

SEPTEMBER 2016

Faith Works!

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Fun and games at the indoor Church picnic

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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,

Parents are breathing sighs of relief as summer vacations give way to the normalcy and routine on school schedules. During our August 25th worship service we offered back-to-school/backpack blessings for all students and educators, including the college students. Our congregation offered spontaneous applause for the new and returning college students, giving them a warm welcome back ... we missed them!

September will be a busy month for us! We will welcome guests from Penn Central Conference, and a guest preacher, early in the month.

Regular Church school will resume on September 11, with Rally Day events are planned for the end of September. We will have two baptism services in September to welcome three children as disciples of Christ, members of the church. Following the baptism on the 25th, I will say farewell to this congregation as I leave to serve as the newly elected Conference Minister for the Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ, with offices in Harrisburg, PA.

In my new role I will continue to serve this church and the other 191 churches in Penn Central Conference. To assist with the transition Conference staff has already begun to work with our Consistory, in the search and call process, to help with the selection of a new pastoral leader for Faith Church.

It has been a privilege to serve in ministry alongside all of you, over the past 3 years and almost nine months. May God continue to richly bless you and keep you faithful as servants of the Servant, Christ Jesus!

In Christ,
Pastor Monica



CONSISTORY CORNER

At its August 27 meeting the Consistory reluctantly accepted the resignation of Pastor Monica Dawkins-Smith. Pastor Monica will be leaving us at the end of September to begin a new chapter in her ministry as the newly appointed Conference Minister of the Penn Central Conference.

Pastor Monica's pastoral ministry at Faith began in January 2013, and the past three and a half years have been a busy and productive time for the congregation. We are grateful for Pastor Monica's energetic and Spirit-filled leadership, and we take comfort in the fact that, while she will no longer serve as pastor at Faith, she will still be connected to the congregation as pastor of our UCC conference.

As a congregation, we will have two opportunities to participate actively in this time of transition for Pastor Monica:

- On September 4, representatives of the Penn Central Conference will join us in worship, and will conduct a ceremony marking the signing of the Rev. Dr. Dawkins-Smith's covenant as Conference Minister.
- September 25 will be Pastor Monica's last Sunday at Faith, and I urge all members and friends to attend worship that day to participate in a ceremony of release, and to give Pastor Monica a warm Faith send-off!

In Christ's service,
Lois Bair, *Consistory President*



CARING NETWORK

What If

*If you have helped one single person
To overcome a prejudicial mind,
You have made an angel sing.*

*If you've withheld hot words of anger,
When control was hard to find,
You have made the heavens ring.*

*If you keep a smile upon your face,
Though the going's really rough,
You'll be blessed in many ways,*

*Doing little acts of kindness
Will, perhaps, be just enough
To brighten up somebody's days.*

*If you find love within your heart,
Do not leave it there unspoken.
There is no greater gift to give.*

*Reach out to everyone around you,
Let its warmth be spread unbroken
Into this world in which we live.*

---Alora M Knight

We are thankful for our Caring Leaders here at Faith UCC. They are Edna Bicehouse, Jane Childs, Sue Doran, Jean Frank, Rev. Ernie Hawk, June Irvin, Dr. Jim and Sally Welsh, and Mary Jane Wild. If you have any questions about the Caring Network please call me at 814-777-0339 or email me at sandy99@onemain.com. Thank you.

---Sandy Miller, Coordinator



CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE



REASONS TO SERVE IN THE CHURCH NURSERY

1. The Scriptures have specific promises about God's presence when children are welcomed and loved in Jesus' name.
2. The church nursery is the first contact young families will have with your church. Your friendly greeting and exceptional care for their children can make a great first impression for our church.

(adapted from Ministry to Children)

To volunteer or for more information, contact:

Barb Chellman: bkcwminc@aol.com

Jean Frank: jeanfrank4@gmail.com



"We've been spending our "summer church school time" with Justice Welsh, and his guitar (in the very hot Asendorf Hall), leading us in song and instrumentals each week. We've had fun! And since we've had some rain, our Salsa garden is growing well. We will be making salsa very soon!

Once again it's time for church school to begin, and we will learn about God and His word. All children are welcome!

If you are interested in volunteering in our church school education program as a teacher, or helper, please talk with me. We will have two class groupings, the ages for each will be determined as we progress.

