



Faith United Methodist Church
432 59th Street
Downers Grove, IL 60516



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10 AM	Worship Service
10 AM	Children's Church
11 AM	Fellowship



January/february Echoes of faith

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A New Beginning with the Lord

At the beginning of every year, many New Year's Resolutions are made and promptly broken within a few months or even a few days. Why is it so hard for us to keep our resolutions? It's because we don't involve God in the process of setting our goals. Martha Matthews, the Executive Director of Christian-Homemaking.com, suggests the following seven biblical principles for our New Year's Resolutions.

1. Pleasing the Lord with Your Goals (Colossians 3:23-24): As you make your resolutions, make them with the Lord in mind. Think about what areas of your character you know God would be pleased for you to change. Ask God, "What do You want me to do with my life this year?"

2. Be Realistic (Proverbs 14:8): Don't set yourself up for failure by picking goals that are impractical. You'll become discouraged and give up before you see any results. Instead, select a few goals that are most important. Make sure that the goals stretch you a little beyond your comfort zone but are still attainable. Rome wasn't built in a day and your goals shouldn't try to revamp your whole life in one year.

3. Define Specific Steps for Each Goal (Luke 9:1-2): Jesus had a plan for everything he did. There was never a time when he "winged" it. Don't expect to be successful without a plan. Each goal needs to be defined in terms of the steps that are needed to see the goal to fruition. Be specific and write down exactly how you will accomplish each goal.

4. Set a Completion Date for Each Goal (Proverbs 20:4): You also need to set a time frame for achieving each goal, otherwise the temptation to put off or forget about your resolutions will bring you to the end of the year without any victories. Don't be like the sluggard who looks for a harvest but finds nothing. Plow in season so that you will have something to reap at harvest time.

5. Praying Daily About Your Goals (Proverbs 16:3): When we put God in charge of our goals we will succeed. It is His promise!

6. Monitor Your Progress (2 Chronicles 24:13a): Set a time every month to review your goals and check your progress. If you are diligent you will see progress. You might even want to develop a chart so that you can chronicle your progress. As you achieve each goal you can reward yourself with a predetermined prize such as going to your favorite restaurant or a new outfit.

7. **Don't Give Up** (James 5:11): Don't give up when you blow it. When you miss the mark, get back up and keep trying. You only fail when you quit.

We are at the starting point of this year. I hope and pray that this year will be another exciting and blessed year for our ministry and family. When we work for the goals in our ministry and life step by step, we will find ourselves growing in Jesus Christ at the end of this year. Let us do our best for those goals. With God's grace we can make a difference for the Kingdom of God. May God's blessing, grace, and peace be with you and your family.

Happy New Year!
Pastor Charles

2020 Worship & Preaching Plan

(January – June)

**subject to change*

JANUARY	VISION MONTH		
Jan. 5	New Year, Communion	EXPERIENCEING GOD (1)	
Jan. 12	Recognition of Nurses	EXPERIENCEING GOD (2)	
Jan. 19	Recognition of servant leadership	EXPERIENCEING GOD (3)	
Jan. 26	Children's singing	EXPERIENCEING GOD (4)	Choir rehearsal for cantata begins
FEBRUARY	MISSION MONTH		
Feb. 2	Communion Mission Moment (1)	EXPERIENCEING GOD (5)	Souper Bowl Fundraising for Youth Camp & ministry
Feb. 9	Boy Scout Sunday Mission Moment (2)	EXPERIENCEING GOD (6)	
Feb. 16	Mission Moment (3)	EXPERIENCEING GOD (7)	AD COUNCIL Youth Lock-Ins @ church (16-17)
Feb. 23	Mission Sunday Mission Moment (4) Children's Singing	Special Guest Speakers: Lowell and Claudia Wertz (Joy In the Harvest, Tanzania)	Faith Promise Pledge Mission Luncheon Lent Devotional handout
Feb. 26 (Wed.)	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wed. Service (7:00 pm)	
MARCH	DEVOTIONAL MONTH		
Mar. 1	Lent 1, Communion	EXPERIENCEING GOD (8)	UMC General Conference Minneapolis, MN (May 5-15)
Mar. 8	Lent 2	PRAYER (1)	<i>Daylight saving time begins</i>
Mar. 15	Lent 3	Guest Speaker (TBD)	Pastor visit to Mission Field to Malaysia & Korea
Mar. 22	Lent 4	Guest Speaker (TBD)	for Summer Events & Little Dress
Mar. 29	Lent 5 Children's Singing	PRAYER (2)	Breakfast with Bunny (March 28)
APRIL	CELEBRATION MONTH		

