FAITH BOOK

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The mission of Faith Lutheran Church is to follow Jesus in blessing the world with faith, hope, and love.



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REV. MARVIN HAVARD

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I love leading and planning worship, teaching and learning with others, and believe we have a profound message of healing for those who are hurting. The values of radical hospitality, community involvement, and spiritual renewal connect deeply to my own personal values.



REV. JUNFENG TAN

Associate Pastor

Pastor Tan joined the Faith team in 2013. Born in China, Pastor Tan was baptized in a Chinese Lutheran congregation in Minneapolis, MN, then had his training at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Pastor Tan feels God's call to serve Chinese people by proclaiming the gospel of God's love.



REV. AMBER HARBOLT

Pastor for Faith Formation

I received my Master of Divinity degree from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary with a concentration in Evangelism & Justice. My portfolio at Faith Bellaire includes faith formation across all generations, Faith Camp, fostering a thriving connection with the Faith School, evangelism, development of the Faith Family Resource Center, and more.



REV. DR. JERRY MAYNARD

Director of Worship and Digital Ministries

Dr. Jerry Maynard (he/they) is The People's Priest; a spiritual renegade and social revolutionary. As a Two-Spirit Indigenous Person (Xochihua) Father Jerry strives to offer healing medicine at the intersections of church & society through pastoral care & public witness in Houston, TX.



STACY BAGBY

Director of Operations

Stacy joined Faith in June of 2011 and is originally from central Louisiana but has lived in Texas since 1997; she calls herself a "Texana." She manages the day-to-day operations of the business office, supports the pastoral staff, and supervises staff and volunteers.



KENDOLYN COOPER

Director of Faith School

Kendolyn grew up in Houston and began as Director at the Day School in 2012. She is pursuing her EdD in Leadership and Organizational Change at Baylor University. She previously served as Director of the National Presbyterian Church Child Care Center and Director of Curriculum and Instruction at the Children's Museum of Houston.



YU CAO

Office Coordinator

Yu Cao came to the United States in 1999 to study Neuroscience at the Ohio State University, earning her Ph.D. in 2006. She moved to Houston with her family in December 2010 and joined the Faith team in 2014.

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by Rev. Marvin Havard, Senior Pastor

"I AM CONFIDENT OF THIS, THAT THE ONE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL CONTINUE TO COMPLETE IT UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST." (PHILIPPIANS 1:6 NRSVUE)



Welcome to Faith Bellaire and to our very first Faith Book!

In this resource you will find descriptions of our ministries and programs, fellowship and service projects, and information about our mission partners. You'll also find a list of events and activities that are open to everyone.

Faith is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the largest Lutheran denomination in North America. As Lutheran Christians, we believe that God's grace is freely given to all people. There is nothing we can do to make God love us more or less than God already loves us. We are free to live without guilt and shame and to love and serve our neighbors in Jesus' name.

At Faith, we are guided by our values of radical hospitality, discipleship, renewal, and community involvement. We long to be a community made up of people from every walk of life with their questions, struggles, fears, and longings, as well as their joys and celebrations. If you've experienced hurt in a faith community, we strive to be a place where healing can happen. Our doors are open to our neighborhood, and we are proud to host numerous events and local groups.

This fall, Faith celebrates 80 years as a community of faith in Bellaire. As we look back and give thanks for the years of dedicated ministry and faith formation, we also look forward to the work that God continues to do in and through us. Our theme for the coming year is Faith Forward and is grounded in the trust expressed in scripture: **"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."** (Philippians 1:6 NRSVUE)

If you'd like more information, please call the office at (713) 664-3048. If you'd like to speak to a pastor, you can call the office or email each of us directly. You'll find our email addresses inside this book. We'd love to have a conversation with you and to offer prayer and support in your journey of faith.

We're glad you're reading these pages. Know that you are welcome here, just as you are. As we give thanks for our 80 years of ministry, we work to be a place where love is freely shared, questions are honored, and those who are hurting find a space to heal. May the One who began a good work in you fill you with peace and love as we move together in Faith Forward!

