

Faith United Methodist Church



Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes

10:55 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

4:30 p.m. Youth Group , Room 208

10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a. m. Fellowship Time

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Welcome to Faith Church!

Thank you for inquiring about our church. It is a privilege to have you here as our guest and we hope this information will help you discover more about our Faith Family. As a church, we are committed to the person of Jesus Christ and we base our teaching upon the revealed word of God. It is our desire that people come to place their trust in Christ to forgive them and lead them, and that they grow in their relationship with Him. We feel God is doing extraordinary things among an amazing group of people and would love to see you be a part. Please look through the following information about our church and if you have any questions please feel free to contact us with any questions.



In Christ

Pastor David Fitzmaurice

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

Worship

Christian worship is at the heart of who we are and what we do. It is the focal point of congregational life, and the beginning point of outreach into the community. It should be done with excellence as an offering to God by all worshippers.

Faith has a combined Traditional and Contemporary Worship Team. The team is responsible for every element of their respective worship services.

Worship Services

We have two worship services on Sunday morning. At 9:00 a.m. we have a traditional service and at 10:55 a.m. we have a contemporary service. Both services are held in the Sanctuary.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is administered on the first Sunday of every month at the traditional worship service. It is served every Sunday in the contemporary service. United Methodists practice open communion that means anyone, regardless of religious affiliation, may receive the Sacraments.

Baptism

Baptisms are performed for all ages, infant through adult. Baptisms can be performed by sprinkling, by pouring, or by immersion. The pastor should be contacted in advance to set up an appointment to discuss the baptism.

Gary Dollins Memorial Chapel

The Gary Dollins Memorial Chapel is located in a beautiful outdoor setting east of the church parking lot. The project was spearheaded by the United Methodist Youth in memory of Gary's extensive involvement with the youth program. He was a counselor, teacher, example, and friend. The Chapel can be used for quiet, personal meditation and prayer as well as for groups who wish to worship in an outdoor setting. The Chapel consists of a large wooden cross, a granite marker bearing the Chapel's name, and seating for twenty-four people.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The fundamental goal of Christian Education is the development of Christian faith and discipleship. With this goal in mind, Sunday School is provided at 10:00 a.m. for all ages and interests, including four adult classes. See specific class information below for classroom numbers.

Ages Birth-Three Years (Nursery, Room 301)

The focus is quality playtime, Bible stories, and songs.

"Jesus Break"

"*Jesus Break*" offers children ages 4-11 a fun and engaging worship opportunity that is very different from the traditional classroom experience of Sunday School. Children sing, pray with one another, and participate in a 15 minute interactive Bible lesson presented by a loving team of volunteers. Children also enjoy puppet messages, role-play, video presentations, crafts, and games that support each Sunday's lesson.

"Jesus Break" Ages 4 – 7 (Room 302)

In our Jesus Break room, we learn how to pray. We listen to Bible stories, play games and make fun stuff to go with the stories. Sometimes we have snacks or sing. We have been learning the Word of God by learning about Biblical heroes as well as Jesus and His love.

"Jesus Break" Ages 8 – 11 (Room 201)

We enjoy prayer, Bible stories, and Bible lessons, along with games, crafts and activities! We learn Old and New Testament stories! We try to make the lessons fun and memorable. We focus on how Jesus is your best friend and He wants to walk with you throughout your life.

**Ages 12 - Eighth Grade
(Junior High, Room 208)**

The Junior High Sunday School class is designed to promote Christ-centered lives. The main teaching goal is the Saving Knowledge of Jesus Christ and the understanding of living a Christian life. We promote character development, responsibility and positive decision making. Another goal is to make the learning experience fun and meaningful with the use of games, challenges, sharing of personal experiences and stories as well as an occasional walk in the park or breakfast at McDonalds.

**Grades Ninth-Twelfth
(Senior High, Room 204)**

The Senior High Sunday School class is designed to promote Christ-centered lives. Our activities and discussions are centered on the application of Christian principles to everyday challenges in a complex world; "Surviving with God's help." We participate in a wide range of activities and service projects just to keep things interesting. The facilitators and students work together to decide on relevant and fun discussions and projects.

**Young Adult
(Ages 18—29, Fellowship Hall)**

We are a diverse group learning to apply the message of the Bible to our everyday lives. We study and discuss a variety of topics to widen our understanding of God's involvement in the world and people around us. We meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall and have breakfast every Sunday morning.

**Young Disciple
(Adults, Pastor's Office)**

We are a group of adults whose ages vary in range. Some of us are just starting families and others are busy raising teenagers. We welcome anyone to join our class as we continue to learn more about one another and God's Word. We recently completed a Bible study about the different religions of the world, including Christianity. We look forward to meeting new people who have a desire to learn more about the love of Jesus.

