

Creating Connections
Through Extending
Christ's Love

The Lighthouse

FAITH EVANGELICAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OCTOBER 2019

A Pastoral Letter from Pastor Eun Young Ko

Greetings in Jesus Christ,

Do you know that the first official day of fall was on September 23rd? It means that we are living in fall now, even though it seems we are still experiencing some quite warm days. Harvest season is coming, but farmers in Illinois are not happy about the unideal circumstances. We ask God, "Why do these bad things happen to good people?" and, "Is it true that God is suffering with those who are suffering for many reasons such as loss, sorrow, pain, and desperation?"

Recently, I met one of Halla's friends' mom, who is a faithful Catholic. While we were chatting, she told me that Catholics pray for what they need to certain saints - not to God directly. Someone seeking a career change needs to pray to St. Joseph, who is the earthly father for Jesus. He is the patron of people such as: cabinetmakers, carpenters and craftsmen, confectioners, the dying, engineers, families, fathers, workers, house hunters, people in doubt, and travelers. Her parents, who are house hunting, pray to St. Joseph, too. She continued saying, "We pray to St. Joseph because he is a human being, so he can understand all human beings concerns or struggles."

While I was listening to her, I was able to see how much human beings have a desperate need for an understanding of their vulnerability, suffering, and problems that need to be solved on this earth. I, as a pastor of the United Methodist Church, was also reminded of our Lord, Jesus Christ who was incarnated and became a human being. Jesus Christ was willing to take all of our sins and carry them on the cross to suffer for us and save us.

"(...) Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names. (Philippians 2:6-9)"

Giving up all the authority Jesus Christ had, and being humble enough to understand our suffering, pains, and hardships; symbolizes His constant and consistent love for us. In this season of fall and harvest, I hope and pray that you know Jesus Christ came to the earth for us to fully understand who we are, what kinds of suffering and struggles we are dealing with, and what hardships we are going through. You are not the only one who faces those things in your life. Jesus Christ is willing to be with us and stretch out His arms holding us, giving us rest for our soul.

I can't wait to witness how God will comfort, lead, and solve problems for us and our human concerns or hardships in the coming fall and harvest season in our lives. Let us be bold to share our testimony which is counted by the blessings we are given.

With appreciation and excitement,
Pastor Ko

Fellowship and Service: Get Connected!



Harvest Home Dinner and Worship Service Friday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Come join us for Faith, Fellowship, and Food!!

We are doing the meal a little differently this year. It will be a little more like a potluck. Yes, there will be turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and rolls! We are asking for help with the vegetables, salad and desserts. A sign up sheet will be posted in October. PLEASE sign up to help in a variety of ways: set up, prepare food, serve, clean-up. This meal is a huge undertaking and many hands will lighten the load!

Traditionally, part of the service includes a thank offering to cover the cost of heating, restoration, maintenance and improvements for God's "temple". Read about the Joash chest in II Kings 12:1-18. This year's thank offering will be used to install wall space heaters in the Ladies and Gents bathrooms, to continue to seal the bell tower, and to make other needed repairs to our beloved church. With your prayers, gifts and God's guidance, we can make this happen!

If you have any questions, please contact us.

God's Blessings,

Your Faith(ful) Trustees



Leaf Raking Service Project Sunday, September 27



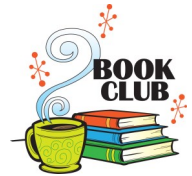
Let's put our faith into action and get out into the community! Join us as we go out into the community to connect with our neighbors by raking their leaves. After the church service we will have a soup and salad lunch and then go out and rake leaves in the neighborhood. If you would like to nominate someone to have their leaves raked, please contact the church office. Sign up to participate in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Corn Maze Adventure! Saturday, October 19

Join us for some fall time fun at Konows Corn Maze! There is a pumpkin patch, animals, bounce pillows, and more. Fun for the whole church family! We are working on receiving a group rate, so if you are interested sign up in the fellowship hall today! Konows Corn Maze is located at 16849 S Cedar Rd. Homer Glen, IL 60491. For more information, contact the church office.

Book Discussion Group Monday, October 14, at 7:30 p.m. "The Personal History of Rachel Dupree" by Ann Weisgarder



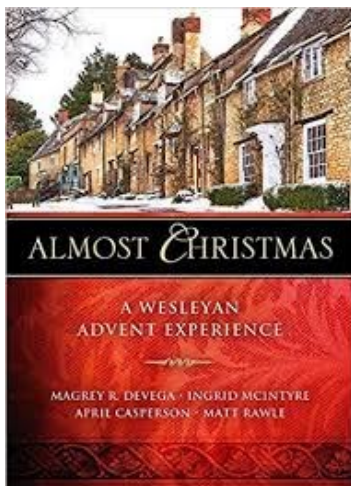
Join us on Monday, October 14. at 7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Faith Church, as we meet to discuss the book, "The Personal History of Rachel Dupree" by Ann Weisgarder. "This novel tells the little-known story of African-American pioneers and gives voice to an extraordinary heroine who embodies the strength and spirit that built America." -description from Elmhurst Public Library. All are welcome to come and join the group and invite a friend! For more information, contact Hannah Leonor at hannahwagle@gmail.com

Happy Heart Warmers



Happy Heart Warmers will be meeting next on Friday, October 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the home of Jane Ahrens, 393 North Kenilworth, Elmhurst. The group is working on making afghans, prayer shawls, hats and scarves. The hats and scarves will be donated to the Clothing Center at First UMC this December.

