
FCC NEWSLETTER

The Official Monthly Newsletter of Faith Community Church - New Richmond



ADVENT

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word, *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival." During the Advent season, the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day, we as believers ought to especially look back on the incarnation of Jesus with rejoicing and celebration! God's promise of a Messiah to deliver His people from sin, Satan and death has come! Advent should also bring to mind our longing for Christ's final, triumphant return when He will make all things new. In order to help prepare our hearts this season, a different FCC family will read Scripture during each Sunday service that focuses on the anticipation of our Savior.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus By Charles Wesley

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

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EVANGELISM

Dear Faith Family,

I am currently teaching an adult Sunday School class on Evangelism, and I have thoroughly enjoyed it! The Lord has really blessed me as I have sought to practice what I preach, and He has answered my prayers by giving me unexpected opportunities to tell others about Jesus.

Even as I say this, I know that may sound weird to many of you. Evangelism can be an intimidating subject. Christians know they should tell others about Jesus, but we fear what people will think of us. We worry about how they will respond and catastrophize all the things that can go wrong. We feel insufficient for the task. We lack confidence so we simply shelve the subject in the back of our minds. But, the problem is, we are looking in the wrong place for confidence.

The Christian's confidence in evangelism doesn't come from within themselves. It comes from the gospel we are sharing. In Romans 1:16a, the Apostle Paul writes, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..." The reason the Apostle Paul is not ashamed of the gospel has nothing to do with himself. The power is in the Christ he proclaims. Jesus saves. Don't miss that!

This means that it's not my responsibility to convince people of the truth of Christianity. It doesn't depend upon my persuasive power or even my intelligence (thank goodness). The power of the gospel is the power of God! And whenever the gospel is proclaimed, that power is unleashed. God says in Isaiah 55:11, "so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."



Let me give you an example from history that I hope encourages you. Back in the 1600's there was a famous Baptist minister in England named Benjamin Keach. Keach was from all reports a godly man, but his son Elias was not. As a young man, Elias rebelled against his father's teaching and left home on a ship bound for the New World. When he was about to arrive in the thirteen colonies, he was struck with the reality that he had no way of earning a living, and he had no money. But, what he did have, was a book of his father's sermons. So, Elias came up with a plan. He would earn money by pretending to be a preacher. He would simply get up in the pulpit and preach his dad's sermons as if they were his own.

So, when Elias landed in America, he left the ship dressed as a minister. He traveled through the colonies pretending to be a pastor. And for a time, his plan seemed to work. Until one Sunday, as he was in the middle of preaching to an unsuspecting congregation, Elias stopped. A stunned look came over his face. He just seemed to stand there in silence until he began to tremble and weep. The congregation was afraid he was sick. It turns out that while Elias had been preaching his father's sermon on the Bible to the congregation, the power of the word of God stopped him cold. Elias confessed that he was an imposter, and his plan was to make money off his father's ministry while he was still an unbelieving sinner. And yet in his deception, the Lord had changed his heart through the sermon that he himself was preaching!

Elias became a Christian that day. Not because of the eloquence or intelligence of any person, but because the Spirit of God spoke to him through the word of God. He was convicted of his sins and his eyes were opened to behold the glory of Jesus.

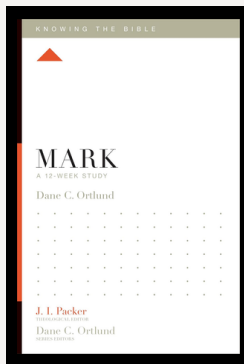
Friends, don't give up hope. Take confidence in the power of God in His gospel. If God saved a fake pastor reading a stolen sermon, he can use you when you are faithful to tell others about Jesus.

Pastor Patrick

WOMEN IN THE WORD

New 2025 Study

Our next Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, January 8, 2025! NEW for this study, we will be offering two sessions: a morning session from 9-10:30am and an evening session from 6-7:30 pm. We will continue in the Knowing the Bible series with a 12-week study on the Book of Mark. Check out the book here: [LINK](#). Sign-ups will be available soon on the events tab of the website.



