

Creating Connections  
Through Extending  
Christ's Love

# The Lighthouse

## FAITH EVANGELICAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2018

### *A word from the pastor...*

*1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. -Psalm 100*

Welcome back everyone! It is so good to see everyone back from their vacations and time apart during this summer. I hope you have enjoyed your summer whether on vacation or staying at home. Summer is a great time for self-care and pleasant activities. Yet, it is that time of year again when we are back into the many personal agendas and responsibilities and to immerse ourselves more into our different ministries and programs in our church. Our fall program will kick off on September 16th with a celebration, print program guide and a delicious potluck. You are all invited and invite a friend. This fall we have a good number of events and opportunities of faith development, worship and service. I hope you will be open and ready to participate.

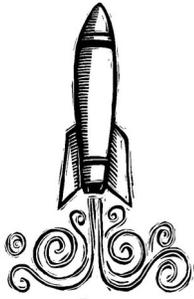
As you guessed, this is Pastor Uziel Hernandez. I am your recent appointed pastor. I have had the chance these past two months to get to know you a little more and I have seen very exciting opportunities of growth and blessings in our church. I am looking forward to what God will continue to do through the work we do together. One of the many things that we will be exploring is a time of prayerful discernment as we get ready to plan, dream and put in to action the many things our leadership team and I will be discerning for the incoming months and years. I have met with most of our administrative and ministerial committees. I applaud the amazing work our leadership teams are doing until now. Our church has gone through tough times, but God has given each leader and team the guidance to respond appropriately. One example is our boiler situation which is ending very soon as we finish the installation of a brand-new boiler this coming month. We should give thanks to God because through your commitment, generosity and the amazing work of our trustees we were able to reach our goal to finance and complete this project. Thanks be to God! It is my prayer that as we continue the good work God has entrusted us we will continue with the same enthusiasm and commitment in the months to come. We can't do these tasks without you! So, I ask of your continuing prayers, commitment and participation as we enter a time of prayerful discernment and new projects for our church this fall.

I conclude reminding you that our hope and faith is in the Lord. Thus, "...Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9b) We still have a few more things to prepare and prayerfully discern as we continue our work in the fall into the Advent season. So, I ask of your patience and support as we get all details together. For example, in worship we will be doing a couple of sermon series that will invite us to look at what we do from different angles. Sometimes shuffling things around helps to consider essential elements of our faith and identify areas of growth. I invite you to be open to the movement of the Spirit and participate with a humble heart as we try a few new things and remember that God will give us the wisdom and guidance to listen carefully to what God is calling us to do. After all, we are in God's hands.

God bless you!

In Christ,  
Pastor Uziel Hernandez

# Committee News



**LAUNCH SUNDAY!!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Sunday September 16**

**Church Potluck Following the 10 a.m. Worship Service**

Countdown to...

We will begin our fall season with a potluck following our 10 a.m. worship service on September 16. Following the worship service we will have a potluck meal here at the church. Please bring a dish or two to pass for the meal. A Sign up sheet is posted on the easel in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Shafer or a member of the Nurture Committee.

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**The Church Council and Committees will meet on Monday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Rod Kingzette (708-415-3622).**

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## **Adult Sunday School Class**

The adult Sunday School will be starting September 23. We will be discussing 'When God's Spirit Moves' by Jim Cymbala. 'What will happen when the Holy Spirit infuses fresh power into your church? Transformation!' There will be a DVD to go along with the study. Individual participant's guides are available for \$8.00 . Please come and join us Sundays at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions, ask Cindy Wagle at [cmwagle@gmail.com](mailto:cmwagle@gmail.com)



Thanks!  
Cindy Wagle

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Jane Ahrens will be out of the Church Office September 1 through September 10. Office Hours will resume on Tuesday, September 11.

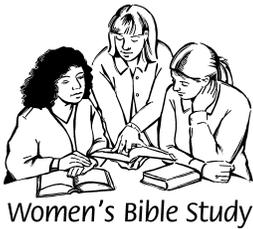
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## **Joy in the Harvest Special Offering**

We received \$300 for Joy in the Harvest. This will go to the work of our fellow United Methodists, Lowell and Claudia Wertz in Tanzania. Thanks for your generosity!



# Educational & Service Opportunities



## Women's Bible Study Group to Begin September 19, 2018 11 Week Study on the Book of Ephesians All Women are Invited to Come and Bring a Friend!

The Women's daytime Bible Study Group will begin a study of Ephesians on September 19th. The group will meet at 11 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. Don't miss out on an opportunity to meet with other women, to join in this exciting study, and to learn and grow together in Christ. Study guides are \$6.00 and can be picked up in the Church Office. For more information or to reserve a study guide, please contact Jane Ahrens at 630-834-2965 or [janelaine3@comcast.net](mailto:janelaine3@comcast.net).

