



FAITH AT WORK

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PASTOR'S WORD

Greetings Faith family, I hope this message finds you all doing well. The fall season is upon us; therefore, change is in the air. Not only are the days beginning to shorten, but the air is getting a little cooler, and thoughts of pumpkin spice and apple picking come to mind as summer breezes and trips to the beach fade away. As we enter this new season, we do so with thoughts of what is next for us here at Faith UPC. God is calling us into a season of change and just like the disciples and the followers of Jesus in Acts 2, let us get caught up in the Holy Spirit and be obedient to God's call and directions.

God has been great to us, and we need to stop at times and just count our blessings and reflect on what God has done for us and with us. With great anticipation I find myself asking God "what's next?" As we approach a time seeking what God has planned for us, let us be in constant prayer asking God to reveal to us how God is calling us to serve. I encourage everyone to be in prayer for one another, the church, and the world, as we petition God to fill us with wisdom, and imagination as we move forward into new endeavors and possibilities. Let us seek to serve God in all we say and do! Let us keep our focus on Jesus Christ, no matter the obstacle or challenges that may present themselves. Let us strive to continue being the

Church God wants us to be by reaching out to the lost and ministering to those in need. God is good all the time. Let's praise God's Holy name.

As we discussed a few weeks ago during our meeting after worship service, we will begin holy conversations focused on listening to God, and exploring what we are hearing from God individually and collectively. There are no limits on what God can do, therefore I want us to envision what may seem impossible; visions that have no limits or restrictions. God has been faithful to us, and we are thankful to God for God's faithfulness. 2 Corinthians 4:18 states: "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen." Therefore, we should no longer be concentrating on what God has done but what God is going to do. I am excited for the future, I am excited that God has chosen us to walk this path, I am excited that God is leading the way. We cannot physically see it yet, but we can focus on the vision, focus on the "what shall be", focus on the promises of God, and trust that God will deliver on those promises. I hope and pray that you share in this excitement with me as we move into the next stage of our journey trusting God in what we cannot yet see.

Blessings,

Pastor Emory





MODERATOR'S MOMENT

Welcome October! We are preparing for fall and then winter, for Thanksgiving and then Advent. Our committees are meeting and planning activities and worship in a different space this year. It can be a challenge but also an opportunity for change and thinking about new paths.

I was sorting through some old boxes and found a bulletin from January 24, 1982. It reminded me that you can receive God's messages in so many ways! The youth performed the song, "I Am a Promise". As I read the words printed in the bulletin, I realized the song is not just for the youth. It is for all of us at any age and in all walks and stages of life. Take a moment to read it and sing it if you remember the song:

I am a promise
I am a possibility
I am a promise with a capital "P"
I am a great big bundle of potentiality!

And I am learning to hear God's voice
And I am trying to make the right choice.
I am a promise to be
Anything God wants me to be.

I can go anywhere that He wants me to go!
You can go anywhere that He wants you to go;
I can be anything that He wants me to be!
You can be anything that He wants you to be.
I can know anything He wants me to know!
You can know anything that He wants you to know.

I can say anything God wants me to say!
You can say anything that He wants you to say.
I can climb the high mountains-
I can cross the wide seas-
I'm a great big promise you see!

What a message for us! PROMISE, POSSIBILITY and POTENTIALITY! We CAN hear God's voice and do anything God wants us to do.

Blessings,
Jean Wildermuth



Coffee and Conversation Get-together has started after the church service on the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month. The Fellowship Room is on the right as you leave the Sanctuary. Volunteers are needed to bring cookies, snacks, muffins, etc. and to serve and clean up (clean coffee pot and put away items used) afterwards. You can call the Church Office or Jean Wildermuth to volunteer.





October

- 2 **Ginny Burd**
- 2 **Pat Griffin**
- 4 **Jill Martin**
- 4 **Mabel Robinson**
- 7 **Jane Burghardt**
- 8 **Bob Brooks**
- 8 **Sybil Carter**
- 9 **Bonnie Clark**
- 9 **Francine Marema**
- 15 **Norma Lyons**
- 17 **Arnella Little**
- 18 **Dr. Elmer Washington**
- 19 **Inge Porter**
- 21 **Connie Coniglio**
- 24 **Dave Platt**
- 26 **Michelle Griffen**
- 28 **Linda Pekar**
- 29 **Tamara Robinson**

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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The Personnel Committee is looking for a part-time bookkeeper to join the office staff in the near future. If you know of an interested party, please have them call the Office Manager in the church office.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Did that catch your attention? Christmas is closer that you think but there is time. This Sunday, October 2nd, is our regular gift card order date and we're grateful for your continued orders of grocery cards, gas cards, Amazon cards and such. Along with our regular monthly needs, now is the time to start thinking Christmas. Our gift card order schedule for the holiday season is as follows:

November

- 6th, 20th, and 27th

December

- 4th, 11th, and we will take an order on the 18th if needed; this order cannot be guaranteed delivery before Christmas.

If you haven't already made your gift list, start now! Let's see...the paper delivery person, mail person, UPS driver, beautician or barber, manicurist/pedicurist, garbage removal, grandkids, great-grandkids, nieces, nephews, I'm sure you get the picture; start now!

Receive the latest news, events, and practical tools to support the well-being of your faith community

Advocate Aurora Health is one of the top 12 non-for-profit health systems in the country and is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the United Church of Christ.

Our Faith and Health Partnerships program has a long history of partnering with faith communities to promote health and wholeness through Faith Community Nursing, health ministry development, collaborative action, and linking faith communities with the resources of our hospitals and sites of care.

We invite you to start receiving our mailings with news, events and practical tools to support the well-being of your members and your ministries that create loving and healthy communities. **See a sample of a recent newsletter by clicking [here](#) or scanning the code.** We are careful to pace our outreach so that we are not overwhelming your in-box!

We look forward to partnering with you and strengthening the faith and health work already occurring in your faith community!

Questions?

Please reach out to Rev. Kirsten Peachey, Vice President for Faith Outreach, Advocate Aurora Health at kirsten.peachey@aah.org.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					OFFICE CLOSED	<u>1</u>
<u>2</u> COMMUNION GIFT CARDS 9:30 AM- WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM - FINANCIAL MINISTRY	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 10:00 AM – BIBLE STUDY 11:30 AM – B&G MINISTRY	<u>5</u> 7:00 PM- ADVENT COMMITTEE MTG VIA ZOOM	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> OFFICE CLOSED	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u> PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY! 9:30 AM- WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 – COFFEE & DESSERT	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 10:00 AM- BIBLE STUDY	<u>12</u> 9:30 AM – C.E. MINISTRY	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> OFFICE CLOSED	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u> 9:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM- COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP	<u>17</u> 12:30 pm- Elizabeth Circle	<u>18</u> 10:00 AM- BIBLE STUDY	<u>19</u> 7:00 PM- COUNCIL	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> OFFICE CLOSED	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> 9:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM- COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Newsletter Deadline 10:00 AM – BIBLE STUDY	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> 1:00 PM- NAOMI CIRCLE	<u>28</u> OFFICE CLOSED	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> 9:30 AM – WORSHIP SERVICE	<u>31</u> HAPPY HALLOWEEN					