

**FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
4543 DOUGLAS ROAD
TOLEDO, OH 43613**

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FAITH CHRONICLES



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Pastor: Pr. Tom Schaeffer

Worship Services: Saturday – 4:00 pm

Secretary: Jan Weatherly

Sunday – 10:00 am

Organist: Patrick Finnegan

Sunday School – 9:00 am

Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. – 9:00-4:00; Wed. 10:00-4:00; Fri. 9:00-2:00.

In case of an emergency, you may reach Pastor Tom at 419-481-3891 or Donna Morrin at 419-290-8997

A Message from our Pastor

People are watching.

As I make the rounds within our denomination, I always get asked how things are going at Faith United. People are very interested in how things are working out. I have also had several people tell me I should write a book about the process. I always chuckle about that, because I know I did very little in the grand scheme of things. You, the people of Faith United, did all the hard groundwork. Fortunately, I was privileged to witness it and act as your pastor through the process.

I also get asked about our coming together as Faith United by people of other denominations. Wherever I go, people are interested in our story. Bottom line is this. By the grace of God, we have navigated the difficult waters that have, in other places, resulted in division, conflict, and distress. We have experienced considerable success and show signs of positive momentum as we move into our first Fall as a church. We created a council representing both predecessor churches yet committed to the future of Faith United. When it comes to worship attendance the whole has been greater than the sum of the parts. Through July, our average worship attendance for 2019 is 91. This is about 20 more than the combined totals of our predecessors. We have taken in 3 new members to date. We had 3 youth confirm their faith. We've averaged over 2 visitors per week in worship. We're also launching new programs. Alpha starts this week as I write, and we have over 20 people signed up. We are starting a "teacher's pantry" as an outreach. Other new programs are being planned for the Fall.

All of this does not come without its own stresses, of course. We are still learning how to view ourselves as one church. We still struggle with "volunteers" (every church does, by the way). We've had some facility issues (the roof!). We've got to keep a close eye on our stewardship and budget. Again, nothing unusual here. But all this is normal, which is NOT normal given the significant transition we have gone through as a church. That's why some are watching us. That's why people are asking, "How did you do it?" The fact is we are looked at as a potential model for other churches. We are, by no means, a perfect model. But we are a model. What has happened at Faith United is something that could not have happened without divine inspiration, spirit-filled motivation, and Christ-led determination. . . and that makes Faith United a miracle!

United in Faith,

Pastor Tom

From our President

Hi Faith Family!

So the days are shorter, the nights are cooler, yep summer is coming to a close. Fall looks to be an exciting time with many programs getting ready to start back up again, and some new ones also beginning. I encourage you to take part! Try a meeting. Maybe you go once and it's not for you, or maybe it's just the thing you needed. From what I hear, the men's group is a great evening. Rebekah circle is full of wonderful ladies. It is a Bible Study and fellowship event. Quilting will be gearing up and would love new participants. You don't have to know how to sew. Our community dinner will be up and running, and extra hands are always welcome. Alpha has started, game nights will be back as well as more opportunities to come together.

This brings me to the larger point. As we're still growing and coming together to be a new family, it is more important than ever that we make the effort to join in and engage with one another. Forming close bonds takes time, energy and work, like any relationship. The more you join in, the closer you become to the people of your church. And together we can accomplish so much. Please consider this when deciding if you want to step out of your comfort zone and check out some of the amazing things going on at church.

With God and Love all things are possible
Donna Morrin

What's New at Faith United?

Facebook Page: If you haven't been to Faith United's Facebook page yet, please visit there (and Like us.) Anyone is welcome to share photos of church activities, say hello to one another and just keep up on news. You can also share upcoming events with your Friends. It is called Faith United Lutheran Church.

Donations to the Fish Bowl

Each week donations to the Fish Bowl will be designated to a different cause, organization or other purpose. Any and all donations are always gladly accepted.

Web Site – The church's Web site, www.faithunitedlutherantoleado.com or www.faithunited.church, is a great source for information for you and you can tell friends to check out the site to find out what is happening at Faith United! This website is up and running, and new items are added all the time.

