

Faith

United Church Of Christ

SEPTEMBER
2022



Sunday Worship Service
11:00 am



Christ Tells Nicodemus "You Must Be Born Again"

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ([John 3:1-15](#))

For God So Loved the World

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God." ([John 3:16-21](#))

Bible Commentary on Nicodemus

Nicodemus was afraid, or ashamed to be seen with Christ, therefore came in the night. When religion is out of fashion, there are many Nicodemites. But though he came by night, Jesus bid him welcome, and hereby taught us to encourage good beginnings, although weak. And though now he came by night, yet afterward he owned Christ publicly. He did not talk with Christ about state affairs, though he was a ruler, about the concerns of his own soul and its salvation, and went at once to them.

Our Savior spoke of the necessity and nature of regeneration or the new birth, and at once directed Nicodemus to the source of holiness of the heart. Birth is the beginning of life; to be born again, is to begin to live anew, as those who have lived much amiss, or to little purpose. We must have a new nature, new principles, new affections, new aims. By our first birth, we were corrupt, shapen in sin; therefore we must be made new creatures. No stronger expression could have been chosen to signify a great and most remarkable change of state and character. We must be entirely different from what we were before, as that which begins to be at any time, is not, and cannot be the same with that which was before.

This new birth is from heaven, [John 1:13](#), and its tendency is to heaven. It is a great change made in the heart of a sinner, by the power of the Holy Spirit. It means that something is done in us, and for us, which we cannot do for ourselves. Something is wrong, whereby such a life begins as shall last forever. We cannot otherwise expect any benefit from Christ; it is necessary to our happiness here and hereafter. What Christ speak, Nicodemus misunderstood, as if there had been no other way of regenerating and new-molding an immortal soul, then by new-framing the body. But he acknowledged his ignorance, which shows a desire to be better informed. It is then further explained by the Lord Jesus. He shows the Author of this blessed change. It is not wrought by any wisdom or power of our own, but by the power of the blessed Spirit. We are shaped in iniquity, which makes it necessary that our nature be changed. We are not to marvel at this; for, when we consider the holiness of God, the depravity of our nature, and the happiness set before us, we shall not think it strange that so much stress is laid upon this.

Celebrate Birthdays!

Our 3 in a row August birthdays are here again!

Happy birthday to Jim, Mimi and Donald!

Happy birthday to Calvin and Marianne !



JIM BOSTIAN—AUG 26



MIMI WAYBRIGHT— AUG 27



DONALD SHOOK—AUG 28



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Thank You!

Thank you to **the Houck brothers** for mowing and weed whacking the church grounds during this very long and hot summer.

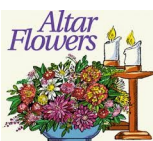
Thank you to **Carole Houck** for providing items for the newsletter each month. Please contact Jennifer Stull if you have anything you would like to submit to any newsletter.

Thank you to **Carole Houck** and **Chad Weddle** for bringing Donald Shook to church and taking him home. It means a lot to our eldest members to be able to attend when they can.

Supply Pastor

November 6, 2022

Chad Weddle has accepted a Supply Pastor position at Glade UCC full time until they obtain a permanent Pastor. Tim Waybright has graciously accepted to be Faith Church's full time Supply Pastor. Both churches are blessed to have such caring and special Pastors to provide inspirational sermons and instill in us to be better people through their preaching the Word of God.



Altar flowers for Sunday, September 4 worship service, were provided by Mary Catherine Martz in memory of her mother's birthday, Catherine Martz, September 4, 1910.



" Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all "

1 Chronicles 29:12

MARIANNE BALTROTSKY
TOM BAZAN
PATTY BECHLER
BILL CLEM
BOB GOEDERT
EMILIE GOEDERT
JERRY GOEDERT JR
JERRY GOEDERT SR
BOB HARTMAN
PEGGY MEEUWSEN
DORIS PENROD
CINDY SCHALL
DONALD SHOOK
FRANCIA STANLEY
STEVE STULL
(Lewistown Fire Dept)
MARGARET SUNDAY
LARRY WACHTER
BOB WARNER
TANYA ZANGANAH
Family of Beulah Wachter

prayer

*OUR IN-HOME
MEMBERS*

Donald Shook
301-898-4336

Bob Warner
240-490-5343

Bob Hartman
301-473-5905

Margaret Sunday now
resides at HeartFields
Assisted Living of
Frederick. She is doing
well.



