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

The Caring Network...

What is the Caring Network and what do the Caring Leaders do?

We are very fortunate to have a group of nine Caring Leaders (volunteers) who are friends and members at Faith Church. They are: Edna Bicehouse, Jane Childs, Jean Frank, Sue Doran, Rev. Ernie Hawk, June Irvin, Mary Jane Wild, and Jim and Sally Welsh.

Each Caring Leader has a list of people from the church with whom they keep in contact.

Our main question is: *“How do you want to be cared for?”*

Please let your Caring Leader know if you have a prayer request or if you need help or support in some way.

If you have any questions please call me at 814-777-0339 or email me at sandy99@onemain.com.

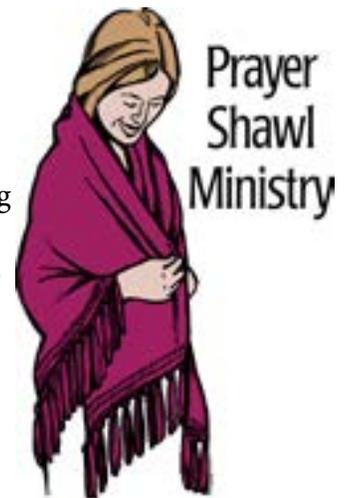
Thank you,

Sandy Miller -
Caring Coordinator

Part of the Caring Network’s work is done through the Prayer Shawl ministry.

Caring Network leaders bring ministry needs to the Pastor and others on the Caring Teams. If you know anyone in the Faith Caring Community (members and friends of Faith) who would welcome receiving a handmade prayer shawl (also known as “comfort shawls” or “peace shawls”), please let Pastor Myers know.

The purpose of the prayer shawls, which are made for both men and women, are to comfort, support, and encourage. Prayer shawls are prayers for healing and hope. Since 2011, we have given over 30 shawls to members and friends of Faith. Each shawl is labeled with a prayer and the name of the recipient.



Please contact Sandy Miller (sandy99@onemain.com), leader of the Caring Teams, or Pastor Bret (revbmyers@yahoo.com) if you know someone who you think would like to receive a shawl.



CHURCH SCHOOL



Church School for the month of August:

As mentioned previously, Michelle Barnard is taking over the “job” of scheduling persons to “work” our nursery. If you’re interested in adding your name to Michelle’s nursery helper list, let her know at remwcgrad@hotmail.com.

Our church school garden is planted and growing nicely. Hopefully we’ll have a plentiful crop of vegetables to make salsa again this year. We’ll need helpers to weed and water and harvest.

A very special **Thank You!** to all of the wonderful volunteers who have been giving of their time and talents this summer to teach Church School! There is nothing that builds the Body of Christ the same way as having role models other than “mom and dad” reinforcing the Biblical truths outside of a family system.

It truly “takes a village” and ours is wonderful!



To volunteer or for more information about either Church School or Nursery, please contact:

Barb Chellman: bkcwminc@aol.com

Jean Frank: jeanfrank4@gmail.com

All Children Are Welcome!