Our **SEPTEMBER** schedule looks like this:

- September 4 Communion Sunday and parent care day in the nursery
- September 11 Class time will resume. We will meet in Asendorf Hall following the children's story.
Lesson: Jesus came to save lost sinners/Jesus never gives up on a lost sheep -- Luke 15:3-10
- September 18 We will meet in Asendorf Hall following the children's story.
Lesson: Do the right thing/The dishonest Manager – Being honest and trustworthy -- Luke 16:10
- September 25 **Church School Rally Day:** No classes. We will be presenting and making music during the worship service time. During refreshment hour, after the service, we will serve our "summer's bounty" from the salsa garden. We hope you will plan to attend.

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



RALLY DAY -- SEPTEMBER 25TH

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Fellow Faith Friends and Members,

The Trustee Ministry Team met on Tuesday, August 9, with eight members in attendance. The West lawn project is complete with an amount from donations still held in reserve for next spring plantings.

Thanks to our Jeff Wiest for his leadership on this project.

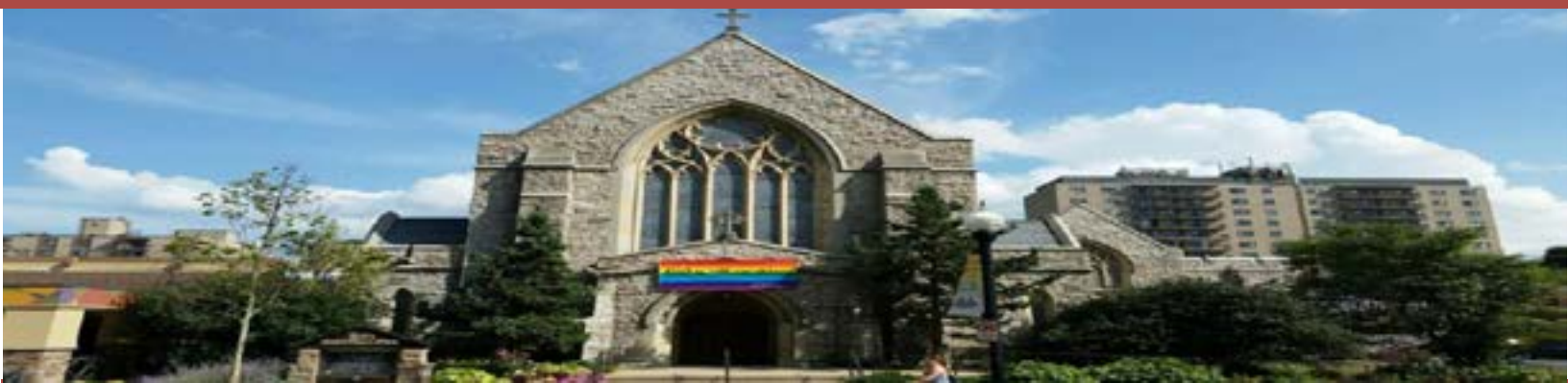
The Scout projects are complete. A special thanks to Jeff from Alex's ProScapes for his volunteer help with decorating the parking lot wall and an impromptu tutorial on mushroom hunting for the scouts. A few maintenance projects are complete: re-glued kick plate treads in Stairwell A; repaired overhead fan rheostat in Asendorf Hall; repaired marquee light on College Avenue with new GFI; We signed a new, one year maintenance agreement with PBCI Allen for 310 HVAC system (exterior.) The North East Stairwell project is underway. This project is to repair and replace the crumbling plaster and install new carpeting on the East and West stairways to the balcony. Our photo contest has ended. Thanks to all who submitted photos. The winners will have their photos framed and placed in our "yet to be" refurbished bathrooms. This is truly a place of honor for your talents to be on display! The furnace replacements and air conditioning of Meyer Library project is scheduled for late September.

---Alva Chellman, Co-Chair

2016 TRUSTEE MINISTRY WISH LIST

1. Caps on Lego-style wall between Church parking lot and Taco Bell parking lot
2. Repair wall in North East stairwell to balcony (*Only \$300 is still needed*)
3. New carpet on steps to balcony (both sides) (*Only \$300 is still needed for installation*)
4. Bathrooms in Romig and Nursery – Paint and cabinet(s)
5. Replace furnaces – (*Only \$7,000 is still needed -- includes air conditioning for Asendorf Hall/Meyer Library used for Church school, Adult Forum and Penguin Pack activity*)
6. Seal coat, layout and mark parking spaces behind church
7. Repair sidewall concrete on outdoor steps on Locust Lane (\$ 3,000)
8. Repair/replace ceiling panels in sanctuary outside aisles
9. Repair/replace ceiling under outside Narthex entrance
10. Defibrillator (\$ 1,500 to \$ 2,000)
11. Wheel chair lift on Calder steps (\$ 5,000 to \$ 10,000)
12. Windows – replace exterior protection – in process of procuring estimates
13. Improvement to chancel lighting
14. Repair outside figurines and overhead ornaments at Locust Lane stairwell
15. Re-finish railings in front of the church on College Avenue and on Locust Lane

Thank you for your continued financial support for items on the "Trustee Ministry Team Project Wish List."