We extend our sympathy to the family of Beulah Wachter who passed away on July 31, 2022, and was buried at Faith cemetery. She faithfully attended our church and was considered a member of our congregation. A special thank you to all who helped in preparing for and serving at the luncheon held after the funeral on August 6. Thanks to Bill Houck who helped get the cemetery grounds ready for the funeral.



Francia Stanley is recovering at home from an August 18 surgery. She currently has a catheter to drain her bladder and that will be removed in September but otherwise feeling well.

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

- *Prayer List*
- *Newsletter Mailing*
- *Birthday/ Anniversary*
- *Church Address & Phone Roster*

Please contact Jennifer Stull
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PERSEVERANCE



By Erma Grove

Never let down!
Though it's raining,
Cease complaining;
Find the rainbow;
God's promise know.

Never let up!
Though paths are long,
Whistle a song;
With every turn
God's patience learn.

Never give in!
Though pleasures lure,
God's way is sure;
When flesh is weak,
God's pardon seek.

Never give up!
Though doubts assail,
Faith will prevail;
In ceaseless prayer
God's power share.



SEPT 18 - MEL SCHALL
SEPT 27 - JENNIFER SUNDAY
SEPT 29 - SHIRLEY BAZAN
SEPT 30 - CALVIN WOODWARD IV



SEPT 18 - MEL & CINDY SCHALL / 40 YRS!
SEPT 19 - JIM & MARY F BOSTIAN / 63 YRS!

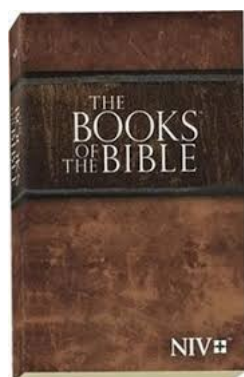
CONSISTORY

- The Mizo Wesleyan Church has renewed their lease through January 31, 2023.
- The tenants living in the Parsonage have renewed their lease for another year.
- The next Consistory Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 12 noon following worship.
- Meetings last about 1 to 1 1/2 hours- If any one would be interested in attending a meeting, feel free to stay and bring forth any ideas, concerns or just to have insight of how the church is run.



OCTOBER 2, 2022

Faith Church will be participating in the Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Envelopes will be provided on that day and the following Sunday for this special offering. This program supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.



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. 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.

Luke

Luke's Gospel (the "good news") was written to strengthen the faith of all believers and to answer the attacks of unbelievers. It was presented to debunk some disconnected and ill-founded reports about Jesus. Luke wanted to show that the place of the Gentile (non-Jewish) Christian in God's kingdom is based on the teaching of Jesus.

John

John's Gospel (the "good news") is rather different from the other three, highlighting events not detailed in the others. The author himself states his main purpose clearly in 20:31: "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

Acts

The book of Acts provides a bridge for the writings of the New Testament. As a second volume to Luke's Gospel, it joins what Jesus "began to do and to teach" as told in the Gospels with what he continued to do and teach through the apostles' preaching and the establishment of the church.

Romans

Paul's primary theme in Romans is presenting the gospel (the "good news"), God's plan of salvation and righteousness for all humankind, Jew and non-Jew alike.

1 Corinthians

The first letter to the Corinthians revolves around the theme of problems in Christian conduct in the church. It thus has to do with progressive sanctification, the continuing development of a holy character. Obviously Paul was personally concerned with the Corinthians' problems, revealing a true pastor's (shepherd's) heart.

2 Corinthians

Because of the occasion that prompted this letter, Paul had a number of purposes in mind: to express the comfort and joy Paul felt because the Corinthians had responded favorably to his painful letter; to let them know about the trouble he went through in the province of Asia; and to explain to them the true nature (its joys, sufferings and rewards) and high calling of Christian ministry.

Galatians

Galatians stands as an eloquent and vigorous apologetic for the essential New Testament truth that people are justified by faith in Jesus Christ—by nothing less and nothing more—and that they are sanctified not by legalistic works but by the obedience that comes from faith in God's work for them.

HEAVENLY MELODIES

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BANQUETS
 BASS
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 CASTANETS
 CHOIRS
 CYMBALS
 DANCE
 FAITH
 GRACE

HARMONY
 HORN
 HYMNS
 ISRAELITES
 JOYFUL NOISE
 LAMENTATION
 MELODY
 MERRY MAKING

MINSTREL
 MUSICIANS
 ORCHESTRA
 PERCUSSION
 PRAISE
 PSALMS
 REJOICE
 SANCTUARY

SONG
 SOUNDS
 SPIRITUAL
 TABERNACLE
 TAMBOURINE
 TIMBRELS
 TRUMPET
 WORSHIP