

# *Faith*

## *United Church Of Christ*

**January  
2022**



**Sunday Worship Service  
11:00 am**



### *Queen Esther*

Esther is the 17th Book in the Old Testament.

The story of Esther begins with a grand banquet at the palace of King Ahasuerus, also referred to as King Xerxes. The king had become drunk on wine and commanded that his wife, Queen Vashti come out before everyone to show how beautiful she was. Queen Vashti refused to be paraded before everyone. King Xerxes was so angry at her disrespect and disregard for his request that he divorced her. The king called for a nation-wide beauty pageant to be held to find a new beautiful queen.

A Jewish woman named Esther was taken with other young women to a citadel. Esther's cousin Mordecai had taken Esther in and raised her as his own after Esther's parents had died. A man named Hegai was put in charge of preparing the women for meeting the king. Esther's beauty won her Hegai's favor and she was given special attention. Esther was careful however to not tell anyone her nationality, as Mordecai had warned her not to.

When it was Esther's turn to go before the king, he immediately found her the most attractive and beautiful of all woman and placed the royal crown on her head. King Ahasuerus held a great banquet for his new queen, Esther. Esther continued to hide her Jewish background as Mordecai had instructed her to do because he knew it would be dangerous for her if anyone found out she was a Jew.

One night when Mordecai was sitting by the king's gate, he overheard two guards named Bigthana and Teresh conspiring to assassinate King Xerxes. Mordecai told Queen Esther of the plan and Esther told the king, giving credit to Mordecai for overhearing the plan. The two guards were hanged.

Mordecai then refused to bow down to Haman, the highest of all nobles. When Haman found out about this and that Mordecai was a Jew, Haman became enraged with anger and wanted to kill not only just Mordecai but all of the Jewish nation. Haman convinced King Xerxes to kill all Jews as they stood in opposition to the king's rule. King Ahasuerus agreed and set a date for all Jews to be killed.

Mordecai told Esther about the king's edict to kill all the Jewish people. Esther feared for her life and tried to avoid his request to do something. Mordecai again pleaded with Queen Esther to do something to save the people. Esther responded by instructing all Jews to join her in **fasting** for three days and three nights, then she would approach the king with her request.

Esther went to King Xerxes after three days of fasting and the king asked her what her request was. Queen Ester asked that the king and Haman join her at a banquet the next day. The king said yes and asked Esther to let her request be known at the banquet. Haman was still so enraged with Mordecai that he went to set up a pole to impale Mordecai the morning before the banquet.

The king could not sleep that night and began to read the book that contained all that had happened during his reign. The king read and was reminded of how Mordecai exposed the plot to assassinate the king. The king wanted to reward Mordecai for his good deed and he called Haman in to ask what should be done for a man who the king delights in. Haman thought the king was talking about himself and responding saying extravagant gifts and honor.

Haman was even more enraged when the king told him it was for Mordecai!

The next day was the banquet Queen Esther had called for. The king again asked Esther what her request was so he could grant her what she wanted. Esther boldly asked that she and her people be spared and that Haman had plotted to kill all Jews for money. The king was filled with anger against Haman and had him hanged on the very pole that Haman had set up for Mordecai.

Queen Esther and Mordecai were given Haman's estate. They were honored with royal garments and a decree was written to protect all Jews.



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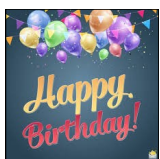
Jennifer Stull

### CONSISTORY BOARD

Mary Catherine Martz, Calvin Woodward,  
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Jennifer Sunday, Jennifer Stull

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JAN 13  
SGT KYLE STULL

*Consistory meeting*

*January 9, 2022*

*12 noon*

## **CLOSING POLICY**

In the event of inclement weather, power outage, or any cancellation of worship service that may be necessary, we will use our current call list to contact all church attendees. If you have any questions, please contact

Mary Catherine Martz  
240-315-5855



**JANUARY 16, 2022**

LUNCH

Following Worship

MEETING

12 : 30 PM

Bring your concerns, ideas and questions! This is the most important meeting of the year as a church family! 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. We then will get down to business. The snow date is set for Sunday, January 23.

The Installation of Officers for the Consistory Board for 2022 is scheduled for Sunday, February 6, during worship service.



***" Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you..."***

**Exodus 23: 25**

*MARIANNE BALTROTSKY*

*TOM BAZAN*

*PATTY BECHLER*

*BILL CLEM*

*CHARLIE DICK*

*BOB GOEDERT*

*EMILIE GOEDERT*

*JERRY GOEDERT JR*

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*MARY FRANCES MAIN*

*PEGGY MEEUWSEN*

*DORIS PENROD*

*CINDY SCHALL*

*DONALD SHOOK*

*STEVE STULL (Lewistown  
Fire Dept)*

*MARGARET SUNDAY*

*BOB WARNER*

*TANYA ZANGANAH*

*prayer*

*OUR IN-HOME  
MEMBERS*

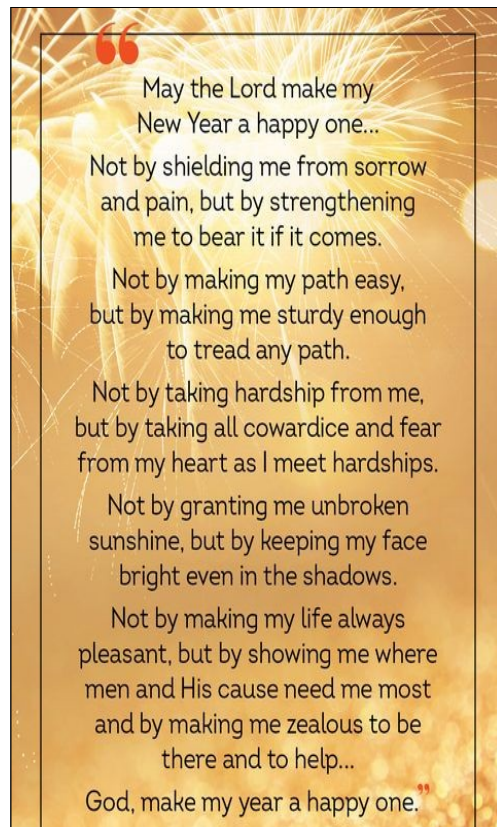
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***Names on the prayer  
list will remain for 3  
months unless otherwise  
requested longer.***



As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. So he shouted

out, "Anyone here know how to pray?"

Just one guy stepped forward and said, "Aye, captain, I know how to pray."

"Good," said the captain, "You pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets - we're one short."

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

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

*Please contact Jennifer Stull*

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*301-788-1656*





*" Each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms"*

*1 Peter 4: 10*

Thank you to **Mary Catherine Martz** for scheduling our Pastors throughout last year. We could not have worship service otherwise! We know it's time consuming for you to do and you are appreciated!

A special thank you to **Chad Weddle** and **Tim Waybright** for their dedication and time to provide the best sermons for us this past year. We are humbled and delighted by the lessons taught and feel ready to spread the word of God when we leave your service. We appreciate all that you do extra in the services such as Acolyte, Installations, All Saints Day Remembrance and personally handing out Communion elements to us. We are grateful to have you! Thank you to **Rich Gibbs** for filling in the Sundays when needed. We appreciate the time you take for us with your uplifting, encouraging sermons and we are blessed to have you to be a part of Faith Church.

Thank you to **Carole Houck** for meeting different companies at the church to let them in for repairs, inspections and maintenance. Daytime is harder for others to do and we appreciate you taking the time to go to the church as often as you do! Thank you for handling the incoming mail and phone messages, organizing the office files and cleaning up different parts of church when needed.

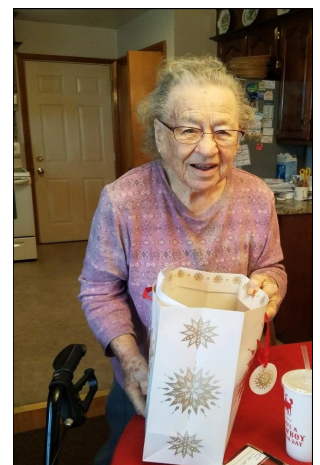
Thank you to **ALL** who contributed to the Church Bingo Fundraiser! Thank you for the time setting up, running the 50/50 table, selling tip jars, cleaning up, baked goods for our bake table and money contributions. We had 72 players and raised \$2795.00! A special thank you to **Carole Houck** providing all the door prizes, the specials, raffles, bags/baskets for 8 games. Thank you to **Jennifer Sunday** for booking the Hall, getting the permits and games. Thank you to **Mary Frances Bostian** for advertising and purchasing the pies. Thank you to **Jennifer Stull** for getting in her 10,000 steps or more in selling the various tickets. Future Bingo's will be on hold until further notice.

Thank you to **ALL** who order poinsettias for the holiday season! The beauty of these seasonal flowers made the sanctuary so festive! They were in memory of or in honor of our loved ones!



DONALD SHOOK

Thank you to Faith Church for providing the Christmas bags for our In-Home members and youth to enjoy this holiday season! They enjoyed various items, toys and candy. Pictures were not available for Bob Warner and the Woodward children.

