

# FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 2018



*Have a  
wonderful  
Thanksgiving!*

## The Parable of the Sower

MATTHEW 13: 1-23

**1** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. **2** Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. **3** Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. **4** As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. **5** Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. **6** But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. **7** Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. **8** Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. **9** Whoever has ears, let them hear." **10** The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" **11** He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. **12** Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. **13** This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. **14** In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: "‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. **15** For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.’ **16** But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. **17** For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. **18** "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: **19** When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. **20** The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. **21** But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. **22** The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. **23** But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

SUNDAY

Fellowship

10:30 am

Join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP  
SERVICE

11:00 am



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*"And may the Lord  
reward you for your  
kindness ..."*

*Ruth 1:8*

Our thanks to the **Houck family** for mowing and taking care of the church grounds.

Thank you to **Mary Catherine Martz** for continuing to get the elements for communion on a monthly basis and coming early to prepare it .



Consistory  
News

*Submitted by Secretary Carole Houck*

*Caring  
Sharing*

Donald Shook has recovered from a 2 week time of bronchitis.

**Poinsettias** are on sale! Order form enclosed in newsletter. Deadline is November 18, 2018. Contact Mary Catherine Martz for any questions.

*Lifeline Screening will be using Faith Church Thursday, November 8, 2018 for their regular health screening event . They are online : [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle).*

*They have always had great success with this event being held at our church and we are happy to provide them with our hall.*

- The next Consistory Meeting will be held on Monday, November 12, at 7:00 pm.
- The terms of the following two Consistory Members will be up at the end of 2018: Jim Bostian and Jennifer Stull. Both Jim and Jennifer have volunteered to serve another two-year term. The formal election will be held at the Annual Congregational Meeting in January 2019.
- A major landscaping project at the Parsonage has been completed. Twice this year, the tenants have had water in the basement. Hopefully, this project will correct the water problem. A French drain was installed in the backyard of the house; new sidewalks were installed in both the front and back of the house; new higher window wells were installed; new down-spout drains with pop-up emitters on the ends were installed underground so that they drain away from the house; and the house foundation was backfilled with soil to raise the grade and provide proper drainage away from the house.
- After the rain storm of September 7-10, leaks were discovered around the Fireside Room chimney, around the Bell Tower, and in the Arcade ceiling. These leaks have been addressed.
- A new shed has been ordered for use by the tenants as the old one was in need of major repairs.



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



**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

*By ERMA GROVE*

*O God of Love, who guards our way,  
Our hearts o'erflow with thanks his day;*

*For all things good and all things right,  
For light of day and dark of night'*

*For singing birds, and blooming flowers,  
For steams and lakes and wooded bowers;*

*For rolling hills and fertile plains  
For sunshine's warmth, and gentle rains;*

*For springtime bud that summer grows,  
For autumn's blaze, and winter's snows;*

*For shelt'ring roof, and daily bread,  
For home, and friends by whom we're led;*

*For books to read, and games to play,  
For laughers gift , for work each day;*

*For this our land where freedom rings,  
For joyous hope that justice brings;*

*For friendly church and worship there,  
For quietness and time for prayer;*

*For sacrifice and service true,  
For patience, wisdom , courage, too;*

*For life itself while we have breath,  
And at the last our thanks for death;*

*For all thy gifts bestowed each day,  
Accept our thanks, we humbly pray.*

*Amen.*



<i>TOM BAZAN</i>	<i>LILLIE BELL HOBBS</i>	<i>BOB WARNER</i>
<i>PATTY BLANK</i>	<i>ROBERT KALASKI SR</i>	<i>ROBERT WASTLER</i>
<i>JIM BOSTIAN</i>	<i>SARA KNIGHT</i>	<i>CALLIE WATKINS</i>
<i>BILLY BOWSER</i>	<i>ANTHONY MAIN</i>	<i>SANDY WETZEL</i>
<i>RILEY BRANNAN</i>	<i>MARY FRANCES MAIN</i>	<i>AARON WHIPP</i>
<i>TRISH BRANNAN</i>	<i>ROBERT MARSH</i>	<i>JOEL WILCOX</i>
<i>CLARKE BURELL</i>	<i>PEGGY MEEUWSEN</i>	<i>BILL WISSMAN</i>
<i>BILL CLEM</i>	<i>MARGARET PASLAWSKY</i>	<i>HEATHER ZIMMERMAN</i>
<i>BRYAN DINKLE</i>	<i>JERRY PENICK</i>	
<i>BRENDA DINKLE-WRIGHT</i>	<i>DORIS PENROD</i>	
<i>MARION DOUGHERTY</i>	<i>KATHY PETERS</i>	
<i>JOHN DREISONSTOK</i>	<i>MEHRL RAMSBURG</i>	
<i>ROGER FARBER</i>	<i>THELMA RAMSBURG</i>	
<i>NOAH FINDLEY</i>	<i>BOBBY REMSBERG</i>	
<i>BRADLEY FLOOK JR</i>	<i>PATRICIA SCOTT</i>	
<i>ANGIE FORREST</i>	<i>GARY SMITH JR</i>	
<i>DOT GLASSCOCK</i>	<i>MELVIN SMITH</i>	
<i>BOB GOEDERT</i>	<i>BARBARA SNOOTS</i>	
<i>EMILIE GOEDERT</i>	<i>SANDY SPENCER</i>	
<i>JERRY GOEDERT JR</i>	<i>BOB STANLEY</i>	
<i>MICK HARLEY</i>	<i>LINDA TROPE</i>	
<i>JERRY HAYES</i>	<i>PATRICK VASOLD</i>	