## Book Discussion Group meeting on Monday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m. "Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline



The Faith Church Book Group read "Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline over the summer months. This is a futuristic book and questions raised will include how being a Christian would look like in this society. This book will be discussed at the fall meeting on Monday, September 10 @ 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Other books scheduled to be discussed later in the fall include "Daring to Hope" by Katie Davis Majors about her work in Uganda and "Miracle on Voodoo Mountain" about one woman's work in Haiti. Everyone is welcome to join the group! If you have any questions or would like to come, please email Hannah Leonor at [hannahwagle@gmail.com](mailto:hannahwagle@gmail.com)



*There is a signup sheet to help out in the nursery during the worship service posted on the easel in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your help!*

We are excited to start a new Bible study/ fellowship group for the young(ish) adults in our Faith Family. Come singles, come couples, and bring your kids too! Come and join us for a bible study and a good time. Our first meeting will be a potluck cook out at Kevin and Hannah Leonor's house 225 N. State Street, Addison, on September 15 at 5:00 pm. We will provide the meat for grilling, please bring a dish to pass. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Hannah Leonor at [hannahwagle@gmail.com](mailto:hannahwagle@gmail.com) or 630-363-2691 or Joanna Leonor at [dandilyons@gmail.com](mailto:dandilyons@gmail.com)



## Church Clean Up Day on September 29

Come and join us for the All Church Clean Up Day on Saturday, September 29 beginning at 8 a.m. There will be a list of jobs that need to be done if you are unable to come on that day and have time during the week to complete some tasks. If you have any questions, please see Cindy Wagle.

# Mission and Outreach News



Join the Happy Heart Warmers as they meet on Wednesday, September 19, at 1:15 p.m., at the home of Jane Ahrens, 393 North Kenilworth, Elmhurst. This group knits and crochets afghans and prayer shawls and donates them to various local and national missions and ministries. This is also a group that meets for fellowship and spiritual encouragement. Invite your friends and neighbors to come and share in the time of fellowship and creativity! For more information, contact Cindy Bennish at 630-640-6313 or [swcks6@yahoo.com](mailto:swcks6@yahoo.com)

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Dear Friends of Caring Network (formally CareNet Pregnancy Services of DuPage),

On behalf of all the staff at Caring Network, I would like to thank you for your hard work in partnering with us to raise funds for our ministry. By participating in our Coins for CareNet Baby Bottle Drive this year, your church is having a great impact! The baby bottles distributed at your church raised **\$463.42!!** We at Caring Network are so grateful that you have chosen to support with us in this way! Caring Network relies on church support, and Faith Evangelical United Methodist Church is truly an example of Christ's love in action.



As you know, all of the services we provide to our clients are offered free of charge and as we receive no government funding, the support you give enables us to continue to provide women in need with pregnancy tests, counseling, ultrasounds, material goods such as diapers and also emotional and spiritual healing after a previous abortion.

I would like to encourage you with stories from some of our clients.

Emma is part of our Restore After Abortion program, participating in a *Forgiven & Set Free* group. Recently, Emma told her primary care physician about Restore, because she was experiencing so much healing and positive growth. When her doctor made negative remarks, Emma stood her ground. She explained that the people and the program were helping her through a very difficult process. She shared that she was even interested in training as a Restore group leader, to help others who suffer in a similar way. Finally, Emma suggested that her doctor learn more about the program, so that he might understand. We are grateful that God uses Restore to heal wounded hearts, even though the world does not recognize the grief abortion leaves behind. Emma and so many others have experienced God's abundant grace through Restore! Thank you for supporting this vital part of the Caring Network mission, as we work to end the suffering caused by abortion in every community.

*We invite your prayers for Restore, as we train new leaders and many more women and men have the opportunity to find hope and healing.*

*For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things...*

Ashley came to Caring Network looking for three things: a pregnancy test, an ultrasound, and abortion information. Ashley felt that she was too old to be pregnant, and could not find the strength to start over with another child. She loved her family and knew they would help; but she believed the lie that abortion was an answer she could live with. First, her counselor took some time to listen and encourage Ashley, which led to a spiritual discussion. Questioning God's plan for her, this weary mom did not understand why He would allow her to become pregnant at this stage in her life. Then she had an ultrasound. Ashley knew this would provide important information about the pregnancy—but she was unprepared for the impact it would have on her. Upon seeing her beautifully formed child, she said, "I can't believe God put this little baby inside me! And I can't believe I was considering abortion. That is out of the question now." Ashley now believes that God led her to Caring Network for a reason. *We believe that too.* Ashley left Caring Network with far more than information—she left with hope, renewed strength, and God-given purpose. *...To Him be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11:36*

Once again, thank you with all of our hearts for your continued support and may our precious Lord continue to bless you.

