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NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The rhythm of the church year, rotating on its liturgical cycle, beckons us to move into the season of Pentecost -- a time when new and renewed life finds new direction, purpose and passion. Pentecost recounts the blessed story of the birth of the church and a new way of being in community, as the followers of Jesus Christ.

On Pentecost Sunday (May 15), we will welcome 5 new followers of Christ into the church:

Abby Reed
Aila Carr-Chellman
Asher Carr-Chellman
Jordan Reed
Jules Carr-Chellman



These are the confirmands who have spent the past 9 months learning more about the history, traditions, practices, beliefs and faith stories of the church, to decide whether or not to confirm their baptism into the Christian faith, and become members of Christ's Church. I am beyond excited to welcome them to Faith Church as new members!

The confirmands will participate in the Pentecost worship service in several ways, sharing their many gifts to bless us, as a gathered community. Remember to wear something RED for this worship service, if you feel so inclined.

As we remember the day of Pentecost and live into the season of Pentecost, that lasts through most of the summer and fall, may the winds of the Holy Spirit blow through our lives (and in the words of the hymn *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*)... to give us new dreams and visions, so that we may arise to bold new decisions -- beginning here in this local church!

In Christ,
Pastor Monica

CONSISTORY CORNER

In February, the Consistory established the Worship Time Task Force, to gather data to inform decision-making relative to the scheduled start time for Sunday morning worship services. At the April 16 Consistory meeting, the task force presented a report on its recent congregational survey, which was designed to solicit input on the matter. The survey was publicized March 13-April 3 and was made available for paper or on-line submission during that time frame. Listed below are some highlights of the survey results obtained from 52 responses representing 69 people; a copy of the full report can be accessed in the church office.

Highlights of Worship Time Survey Report

- Seventy-five percent of respondents indicated they were able to attend a Sunday worship service that started between 10:00 and 11:00.
- Those who wanted later start times (e.g. 10:30 over 10:00) indicated that 1) the start time was very or extremely important to them and 2) they were more likely to attend services 2-3 times a month than to attend every, or nearly every Sunday.
- Those who indicated that any start time was very or extremely important were more likely than others to link their preferences to a) traffic and parking issues and b) meal schedules, and less likely than others to cite c) “not being a morning person” and d) travel time from home.
- Seventy-nine percent did not want to shift start time in the summer. For those who wanted a shift, 9:00 AM was the most preferred time. Open ended comments indicated that the reason for preferring a shift was to accommodate other summer activities.
- In sum, it appears that the majority want a start time between 10:00 and 11:00 and do not want to shift start time in the summer.

The Consistory appreciates the work of the task force and has decided to keep the start time the same during the entire year. At present, this means the start time will remain 10:45 year round for Sunday morning worship. Results of the survey will be provided to other groups (e.g., Membership and Fellowship Ministry Team) to aid in additional discussions about worship scheduling and attendance.

A special note of thanks to the members of the Worship Time Task Force—Lois Bair, Barb Chellman, Margaret Hammond, Marilyn Morrisson and Janet Swim.

--Lois Bair, *Consistory President*



CARING NETWORK

On life's journey I have been inspired and encouraged by others who "walk the talk" by showing empathy, care and love for others. This article by Nelson Mandela offers words of wisdom from one of the great heroes of our time.

"The Oppressor and the Oppressed Must Both be Liberated"
by Nelson Mandela

I always knew that deep down in every human heart, there is mercy and generosity. No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. Even in the grimmest times in prison, when my comrades and I were pushed to our limits,

I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, perhaps just for a second, but it was enough to reassure me and keep me going. Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished. It was during those long and lonely years that my hunger for the freedom of my own people became a hunger for the freedom of all people, white and black. I knew as well as I knew anything that the oppressor must be liberated just as surely as the oppressed. A man who takes away another man's freedom is a prisoner of hatred, he is locked behind the bars of prejudice and narrow-mindedness. I am not truly free if I am taking away someone else's freedom, just as surely as I am not free when my freedom is taken from me. The oppressed and the oppressor alike are robbed of their humanity. When I walked out of prison, that was my mission, to liberate the oppressed and the oppressor both. Some say that has now been achieved. But I know that that is not the case... We have not taken the final step of our journey, but the first step on a longer and even more difficult road. For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others. The true test of our devotion to freedom is just beginning. ----- Published at www.awakin.org on Mar 28, 2016



