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Mental Health Seminar March 11, 2023 9 am-12 pm Faith E Free Church 705 N Madison Stanley, WI



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QR code takes you to registration for event.

Stephanie Hurlburt is a mental health therapist that has been called to Eau Claire, Wisconsin and the surrounding areas. She has a passion to educate, encourage and empower her community to combat many of the mental health concerns that we see today.

Stephanie attended the University of Northern Iowa where she studied Social Work and graduated with her Bachelor of Arts degree in 2017. She soon returned to the University of Northern Iowa and completed her Master of Social Work degree in 2019. During her graduate program, she specialized in understanding the complexity of trauma, including the deep impact it has on the brain and body and how to effectively support others in healing from trauma.

Stephanie currently works at the Clinic for Christian Counseling and has a heart to come alongside people in their mental health and faith journey. In her clinical practice, she uses an integrated approach that includes a variety of body-centered psychotherapies and values the importance of biblical applications throughout the healing process. She believes that life and freedom come through the redeeming grace Christ offers to those who put their trust in Him and live in obedience to His word. It is her goal to help others live free by shining light on the darkness and bringing truth to each circumstance.

In her free time she enjoys reading, playing guitar and piano, gathering with friends, and a variety of outdoor activities.



This year Faith Evangelical Free Church will be in existence for sixty years. Praise the Lord!! We are asking for anyone interested in making our service in the park (first Sunday of August) a celebration to commemorate sixty years of serving the Lord. Contact the church office or you can call Jerry @ 715-206-0425 to be a part of this committee. We need at least 4 volunteers by 5/1 to proceed with this Celebration! Hello Everyone, Women's Ministry Here:

Wow February has been quite a busy month. Thank you to all the people who have helped with all the events. No Regrets Men's event brought out lots of men celebrating together, finishing up the day with a nice lunch of soup, sandwich, dessert. Served by Women's Ministry. I would like to give a special shout out of thanks to Amber, Evy Czubakowski and Diane Fryza for all their help making all that food and serving with me.

Women's Ministry Brunch brought together a wonderful group of Ladies. A very tasty Brunch was served by Jen Davis followed by a presentation from Brittany Gormong, who is the granddaughter of our own Hilmer & Bonnie Eckstrom. She will be leaving sometime this summer for a 4 year mission trip as part of Global Transformation. She shared her story of how God gave her a clear message of missions at a young age, opened up opportunities that prepared her for her goal. She will be serving specifically in the area of Special Education. She believes that through purposeful relationship building within the disciple-making model and the power of the gospel she will complete the call God placed on her heart may years ago. Please join Women's Ministry in praying for Brittany and I am sure Bonnie & Hilmer will keep us update on her next 4 years. As part of our service project we handed out note cards that each one of the women will write Brittany a note, sign and seal it and we will send these notes over with Brittany and if she ever needs a pick me up or a word from her home area she can open one of the notes. We laughed with her saying you can keep them for the whole 4 years, or maybe you will need them all in the first week. She is a wonderful girl with a very God filled goal of helping others in the area of Special Education. Add her to your prayer list and we will keep you posted on her adventures for the next 4 years.

Our next Women's Ministry Brunch will be cancelled and we encourage everyone to attend the Mental Health Event which Faith Evangelical Church will be offering on March 11th from 9am to 12 noon. The subject of Mental Health has become a prime focus of people these days and Stephanie Hurlburt has given us some great insights and recommendations of how we can learn to deal with the stress of life. Please come and listen to her next session she has given us a Godly view and some wonderful ideas.

Another area of Women's Ministry is helping with events that happen in our family of church people which sometimes are hard. Funerals can be stressful for families and we would be willing to help anyway we can with the celebration of life or the funeral luncheon. If your family finds themselves in need of help, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. I would like to thank everyone who contributed and helped with the recent event. Lots of hands make the job easy. Our goal is to make the day which is already hard for the family, much easier. Our prayers continue for the Isaac Family.

Which leads us to the Marriage Date Night, wow was that a fun evening, with lots of fellowship, laughter, and good food. Thank you to all the people who stepped up and helped with the downstairs being transformed into a valentine wonderland. Thank you to the ladies who manned the kitchen Connie, Darlene, Diane, myself and all that goodness. Thank you to the youth who so graciously served the food, then helped to clean up. We are so very lucky to have a network of ladies, men, young men and young ladies who step in and just do whatever needs to be done.

I told you it was a busy month. But the rewards are great and blessings to be received.

I would like to again thank everyone up front and everyone behind the scenes who helped in anyway. A special thank you to my granddaughter Evy who stepped in and helped us with all those events.

