



A publication of First-Faith United Methodist Church

THE MESSENGER

Happy new year First-Faith family! As we come to the end of the Christmas season, I hope that you were able to celebrate with family and friends. As we close the books on 2021, I am so happy and proud of this congregation and your continued devotion to serving and loving in such challenging times. I look forward to continuing this congregations' mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Love is at the center of all that we do as Christians. It is through our love of God and love of neighbor that we live out our faith in meaningful and transformative ways. January is the beginning of what we call Ordinary Time. The Epistle readings for this Ordinary Time in 2022 are the Letters to the Corinthians. Perhaps the best-known passage, or best-loved passage from I Corinthians is chapter 13, the famous "love chapter."

You are invited to journey with us, guided by the Corinthian epistles to let the light shine around you, and in you, and then from you as we seek to continue to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We who have seen the light of Christ now desire to reflect it in our community and in our world by letting others see Christ through our loving presence. Our worship series In January will be spending some time in I Corinthians and exploring the concept that God's love never ends. I hope that you will join us as we seek to understand how God's love works in us and through us.

As an expression of God's love, we are restarting some of our long-absent ministries here at First-Faith. On Sunday, January 16, after worship, there will be a training for those who wish to help bring communion to our Homebound members. The sacrament of Holy Communion is an essential part of our faith and it is important that we show our love and care for those members that would like to receive the sacrament.

In the start of 2022 we will begin the process of training new safety team members and ushers for Sunday morning worship. If you are interested in helping with these vital roles, please reach out to Emily in the office.

I am looking forward to seeing where God is leading this congregation in the next year. There are already big plans in motion for new ministries and I can't wait to see the fruits that those ministries produce. I am truly blessed to be a part of this church and community. Have a happy and safe new year!

Pastor Ray



LOVE NEVER ENDS

WORSHIP SERIES





WORSHIP In Person and Online

Every Sunday

Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
Join us in person or online on our
Facebook page!



THE UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Pick up your copy of the
January/February
issue in the narthex!

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Our Refresh "Grandmas" would love to give you a break. We provide FREE quality childcare for ages 6 and under. Bring your little ones by the church and our ladies will take great care of them! They will have fun during play time, reading, snack and a craft.

We will be open on January 12 and 26, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Please feel free to invite friends and family to use this service.

Meetings and Circles

Tues, Jan. 4th - Ruth Circle at Darlene Wiegert's, 1:30 pm

Mon, Jan. 10th -

Finance Team Mtg., 5:30 pm
Church Council Mtg., 6:30 pm

Tues, Jan. 11th - UMM Meeting, 6:30 pm

Mon, Jan. 17th - Trustees Meeting, 7:00 pm

Mon, Jan. 24th - Susanna Circle, 6:30 pm

Tues, Jan. 25th - Friendship Circle, 1:30 pm

Thurs, Jan. 27th - SPRC Meeting, 6:30 pm



Ladies' Sewing Group January 11 & 25 9:30 a.m.

We meet at the church
and all are welcome!



A Perk & A Prayer

is available every Wednesday morning in January (weather permitting) from 7 to 9 a.m. Come and get a free cup of coffee and have someone pray with you.

SPARCC EVENT: All single adults are invited for food, fun and fellowship. On Saturday, January 29th, we will be going to Tso's Asian Buffet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Please R.S.V. P. by Thursday, January 27th, by calling the church office at 308-384-5620, so that we will know how many to plan for. Thank you!

