

FACTS OF FAITH

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January



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for Facts of Faith is the third Monday of each month. Articles for next month are due to the church office on Monday, January 21st.



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Pastor P's Perspective

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Joyous Epiphany!

I can hardly believe it! December marked our fourth Christmastide together! That means that we have been through the three-year lectionary cycle together, and have celebrated almost every major Christian festival together—almost. Only one remains: Epiphany.

Usually, the Epiphany of Our Lord falls on a weekday, and the following Sunday is the celebration of the Baptism of Our Lord. In fact, the last time Epiphany fell on a Sunday, it was in 2013, which was before my time at Faith. I'm looking forward to celebrating it with you this year in Worship on January 6th!

Be sure you don't miss it! The next time Epiphany falls on a Sunday is in 2030!

Epiphany is a celebration that the light of God is shown forth in Jesus Christ. Jesus, born of the virgin Mary, is truly the Son of God. During Epiphany, we recall how the wise men, led by a star, brought gifts of Frankincense, gold, and myrrh to worship the toddler King. They recognized that this was the long-awaited Messiah. In the Sundays that follow, we will continue to hear how this Jesus is entirely different from all who came before him. We will hear of his baptism, his miracles, and finally, his Transfiguration.

My prayer at this time is that we may readily see the light of Jesus Christ revealed to every one of us; that we may be confident in knowing that our Christ is not only a man, but God as well. Finally, let us all pray that Christ may be continually revealed *through* us—that the light of Jesus would shine through us into the world.

To Him be honor, and glory, and might, now and forever. Amen.



January BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ellen Duescher
- 2 Chantal Mukobwajana
- 4 Allan Winters
- 5 Pastor Paul Schultz
- 11 Dale Johnson
- 18 Aline Uwase
- 19 Alissa Wuorinen
- 20 Caitlyn Hammond
Floride Nyiamahirwe
- 21 Shawn Williams
John Strauss
- 23 Aldona Zibas
- 29 Justin Shimimana
- 30 Anna Goetz
Logan Goetz
Roxanne Johnson

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE January 2019

- Jan 4: Family Movie Night "Smallfoot"
- Jan 17: Sew & Such
- Jan 19: Youth Lunch & "Mary Poppins" Movie
- Jan 21: Facts of Faith Deadline
- Jan 26: Euchre
- Jan 27: Single Service & Congregational Meeting
- Jan 31: Lunch Bunch



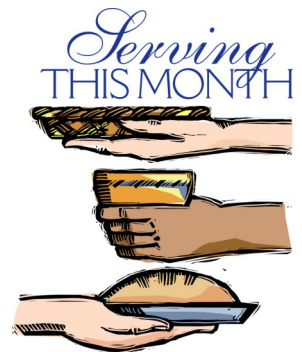
JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1-10-88 John & Anita Strauss
- 1-29-49 John & JoAnn Roberts

11 AM Traditional Service

Date	Reader	Communion Asst.	Ushers
Jan 6	Becky Donohue	Laura Andersen	Jolene Pearson & Paula Winters
Jan 13	Charles Fehr	Laura Andersen	Anita & John Strauss
Jan 20	Candy Kerl	Laura Andersen	Jolene Pearson & Paula Winters
Jan 27	Phil Wuorinen	Laura Andersen	Anita & John Strauss

9AM Service helpers and ushers TBD.



THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the mitten tree. The items were taken to Valley Interfaith where they will be distributed to those in need.



Believe.
HOPE.
Encourage.
PERSEVERE.

This month's Movie Night is January 4th with "Smallfoot"

Join your friends at Faith for Family Movie Night Friday, January 4th. Enjoy a free dinner followed by a family-friendly, full length movie. Doors open at 5:45 PM, dinner at 6 PM, with the main feature starting around 6:30 PM. Bring family, friends and neighbors! Everyone is welcome. **How you can help?** Volunteers are always appreciated to help set up at 5 PM, mingle with guests or clean up at 8 PM. More information: Roxanne Johnson at 513-633-0564 or rmbj123@hotmail.com



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Congregational Life	Hannah Schultz

Update on Habitat for Humanity

Our Habitat for Humanity building coalition recently dedicated its new 2018 College Hill homes. Many thanks to those in Faith's congregation whose talents helped make the dream of home ownership a reality for our partner families. Special thanks also to our Endowment Fund committee for a generous donation helping to make these homes affordable.



2056 & 2060 1st Ave., College Hill



New Kitchen!



The Monica Harris Family



Dedication ceremony December 15th



Spotlight on Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry

Since its inception in 2007, Faith Lutheran Church has supported this all-volunteer food pantry with financial support, donations and volunteer effort. You've undoubtedly seen the colorful shopping bags in the Narthex, read the appeals for donations of personal care products and participated in the annual "Souper Bowl" spare change collection. Here are some things you may not know.

Did you know? Mt Healthy Alliance – Food Pantry

Is a 501 © (3) nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation and a member agency of the Freestore Foodbank.