Women's Ministry is for all the ladies in the church we would love to see everyone at our Saturday Women's Ministry Brunch Events which is usually on the second Saturday of the month. We have a brunch at 9am served by someone who would like to serve up a simple menu, followed by a devotion given by someone who feels lead, spotlight just a little something about someone so that we get to know each of you more, service project and fellowship with other women and our Savior who where 2 or more are gathered in his name he too shall be there. See all of you soon. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime. Lori Czubakowski, Women's Ministry Leader

Connecting with Pastor Mb Connecting with Pastor Mb

On January 13-15th, 21 of our youth as well as 6 adult leaders traveled to Green Bay for the annual Districts youth conference. Over the course of the weekend our students got to take part in large group rallies with over 4,000 youth from around the state. They also took part in break out seminars where speakers tackled tough topics that our youth are facing today.

The keynote speaker, Dan Lian, challenged our students to stand firm on the Word of God and to bring the love of Jesus into our schools and communities. He reminded us that each of us are a rare piece of art (were 1 of 1), created by God, that He was willing to pay the price of His only Son for. That makes each of us more valuable than any piece of art ever made by any famous artist on Earth.

As I looked around at our students at the closing rally on Sunday morning, I was blown away by what I saw. I saw our students worshiping God with their whole hearts as they were singing His praises! Our group grew closer with each other as well as with the Lord as a result of the weekend. Thank you to all who continue to pray for our youth! Your prayer and support has lead to a

thriving ministry to our young people during their most formative years. Please consider joining this team as we reach teens where they are at.



"Well Done" is for good and faithful servants, NOT steaks!

Connecting with Pastor Matt

Together Connecting others to Christ

Greetings. As I write this article as a ministry, we are in the midst of numerous ministry events. Along with our Children, youth, women's ministries we have just come off No Regrets men's conference day and are holding a Marriage banquet and soon Mental Health seminar. They each have the common thread of equipping those in Christ to live for Jesus more intentionally and to introduce others to the Savior. Our mission as a Church is Connecting everyone everywhere everyday with the Love and Message of Jesus Christ is driving our ministry events. I have had and will have the privilege to serve alongside so many of my brothers and sisters behind the scenes. So many have and are helping with decorating, making, and serving food, providing technology support, and myriads of other ways. I especially want to thank Mike Ciszak and his family as they have had to quickly clean and set up from event to event. No easy task. All these support ministries are a very real part of making these missional events possible. The prayers for each of these opportunities has and I know will continue to bear fruit as the Holy Spirit works in hearts and minds. I am so proud of the Faith family and very grateful for the team mindset I see. Together, by the work of the Spirit, we are making a difference. Let us keep this up.

While we pursue the mission God has called us to in these larger group opportunities, I believe our greatest impact will come when we each day share the love of Christ with those God has brought into our sphere of influence. We all are called to this. Ask yourself how are you reaching others with the gospel? Seek for ways to be more intentional. Let's continue to be a Church on a mission!!

Or as Tony Evans says "Let us be the people of God who live according to the Word of God by the power of the Spirit of God for the Glory of God."

Love in the Savior, Pastor Matt



Good Friday Service at 7 pm at Faith E Free Church. April 7th.





Invite someone to EASTER

Community Celebration Easter Morning Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 10:00 am Stanley Theatre 131 N Broadway St, Stanley Any questions Call Faith E Free Church at 715-644-2001 or go to www.faithfreestanley.org

Children's Ministry

Our new series "Changing Gears" will begin in March. It will focus on the ministry of Jesus. In April "Rise and Shine" will be our Easter Series. That will bring us to May where we will be doing an outreach by hosting a derby car race at the Stanley Elementary School Saturday, May 13, 10:30-2:30.

As you can see in the pictures the students can be attentive. They are fun and full of energy. We continue to praise God for all of them and their families as we come along side of them to help them in their walk with God.

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in possibly helping out in some way? Please come explore the many different opportunities available at a meeting in the lower fellowship hall Sunday, March 5, after the service. Can't make the meeting feel free to call me at 715-644-8178. This meeting is also for all the current nursery and Kid's Rock volunteers.

Please continue praying for us. Your prayers make a difference.

Blessings beyond all measure, Laurie, Children's Ministry Coordinator (CMC)







Faith E Free Church Campout 7/14-15/2023

Connection Groups

March 12 and April 16th after

worship service.

<u>Tuesday U</u>

Every Tuesday at 6 pm. At FEFC in conference room.

Resources in the Foyer for you and or someone you may be <u>ministering to:</u>

- BIBLE, English Standard Version, version used here at FEFC. The Bibles are located in the bookcase in the foyer.
- BOOKS: 1. "Now that I'm a Christian", What it means to follow Jesus, by C. Michael Patton,
 2. "Not Like Me", "A Field Guide for Influencing a Diverse World by Eric Michael Bryant.
 3. Living a Life of True Worship by Kay Arthur and Bob and Diane Vereen
- **5. Living a Life of True worship** by Kay Arthur and bob and Diane
- Pamphlet, "Bridge to Life" to help with evangelism.
- Devotionals (daily Bible readings with stories of encouragement: "Our Daily Bread", by Our Daily Bread Ministries, on table in foyer and "Begin the Journey with the Daily Office, Remembering God's presence throughout the day," by Peter Scazzero, located in the book shelf in the foyer.
- Guidelines for Protecting Purity
- Baptism, an expression of your Faith
- "Child Dedication" flyer

Also, FEFC does have a library located north of the foyer.