We are thankful and appreciative of the Caring Team members who take time for others. We realize we're on life's journey together. We take turns when it comes to difficulties and successes and we are here for each other, accepting and caring in ways that we hope will make a difference.

The Caring Team: Jean Frank, Sue Doran, Rev. Ernie Hawk, Edna Bicehouse, Jane Childs, June Irvin, Dr. Jim and Sally Welsh, and Mary Jane Wild. If you have any questions about the Caring Network please call me at 814-777-0993.

...Sandy Miller, *Coordinator*



CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE



April was another busy month. We emerged from a very busy March and Easter into April to find ourselves preparing another meal but this time, instead of an Easter breakfast, it was dinner for our OOTC3 homeless guests. Menu items included: chili, rice, cole slaw and an ice cream dessert. Thanks to our students and adult helpers for their hands-on support!

Thanks also to John Vincenti, Melissa Coble and Cindy Reed, who were our Church school teachers in April.

CHURCH SCHOOL MAY CALENDAR

May 1 - *"Parent Care"* day, as is our usual practice on the first Sunday of each month when we celebrate the sacrament of Communion.

May 8 - *Mother's Day*. Church school will provide a few morsels of poetic verse and distribute a handmade gift to honor our Moms (and all the women) in the congregation.

May 15 - *Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday*. Our five confirmands (two sets of twins!) will be received as the newest members of our congregation: Abby and Jordan Reed, Aila, Asher and Jules Carr-Chellman.

May 22 and May 29 - *A Gardening Project*. Through gardening, we will explore additional ways to experience God in the natural creation that consists of: water, soil, plants, seeds. We have acquired 7 organic heirloom seed varieties for garden-fresh salsa from our friends at Interfaith Power and Light (IPL). The seeds include: cilantro, green tomatillo, jalapeno pepper, purple tomatillo, purple onion, san marzano tomato, and yellow pear tomato. Beginning in May, we will plant the seeds and tend to the garden plot throughout the summer months. Later we will harvest the vegetables to make salsa, that is, if our resident West Lawn bunny family doesn't eat all of our produce!

No matter the challenges, we'll come away with the deep satisfaction of getting our hands into the earth -- digging, planting and harvesting the bounty of God's good creation. The act of gardening can teach us something about ourselves -- about our interdependence with the world of nature, and about the relationships between work and creativity.

Gardening is another way to experience God's presence with us --- through the gifts of nature and the act of gardening together. It will be a fun way to learn more about God, and to "... *taste and see that the Lord is good!*" (Psalm 34:8)

-- Barb Chellman, *Church School Coordinator*
(bkcwminc@aol.com)

Thank you!

To everyone who helped with the Church school sponsored OOTC3 meal for homeless guests on April 24th!

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear God of all creation,

Open our eyes to your wonders around us
Help us embrace the beauty of our world
while we lead our children to the beauty,
peace and joy that exists here. Amen



TRUSTEE UPDATE

(... from the Meeting of April 19, 2016)

Our West lawn project is ready to go and it appears we have the funds to nicely complete this project. Thanks to Jeff Wiest for spear heading this project.

We approved the Church School project of a raised bed salsa garden in our West lawn area.

Please note: Calder Alley will be closed to vehicular traffic from 2:00 PM Friday, June 3 until midnight, Saturday June 4, 2016. This is to accommodate “Summers Best Music Fest.”

A job well done to OOTC3 Faith church team and Chairperson, Chris Coble. A couple of our guests requested the room temperature to remain warmer because they were so cold through the day. –a little different perspective, isn't it?

