

Many blessings upon your wonderful family!

Advent and the Christian Life

(Advent begins November 27, 2016)



"While Advent is certainly a time of celebration and anticipation of Christ's birth, it is more than that. It is only in the shadow of Advent that the miracle of Christmas can be fully understood and appreciated; and it is only in the light of Christmas that the Christian life makes any sense. It is between the fulfilled promise of Christ's first coming and the yet-to-be-fulfilled promise of his second coming that Karl Barth penned these words: "Unfulfilled and fulfilled promise are related to each other, as are dawn and sunrise. Both are promise and in fact the same promise. If anywhere at all, then it is precisely in the light of the coming of Christ that faith has become Advent faith, the expectation of future revelation. But faith knows for whom and for what it is waiting. It is fulfilled faith because it lays hold on the fulfilled promise." The promise for Israel and the promise for the church is Jesus Christ; he has come, and he will come again. This is the essence of Advent."

- Justin Holcomb - an Episcopal priest and teaches theology at Reformed Theological Seminary and Knox Theological Seminary.



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