

# FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



JANUARY 2018



*I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.*

[Ecclesiastes 3:12-13](#)

Another New Year begins —we seem to reflect back on all the changes we have had, unexpected joys and unexpected losses. But then, we look into the future as well. We see the things we *want* to change, the gains we *hope* to have, and joys we want to make for ourselves. Sometimes we have no control over where our life's path takes us. When we do have control, we want to look to God for answers to our questions or look to him when we have to make decisions. We have God to thank for each day and what we have. We have God to lean on when bad times are upon us. I have always heard that He never leaves us.

He wants us to be dedicated to Him, honest, caring, and loving. He wants us to pray for our needs and the needs for others. He wants us to pray to Him for whatever we ask him for. He will hear you and always be by you in your time of happiness and in your time of sorrow. I found these scriptures that reflect the caring and love God brings.

[Psalm 16:11](#) *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

[1 Peter 5:7](#) *Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*

[1 Corinthians 1:4](#) *I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus,*

[Deuteronomy 31:8](#) *The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."*



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Faith United Church of Christ

## SUNDAY Gathering

10:30 am

Join us for coffee  
and refreshments  
in the  
Fellowship Hall

## WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 am

# Meeting

- The consistory is planning for the Annual Congregational Meeting this month.. Bring your concerns, ideas and questions. This the most important meeting of the year as a church family!
- **January 21, 2018** - Following worship we will enjoy a pot luck lunch. Bring a dish to share as we always have wonderful variety of food and dessert! Any questions, please contact Mary Catherine Martz or Jennifer Stull. We will get down to business.
- Snow date set for January 28, 2018

Next CONSISTORY MEETING  
(Monday) JANUARY 8th @ 7:00 PM



*Email*

*Thank you for the Christmas card and the church picture, I wish for you all a very Happy New Year and a prosperous 2018.  
Pastor Bob Rock.*



Betty Cannon is doing pretty well. She gets around with her walker and has good check ups.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

JAN 13 - KYLE STULL  
JAN 17 - GARY SMITH JR



### GREETER

Donald Shook /Jennifer Stull

### ORGANIST /PIANO

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, Doug Sunday, Kevin Sunday, Jim Bostian, Jennifer Stull

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Carole Houck, Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday, William Houck

*Thank You*

*We have a wonderful congregation to be thankful for and are blessed to have them all! We cannot run this church alone, it is a success together as a church family! Thank you so much!*

Thank you to our Treasurers **Jennifer Sunday and Shirley Bazan** for keeping our church straight on finances.

Thank you to **Mary Catherine Martz** for arranging our supply pastors to keeping our church going!

Thank you to **ALL** our supply pastors that have filled our Sundays with their great sermons, singing and friendship. We have enjoyed all!

Thank you to **Bob Hartman, Donald Shook w/Jennifer Stull, Mary Catherine Martz, the Sunday Family and Jim and Mary Frances Bostian** for lighting the Advent candles this Christmas season. See photos on page 6!

Thank you to **Jennifer Sunday, Ashley Sunday, Mary Catherine Martz and Jennifer Stull** for reading scripture in the month of December.

Thank you to the **Houck Family** for all that you do for our church grounds, repairs and keeping our church safe!

Thank you to the property, fundraising and cemetery **committees**. We appreciate all you do!



## FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS



TOM BAZAN

PATTY BLANK

BILLY BOWSER

RILEY BRANNAN

TRISH BRANNAN

BETTY CANNON

JOE CONRAD

BRYAN DINKLE

BRENDA DINKLE-WRIGHT

MARION DOUGHERTY

JOHN DREISONSTOK

GRACE ECKER

ROGER FARBER

NOAH FINDLEY

BRADLEY FLOOK JR

ANGIE FORREST

DOT GLASSCOCK

BOB GOEDERT

JERRY GOEDERT JR

JERRY HAYES

LILLIE BELL HOBBS

DIANE JACKSON

ROBERT KALASKI SR

SARA KNIGHT

ANTHONY MAIN

ROBERT MARSH

PEGGY MEEUWSEN

MARGARET PASLAWSKY

JERRY PENICK

DORIS PENROD

KATHY PETERS

MEHRL RAMSBURG

THELMA RAMSBURG

BOBBY REMSBERG

GARY SMITH JR

MELVIN SMITH

BARBARA SNOOTS

SANDY SPENCER

LOBERTA STALEY

LINDA TROPE

PATRICK VASOLD

CALLIE WATKINS

JOEL WILCOX

BILL WISSMAN

HARVEY YINGLING

HEATHER ZIMMERMAN

To **ADD** or **REMOVE**  
names to :

