

Faith United Church of Christ



FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY

Fellowship

10:30 am

Join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

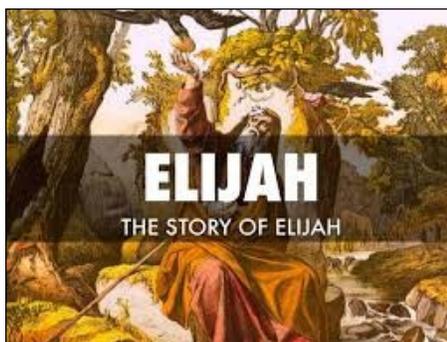
WORSHIP

SERVICE

11:00 am

“If you continue in my word... you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free”

John 8:31-32



The Bible story of Elijah is found in the Old Testament, in the first book of Kings chapters 17 and 18. Elijah's story begins by introducing the state of affairs for the people of Israel. They had been governed by kings for numerous years and several of these kings had been evil. God was troubled with what the people were experiencing and he delivered his prophet, Elijah, to guide them out of corruption and suffering.

Before Elijah actually arrives in Israel, God sends a drought as he is so displeased with the people. Elijah had been residing out in the desert where there was a river with drinking water and God had sent ravens to bring him food. Eventually, the river also dries up and God instructs Elijah to go to the home of a widow who will provide him with food. When Elijah comes to the town of Zarephath, he sees the widow and asks her to get him some water and bread. She replies that she only has a small amount of flour and oil and is collecting sticks so she can cook this last portion of bread as the last meal for her son and herself. Elijah assures her that God will not allow their food to diminish until the rain returns. The widow trusts in Elijah and their food lasted until it rained again. Sometime later, the widow's son became ill and passed away.

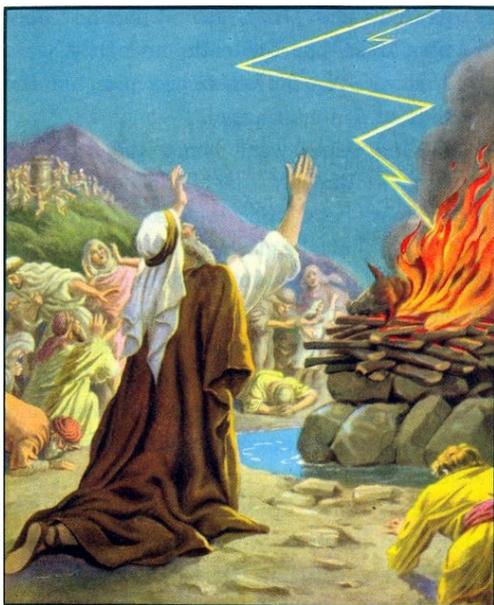
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The widow was very troubled, believing that Elijah was the reason for this tragedy. Though Elijah was blamed by the widow, he attempted to bring the boy back to life by praying to God. In a miraculous event, God heard Elijah and answered his prayers and brought the boy back to life. When Elijah returned the boy to his mother, the woman could recognize that Elijah was a man of God and was amazed.

The story continues as Elijah confronts the evil king, Ahab, about being the cause of problems for the people of Israel. Elijah challenges Ahab to a demonstration of his deity, Baal, versus the God of Elijah at Mount Carmel. The challenge is to offer sacrifices to their respective deities and see which starts a fire to prove their divinity. Ahab's prophets pray for hours to Baal but nothing happens. When it is Elijah's turn he boldly drenches the sacrament with water to display his supreme trust in God to start a fire despite being wet. Then Elijah began to pray:

“O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.”



God then sent down a fire that completely engulfed the sacrament in flames and the people of Israel rejoiced with a newfound faith in God. The fire was followed by rain ending the long drought, further showing God's grace. The Israelites lost faith in Ahab and followed Elijah's guidance in trusting and recognizing God's sovereignty.



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FEB 10 - ASHLEE SUNDAY
FEB 28 - TINA HOUCK



FEB 28 - RICK & TINA HOUCK



OUTREACH

Thank you for all the donations for our food basket in

the arcade! We continue to collect items for the Thurmont Food Bank. Thank you to **Jim and Mary Frances Bostian** for delivering the donated food. All is needed and appreciated!

PAPER PRODUCTS - CANNED GOODS
BOXED DINNERS - CEREAL



UPDATE

Annual Congregational Meeting was held on January 20, 2019. Thank you to everyone for a delicious pot luck lunch! We all had great fellowship and a grateful thank you to Mary Catherine Martz and William Houck for purchasing the fried chicken. And for Mary Catherine for ordering and picking it up.