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

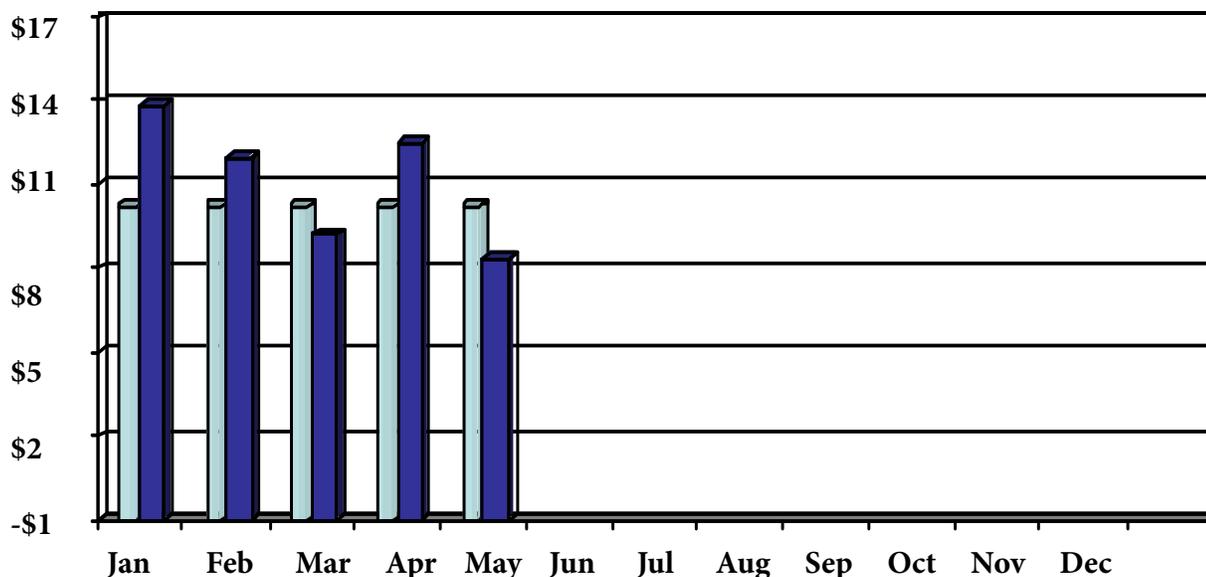


June 2017

Faith United Church of Christ

Monthly Offerings: Budget vs. Actual

■ Budget ■ Actual
Thousands



May 2017

Total received = \$8,389 Total budgeted = \$10,239

Budget to actual difference (Current Month) = - \$1,850

May – 2017 - Year-to-Date

Total received = \$55,966 Total budgeted = \$51,195

Year-to-Date budget to actual difference = + \$4,771

*Thank you for your continued stewardship in providing financial support
for the missions and ministries of Faith UCC*



FAITH HAPPENINGS



AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING

Bethany Children's Home (<http://www.bethanyhome.org>) is Pennsylvania's first DPW Sanctuary® Certified agency, having earned the certification in 2010. Thanks to their Sanctuary® accreditation, youth who have been abused and neglected have the opportunity to live the lives they deserve. Unique and specialized programs give youth access to a variety of therapeutic, spiritual, and cultural services in addition to recreational activities.

Thank you for your consideration and financial support!



Faith UCC 's Peace Pod of Knitters

Knitting 4 Peace is part of an International organization known as Women 4 Women/Knitting 4 Peace, Denver, CO.

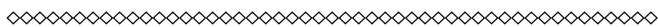


Our Peace Pod knitters are Jean Frank, Sue Doran, Susan Brandse, Jean Weller, Sally Welsh, and Jane Childs.

They have made several Prayer shawls and baby blankets for our church family, plus other items that may be sent to mission areas.

Ladies, thank you for your service!

The Peace Pod group welcomes other knitters . Contact Jane Childs , 231-3881 or speak to any of the other knitters if you would like to help.



“Faith UCC is a welcoming church open to all and very strong in its fellowship. Together we have been able to do some pretty incredible things for the community!”

We are working to publically share some of the great things Faith UCC has been doing via the church's facebook page.

Going forward, if you have any photographs or information that you would like to see displayed on the Facebook page regarding the church, please contact

Emily Reiss at emilykr97@aol.com or

Chris Coble at coble.chris@gmail.com.

If you are new to facebook, you can find Faith UCC's page here: <https://www.facebook.com/SCFaithUCC/>.”

New Parking Permits Are In!

If you haven't already picked one up, the new red church parking permits are available in the church office!



If you *have* picked one up, contact the office or stop in to *ensure that your plate number is on file*. When we start enforcing the parking more strictly this fall, we want to be certain we're only having violators towed!

Please note that your older, paper permit is still valid--but not for long!

Please come get your upgrade this summer!