MOMENTS THAT MATTER

Women's Ministry Christmas Party

Join us on Saturday December 7th from 5-8:00pm here at FCC. We will spend time reflecting on our Good Shepherd, enjoy yummy food, play a fun gift exchange game, and get to know each other better. Wear your ugliest sweater and bring along a wrapped \$15 gift (homemade items are always a hit!). Sign up [HERE!](#)



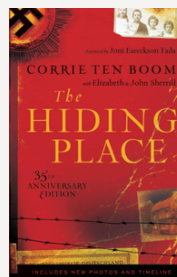
LADIES TIME OUT ☕

Wednesday, December 18th

This month at Ladies Time Out we will be doing our annual Christmas Party & Sock Exchange! Bring a light dish to share, and a pair of fun socks stuffed with \$10 of goodies! We will play a fun game to hand them out. LTO meets EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month from 9-11am in the cafe here at FCC and provides an opportunity for ladies of any age and stage to get together for fellowship, encouragement, and to 'do life' together. Coffee and childcare are provided! If you bring your small children, they will be watched safely in our new Education Wing! Please contact Brienna Schwartz for questions or more information at info@homeforever.org.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB: [LINK](#)

We will be taking the month of December off to enjoy the holidays, but will resume January 18th from 10am-noon to discuss "The Hiding Place" by Corrie TenBoom. A limited number of books are available in the FCC bookstore, along with our book picks for the next few months. Sign up [HERE](#) for more details and updates. Contact Connie with questions at 720-220-4180.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The FCC Women's Ministry exists to equip women to be disciples who plant the church.

🌐 Visit our website here:

<https://www.fccnr.org/womensministry>

✉ Email Stephanie Langer here:

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<http://fccnr.org/womens-ministry-blog>

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FCC YOUTH GROUP

Wrapping Up 2025

Happy Holidays Faith Community Church. It has been a busy beginning of our Youth Ministry here, and we are still going strong! (But we were also excited for the week we had off to stuff our faces with Thanksgiving food.) It has been nothing short of a blessing to see our students growing and learning about Jesus Christ.

December is going to be busy!

- December 11th will be our Meal Wednesday where all of the students will be served dinner! Send them hungry!
- We are going to be wrapping up our first Wednesday night curriculum this month.
- December 18th we are going to be having an "Ugly Sweater Youth Party." We will be getting together, enjoying some table games, listening to Christmas music and celebrating the birth of our savior in "Ugly Style." Encourage your youth to come as we will be handing out prizes for winners with the ugliest sweater.



We are also planning on going to the Ignite Conference in Iowa again this year! Mark your calendars for March 14th - 16th. What is "Ignite Conference?" *"The goal of this conference is to equip and train students, youth workers, and volunteers with Biblical principles - principles that will help each church or ministry accomplish the goal of reaching people with the gospel of Jesus Christ."* Last year, our high school students went down to Des Moines for this Christian conference and had a great time. We will plan on leaving Friday night and come back on Sunday. This will be for High School aged students only. We will have more information and registration details available in the New Year!



Last but not least: the meals have been such a blessing to our students. Thank you to all who have helped provide food for our hungry youth. We are still looking for people to sign up to finish out the year. Please sign up [HERE](#), or contact Michael Hedges with any questions.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas season and may we always keep focused on Christ our Savior as we pray and love on our Youth of FCC.

Michael Hedges
Youth Pastor



children's ministry

WORSHIP TEAM

KidZone Edition

Our Children's Church kids had a chance to join us for worship this last Sunday and even helped Mr. Zac lead us in learning a new song! Thank you for encouraging them as they learn what it looks like to worship our King corporately on a Sunday morning. These may just be our future worship leaders! :)



ADVENT BOXES

While Supplies Last

There are still a couple of Advent Boxes in KidZone. If you haven't grabbed one for your family yet, please stop by the KidZone desk to grab one and join us in celebrating this Advent! The boxes contain a reading plan, instructions for corresponding printed ornaments, and supplies for a family birthday party for Jesus. The reading plan uses the Jesus Storybook Bible. If you don't have one, they are available for purchase in the church bookstore. Otherwise, you can read the chapters referenced from the Bible (Read both if you have older and younger children!) We hope this box blesses your family this Christmas!



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 15th at 6pm

December is going to be a busy month in KidZone! THIS Saturday, December 7th at 10:00am will be our first practice for the Christmas Program, 'Twas The Night Before Christmas. It's not too late to sign your children up if they are interested in participating!

<https://fccnr.churchcenter.com/registrations>

Even if you do not have children participating, we would love to have you come for the program and invite your friends, family and neighbors! This will be a great opportunity to share the real meaning of Christmas with people who might not hear it elsewhere this holiday season. We hope to see you here on Sunday, December 15th at 6:00pm!



HOLIDAY HOURS

December 24th & 29th

Just a reminder that KidZone will be closed for Christmas Eve services as well as on Sunday, December 29th as our volunteers travel and celebrate our Savior's birth with their families. Enjoy this time in service with your whole family! Busy Bags, children's bulletins, and sermon notes sheets will all be available for you!

CLOSED
for Christmas



GRIEF SHARE

New Session Starts January 13th

GriefShare held the second annual "Surviving the Holidays" event here at FCC on Saturday, November 9th from 10:00am to noon. There were 13 participants this year with 6 team members assisting. Thanksgiving and Christmas can be a difficult time to navigate when journeying through the pain of losing a loved one. This one-time commitment of two hours consisted of a short video followed by a discussion of the suggestions offered by both experts and survivors in the video. A "Surviving the Holidays" guide was provided to each participant.