April 5	Communion, Lent 6 Palm Sunday	PRAYER (3)	
April 9 (Thu.)	Maundy Thurs. Service	Fellowship Hall	
April 10 (Fri.)	Good Friday Service	Choir Cantata	Good Friday Prayer Vigil
April 12	EASTER	Turning Point (Mark 16:1-8)	All Church Easter Brunch
April 19		SERMON ON THE MOUNT (1)	
April 26	Children's Singing	SERMON ON THE MOUNT (2)	Fundraising Event (TBD)
MAY	FAMILY MONTH		
May 3	Communion	SERMON ON THE MOUNT (3)	
May 10	Mother's Day	SERMON ON THE MOUNT (4)	Picture with mothers
May 17		SERMON ON THE MOUNT (5)	AD COUNCIL
May 24	Graduation Sunday	SERMON ON THE MOUNT (6)	<i>Memorial Day Weekend</i>
May 31	Pentecost Sunday Children's Singing	SERMON ON THE MOUNT (7)	
JUNE	EQUIPING MONTH		
June 7	Communion	Guest Speaker (TBD)	Pastor on Vacation NIC Annual Conference (7-9)
June 14		Guest Speaker (TBD)	Pastor on Vacation
June 21	Father's Day	SERMON ON THE MOUNT (8)	Youth Mission Camp (TBD) Vacation Bible School (TBD)
June 28	Children's Singing	SERMON ON THE MOUNT (9)	

Children & Youth Ministry

Sanha Kang, Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Children's Ministry

Completed Events:

Trunk or Treat: Great Success. According to my estimate and the estimate of others I asked, we had over 100 new people show up. The majority of our Trunk or Treaters were not from our church, and everyone seemed to have a fun time.

Breakfast with Santa: Again, success. Around 50 new faces showed up, and all the children seemed to enjoy the food and the activities. It was a little disorganized at first, but I will make sure that things go more smoothly next time.

Thank you to all who helped, both the volunteers and donators. It is thanks to you that these events were possible and so enjoyable. Your efforts also helped me out a lot as well, and I hope I can count on everyone's support throughout 2020.

Christmas Pageant: The biggest project that the children and I worked together on. I think the play

went well, and the children were excited to perform. Some of the kids came up to me afterwards to talk about how much fun they had. Thank you especially to the youth and adult volunteers. There were many moving parts, but thanks to all of you, the pageant went without a hitch.

Announcements:

Please make sure your children are at church every Sunday from 9 AM. Besides the Bible lesson, we also practice singing. The children will sing during Children's moment every month, so the children need to be at church on time. If you or your child cannot make it to church at 9 AM, please contact me so that we can talk about it.

More upcoming events. A new schedule is being created, and as it develops, I will inform the congregation about upcoming events. If you have any suggestions or your child has told you about something they want to do, please feel free to tell me. I would love it if the new schedule reflects both what I and the church members wish to accomplish.

Youth Ministry:

Completed Events:

Youth Games at South Chicago Church: It was a lot of fun. South Chicago Church was very welcoming, and the youth seemed to love encountering Korean culture again. There was talk of doing this again, but next time, they will visit us.

Youth-led Caroling: Many of the youths showed up, and they had a great time, spending time together after they had finished caroling.

Youth's Christmas Gathering: This was one of the first experiments the youth and I worked on. While the Christmas Gathering was previously planned, only the gift-exchange was planned. However, the youth had expressed to me that they wanted to eat outside of church, so we also planned on eating outside as a group. This was very successful, and although our plans changed a little due to the unavailability of the first food place, the youth seemed to enjoy gathering together outside of church. This may become a regular occurrence; although, this would happen only occasionally.

