



Special Dates

April 16 Book Club @ New Hope UCC 7pm

Newsletter Sent Out May 15

Update Meeting May 17

Last Day of KFC & YFC May 17

April 2026 Newsletter

Worship Service Start @ 10:45 am

Kids for Christ & Youth for Christ @ 9:30 am

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Thursdays 10:00am-2:00pm

Other Days & Times by Appointment

"Rev's" Review!

As we look ahead to the next step in our journey as a church, one theme keeps rising to the surface: growth. Not just in numbers, but in spirit, connection, and community. We have heard many thoughtful and creative ideas about how to increase attendance—and they all have value. But there is one method that stands above the rest for its simplicity, effectiveness, and zero cost: word of mouth.

The truth is, the most powerful invitation you can offer doesn't come from a flyer, a social media post, or even a well-designed program. It comes from you. Think about it—most of us have visited a new place, tried something new, or taken a step outside our comfort zone because someone we trusted personally invited us. That same principle applies to church. People are far more likely to walk through our doors when they know someone inside is ready to welcome them.

Scripture reminds us of the importance of personal invitation. In John 1:46, when Nathanael is unsure about Jesus, Philip simply says, "Come and see." No long explanation. No pressure. Just an open invitation. And in Luke 14:23, Jesus tells his followers, "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full." The call is clear—we are invited to invite others. The good news is that this doesn't have to be complicated. Here are a few simple ways you can help grow our church through word of mouth:

Extend a personal invitation. Think of a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member.

Share your story. Talk about what church means to you.

Offer to go together. Sometimes the hardest part for someone new is walking in alone.

Be welcoming. When visitors do come, kindness can make all the difference.

Growing attendance isn't about filling seats—it's about expanding the circle of love, hope, and belonging that we cherish here. Each invitation is an opportunity to share something meaningful. So this week, consider: who is someone you can invite? It might feel small, but it could make an eternal difference. Let's take this next step together—one conversation, one invitation, one new face at a time.

God's Peace,

"Rev"

Thank You for your contributions to Faith UCC Church

Interested in setting up online payment? It's easy go to, <https://tithely.com/give?c=6471448>

A window will appear to set up your giving and your account information. You will get 3 emails when you set yourself up for the first time. A welcome to Tithely email. An account set up email to confirm your email your email address. And finally a thankyou for your donation email. Inside the widget at the above you can even set yourself up for recurring donations. Also please consider covering the fees with your donation. This will help the church use your giving more efficiently.

(if you need assistance, let Paul Gordon know. Once your account is established it's easy!) if you so choose to send a check please,

Mail your check to Faith UCC Church P.O Box 396, Slinger, WI 53086

Outreach Committee Notes

Hello Faith Congregation,

Easter Breakfast was a success! Over 100 people joined us at Easter Breakfast and donations totaled \$250!

Thank you to everyone who brought a dish and helped on Sunday. Special thanks to Sue Nehm for the extra help! The Outreach Committee and Mission Committee will be meeting on April 16th to discuss combined efforts for future dinner events. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Monday April 20th.

Some upcoming events:

VBS Closing Event July 16, 2026 @ Faith Church
Church picnic Aug 30, 2026 @ Folk Song Farm
Rally Day Sept 13, 2026 @ Faith Church
Fall Fest Sept 27, 2026 @ Folk Song Farm
Faith Outreach Committee

Cemetery Committee Notes

Praise The Lord & Happy Easter! There is a church member that has come forward to take over the Sec./Tres. Position for the Faith UCC Cemetery Committee. Dan will be working with the new person to make the transition go smoothly. We will have the formal announcement in the June Newsletter! Spring clean up will begin at Ackerville & Faith Cemeteries & the church yard. If anyone is able to help with this please feel free to come help out! The contract with RW Lawn Service has been signed for the coming year. Rick has been doing this service for 27 years, so ever grateful to Rick and his service to this church for so many years and the job he has done for our church! A reminder for those who have seasonal decorations on your loved ones graves to please remove it for the next season!