Thank you to Consistory President Mary Catherine Martz for running this meeting with organization and dedication and Carole Houck for having all paperwork prepared for us. All reviewed the Secretary, Treasurer and Committee reports to help inform our congregation of our church finances, improvements, repairs and future projects. Thank you to our Secretary, Treasurers and Property committee for all that they do for this church. As Chad Weddle has taught us, the hands cannot do without an arm and the arm cannot do without the body...we are all grateful for each other.

Jim Bostian and Jennifer Stull were elected to serve a two-year term on the Consistory. All of the Consistory members were installed during the worship service held on January 27 by Pastor Chad Weddle. The next Consistory Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 13. At that time, Consistory Members will elect officers for 2019.





“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus”

1 Timothy 2:5

MARIANNE BALTROTSKY

TOM BAZAN

PATTY BLANK

JIM BOSTIAN

BILLY BOWSER

RILEY BRANNAN

TRISH BRANNAN

CLARKE BURELL

BILL CLEM

BRYAN DINKLE

BRENDA DINKLE-WRIGHT

MARION DOUGHERTY

JOHN DREISONSTOK

ROGER FARBER

NOAH FINDLEY

BRADLEY FLOOK JR

ANGIE FORREST

DOT GLASSCOCK

BOB GOEDERT

EMILIE GOEDERT

JERRY GOEDERT JR

MICK HARLEY

JERRY HAYES

LILLIE BELL HOBBS

ROBERT KALASKI SR

SARA KNIGHT

ANTHONY MAIN

MARY FRANCES MAIN

ROBERT MARSH

PEGGY MEEUWSEN

MARGARET PASLAWSKY

JERRY PENICK

DORIS PENROD

KATHY PETERS

MEHRL RAMSBURG

THELMA RAMSBURG

BOBBY REMSBERG

PATRICIA SCOTT

GARY SMITH JR

MELVIN SMITH

BARBARA SNOOTS

SANDY SPENCER

BOB STANLEY

LINDA TROPE

PATRICK VASOLD

BOB WARNER

ROBERT WASTLER

CALLIE WATKINS

SANDY WETZEL

JOEL WILCOX

BILL WISSMAN

HEATHER ZIMMERMAN

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

- Prayer List
- Newsletter Mailing
- Birthday/ Anniversary

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Our In-Home Members

Margaret Sunday lives at home, visitors welcome - call first 301-304-0214.

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

Bob Warner lives at home, call to say hello - 301-473-8111



GREETER

Donald Shook

ORGANIST /PIANO

Mary Frances Bostian

ACOLYTES

Kevin Sunday/Ashlee Sunday/Jim Bostian

USHERS

Bill Houck / Doug Sunday / Jennifer Stull

ALTAR GUILD

Jim & Mary Frances Bostian/Carole Houck

Weekly BULLETIN

Jennifer Stull

CHURCH TREASURERS

Jennifer Sunday / Shirley Bazan

Monthly 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, Jim Bostian, Calvin Woodward, Jennifer Sunday, Jennifer Stull

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Carole Houck, Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday, William Houck

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday, Jennifer Stull

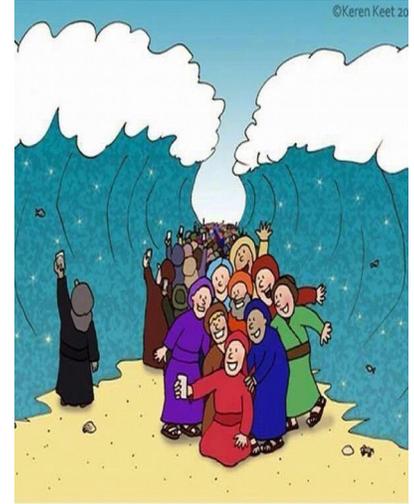
Thank You

“May the Lord reward you for your kindness.”

Ruth 1:8

Thank you to **Rick Houck** for clearing the snow from the church parking lot last month.

Thank you to **all** who bring delicious refreshments for fellowship morning.



If there were cellphones at the Red Sea

SNOW SANCTUARY

By ERMA GROVE

*The snow had begun in the early morn
And it swirled all day and all night;
With mantle of white it covered the earth,
A shimmering and sparkling sight.
Fence posts were bedecked in fluffy snow-caps,
Pine trees donned their mufflers of white,
The naked trees were carelessly clothed,
And streams were an icy delight.*

*As dawn came anew to the winter scene
A solemn stillness was everywhere;
The glowing sun lit icicle tapers,
Sabbath calm filled the morning air;
Each tree and each bush sang mute hymns of praise,
All nature joined in silent prayer,
And over all came the benediction
Of peacefulness beyond compare.*



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Ezra & Nehemiah

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CLEANSING
CONFESSION
DEDICATION
EZRA

INHERITANCE
JESHUA
KING CYRUS
KING DARIUS
NEHEMIAH

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RESTORATION
XERXES
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