The next regular 13-week GriefShare session will begin on January 13th at 6:00pm here in room D3. Each session is about 2 hours long and includes a 30-minute video followed by discussion. Anyone who has lost a loved one is invited to attend. Sign up on the GriefShare website: [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Rita Baker at (801) 699-1709.

Cal Gale
GriefShare Facilitator at FCC



HOSPITALITY

Help Needed

Our hospitality team is looking to fill a few greeting positions for both services, as well as help at our Christmas Eve services!

Please stop by the Connection Point to chat with Jamie Aune if you are willing to help. She is happy to answer any questions you might have! Want to join the team? Register [HERE!](#)

MEN'S MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE

A blessing of Thanksgiving to all men at FCC. May God richly bless you during this great time of the year.

Men's Ministry is co-hosting a men's retreat on March 21st-22nd, 2025. The location will be at [IRBC](#) in Ventura, IA. and we will be led in the word by our own Pastor Patrick, Patrick's former pastor, Peter Talbot, and another pastor in that area. More information will be released after the first of the year but please SAVE THE DATE for this great opportunity.

In Christ,
Jim Ruhl | Deacon of Men's Ministry



PRAYER TEAM

FCC Week of Prayer January 5-11

The first full week in January is being set aside as a time for focused prayer for the new year. All of our small groups are being invited to dedicate one of their weekly gatherings to honor our Lord by lifting their voices together in praise and petition. For those not able to attend a small group that week, an opportunity will be scheduled to meet with others at church.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Schedule of Events

Pastor Patrick and Pastor Peter will be wrapping up session 2 of Adult Sunday School this weekend! As we head into the holidays, our Adult Sunday School hour will look a little differently. Here is a schedule for you!

December 8: Last day of session 2

December 15: Coffee Hour between services

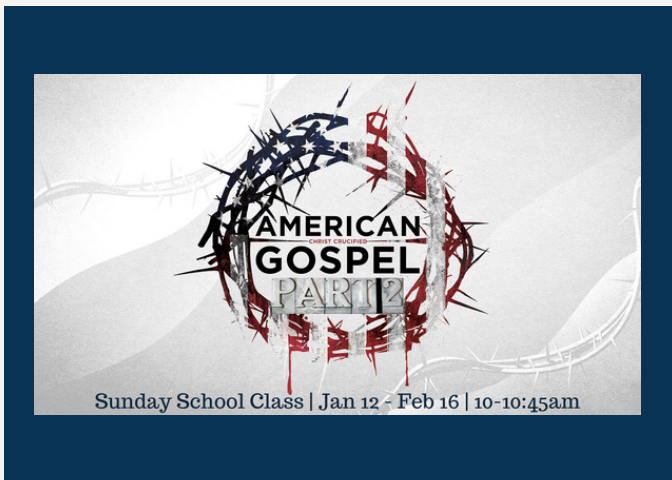
December 22: Psalms Class

December 29: Psalms Class

January 5: Coffee Hour between services

January 12 - February 16: Session 3

Sign-ups for session 3 will be out in the next few weeks! Join us for Part 2 of both Patrick's American Gospel Class, and Pastor Dave's Know Your God (Attributes of God) Class!



OTHER RESOURCES

Bookstore, Library and Other Literature

Our foyer just got a little renovation to make sure the bookstore had plenty of room for new books, and resources were available for everyone to look at!

- **Bookstore:** Shop at the bookstore and stop over at the Connection Point to make your payment! They accept cash, credit card and venmo! We have books for young and old, new Christians and theologians, Bibles, journals and more!
- **Store:** We have t-shirts, bracelets, keychains, mugs and more for sale in our FCC Store!
- **Library:** Next to the store is a library of donated books! Feel free to check out these free resources! Fill out the card in the cover of the book and drop it off at the Connection Point. Books can be returned to the Connection Point when you are finished!
- **Connection Point:** Not only is this a great place to stop and get your questions answered on Sunday mornings, but the back wall is also loaded with free resources for you to take home and look at!