Our new 310 tenant, Charter Foods, has leased all 7 parking spots behind Taco Bell. We may be issuing new parking permits (which must be displayed in our vehicles) to keep legally parked vehicles from being towed. The four (4) parking spots on the East side of 310 (opposite the dumpsters) will be available to Faith church members, displaying a valid parking permit, on Monday through Friday after 6:00 PM, all day Saturday and until 2 PM Sunday.

We have had two firms visit to inspect/examine our stained glass windows and anticipate two more. These original two agree our windows are in good condition but need to have updated exterior protection installed.

We now have one sanctuary gas furnace not working. We are entertaining proposals and recommendations from HVAC firms and considering our options concerning our furnaces.

The North Wall plaster project has a tentative start of mid-summer.

The paint colors have been chosen for the Nursery and Romig hall bathrooms for when the time comes for updating those bathrooms.

Our team has added to our “wish list” a wheel chair lift installation to the Calder entrance/Romig hall stairs. This would help with handicap entry at that entrance from the parking lot and with moving heavy food and materials to the kitchen when preparing for events in Romig Hall.

-- Alva Chellman, *Trustee Junior Co-Chair*



TRUSTEE UPDATE (cont.)

Fellow Faith Friends and members,

A few of you have requested an updated copy of the “Trustee Ministry Team Project Wish List.”

Over the past few years, our list has almost had a complete turn-over, as projects are completed. The list is constantly changing because of your generous support, interest and input. If you observe a project from the list which you would like to support, just note it on your donation. We always appreciate your input and support in caring for Faith Church.

2016 TRUSTEE MINISTRY WISH LIST

1. New plantings on West lawn (*Funds available*)
 2. Plantings in large planters on Taco Bell parking lot, behind new wall
 3. Refurbish shed between church and Taco Bell
 4. Caps on Lego-style wall between Church parking lot and Taco Bell parking lot
 5. Repair wall in North East stairwell to balcony (\$ 3,000)
 6. New carpet on steps to balcony (both sides) (\$ 1,100 for installation)
(Carpet is ordered and paid – (match chancel area carpet)
 7. Bathrooms in Romig and Nursery – Paint and cabinet(s)
 8. Replace furnaces – (Estimates \$15,000 to \$ 27,000 – Includes air conditioning for Asendorf Hall/Meyer Library for church school and Penguin Pack activity)
 9. Seal coat, layout and mark parking spaces behind church
 10. Repair sidewall concrete on outdoor steps on Locust Lane (\$ 3,000)
 11. Repair/replace ceiling panels in sanctuary outside aisles
 12. Repair/replace ceiling under outside Narthex entrance
 13. Defibrillator (\$ 1,500 to \$ 2,000)
 14. Wheel chair lift on Calder steps (\$ 5,000 to \$ 10,000)
 15. Windows – replace exterior protection – in process of procuring estimates
 16. Improvement to chancel lighting
 17. Gutter guards for sanctuary roof (\$ 2,000)
 18. Repair outside figurines and overhead ornaments at Locust Lane stairwell
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PHOTO CONTEST (*Give us your best shot!*)

The Trustees are working to improve the bathrooms in Romig Hall and the nursery! But they need your input to add beautiful photographs in both spaces. Is photography a hobby and/or a passion? If so, please consider submitting entries for a photo contest. Winners will have their photographs displayed in the Romig Hall and nursery bathrooms.

