



FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**SEPTEMBER
2020**

" Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him , and he will make straight your paths. "

Proverbs 3 : 3-6

SUNDAY

**WORSHIP
SERVICE**

11:00 am



DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist, well-known for baptizing Jesus in the river Jordan, is commonly referred to as the precursor or forerunner of Jesus. There are many parallels to the lives of John the Baptist and Jesus, as they both preached about repentance and the Kingdom of God and criticized the religious leaders of their day. Additionally, they were both considered martyrs persecuted by officials of the Roman Empire.

According to the gospels of Matthew and Mark, John the Baptist had been imprisoned because he condemned Herod Antipas for divorcing his wife and unlawfully taking Herodias, the wife of his brother Herod Philip I. On Herod's birthday, Herodias' daughter, Salome, danced before the king and his guests and Herod was so pleased that he promised to give her any request she desired. Out of revenge for criticizing her marriage to Herod, Herodias told Salome to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Although Herod was dismayed by the request, he reluctantly agrees to have John executed in the prison of Machaerus.

BIBLE : MATTHEW 14: 1-12 / MARK 6: 14-29

BORN : Late 1st Century BC

DIED : c. AD 28-36

Burial Place

The burial-place of John the Baptist was traditionally said to be at the Nabi Yahya Mosque (Saint John the Baptist Mosque) in Sebastia in current Palestinian territories, and mention is made of his relics being honored there around the middle of the 4th century.



Nabi Yahya Mosque

The historians Rufinus and Theodoretus record that the shrine was desecrated under Julian the Apostate around 362, the bones being partly burned. A portion of the rescued relics were carried to Jerusalem, then to Alexandria, where on 27 May 395, they were laid in the basilica newly dedicated to the Forerunner on the former site of the temple of Serapis. The tomb at Sebaste continued, nevertheless, to be visited by pious pilgrims, and Saint Jerome bears witness to miracles being worked there. The Coptic Christian Orthodox Church also claim to hold the relics of Saint John the Baptist. These are to be found in a monastery in Lower Egypt between Cairo and Alexandria. It is possible, with permission from the monks, to see the original tomb where the remains were found.

Also, in 2010, bones were discovered in the ruins of a Bulgarian church in the St. John the Forerunner Monastery (4th–17th centuries) on the Black



Sea island of St. Ivan and two years later, after DNA and radio carbon testing proved the bones belonged to a Middle Eastern man who lived in the 1st century AD, scientists said that the remains could conceivably have belonged to John the Baptist.^{[70][71]} The remains, found in a reliquarium, are presently kept in the Sts. Cyril and Methodius Cathedral in Sozopol.^{[70][7}

Prayer Requests

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41 : 10

MARIANNE BALTROTSKY

TOM BAZAN

PATTY BLANK

BILLY BOWSER

RILEY BRANNAN

TRISH BRANNAN

CLARKE BURELL

BILL CLEM

BRYAN DINKLE

MARION DOUGHERTY

JOHN DREISONSTOK

ROGER FARBER

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JERRY GOEDERT JR

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JERRY HAYES

LILLIE BELL HOBBS

GINNY HOUCK

ROBERT KALASKI SR

SARA KNIGHT

ANTHONY MAIN

MARY FRANCES MAIN

ROBERT MARSH

PEGGY MEEUWSEN

MARGARET PASLAWSKY

JERRY PENICK

DORIS PENROD

KATHY PETERS

BOBBY REMSBERG

PATRICIA SCOTT

GARY SMITH JR

MELVIN SMITH

BARBARA SNOOTS

SANDY SPENCER

LINDA TROPE

PATRICK VASOLD

BOB WARNER

ROBERT WASTLER

CALLIE WATKINS

JOEL WILCOX

BILL WISSMAN

HEATHER ZIMMERMAN



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

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Doug Sunday

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



RANDOM
THOUGHTS

By Erma Grove

*Take the rocks of life's hard knocks,
And build with them an altar;
Held in place by faith and grace,
And prayers that never falter.*

*Offer love, hope from above,
That doubt and fear may dwindle;
Self the price of sacrifice,
God's fire the flame will kindle.*