Church Office Hours – as of 1/14/2019, the new office hours are:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday	9:00-4:00
Wednesday	10:00 – 4:00
Friday	9:00-2:00

There are now doorbells at both entrances to the church office. If the doors are locked during regular business hours, please ring the buzzer. Just a personal note, the secretary has bad knees, so it takes a couple of minutes to get to the Luther Hall door, so please be patient.

Church Supplies – the church is always in need of paper towels, toilet paper, and hand soap. You can bring supplies to the church office or drop off on Sunday.

Annual Spaghetti Supper

Join in Fall Fellowship at our annual Spaghetti Supper, Saturday, September 21 from 5 – 6:30! You'll enjoy our special recipe spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and desserts. Lucy is our famous Italian chef! This will be another dinner offered free to our community as part of our mission.

Cash donations will be accepted ahead of time to help with costs. Wear your team colors! If you would like to host/ decorate a table for your favorite high school, college, or pro team, or decorate a pretty fall table, sign up in the narthex or call the church office. Sign up to bring a dessert if you can.

Bring family, friends, and neighbors for a delicious night of fellowship at Faith United!

Notes of Interest

Can you believe it? Summer is almost over. Time to get back into a "normal" routine for fall and winter. The vacation is over. That also means it is time to get back to weekly choir rehearsals and singing and playing for Sunday morning worship services.

Chancel Choir – Rehearsals for those interested in singing will be on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm in the sanctuary beginning September 19, 2019.

Bell Choir – For those interested in ring, we will meet on Sunday September 22, 2019 after our worship service at 11:15am in the sanctuary for an organizational meeting and rehearsal.

There are no prerequisites to be a member of either choir, just a desire to Praise and Worship God, and have some fellowship and fun while serving God and His church. We hope everyone who sang or rang last year will return this year, and bring a friend with you. We have plenty of choir robes and bells for everyone.

Music of our Christmas Program has been selected. This program will be on Sunday, December 1 at 3:30 in our sanctuary. Our cantata for this year is "The Glory of Christmas," a work celebrating Christ's birth, by Lloyd Larson. This beautiful work is sure to be enjoyed by all who attend. Our Bell Choir will play several selections of music of the season. A reception will follow this program in Luther Hall.

If you cannot commit to a whole year of choir, join us for only the cantata. The first 45-60 minutes of each rehearsal will be spent working the cantata. (We also hope to have CDs that are part dominant for you to take home to listen to your parts.)

We look forward to seeing you at a choir rehearsal. Invite a friend or family member to join you. If you have any questions, talk to Pat Finnegan.

Looking forward to another year of making good music with you to Praise and Worship God.
Pat Finnegan

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who shared their God-given talents with us this summer by providing special music for our worship services. Those who helped provide this special music were: Craig Whitaker and son, Bennett, Diana Coyne, Cindy Sauppé, Terry Sauppé, Dennis Oehlers, Leslee Pryor, Peg Hinds, Lucy Young. Thank you, everyone, for your additions to our worship this summer.

Christian Education

Who taught you “Jesus love me this I know”? Who helped teach you the books of the Bible, the Lord’s Prayer, and that God is three in one? I am thinking for most of you it was your Sunday School experience that helped establish your faith journey. The Christian Education Committee is in need, now, of YOUR help. We need volunteers to: facilitate as a Chairman, teach Sunday School, and members who would sit on the committee and participate in curriculum discussions and other issues for the good of Christian Education at Faith United. Please speak to one of the Sunday School teachers or Donna Morrin to Volunteer.

Sunday School kick off, also known by many as Rally Day, will be September 8 at 9:00 am. With the theme, “We Are The Church”...YOU are the church!

Remembering fondly my Sunday School experience,
Cindy Sauppé

Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday Bible Study will begin this fall with a Max Lucado Study of Life Lessons from Ephesians. We will meet 12:30 - 2:30 starting September 19 for a 12-week series. Please join us in study, fellowship, and prayer! The cost of the book is \$7.00, your time in Bible Study is priceless. See Corinne Olinger to order a book or for more information.