Here are details for the contest:

- Color or black and white photographs
- Local scene (preferred)
- No identifiable people (except in a distance. No children)
- High Resolution (needed to print a 16 x20 photo)

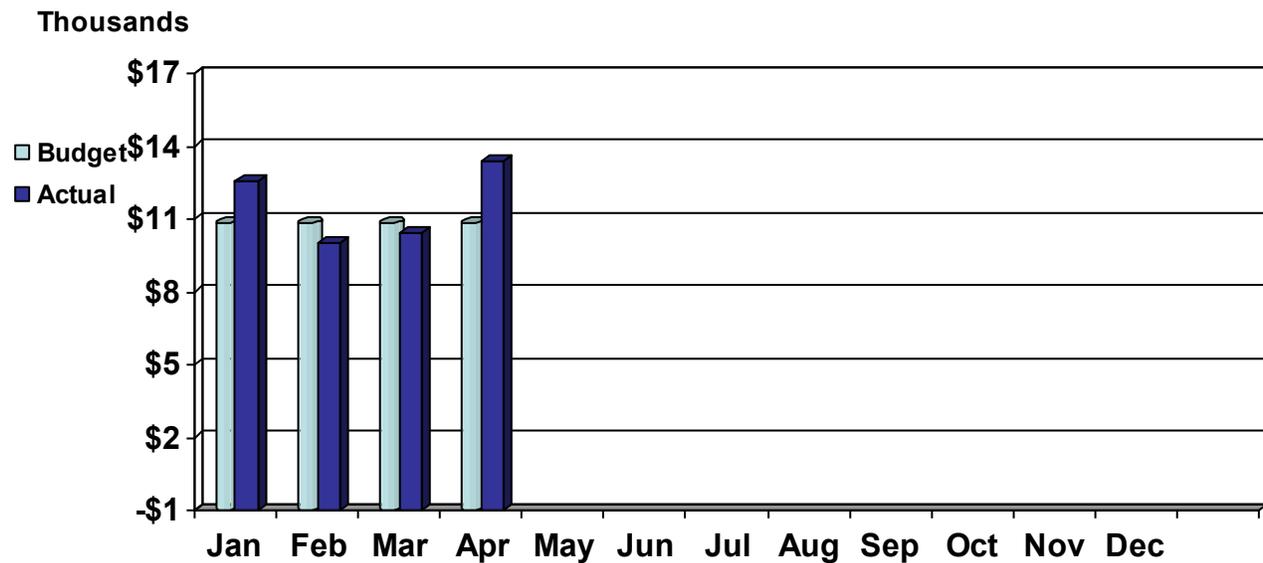


Email your entries to the church office (attention: Vaughn Shirk) -- faithucc@comcast.net. **Deadline is May 29, 2016**

Stewardship

Time. Treasure. Talent.

APRIL 2016 MONTHLY OFFERINGS budget vs. actual



April 2016

Total received = \$13,374 Total budgeted = \$ 10,833
Budget to actual difference (Month of April) = +\$2,541

April - 2016 - Year-to-Date

Total received = \$ 46,331 Total budgeted = \$ 43,333
Year-to-Date budget to actual difference = +\$2,998

Thank you for your gifts and generosity...



OUTREACH & SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM UPDATE

OUT OF THE COLD CENTRE COUNTY

Some of us have been privileged to work with *Out of the Cold* again this year (tired too)--privileged because we are reminded each time to be thankful for the blessings we've received and grateful to be able to help in this way.

Our guests--people with needs, some with significant problems, appreciated our efforts and many expressed their thanks. Those thanks go to all of those who gave financial support, cooked and helped serve meals, did the physical work of setting up and breaking down, served as host/hostess, or gave up sleep to stay the night.

Our students (and friends from other congregations) came through as overnight "campers" many evenings and we are really appreciative for their help. Most of all, we're grateful for the efforts of Chris Coble in doing the organizing, managing (and being patient with) us--and thank Melissa (who was also one of our "campers") and the girls for giving up Chris for so many nights and evenings.

Please remember our guests in your prayers, continue to support our Out of the Cold ministry, and think about being "one of the privileged" next year.

--Jean Cole

MAY SPECIAL OFFERING

Hartman Center is the Outdoor Ministries facility owned by Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ since 1964. Programming includes retreats, conferences, workshops, dinner meetings, summer camps, and other events. Hartman Center is located about 20 miles southeast of State College on old Rte. 322 in Milroy PA.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and financial donation.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERING (*Mid-Penn Legal*) = \$320.00

MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING (*OGHS*) = \$170.00

APRIL SPECIAL OFFERING (*Hoffman Homes*) = \$110.00



THANK YOU!! ... to everyone who donated cookies and helped us to host a *Study Space* during finals week.