- Prayer List
- Newsletter Mailing
- Birthday/ Anniversary

*Please contact Jennifer Stull*  
*mychurch.js@gmail.com*

*301-788-1656*

### *Our In-Home Members*

**Betty Cannon** lives at home, call to say hello! 301-663-4758

**Grace Ecker** lives at Tranquility at Fredericktown - Contact information will be updated

**Donald Shook** lives at Genesis /Glade Valley Center. Would enjoy visitors any day of the week anytime before 8 pm or call to say hello! 301-898-4336.

**Margaret Sunday** lives at home, would enjoy visitors—*please call first* 301-304-0214.

**Brenda Dinkle Wright** lives at home, call to say hello! 301-663-8341.



## SNOW POLICY

In the event of ice, snow, or a power outage, cancellation of worship services may be necessary. Doug Sunday will review road conditions as he is the closest to the church. We will use the Call List we have that is divided up between the four members listed below to call all our church attendees, *however do not attempt to come if you feel travel is unsafe in your area regardless.*

Mary Catherine - 240-315-5855  
 Francia Stanley - 301-712-8519  
 Jennifer Sunday - 301-788-2427  
 Jennifer Stull - 301-788-1656



Stop by the bulletin board to see cards mailed to Faith Church! Photos will be added monthly. Please keep bringing in the Campbell Labels for Loberta Staley and Box Tops for Mary Catherine Martz. Baggies will still continue to be hung to put them in. Thank you!

## SNOWFLAKES

*Snowflakes gently swirling down  
 Pronounce a benediction;  
 As they blanket all the town  
 Give rise to this conviction:  
 That God in His wisdom knows  
 That all is not perfection.  
 And so His Love, like the snows,  
 Affords a kind of protection.  
 It covers the unsightly,  
 And shelters the growing things,  
 Till man's spirit, contritely,  
 Of majestic beauty sings.*

*Poem By Erma Grove*



The Foodbank Program operated by the Frederick Community Action Agency (FCAA) provides a three-to five-day supply of food to families and individuals who are facing an economic crisis and cannot afford to buy their groceries. The FCAA Food Bank serves between 600 to 800 households each month ranging from very low-income families who use the Food Bank on a regular basis to moderate-income families who are facing a financial crisis and need food assistance. This is an important outreach for our church to be a part of. Thank you to all who have contributed to this outreach. Thank you to **Jim and Mary Frances Bostian** for delivering the items to Thurmont. These products are always needed:

**PAPER PRODUCTS - CANNED GOODS -  
 BOXED DINNERS - CEREAL**

# Advent & Christmas



THE TWO MARY'S THINK ALIKE!  
( Wore Same Sweaters Vests)



SCRIPTURE READERS



APPRECIATION GIFTS

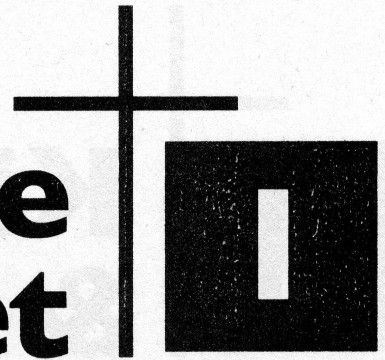


JAYLIN LOVES  
THE RIDE ON  
DADDY'S LEG!





# Elisha the Prophet



O R E H T A F Y M A U J E K T  
O G U Z U Y P M W O Q A U V Z  
Q V G E H A Z I J Y T R O J S  
P H Z P F U E L H S R S N U H  
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**AXHEAD**

**ELISHA**

**NAAMAN**

**BETHEL**

**GEHAZI**

**SHUNAMMITE**

**BURNED PLOW HEALINGWATER**

**SON HEALED**

**CLOAK**

**JARS OF OIL**

**STEADFAST**

**ELIJAH**

**MY FATHER**

**WON'T LEAVE**