Stewardship

Time. Treasure. Talent.

NEW!! "GIVE BY TEXT"

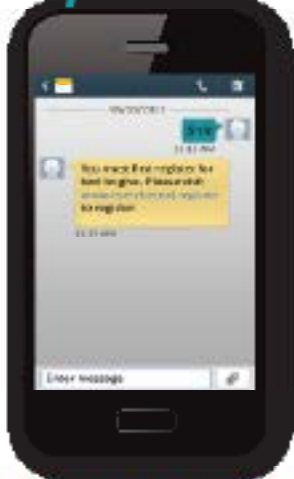
Send a text to 814-240-4327 with the amount you would like to contribute. You will be able to make a one-time or recurring contribution to Faith Church with a quick text message using your credit or debit card!

Faith United Church of Christ

Give by Text Quick Guide

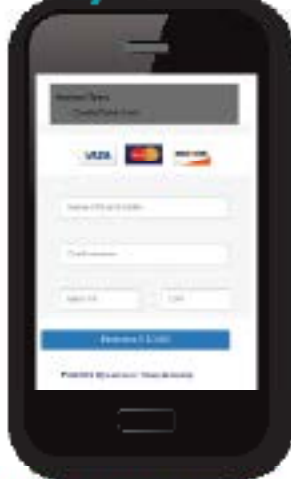
Give by Text # for Faith United Church of Christ 814-240-4327

1) Get Started



Enter your 10-digit Give by Text number and the amount you wish to donate. Make sure to use the dollar sign before the amount.

2) Register



You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Click "Process."

3) Give



After registration is complete, you will receive a verification by text as well as a receipt via email.

4) Repeat



For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give and it will process automatically.

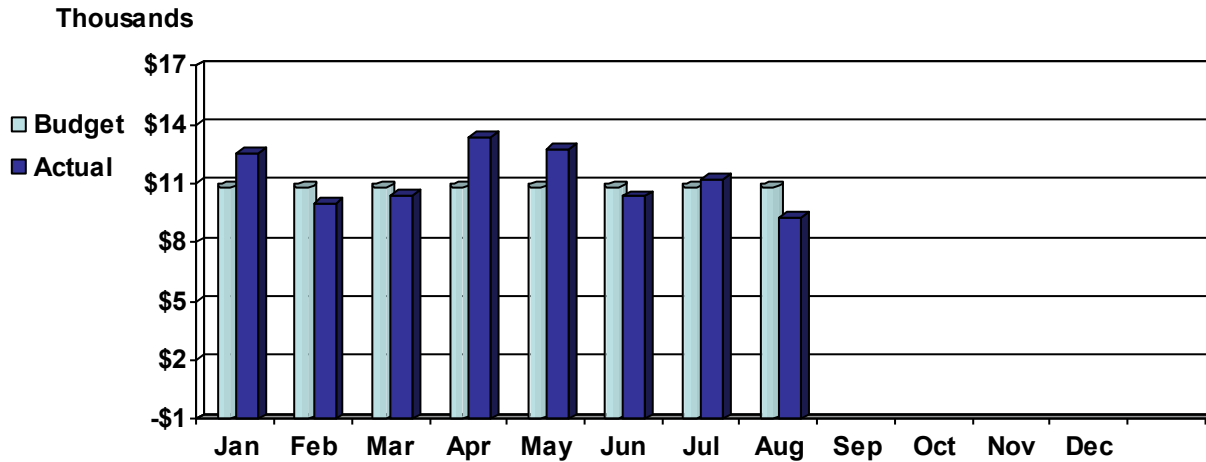
Thank you for your gifts and generosity...