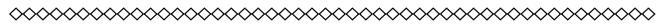
Also note that these placards are only one per vehicle. Additional placards for additional vehicles can be purchased for \$5 each.

⚠ These placards should be stored in the glovebox to prevent deterioration. Pennsylvania law prohibits their use while the vehicle is in use.



The Guild will meet Aug. 28 at noon in front of the church to have lunch together at Taco Bell and a short meeting.

All women of the church are welcome to attend.



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursdays at 7:00pm:

- August 3
- August 10
- August 17
- August 24
- August 31



Date: Sunday, August 13, 2017

Time: 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Place: Tudek Park

(near playground, restroom & butterfly garden)

Bring a covered dish ... hot dogs provided!

Look for a sign-up sheet mid July!



Join us at the **Church
Picnic!**



The ballroom of the Razumovsky palace in Vienna.
Beethoven dedicated three string quartets to Count Razumovsky in 1806.

Mark Ferraguto (organist at Faith UCC) and family spent the month of June in Vienna, Austria. Mark was working as a researcher and guest lecturer at IES Abroad (Institute for the International Education of Students). He was collecting information for a book on Beethoven, who worked in the city for most of his career. They capped off their trip with a week in sunny Italy, where they explored Rome and visited Mark's cousins in Gaeta. While much of the history was lost on Owen, he definitely enjoyed city life -- especially riding escalators and subways!



Mark, Lisa, Owen, and cousin Rosa in Gaeta, Italy.

FAITH HAPPENINGS CALENDAR



August						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Trustees 6:30 PM	3	4 First Friday	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 International Students Arrive	12
13 Picnic @ Tudek 4 PM	14	15	16	17	18 Student's Return to Campus Avoid Park Ave!	19
20	21 Classes Start Parking Enforcement Begins Consistory 5:30 PM	22	23	24	25	26

Here's a *new feature* for the Newsletter!

Many church activities, or events affecting the church are posted on the church's online calendar (insert link). But that doesn't work as well for our members who prefer having a copy they can actually hold...so here it is!

If you have an event, or know of an event that should be listed, please contact the office.



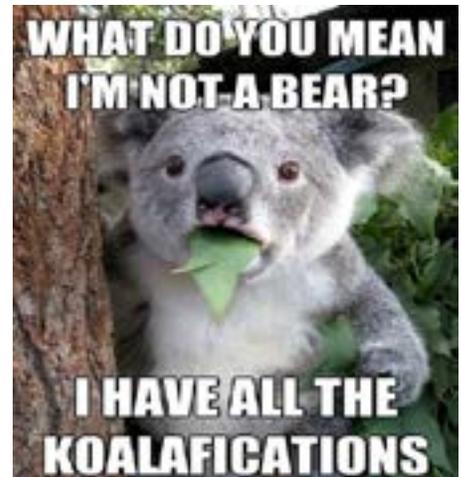
Faith Church will be getting an updated, "new and improved" website that will be launched very soon! It will have the same web address: www.faithucc.info

Thanks to a special offer through the UCC national headquarters for the opportunity for change!

Even more thanks to Chris Coble for all his time thus far getting the structure well established so the transition is as painless as possible!

Stay tuned for the coming Launch Date!

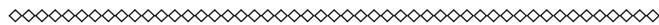
JUST FOR 





Special August Interfaith Coffee Hour

Interfaith Open House at Home of IICC
Convener Sarah Malone
NOTE CHANGED DATE:
Wednesday, **AUGUST 9**
TIME: 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Look for details coming in the bulletin.



Are you cleaning out your house or moving this summer?
Interfaith Human Services would be happy to pick up your gently-used furniture!

Through our Free Furniture and Recycled Appliance Program, we help our low-income neighbors furnish their homes. All you need to do is call, and we'll come and pick up your items. No work for you, no cost to those who need furnishings, and fewer items going into landfill.
It's a win-win for everyone!