FINDING MY VOCATION

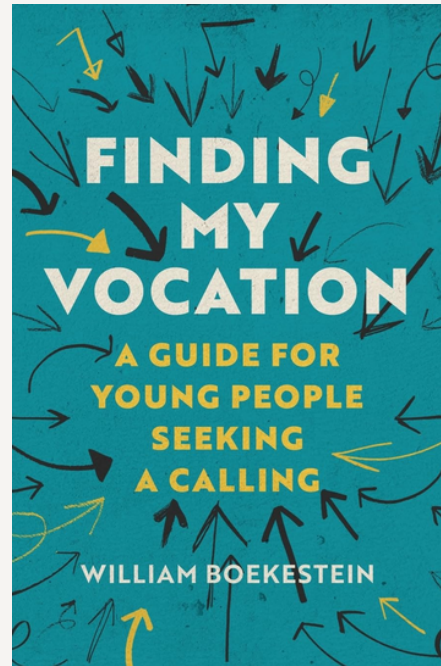
A Guide for Young People Seeking a Calling

I read this book with the hope of reviewing something valuable for teens thinking about their future. What I wasn't expecting to find was a beneficial resource - not only for teens and their parents - but a book that encouraged me in my own calling and in the place God assigned me (1 Cor 7:17). In "Finding My Vocation: A Guide for Young People Seeking a Calling" by William Boekestein the author comes alongside kids to help them think biblically through the question, "As a believer, how can I determine what I am supposed to do, and then do it well?"

This book is broken into three sections:

- "Pondering Vocation" - God designed work for His glory and our good, "your vocation is the unique way in which God has chosen you to fit into His great plan".
- "Preparing for Your Vocation" - What can you do to better ready yourself for the future, "how you live now will add up to what you will bring to your calling later".
- "Practicing Vocation" - Biblical disciplines important to your life's work such as excellence, money and rest. "Your work habits either validate or undermine your claim of faith and repentance."

Each of these sections is gospel-filled, inspiring, realistic and practical. Boekestein, using Scripture and faithful saints from the past, is able to motivate while also taking the worldly pressure and anxiety off. "As a Christian, you are not looking for fulfillment at work - you've found it in Christ. Your vocation isn't how you will find yourself - you've found yourself in Jesus". The book ends with an appendix that gives counsel on some tough questions such as "Should I Go to College?" and "Is Military Service a Good Option for Me?"



I recommend this book for teens, as young as 14. It would make a great gift! I also recommend this book for those already well into adulthood that may be struggling in their career. "Finding my Vocation" really helps put work into a healthy perspective. "You must choose a vocation. But you can trust that 'God's callings are discerned quietly, when the heart of faith joins opportunities and gifts with the needs of others'. Be committed to using your gifts. Practice faith in Christ whose righteousness gives you the freedom to work for the good of your neighbor. And trust that behind your choices is the ever-faithful working of a loving God."

Melissa Evans

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“Finding My Vocation” was a welcome-slap-in-the-face kind of reminder that I should be doing things solely for God’s glory. I can then move forward with confidence in whatever I do knowing I’m not doing anything for its own sake. This was especially helpful for me as I’m nearing college age.
-Ethan Evans

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operation christmas child

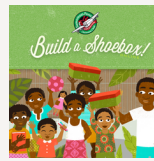
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

God Is So Good...

This past week, Faith Community wrapped up its 13th year serving our nearby communities as a central drop off location for Operation Christmas Child's Western Wisconsin Area. Thirty-four volunteers served a total of 207.75 hours as they welcomed shoebox donors, counted shoebox gifts, packed shoeboxes into cartons, and loaded 700, 50 lb. cartons containing 10,817 shoebox gifts into two semi-trailers.

God had a bountiful harvest planned for this season; not all the Gospel Opportunities collected would fit into the two trailers! A small group of people will travel down to Aurora with a U-Haul trailer in tow to deliver this year's leftovers and serve at the Processing Center. Where will your shoebox gift take its journey? Stay tuned to discover where your shoebox gift and the 534 shoebox gifts from Faith Community may go.

These precious shoebox gifts will serve as a tool to a local church in another part of the world to open the door for evangelism. These shoebox gifts were prayed over all along the way, including with the truck driver prior to when the trailers left FCC's parking lot destined for the processing center located in Aurora, Illinois. Once they arrive in Aurora, they will be prayed over many times; and again, at the outreach event before being placed into the eagerly waiting little hands of the wide eyed, excited children God has chosen to receive each gift.



If you missed the opportunity to pack a Gospel Opportunity for a child, there's still time to Build one online. Follow the special link [HERE](#) to pack a BASBO shoebox gift. BASBO shoebox gifts are packed with a select list of items and sent in a plain red/green shoebox to countries with strict customs and regulations, and those that are sensitive/hostile to the Gospel.



Our younger church family received special visitors, Jan Hoffman and Betsy Manor, to explain what mission is and to share the "why" of Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts (Gospel Opportunities). Ask your child if they know why we send shoebox gifts (to show Jesus loves them) and ask them how our shoebox gifts travel to God's intended recipient. (Ship, camel, canoe, donkey, llama, elephant, plane, train, truck, tractor, motorcycle, bicycle, helicopter, and on foot)



FCC MEMBER

Serving on Mission

Paul Warner spent two weeks of October/November in Asheville, North Carolina serving with a Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief team. By the time Paul had arrived, the flood waters had receded, but seeing how Hurricane Helene had ravaged the land and devastated people's lives was heart wrenching. There was no shortage of opportunities to share God's love not only with homeowners, but random strangers on the street that knew the orange shirt wearing individuals were there to assist in the aftermath, and to show that they were loved and that someone cared about them.