*Kneel in praise, thanksgiving raise,
The God of goodness ponder;
Then arise, to face the skies,
With grateful, silent wonder.*

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*Like stars that shine may my prayers be,
To guide me on life's troubles sea;
Serene unfailing, orderly,
Unnumbered, but all known to thee.*

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SEPT 17 - JEFF WRIGHT

SEPT 18 - MEL SCHALL

SEPT 27 - JENNIFER SUNDAY

SEPT 29 - SHIRLEY BAZAN

SEPT 30 - CALVIN WOODWARD IV



SEPT 18

MEL & CINDY SCHALL / 38 yrs

SEPT 19

JIM & MARY FRANCES BOSTIAN

61 yrs



Faith Church will be participating in the neighbors in need program on Sunday, Envelopes will be provided on that day for this special offering. This program supports the UCC's ministries of justice and omission through the United States.

Caring
Sharing

We express our sympathy to Donald Shook on the death of his cousin Blanche Hargett on June 15, 2020. He was close to her and known as "Peg" to him. He visited her in Montevue as often as he could.



- The Consistory Board's next meeting will be on held on Monday, Sept 14th at 7:00 pm.
- There are new tenants living in the parsonage with a lease date of September 1, 2020 through August 21, 2021. The previous tenants left July 31, 2020.
- The Grace Bible Church started using the Fellowship Hall again in July for their Youth Group Activities.
- The Mizo Wesleyan Church has not yet decided as to when to restart their church services at Faith.
- The Consistory will decide whether to hold the church's Bingo, currently scheduled for October 19th, at their September meeting.

THANK YOU!

A continued thanks to **Jim Bostian** and **Bill Houck** for mowing the church grounds.

Special thanks to **Bill Houck** for mowing and cleaning up the parsonage grounds and other work there after the tenants left on July 31st. Also for mowing the lower field and weed whacking the hill along the road ad around the monuments. Lots of work!!

Thank you to **Carole Houck** for weeding and maintaining the flower beds.

Rev. Galen E. Hahn
402 Frank Circle
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August 24, 2020



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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Galen Hahn. I am a retired pastor in the United Church of Christ. I filled in at Faith UCC during the summer of 1970. During these days of retirement I have been going through older files and came upon this memory. I don't know that it will mean much to you folks, but it brought back some fond memories to me. So, I thought I would share it with you.

During the summer of 1970 I filled the pulpit at Faith for six weeks. Though I had filled many pulpits in the Catoctin Association during my college days, I had never filled one for six weeks straight. Early in those weeks I asked if you might be interested in having a hymn sing. You agreed. So, on September 6, 1970 we had one and a lunch to follow. I was dating a young woman, Sandy Ball, whom the next summer became my wife. She played accordion music during the service with Mrs. Mary Frances Bostian and provided background music, "Church in the Wildwood," as I read Mrs. Erma Stull Grove's "Country Church." The service was very moving to all.

This was the summer after my first year in seminary. You folks were searching for a pastor. Several men said to me during the covered dish lunch that they would like to consider a call to me, but two years of waiting was too long for the congregation.

Almost two years later, during my final year in seminary, I took a course under Father Henri Nouwen called "Christian Spirituality in the Contemporary World." At the beginning of that course we were asked to write a paper on strong spiritual influences in our lives. I identified this experience at Faith as a strong influence. I had gone to college at Catawba in North Carolina where my major was sociology. Though I sincerely felt a calling to go on to seminary, I was not sure in what area my ministry might be conducted. But after this experience at Faith, I was committed to parish ministry.

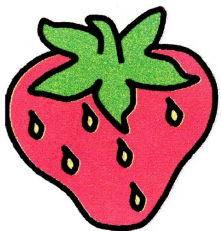
I never had an opportunity to share this information with your folks back then. But this year, 2020, I am remembering that it happened fifty years ago. So, I want to thank you for this powerful influence in my early life. May you continue blessing others who might hear God's call to this still important ministry

Sincerely,

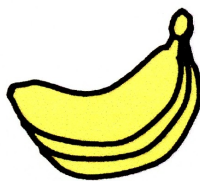
Rev. Galen E. Hahn

Fruit of the Spirit Word Search

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