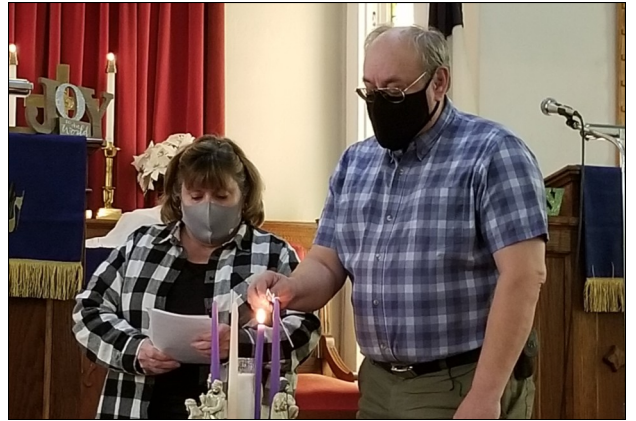


MARGARET SUNDAY

# Thank you to the Advent Candle lighters!



**FIRST ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE**  
MARY C MARTZ and PATRICIA WENTZEL



**SECOND ADVENT CANDLE - PEACE**  
MEL & CINDY SCHALL



**THIRD ADVENT CANDLE - JOY**  
THE SUNDAY FAMILY

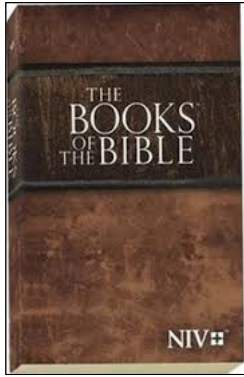


**FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE**  
SHIRLEY BAZAN



**CHRIST CANDLE**  
CAROLE HOUCK and  
MARY FRANCES BOSTIAN

# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE



Reading the bible daily may be a challenge but when you have a list and schedule, we find it is so much easier! There are printed copies of a daily bible reading at the church and a PDF is available to email anyone who would like to have one. Please email your request to Jennifer Stull at [mychurch.js@gmail.com](mailto:mychurch.js@gmail.com). Each month this year there will be a short summary of each Book from the Old Testament into the New Testament to enlighten and inform us of what each one is about.

The **Old Testament** is the first 39 books in most Christian Bibles. The name stands for the original promise with God (to the descendants of Abraham in particular) prior to the coming of Jesus Christ in the New Testament (or the new promise). The Old Testament contains the creation of the universe, the history of the patriarchs, the exodus from Egypt, the formation of Israel as a nation, the subsequent decline and fall of the nation, the Prophets (who spoke for God), and the Wisdom Books.

The **New Testament** is a collection of 27 books, usually placed after the Old Testament in most Christian Bibles. The name refers to the new covenant (or promise) between God and humanity through death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The New Testament chronicles the life and ministry of Jesus, the growth and impact of the early church, and instructive letters to early churches.

## GENESIS

Genesis speaks of beginnings and is foundational to the understanding of the rest of the Bible. It is supremely a book that speaks about relationships, highlighting those between God and his creation, between God and humankind, and between human beings.

## EXODUS

Exodus describes the history of the Israelites leaving Egypt after slavery. The book lays a foundational theology in which God reveals his name, his attributes, his redemption, his law and how he is to be worshiped.

## LEVITICUS

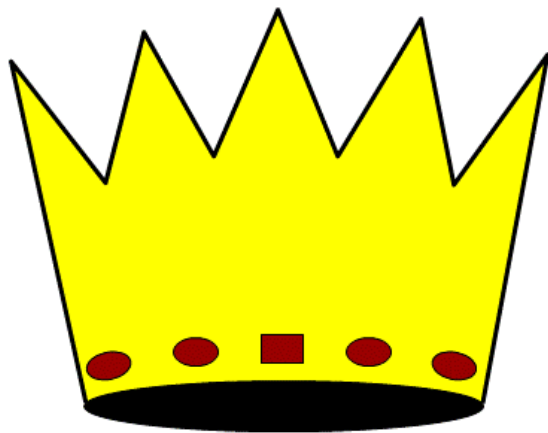
Leviticus receives its name from the Septuagint (the pre-Christian Greek translation of the Old Testament) and means "concerning the Levites" (the priests of Israel). It serves as a manual of regulations enabling the Holy King to set up his earthly throne among the people of his kingdom. It explains how they are to be his holy people and to worship him in a holy manner.



# Esther the Queen Word Search

I K I L L E D C P B S H H X K  
C A I G I I R B E N R A O A I  
H H C Q N O O A R X C A V G N  
O S E E W W U D M M Y L V E G  
S I G N D T E Z I N V I T E D  
E W A F I R I Y S U O L A E J  
N E R F O Y O V S R E Y A R P  
A J U N B K W M I D E T S A F  
A L O N A M A H O S U P P E R  
B H C Q U E E N N W M H Y D W

BEAUTIFUL  
BOW  
BRAVE  
CHOSEN  
COURAGE  
CROWN  
FASTED  
HAMAN  
HONORED  
INVITED



JEALOUSY  
JEWISH  
KILLED  
KING  
MORDECAI  
PERMISSION  
PRAYER  
QUEEN  
SAVED  
SUPPER