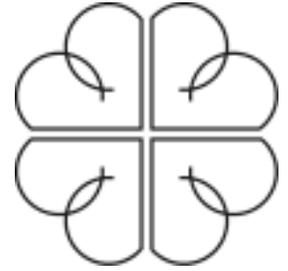


LOAVES & FISHES



SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 3

9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
Communion
11:30 am Walton Woods



Sunday, February 10

9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Theater Outing

Sunday, February 17

9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship

Sunday, February 24

9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
4th Sunday Brunch



FROM DAN'S DESK

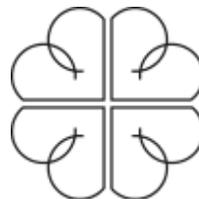
More often than not, thoughts of renewal and growth are tied to the season of spring. Crops, flowers, warmer weather, and especially Resurrection combine to point us in a more positive direction than what we usually experience during winter. After all, New Years day brings with it resolutions that all too soon are forgotten, ignored, or sometimes even regretted. Not so with our Faith Community! Here we are, in the midst of winter, and hope reignites!

As I write this we're basking in the afterglow of Ruthanne's election to serve as just the second pastor in this church's history.

The amount of prayer, work, and support that have gone into this process is truly impressive. It's appropriate that this is so, considering its importance. Perhaps you've sensed it yourself over the past two years. Hopefully you've heard the regular updates and have participated in some of the studies, plans, projects and especially calls to prayer that have permeated our time together.

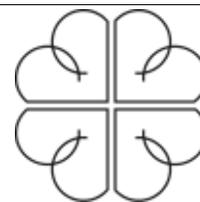
So friends, join me in praising God and in looking forward to continued God honoring worship, growth and service.

Hearing
Trusting
Acting
Sharing



Your friend,

Dan Michalek



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WHEN WE HAVE
NOTHING LEFT BUT
GOD,

WE DISCOVER THAT
GOD IS ENOUGH



Noses are red
fingers are
blue.

I'm tired of
winter how
about you?





It is with great joy and thanksgiving that we announce a new pastor has been called to Faith Community Presbyterian Church. On Sunday, January 13, 2019 the Rev. Ruthanne Herrington participated in our Sunday worship as our candidate. During the congregational meeting that followed, the PNC reported on their entire process and their selection of the candidate. One hundred nineteen resumes were reviewed - pastors from 31 different states, countless sermons were heard, references were thoroughly checked, and multiple interviews were done. The PNC was happy to let everyone know that Rev. Herrington was the unanimous choice of the committee. We very strongly felt that God had led us to her, and she also felt just as strongly that God had led her to us. During the meeting, members had many questions answered and comments were heard from the PNC, from Dan and from the congregation. The Terms of Call were explained as well. Once that had all completed, a motion was made and the membership then voted to accept Ruthanne as our next pastor. Ruthanne joyfully accepted the call and a new chapter is set to begin.

Our wonderful Interim, Rev. Dan Michalek, will be finishing at Faith the last Sunday of February and will be heading to Paris, France for 6 months with his lovely wife, Fran.

Following the Presbytery recommendation that there should be several weeks between the departure of the interim pastor and the start of the new pastor, Rev. Ruthanne Herrington's start date will be March 18, 2019 and her first service will be Sunday, March 24, 2019.

We will have much more information available at church after January 21, 2019 and it will be included in the March newsletter.

The PNC would like to thank all the members of Faith for their support and prayers throughout this process. We encourage you all to pray for Ruthanne as she prepares to come to us, and pray for our church as we prepare to welcome her leadership in March. God has richly blessed us in the past, has continued to bless us during this transition time, and we know He has plans to bless us in days and months and years to come.

Please plan to be joyful and active in our Faith Community.

