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To all the men who encouraged and challenged us physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually; by birth, by adoption, by fostering, by mentoring

"For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers.

1 Cor 4:15

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



MINISTER'S MUSINGS



Greetings members and friends of Faith UCC!

It has been a wonderful winter into spring time to be at Faith UCC. So much has been happening to bring vigor and excitement to our ministries here.

As we delve more into this interim time, I wanted to let you know about the 5 Developmental Interim Tasks typical during an interim period, as well as some additional tasks that I think will be important for our congregation moving forward. This article will be longer than usual, but it is important reading so please take the time to read and reflect on how you can best participate in making these things happen as a member or friend of the church.

The 5 Developmental Interim Tasks are:

1) **COMING TO TERMS WITH HISTORY:** This task involves addressing challenges, successes, and other happenings in the life of the church (particularly in the last 10 or so years). Are there unresolved issues that we need to address to help us move forward in the envisioning process we will be doing later? Is there grief of any kind that needs to be let out (and/or let go)? What have been the things that have most affected our congregation in the last decade? What have been our communication patterns, and our way of dealing with routine business – as well as concerns or conflict within the church? Have they been healthy? How might we improve these? How do we see our heritage and identity at Faith UCC in State College? Who have we served? How have we served? Will we need to rethink who and how we serve in the future to be God's light to the community and world? How have we dealt with change? Has it been constructive and encouraging of the talents and passions of each of our members and staff? How can we learn to be even more healthy in our relationships?

2) **DISCOVERING A NEW IDENTITY AND DIRECTION:** Who are we now, and who is God calling us to be in the future? How do we envision our church responding to God's call to our community and world? What vision, mission, and covenant statements need to direct us going forward given our core values as a congregation? What things should we focus on doing and being given there are so many things we could do and be? What would best serve our community, and what is our niche within the religious community here in State College? What changes might we need to make going forward to implement our vision and mission statements? How can we best provide spiritual growth to our members while enlisting them to serve the wider world?

3) **SHIFTS OF POWER/LEADERSHIP & OPERATIONAL CHANGES:** How can we best transition from our past to our future organizationally? How can we best prepare ourselves for changes in pastoral leadership which will involve differing styles of worship, management, and emphases? What values and characteristics do we want in a settled pastor?





Do we need to consider different ways to enlist, train, and nurture lay leadership in the church to best meet our vision and mission of who we are called to be? Is there a need for organizational restructuring, and/or revamping of our constitution, by-laws, and ways of work? How can we make our leadership more inclusive and representative of our congregation and community? How can we affirm the gifts, talents, and passions of each of our members and active friends within our church?

4) **RENEWING OUR DENOMINATIONAL COVENANT/LINKAGES:** How have we interacted with our association, conference, and synod within the UCC, and how might we improve these relationships? How much support should we commit to our wider denomination in our covenantal commitment to the UCC? How can we be benefitted by programs and interactions with our wider UCC connections? How can the UCC assist us in our ministries, and we with theirs? Are there ways we could engage in mutual ministries with other UCC churches in the area? Ecumenically? What do we need to know about our UCC heritage that we don't know currently? How do we see our local church identity as tied to the wider denomination? Can we improve our commitment to having our members represent the wider denomination on teams needed by the Northern Association and Penn Central Conference? What financial and human resource support are we ready to contribute? How can we better work with our wider church settings to not only support ongoing work, as well as to create new possibilities for ministry by our denomination?

5) **COMMITMENT TO NEW LEADERSHIP AND TO A NEW FUTURE:** This involves putting our hearts and hands into our new vision, mission, and core values that we agree upon during our envisioning process so as to attract leadership capable of and enthusiastic about making these things real in the life of our church. Selecting leadership, both pastoral and lay, that will help us to implement our ideas and live out our identity requires our congregational support and encouragement at all times. A commitment to that which will be "new" always involves "change;" and we are to prepare ourselves heart, mind, body and spirit to welcome the new reality that will be ours in worship, programming, service, education, organization, outreach, etc.

These developmental tasks are necessary for our church to transition in a healthy and flourishing way from our last settled pastorate to our next one. It is not a process to be rushed or constrained by personal interests, but carefully engaged for the sake of the whole current membership with special attention to the future membership that is yet to be. We will need to ask ourselves how our world has changed, how it views religion and Christianity, how we can engage those seeking spiritual community and serve the needs of their souls, how we can make a unique contribution to the betterment of our community and world, and how we can continue to be light to a world that is ever changing and is in need of sacred direction.