ADULT EDUCATION

Discovery (Adults, Chapel)

The topics vary depending on the needs of the group. Some past and future topics include: Being Disciples of Christ, The Miracles of Jesus, and The Jesus Creed. We enjoy exploring God's Living Word and fellowship with one another. We follow John Wesley's format of using scripture, experience, reason and tradition to guide our studies.

Sojourners (Adults, Room 206)

We are adults whose various ages don't matter. We have studied the gospel of John, the books of Romans, Revelation, Proverbs, Ezra and Nehemiah. Most recently we have used studies by Adam Hamilton; *Christianity and World Religions*, *Christianity's Family Tree*, *The Journey* and *Twenty-Four Hours That Changed the World*. We still have room for a few more people to join us and when we run out of room, we'll find a bigger place.

John Ward (Adults, Room 203)

Our class follows "The Adult Bible Study". This quarterly study (thirteen lessons) presents stimulating lessons that explore the Biblical message and how to apply it to daily life. Adults move from a focus on the Word to reflection on personal, family, church and community concerns. We are always seeking new perspectives and look forward to YOUR unique input!

Walkers of the Way (Adults, Room 210)

The Walkers of the Way class is named for John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth and the life". Our main focus is to enrich our spiritual life as we strive toward becoming disciples of Christ through Bible study, prayer and fellowship. We are studying the 12 books written by the minor prophets of the Old Testament using worksheets, maps and summary materials. These sources are helpful in understanding the Old Testament prophecy. Future studies will be based on requests and ideas suggested by the class. Everyone is welcome to join us as we continue on our walk in the way, the truth and the life.

Bible Study

Short-term special studies of Biblical or topical issues are periodically held and are led by the pastor and others. These studies are open to all interested people through pre-registration and sometimes may entail a fee for the purchase of a study book. When a study is planned, information about it will appear in the Sunday bulletin, the newsletter, and on our website. No prior Biblical knowledge is necessary to enjoy these classes. For more information call the church office.

Prayer Ministries

An Intercessory Prayer Team is available 24 hours for urgent prayer requests. A weekly prayer team prays for any concerns received during our Sunday worship services. Shut-ins are visited monthly and served communion.

RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

Missions

Our Missions Program shows the love of Jesus by holding out a hand of hope to those in need in our church, our community, and the world. We share our talents through hands-on mission programs to help where it is needed most. We help in our St. Charles community by supporting several local food pantries, shelters and self-help programs. We also help our neighbors in St. Louis through ministries including Kingdom House, Shalom House, Epworth, The Bridge and others. We host a free St. Charles countywide Thanksgiving dinner for those in our community who are elderly, in need, or lonely. This dinner is provided at no cost to the recipient and the meals are delivered as far away as Troy MO. Every other year we hold a church-wide reverse yard sale where we open our doors to give everything for free to clients of the local food pantries, along with free Bibles. We offer support through various worldwide mission and disaster relief efforts. Together, we are the hands and feet of Christ, whether witnessing to others in our community or throughout the world.

Community Outreach

Faith United Methodist Church is reaching out to the community in Christian witness by working in cooperation with the St. Charles Emergency Management Agency and the Red Cross to provide services to victims of natural or civil disasters. Faith Church also provides a Thanksgiving Day dinner.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Evangelism

The Evangelism Team provides encouragement, resources, and training to help all persons at Faith UMC to share the gospel comfortably.

We currently sponsor the "Alpha Course". Alpha Course gives everyone the opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The Alpha course usually meets once a week for 10 weeks, including a one-day or weekend getaway. Sessions begin with a meal, followed by a short talk and time to discuss what's been taught.

During the discussion, everyone is welcome to contribute their opinions and no question is considered hostile or too simple. Questions might include—Is there a God? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going?

Courses vary in size, from one small group meeting in a home, to hundreds of people in a church. Some courses are held over morning coffee or during a lunch hour. Most are evening courses, typically lasting 2 hours.

Congregational Care

“Caring for Each Other”

Faith United Methodist Church is a congregation that cares about people. The mission is to help members experience the love of Christ within the church family and to feel connected as church members. Faith's Congregational Care Ministry provides compassionate care, through personal contact, with church members and families who have a need for spiritual support. We, as the church, are called to love one another, to show kindness and to offer hospitality. Whether facing a serious illness, the grief of losing a loved one, the joy of a new baby, the challenges of aging, or the stresses of daily living, caring for each other is what Congregational Care is about.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

The youth meet each Sunday evening from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. This is an informal Christian fellowship group that stresses the importance of group building, service to others, building personal relationships with God, and having fun. The group is quite active. In addition to weekly programs, they do many things, from visiting Silver Dollar City, Colorado backpacking, to summer work camps in Florida and Southeast Missouri. Other outings include Cardinal baseball games, picnics, caroling, etc. All sixth through twelfth graders are most welcome! Kim Allen is our Director of Youth Ministries and she would be delighted to answer questions or discuss ideas.

