

The Grapevine

"I am the vine, you are the branches.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit" John 15:5a

A newsletter for the family and friends of the United Methodist Churches of
Coloma-Calvary and Westfield-Faith

DECEMBER 2018

From the Pastor

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

With those words, one of the most-beloved Christmas songs of all time begins. Written 200 years ago, by Franz Gruber with lyrics by Joseph Mohr, *Silent Night* is a traditional Christmas carol which is frequently used to end candlelight worship services on Christmas Eve. It was declared an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO in 2011. *Silent Night* is one of my favorite Christmas carols. I have fond memories of singing it while out caroling on cold Arkansas nights during high school.

Now that Thanksgiving is over and Advent is beginning, I am really in the mood for Christmas music – both secular and sacred. I used to think that it was terrible to hear such songs on the radio before December. Nowadays, I find I have changed my tune, with the result that I have been listening to Christmas music on Sirius radio since November 1. They have fifteen Holiday Stations for your listening pleasure – everything from jazz to country to traditional Christmas music is available. And I'm enjoying it.

Faith Jenks, whom I got to know while I was pastor in Wild Rose from 1986-1991, played piano by ear. We used to go to Wild Rose Manor and other assisted living sites during December to entertain people with a wide range of Christmas songs. Faith taught me *White Christmas, I'll Be Home for Christmas* and many other traditional secular Christmas songs. We would join our talents and have a lot of fun, while celebrating the beauties of the Christmas season with many people.

Music can set a mood. It can reinforce emotions. It can draw upon memories. Music has so much power it is unbelievable. With that in mind, I am going to focus on music during the Advent season. Beginning on Sunday, December 2, each week will draw us a little closer to Christmas Day. With the emphases on *Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*, we will approach *Christ* and his birth on Christmas Eve, December 24. Join me on this journey in music.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Joan

Pastor Joan's phone numbers are: office 608-296- 2739; home 608-296- 7023. Pastor Joan is usually in the office from 9:00am-noon Monday through Thursday. She will make appointments at other times.

Pastor Joan Frost

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CHRISTMAS EVE



Christmas Eve Worship

Candlelight worship services will be held on Monday, December 24 at Faith UMC at 5:00pm and Calvary UMC at 6:30pm. We will gather to hear the story of Jesus' birth through scripture and song. Join us for the time of sharing our faith on Christmas Eve





Joint Christmas Pageant

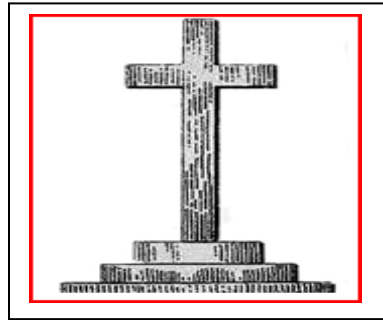
Starring the Faith Methodist and First Presbyterian youth and
Young-at heart.

December 16th, 10:30 service
at Faith U.M.C.

Enjoy Christmas cookies made and served by the young
families group of Faith.

See you there!

NOTE: Rehearsal is Friday night the December 6th.



Our eyes on Calvary...

Our steps by Faith...

Those serving in the month of
DECEMBER 2018

Ushers/Cleaners

Liturgists

Ushers

2nd Luke & Katie Showen

9th Sam & Kayla Rugg

16th Paul & Leslie Schmidt

23rd Fred & Teresa Posthuma

30th Jill Hockerman & Jo Barus

Liturgists

2nd Donna Schmidt

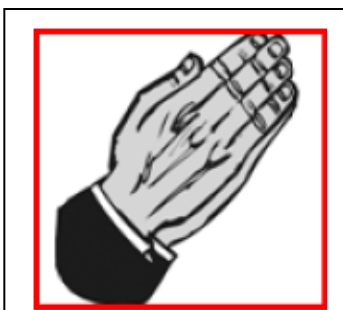
9th Karen Alexander

16st Terry Johnson

23th Jill Hockerman

30th Allen Ely

Please hold the following persons and ministries in thought and prayer.



Wally King, Malcom Chiles, Mary Jane Schudlah, Gert Davey, Robert Rosanske, Barb Ely, Peggy Quinn, Donna Sims, Douglas & Yvonne Lundquist. Victims of natural disasters, those who are unemployed, those who are separated from loved ones, particularly deployed military persons, people who need the Lord's presence.

Please contact Terry Johnson in the office if you wish to be on the prayer list or if you know someone who has a request. 608-296-2739

CC – Coloma Calvary; WF – Westfield Faith; POP – Prince of Peace, Coloma NA – Narcotics Anonymous; Pastor Joan Frost Office Phone: 608-296-2739

Friday is Pastor’s Day off

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday, DECEMBER 2

9:00am-CC W orship
10:00am-CC Sunday School
9:15am-WS Sunday School
10:30am-WF Worship

Tuesday, DECEMBER 4

8:30am-Breakfast at Coloma
10:00am-CC UMW
1:00pm-Pastor meeting in Stevens Point

Wednesday, DECEMBER 5

9:00am Clery Group
6:00pm Choir practice WF

Sunday, DECEMBER 9

9:00am-CC Worship
10:00am-CC Sunday School
9:15am-WS Sunday School
10:30am-WF Worship

Wednesday, DECEMBER 12

9:00am Clery Group
6:00pm Choir practice WF

Sunday, DECEMBER 16

9:00am-CC Worship
10:00am-CC Sunday School
9:15am-WS Sunday School
10:30am-WF Worship-Christmas Program

Tuesday, DECEMBER 18

6:00pm-CC Trustees
6:30pm-CC Ad Council

Wednesday, DECEMBER 19

9:00am Clery Group
2:30pm Harisvilla
6:00pm Choir practice WF

Sunday, DECEMBER 23

9:00am-CC Worship
10:00am-CC Sunday School
9:15am-WS Sunday School
10:30am-WF Worship

Monday, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve
5:00pm-Faith
6:30pm-Calvary

Sunday, DECEMBER 30

9:00am-CC Worship
10:00am-CC Sunday School
9:15am-WS Sunday School
10:30am-WF Worshin

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