Anyone who would like to come for the fellowship, to learn how to crochet, or work on any crocheting/knitting project is welcome to come. If you have any questions please contact Cindy Bennish at swcks6@yahoo.com or Jane Ahrens at janelaine3@comcast.net



Bible Study with Pastor Ko Mondays at 7pm during Advent December 2, 9, 16, 23 At Faith Church

In John Wesley's famous sermon, "The Almost Christian," he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly. In *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience*, author and pastor Magrey deVega leads a group of authors including Matt Rawle, April Casperson, and Ingrid McIntyre in exploring how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent, and connect our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace.

October 2019

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Committee News

Mission and Outreach

Yorkfield Food Pantry

Just a reminder that there is a collection box for the Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry in the entry way to the Fellowship Hall. The need is always great especially for paper products. When you go shopping, please pick up some extra items for the Food Pantry and bring them to church to put in the collection box. Thanks to Nancy Cichy for delivering items for us to the Food Pantry. Thanks for your generosity!



Elmhurst Walk-in Assistance Network



The Elmhurst Walk-in Assistance Network (EWAN) continues to offer emergency assistance for those in need, and now we are proud to announce a new program we have started, Services for the Homebound. If you need assistance but have difficulty making it out to our site, we now offer home visits! Just call us at (630) 782-6006. We will be happy to set up a time for a team of two volunteers to meet you in your home, complete an intake form, and process bills or other forms of assistance you might be seeking. We are here for you, and just a phone call away.

Worship Committee

All Saints' Sunday is November 3.

We will reserve a special time during the Sunday worship service to have a candle lighting ceremony to remember all those from our church family or others we love who have passed away during the last 10 years. All are invited to attend this special event to honor our loved ones.



Please send any names of those you wish to honor to Pastor Ko or Hannah along with a photo, if possible and state your relationship to them, if they are not members of our congregation. We will present a photo display on the screen during the ceremony as well.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

2019 Giving Statistics

	Date	Weekly Income	Income to date	Budget to date
Income is behind Expenses By -\$13,059 Through August	18-Aug	643.00	76295.75	95641.77
	25-Aug	513.00	76808.75	98540.00
	1-Sep	2483.00	79291.75	101438.24
	8-Sep	2277.82	81569.57	104336.47
	15-Sep	5936.94	87506.51	107234.71
			Income to Date	\$76,808
			Expenses to Date	\$89,867
			Net Income	-\$13,059

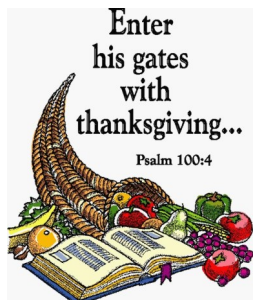
FINANCIAL CHALLENGE

If God sent bills, we would never get out of debt to Him. Truly, our debt to Him is beyond measuring! His blessings are beyond our comprehension if we simply take the time to consider. For healing. For shelter and our homes. For the new life of a newborn child. For our jobs. For our food and clothing. For our freedom. For our church and church family. God has promised to provide all our needs (Philippians 4:19), not our wants and desires, but our needs. On second thought, maybe we'd learn to be more thankful if God did send bills. At least we'd be forced to wade through the limitless stockpile of His blessings. As we commit our lives to Him, we acknowledge our complete dependence on His blessings. We recognize that our dedicated life becomes the only repayment we can give in return. A Christian is "always in debt" to God for all he or she has or is.

As we begin the last quarter of 2019, we find ourselves with a \$13,000 deficit for the year through August. There are exactly 13 weeks left in this calendar year. Therefore, in order to make up and eliminate this deficit Faith Church needs to receive an additional \$1000 each week for the next thirteen weeks, above and beyond meeting our normal budgeted expenses. That may seem like an insurmountable request, but we must remember that God will provide if we are faithful to Him.

We can only do the ministry that God funds, so it is incumbent on all of us to be mindful and in prayer concerning how He wishes each of us to support this challenge.

- Your Finance Committee



FAITH FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

2 SHARON ARTRIP
3 LAURA SHAFER, KEVIN LEONOR
8 LINDA GALARZA
11 CHRISTINA CECCHIN
20 MIKE CHICZEWSKI
21 NANCY SCHIELKE
27 MASON ARNOLD
28 BARBARA CACCIATORE
GEORGIA OPSAHL
30 JEAN DEE

ANNIVERSARIES

5 RICH & LAURA SHAFER



Check out Faith Church on Social Media!

Faith Church is now on Instagram and Twitter. Follow us today! We will be providing updates on events at the church and more through these social media outlets. Send us your pictures of church events or tag us! Or if you would like something shared, let the church office know and we will be happy to post it.



Facebook– we will only be using the Faith Church page

<https://www.facebook.com/feumc/>

Or @feumc



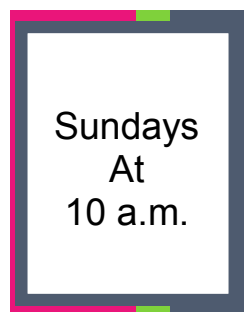
Instagram

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Twitter

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Come Worship with Us

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

October 6	"Call to Discipleship" Matthew 10:1-5 World Communion Sunday
October 13	"Not Peace, but a Sword?" Matthew 10:34-37
October 20	Laity Sunday
October 27	"The Parable of the Soul" Matthew 13:1-9

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