**Tracy Kerr**  
Special Events Manager  
**Caring Network**

# September 2018

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						<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:30 am ONE Prayer</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>10 am Worship</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8:08 pm AA Group</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>10 am Worship 2:15 pm Extended Care Worship</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:30 pm Book Group</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8:08 pm AA Group</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:30 am ONE Prayer 5 p.m. Young Adults Group</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>10 am Worship 11:15 am Launch Sunday Potluck Lunch</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>11 am Bible Study Group 1:15 pm HHW 8:08 pm AA</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9 am Adult Study 10 am Worship</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7 pm Church Council</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>11 am Bible Study Group 8:08 AA Group</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8 am Church Clean Up Day</p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9 am Adult Study 10 am Worship</p>						

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## 2018 Giving Statistics

<b>Income Has Exceeded Expenses by \$1,800 Through July</b>	Date	Weekly Income	Income to Date	Budget to Date
	15-Jul	1587.00	63405.78	73818.77
	22-Jul	543.00	63948.78	76455.15
	29-Jul	436.00	64384.78	79091.54
	5-Aug	3618.00	68002.78	81727.92
	12-Aug	1143.00	69145.78	84364.31
	19-Aug	2910.00	72055.78	87000.69

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Income to Date	\$63,814.47
Expenses to Date	\$62,013.49
Net Income	\$1,800.98

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### **Coming this Fall — Programs and Groups**

**Adult Study meeting on Sundays @ 9 a.m.  
In the Fellowship Hall beginning on September 23  
Study: "When the Spirit Moves"**

**Singles and Young Adults Bible Study/Fellowship Group  
First meeting on September 15 @ the home of Kevin and Hannah Leonor**

**Book Group Meeting the Second Monday of each month @ 7:30 p.m.  
September meeting in the Fellowship Hall**

**Book Study Beginning on Tuesday, 10/2, @ 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall  
meeting every Tuesday in October  
"Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton**

**Women's Bible Study meeting Wednesdays @ 11 a.m. beginning on  
September 19th in the lower level of the church. The study is on Ephesians**

**Chrysalis Youth Group (Middle School to High School) meeting on  
Wednesdays 7—8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

**Happy Heart Warmers meeting on the third Wednesday of the month  
@ 1 p.m. to crochet afghans and other items for ministries**

*More details about these groups can be found  
in this issue of The Lighthouse*

# FAITH FAMILY NEWS



## **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 LEONARD WIECH
- 4 LUKE SANDERS-MUD
- 5 DAVID HEGGE
- 17 RICHARD CICHY
- 21 ANNISTON SMITH
- 22 BONNIE SMITH
- 24 ALAN JOHNSON
- 28 KELLIE OSGOOD

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7 JOHN & BARBARA CACCIATORE
- 9 ROD & MAE KINGZETTE
- 28 RICHARD & NANCY CICHY

## Embracing our COMMUNITY

### **Fifth Sunday Offering on Sunday, September 30 Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network**

On Sunday, September 30, we will take a special offering for the Elmhurst Walk In Assistance Network. We are partners with the Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network (EWAN), a local not-for-profit formed in 1997 to respond to emergency needs in Elmhurst, IL. EWAN's mission statement reads, "The people of our faith communities, service organizations, businesses, and caring individuals unite in partnership to provide compassionate and effective assistance to people in need within our community."

For the second quarter of 2018, EWAN spent \$25,618 serving 244 clients, with 294 services provided (some clients needed assistance in multiple ways). EWAN is the gatekeeper for the food pantry at Immaculate Conception, and food pantry vouchers were given 205 times this quarter. To learn more about EWAN as a client, volunteer, or donor, please visit their website at [www.ewanet.org](http://www.ewanet.org), or visit them Monday-Friday 10 am to noon on the side of St. Peter's United Church of Christ at 125 W. Church Street, Elmhurst. Look for the purple door!

This will be the only opportunity to give to this worthy local ministry. Thanks for your generosity in helping our neighbors in need!

**Cue for a Cause**  
**A Barbecue Competition to Benefit Elmhurst Walk In Assistance Network**  
**Sunday, September 2, Noon to 8 p.m.**  
**City Lot at York and Vallette**  
**Enjoy BBQ, raffles and bands along with a Kids Play Area**

**Pastor Uziel will be out of town September 17th through the 23rd . If you have an emergency and are in need of a pastor, Pastor Bob Butler will be on call. You can contact him at 630-806-9936**

### **Chrysalis (Middle and High School Youth)**

All students in 6th-12th grade are welcome to come join us Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 7-8:30 pm for Bible Study, games, worship, and prayer. This Fall we are studying the parables and stories of Jesus! For more information please contact Joanna Leonor at (630) 335-5490 (call/text)/[dandilyons@gmail.com](mailto:dandilyons@gmail.com) or Mae Kingzette at (708) 415-3637.



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# **Come Worship with Us - Sundays @ 10 a.m.**



- September 2 "Worship Matters" series  
Message "What Is Worship?"
- September 9 "Worship Matters" series  
Message "Whose Worship Is It Anyways?"
- September 16 "Worship Matters" series  
Message "How To Worship?"
- September 23 "Worship Matters" series  
Guest Speaker—Mae Kingzette
- September 30 "Worship Matters" series  
Message To Be Announced

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Jane Ahrens, Church Office Manager

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Office Hours 9 AM - Noon  
Tuesday through Thursday

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