2022 PRAIRIE RIVERS DISTRICT	Mission Shares			MISSION SHARES
		Great Plains, incl jurisdictional funds	\$13,215.00	
		Episcopal Fund	\$1,007.00	
		Africa University	\$103.00	
		Black College	\$458.00	
		Ministerial Education	\$1,148.00	
		World Service	\$3,400.00	
		General Administration	\$404.00	
		Interdenominational Cooperation	\$89.00	
		Total Mission Shares	\$19,824.00	
		Mission Agency Support	\$1,982.00	
		District Mission Share	\$981.00	
		\$22,787.00	DISTRICT MISSION SHARES	

January

1/1 Alta Crapson
 Brian Ford
 Jama Obermiller
 Shirley Richards
 1/4 Randi Pennell

1/6 Anthony Erington
 1/7 Connie Anderson
 1/8 Kaitlyn Berggren
 Leola Harlow
 1/9 Jane Mitchell
 1/11 Liz Seifert
 1/12 Matt Albers
 1/14 Evelyn Henderson
 Terry Sheen
 1/18 Dorothy Ammerman

1/18 Melodie Bigger
 Jama Morrison
 Paula Rauert
 1/19 Ruth Clough
 Pat Igo
 1/21 Susan Albers
 1/23 Nathaniel Bandt
 1/24 Pastor Ray Stone
 1/25 Donna Seitz
 1/26 Janet Enck
 1/27 Anna Sorensen



Doug & Margaret Ferguson - January 5, 1974

Devin & Leah Borer - January 17, 2015

LUNCH BUNCH POTLUCK

Our next Lunch Bunch Potluck will be on Wednesday, January 12th, at 12 noon. It will be at the church and everyone is welcome! Bring a dish to share and then join in the fun afterwards as we play RUMMIKUB!!!



PITCH GAME NIGHT
 Join us for Pitch (a card game)!

Monday, January 31st, 7 to 9 p.m. at church.
 Bring a partner or we'll find you one!



Thank you for the cards and memorials in memory of Mark's mom, Doris Mae Maurer. Your kind words, the love you have shown and the memories you have shared have helped us

all get through this difficult time. We are blessed to have such a caring church family.

Mark & Carla Maurer

Women's Step Aerobics

Come and join us every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5:15 to 6:15 pm. All equipment is provided!

CHAIR YOGA CLASS

Sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 10:30 a.m., and an evening session is held on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Remember to wear comfortable clothing and invite your friends!

STRONG WOMEN

This class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. at the church. Bring your own weights from 1 to 5 lbs. If you have questions, please call Barb Wiczorek at 308-382-2428.

Come and join us!



I wanted to let you know how much your prayer shawl ministry has meant to me. I recently received my second shawl. They are both like having a warm hug, just what is needed in difficult times! Your ministry is appreciated.

Thank you for your prayers.

Alyce Mosier (Chyna's sister)

We received this note from Engleman Elementary:

Thank you for everything you do for our school! We are so blessed to have community members who care so much for our students. We look forward to continuing working with you all to support our kids!!

Happy Holidays from Sam Amick, School Social Worker



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Worship Schedule

Sunday

9:30am - Morning Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
and Fellowship Time

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Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30
(Closed 12-1 pm - Lunch Hour)

Pastor: Rev. Wm. Ray Stone

New Steps Youth Group

New Steps Youth kick off a NEW YEAR...

We will start 2022 with a celebration party on January 5th from 7:00-8:15 pm. Bring your wrapped silly socks for our exchange game. We will play LRC using gum and quarters plus several other fun and silly games. There will be popcorn and soda for treats. I hope you will all come to start the new year with us!

New Steps Youth will meet on the following dates in January:

Jan. 5: Celebration party! (and change the corner sign for the church)

Jan. 12: We will begin our study of the birth of the church.

Jan. 19: Bible study and mission letters to church members

Jan. 26: Game night!

Sunday, Jan. 30 is the 5th Sunday and youth will help with the church service so please try to attend.

Guests are always welcome!



YOUNG ADULT AND FAMILY VALENTINE GET-TOGETHER! Sunday, February 6th, 5 to 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for a fun time together for all young adults and families with young children. A delicious meal will be provided for all and we will have a fun Valentine activity for everyone.

More information will be coming this month.

Article Deadline for February Newsletter: January 20, 2022