

FAITHNews

The Newsletter of Faith United Church of God

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July 2018

Kids Hope USA



Can't believe it is already mid-summer and that our Alpine Elementary children will be heading back to class next month. As we plan for the coming school year, please continue to keep the children, their families and the Alpine Elementary staff in your prayers during this time and in the weeks to come. And, as always, thank you Faith United for the tremendous support that you give to the Kids Hope USA program!

Judy Kerwin, Kids Hope Director

Children's Church



Time: 10:30 - 11:00 AM

Ages: 4 thru completion of the 3rd grade

Children's Church will be offered at 10:30 AM on our Lower Level on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of each month. Each week we will be doing hands-on worship where kids encounter God, so we always encourage your children to attend!

Children's Church Volunteers:

July 1 = No Children's Church

July 8 = Wendy Shick

July 15 = Chad & Jenny Morris

July 22 = Mary Irving

July 29 = Wendy Shick

Volunteers, if you are unable to be here on the date that you are scheduled, please contact Wendy Shick.

Youth News!

Join us for Wednesday Night



6:00 - 9:00 PM*

Wednesday Evenings
(Grades: 6th - 12th)*

***Come and bring your friends!**

(Youth Schedule is available in narthex)

July 4 – No Youth Group (IYC)

July 11 – Craig's Cruisers, Spiritual Formation:
Sabbath and Rest (Lesson 3)

July 18 – Spiritual Formation: Communion

July 25 – Michigan's Adventure (all day trip)

Questions? Please contact Daniel at (616) 914-5460,
or przybylskijdaniel@gmail.com

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Snacks for Wednesday Night Youth Group

We are looking for volunteers to help with snacks for Wednesday Night Youth. If you are willing to bring or supply Daniel and the Youth with some snacks, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have questions, please let Daniel know. Thanks for your help!

IYC Update, July 2-6

The youth group and leaders (10 students / 2 leaders) will be leaving for International Youth Convention at 7:00 am from Faith United on Monday, July 2 and returning on Friday, July 6 around 4:00 pm.

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1st Sunday Fellowship, July 1



Please mark your calendars for
Sunday, July 1

as we worship together during a Fellowship time.

We will gather in the narthex immediately following the morning service for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

It's a great opportunity to get to know your Friends at Faith better.

Join us in this fun event!

*There is no Sunday School on this day
so parents are encouraged to bring
their children upstairs to join in the fun!*

Church Office Closed, July 4

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.



Readers Anonymous July 16



This month the women's Book Group will meeting **Monday, July 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM** at Erika Irving's for good reads and great conversation! Won't you join us?

The next meeting is **Monday, August 20**.

All-Church Picnic, July 29



The Discipleship board is hosting an **All-Church Picnic** here at Faith United on **Sunday, July 29**. The day will begin after the worship service with food and fellowship. The board will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, drinks and the table service.

Everyone is encouraged to bring along a lawn chair, side dish and/or dessert.

There will be lots of fun games for all ages to participate in. *So, make plans now to invite your friends and family to join in the fun at the All Church Picnic!*

Note: No Sunday School classes for the day.

A sign-up sheet will soon be available on the information table at church.

If you have a large tent (10x20) that we could borrow for the day, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Northwest Food Pantry



For the month of July, Faith United is collecting **soup, canned spaghetti's and ravioli**. Many other food items and non food items are also needed. Thank you for your support of the NWFP!

Sarah (The Northwest Food Pantry)

Health Corner

Whether you take a Vacation or a Stay-cation this Summer, be sure to take a look at some fun and unique Healthy Habits on the Health Corner bulletin board to make the most of the season. Prayers for all to stay cool, stay well, and continue to enjoy all the wonderful gifts that God has given!

Your Parish Nurse, Judy

Children, Youth and Adult Classes



CHILDREN

- **Infant** (Newborn up to 2 year olds)
Teacher: Connie Evans
Subs: Mary Irving & Jean Estebez
- **Toddlers** (2 - 3 year olds)
Teachers: Erika Irving and Velvet Lerch
- **Pre-K - 3rd Grade** (4 years - 3rd grade)
Teachers: Carol Cutter and Heather Bessinger
Class meets in room #2 on the lower level

YOUTH

- **Youth Class** (4th - 12th grades)
- Teacher: Daniel Przybylski
Subs: Ted Evans & Tonya Mashue
Class meets in room #4 on the lower level

ADULT

- **Foundations Class**
Teachers: Ryan and Becki Simpson,
and Steve Shick
Studying: *The Gratitude Diaries*
by Janice Kaplan
Class meets in the Narthex
- **"X" Pulpit Class**
Teachers: Marcia and Garrett Holleman
Sub: Janice Ertle
Studying: *"New Testament Characters"*
By Carolyn Nystrom
The Adult Pulpit Class will be taking the summer off
and returning in September.
- **Adult Bible Class**
Teachers: Michele Paulin and Millard Knapp
Studying: *NIV Standard Lesson Commentary*
2017-2018, edited by Ronald L. Nickelson
Class meets in the west end of the Fellowship Hall
- **Christian Topics Class**
Teachers: Mark Peterson & Judy Kerwin
Studying: *Lies We Believe About God*
by William Paul Young
Class is meeting in the center of the Fellowship Hall

July Nursery Volunteers



Infant

- 1 – Patti Cutter
- 8 – Rhonda Plants & Velvet Lerch
- 15 – Janice Ertle & Mary Irving
- 22 – Kathy Van Dyke
- 29 – Terry & Judy Kerwin

Toddler

- 1 – Connie Evans
- 8 – Chad & Jenny Morris
- 15 – Erika Irving
- 22 – Becki Simpson & Amy Blauw
- 29 – Tonya Mashue

Please contact Rhonda Plants if you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday.

Administrative Assistant Away, July 14-18

Rhonda Plants will be away July 14 through 18, 2018; she's planning to be in the church office on Thursday, July 19 and Friday, July 20. Thank you.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for articles to be turned into the church office for the August 2018 edition of FAITHNews is Tuesday, July 17, 2018. Thank you!



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Living Link Missionaries

Alfonso & Elizabeth Ayala (Belize)

Daniel & Christy Kihm (Netherlands)

Sundays

10:00 AM Celebration of Worship

11:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesdays

6:00 - 9:00 PM Wednesday Night Youth (July 11 & 18)

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