Contributions can be made ALL Year he cetary upkeep and lawn service to the Faith United Church of Christ Cemetery Fund

Cemetery Committee:

Jim "JJ" Markewicz—President
Dan Newburg—Sec/Treasurer

Mission Committee Notes

Our Easter Giving was a VERY Successful Event! The Coin Tower raised \$378.18, the Easter Egg Donations raised \$144.88 & addental Lenten/Threshold Offerings earned \$300 for a Grand Total of \$823.06 to The Threshold Birth to 3 Program!

The Easter Basket guessing contest was also well received, winner are:

Basket #1-Mylie Wendorf (guessing 164) 165

Basket #2-Dennis Kittel (guessing 72) 70

Basket #3-Elizabeth Melius (guessing 350) 340 Winners received the Baskets & Candy. Thank You All for a Very Special Easter Celebration!

New Mission Events coming soon in upcoming

Newsletters & Announcements



Consistory Notes

In an effort to try and improve communication within the church, a consistory member will be a point of contact/ liaison for the various committees/roles within the church. Attached is a list of the committee/roles within the church and the consistory member liaison. If the church committee/role has any questions, comments or concerns they should reach out to their consistory member liaison, and the consistory member liaison will then bring it to the consistory. The goal is to help stream line communication within the church. If there are any other areas of the church that need a consistory liaison let a consistory member know.

Cemetery Committee	Barb Markewicz
Building Committee	Jeff Weiss
Scrip	Paul Gordon
Kids/Youth for Christ	Sam Kuhaupt
Advertising/Outreach	Jeff Weiss
Mission Committee	Barb Markewicz
Pastor	Paul Gordon
Worship/Altar Committee	Karen Reinders
Clerk	Sam Kuhaupt
Treasurer/Financial	Jeff Weiss
Check Writer	Paul Gordon
Church Events	Karen Reinders

Dear Faith UCC,

As I reflect on the beauty and reverence of our recent services, my heart is overflowing with a profound sense of gratitude. It is often said that the church is not a building, but a people—and it is the quiet, dedicated service of so many of you that allows our spirits to lift in worship each week.

I am writing today to offer a humble and sincere **thank you** to the many hands and hearts that work behind the scenes:

- **To our Candle Lighter:** Thank you for bringing the light of Christ into our presence. Your steady hand reminds us that we never worship in darkness.
- **To those who set up the Sanctuary:** For every parament changed, every floral arrangement placed, and every pew tidied—thank you for preparing a sacred space where we can meet with God.
- **To our Service Tech Crew:** In an age where we rely so much on connection, your work with the audio and visuals ensures that the Word is heard clearly, both in our pews and beyond our walls.
- **To our Bell Ringer:** Thank you for the faithful tolling that calls our community to prayer and announces to the neighborhood that God's house is open.
- **To our Organist and Choir:** Your gift of music provides the heartbeat of our service. Thank you for the hours of rehearsal and for lifting our praises to the heavens.
- **To our Offering Collectors and the Person who brings the offering to the Bank:** We are grateful for your integrity and your diligence in handling the resources that allow our mission to continue.
- **To our Bookkeeper:** Thank you for your meticulous care and stewardship. Your behind-the-scenes work ensures our church remains on a firm foundation.
- **To our Bulletin Printer:** Thank you for providing us with the roadmap for our worship. Your attention to detail helps us all engage more deeply with the service.
- **To our Sunday School Teachers:** Thank you for planting seeds of faith in our youngest members. Your patience and dedication are shaping the future of this church.
- **To our Bread Maker for Communion:** Thank you for the labor of your hands. Preparing the elements of the Lord's Supper is a holy task that nourishes us all.
- **To our Newsletter Writer:** Thank you for keeping our church family connected and informed. Your gift for storytelling and communication ensures that no matter where we are, we remain united in our mission and news.