On one job assignment located up a mountaintop, he drove as far as he could and then phoned the homeowner, Christian. The road had completely washed out and Christian came down the mountain in his four-wheeler to drive Paul up the remainder of the way. Once at Christian's home, he shared how he had remained inside his house, completely frozen and unable to move from the patio door as he watched the flood waters rise alarmingly fast, eventually coming right up to the bottom of his patio door and remained there. Christian pointed out a 20' high log/tree jam left by the flooded creek, and shared how that jam had diverted the water and prevented his home from being completely washed away; which Christian believed was God's hand of protection.

When Paul returned, it was discovered that many people currently attending Faith Community may also be interested in serving on mission with future disaster relief. Watch for an informational meeting in the future.

GUATEMALA

God Is Love

On Thursday, November 29, 2024, our sister church and mission partner, Vida Real Church, in San Pablo La Laguna, Guatemala, held an Evangelistic service. Pastor Antonio shared a simple message, "God is Love". (Romans 5:8-9) Antonio shared with FCC's mission team that 70 people came to faith in Christ during this service. There were lots of tears and everyone in attendance could feel God's presence amongst them.



Pastor Antonio asks for continued prayers for the growth in the spirit and understanding of God's character for Vida Real's church family, for God to raise up leaders within the church, and prayers specifically for the women within the church.

Each year, Vida Real celebrates the wonder of Jesus' birth with a special Christmas Eve service. With both believers and invited guests in attendance, Pastor Antonio will preach a specific message on "Asking Jesus into your heart". With the support of mission funds, their Christmas Eve service will include a special celebration meal. In a country where lack of food is common, this will provide a beautiful outreach event to non-believers and be a symbol of Jesus' love to both the Vida Real church family and their guests. We are thankful that God has provided this opportunity to share our blessings with our church family in San Pablo, Guatemala.



A Blessing Opportunity:

This Christmas, you have an opportunity to bless one of the 90 children expected to be in attendance on the holiest of nights, with a small gift given through Vida Real church. The little girls will receive a doll, while the little boys will receive a truck.

A "Giving Tree" will be in the foyer area with gift tags for the children. For each gift tag, you'll deposit \$10 into a donation box, visit the connection point to pay with Venmo, or deposit your donation by check into the church collection box designated for Guatemala Gifts. Take your gift tag(s) and hang on your tree as a reminder that as you celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve, a child in Guatemala is also celebrating with a little bigger smile because of your gift of love.

verse of the month

PSALM 16:11

You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.

Learn better to music? Here is a version of "Thy Word" for you to enjoy: [LINK](#)

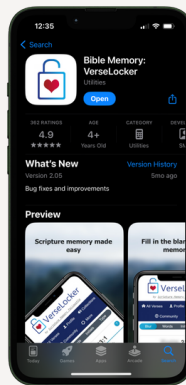


MEMORY CARDS

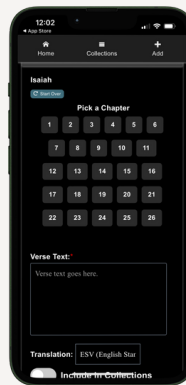
Our October memory verse card is available in the foyer for you to take home and use as a tool to help you memorize this month's scripture! They are located on a table as you exit the church. Hang them on your mirrors, tuck it in your wallet or your phone case, put it by the door... keep it handy to look at and memorize whenever you can!

VERSE LOCKER

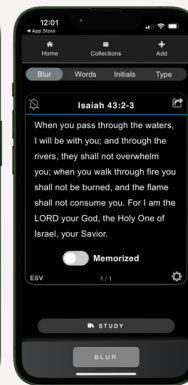
Looking for a new and useful way to learn your memory verse each month? The Verse Locker App is a great option!



Download the App [LINK HERE](#)



Choose your verse and edit as needed.



Start to memorize



Blur out more and more words until you have it memorized!

Want to catch up?



Head to our [website](#) to see all of our verses from 2024 so far!

coming up

CROCHET EVENT

For Newborns

All-ages are welcome to create a variety of cozy items for newborns at Westfields Hospital! Here are the details for this student led project:

What you can do now:

- Donations toward this project are welcome! There are receptacles in the Main Entry for you to place yarn donations, or drop off monetary donations for yarn in the office.
- Start creating! If you have yarn and tools and a desire to bless parents and babies, feel free to start creating hats and blankets now and place them in the donation box.

