

**FAITH CHURCH OF ELMHURST
A Global Methodist Community
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024**

United in Faith, Growing in Love

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you,
in order to bring praise to God” (Romans 15:7, NIV).

Dear Beloved Faith Church Family,

I am thrilled to announce that, beginning on September 27, we will be hosting a three-week membership class for those new to our congregation. This is the first program I’ve had the honor to lead since being appointed as your pastor, and my heart is filled with gratitude for this opportunity.

First and foremost, I want to give thanks to God for bringing new families and individuals into our midst. It is such a privilege to witness the hand of God guiding people to Faith Church, and I’m deeply thankful that, among all the churches in this community, they have felt led to make this their spiritual home. To our new members—welcome from the bottom of my heart. We are so glad you're here.

Since I began serving at Faith Church, I’ve had the joy of meeting many who have visited us, and I’ve watched with hope as they explored our community. I won’t deny that when some chose not to stay, it was disheartening. I even questioned whether my background as an Asian pastor, or my imperfections with the English language, may have been part of the reason. But in those moments of doubt, God’s gentle reminder has always been clear: *My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness* (2 Corinthians 12:9). I’ve learned to lean into His strength, knowing that it is not by my abilities, but by His Spirit, that His church is built and thrives. And it is in this faith that I now step forward with excitement, knowing that God is doing something beautiful among us.

(Cont. pg. 2)

I want to take a moment to thank each of you, the faithful members of this church, for the incredible ways you have embraced newcomers. Your warm smiles, your willingness to step out of your comfort zones, and your acts of hospitality are living testimonies of Christ's love. If I feel proud as your pastor, I can only imagine the joy it brings to our Heavenly Father. Thank you for reflecting His heart so faithfully.

As we look ahead to this membership class, my prayer is that each new member will experience the overflowing grace and peace of our Lord Jesus. I believe this will not only be a moment of spiritual growth for them, but for all of us, as we learn to love and serve together more deeply. May God continue to unite us as His body, rooted in His love and empowered by His Spirit.

Beloved Faith Church Family, I ask for your continued prayers—for our new members, for this membership class, and for the future of our church. Let us pray that God's loving hand will be upon each of them, strengthening their faith and encouraging their hearts. And when the day comes for them to officially join our church family, let's celebrate with joy, embracing them fully as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you, Faith Church, for being the faithful, loving, and welcoming community that you are. Let's continue walking forward together in faith, trusting that God has amazing things in store for us.

In the grace and love of Christ,

Yoon Ki Kim

Faith Church of Elmhurst



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Bible Study Group Meeting on Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study Group started up again on Wednesday, September 18 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the lower level of the church. It is a great opportunity to welcome any women who are interested in the study. We are currently studying the book of James.

For more information, please contact Jane Ahrens. All women are invited to attend and bring a friend.



Wednesday Prayer Time 11 a.m. to noon

The Prayer Group will be meeting at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays, in the lower level of the church, immediately following the Women's Bible Study group. All are welcome to join in prayer and praise for our own concerns and the concerns of our church.



The Children's Ministry Program is being held on Sundays during regular service @10 a.m.

The Children's Ministry program is up and running. Children will attend Sunday School during the church service.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the children, see Laura Shafer.



Church Council Meeting

The Church Council met on Monday, September 23, at 7 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held in November. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Ahrens.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Hugs Group Meeting on the Second Wednesdays of the month, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

The Prayer Hugs Group continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at The Makery in the Elmhurst Public Library. The group gathers to make lap robes, prayer shawls and baby afghans for various ministries, nursing homes and individuals.

Organizations that have received the donations in the past include Elmhurst Extended Care Center and Caring Network. Three prayer shawls were also given to people asking for prayer at the church booth at the Hillside Concert Series in August.

There is a basket in the Fellowship Hall of prayer shawls for anyone who wants one for themselves or to give to someone who needs one. There is a book to sign your name and indicate the name of the person who is receiving it.

New members are always welcome to join the group. Knitters, crocheters, and those who want to tie fleece blankets are all welcome. Or if you are interested in learning, you can come as well. We share ideas with one another and learn from each other as well. The goal is to create items that bring comfort, healing and hope to those who receive them. For more information, please contact Jane Ahrens.

We are beginning to make scarves and hats to donate. If you know of any organizations in need of those items, please contact Jane Ahrens or any member of the group. We are always looking for organizations in need of the items we make.



Harvest Home Celebration Dinner and Worship Service Friday, November 1st at 6:30 pm

Our Annual Harvest Home Celebration Dinner and Worship Service is scheduled to be held on November 1st at 6:30 p.m. So please save the date! More information and details to come.



