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Family

2018-2019

16 December 2018



Welcome To Faith!

Today is the Third Sunday in Advent!

Advent is a season of preparing our hearts to commemorate the birth of Jesus, and of anticipating His return. On the third Sunday in Advent, the third Advent candle is lit as a symbol of **Christ the Joy**.

ACTIVITIES

1. Farewell Gathering For Rev Derrick Lau – Register Today!

Mon, 31 Dec, 7-9pm, Carpark (L3) & Worship Hall (L4)

7-8pm: Fellowship Dinner (L3 Carpark)

8-9pm: Farewell Programme (L4 Worship Hall)

At the TRAC 43rd Session, Rev Derrick Lau received two appointments for 2019:

- 1) Executive Director, Methodist Missions Society
- 2) District Superintendent, TRAC District 2

He will be leaving as Pastor at Faith and his last day with us is on 31 December. Let's come together to give him our blessings and farewell!

The gathering is free for all to attend and will be followed by our Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Holy Communion Service. If you would like to join the Fellowship Dinner before the gathering, please register at the Info Counter after service today, 16 December. Dinner registration costs \$10/pax.



2. Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Holy Communion Service*

Mon, 31 Dec, 10.30pm, Sanctuary (L1)

Our Wesleyan Covenant Renewal (Watchnight) Service will be held at 10.30pm in the Sanctuary! Join us to reflect on the year that has passed and begin 2019 in the house of the Lord. Let's step into the new year together as a Faith church family!

* The Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Holy Communion Service will be streamed live on our Facebook page for those who will be overseas or unable to attend the service (FB: @FaithMethodistChurch).

4 DAYS TO OUR FAITHCOMMUNITY CARNIVAL

When:

21–23 December 2018

Fri: 4pm–10pm

Sat: 9am–10pm

Sun: 9am–10pm

Where:

Open field along
Commonwealth Drive,
with night programmes
at Faith Methodist Church

Please note that our Christmas Evangelistic Services this year will be held on Sunday, 23 December at our usual Sunday service timings. The 11am Service will be streamed live on our Facebook page (@FaithMethodistChurch). (There is NO Christmas Day service on 25 December.)

Invite your family and friends to our Carnival and Christmas Evangelistic Services! For more Carnival details, visit fcc.faithmc.sg.

Please note that the carpark on Level 3 of our Commonwealth premises will be closed to vehicles from 20–23 December due to our Faith Community Carnival activities.

3. Christmas Party For Foreign Domestic Workers

Sun, 23 Dec, 1.30-4pm, Wesley Hall (Attic Level)

Foreign domestic helpers of all nationalities are invited to our Christmas Party hosted by our Language Ministries! This ticketed event is free for all to attend, and each ticket will entitle participants to a tea reception and door gift. Participants are also encouraged to bring a gift worth \$5 for the Christmas gift exchange (optional)!

To reserve tickets to the Party, please call 6471-9420. Door gifts are limited to the first 100 redemptions. Please note that there will be no regular Filipino and Indonesian Fellowship gatherings in December as both Ministries will be participating in Faith Community Carnival events.

4. FaithActs KidsLEAP Programme – Volunteers Needed!

Do you enjoy interacting and working with children? Volunteer with the FaithActs KidsLEAP Programme that helps Primary 1–4 children in our community read, speak and understand English better! *KidsLEAP will take place on Thursdays, 3pm–4.30pm from 24 January–2 May.* Volunteers should be fluent in English.

We are also looking for a MOE-trained volunteer with lower Primary English teaching experience to co-lead the KidsLEAP programme. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jean at 6339-7611 or info@faithacts.org.sg!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. Romans Overview Class

Sat, 5 Jan, 10am-12pm, Charis Hall (L4)

SGLs, ALs and facilitators of FaithWalk Sermon Discussions are strongly encouraged to attend as it will give you a better understanding of Romans, enabling you to handle discussions on this book confidently.

To register, please have your SGL email seesuming@faithmc.sg by 2 January with the list of participants, indicating their roles as SGLs, ALs or facilitators.

6. FaithActs Charity Movie: *Aquaman*

*Sat, 29 Dec, 3.30pm, GV Grand
Great World City*

The FaithActs Charity Movie Event is back with the action-packed DC blockbuster *Aquaman*! Funds raised will go toward FaithActs' children's afterschool programme, distressed families, and frail seniors. All donation tickets qualify for 2.5 times tax deduction (subject to government regulations).