Our warehouse is nearly empty right now, so we're looking for pre-owned but well-kept beds, mattresses, dressers, and tables of all sorts. We also take electric stoves, refrigerators, washers, and dryers in good working order.

If you have items to donate, please call Interfaith Human Services at 814.234.7731, and leave a message for Harry. He'll call back to schedule a pick-up!

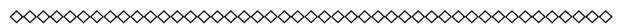
PACCT:

Parents of Addicted Children Coming Together is a new program being offered by Community Help Centre providing education and support to parents struggling with the substance abuse of a grown child.

It is a 4 week course that incorporates group discussion and opportunities for participants to interact, with an emphasis on self-care and personal well-being.

Topics include: substance abuse, addiction, recovery, and relapse; impacts on the family; healthy behaviors and coping skills; how to reduce enabling behaviors; how to encourage sobriety in the home; and treatment options and local resource information.

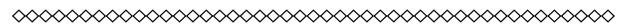
Inquire or register by calling: (814) 234-8222. A modest fee is required of participants who are able to pay.



Church Parking Permits:

If you haven't already picked one up, the new red placards are available in the church office!

Please note that parking will be strictly enforced starting **21 August**.



All of the announcements are available on the church website.

There are often several pages worth of reminders that are not posted weekly just due to the number of them and the detail for each article.

The online posting is more comprehensive.

The announcements included in the weekly bulletin will be limited to those specific items dated for that week, along with a couple that don't have expiration dates, such as the invitation to join the congregation.

You can find the Announcements here: <http://www.faihucc.info/news.html>. They should clearly listed by date at the top of the link list.



FAITH NIGHT AT THE CURVE!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH AT 6 PM



AT PNG FIELD



VS



Come join the Altoona Curve for a night of family, faith & baseball on Sunday, August 13 at 6 pm. Watch the Curve take on the Trenton Thunder at PNG Field. Enjoy pre-game interviews with current & former Curve players discussing their faith. Enjoy a pre-game concert from John Tibbs presented by Element Church. There will also be a Faith Night jersey auction presented by Central States Mfg. benefiting Patched Together. Plus a spectacular fireworks show following the game!



Bring a group of 20+ people & receive discounted tickets starting at just \$6!

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

**CONTACT JOEL FOX
JFOX@ALTOONACURVE.COM or 814.283.3120**

Please note that "Faith Night" is a generic designation and *not* an indication that Faith UCC as a congregation is specifically endorsing, sponsoring, or even participating in this event. It is simply another opportunity for fellowship with family and friends.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

5	TINA AUMILLER
6	JOANN EDWARDS
8	ALISON CARR-CHELLMAN
10	MAUREEN DUNHAM
15	VAUGHN SHIRK
16	KAY SHIRK
	JOAN BLASKO
17	SEANN REED
19	LISA HOGAN
21	KYLE ENGLE
23	ELIZABETH YOUNG
24	MICAH BAIR
	CLIF MERCHANT
29	MATT FOUNTAINE
30	DAVIN CARR-CHELLMAN



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

13	JEFF & JANET SWIM-DAVIDSON
19	CHRIS & MELISSA COBLE
24	MARK & META MECKSTROTH
25	DANE & TINA AUMILLER
29	ALVA & BARB CHELLMAN



ACOLYTE

August 6	13
	20
	27

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

August 6	13
	20
	27

COMMUNION TEAM

August 6	
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FELLOWSHIP HOUR

August 6	13
	20
	27

FLOWERS

August 6	Martha Thompson
	13
	20 Joe & Carolyn Meyer
	27 Joe & Carolyn Meyer

LITURGIST

August 6	13
	20
	27

NURSERY

August 6	13
	20 Lois Bair
	27

SUNDAY TRUSTEES

August 6	13
	20
	27

USHERS

August 6	Lois Bair
	13
	20
	27

Blanks indicate openings.

Liturgist & Trustee are the most urgent, especially for August 6, supporting Pastor Mark Meckstroth, who will be stepping in for Pastor Bret while he's out.