FAITH HAPPENINGS

EVENING GUILD

The evening Guild group will meet at the home of Jean Cole on Monday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. to finalize plans for the Strawberry Festival. Any woman in the congregation is welcome and we would be very pleased if you could join us. If you need a ride or directions, phone 308-9508.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Off to Huntingdon!

Several from Faith UCC Women's Guild, plus a few spouses, traveled to Huntingdon, PA on April 25. A nice lunch was enjoyed together at the Stone Town Gallery and Cafe, followed by home visits with church friends who have chosen to transition to Westminster Woods retirement

CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS ...

To friends and loved ones of *Hazel J. Tuller* who passed away on April 10, 2016. A memorial service was held on April 24, 2016 at Foxdale Village.



LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE ...

Place food donation by your mailbox on **Saturday, May 14** for distribution to 5 local food banks.

ASSOCIATION/CONFERENCE NEWS

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION SPRING BANQUET

May 18, 6:00pm at Hartman Center

Contact Lois Bair if you're planning to attend and interested in carpooling.

PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE NEWS

CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

June 10-11

Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove

"Risking the New"

Details and registration information now available on the Conference website:

www.pccucc.org

MAY 8 is MOTHER'S DAY...



FAITH IN PHOTOS -- BIRTHDAY BASH!



MAY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND VOLUNTEERS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2	Emilee Engle Julie Coder
3	Pearl Forth
5	Aubrey Coble
6	Amy Benninghoff Peggy Salamon
7	Patti Griffith
9	Nan Sennett
12	Ashlie Asendorf
13	Clint Hegeman
14	Jeff Davidson
15	Linda Merchant
19	Daniel Pfaff
20	Aila Carr-Chellman
22	Carlton Miller
23	Susan Brandse
24	Kobe Asendorf
26	Cindy Neidigh
27	Aaron Aumiller
28	Jane Sheckells
29	Nick Stirrett
30	Benjamin Engle

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

12	Ashlie & Cary Asendorf
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ACOLYTE

1	Jordan Reed
8	Asher Carr-Chellman
15	Katelyn Moyer (Pentecost)
22	Lukas Filko
29	Aubrey Coble

LITURGIST

1	Cyndi Vincenti
8	Pastor Monica
15	Pastor Monica
22	Sue Cromwell
29	Mary Jane Wild

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

1	Alva Chellman
8	Pastor Monica
15	Confirmands
22	Chris Coble
29	Davin Carr-Chellman

USHERS

1	Larry Bair , Jim Welsh, Wayne and Edna Bicehouse
8	Neil Christy , Alva Chellman, Larry Bair
15	Tom Daubert , Vaughn Shirk, Kay Shirk
22	Larry Bair , Jane Childs, Peggy Salamon
29	Alva Chellman , Tina Aumiller, Ben Harris

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

1	Eileen and Dan Pfaff
8	Jean Cole
15	Reed family
22	JoAnn Edwards
29	OPEN

SUNDAY TRUSTEES

1	Tom Daubert
8	Neil Christy
15	Tom Daubert
22	OPEN
29	OPEN

NURSERY

1	<i>Parent's Care</i> (Communion Sunday)
8	Cyndi Vincenti/Jean Frank
15	Jean Cole/Jean Frank
22	OPEN
29	Chris Coble/Jean Frank