Women with Purpose in Chippewa at the Fill In Station. 11:30 am Wednesday the 15th of March. Scan the QR code with your phone to go to the website for more information or visit

www.lh.wwpwi.org



There will be no Women's Ministry Brunch in March. In April it will be the third Saturday because Easter weekend is the second. April 15 will be the next women's Ministry Brunch.

Scan the QR code to get your own sign in credentials for **RightNow Media** which our church holds a subscription for. It is a wealth of devotionals and kids videos and just such a great encouragement to me as a Christian, wife, mom, grandmother and working woman. But there are a lot of really neat things on here. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do!

Here is the Link: https:// app.rightnowmedia.org/join/faithevan

Or you can enter this text Code: FEFCW to 49775



Sisters in Christ. We start at 9:30am every Friday and finish at 11:00am. We are going through "Life Lessons from Daniel & Esther" by Max Lucado. Each lesson stands alone which is great if you can not attend every Friday morning. We are a friendly, welcoming group striving to learn more about God and how we can follow him more closely with a genuine relationship. We welcome new ladies to join us on Friday mornings! If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Denzine at 715-773-2444.

Our website has been undergoing some new design changes, however, some updates have been made to the resources page and you should definitely check it out! Lots to see on other pages at: www.faithfreestanley.org



3/11	Mental Health Seminar 9 am — 12 pm
4/9	Easter at the Theatre 10 am
5/13	Children's Derby held at the School
6/17-25	Youth Missions Trip, Knoxville, TN
7/14-15	All Church Camp Out
8/6	Church at the Park w/ Baptisms/60th Celebration?

Church Cancellation Policy and plan

Wednesday night activities:

Decision Making: Pastor MP and Laurie Natzke will make decision. Communication will be via flocknote and Facebook.

Sunday services:

Decision making: Jerry and Pastor Matt will make the decision to cancel or not. Communication: Lori flocknotes; Jeanie will send email and Facebook post; Loren contact WWIB.

Other events:

Decision will be made by event coordinator and communication cascaded by event coordinator.

Lessons from Buddy:

Wow, I didn't see that coming! How is it that God can use even a dog to teach me. Trust me Buddy didn't read the Bible. But somehow, he came fully equipped.

Roger and I got a new puppy in October, and we named him Buddy. He is now 7 months old and full of lessons he has learned and for some reason wants to show me.

This month's lesson from Buddy is **WAIT**. He really doesn't like to "sleep in" in the morning like I do but instead he patiently waits for me every morning. When I do get up he patiently awaits for the sound of his kibble hitting the bowl. Then he waits at the door till I let him out for potty.

Buddy is not the best grocery shopper, so mom says: "leave Buddy home!" No one even asked him if it was a good idea but as I drive out of the driveway whose face do I see in the window – yep, its Buddy. He will sit there patiently waiting until I return. But in Stanley WI one needs to add at least a half an hour to your grocery store task. Buddy doesn't know I will run into 2 ladies from church, one neighbor from when we lived on 2^{nd} Ave and as luck would have it the plumber who just fixed the flood in the basement. Yes, 2 hours later Buddy is still looking for me out the window waiting for me.

Buddy also patiently waits for me to finish talking. Sure, I talk to my dog. Do you think he speaks English, or I speak dog? No! but he waits at my feet just looking patiently with loving eyes till I have unloaded my frustration or stupid thinking or just wanting to hear myself talk.

Did you notice that Buddy doesn't mind waiting. Waiting for me just as our Lord patiently waits on me. When will I wake up from my slumber and realize that He want time to speak with me. Do I wait at the window longing for God to work in the lives of my children and grandchildren in my timeframe. Or do I stomp my feet asking God to hurry up. Do I babble on and on in my prayers about what I want instead of praising God for all that He has already done in the lives of family and friends. JUST WAIT.....

Isaiah 40:31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

Psalm 37:7-9 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. 8 Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret-it leads only to evil. 9 For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

Psalm 40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

Sharon Wundrow

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
9 Prayer					9:30 SIC	7:30 Men's Prayer
10 Service			6 Youth Group			Breakfast
		6 TU	6 Kid's Connection			
5	6	7	8	6	10	11
9 Prayer						9-12 Mental Health
10 Service			6 Youth Group			Seminar
Communion		6 TU	6 Kid's Connection 6 Elder Meeting	5 Elder Meeting		
12	13	14	15 11:30 Women	16	17	18
9 Prayer			with Purpose		9:30 SIC	
10 Service			6 Youth Group			
Connection Groups		6 TU	6 Kid's Connection			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9 Prayer					9:30 SIC	
10 Service			6 Youth Group			
		6 TU	6 Kid's Connection	6 Elder Meeting		
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
9 prayer					9:30 SIC	
			6 Youth Group			
Annual Mtg potluck		6 TU	6 Kid's Connection			L