Peace and blessings!

LIVING OUT OUR BAPTISMAL CALLING

by Rev. Junfeng Tan, Associate Pastor (Pastoral Care, Social Ministry, and Faith Chinese Fellowship)

Hello,
I'm Junfeng Tan, Associate Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church. I'd like to share three ways we live out our baptismal calling: **pastoral care, social outreach,** and **cross-cultural fellowship**. We invite you to learn more, get involved, or reach out if you or someone you know could benefit from these ministries.

PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastoral Care ministries walk alongside individuals and families through every season of life—illness, grief, isolation, and celebration—with prayer, presence, and practical support.

- **Homebound Communion:** Team members regularly visit homebound members and share Holy Communion.
- **Congregational Care:** Members create greeting cards and crafts for those who are homebound or isolated, especially during festivals and special occasions.
- **Prayer Ministry:** We provide a weekly prayer list for the needs of our congregation, community, and world, and gather monthly for a Zoom prayer meeting.
- **Meal Train:** We provide meals for individuals and families experiencing illness, grief, or major life transitions.
- **GriefShare:** We offer two 13-week GriefShare sessions each year for people in our community grieving the loss of a loved one.
- **Safety Check-In:** This ministry supports church members who live alone through regular check-ins and caring connections.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Our Social Ministry Team partners with local organizations to serve neighbors who are vulnerable or in need.

- **Feeding Ministry:** We volunteer monthly at the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) food pantry and collect food, hygiene products, and financial donations.
- **Helping Children:** We host CCSC's annual Back to School event and support its Christmas Jingle Bell Express. We also provide food and winter clothing for students at Bellaire High School.
- **Helping Homeless Youth:** Our Grace Meal Team prepares and serves home-cooked meals to homeless youth at Montrose Grace Place.
- **Blood Drives:** We partner with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to host quarterly blood drives that serve our church and surrounding community.

CHINESE MINISTRY



Faith Chinese Fellowship is a welcoming community within Faith Lutheran Church. We welcome Chinese followers of Jesus and all who are seeking a spiritual home, a sense of belonging, and a community of faith and hospitality. Our fellowship brings together Chinese-speaking families, visiting scholars, students, new immigrants, and friends from diverse backgrounds. Through worship, fellowship, Bible study, prayer, meals, cultural celebrations, and service, we seek to grow together in faith and build meaningful relationships. We also strive to be a bridge between American and Chinese cultures, creating opportunities for people to learn from one another, share their stories, and experience the love and grace of God across cultural and linguistic boundaries. Whether you are a longtime Christian, exploring the Christian faith, new to the Houston area, or simply looking for a welcoming community, **you are invited to join us.**

DYNAMIC WORSHIP

by Dr. Jerry Maynard, Director of Worship & Digital Ministries

YOU BELONG HERE! COME, AND SEE!

Here at Faith , we are a worshipping community that is striving to follow Jesus in blessing the world with faith, hope, and love. As the Director of Worship & Digital Ministries, I am actively working to empower both our Pastoral Staff and our members to engage in the full expression of Christian worship by embracing a *dynamic* approach to how we gather on Sundays and throughout the week, in praise of God.

We know that when we are in pews, we are not there as individuals but as a collective who join in shared devotion for God and a deep desire to care for our neighbors in the pew with us, on the screens, and in the streets. Dynamic worship allows us to create breathing room where our busy lives may have a chance to experience the *"peace that passes all understanding"* (Philippians 4:7).

Here, we **inform** one another of God's all-inclusive grace. We **inspire** one another with the Good News that God loves us without reservation. We **empower** those in the pews and on the screens, through the breaking of bread, sharing the cup, and lifting up each other in sung prayer. We **challenge** ourselves to know that to be a blessing means we must go from the safety of the sanctuary and be the radical love of God, made visible in the world.

