



FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**JULY
AUGUST
2020**

**" May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in
believing, so that by the power
of the Holy Spirit you may
abound in hope. "**

Romans 15 : 13

Welcome Back!

SUNDAY

Fellowship

10:30 am

Join us for coffee and
refreshments in the
Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP

SERVICE

11:00 am

Well it has been very unusual these past 3 months! Everybody misses their church family and we have great news! We are overjoyed that we are able to open the church doors again! Faith Church has resumed church services starting July 5th. There are several temporary changes that may help us adjust to the circumstances due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Chad Weddle has been graciously available to preach our first Sunday back. We have placed on hold Fellowship gatherings and Communion until further notice. Offering plates will be placed in the back of the last sanctuary pew on each side so Ushers will not be attending each person. Thank you to Carole Houck for providing hand sanitizer and masks that are placed in the arcade for all who need. Though we love our usual pew that we are comfortable in, we will be sitting appropriately apart and will sing our hearts out for a wonderful worship! Unfortunately Faith Church has felt the financial strain as church costs are still due even though we are not there. We are grateful for what we have and thank all of you for your continued support. Thank you Joanne Ricketts for keeping the church cleaned and additional sanitizing during this time of absence. We hope to see all of you for the coming Sundays to feel the love and happiness through worship, singing and fellowship!



The Sermon On the Mount

The well-known Bible story of the Sermon on the Mount is recorded in the Bible book of Matthew 5-7. The Sermon on the Mount comes from when Jesus was just beginning his early ministry after being baptized by John and was traveling through Galilee. On a mountainside, not far from Capernaum, Jesus stopped to give his longest and most popular sermon, giving this event the name "Sermon on the Mount." Jesus' teachings in this message include what's known as the Lord's Prayer as well as the Beatitudes. The focus of the Sermon on the Mount was how to live a life pleasing to God and the characteristics of Christian discipleship. This sermon was a revelation through Jesus to His people. It served as a radical wake-up call for Christians to live wholeheartedly for God through faith, not simply through external actions of keeping the law. Our Savior used this passage to teach us how to live with the Kingdom of God in mind. The Sermon on the Mount is not simply a list of rules to follow, it is an invitation to live under grace and experience blessings and rewards from a living Christ-like. Read Matthew 5: 1-48 Bible Scripture passage for the Sermon on the Mount below. The entire story continues to Chapter 6 and 7.

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, **2** and he began to teach them. He said: **3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **5** Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. **6** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **7** Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. **8** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **9** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **10** Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. **13** "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. **14** "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. **17** "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. **19** Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. **20** For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. **21** "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' **22** But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. **23** "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, **24** leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. **25** "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. **26** Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. **27** "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' **28** But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. **29** If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. **30** And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. **31** "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' **32** But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. **33** "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' **34** But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; **35** or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. **36** And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. **37** All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. **38** "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' **39** But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. **40** And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. **41** If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. **42** Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. **43** "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' **44** But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45** that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. **46** If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? **47** And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? **48** Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Prayer Requests

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"

JOHN 14:27

MARIANNE BALTROTSKY

TOM BAZAN

PATTY BLANK

BILLY BOWSER

RILEY BRANNAN

TRISH BRANNAN

CLARKE BURELL

BILL CLEM

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SANDY SPENCER

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

- *Prayer Requests*
- *Newsletter Mailing*
- *Birthday/ Anniversary*

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Doug Sunday

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Jennifer Sunday / Shirley Bazan

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Jennifer Stull

HOMEWOOD Auxiliary Representative

Carole Houck

FELLOWSHIP MORNING

Jennifer Stull

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Mary Catherine Martz, Calvin Woodward,
Carole Houck, Jim Bostian,
Jennifer Sunday, Jennifer Stull

PROPERTY / CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Carole Houck, Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday,
Bill Houck, Jennifer Stull

Caring
Sharing

We express our sympathy to the Wright and Staley families on the death of Brenda Dinkle-Wright on June 23, 2020. Brenda was the wife of Jeff Wright and mother of Bailey and Ali Wright and the daughter of Loberta and Harold Staley. We have been kept informed of her sickness, progress and hospitalizations through the years and our thoughts prayers were always with them.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 10, 2020 !

HAPPY FATHER'S DAYS
JUNE 21, 2020!