January 11th, 9am-noon: This will be a community gathering/beginner-focused event. Anyone seeking to learn how to knit or crochet can come for a little extra help. If you enjoy passing along your craft, then you can come ready to give advice, or to simply enjoy creating things together!

January 25th: 9am-10am: The work will be completed. You can just drop off your product, or you can stick around and celebrate a job well-done.

For more details and to sign-up click [HERE](#)

Knit and Crochet for Newborns!

Join an all-ages group to create a variety of cozy items for newborns at Westfield Hospital.

Location: Faith Community Church, in the Cafe

Pick up supplies and get started:
January 11th, 9am-12pm

Drop off finished products:
January 25th, 9am-10am

Scan the QR code to register.



DONATIONS NEEDED
Have yarn you would like to donate to this event? Leave it in the receptacle located in the foyer!

CRAFTS, COCOA AND CAROLING

Family Fun Outreach Event

I invite you to join us for our next outreach event that the entire family can enjoy! We can demonstrate to our children the joy of serving and sharing during this season of giving. We will start at the church at 12:30 to enjoy some cocoa and cookies as the children make a simple craft or card and decorate cookies, then at 1:30 we will meet up at the Deerfield and the St. Croix Health Care Center to spread some Christmas cheer. We will sing some carols, hand out our cards and crafts, and share our cookies. We will also hand out invitations for our Christmas Eve services. If time allows, we will also carol in nearby neighborhoods. Please sign up [HERE!](#)

Help is also needed for setting up on Saturday the 21st at 11:30 and cleaning up at 3:00. Please join me for a cookie baking day on Wednesday Dec. 18th at 10:00 in the church kitchen. If you can help in any of these areas please email me at sue.k@homeforever.org

Sue Kostroski

Outreach Event Coordinator



Crafts, **o**cocoa, & **a**rcoling
Family Fun and Outreach Event

Join us from 12:30-3pm on Saturday, December 21st to make some crafts, cookies, and cards for our senior community while we enjoy cookies & cocoa before heading out to deliver our creations and sing carols at our local assisted living and nursing homes! RSVP Online!

Saturday
21 December 2024

Faith Community Church
1040 Paperjack Dr., New Richmond, WI

COFFEE HOUR

Between Services: December 15th

While the youth is in Sunday School on Sunday, December 15th, we invite adults to stay after 1st service, or come early for 2nd service, and enjoy a time of food and fellowship from 10-11am!

coming up

COVENANT MEMBER MEETING

Sunday, December 8th at 5pm

FCC Covenant Members are invited to join us for our next quarterly Covenant Member Meeting on Sunday, December 8th from 5-7pm! Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater and bring a dish to share for our potluck dinner, enjoy a time of fellowship, meet our newest members, and listen to updates from our ministry leads and staff!

Childcare will be provided during the meeting portion of the evening.



Covenant Member MEETING

- Sun, Dec 8th
- 5:00-7:00pm
- Worship Center @ FCC

Let us gather together for a meal, welcome our newest Covenant Members, & highlight all we have going on at FCC!

Bring a dish to share & wear your ugly Christmas sweater!

RUBY'S PANTRY

December 19th, 2024

Looking for a way to stretch your food budget over the holidays when the kids are home, company is over, and budget is tight? For just \$25/share, Ruby's Pantry offers a variety of foods for you and your family.

This ministry distributes food to over 150 families each and every month here in New Richmond! We also have a prayer team to make sure guests can be prayed with, and share the Gospel with everyone who comes through the line. We have been given a great opportunity to serve our community through this ministry. If you are interested in serving, we would love to have you! For more information, check out our [website!](#)



SEASONED SAINTS

Monday, December 9th

Seasoned Saints will be gathering next Monday, December 9th! Please meet at the church at noon and bring your own packed lunch and drink. Dessert will be provided. We will then head over to The Deerfield around 12:45pm to do some caroling accompanied by Paul Warner on the guitar. Please feel free to bring a friend and wear green or red if you desire.

Last month our Seasoned Saints enjoyed some time of fellowship and then helped pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.



SECRET SISTER

Starting in January

Ladies, we invite you to take part in our second season of doing "Secret Sister" here at Faith Community Church! This is an opportunity to encourage and lift up in prayer one special lady for a short time with notes, cards, or small gifts. The event ends with a brunch where we will gather and reveal all of the sisters who have been blessing each other.

If you are interested in taking part, there are information forms located at the Connection Point. These forms should be filled out and returned to the office or Connection Point by January 12th. Head [HERE](#) for more details!