Dynamic worship helps us know that the life of faith is vibrant, provocative, and always worth the risk. So, come and join us!

You belong here! Come, and see!







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Livestream
And more!

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FAITH FORMATION IN FALL 2026

by Rev. Amber Harbolt, Associate Pastor (Faith Formation)



GREETINGS, FAITH BOOK!

If you're a newer face at Faith Bellaire or you picked up this magazine to learn more about the life and ministry of this community, welcome! My name is Pastor Amber Harbolt, and I am the Pastor for Faith Formation here at Faith. My portfolio includes all of the typical rites and responsibilities of an associate pastor, plus faith formation across all generations, relationships with the students, staff, and families at the Faith School, and the nebulous "Other Duties as Needed" that tend to float across the desks of all churchworkers.

We have a robust fall season ahead with our program year beginning August 23!

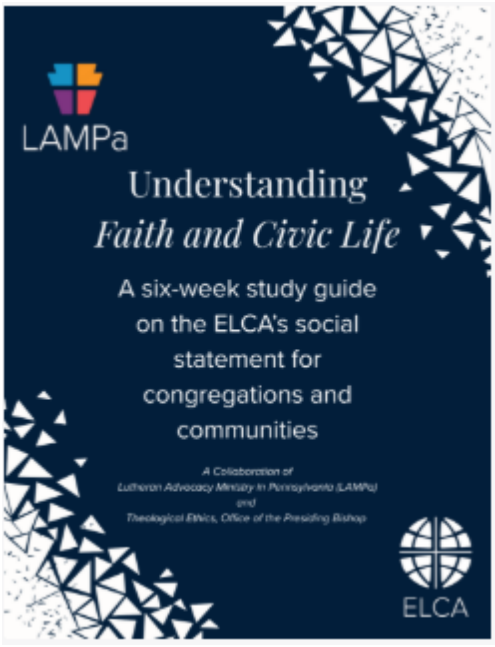
In addition to our Learning Hour gatherings for Pre-K, Elementary, Confirmation, High School, and Adult learners, we have a couple of special series to highlight. Beginning September 27, Kathy Patrick and I will be co-leading six sessions in Real Lutherans exploring the ELCA's Social Statement on Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All that was adopted at Churchwide Assembly in 2025.





Confirmation is also picking up some exciting new modules including Surviving Middle School, What About Forgiveness?, and Advent: A Wandering Journey from Holy Disruptions and Lutheran Yes! Worship from Augsburg Fortress.

We have two middle school + high school youth fellowship events lined up for this fall. On Saturday, September 26 we will gather at iSmash Cypress to enjoy some controlled chaos and camaraderie in a smash room. Then, on Saturday October 24, we will be hosting a Halloween-themed D&D game and snacks in the Youth Room - all player levels including beginners welcome!









Third graders and up plus their parents are invited to join the Bible Discovery Workshop on September 27 at noon in preparation for the Bible Presentation Milestone on October 4.



October will bring some additional blessings with Blessing of the Animals on October 4 and Blessing of Healthcare Workers on October 11. For Reformation Sunday, we're bringing back our Fall Bash!

In November we are hoping to bring trainers from The Harris Center for Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to campus to provide training on Mental Health First Aid.



Just as medical first aid gives us initial tools for helping those in a medical crisis, Mental Health First Aid teaches us how to identify and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges and help those struggling to access professional help and support. Keep an eye out for the sign up sheet!

We have plenty to do in December with Advent and Christmas, but I hope to take a group of 1st-6th graders to Lutherhill La Grange for their Advent Retreat on December 4-6.







FAITH SCHOOL

by Kendolyn Cooper, Director of Faith School





EDUCATION WITH A PURPOSE

At Faith Schools, we believe children learn best through hands-on, meaningful experiences, so our classrooms are filled with opportunities to create, explore, and discover through art, science investigations, and celebrations of cultures from around the world. We also believe that education is strongest when families are active partners, which is why we invite parents to join us for classroom activities, and celebrations throughout the year. Together with our families and community partners, we strive to nurture curious minds, compassionate hearts, and a lifelong love of learning in every child.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PARENT INVOLVEMENT





ART





STEM







FAITH School

BE A BLESSING

NOW ENROLLING!