To each of you: please know that your contributions are seen, valued, and deeply appreciated. You do not merely perform "tasks"; you facilitate an encounter with the Divine. We are a stronger, more vibrant body of Christ because of your willingness to serve.

May God continue to bless you as you have so richly blessed this congregation.

With humble thanks and peace,

The Consistory



Special Notes

Please if there is any information that you would like to be in the next newsletter contact Christa Wendorf @

tcwendorf@yahoo.com No Later then May 12!!!

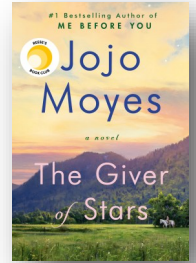
Bible Study happening every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month, 6:00pm @ New Hope UCC, led by Paster Steve all are welcome!

The Joint Book Club will be on April 16, 7:00pm @ New Hope UCC look for the flyer in the narthex!

Reading "The Giver of the Stars", By JoJo Moyes

All are welcome to join, have a snack & hear about the next book, meetings last about 1 hour.

Thank You to Everyone who helped decorate the church & donations for all the beautiful flowers for our Easter Worship Service.



Readers/Communion Usher/Altar Set Up

Apr 19—Wesley Gordon

Apr 26—Barb Markiewicz

May 3—Marilyn Nadelhoffer Karen Reinders & Sam Kuhaupt

May 10—Sherry Burg

May 17—Dennis Kittel

May 24—Cheryl Asmus

May 31—Jennifer Gordon

Jun 7—Christa Wendorf

Jun 14—Nancy Schilling-Genz

Paul Gordon & Jeff Weiss

Jennifer Gordon

Jennifer Gordon

Elaine Burg & Sherry Burg

Update Meeting

Pentecost/Conformation

Trinity Sunday

Script

Gift Cards Available! Help us Fundraise!
Do most of your shopping with gift cards that you purchase from us or buy them as gifts for others! Proceeds go to the church (kickbacks range from 2%-12% of the amount depending n the store). Whenever Paul or Jenni Gordon attend church, gift cards will be available for sale for select grocery stores, gas, retailers & restaurants.

You can also pre-order gift cards, just contact the Gordon's.
Here is the FULL LIST of what is available:

<https://www.raiseright.com/c/Shop/Product/BrandAlphabeticalList>



Home Bound

This is the updated list for all of our members that are home bound-

Joyce Herther—Cedar Community The Willows @ Cedar Lake Assisted Living 5577 Home Dr Apt #1522 West Bend 53095

Jean Happel-Aspen @ Cedar Lake 5555 Cedar Bay Dr. West Ben WI 53095

Don & Sandy Jackson— 6657 Weis St. Allenton 53022

Marilee Lehman— 1755 N Barker Rd Room #303 Brookfield WI 53045

Darlene Endres- 1202 Ease Sumner St. Hartford WI 53027

Please if you know of any of our other members that are "Stuck at Home" Please contact Pastor Steve or Elaine Burg Thank you!

Kids for Christ & Youth for Christ Notes

"As the Sun came up on Easter Morning, the Miracle was only Beginning"

Last Day of KFC & YFC will be May 17

We started a new unit for the littles which is learning The Road to Emmaus, the story of Jesus coming back to show he has been risen from the dead to his followers. We will be recapping all we have learned on May 17 with fun games, crafts and special events for our last day! The big kids are learning about this as well going more in depth with the story of "Doubting Tomas", "Peter's Courage" & The Great Commission. Also we are getting the 2 Confirmands ready for their special Sunday coming up in May! As teachers we are so very blessed to have a great group of Kids that are so willing to learn all we have to teach in Jesus's name and through God's word, they are willing to learn and are one of a kind! "KIND" being the main word! So VERY KIND!

Vacation Bible School will be held @ Faith United Church of Christ in July!

Please look for Information for this wonderful week in the next Newsletters for updates and schedules!