

Faith United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Church office hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

We welcome you to our church and invite you to sign the registration pads at the ends of the pews on the center aisle. Also, please join us after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

February 12, 2016 • Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude To You Alone, Lord Jesus Christ J. Pachelbel

*** Call to Worship**

(You may rise for the Call to Worship)

Leader: Those who stay on course, walking steadily on the road revealed by God, are blessed.

People: **We are blessed following God's instructions, doing our best to seek God with all our hearts.**

Leader: God has given us the right way to live, the way that leads to health and happiness.

People: **Help us, Lord, to keep to the course you set, walking with steady steps all the way.**

L: Then we will not be looking back over our lives with regrets.

P: **Instead, we will have the comfort and joy of God's companionship all our days.**

(adapted from Ps. 119:1-8, (The Message)

*** Opening Hymn**

Teach Me, O God, Your Holy Way

(You may be seated.)

#465

Prayer of Invocation *(in unison)*

God of blessing, you call us to be one with you and your creation in love, faithfulness, and truth. Help us carry out the vows we make to adore you with our whole heart, to live in mutual support of one another, and to love as if your reign has fully come. Anoint us with your Holy Spirit as we hear your Word this day, that we may walk in your ways filled with your truth. Amen.

Sharing Christ's Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, greet and welcome those around you and share "the peace of Christ."

Anthem

A Time for All God's Children

Following the Children's message, the nursery is available for infants and toddlers under 4 years as a parent care day. The nursery is located through the front door and up the steps.

Reading of Scripture

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Matthew 5:21-37

Leader: The gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Setting Goals that Stretch Us
(You may rise for the hymn)

***Hymn:** Guide My Feet **#497**
(You may be seated.)

Prayers of the People

*Believing that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer. After each expression, the people may respond: **Lord, hear our prayer***

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Organ Improvisations

(You may rise for the hymn)

*Response: *(Hymn #16, stanza 1)*

**Let us with a joyful mind praise our God forever kind,
Rich with mercies that endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

*Prayer of Dedication *(in unison)*

Holy God, we offer you our thanks, so that together we may plant and water the seeds of your new world. May we be your faithful servants as we cultivate your love, knowing that in all we accomplish, it is you that gives the growth. In Jesus name. Amen

(You may be seated.)

*Closing Hymn

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

#292

*Benediction⁺

Leader: Love the Lord, choose the good, hold fast to God,
so that you may flourish.

People: choose the good,

L: hold fast to God,

P: so that we may flourish.

L: May the wisdom of God, the love of Christ,
and the peace of the Spirit shine brightly
in your lives this day and always.

*Benediction Response

(#164 stanza 1)

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today!**

(You may be seated.)

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

Wilbur

Held

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Prayers for healing and wholeness: the Irvin family, Linda Merchant, Susan Meyer, Lisa B., (JoAnn's daughter), the Tressler family, Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Bunnie Hartswick, Katelynn Wilson, Jean Dreese, Darlene Ripka, April S., AJ, Randy Brown (Aimee's Dad), Sheila W., the Parrish Family, Robert Zupp (Eileen Pfaff's nephew)

Faith UCC is an open and affirming church, embracing diversity in our congregation and community, and affirming the dignity and worth of every person. We are an inclusive community of faith that celebrates God's presence through worship and the sharing of God's word. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of the church, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, or circumstance of life.

Our Ministry

Ministers — All the Congregation
Ushers — Tom Daubert
Liturgist — Lois Bair
Acolyte — Aubrey Coble
Fellowship — the Bicehouses

Pastor — Rev. Ann Graves
Trustee — Tom Daubert
Children's Message — Chris Coble
Nursery — Jean Cole, Cyndi Vincenti

Church Staff

Custodian—Scott Luzier *Church School Coordinator* – Barbara Chellman
Choir Director – Colin Ruffer *Organist* - Mark Ferraguto
Administrative Assistant – Jeff Stormer

This Week at Faith Church

Today (2/12) Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
9:30AM Adult Forum (Library)
10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
2:00 p.m. Northern Association Workshops, St. John's Boalsburg

MONDAY (2/13) Consistory Meeting 5:30 p.m.
TUESDAY (2/15) Trustee Meeting, 7PM At Clifton Merchant's house
SUNDAY (2/19) Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

AB = Antoinette Brown; AH = Asendorf Hall; ML = Meyer Library; RH = Romig Hall; S = Sanctuary

Pastor Ann's office hours this week: 9:30 am – 2:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday 9:30 - noon, Thursday, 9:30 - 1:30 pm. In case of a pastoral related emergency, you may contact her directly: 814- 867-3322 or by mobile phone: 570-490-3866



Welcome to all first-time (and returning) guests to Faith UCC! We would like to get to know you and for you to get to know us. Join us after worship for coffee and conversation.

