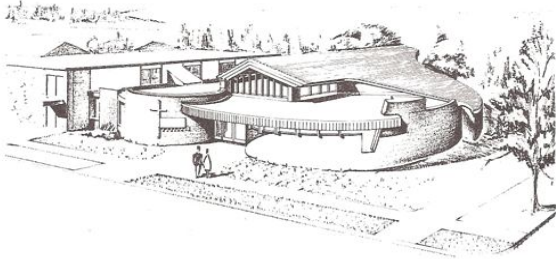


January 2020

Matters of Faith



Faith United Church of Christ
1001 5th Street Int'l Falls, Mn
218-283-2486

Saturday Worship 3:00 p.m.

Depending on what day you read this you are probably still within the “TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS.” Have any of you kept up with the gifts you are supposed to give your True Love? Actually while this has become kind of running joke at this time of year. It actually represent an important time in some traditions in the Christmas season celebration. The Twelve Days between Christmas Day and the Day of Epiphany is meant to be a celebration of the visit of the Magi, the three Wise Men. It’s a reminder that we often get it wrong as we set up our Nativity Scenes. The Shepherd arrived on Christmas to see the Christ child. But the Wise Men didn’t leave until the star had appeared and the star didn’t appear until Jesus was born. So the Wise Men wouldn’t have left their home in modern day Iran until after Jesus had been born and there was no way they would have been there that night.

In the traditions that celebrate Epiphany this is the time when gifts are exchanged within the family in remembrance of the gifts the Wise men brought to Jesus. During the season of Epiphany we remember times that Jesus was recognized as the Messiah in the early stages of his ministry. I sometimes wonder if we aren’t missing something in not making it a bigger deal out of Epiphany . Shouldn’t we be extending our time of celebrating Christ coming into the world and all that means.

For example New Years comes in the middle of the Twelve Days of Christmas and has been traditionally a day for looking at the mistakes of the past and pledging not to make them in the future. Of course as Christian we can do this every day. In fact that is the main point of our faith and tradition. It isn’t as much about “Being Saved” as it is about being FORGIVEN and having the chance to start over in the way we live. We are constantly being called to “repent” to change from living as this world would have us to be living, to a life given over to serving God by helping others and setting an example for others to follow how God wants us to live.

This year let us accept the goal of looking at our lives during this time of year and seek out the truth of how we are doing at following God's way in how we live. Let us think about how Jesus was revealed to be the Christ and how he calls us each to live a life following the example of loving others that he set for us. ---*Pastor John*

BIBLE STUDY

I've had a few express an interest in a Bible Study right after the New Year. The Theme would be first; "The Bible and the United Church of Christ." The second part would be to look at the meaning of the idea of "God is Still Speaking" by looking at about six Bible passages. We would be following some materials from the National Church and they need to be ordered and would cost about \$6 per person. Please let me know if you are interested.



Faith United Church has an active prayer chain. If you have prayer requests for someone, or yourself, call the church office at 283-2486 or Norma Krats at 285-7015. You must have permission to put someone on the chain...either from the person, or from a close relative. They will remain on the prayer chain list until a request to remove them is made.

To put someone on the list for Sunday bulletin prayers, call the church office at 283-2486. People will be on the list for one week only, unless you ask that they remain on the list. In that case, please call back when they can be removed.

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Elephant Eaters mission of the month for January is **“Habitat for Humanity”**.
Donations can be dropped off at the office, during office hours. Thanks, Tom Barthell



“THANKS” FOR ALL YOUR HELP WITH THE CHRISTMAS TREE & DECORATIONS:

Connie & Jim Lacher, Pam & Tom Urban, Barb & Micky Johnson, Julie Joslyn,
Marcia Stewart, Taffy Walls, John Frederickson, and Julie Johnson.



“THANKS”:

To the Ladies of Faith United who baked, packaged, and delivered a wonderful
assortment of Christmas cookies to those who benefited from their “Cookies to Share”
project. What a sweet way to show goodness during this time of year.



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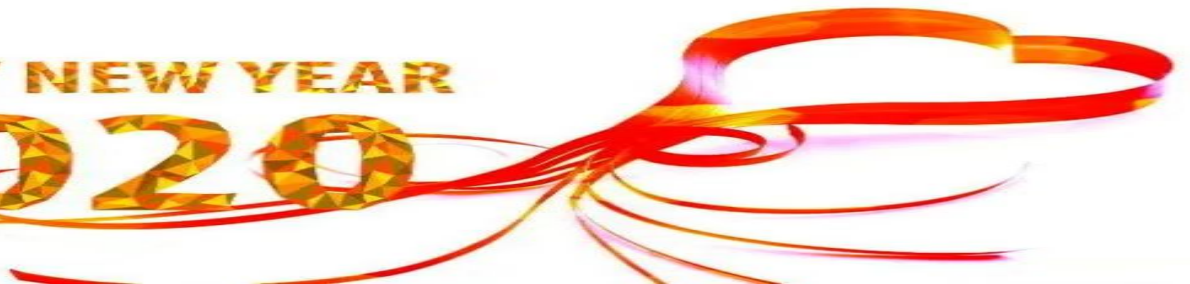
To Donna Frederickson for decorating our altar with a beautiful poinsettia plant.
So thoughtful of you, Donna, and so appreciated by your friends at Faith United.



“THANKS”:

To all the Faith United Church members, who have provided supplies and
volunteered services to keep our church going through 2019.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2020**





January 2020

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 6:30pm Cub Scouts	3	4 3:00pm Worship Service
5	6 6:30pm Girl Scouts	7	8 1-3:00pm Memory Cafe	9 12:00pm. Elephant Eaters 6:30pm Cub Scouts	10	11 3:00pm Worship Service
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19	20	21 11:30am Council Mtg.	22 1-3:00pm Memory Cafe	23 10:00am Evangelism & Membership Meeting 6:30pm Cub Scouts	24	25 3:00pm Worship Service
26	27 6:30pm Girl Scouts	28	29	30 6:30pm Cub Scouts	31	



February 2020 (tentative)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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