Fun and Fellowship Nite is taking a break for the Holidays

With the busy holiday season quickly approaching, we have decided to take a break from the monthly game nights that we normally have on the first Saturday of the month. We are tentatively planning to have our next game night on January 4th, 2025 from 4-6 p.m.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 LEONARD WIECH
- 5 DAVID HEGGE
- 21 ANNISTON SMITH
- 22 BONNIE SMITH
- 24 ALAN JOHNSON

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 ROD & MAE KINGZETTE

OCTOBER



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 SHARON ARTRIP
- 3 LAURA SHAFER
- 8 LINDA GALARZA
- 15 JOSEPH KIM
- 27 MASON ARNOLD
- 28 NATHAN KNOP

ANNIVERSARY

- 5 RICH & LAURA SHAFER



FINANCIAL UPDATE

August 2024 Giving Statistics

Date	Weekly Income	Income to Date	Budget to Date
14-Jul	3003.00	60134.22	95891.29
21-Jul	170.00	60304.22	95891.29
28-Jul	2582.00	62886.22	99197.88
4-Aug	1366.00	64252.22	102504.48
18-Aug	4717.26	71444.03	109117.67
25-Aug	1817.00	73261.03	115730.87
1-Sep	1271.00	74532.03	119037.46
8-Sep	3001.00	77533.03	122344.06
15-Sep	4262.11	81795.14	125650.65





Lowell & Claudia Wertz are Faith Church's Sept. 5th Sunday missionaries

Bonus! They will be on Furlough! "Joy in the Harvest " Newsletter announced: LOW ELL & CLAUDIA W ERTZ are now booking all of 2024 and receiving requests and penciling in 2025. The schedule tentatively is this: February through May — open for IL, IN, OH, and others. We are very excited to visit with our old friends and to make new friends! Hopefully, Faith Church of Elmhurst can get penciled in!



November 7 @ 6:30 p.m. Potluck meal with Laura Staszewski

Laura Staszewski will also be in the states. Her Sundays are full.

Keep the date, Thursday evening Nov. 7, 2024 open for her visit.



On Launch Sunday Nancy Hails asked for your help filling in names on the bulletin board:

On Launch Sunday I asked the congregation to help complete the bulletin board display in Fellowship Hall by writing on the items (bricks, clouds, music notes) in baskets by the board.



The bricks are building Faith Church of Elmhurst along with the Charter Members that started the Church;

the clouds for remembering past members that went before us in growing the Church;

the music notes are to represent our praises of worship. All built on the Cornerstone of Jesus Christ.

RaiseRight, how it works?

Gift cards that give back

Earn anywhere, anytime with everyday purchases. It's fundraising that fits your lifestyle.



BUY A GIFT CARD

Let's say you buy a \$100 Gap eGift card from RaiseRight with 14% earnings. Pay with your bank account, debit card, or credit card.



USE IT

Your \$100 eGift card is delivered to your online RaiseRight Wallet instantly, ready to use or save for later.



EARN AUTOMATICALLY

With a 14% rebate, you automatically earn \$14 for your fundraising account. Way to go!



THANKS, GAP!

Your earnings come from the brand, so no extra money comes out of your pocket.

NOW AVAILABLE!

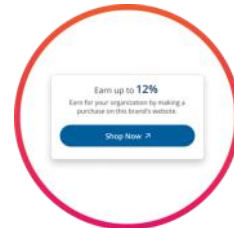
Introducing a new way to earn with RaiseRight

Ready to up your earning potential? You can now earn for your organization in a brand new way—in addition to gift cards—simply by shopping online. Log in at RaiseRight.com or the mobile app and select the new Shop Online tab to get started!



Select a brand

Visit the Shop Online tab on RaiseRight.com or the app to browse brands that offer online earnings.



Go shopping

Select "Shop Now" on the brand's detail page to visit their website and go shopping.



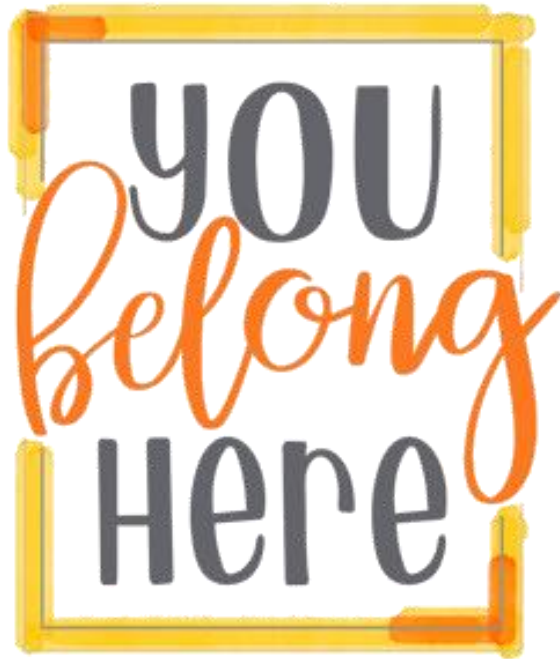
Earn

Complete a purchase on the brand's website to earn for your organization.



Earn again!

For many brands, you'll be able to pay with a gift card from RaiseRight to earn extra on your purchase!



Come join us as we worship
online or in person on
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

For our online service, please go to
our Facebook page:
FGMC ELMHURST

For our in person service, please
join us at the corner of North
Avenue and York Road. Parking is
available behind the church and the
entrance is on the North
Avenue side with the red double
doors next to the driveway.

Faith Church of Elmhurst
A Global Methodist Community
"Creating Connections through Extending Christ's Love"
111 W. North Avenue
Elmhurst, IL 60126
630-941-0212
email: faithelm@gmail.com
web page - www.faithchurchelmhurst.org

Pastor Yoon Ki Kim
nowamen@gmail.com
224-402-4709

Sunday Worship @ 10 a.m.

September/October 2024