Join us for:

SECRET SISTER

January 12th: Return Forms Deadline
January 19th: Find out who your "Secret Sister" is
April 5th: Reveal Brunch

✦ Stop by the Connection Point to get started!

christmas services

CHRISTMAS EVE

Join Us

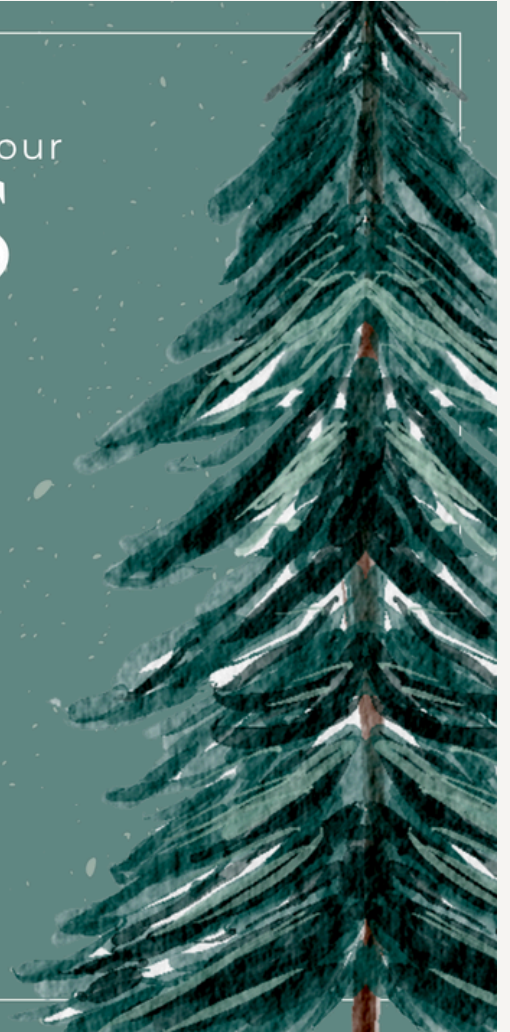
Join us on Christmas Eve at our 4:30pm or 6pm Candlelight Services! Invitations will be available in the bulletins and foyer this weekend for you to hand out to friends, family & neighbors!

Faith Community Church invites you to our

CHRISTMAS *services*

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 15th
6:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Tuesday, December 24th
4:30pm and 6:00pm



Make a checklist of people you often encounter, and invite them this Christmas!

Grocery clerk, boss, co-worker, teacher, physical therapist, doctor, friend, yard (or snow) guy, nail tech, vet, relative, hair stylist, food server, dentist, mail carrier, employee, neighbor, sports friends, people at the gym, someone in line next to you...



Be sure to use our festive Christmas photo area in the foyer to take a family picture over the next few weeks!

giving tree

LOVE BASKETS

For families in NR and Somerset

Faith Community Church is excited to partner with Love Baskets this season to bless some local families who need a little help this holiday season. Some of our small groups are adopting a family, and we will also have the opportunity for you to sponsor a gift for an individual child. Please stop by the Giving Tree in the foyer and grab a Love Basket tag. Fill out the back slip and leave it with us, and you keep the top slip. All donations can be dropped off in the receptacle in the entry, or in the church office. Thank you so much!



LOVE BASKETS
Thank you for shining Christ through your generous donations to children in our community.

GENDER: _____ **GIFT REQUESTED:** _____

AGE: _____

Please remove the 2nd sheet, fill it out, and place in the basket. This top sheet can go home with you.

Please return this slip with your unopened gift to the church office/receptacle no later than Wednesday, December 18th!

Questions? info@homeforever.org



THANK YOU

Homeless Shelter Donations

Thank you so much to all who donated clothing, shoes, blankets and winter gear to Iglutheca, a ministry that seeks to reach the homeless community of Lakota people with the gospel through various programs including a homeless shelter, alcoholics anonymous, and a mobile shower truck. For more information, please go [HER](#)

Here is the Teens for Christ van loaded with bags of donations! Thank you Jacob Popp for organizing!



GUATEMALA

Adopt a Child

As we shared in our missions update, our missions team has organized another option to give this holiday season! Adopt a gift for a child in Guatemala by donating \$10! These payments can be:

1. Placed into the donation box by the tree
2. Made at the connection point to pay with Venmo, cash, check or credit card.
3. Deposited into offering boxes and labeled "Guatemala Gifts".

Take your gift tag(s) off the Giving Tree and hang on your tree at home as a reminder that as you celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve, a child in Guatemala is also celebrating with a little bigger smile because of your gift of love.