'26-'27 School Year

Why Faith School?

- NAEYC Accredited & State Licensed
- Engaging Curriculum
- Enrichment Activities Included
- Experienced Staff
- Small Classroom Sizes
- Safe & Nurturing Environment
- Delicious & Nutritious Lunch Program

Contact us to learn more or Schedule a Tour!
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Space Available for Infants (3 Months & Up), Toddlers, Pre-K , & Bridge Kindergarten!

Open Year Round!
Educator Discounts Available & TEFA Vouchers Accepted

4600 Bellaire Blvd
Bellaire. Texas 77401

You are cordially invited



As we celebrate 80 years of ministry, 40 years of Faith House, and 30 years of Faith Camp, we invite you to help us create a lasting legacy for generations to come. Our goal is to raise $150,000 in seed money to launch the Faith Forward Endowment Fund, which will provide ongoing support for Ministry, Mission, and Operations for generations to come.

Your generosity today will help ensure that the mission of Faith continues to grow and thrive well into the future.

Please scan the QR code below to RSVP for this special celebration or to make a gift to the Faith Forward Endowment Fund.

Together, let's create a legacy that moves Faith Forward!

FAITH FORWARD
— ENDOWMENT FUND —
Creating a Legacy That Moves Faith Forward.
Supporting Ministry, Mission, and Operations for Generations to Come.

80 YEARS OF MINISTRY

WORSHIP + LEARNING + HEALING

WORSHIP



We believe that all people are loved and welcomed by God. We strive to be a place where people of every race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, ability, and economic status belong. Our communion table is open to all who seek to receive the presence and grace of God in the bread and wine. All ages are invited and encouraged to receive this gift. Let us worship our God of grace and love together!

HEALING

HEALING MINISTRIES AT FAITH

- Montrose Grace Place
- NAMIWalks
- FIRSTplace FOR HEALTH
- Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center — Commit for Life.
- Meal Train
- Lutheran World Relief
- Souper Bowl of Caring — tacklehunger.org
- kids meals
- GriefShare
- CCSC Christian Community Service Center
- CCSC Jingle (Bell) Express
- CCSC Back to School

And more... ...

LEARNING

SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING HOUR
9:45 - 10:30 AM

Adult Groups

Real Lutherans of Bellaire

Circle of Friends

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Youth Groups

Middle School Confirmation

High School Group

Children's Groups

Godly Play

Making Meaning Through Story, Wonder, & Play

WEEKDAY LEARNING GROUPS

First Place for Health
(Tuesdays @ 7 PM)

Rebecca Ruth Circle
(1st Thursday of the Month
@ 10 AM)



SERVING

4NOW THERE ARE VARIETIES OF GIFTS, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT; 5AND THERE ARE VARIETIES OF SERVICES, BUT THE SAME LORD; 6AND THERE ARE VARIETIES OF ACTIVITIES, BUT IT IS THE SAME GOD WHO ACTIVATES ALL OF THEM IN EVERYONE. 7TO EACH IS GIVEN THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT FOR THE COMMON GOOD.
1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7

Faith Lutheran Church is a growing community of people following Jesus in blessing the world with faith, hope, and love. In many different (and often changing) ways, we engage one another and the world around us in **worship, learning, healing and serving**. We use the gifts that God has given us and we have discovered that, together, we can accomplish wonderful things in people's lives through the power of the Spirit among us.

Our capacity for ministry is a function of the corporate total of all of the gifts (time, talents and financial treasures) that God has given to each of us plus our willingness to use those gifts for God's purposes. Every one of us have gifts to share for the good of others. When we use our gifts in alignment with our own personalities, passions, and interests, we discover true joy and renewing energy in our lives.