Is supported by ten other churches in the 45231 zip code area.

Is an all-volunteer choice pantry - the director and assistant are unpaid and each donate over 200 hours on-site each month!

Relies on additional volunteers (typically 80/month) to pick up donations from the Freestore and Freestore partners, unload trucks, screen and stock donations, and assist guests during shopping hours.

Serves over 400 low-income families in the 45231 zip code area each month with Christian love. No one is turned away. One-time emergency assistance is provided to those outside 45231.

Provides three days of food to those who qualify once per month

Also provides metro bus tickets for transportation to jobs, medical appointments or school, blood pressure checks on 3rd Tuesday evening of the month and makes referrals to other agencies for help with clothing, household items, and financial assistance.

The pantry helps families like Ms. Thompson who lives on a disability check and struggles to pay for necessities. Or the Jones family, who with two working adults still struggle to provide food and necessities for their six children. In addition, the pantry has provided "angel wings" to several clients. By volunteering at the pantry, they gained the self-confidence to find employment and fulfillment.

Kathy Lorenz, the pantry director, has said that being responsible for providing services for over 400 families a month is a significant and ongoing challenge. Some food items are obtained from the Freestore Foodbank using Freestore credits, others are donated from Freestore partners Kroger & Walmart and others are purchased only when absolutely necessary from retail outlets. As Kathy said, "When you add in all the in-kind donations and support from schools and individuals we are able to survive."

How you can help

Help stock the pantry - Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9-11 AM. Unload donations, stock shelves, shelves, sort fresh bread and produce and have fun doing it!

Help clients during operating hours - Mondays 11 AM-1 PM; Tuesdays 5-7 PM; Thursdays & Saturdays 9 AM -12 PM. Help clients select food & personal care items, bag and/or carry shopping bags to cars. Arrive 15 minutes early for instructions.

Make a Donation - Fill a colorful shopping bag with items & return to Narthex to be delivered to the pantry. The pantry is always in need of following items: deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, toilet paper, tooth paste, tooth brushes, canned fruit, cereal and peanut Butter.

The pantry is located in the basement of the Mt. Healthy Christian Church at 7717 Harrison Avenue. Entrance on Hill Avenue.

For more information or to volunteer, visit the website at http://www.mthealthyalliance.org/food_pantry.aspx. Or call Kathy Lorenz, Pantry Director at 513-551-8036 or Bob Day 242-2605.

Food Pantry Volunteers in Action!

Photo credit Nancy Healy



Visit the Faith Lutheran Website

Our church website (www.faithcinci.org) is a great place to turn for all information relating to church life here at Faith. You will find all of your favorite features like the weekly calendar, upcoming event information, great photos & links to FOF and Pastor Schultz's sermons.

Do you have ideas or suggestions? Contact Kate at kategiver8@gmail.com

Office Hours Church office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 AM – 3 PM. Changes to that schedule due to vacation or illness will be communicated via email. Contact the church office at 931-6100 or secretary@faithcinci.org

Prayer Requests To submit your prayer request, please either call the office email your prayer requests to Kristin during business hours. For emergencies during non-business hours, please contact Pastor Schultz at 937-594-1612.

Going into the hospital or having outpatient surgery? Be sure to inform the office so Pastor Paul can arrange to minister to you. Call or email the church office during business hours. For emergency admissions, please contact Pastor Paul at 937-594-1612 or Jennifer Schultz at 937-594-1628.

While you're recovering at home request a visit and/or communion by contacting Pastor Paul at 931-6100 or secretary@faithcinci.org during regular business hours.

Submitting bulletin announcements Sunday bulletin announcements are due by 12 noon the prior Wednesday. Please call or email the office to submit an announcement.

FLC needs your news for Facts of Faith!

The Facts of Faith monthly newsletter reflects the life of our church AND we need your help to make it come alive each month. Remember if it's of interest to you it's probably of interest to your Faith Family.

Feel free to submit your news such as thank you notes, prayer request updates/praises, birth announcements, marriage announcements, other family milestones. Feel free to include photos.







We also encourage small groups and committees to submit announcements of their upcoming events as well as follow up reports with photos.

Email your submissions to Kristin at secretary@faithcinci.org by the deadline or leave written submissions in an envelope on Kristin's desk.

Plan ahead: Upcoming Facts of Faith deadlines:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline for submission</u>
February	January 21
March	February 18
April	March 18



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 	1 	2 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	4  6:00 PM Family Movie Night showing "Smallfoot"	5	
6 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Service Installation of Officers 6:30 PM Church Council	7	8 11:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study at Church 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Unity Prayer & Study Group	9 10:00 AM Grace Circle 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	10	11	12
13 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service	14 Dine to Donate @ Buffalo Wings 'n Rings 6:30 PM Social Concerns	15 11:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study at Church 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Property Comm. 7:30 PM Joy Circle	16 6:30 PM Youth Comm, 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	17  9:00 AM Sew & Such 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	18	19 12:00 PM Youth lunch and "Mary Poppins" movie
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