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

Coming events for WELCA:

Rebekah Circle – September 5, 7:00 pm begin Fall three session Bible Study exploring selections of Old Testament poetry from Job, Psalms and Lamentations.

Ladies Night Out - September 19, 6:00 pm at El Nuevo on Douglas. We join together for an evening of fun and fellowship. Come alone or bring a friend.

October – Bread Sale ... to establish scholarship funds for Retreat

Ladies Retreat: November 1 & 2 at Widewater Retreat Center

- Rebekah Circle is a gathering of women who share in Bible Study, enjoy fellowship, and join a Churchwide community of women who strive to serve God, in the image of Jesus, and support healing and wholeness in the world.
- Ladies Night Out is for every woman of Faith United, your lady friends too, to join in an evening of just plain fun and fellowship while sharing a meal.
- Bread Sale – Donate a loaf of your homemade bread (banana, lemon streusel, white, pistachio, etc.) and then buy a different loaf of bread. You have a treat and you have then supported the scholarship fund for the Ladies Retreat.
- Ladies Retreat is November 1 and 2 at Widewater Camp and Retreat Center in Liberty Center, Ohio. We begin at 6 pm on Friday, November 1 and end about 3:30 pm on Saturday, November 2. The cost is \$75 and includes overnight lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday and all retreat materials. Debbie Warren will lead us in sessions around Praise and Worship. Debbie comes to us by popular demand. For more information and to register please contact me. Registration closes October 21.

In “faith – united”,
Cindy Sauppé

Important Information and Announcements

Announcements/Newsletter Articles

In order to allow Peg and Jan adequate time to provide you with the best product there are some guidelines that must be followed by all groups and all members of the congregation.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements - must be typed (if needed Jan is happy to do the typing for you) and submitted to the office personally or by email no later than noon Wednesdays. If received later than that,

you will be asked to make your announcement at the Sunday worship service. Each announcement should take no more than 4 lines of type.

Prayer Requests – Any prayer requests to be posted in the bulletin will be added and will stay on the list for a period of 30 days, unless you request the name(s) be kept on longer. Each will remain an additional 30 days. Please note that all the names on our prayer list are included in the Sunday Worship Prayer of the Church, with only those names on blue cards turned in that day read aloud.

Electronic Announcements – any event or item you wish to have included on the electronic announcements must be submitted no later than 10:00 Thursdays. The content should be clearly provided, with both words and any graphics you might like to use.

Newsletter Articles – All newsletter articles must be submitted, preferably by email, to Peg by no later than the 21st of each month. This is to allow Peg time to gather articles, place them in the newsletter form, print and publish each newsletter. All committees are technically required to have a report each month so the congregation can see what is happening on their behalf. There are no size limitations on the articles.

It is very much appreciated when these procedures are followed. It makes their jobs a little easier and helps provide all members of the congregation with the most accurate, current information available.

Greeters

The Greeters program appears to have hit a snag. This is something we should have going every week, especially since we have been having a lot of visitors lately. Guests should not have to try to figure our way of doing things out for themselves, and the ushers don't have time to assist everyone. We want everyone who walks through our doors to have a meaningful and comfortable worship time. As it says in Revelation 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me". If you have already signed up or are interested in being one of our greeters, please talk to Jan or Donna.

Outreach/Evangelism Committee

The two members of this committee have been meeting regularly to try to get the Teachers Pantry up and running on October 1st. Letters are going out to 4 area schools: Wernert Elementary, Elmhurst Elementary, Jackman Road Elementary and Longfellow Elementary. We decided to stay with a small number of elementary schools until we see what type of response we receive from area teachers. We are still asking for supplies, or money to purchase them. Some of what we are looking for, but not limited to:

Dry Markers (black/blue), Dry Marker Erasers, 2-pocket folders (without metal holders), #2 pencils (Ticonderoga, BIC, or other hardwood pencils) and pencil sharpener, book bags (not backpacks), non-nut based snacks, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, kid's scissors, index cards, flashcards (math, etc), play money, stickers (almost any kind are greatly appreciated), sandwich/gallon size Zip-Lock bags, pencil boxes, Elmer's glue sticks (works better than off-brands), pink erasers, and disinfecting wipes.