Music Ministry

Faith Church has choirs for youth and adults which meet September through June.

The Sanctuary Choir is for Senior High youth and adults who love to sing, serve musically and spiritually to inspire the body of Christ. They rehearse at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday evening, September through June. The Director is Cheryl Purcell.

The Joy Express is a puppet ministry for fifth through twelfth graders who learn to serve the Lord with their talents. They practice each Sunday at 11:15 a.m., September through May. The Director is Cheryl Purcell.

Chancel Chimes (for teens and adults) enjoy an exciting time of learning to ring chimes as they serve God with their musical offerings. Practices are on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m. The Director is Cheryl Purcell.

Preschool and Parent's Day Out

Preschool Three's Our three year old program teaches the fundamentals of the school day. The children learn to sit and listen as a group. The class will focus on colors, shapes and numbers as their major themes. They have centers using a variety of manipulatives such as painting, drawing with a pencil/crayon, using glue sticks and cutting with scissors. This half day program runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with a snack.

Preschool Four's The four year old program will prepare the child for kindergarten focusing on listening skills and following directions. Weekly themes include letters and numbers. Essential school skills such as writing, cutting with scissors and gluing are also practiced on a regular basis. Outdoor play is regularly incorporated into the morning. This half day program runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with a snack.

Pre-Kindergarten is a program designed specifically for the older four year old and those children who are already five but not ready for Kindergarten. Traditional preschool skills such as painting, drawing, cutting with scissors, writing their name and using glue are covered. School concepts such as calendar, predicting and graphing simple ideas while working with letters and numbers are taught in a whole group environment. The school day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Students bring their lunch and take turns providing snacks.

Extended day is a stay and play program for children attending our morning Preschool classes. This program operates from 12:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. An hourly fee is charged for time used. This is a structured program but not curriculum based like Preschool programs. Children will eat lunch as a group, play outside, have craft time and free play. Weekly sign-ups are available for one day, two days or all three days.

Parent's Day Out This program meets on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Children must be one (1) through age five (5). The hours are from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. An hourly fee is assessed for use of the program. You may use whatever hours you would like. A discounted hourly fee is available for families with multiple children in the program.

Children will have outdoor play, free play, craft time, story time and snack time. Naps are given for the younger age groups. Each child will need to bring a lunch/drink if staying over the noon hour. Morning and afternoon snacks are provided.

For more information call 636-724-7020.

Faith United Methodist Women

The organized unit of Faith United Methodist Women is a community whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. Unit meetings are held on the first Sunday of February, May, September, and December. The meetings are held in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. A light lunch is provided by one of the circles, followed by a program and short business meeting. Women's Circles are sub-units of the Faith United Methodist Women. They provide an opportunity for socializing in a smaller group setting, and each circle works on specific church-related projects and themes.

Abigail Circle meets the second Sunday of the month at 11:15 p.m. at the church.

Nadine Circle meets the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at a member's home.

Susannah Wesley Circle meets the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at a member's home.

Golden 55ers

The Golden 55ers is composed of church members and friends age 55 or older who meet for a potluck lunch and program on the first Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. (except July). The meeting is held in Fellowship Hall. The programs vary, consisting of slide show or video presentations, songs, outside speakers, or entertainment.

FACILITY UTILIZATION

Facility Utilization

Faith United Methodist Church is pleased to have a building suitable for community meetings as well as our own church functions. We are open to the possibility of other groups sharing our building. Currently the following groups meet at the church in Fellowship Hall:

Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Monday at 8:00 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous meets each Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Weddings

The church has a Wedding Coordinator to aid in the planning and execution of weddings. The use of the church's Wedding Coordinator is mandatory for details discussed below, even if the applicant has hired a wedding coordinator to handle other aspects of the wedding and celebration. The church's Wedding Coordinator is Karen Smith. She can be reached by calling the church office or by email.

Scheduling the Church for a Wedding

All weddings are scheduled through the church Wedding Coordinator. The wedding date is not considered firm until a completed application and deposit are received at the church office, reviewed by the Wedding Coordinator, and calendared through the pastor. Prenuptial counseling by the pastor is required.



Faith United Methodist Church

Connect people to the vibrant love and hope of God in Christ.

Grow people into an exciting faith that transforms their lives.

Share the love of God with the world through passionate service and partnerships within our community to transform our world.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

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& certain of what we
do NOT see. Heb. 11:1

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