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AUGUST 2016 MONTHLY OFFERINGS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL



August 2016

Total received = \$9,319 Total budgeted = \$ 10,833
Budget to actual difference (Month of July) = -\$ 1,514

August - 2016 - Year-to-Date

Total received = \$88,340 Total budgeted = \$ 86,667
Year-to-Date budget to actual difference = +\$1,673

STEWARDSHIP-- AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY

You will soon receive pledge forms and information about the exciting ministry opportunities at Faith UCC and will be asked to consider how you will support them through your time, talents, and financial offerings. October will be stewardship month. We are looking forward to a **100%** response.

Your financial pledges will be totaled to help determine what our income will be for next year's (2017) annual operating budget, and an expense budget will be developed that reflects what you intend to give. That's why it will be important to return your pledge form.

~Budget Committee

Thank you for your gifts and generosity...



FAITH HAPPENINGS

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING

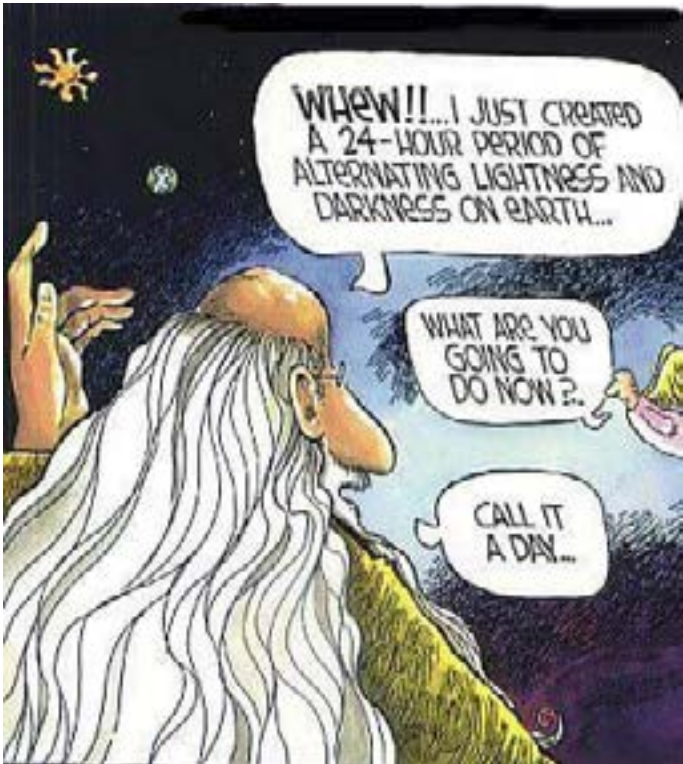
PARK FOREST PRESCHOOL

Park Forest Preschool is dedicated to providing low income families with a comprehensive preschool program that includes education, social skills, and developmental motor skills taught by qualified teachers in a friendly, safe environment. The preschool continues their mission of assisting at-risk children to grow and thrive while preparing them for a successful start in public school.

Thank you for your consideration and financial support!

- JANUARY SPECIAL OFFERING (Women's Resource Center) = \$484.00
- FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERING (Mid-Penn Legal) = \$320.00
- MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING (OGHS) = \$215.00
- APRIL SPECIAL OFFERING (Hoffman Homes) = \$110.00
- MAY SPECIAL OFFERING (Hartman Center) = \$275.00
- JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING (Strengthen the Church) = \$325.00
- JULY SPECIAL OFFERING (LGBT Coalition) = \$305.00
- AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING (Bethany Children's Home) = \$329.00

HUMOR



SAVE THE DATE...October 16, 2016
(and plan to participate!)

The State College CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for **Sunday, October 16, 2016**. This year's event begins next door at St. Paul's United Methodist Church with registration beginning at 1PM and the walk beginning at 2PM.

The State College Food Bank will receive 25% of walk donations from this local fundraising event. Light food and water will be served. We walk a 5K (3.1 miles) in the borough of State College; maps of the route are distributed. Pets allowed to walk the walk but not inside St. Paul's UMC. Once we have our Faith Church Team registered online, we will be able to support this endeavor online as well as soliciting .

More information is forthcoming!

---Brent Frank



ALL PENN STATE STUDENTS
Free Box Lunch Fellowship!
Sunday, September 18, 12noon
Asendorf Hall (3rd floor)

RSVP by 9/15 to:
Church office: faithucc@comcast.net or
Faith Eherts: feherts@gmail.com

Special
FUNDRAISING
EVENTS



COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Marianna's hoagie and pizza sale.
Details to follow soon!

