

Merry Christmas



DECEMBER, 2017

Faith Christian Church-Newsworthy Notes



Pastor Terri's Thought Corner

My goodness, how quickly the time has passed. We are now entering the "Season of Advent". Advent means the arrival or birth of a notable person. As we wait for the celebration of the birth of Jesus our Savior, let us not get so busy that we forget to notice the smell of cookies in the oven or the beautiful lights illuminating our communities. If you don't get your carpets cleaned, that's okay, they will just get dirty again.

The one thing that I have learned this past year is that tomorrow is not promised and so take the time to enjoy the simple things and to say the things that need to be said. Remember to say "I love you", forgive those with whom you are holding a grudge (it's just not worth it), and be spontaneous with your kindness. Remember time does pass quickly, and so this Christmas season, "live, laugh and love" and create some wonderful holiday memories.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Terri

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 3 [First Sunday of Advent]

9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes

10:30 am. Worship

Wednesday, Dec. 6

6:30 pm. Craft Night

Sat., Dec. 9

9-3 Threadbare Ladies

1-3 Cookie Exchange & Ornament Making

Sun., Dec. 10 [Second Sunday of Advent]

9:30 am. Christian Ed. Classes

10:30 am. Worship

Christmas Caroling

Tues., Dec. 12

5:30 pm. Council

Thursday, Dec. 14

6 pm. Girl Scouts

Sat. Dec. 16 - Children's Program Practice -
10:00 am.

Sun., Dec. 17 [Third Sunday of Advent]

9:30 am. Christian Ed. Classes

10:30 am. Worship with Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 24 [Fourth Sunday of Advent]

No Christian Ed. classes

10:30 am. Worship

7:00 pm. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25 - Merry Christmas!

Office is closed.

Thurs., Dec. 28

6 pm. Girl Scouts

Sun., Dec. 31

9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes

10:30 am. Worship

8:30 pm. - 12:05 am New Years Eve Party at the church

CRAFT NIGHT

Wednesday, December 6
6:30 pm.

We'll be making "Story Stones" for Christmas!
Please come for a fun evening!

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The Christmas Fund (UCC) This fund provides an opportunity to reach out in kindheartedness to those who have faithfully shepherded our Church and who now find themselves facing unexpected financial needs. On behalf of the whole church, the Pension Board is able to provide the following: Supplementation of Small Annuities, Retiree Health Premium Supplementation, Emergency grants, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks to individuals and families in need.

Christmas Joy (Presbyterian) This offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. The Assistance program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. The presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage.

**THESE OFFERINGS WILL BE RECEIVED ON SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 24.**

DON'T FORGET THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT THE CHURCH

**Sunday, December 31
8:30 pm. - 12:05 am.**

**Bring a dish to share, a game or a puzzle. Invite
your friends and family for a fun night to ring in
the New Year!**

KEEP SELLING THOSE TICKETS FOR THE
BASKET RAFFLE! **Have all your money into
JoAnne by Thursday, Dec. 7.** The drawing is
Friday, Dec. 8. There are still a lot of craft items
available also.



CAROLING

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Following Worship & Coffee Hr.
After we visit various shut-ins we will
return to the church for pizza. Come
Join Us!

Children's Christmas Program



Christmas

Around the World

Sunday, December 17th

During worship

**[Practice is Saturday, the 16th at 10:00
am.]**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

6 Maggie Hunt
9 Amanda Barnhardt
10 Brandon Weigt
17 Nathan Steiner/Esterkyn
24 Tim Hunt
24 Franklin Weigt
27 Derek Davis
31 Terri Haithcock

ANNIVERSARY
17 – Skip & Sally
Dailey

**Monthly Bible Study - December 11 @ 11:00 am.
At the Carlton House**

We will be having lunch together. No lesson, just fun!! We are all bringing a dish, so check with Jane Urish to let her know you are coming and what type of dish you will be bringing.

**Christmas Eve Worship Services
December 24**

**Please come and Join us to Celebrate the birth of JESUS!
10:30 am. Regular Worship Service
7:00 pm. Candlelight Service**