GIVING

Your generosity and faithful giving help Faith Community Church continue the mission of making disciples and provide the classes, events, and opportunities towards that mission. There is still time to make a year-end gift to help propel us forward.

fccnr.org/give

We have transitioned to a new and improved platform, Tithe.ly. Tithe.ly is an easy-to-use platform that will allow you to give online. You can make both one-time and recurring gifts with a credit/debit card or ACH transaction from your checking account. You can create your Faith Community Church online giving account in Tithe.ly by clicking [HERE](#). If you need additional help, the steps are outlined on our donor instruction page by clicking [HERE](#).

Note: Using the same email address and phone number associated with the old giving platform will allow us a smoother transition of your 2024 giving records, which will be brought over from the old platform before year-end. You may need to choose the SIGN IN option (not sign up) and follow prompts.

For more information, visit our [Giving Page](#) or contact our support team at giving@homeforever.org.

Other Ways to Give: LINK

In Person: Drop cash or check in the offering box located in wall by each door going into the worship gathering.

Mail check to: Faith Community Church
1040 Paperjack Drive
New Richmond, WI 54017

Bill Pay: Set-up your gift using your bank or credit union's automatic bill pay service, with payment directed to Faith Community Church at the address above. Most bill pay services allow you to set-up a recurring payment so your tithe and offering can continue uninterrupted.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!

Tithe.ly App

With features like easy recurring giving and QuickGive, it's never been easier to give. Download the tithe.ly app to get started! Search for our church by using our address:
1040 Paperjack Drive



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month of October

(000s)	Actual	Budgeted
Giving	60	58
Operating Expenditures	61	62

The Treasure Principle

Mathew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

CONNECT

We are the Church.

Join us every Sunday morning at 8:30am or 11:00am for in person services, and continue your knowledge of God and the Christian life by participating in our Sunday School hour from 10am-10:45am - All Ages are Welcome!

Stay up to date with what's going on and follow us on Facebook, or catch up on services you have missed on our YouTube channel!



[@fccnewrichmond](https://www.facebook.com/fccnewrichmond)



[@faithcommunitynr](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



[@fccnr.org](https://www.fccnr.org)

calendar of events

DECEMBER 2024

- 1st:** Worship at 8:30am and 11:00am with Communion and Baptism
Sunday School 10-10:45am
- 2nd:** Mission Meeting 6-8pm
- 3rd:** n/a
- 4th:** Men's Study 6-7am
FCC Youth Group (Meal for HS) 6-8:30pm
Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm
Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- 5th:** Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6pm
Trustee Meeting 6-8pm
Worship Practice 6:30-8:30pm
- 6th:** n/a
- 7th:** Men's Study 7-8am
KidZone Christmas Program Practice 10am-noon
WM Christmas Party 5-8pm
- 8th:** Worship 8:30am and 11am with Baptism and Covenant Member Inductions
Sunday School 10-10:45am
Covenant Member Meeting 5-7pm
- 9th:** Seasoned Saints Lunch 12-2pm
- 10th:** Counseling Team Meeting 6:30-8pm
- 11th:** Men's Study 6-7am
FCC Youth Group (Meal for ALL!) 6-8:30pm
Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm
Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- 12th:** HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR PATRICK!!!!
Worship Practice 6:30-8:30pm
- 13th:** n/a
- 14th:** Men's Study 7-8am
KidZone Christmas Program Practice 10am-noon
- 15th:** Worship 8:30am and 11am
Sunday School for Youth 10-10:45am
Coffee Hour 10-10:45 for Adults
KidZone Christmas Program 6-7pm
- 16th:** Ministry Team Meeting 6-8pm
- 17th:** n/a
- 18th:** Men's Study 6-7am
Ladies Time Out Christmas Party 9-11am
Cookie Baking Party 10am
FCC Youth Group 6-8:30pm
Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm
Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- 19th:** Ruby's Pantry 4-7pm
Worship Practice 6:30-8:30pm
- 20th:** n/a
- 21st:** Men's Study 7-8am
Craft, Cocoa and Caroling Event
- 22nd:** Worship 8:30am and 11am
Sunday School 10-10:45am
- 23rd:** OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS
- 24th:** OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS
Christmas Eve Services at 4:30 and 6pm
- 25th:** MERRY CHRISTMAS
OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS
- 26th:** OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS
Worship Team Practice 6:30-8:30pm
- 27th:** OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS
- 28th:** Men's Study 7-8am
- 29th:** Worship 8:30am and 11am
KIDZONE CLOSED
Sunday School for Adults 10-10:45am
- 30th:** n/a
- 31st:** New Years Eve
- 1st:** HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Men's Study 6-7am
NO YOUTH GROUP (Christmas Break)
Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm





MERRY *Christmas*
FROM THE STAFF & ELDERS
AT FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

WE PRAY YOU HAVE
A WONDERFUL
CHRISTMAS SEASON

MAY YOU BE BLESSED
AS WE CELEBRATE THE
BIRTH OF OUR
SAVIOR, JESUS.