WOMEN'S DAYTIME GUILD ...

after having a break for the summer, will meet on Monday, September 26th at noon in Romig Hall. Bring your own lunch. We will have a hopefully, short business meeting followed by cleaning the cupboards and counters in the kitchen. Any woman that attends church is welcome to come. Contact *Edna Bicehouse* if you have any questions.

ADULT FORUM ... resumes Sunday, September 11, 9:30am in Meyer Library.

Penn Central Conference News

Welcome to the new staff *

**Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith*
Conference Minister
(Starting date - October 10, 2016)

<i>Rev. Dr. Laurene Bowers</i>	Conference Associate Minister for Congregational Life & Vitality
<i>*Rev. Betsy Bruaw</i>	Conference Associate Minister for Discernment
<i>*Rev. Nora Foust</i>	Conference Associate Minister for Ministerial Excellence
<i>*Rev. Rick Luciotti</i>	Facilitator of Care to Clergy and Clergy Families
<i>*Rev. Patty Dodds</i>	Coordinator of Camps/Retreats/ Youth Ministry
OPEN	Minister of Communications
Wendy Hepler	Administrative Assistant
Janice Mountain	Profile Secretary/Receptionist

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION
STEWARDSHIP DINNER

Tuesday, September 27 (6:30 - 8 p.m.)
St. John's UCC, 218 N. Church Street, Boalsburg 16827

The Suppers will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a simple meal of soup and sandwich. A Stewardship Testimony from a local congregation will be shared followed by a presentation by one of the 'mostly new' Conference staff, sharing why what they have been called to do is so exciting. Dave Bushnell, Acting Conference Minister and Rick Luciotti, Facilitator of Care to Clergy & Clergy Families, will be attending the Northern Association supper.

Finally, congregations will receive a letter describing the per capita giving of their church as well as a form to send back to the Conference to indicate their giving goal for 2017. Did you know, for example, that of the 16 highest per capita giving congregations of the Conference, 8 churches had 150 members or fewer?

PENGUIN PACKS

Penguin Packs Volunteer Opportunities!

Are you interested in helping our church feed hungry school children on the weekends?

We will be delivering our first backpacks with weekend food to local students in October. To make this happen, we rely on many volunteers to help receive food from the Central PA Food Bank, fill the packs with food, and deliver the packs to participating schools. This year, we especially need volunteers to open the church for packing and to help organize the food for packs.

If you are interested in being a Penguin Packs volunteer, please contact Cindy Reed at cindyhreed@yahoo.com or 814-954-7441.

Thank you!



FAITH IN PHOTOS



*(Indoor) Church Picnic
August 14, 2016*

Lots of fun, food and fellowship!



Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light
2016 Annual Conference - Sunday, October 30

An Environment of Justice

Communities of Faith Responding to Climate Change

at Good Shepherd Catholic Church of State College

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Keynote speaker
Dr. Jolanne White-Newsome

A leader addressing the
intersection of climate change
and public health

Learn more & register at
paipl.org



Laughter ~~in~~ **is** Sacred Space

"...laughter, tears, joy
sorrow, inspiration, and comedy
- all in one show."

Tuesday
September 20, 2016
7:30 pm
Faith UCC
300 E College Ave,
State College, PA 16801

Sponsored by University Park Allocation Committee, 3rd Way Collective, and Learning to Live: What's Your Story?



What is Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation?

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) was formed because of a girl named Alex Scott. At a very young age, Alex was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a type a cancer. Upon seeing all the other sick kids around her at the doctor's offices and hospitals, she decided to start a lemonade stand to raise money for cancer research. The stand was a huge success, and soon, that one stand turned into many, as she inspired others to raise money too. At the age of 8, Alex lost the physical battle she had been fighting, but lives on in the hearts of so many. Her family continues raising money, holding lemonade stands, and encouraging others to get involved in ALSF.

Why am I Involved with ALSF?

Hi, my name is Emily Reiss and a few years ago I was one among 60 lucky teens across America who were accepted into Alex's Lemonade Stand Leadership Academy. It was held at Villanova University for 4 days during the summer. During that time, we had many speakers come and hold presentations, my favorite being Alex's parents who touched the hearts of each and every one of us. Together we laughed, and cried, and bonded beyond belief. I came home a different person with a better perspective, and the desire to stay involved in this incredible foundation.

What's Alex's Million Mile?