Announcements:

Souper Bowl Sunday: The youth group will be serving chili/soup during Fellowship Time. All youth must assist. If anyone cannot make it, please contact me.

More upcoming events. I am also planning more events for the youth, so once again, if you have any suggestions, please feel free to let me know.

Children and Youth Ministries:

Movie Night: Both the children and the youth are going through or recently went over the story of Moses. Once the youth are finished with reading through Exodus, we will be watching *Prince of Egypt*, a *Dreamworks* film about Moses. While I invite the children to enjoy the movie, as I grew up watching this movie as well, the youth group will also be discussing this movie, in order to start developing critical thinking skills when reading the Bible and interacting with media that has biblical themes. Movie Night will be a regular occurrence with both groups; although, they may sometimes watch on separate dates so that the youth group can discuss more mature movies that may not be appropriate for the children yet and the children can enjoy more age-appropriate movies that the youth may not enjoy anymore. While no exact date has been chosen, as it depends on how fast the youth group can get through Exodus, we should be watching late January or early February.

12	God Is Pursuing a Relationship With You	Bella Madrid & Ben Francisco	Hope Alcantara
19	God Invites You to Become Involved	Alex Alagano & Kate Chavez	Gareth Chavez
26	God Speaks To You	Danel & Krystina Corre	Mac Apostol
Feb.			
2	Joining God Leads to Crisis	Matt Francisco & Jeilyn Deguia	Sarah Alcantara
9	Joining God Leads to Change	Chelsea Octava & Hope Alcantara	Matt Bair
16	Obedience Leads to Knowing God	George & Jamie Welson	Jesse Park
23	Mission Sunday	Moranda Francisco & Natalie Alcantara	Alex Alagano
Mar.			
1	Experiencing Life		

Upcoming Sermons

Acolyte & Reader Schedule



Save the Date!

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

432 59th St., Downers Grove, IL

Saturday, January 25, 2020

9:00AM – 1:00 PM

Appointments are encouraged! Call the church office: 630-968-0442

Who benefits from blood donation?

At Versiti Blood Center of Illinois, formerly Heartland Blood Centers, we never forget the patients who receive the blood we collect. Every unit of blood is collected from volunteer donors who meet specific criteria and have been screened according to strict guidelines. Every unit (pint) is collected, transported, tested and stored according to tightly-controlled procedures.

Examples of transfusion needs are:

- Cancer: up to 8 units/month
- Bone Marrow Transplant: up to 2 units/day
- Liver Transplant: up to 100 units
- Auto Accident: up to 50 units
- Cardiovascular Surgery: 2-25 units

Letter From Mission Field

Greetings to our beloved Faith UMC,

Thank you, Rev. Yoon and all the brothers and sisters of Faith UMC, for praying and supporting with love and concern for our New Dream Church throughout this year. Especially we thank you for four boxes of precious gifts to celebrate Christmas. So I think it will be an abundant Christmas. All the food, beautiful handmade dresses, medicines, and valuable school supplies are very popular among all our New Dream members, Sunday school teachers and children. We will distribute these during Christmas day while we celebrate. We will send you the pictures. It is a great gift for our members in their hard and poor life.

With all your prayers for us, our New Dream Church is growing and our members are living happily in faith. We glorify our LORD to make Faith UMC as our precious brother church.

This will be the happiest and merriest Christmas for our New Dream families with joy and laughter.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

God bless you!

Missionary Rev. Seung-Hwan Kim

New Dream Church, Philippines



From our friends....

The Meaning of the Snowflake

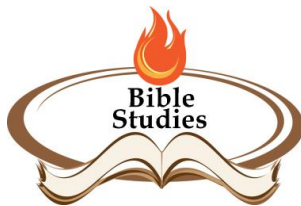
Every new snowflake comes to the earth
As a picture of our Savior's birth,
Because they are sent from up above
And remind us of God's care and love.

Each one is so intricate and small
Because Christ sees the details of us all,
And just as two are never the same
The Lord knows and calls us each by name.