Micky Tschirhart, co-chair

Jill Bednarek, co-chair

Tom Anan

Suzanne Everett

Jim Paulk

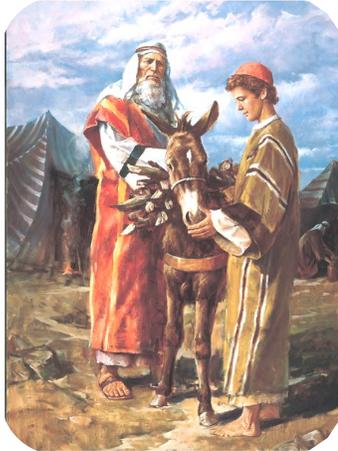


ADULT BIBLE STUDY

January 6

9:00 am

We will begin a chronological study of the Old Testament. We will start with Abraham and discuss the people and events in the Old Testament that formed the basis of our Christian faith.

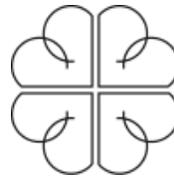


Classes meet in the adult classroom. Please note the time change. See Laura/Adam Bednarek or Linda Shoener if you have any questions.



PER CAPITA

The Per Capita for 2019 is \$28.55 per member. Per capita is paid to the Presbytery of Detroit to help cover administrative costs for the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. Please make checks payable to Faith Community and indicate "per capita" on the memo line. Thank you for helping to cover this financial obligation of our church.



Hearing, . . .

Trusting, . . .

Acting, . . .

Sharing, . . .



**2019
FLOWER
CHART**

The flower chart for 2019 is posted by the drinking fountain in the narthex. Please sign up to donate the flowers that honor God each week in worship. Flowers can be given in celebration of, in honor of, or in memory of someone or something in your life.

Cost is \$40. The church office coordinates with the florist and contacts you regarding payment and dedication.

to do list

WAIT PATIENTLY

HAVE FAITH

PRAY

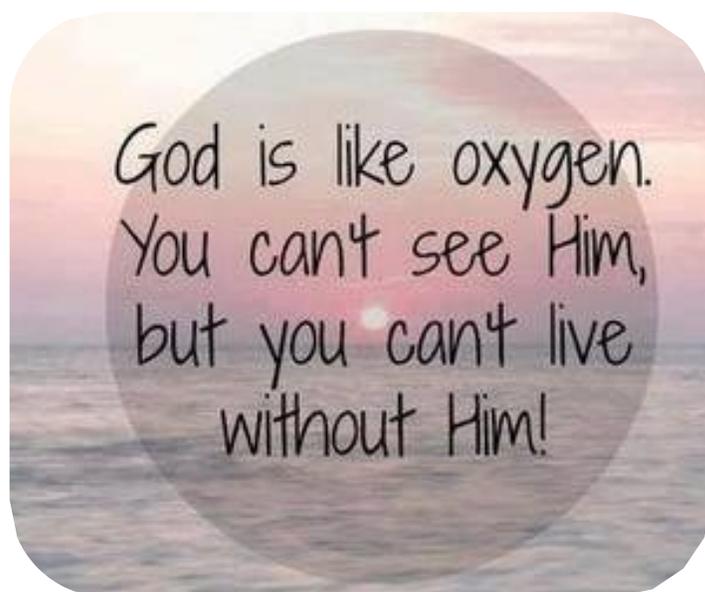
THINK OF OTHERS

TRUST IN THE LORD

READ GOD'S WORD



Faith children and friends
served up lunch at the
January Soup Kitchen.



MEATBALL TACOS

24 - 1/2 oz. cooked meatballs
8 corn tortillas
1 1/4 cup lettuce, shredded
1/2 cup of your favorite avocado dressing
1/2 cup of your favorite pico de gallo salsa
1/2 cup Cotija cheese crumbles or grated parmesan

Heat cooked meatballs as directed on package. While the meatballs are heating, soften the corn tortillas by microwaving for 30 seconds, covered with a damp cloth or paper towel. Place about a tablespoon of shredded lettuce, a teaspoon of salsa and 1/2 teaspoon of cheese directly on each tortilla. Add 3 cooked meatballs atop each dressed tortilla and finish with a drizzle of avocado dressing.

