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SUPPLY PASTORS CHAD WEDDLE ROBERT ROCK

FELLOWSHIP 10:30am Join us for coffee and refreshments

WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00am

As the calendar turns over to another year, most people start thinking about what they did or didn't do the past year, and what they would like for the new year to bring. Some people make resolutions or goals, others might just spend some time in prayer-ful meditation. Whatever your personal new year habits might be, the Bible is the best source for guidance and wisdom. Here are some verses that can help you get started with the new year – or with any new beginning in your life.

Isaiah 60:20 (ESV) "Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended." The entire chapter of Isaiah 60 to me is about new beginnings and making the new better than the old. I picked this particular verse, though, because of the emphasis on the Lord as our light and an end to days of mourning. Whether you're wanting to move past a year that was filled with tragedy or hardship, or you just want this coming year to be better than the last one, every verse of Isaiah 60 speaks to promotion and new beginnings

Revelation 21:5 (ESV) "And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new."

God makes everything new. This simple thought is one of the most profound, and can carry you through any change: God is always on the throne, and He is always making all things new.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

This verse reminds us that if we believe that Jesus is the Son of God and died for our sins, then we are no longer what we once were. It's true that bad things happen even to believers, and we all still make mistakes – but we don't have to live with the permanent spiritual consequences of those things. Jesus has made all things new for us.

Sometimes a new year or a new beginning may not arrive with feelings of joy or excitement. But we know we can come to God with any need, and we will receive His help. If you're facing a difficult decision or an uncomfortable transition, come boldly to God's throne and receive His grace and love. HEBREWS 4:16 "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."



<u>GREETER</u> Jennifer Stull / Jim Bostian <u>ORGANIST /PIANO</u>

Mary Frances Bostian ACOLYTES

Kevin Sunday /Ashlee Sunday /Jim Bostian USHERS

Jim Bostian / Doug Sunday

ALTAR GUILD

Jim & Mary Frances Bostian

Weekly BULLETIN

Jennifer Stull

CHURCH TREASURERS

Jennifer Sunday / Shirley Bazan

NEWSLETTER / MAILING

Jennifer Stull

LABELS FOR HOFFMAN HOMES

Loberta Staley

HOMEWOOD Auxiliary Representative

Carole Houck / Loberta Staley

FELLOWSHIP MORNING

Jennifer Stull

CONSISTORY BOARD

Mary Catherine Martz, Carole Houck, Shirley Bazan, Joan Woodward, Doug Sunday , Kevin Sunday

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Carole Houck, Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday <u>CEMETERY COMMITTEE</u>

Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday, Jennifer Stull

SHARING AND CARING

Chad Weddle will be conducting services on January 1 and 8. Chad has served as one of our Supply Pastors for the past two years. There are no words sufficient to express our gratitude for all that he has done for Faith. His messages have always been so relevant to everyday life and to situations that we all face. Faith has been so fortunate to have had Chad in our midst and to have had his help these past two years. We wish him well.

We express our sympathy to Shirley Bazan, Robert Haugh and Doug Sunday on the death of their Aunt, sister- in-law to Margaret Sunday, Phyllis Stup who passed on December 18, 2016.



Faith Church can now access genealogy records thanks to Bob Fout who sent the following letter to Faith UCC on Sept 30,2016:

"I wanted to personally thank you for allowing me access to the Faith United Church of Christ's birth/baptism, marriage and death/burial ledgers. The records for your church, which span from 1841 through 1985, are now freely accessible to the genealogical community via my website at www.bobgfoutgenealogy.com.

Preserving Frederick County's genealogical history is a passion of mine and your contributions to this project are greatly appreciated."



FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

TOM BAZAN PATTY BLANK BILLY BOWSER RILEY BRANNAN TRISH BRANNAN JOE CONRAD PENNY DAVIS **BRYAN DINKLE** BRENDA DINKLE-WRIGHT MARION DOUGHERTY JOHN DREISONSTOK DULCIA DUTROW MARGARET DUTROW GRACE ECKER ROGER FARBER NOAH FINDLEY BRADLEY FLOOK JR ANGIE FORREST DOT GLASSCOCK JERRY GOEDERT JR. **BOB HARPER** JERRY HAYES

LILLIE BELL HOBBS **ROBERT KALASKI Sr.** SARA KNIGHT ANTHONY MAIN ROBERT MARSH JOE-JOE MAY MARLENE MCDONALD PEGGY MEEUWSEN **TIM & GRETA NETTLETON** MARGARET PASLAWSKY JERRY PENICK DORIS PENROD KATHY PETERS MEHRL RAMSBURG THELMA RAMSBURG **BOBBY REMSBERG** DONALD SHOOK GARY SMITH JR. MELVIN SMITH BARBARA SNOOTS ANNA MARY SNYDER SANDY SPENCER

JERRY STIMMEL LINDA TROPE PATRICK VASOLD CALLIE WATKINS JOEL WILCOX BILL WISSMAN JOANNE YINGLING HEATHER ZIMMERMAN

To <u>ADD</u> or <u>REMOVE</u> names to :

- Prayer List
- Newsletter Mailing
- Birthdays or Anniversaries

Please contact Jennifer Stull @ 301-788-1656

Our In-Home Members

Grace Ecker lives at Somerford Place. Would enjoy visitors any day of the week anytime before 8pm.

Margaret Sunday is home, would enjoy visitors—*please call first 301-304-0214.* Brenda Dinkle Wright is home, call to say hello! 301-663-8341. Donald Shook is currently at Glade Valley Center, Would enjoy visitors any day of the week anytime before 8 pm. 240-575-7729.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 22, 2017 / Following Worship Snow date : January 29, 2017.

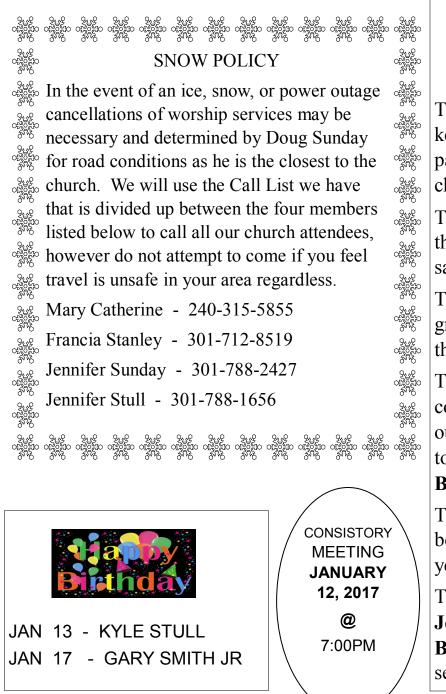
We are looking forward to **ALL** who can attend this meeting. You do not have to be a member to attend so please stay

and join in these important church discussions and decisions. This annual meeting is immediately after worship. We always enjoy a potluck lunch to eat together before getting down to business. Discussion will include the 2017 budget, annual reports from all committees, and ideas of future events/fundraisers. Jim Bostian and Jennifer Stull have accepted the call to serve a two year term on the Consistory subject to a vote at the Annual Meeting. Any questions or concerns please contact consistory president Mary Catherine Martz.



Welcome to our new Supply Pastor! Faith UCC welcomes **Pastor Robert Rock** (**Pastor Bob**) to our church family. His first service at our church will be on Sunday, <u>January 15, 2017</u>. He came from Holyoke, Massachusetts, and graduated from Guilford College in Greensville, NC, and Seminary in Hartford, CT. He served three UCC churches in Massachusetts before coming to Glade UCC in Walkersville, MD, in 1989. He retired from Trinity UCC in Manchester, MD, and came out of retirement to serve Mt. Pleasant UCC for 8 years. He and his wife, Sue, recently moved to an apartment at Homewood and are members of Grace UCC in Taneytown, MD. Pastor Bob is very willing to make pastoral calls on persons in the hospital and nursing homes and will do funerals for members of the church family. Pastor Bob can be reached as follows:

Home Address : 7401 Willow Rd, Apt 228, Frederick, MD 21702 Home phone : 240-651-0778 Cell phone : 240-405-4587 E-Mail : pastorbob@saurette.com





Thank you to **Carole Houck** for keeping our church organized and paperwork needed to keep our church going this year.