Snowflakes gently cover the world in white
And hide what's unlovely from our sight,
Showing us how He covers our sin
And gives us His grace when we come to Him.

So may every snowflake bring Christ to mind
And in every bit of white may you find
A reason to celebrate anew
And a reminder of His love for you.

By Holley Gerth
Submitted by Don Hayward



Men - Tuesdays from 6-7AM at The Baked Apple Restaurant on Ogden Ave. A study of "Romans" led by Bill Miller.

Men - Saturdays from 7-8AM in the Fireside Room. A study of "Revelation" led by Bill Miller. Breakfast \$2 each.

Women – Wednesdays from 10-11 am in the church library. "Women of the Bible" led by Pastor Charles.

Men & Women – Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 pm in the Youth Room. A Study of 1st John led by Rev. Dire.

Adult Bible Fellowship – Sundays at 8:45am in the church library.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

First and foremost, the Trustees thank the congregation for their generous giving toward new A/C and heat control valves for various upper rooms. You outdid yourselves. Thank you.

The improvements to the sound system have been completed. Can you tell the difference when someone is speaking from the pulpit?

The pianos have been tuned. Can you tell the difference? We would like your feedback.

The very low stool in the upper ladies room has been replaced with a standard 14" unit. This is what most children are familiar with at home.

We now have a flat panel TV in the Drama Room. If anyone would like an older model TV to take home, contact your Trustees.

The heating/ventilation/air conditioning system in the power room is now controlled by the thermostats in the downstairs hall.

Don Hickok, Chairman

FINANCIAL REPORT

November was a FANTASTIC month for giving with very strong support at Harvest Home and good general giving. The support at Harvest Home was overwhelming with a net of just under \$22,000 (some expenses may still be coming in). General giving was also strong bringing year to date general giving to within \$5000 of budget. Expense categories for the month and year to date are being well managed and below budget in most all categories. As a result, we are just about break even heading into December which is nice to see. With a good December we should finish with our available cash balance above last year as we are just under \$15,000 at the end of November.

Looking forward to carrying this momentum into 2020!

Bruce Denby
Stewardship & Finance Chairman



Thank you all that came to the Senior dinners in 2019. It's time for winter, so we will not meet in January and February.

I'm looking forward to 2020 and I will let you know where we will be going in March and April.

Have a Happy New Year. Stay in good health. Keep God in your heart and to the Savior He gave us.

In loving peace,
Bonnie Gentile



Formerly CareNet of DuPage



We would like to take this time to announce **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** on **January 19, 2020**.

Caring Network of Illinois provides spiritual, emotional and material support to women dealing with an unplanned pregnancy enabling them to choose life for their baby. Our church supports the work of Caring Network in our community by participating in "Coins for Caring Network."

On January 19th you will have the opportunity to pick up a baby bottle, fill it with change, and return it to Faith Church by Feb. 9th. Please watch for the display in the narthex.

"Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
To all the people you can
As long as you ever can."

- John Wesley



January Birthdays

2 Peggy Martin, Esther Yoon
8 Bonnie Terese, Mac Apostol
13 Sarah Yoon
16 Jane Johnson
17 Ron Dubinoff, Barb Abarro
21 Alvin Madrid
23 George Welson (Jr.)
24 Aimee Mayuga Farrer, Barb Pearcy
26 Lucas Zhao
28 Jean Reid

February Birthdays

1 Rev. Charles Yoon
3 Lydia Espino
4 Bonnie Gentile
Elizabeth & Isaac Alcantara
5 Jenna Dubinoff, Lauren Dubinoff
Elyssa Wold
6 Lulu Fabros
7 Rachel Mayuga Kim
14 Benjamin Francisco
15 Chuck Bair
17 Marcelino Francisco, Jason Farrer
21 Ann Miller
24 Barb Lynch
27 Don Hayward





Thank you so much!

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for
the generous Christmas gifts you offered
to each of us.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.
May the gifts of peace, hope and joy be yours
throughout the New Year.

**Pastor Charles
Sanha Kang
Barb Abarro
John Deguia
Sharon Kelly
Esther Yoon**