We are working with limited funds right now, and to become sustainable, it will be necessary to generate more contributions of both funds and/or supplies. We on the committee are quite excited about getting this project off the ground. It is hoped the members of the congregation feel the same way.

Thank you

Jan Weatherly, chairperson

Web Site/Internet Use

Anyone interested in receiving one-on-one or group training on how to utilize the church's Web site or the Internet in general can contact the church office. Classes will be set up provided there is enough interest. Basic computer skills, such as email and Facebook for example, are being taught as well. You can get an idea of how much to spend on a computer for your needs. Contact the church office if interested.

Web Site/Facebook

We are looking for one to two people to volunteer to help manage our Web site and Facebook page. Some WordPress or other Web site design programming is desired as well as a general knowledge of the workings of Facebook. Please contact Jan or Donna if you might be interested.

Office Help – I have a large project that I could really use someone to come in and take over. It requires some basic copier/scanner knowledge, the desire to complete seemingly tedious work, and the ability to remain discrete with the information you would be privy to. The schedule could be up to you. I would prefer one day a week, 2-3 hours per day. It could also be an evening if you would prefer. If you think this might be something you'd like to try, come see me in the office. Oh yeah, it would be most helpful if you didn't want to talk all the time ☺ (just kidding-mostly. Those of you who know me know what I mean).

Thank you, Jan

Thank You!!!

- A HUGE thank you goes to all the ladies who worked tirelessly to put on the annual Rummage Sale, and to the numerous men and women who helped set up, worked during the sale, and packed up the left-over items! This is an amazing undertaking that requires months of preparation as well as many hours of work in the weeks leading up to it. Thank you, also, to all who donated goods to be sold. The money raised goes toward the many mission projects of our church.
- Thank you, also, to the men and women who work in our meal ministry. That is also a huge job that requires a lot of workers. You are all so appreciated!

In Our Prayers

Home: Jan Ellenberger, Pat Finnegan, Randy Collier, Keith Flick, Lois Manning, Jan Leonard, Julie Boesenhofer & Rick Hagg, Phyllis Neeley, Judy & Al Schaarschmidt, Char Bowlus, John Bailiff, Sandy Drake, Larry & Sandy Matzinger, Terry Belcik, Gloria DeMerritt, Lori Knouse, Les Johnson, Janice Blazey, Erica Foster, Rick DeLeonardis, Christina Loyd, Jim Lang, Jennifer and Steve Kern, Pattie Webber, Barbara McClintock, Jeff Decker, Joanna Ranes, William McDermott, Marie Gillen, Betsy Jaynes, Kristie Massie, Morgan Hickerson, Roberta Jaskolski, the Billops and McClellan Families, Colleen Krebsler, Ruth Stadler.

Hospitals/Care Centers: Pastor & Sandy Mays (Elizabeth Scott); Shirley Kennedy (Rosary Care Center); Michael Morrin; Elsie Johnson (The Waterford at Levis Commons).

Family and Friends: Julie Hipple; Nicole Erdman; Chris, Paula Sanner, Gina Glover, Margaret Schonter, Tom Schonter, Jack Schonter, Reed Francis; Violet Liest; Jeff Snow; Connie & Brandon Sondergeld & Katie Holtgrieve; Clay Wilson; Eli Titkemeier; Frankie Edinger, Jim Ansted; Cara, Bob & son of Jennifer Pruefer; Mike Jorris; Regina, Kim; Sharon; Heather; Wendy & Neal; Greg Horton; family of Dave Caig; Maggie & Britany; Gerry Finnegan & Shirley Skeldon; Keith Rabie; Karen Sauppe & Tim Cummings; Greg & Kristy, Elizabeth Kopzoski; Andy & Mary Okapal; Betty & Vicky, Don Fall, Nathan, & Lou & Barbie; Jaime Wetherald; Chuck Skeldon; Karen Bernadino; Family of Steve Kern; Noah Asher, Bob Molina & Adeline Masters.