There are sign up sheets on the office window for most of these needs.

A poster for Altar Flowers is on the wall across from the office, and the Sunday Trustee signup is on the bulletin board outside the AB room.

You can also send an email with your preferences: faithucc@comcast.net.

WORSHIP CALENDAR



August 6

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 32:22-31 & Psalm 17:1-7, 15 OR
Isaiah 55:1-5 & Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Holy Communion

August 13

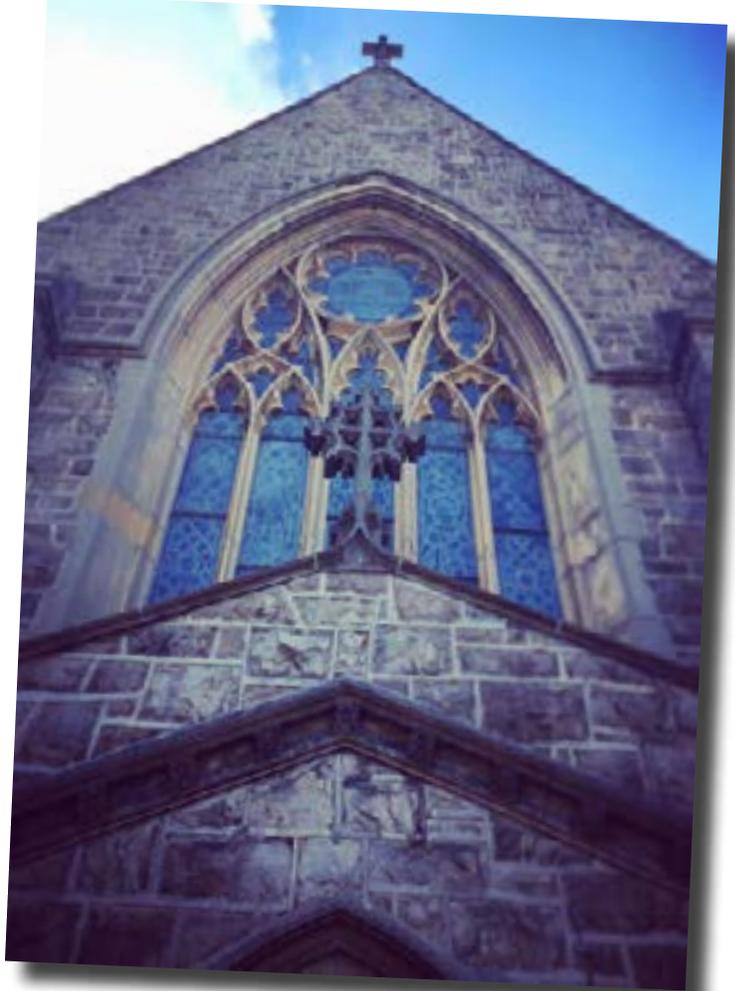
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 & Psalm 105:1-6, 45b OR
1 Kings 1:9-18 & Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 20

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 45:1-15 & Psalm 133 OR
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 & Psalm 67:
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

August 27

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 1:8-2:20 & Psalm 124 OR
Isaiah 51:1-6 & Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20



These are the standard weekly texts which may or may not be used on a particular Sunday for worship. If you would like to know what texts are being used, go to the church website on Friday evening or Saturday to check the [online bulletin](#).

<http://www.faithucc.info/bulletins.html>



Prayers for healing and wholeness:

The Family of Linda Merchant, Jean Weller, Lisa B. (JoAnn's daughter), Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Bunnie Hartswick, Katelynn Wilson, Darlene Ripka, April S., Randy Brown (Aimee's Dad), the Parrish Family, the Piggot family, Robert Zupp (Eileen Pfaff's nephew), the family of Ruth Tressler, the family of Susan Meyer, and Bob Dunham

If you are aware of any errors or additional news that can be shared, please [contact](#) the church office!

Faith United Church of Christ

300 East College Avenue

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 -- usually every first Sunday.**

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