Purchase tickets at \$70 each inclusive of a popcorn and drink combo set! To reserve your tickets, please contact Jean/Pat at 6339-7611 or info@faithacts.org.sg.

1. Place A Prayer On Our Christmas Trees!

As part of our Christmas celebrations this year, two real Christmas trees have been placed at the L1 and L4 lift lobbies of our Commonwealth premises! Pick up a Christmas card from the Info Counter today to pen your prayer for this Christmas and the New Year, and hang it as a decoration on our trees—let's create a collection of prayers as a Faith church family! *Members of our congregation at our ACJC premises can pick up and submit their cards through the ACJC Info Counters.*

2. Word In Season 5 – Collect Today!

Collect your Word In Season 5 (WIS5) Journals and Bible Reading Plans today, 16 December! If you pre-ordered your materials, collect them via your Small Group Leaders (for those in SGs) or at the collection points after the service which you indicated during pre-order (for those not in SGs only). For SG orders, only SGLs or their assigned representative will be able to collect the materials on behalf of the group.

Collection Points

8am Service – CW Pantry (L1)

9am Service – L4 Lift Lobby

10.30am Service – ACJC Candeck

11am Service – L4 Lift Lobby

PDF copies of the Journal and Bible Reading Plan are now available for download at wis.faimc.sg (password: *unfoldingplan*). No pre-order is required for the PDF downloads. The Word In Season app is also currently available for download on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, with an update for WIS5 readings to be released in January.

3. Attic Library Feature: Christmas CDs & Books

Experience the joy of this Christmas season with music CDs featuring evergreen favourites like *Joy To The World*, *O Come All Ye Faithful*, *Mary's Boy Child*, and many more in both traditional and contemporary styles! Discover the true meaning of Christmas in books from Max Lucado, Janice Chaffee, and other authors who share the "Christ" in Christmas. Pick them up at the Attic Library today!

Attic Library Locations & Hours

CW:

Attic Level, all Sundays, 9am–1pm

L3 Lift Lobby, 1st Sundays, 10am–11am

L4 Lift Lobby, 2nd–5th Sundays, 10am–11am

ACJC:

Candeck, all Sundays, 11.30am–12.30pm

4. L3 Carpark Closed From 20–23 Dec

The carpark on Level 3 of our Commonwealth premises will be closed to vehicles from 20–23 December for our Faith Community Carnival setup and logistic arrangements.

Alternative parking will be available at the basement carpark from 20–22 December only. On 23 December, please park at the neighbouring HDB estates or Haw Par Technocentre. Please be reminded not to park at the basement on Sunday, 23 December, as it is reserved for QCMC members only.

5. ACJC CPA Renovation Works

The dressing room area and all toilets (including handicapped toilets) in the theatre lobby of the ACJC CPA will be closed for major renovation works from 30 December–February 2019. The nearest toilets will be beside the canteen and on Level 3 of the G building. Your patience and understanding is appreciated as the school upgrades its premises for our shared use.

6. Floral Offerings

From Mrs Maggie Ong & family, in loving memory of their father/grandfather, the late Mr Ong Boon Beng.

From his beloved ones, in remembrance of the late Mr Peter Truong Vinh Trang.

7. Staff Movement

Annual Leave

16–18 Dec:	Pearly Sim
19 Dec:	Janice Ong

8. Attendance 9 December 2018

8am:	661
9am:	191
10.15am (MM):	148
10.30am:	306
10.30am (TTB):	144
11am:	456
TOTAL:	1,906

--- DISCIPLE CLASSES 2019 ---

a) DISCIPLE 1 – *Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*

Orientation Meeting:

Mon, 25 Feb, 7.30-9.30pm, Charis Hall (L4)

Class Schedule:

Mondays, 7.30-10pm *or*
Fridays, 7.30-10pm, *or*
Wednesdays, 9.30am-12pm

This is a 34-week study of the entire Bible with equal emphasis on the Old and New Testaments. The group meets once each week for a 2.5hr study and discussion session. Through this program, participants will learn to live as committed disciples. This study is the prerequisite for the other three DISCIPLE classes.