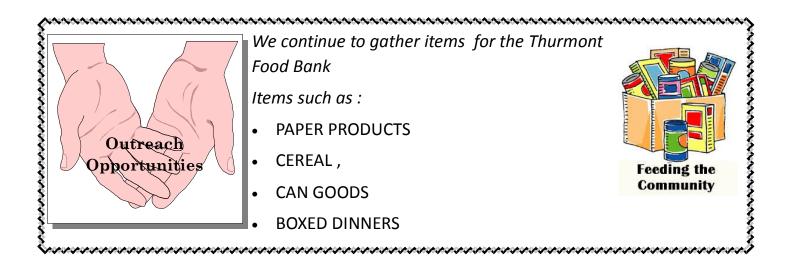
Thank you to **Jim Bostian** for all the church maintenance to keep it safe this year.

Thank you to our organist, greeters, acolytes and ushers for their service to our worship.

Thank you to all who have contributed to our continuing outreach with the Food Bank and to **Jim and Mary Frances Bostian** delivering the items.

Thank you to **Pat Harley** for being our backup organist this year.

Thank you to our Treasurers Jennifer Sunday and Shirley Bazan for their dedicated time and service for our church finances.



ADVENT LIGHTING



RICH GIBBS Celebration









CHRIST CANDLE







SILENT NIGHT!







Louis Richard Batzler

Louis Richard Batzler, 94, who served churches in Frederick County from 1971 to 1983, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, at his home in Kill Devil Hills, N.C. Born Sept. 27, 1922, in Baltimore, he was a son of the late John F. and Ruth Coblentz Batzler.

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He was the husband of Evelyn M. Greisz, who died April 28, 2010. They were married 63 years.

He studied at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and received a bachelor of philosophy from Loyola College, Baltimore, and a master of arts and Ph.D. in history from Georgetown University.

In 1960, he graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary, and was ordained as a minister in the United Church of Christ, where he served congregations in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio and North Carolina.

He was an exchange pastor in New Orleans and Kilmarnock, Scotland.

His ministry included college, hospital and hospice chaplainships, and leadership positions in ecumenical and interfaith orga-

nizations.

As an educator, he taught in a Baltimore public school, in five colleges, youth camps, a holistic health center and a national counseling organization.

He was a Navy hospital corpsman during World War II, a CIA intelligence officer and was a candidate for U.S. House in Ohio's Fifth District.

Survivors include a sister, Anne E. Naff, of Middletown; daughter, Margaret A. Khoury of Las Vegas, Nev.; sons Louis R. Batzler Jr., of Kill Devil Hills, N.C., and Lloyd Batzler, of Rockville; grandson, Richard J. Batzler, of Washington, D.C., granddaughter, Katherine D. Batzler, of Rockville; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was a brother of the late John F. "Jack" Batzler Jr., Lloyd C. Batzler and Ruth C. Naff.

A memorial service is Jan. 7 at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, Kill Devil Hills.

A graveside service will be at Faith Church, Frederick, at a later date. There is a wall in the Fireside Lounge with 5x7's of the past history of our pastors including Reverend Batzler's.

We will be adding to our wall as our Faith pastors continue.

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me The brand new year ahead. Help me live the way I should As each new day I tread. Give me gentle wisdom That I might help a friend, Give me strength and courage So a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty, Help me fill it with good things Each new day filled with joy And happiness it brings. Amen.

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