THOUGH WE WERE NOT ABLE TO CELEBRATE THIS YEARLY EVENT , WE HOPED EVERYONE HAD A CHANCE TO SEE FAMILY WHETHER IT WAS THROUGH PHONE OR ON A MONITOR ! THANK YOU TO CAROLE AND MARY CATHERINE FOR HANDING OUT SPECIAL GIFTS OVER THE YEARS AS THEY WERE VERY MUCH ENJOYED AND APPRECIATED.



Thank you to **Bill Houck** and **Jim Bostian** for keeping the church grounds mowed so nice and **Bill** for weed whacking the entire property. The summer is getting hotter and we are grateful to have the dedication of you two for this time consuming and hot job. Thank you!



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Faith United Church of Christ



The Consistory Board met on May 27th and June 24th to review the status of opening the church for worship services.
The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 pm.



APRIL 23 - BAILEY WRIGHT
APRIL 23 - MARIS CANNON
APRIL 28 - RICH GIBBS
MAY 10 - WILLIAM HOUCK
MAY 20 - ALI WRIGHT
MAY 24 - FRANCIA STANLEY
MAY 27 - MARY CATHERINE MARTZ
MAY 27 - LINDSEY STANLEY
JUNE 12 - VICKIE WARNER
JUNE 21 - JENNIFER STULL
JULY 4 - CHAD WEDDLE
JULY 26 - KEVIN SUNDAY
JULY 30 - JAYLIN WOODWARD
AUG 12 - AARON STULL
AUG 16 - CALVIN WOODWARD III
AUG 21 - MARTA BURCHARDT
AUG 26 - JIM BOSTIAN
AUG 26 - MARIANNE BALTROTSKY
AUG 26 - RICKY HOUCK
AUG 28 - DONALD SHOOK
AUG 28 - JOEY STANLEY



APRIL 6 - CALVIN & JOAN WOODWARD / 8 yrs
JUNE 13 - TOM & SHIRLEY BAZAN / 22 yrs
JUNE 19 - JOEY & FRANCIA STANLEY / 27 yrs
AUG 6 - STEVE & JENNIFER STULL / 26 yrs
AUG 17 - ANTHONY & MARY FRANCES MAIN / 63 yrs
AUG 23 - HAROLD & LOBERTA STALEY / 26 yrs



Food Basket

Thurmont Food Bank is accepting and handing out food for the community! Thank you for all the donations for our food basket in the arcade! We continue to collect items needed below.
Thank you to **Jim and Mary Frances Bostian** for delivering the items.

PAPER PRODUCTS - CANNED GOODS

BOXED DINNERS - CEREAL



Country Church

By Erma Grove

There's a little red church by the roadside,
That I claim as my very own;
This building is more than steeples and wall,
More than bricks and mortar and stone.

'Twas here as a child, by my mother's knee,
I was taught of gods loving care;
Learned to sing His praise, to read from His word,
And to glimpse the meaning of prayer.

Here, too, I publicly stated my vows,
Accepting the lord as my guide;
And here, in those turbulent days of youth,
I began to walk by His side.

And down through the years with their doubts and fears,
I've returned to the church for aid;
I've knelt in the silence of holiness,
Found peace, and gone forth unafraid.

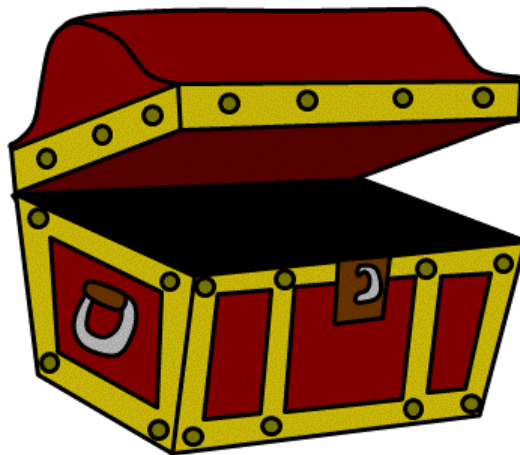
I've seen little ones brought to the altar,
I've known older ones laid to rest;
All part of the infinite plan of God,
His plan, I have learned, is the best.

This country church by the side of the road,
Means more than cathedrals so fine;
For here I grew in the knowledge of God,
And perceived that life is divine.

Sermon on the Mount Word Search

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REJOICE
REWARD
RIGHTEOUSNESS
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