

I can do
all things
through
CHRIST
who strengthens me.

Voices of Faith

March 2018

Welcome Pastor Nicole!

On February 4th, Faith celebrated our new covenant with Pastor Nicole Melara, who will be serving as Interim Pastor. Nicole is a recent resident of Milwaukee, having just arrived from eastern Pennsylvania (near Philadelphia). Pastor Nicole has served Presbyterian and United Church of Christ congregations as both a solo pastor and as an Associate Pastor for Christian Education. She is currently in Presbytery sponsored training in Interim Ministry and hopes to use her time and talents helping congregations in transition.

Pastor Nicole is also in the midst of completing her PhD in Religion from Temple University. Her dissertation focuses on Interfaith Dialogue and Ethics. Pastor Nicole will be with us for at least one year as we determine our future direction and the qualifications we will be prioritizing in our next pastoral search. Pastor Nicole asks you to feel free to contact her anytime using the contact information listed below. She, and her daughter, Eden, look forward to their time serving with us.



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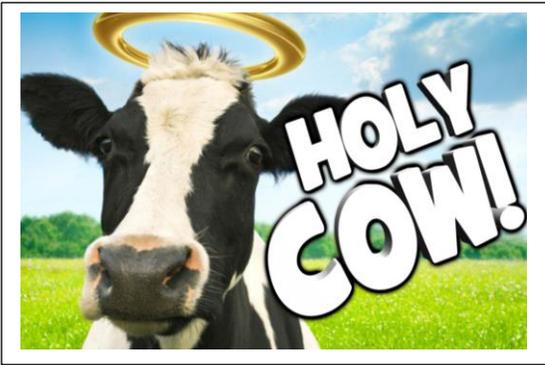
Spring Rummage Sale

Our Spring Rummage Sale will be held Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days. Remember the rummage sale while you are doing your spring cleaning. Jewelry items can be given to Judy Behnke and Marilyn Schiesser starting now. If you have other items you would like to get out of your way before the sale, please contact Ellie Birch.

As in past years, our Deacons will be holding their Bake Sale too! Please see Jen Gallatin with questions.



Per Capita Reminder- Each year, Faith Presbyterian collects a Per Capita offering of \$34 per member. This collection is shared with the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly to keep the larger church helping out in the wider world. Envelopes for this offering can be found with your offering envelopes, or please make sure to note "Per Capita" when contributing. Per Captia is due by Sunday, March 25th.



Holy Cow is Coming! Thanks to a grant from the Presbytery of Milwaukee, Faith Presbyterian will be partnering with Holy Cow Consulting to learn more about our gifts, energies, and direction for the future.

Starting April 1 (Easter Sunday), we will have access to Holy Cow's Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT), which is a survey that will be available to take online. If you don't have internet access, paper copies will also be available.

The survey will take about 30 minutes to complete, and it is designed to be anonymous. We're hoping to have 100% participation for this survey- not just from members, but also from anyone who feels invested in the future of Faith Presbyterian Church. More information will be coming soon, but we hope you're as excited as we are for this opportunity to pray, discern, listen, and share as we prepare for the future here at Faith. The CAT will be available to us from Sunday, April 1 until midnight on Sunday, April 22nd.

Notes from Building & Grounds

CPR and Defibrillator training is available from the Franklin Firehouse on Monday, March 19th and/or Wednesday, March 21st. We are hoping to have people trained and willing to assist if an emergency happens in the congregation. This training is free of charge. Please see Glenn Luedtke with questions, or to RSVP.

Spring Clean-up!

Faith's Indoor/Outdoor Spring Clean-up will be held on Saturday, May 12th starting at 9:30am Bring your gloves and let's get down to the dirty work! 😊



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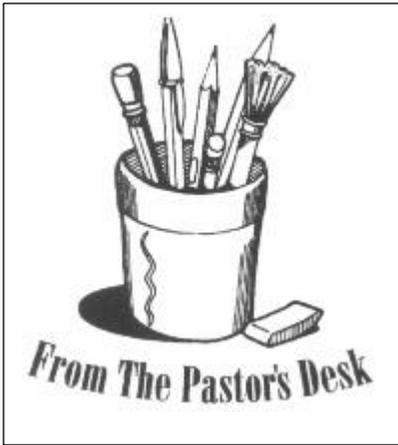
New Community Calendar

You may have noticed a very large community calendar on the bulletin board just outside of our Sanctuary. It's there for you! Please feel free to add your events as they arise. Also, be sure to consult the calendar to make sure conflicts stay to a minimum when scheduling. This calendar should go a long way to helping us communicate church events with one another, and to help us participate together in our very active Faith life.



Order Your Easter Flowers

Remember, Easter flower orders are due on Sunday, March 11th. See bulletin insert for details, or contact the office.



First of All,

I'd like to extend a very heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has reached out to me in my first month with you at Faith. Your words of welcome, encouragement, excitement, and even sometimes of concern have indicated a community that is deeply invested in its spiritual home. I'm so happy to have been invited to be a part of Faith's family, especially in this time of wondering and discernment.

Throughout Lent, we've been talking a lot in worship about our sense of identity. During Ash Wednesday's service we spoke about our ability to celebrate God's love, even as we may sit in sackcloth and ashes. We spent the first Sunday of Lent remembering our inclusion in God's ages long covenant, remembering that even though we might stray, we are not left out of being called God's people. We spoke about our identity in terms of those things that might threaten to separate us from goodness. We'll keep talking about it too in the weeks to come- preview: This week (Mar 4th) we'll ask "WWJD?" and remember that the answer could include flipping over tables!

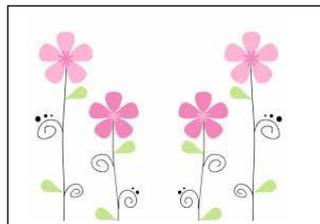
Yes, we've been talking a lot about identity in this Lenten season, and all for a very good reason! You see, it's all leading up to our time with Holy Cow Consulting, which will kickoff with our Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) survey which will open on Easter Sunday, April 1st. What a great way to celebrate the resurrection- by remembering where we've been and dreaming about the promises that lie ahead! The survey will be open for three weeks, closing at midnight on Sunday, April 22nd. In that time, we're hoping to have as many people participate as we can. The more voices we hear, the better we can plan. The results of the survey will be read and interpreted to the Session by our Holy Cow team. This phase of the journey will culminate when the results are shared with the congregation as part of our Pentecost celebration on Sunday, May 20th. As Pentecost marks the birth of the church, it's a fitting way to mark the new direction for ministry that might be birthed at Faith! Exciting times ahead!

In the coming weeks, be sure to look for more instruction on how you can participate in the Holy Cow process. In the meantime, if you have questions, please feel free to contact me via email (nicolemelara@hotmail.com) or by cell phone (484-547-2648) and I'd be happy to share the process with you.

I do hope to spend this time getting to know you better, and if you'd like to meet up for coffee or a meal, please don't hesitate to say so. Coffee is one of my favorite things! Coffee with new friends is even better!

Blessings to you on the rest of your Lenten journey!

Nicole ☺



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Palm Sunday (Mar 25):	9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship
Maundy Thursday (Mar 29)	7:00pm at Heritage Presbyterian Church Tudor Oaks Senior Living Center S77W12929 Mc Shane Dr. Muskego, WI 53150
Good Friday (Mar 30)	7:00pm at Faith
Easter Sunday (Apr 1)	10:30 Worship