There is free parking on Sundays at the meters and at the McAllister & Pugh Street parking garages – so, we hope you'll worship with us again next Sunday!

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS: During the offering time in the service, you may place your offerings on the plates the ushers will bring around. If you prefer to give electronically simply **scan the QR code** with your smartphone to be directed to our online donation page.



February Special Offering

Mid-Penn Legal Services

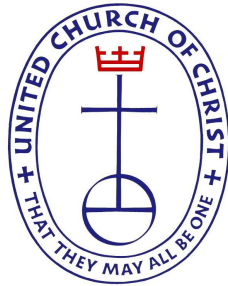
MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit, public-interest law firm dedicated to providing equal access to justice and high quality civil legal services to low-income residents and survivors of domestic violence in 18 counties in Central Pennsylvania.

Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "Mid-Penn Legal Services" noted in the memo line.



- **Today** **2 pm. Northern Association Workshops St. John's UCC, Boalsburg**
- **February 13** **5:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting**
- **February 14** **Valentine's Day**
- **February 15** **Trustees Mtg 7 PM At Clifton Merchant's house**
- **February 19** **Seventh Sunday After Epiphany**
- **February 20** **Out of the Cold, Centre County (thru March 5th)**
- **February 26** **Last Sunday After Epiphany/Transfiguration**
- **March 5** **First Sunday in Lent**

Announcements and Upcoming Events



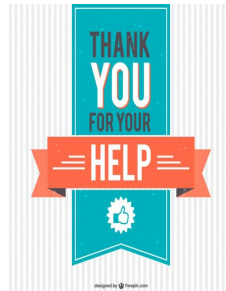
Northern Association Church Growth Workshops

TODAY, 2-4PM @ St. John's UCC, 218 N Church St. Boalsburg
Make plans to join with others from the association for a time of fellowship and learning right here in Happy Valley.

Rev. Julie Holm will lead a workshop on 'Messy Church: an Intergenerational Worship' and Rev. Dr. Monica Ouellette will present on "Connection Ministry: Community Outreach and Church Growth."
Let the pastor know if you are planning to attend.

The **Women's Guild** thanks all who helped the Nut Sale to be a success by ordering the nuts, transporting them to the church, setting up each Sunday, buying the nuts, or selling the products to your friends, families, and organizations.

It has been a great team effort once again. Approximately \$1200.00 in profit will be used for kitchen and other expenses.



How We Are Promoting Diversity & Inclusion

Borough of State College & State College Area School District Town Hall
DATE: Thursday, **February 9**, 6:00 pm
LOCATION: State College Municipal Building, Rm. 201
MODERATOR: Carlos Wiley, Director, Paul Robeson Cultural Center

Interfaith Human Services Fundraiser

Lasagna Dinner – Meat & Vegan served
DATE: Thursday, **February 9**, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
LOCATION: State College Friends Meeting, 611 East Prospect Ave, State College
Free Event – Donate what you can!

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LGBTQ Special Events:



Valentine's Day Party: Tuesday, February 12. Friend's Meeting House (611 E Prospect, garden level). Please join us! There will be ice breakers, games, snacks and treats.

RSVP. **14 and older.** church.happyvalley.org



Interfaith Coffee Hour at home of Samia Suliman.

DATE: Wednesday, **February 15**, 6:30 pm.
(SNOW DATE in case of bad weather: Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 pm)
RSVP to InterfaithInitiativeCC@hotmail.com for directions



Women's Ministry

Daytime Women's Guild will meet at noon in Romig Hall
Feb 27th.

Faith UCC will be hosting **Out of the Cold** Centre County (OOTC3) here at our church from **Feb 20 - Mar 5**. The mission of OOTC3 is to provide the homeless in our community with a warm and safe overnight accommodation and nourishment within a welcoming atmosphere as a supplemental option to locally established shelters.



If you are interested in volunteering and serving the homeless in our community, please contact the church office or Chris Coble at coble.chris@gmail.com or 814-876-0534.



Altar Flowers

The 2017 Flower Chart has been posted on the board just opposite the church office for you to sign up for altar flowers.