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### **b) DISCIPLE 2 – *Into The Word Into The World***

#### Orientation Meeting:

Mon, 4 Mar, 7.30-9.30pm, Charis Hall (L4)

#### Class Schedule:

Fridays, 7.30-10pm

This is a 32-week in-depth study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts, building on the biblical knowledge gained from DISCIPLE 1 and deepening it by probing selected portions of Scripture. Two emphases throughout the study are Sabbath and Spiritual Disciplines. The aim of this study is to take what is learned in the study and put it to work in the world.

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c) DISCIPLE 3 – *Remember Who You Are*

Orientation Meeting:

Fri, 1 Mar, 7.30-9.30pm, Charis Hall (L4)

Class Schedule:

Fridays, 7.30-10pm

This is a 32-week in-depth study of the Prophets and the Letters of Paul. It focuses on the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. Its themes are the call to remember; the call to repentance, the need for renewed vision, and the places of community. Each week, Marks of Obedient Community echo the demand of the Prophets and Paul to put God first. The study is further enhanced by a Context Portfolio containing timelines, maps and charts integral to the study.

Registration for DISCIPLE Classes 2019 is now open at the Info Counter till 31 January, with a course material fee of \$30. Classes will commence with minimum of 12 participants. For enquiries, please email tennypang@faithmc.sg.

WEEK AT A GLANCE (DECEMBER 2018)

Sun 16 Dec Third Sunday in Advent
Word In Season 5 Material Collection

**Fri–Sun
21–23 Dec** **FAITH COMMUNITY CARNIVAL**

Sun 23 Dec Christmas Celebration Family Services at CW & ACJC (usual timings)
SUN JAM Emoji Christmas (11am, Charis Hall)
Christmas Party for Foreign Domestic Workers (1.30pm, Wesley Hall)

**4 DAYS TO OUR
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CARNIVAL**



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OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Faith Methodist Church

400 Commonwealth Drive S(149604)

8am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary, Level 1)

9am **Contemporary Service** (Worship Hall, Level 4)
(With SUN JAM Children's Programme)

11am **Contemporary Service** (Worship Hall, Level 4)

11am **SUN JAM Children's Programme** (Level 4)
- Pre-Primary (Koinonia & Doulos Rooms)
- Primary (Charis Hall)

Anglo-Chinese Junior College

25 Dover Close East S(139745)

10.15am **Mandarin Service** 华语主日崇拜 (LT1, Level 2)

10.30am **Praise@AC Contemporary Service**
(Faith Centre for Performing Arts)

10.30am **The TackleBox Youth Service** (LT4, Level 3)
(Small Groups @ 9am)

10.30am **SUN JAM Children's Programme** (Level 2)
- Pre-Primary (Classrooms)
- Primary (LT2)

WELCOME AREAS

8am Traditional Service **Faith Room** (CW, Level 1, outside Sanctuary)
9am & 11am Contemporary Services **Agape Room** (CW, Level 4, outside Worship Hall)
10.15am Mandarin Service **Welcome Corner** (ACJC, Level 2, outside LT1)
10.30am Praise@AC **The Space** (ACJC, outside CPA)

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Call us at **6471 9420**

Please call **8125 7277**
for urgent pastoral assistance
after office hours.

**GET CONNECTED
TO A SMALL GROUP!**

At the **Information Counter**,
Via email to
seesuming@faithmc.sg,
Or online at
faithmc.sg/getconnected.

FAITH METHODIST CHURCH
16 December 2018, 8.00AM
Traditional Service

ACT OF PREPARATION

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Opening Prayer

Choral Introit

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Dawn Voices

ACT OF PRAISE

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion!

People: For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.

Leader: Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day,

**All: *and shall be my people;
 and I will dwell in your midst.***

*Opening Worship

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

O Little Town of Bethlehem

UMH 230

*Psalter

Psalm 25:1-5

UMH 757

*Gloria Patri

UMH 71

ACT OF PROCLAMATION

*Prayer of Illumination

**All: *Guide us, O God, by Your Word and Spirit,
 that in Your light we may see light,
 in Your truth we find freedom,
 and in Your will we discover Your peace,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

Scripture Text

Isaiah 35

Sermon Title

Joy of the Redeemed

Hymn of Response

Joy to the World

UMH 246

(*) Congregation to stand