FLOWERS

1	OPEN
8	OPEN
15	Women's Guild
22	OPEN
29	OPEN



WORSHIP CALENDAR

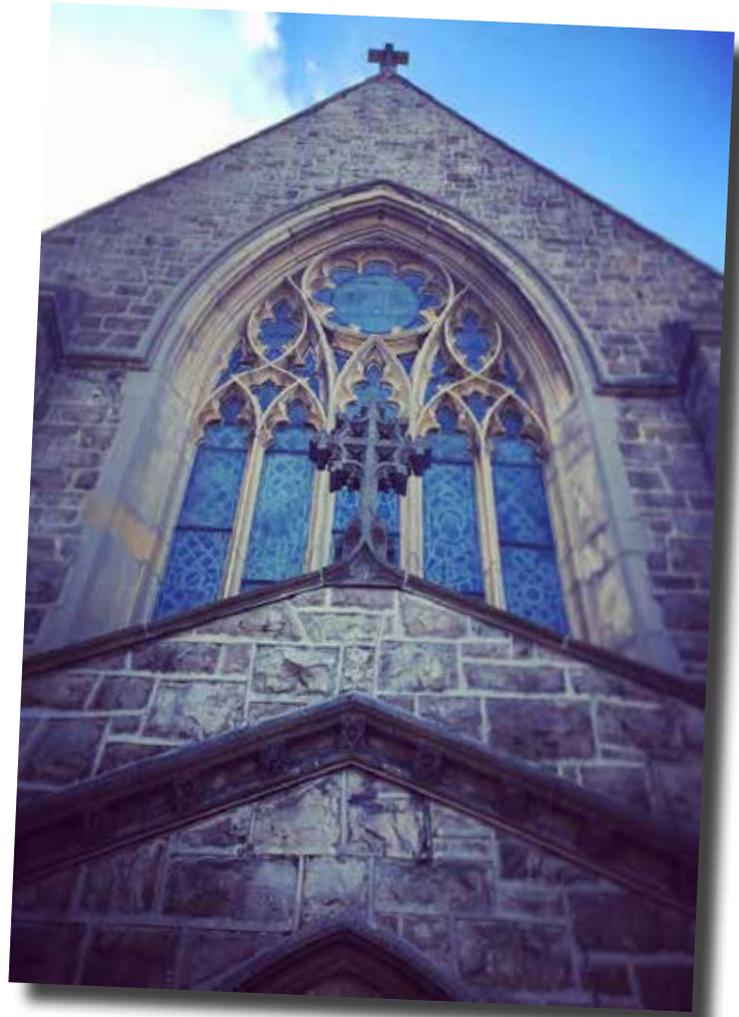
May 1 — Sixth Sunday of Easter
Text: Acts 16: 9-15
John 5:1-9
Sermon: *“On the Road Again”*
Other: Holy Communion (intinction)

May 8 — Seventh Sunday of Easter
Text: Genesis 18: 9-15
Sermon: *“Birthing a Promise”*
Other: Mother’s Day

May 15 — PENTECOST SUNDAY
Text: Acts 2:1-21
John 14: 8-17 (25-27)
Sermon: *“Affirming Faith”*
Other: Receive confirmands as new members. Remember to wear something RED!

May 22— TRINITY SUNDAY
Text: Psalm 8
John 16: 12-15
Sermon: --
Other: Hymn Sing

May 29— Second Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7: 1-10
Sermon: *“Faith to Believe”*
Other:



Prayers for healing and wholeness:

Cecil Irvin, Linda Merchant, Susan Meyer, Lisa B., (JoAnn’s daughter), Ron Neidigh, Timothy Tressler (Ruth’s son), Brandon G., Randy Brown (Aimee’s father), Lisa Neidigh, Anna Mary, Bunnie Hartswick, Peggy, Susan White, John Switalski, Allison, Karen L., Stroman family, Katelynn Wilson, family and friends of Hazel Tuller (grieving), Margie, victims of earthquakes in Japan and Ecuador



SUMMER HOURS — 10:45AM

Faith United Church of Christ

300 East College Avenue

State College, PA 16801

FaithWorks!

WORSHIP: 10:45 AM

We welcome children! During the service, nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers (0-3 years) and Church School for children and youth ages 4+ years., except on Communion Sundays. **Holy Communion is celebrated monthly -- every first Sunday.**

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