Yield: 4 servings

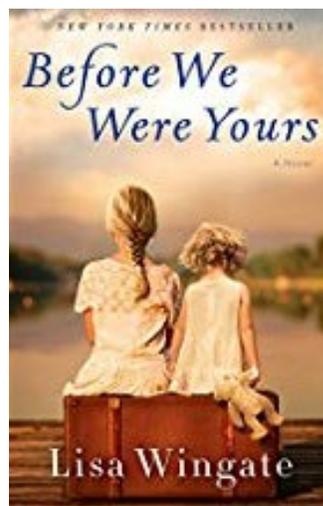
Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes



LOOKING AHEAD MARCH WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group meets the second Tuesday of every month from 12:30-2:00 pm. In March we will be having a book discussion. The book we will be discussing is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. This is a fictional account of a true-life scandal about a woman in Memphis who kidnapped children from poor families and adopted them to families of privilege from 1939-1950. It tells the story from the perspective of the children who were taken from their family and a woman from a wealthy family who looks into her families' past secrets.



Details on the lunch will be posted on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. See Linda Shoener or Angela Ryan if you have any questions.

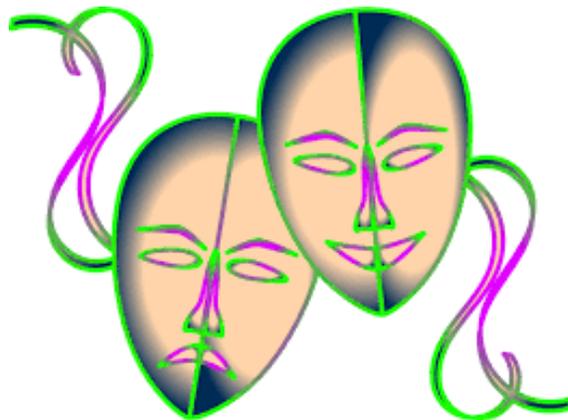
AS BEES IN HONEY DROWN

The Farmington Players
 Sunday, February 10 at 2 pm



Evan Wyler, a young gay writer with a breakout debut novel, has just appeared shirtless in a magazine to sell his much-discussed book, and with that, he's become the next "hot, young thing." He's willing to do anything to hopefully climb to success-- to change his name from one that sounds too Jewish, to meet with whoever will give him the right kind of attention, and yes, to use his potential sex appeal to sell some copies. It is in this boisterous naivete that Evan meets the outrageously fashionable and despicably wealthy Alexa Vere de Vere, a socialite with seemingly every connection in the book, who wants Evan to write the screenplay for her autobiographical film. He follows her into life for a few days as she styles him into a man of a dignified appeal much like her own and pays Evan's way through a whirlwind tour of starlets and producers, the A-listers and those about to become them. All the while, though, Evan is struggling to grasp the story between the myriad of biographical tidbits she's thrown at him. In his search

for more truth, he finds Alexa's vulnerabilities, and the two begin what looks to be a beautiful romantic relationship. But suddenly, she disappears, and with her she takes Evan's dignity. Even worse, Evan realizes that the money never changed hands in the way he thought it did, and Alexa has conned him out of tens of thousands of dollars and run. He's the one who's been footing the bills for their falsified romp through the world of the elite and famous. Evan becomes obsessed with untangling her identity, first by tracking down her other victims and finally by finding his way to the husband she claimed killed himself, still alive, and a peaceful painter in the woods. Mike, the artist, tells Evan how he, many long years ago, was partially responsible the creation of Alexa as she exists today, and it is with this newfound knowledge in her complete ordinariness that Evan decides it's time for a reckoning. Whether he can outsmart a con artist to her own demise is anyone's guess in this larger than life satirical fable on identity in fame and stardom and the people who gladly assume a persona built entirely on lies if it means being known for something. The play's title, *As Bees in Honey Drown*, alludes to a motto Alexa teaches Evan, and it also serves to thematically summarize the show, "humanity gasping for air under the weight of its own culture." In this raucously dark comedy by Douglas Carter Beane, the characters, almost all double-cast as various pawns in the larger story, serve as cautionary tales for the way fame and fortune can rip a simpler mind asunder with egomaniacal ideas of happiness and survival.





A local church built a new sanctuary. They moved their very fine organ from the old sanctuary to the new sanctuary. It was an intricate task that was completed successfully.

The local news heralded....
“St. Paul Completes Organ Transplant.”