What follows is a description of the volunteer opportunities currently available to members and guests here at Faith.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- ☐ FAITH FILLIES
- ☐ FIRST PLACE FOR HEALTH
- ☐ REBECCA/RUTH BIBLE STUDY
- ☐ WEDNESDAY QUILTING GROUP
- ☐ WOMEN'S CONNECTION

LEADERSHIP TEAMS
- ☐ CHURCH COUNCIL
- ☐ FAITH HOUSE BOARD
- ☐ FAITH SCHOOLS BOARD

COMMUNITY LIFE TEAM
- ☐ GREETER
- ☐ SUNDAY BREAKFAST VOLUNTEER
- ☐ SUNDAY LUNCH VOLUNTEER
- ☐ EVENT VOLUNTEER
- ☐ CHILDCARE PROVIDER

PROPERTY TEAM
- ☐ PROPERTY TEAM MEMBER
- ☐ PAINTER
- ☐ ELECTRICIAN
- ☐ CARPENTER
- ☐ LANDSCAPING
- ☐ AIR CONDITIONING
- ☐ CHURCH WORK DAY VOLUNTEER

TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA
- ☐ POWERPOINT SLIDESHOW
- ☐ IT SUPPORT
- ☐ SOCIAL MEDIA

FAITH CHINESE FELLOWSHIP 信义团契
- ☐ 星期天招待
- ☐ 星期天读经
- ☐ 星期天襄礼（帮助分发圣餐）
- ☐ 星期天领诗
- ☐ 圣坛小组（星期六帮助预备圣餐）
- ☐ 教友关顾
- ☐ 英中翻译

FAITH FORMATION
- ☐ LEARNING GROUP LEADER—PREK
- ☐ GODLY PLAY—ELEMENTARY-STORY TELLER
- ☐ GODLY PLAY—ELEMENTARY-DOOR PERSON
- ☐ LEARNING GROUP LEADER—HIGH SCHOOL
- ☐ LEARNING GROUP LEADER—ADULT
- ☐ REAL LUTHERAN LEARNING GROUP LEADER
- ☐ FAITH FORMATION TEAM
- ☐ YOUTH RETREAT/CAMP SPONSOR
- ☐ TRANSPORTATION VOLUNTEER
- ☐ FAITH CAMP ADULT VOLUNTEER
- ☐ EVENT LEADER—CHINESE NEW YEAR
- ☐ EVENT LEADER—EASTER EGG HUNT
- ☐ EVENT LEADER—BUBBLES, BOUNCE & BBQ
- ☐ EVENT LEADER—FALL BASH
- ☐ EVENT HELPER
- ☐ FAITH FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER LEADER
- ☐ COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZER
- ☐ GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS ORGANIZER

GROWING DISCIPLES TEAM
- ☐ TEAM MEMBER
- ☐ MISSION FAIR TEAM MEMBER
- ☐ GIFTS TEAM—VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
- ☐ NEW MEMBER WELCOME TEAM

MUSIC MINISTRY
- ☐ FAITH CHOIR MEMBER
- ☐ HANDBELL CHOIR

SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM
- ☐ SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM MEMBER
- ☐ BLOOD DONOR
- ☐ FAITH WELCOMES REFUGEES TEAM MEMBER
- ☐ FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER
- ☐ NAMI WALKER
- ☐ MLK DAY PARADE WALKER
- ☐ CCSC VOLUNTEER
- ☐ GRACE PLACE DINNER TEAM
- ☐ GRIEF-SHARE CLASS LEADER

FAITH CARE TEAM
- ☐ FAITH CARE TEAM MEMBER
- ☐ HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM
- ☐ HOMEBOUND SUPPORT TEAM
- ☐ MEAL TEAM
- ☐ PRAYER GROUP
- ☐ CONGREGATIONAL CARE PROJECTS VOLUNTEER