Alex's Million Mile is an event created in order to help spread cancer awareness in a way that promotes the health of all. September is childhood cancer awareness month, and over the course of those 30 days people from all over the WORLD form teams, and track the amount of miles that they walk, run, or bicycle. Collectively, by September 30th, we all try to reach a total of 1,000,000 miles! I'm excited for the State College community to help contribute to the foundation's million-mile goal.

How can one join a team?

My team is called "The Crazy Lemons." You may join me at any time during the month of September using the link www.alexslimonade.org/mypage/1247654 . On that page, click "Join the team!" on the lower right side. You will then be directed to create an account. Keep your username and password handy, so that you can sign in later to track your miles. You will also be asked to set a mileage and fundraising goal. Fundraising is appreciated but not necessary to be a part of the team. At the end of the day it's all about walking, running, or cycling, with this amazing little girl in our hearts. Additionally, there are a few apps listed on the website that you may also track your miles with. No computer? I can add you as a member manually and input your miles as you tell me them. Your pet's miles count too!

How can one donate?

1. Donations by credit card:
Visit www.alexslimonade.org/mypage/1247654
Click on "Donate to my Event."
2. Donations by check: Make checks payable to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, and please include in the memo, "AMM event ID E1247654"

For more information, contact:
Emily Reiss ekr5109@psu.edu



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND VOLUNTEERS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

10	William Coder
11	Arthur Armington
13	Mike Hogan
15	Jacki Hunt
16	Christine Bowers
17	Katelyn Moyer
19	Patty Hertzog Adam Fontaine
21	Bunnie Hartswick Kirk Neidigh Alexandra Shirk
24	Nathan Woleslagle

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2	Mike & Lisa Hogan
3	Mark & Cyndy Engle
7	Cecil & June Irvin
18	Bob & Patti Griffith

ACOLYTE

4	Aubrey Coble
11	Jordan Reed
18	Katelyn Moyer
25	Abby Reed

LITURGIST

4	Pastor Monica
11	Pastor Monica
18	Mary Jane Wild
25	Cyndi Vincenti

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

4	Alva Chellman
11	Chris Coble
18	Pastor Monica
25	Church school <i>Rally Day</i>

USHERS

4	Larry Bair, Cyndi Vincenti, Mary Jane Wild
11	Tom Daubert, Ben Harris, Martha Thompson
18	Neil Christy, Sue Doran, Sue Cromwell
25	Alva Chellman, Vaughn Shirk, Kay Shirk

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

4	OPEN
11	Pelletiers (baptism)
18	Lois Bair/Laura Cox
25	Sue Doran/ Church school

SUNDAY TRUSTEES

4	Larry Bair
11	Tom Daubert
18	OPEN
25	OPEN

NURSERY

4	Parent's Care (Communion Sunday)
11	OPEN
18	OPEN
25	OPEN

FLOWERS

4	OPEN
11	OPEN
18	OPEN
25	OPEN



WORSHIP CALENDAR

- September 4 — Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Jeremiah 18:1-11
Luke 14:25-33
Sermon: *"Shaped by God"*
Other: Holy Communion (intinction)
Visit from Penn Central
Conference staff
- September 11 — Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Exodus 32:7-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10
Sermon: *"Everybody's Looking for Something"*
Other: Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Ruth Shaver;
baptism (Ben and Sam Pelletier)
- September 18 — Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13
Sermon: *"Hope Springs Eternal"*
Other: Student Welcome Back Luncheon,
hosted by Outreach & Service
Ministry team
- September 25 — Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: 1 Timothy 6: 6-19
Luke 16: 19-31
Other: Church school Rally Day;
baptism (Isabella Hammond) and
Pastor Monica's farewell



CHOIR REHEARSAL

resumes Thursdays at 7:00pm:

- September 1
- September 8
- September 15
- September 22



Prayers for healing and wholeness:

Cecil Irvin, Linda Merchant, Susan Meyer, Lisa B., (JoAnn's daughter), Timothy Tressler (Ruth's son), Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Bunnie Hartswick, Katelynn Wilson, Jean Dreese, Wayne & Leila Carns, April S., Robin Smith, Daisy (Steven Romig's Mom), AJ, Randy Brown (Aimee's Dad), Dorothy Shirk (Vaughn's mother), Sheila W., victims of flooding in Louisiana, fires in California and earthquakes in Italy

Faith United Church of Christ

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State College, PA 16801

Faith Works!

WORSHIP: 10:45 AM

We welcome children!

During the service, nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers (up to 4 years old) 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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