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**

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

**Brenda Dinkle Wright** lives at home, call to say hello or visit—call first 301-663-8341.

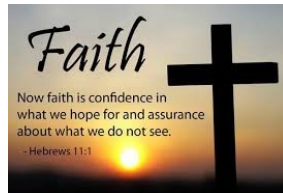
## FUNDRAISER Update

Our annual bingo was held at Lewistown Fire Company on October 20. What a success! We had 57 players and raised \$1802.40! Thank you to the bingo committee starting with organizer **Jennifer Sunday** for getting the necessary permits and supplies to have this annual event. Thank you to **Mary Frances Bostian** for getting the pies for our bake table and advertising for us. Thank to **Carole Houck** for contributing the door prizes, baskets filled with items and to **Mary Catherine Martz** for contributing the basket's items. Thank you to **Jim Bostian, Bill Houck** for running the 50-50 table, thank you to **Doug Sunday, Kevin Sunday and Jennifer Stull** for running the floor with tip jars, and selling specials, and calling the winning numbers. Our NEXT bingo is June 15, 2019!



NOV 3 - Robert Haugh  
NOV 12 - Beulah Wachter

NOV 16 - Mary Frances Main  
NOV 18 - Harold Staley  
NOV 28 - Tom Kolb



We all have lost loved ones. Walking through illness and asking God for healing that we know He may or may not bring is hard with children who are watching and learning about faith. The beauty of childlike faith is that in their innocence they find it easy to believe. Most children have not experienced the reality of deep disappointment that often shakes the faith of the rest of us. So how do we share faith with children when we ourselves have had our faith tested?

[Hebrews 11:1 \(ESV\)](#) says:

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."*

The very definition of faith as expressed by the writer of Hebrews focuses on the hope and conviction of our faith and not on the results. Though many of the Bible stories we use to share faith have positive endings, it's important to highlight the journey and act of faith before the outcome. This will build a faith in our children that is focused on their relationship with Jesus rather than merely what he can do for them. Though we believe and do not doubt, God may not do everything we ask of Him in faith because He knows better than we do exactly what we need in each situation. And this is perhaps the greatest lesson of **faith** – believing without doubt and trusting Him ...whatever the outcome.



An elderly lady was well-known for her faith and for her boldness in talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout "*Praise the Lord!*" Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout "*there ain't no Lord!*" Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted "*Praise the Lord, God! I need food! I am having a hard time. Please Lord, send me some groceries!*" The next morning, the lady went out on her porch and noted a large bag of groceries and shouted "*Praise the Lord*", then the neighbor jumped out from behind a bush and said "*AHA, I told you there was no Lord, I bought those groceries, God didn't!*" The lady started jumping up and down clapping her hands and said "*Praise the Lord! He not only sent me groceries, but he made the devil pay for them! Praise the Lord!*"



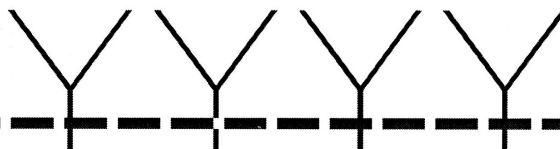
# Thanksgiving Word Search

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AUTUMN  
FAMILY  
FEAST  
FOOTBALL

GOBBLE  
INDIAN  
PILGRIM  
STUFFING

THANKFUL  
THANKSGIVING  
THURSDAY  
TURKEY





### CANCELLATION Reminder

Per our fundraising committee, the ANNUAL FALL TURKEY, OYSTER, COUNTRY HAM SUPPER that was scheduled for NOVEMBER 10, 2018 is **CANCELLED**. This announcement is on our web site as well.

### HOMEWOOD AUXILIARY of FREDERICK



The 2019 Homewood Auxiliary of Frederick Membership Drive has been completed. Faith UCC has a total of 13 members joining this year. Thanks to all for your continued support of this very worthwhile program.

By Carole Houck - Auxiliary Representative



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

ORDER due by November 18, 2018

CIRCLE the color Poinsettia you want



**Number  
Ordered**

**Total Price**

_____ 4"	RED, WHITE, PINK	\$3.00 each _____
_____ 6"	RED, WHITE, PINK, MARBLE, JINGLE BELLS	\$5.00 each _____
_____ 8"	RED, WHITE, PINK, MARBLE, MIX	\$11.00 each _____

\*\*If pink, white, or marble poinsettias are unavailable, red will be substituted by the nursery\*\*

Checks are to be payable to : Faith United Church of Christ.

Please include payment with the order form and return it to Mary Catherine Martz or mail to Faith United Church of Christ, 9333 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702.

YOUR Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle one :** In Memory Of or In Honor Of

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