In the military: Bill Myers, Ashley and Jason Weatherly, Kyle Dietrich, Kyle Mikolajczyk, Kayla Fowler, Sean Ray, Logan Hillesheim, Tyler Coulter.

REGULAR BUILDING USE AS OF 08/01/2019

SUNDAY	9:00-9:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL (BEGINNING 9/8)
	10:00-11:00	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP/COMMUNION
MONDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
	7:00-10:00	VOLLEYBALL - LUTHER HALL
TUESDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
WEDNESDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
	8:30-9:30	PRIVATE MEETING – LOWER EDUCATION WING
THURSDAY	12:30-2:00	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (BEGINNING 9/12)
	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
	6:00-7:00	BASKETBALL - LUTHER HALL
	7:00-9:00	BASKETBALL - LUTHER HALL
FRIDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
SATURDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
	2:00-3:00	DRAGONRAID – OLD CHOIR ROOM
	4:00-4:30	SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP – FAITH CHAPEL

*******THIS IS THE SCHEDULE FOR “REGULAR WEEKLY” ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH. ANY OTHER EVENTS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, PRIVATE EVENTS, ETC., ARE NOTED ON THE CALENDAR ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX. PLEASE USE ONLY THAT CALENDAR TO PLAN YOUR ACTIVITIES.*******

SPECIAL BUILDING USE – SEPTEMBER 2019

MONDAY	09/02/2019	8:00-5:00	RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – LH
SATURDAY	09/14/2019	3:00-7:00	PRIVATE PARTY – LH
SUNDAY	09/15/2019	11:00	PASTOR’S 30 TH ANNIVERSARY
THURSDAY	09/19/2019	7:00	LADIES’ NIGHT OUT
SATURDAY	09/21/2019	5:00-6:30	SPAGHETTI SUPPER
SUNDAY	09/22/2019	1:00-4:00	PRIVATE PARTY - LH

Birthdays and Anniversaries

We are certainly missing some of your birthdays and anniversaries. Please email Peg Hinds or call the church to add yours to the list!

September Birthdays

- 1 John Bailiff
- 5 Ashley Moore, Art Schroeder
- 9 Vikki Weaver
- 10 Rick Hagg, Cindy Sauppé, Sue Gries
- 25 Nancy Sieja
- 26 Grace Anton

September Anniversaries

- 6 Grace & Dave Anton
- 25 Roger & Ruth Stygles

September Bible Readings

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| 1 Luke 14:1, 7-14 | 16 1 Timothy 1:18-29 |
| 2 Hebrews 13:7-21 | 17 2 Peter 3:8-13 |
| 3 Titus 1:1-9 | 18 Luke 22:31-33, 54-62 |
| 4 Luke 14:15-24 | 19 Romans 3:1-8 |
| 5 Philippians 2:25-30 | 20 Romans 8:31-39 |
| 6 Colossians 4:7-17 | 21 Mark 12:41-44 |
| 7 Matthew 10:34-42 | 22 Luke 16:1-13 |
| 8 Luke 14:25-33 | 22 Acts 4:1-12 |
| 9 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5 | 24 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 |
| 10 1 Timothy 4:6-16 | 25 Luke 20:45-21:4 |
| 11 Luke 18:18-30 | 26 2 Corinthians 8:8-15 |
| 12 1 Timothy 1:1-11 | 27 Ephesians 2:1-10 |
| 13 2 Peter 2:1-10a | 28 Luke 9:43b-48 |
| 14 John 10:11-21 | 29 Luke 10:17-20 |
| 15 Luke 15:1-10 | 30 Revelation 3:14-22 |

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