WORSHIP TEAM
- ☐ ALTAR GUILD TEAM MEMBER
- ☐ ACOLYTE
- ☐ CRUCIFER
- ☐ ASSISTING MINISTER
- ☐ COMMUNION ASSISTANT
- ☐ LECTOR
- ☐ USHER

FAITH HOUSE SUPPORT
- ☐ WEEKLY ON-CALL VOLUNTEER
- ☐ WORK DAY VOLUNTEER



COMMUNITY LIFE

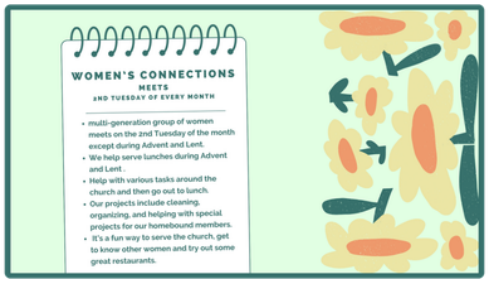
As a community that belongs to Christ, we at Faith are called to create spaces where others can belong too—where all are welcomed, supported, and sent to bless the world. Through your generous support, we've continued to embody that spirit of belonging—within our walls, in our neighborhood, and far beyond.







WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

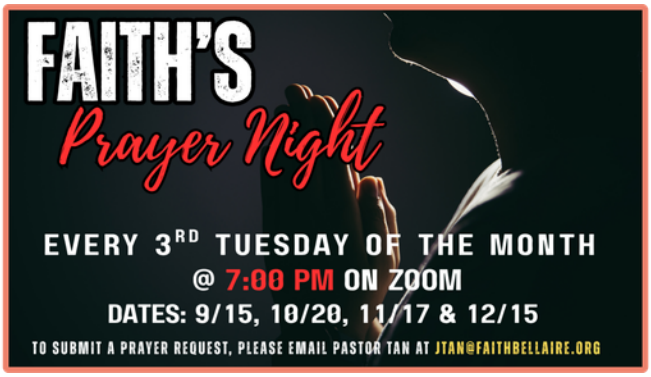




SOCIAL AND CARE MINISTRIES









FAITH'S MINISTRIES





↘ 06 TH SUN



SUNDAE SUNDAY

↘ 13 TH SUN



2ND SUNDAY SERVICE

↘ 20 TH SUN



80/40/30 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

↘ 26 TH SAT



YOUTH EVENT: SMASHTEMBER

↘ 27 TH SUN



BIBLE DISCOVERY WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER EVENTS



04 TH SUN



BIBLE PRESENTATION
BLESSING OF ANIMALS

11 TH SUN

2ND SUNDAY SERVICE
BLESSING OF
HEALTHCARE WORKERS



24 TH SAT

YOUTH EVENT:
HALLOWEEN D&D GAMES 4-6 PM

25 TH SUN

REFORMATION SUNDAY
FALL FESTIVAL

MINSTRY FOCUS

MONTROSE GRACE PLACE

OCTOBER EVENTS







01 ST SUN



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

08 TH SUN

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
2ND SUNDAY SERVICE - PRIMING CRADLES

15 TH SUN

BOOK FAIR

22 TH SUN



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

*Nov 23-27 Thanksgiving break - church office and school closed

29 TH SUN

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
COMBINED WORSHIP

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

NOVEMBER EVENTS



↘ **02** ND **WED**
↘ **05** TH **SAT**
↘ **04-06** TH **FRI-SUN**



MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP
HANGING OF THE GREENS
ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT

↘ **09** TH **WED**
↘ **11-12** TH **FRI-SAT**

CCSC JINGLE (BELL) EXPRESS

MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP
JINGLE BELL EXPRESS

↘ **15** TH **TUE**
↘ **16** TH **WED**
↘ **20** TH **SUN**



FAITH SCHOOLS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP
BILINGUAL INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

↘ **24** TH **THR**
↘ **27** TH **SUN**

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 5:30 & 7:30 PM
COMBINED WORSHIP

↑ DECEMBER EVENTS





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