There are 5 additional interim tasks, more spiritual than developmental, that I also feel are necessary for best living out our calling by God to our world:

6) **GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER SPIRITUALLY ON A DEEPER LEVEL** so as to better serve, and serve with, one another. We each need to grow in spirit as individuals, but this also involves us growing in spirit as a community of faith. Building deeper bonds and relationships with one another is vital to the success of our continued ministries.



7) **COMMITMENT TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND ADVOCACY FOR GOD'S WORLD/CREATION.** Church is not a social club, or place for networking with others for business purposes. We are called to live out the values and virtues of Christ in this world through our daily living. Going to church is not enough. Our values need to be revealed in our lifestyles and the things we place priority on within our lives. How can we help others?

Who needs our help most? What can we do to connect our Christian values to a world in need of the services we can provide? Are there standards of conduct and behavior that we expect from our membership – not just at church activities, but in workplaces, schools, social outings, and ways of serving the wider world? What does it mean to be a member of Faith UCC, and how do we expect that to be evidenced in our daily lives?

8) **INSTITUTING “CREATIVE RENEWAL” AS A NORMATIVE PRINCIPLE WITHIN THE CHURCH.** The church that never changes dies. Those that prosper are the ones that take the spirit of tradition to meet the needs of the present and future. Creativity is thus a necessary feature of such churches. The willingness and desire to change, not for change's sake but to remain vital and flourishing, is a palpable part of the ethos of the most vibrant churches. They are willing to try new things and are comfortable with temporary failures because of the quest to constantly improve. Nothing except the desire to love one another, come what may, is to be written in stone. By supporting and encouraging the creativity of all our active congregants and staff, we embolden our church to respond to God's call to life abundant – thinking of what could be rather than limiting ourselves to what is.

9) **THEOLOGICAL REORIENTATION:** Any time we consider what will be our vision and mission for the future, we also need to rethink what theological framework supports that vision and mission. Being church in the 21st century, like every century before, requires us to look at our stories, values, hermeneutics, and programming in ways that will best respond to God's call in our time and culture. What is the role of being prophetic? Pastoral? Values-based or Belief-based? Socially active and engaged? Inclusive or exclusive? Do we focus on doctrines or deeds? Self-care or other-care? What type of Christians would we identify ourselves to be? Are we pluralistic and open to non-Christians (including agnostics, atheists, and those of other faiths), or are we more narrowly defined? What are the spiritual virtues and ethical character traits we want to exemplify to the community and world?

10) **GROWING COMMUNITY AND RELATIONSHIPS OF MEANING AND PURPOSE:** We are to be a spiritual family, perhaps closer to one another as soul companions than even those within our families of origin. People may initially come and join church because of some inspiration they find in the worship, educational programs, or ministries of the church; but they stay because of the closeness and depth of the relationships they create with others. Those most excited about church are those who find spiritual siblings whose goals and values are similar, and/or who affirm them just as they are even despite varying goals and values. A spiritual community needs to touch a person's sense of meaning within the world, and to grant them opportunities to live out their purpose through the ministries of the church. The more we develop caring, compassionate, loving, peaceful, generous, forgiving, and inspiring relationships, the more we feel that our lives make a difference and our community makes a difference.



There are ways we will be doing all of these things, hopefully, as we live out the blessings of the interim time. It is a time for us to reevaluate, and listen to God's voice calling us to a new chapter in our collective faith journey.

One of the first things we will be doing, during this summer, is to work on our getting to know each other better spiritually. While a class on our UCC heritage has already been proposed for both current and prospective members, we will also be having "getting to know each other's spiritual journey" gatherings of approximately 8-10 (give or take 2) where we share our own spiritual journeys from birth to present with each other in an effort to understand each other more deeply, and build respectfulness and love within our church family. This may be the most important step of the interim process, to my mind.

I look forward to your enthusiastic participation in this interim process. I am always amazed at the unforeseen blessings that happen when people take this process to heart, and share from their soul with one another. Please let me know if you have questions, or how you might be able to become more involved in this process.

Love and peace,
Pastor Bret

In May, the Consistory approved a search committee and the job description for a new choir director. Many thanks go to Clovis Morrison for heading that committee. We also were presented with a draft plan for interim ministry presented by Rev. Myers and the Interim Committee. Many thanks go to the members of that committee for starting this process.

Rev. Myers and Jaye Herrick attended the Northern Association Annual meeting on April 30th. The Rev. Dr. Laurene Bowers spoke to the group. She is the Conference Associate Minister for Congregational Life and Vitality for the Penn Central Conference. She has recently written a book entitled Transformative Worship. The Rev. Dr. Bowers has offered to be a resource to any church in the Conference in need of her expertise.

Tina Aumiller will be a delegate to the Annual Penn Central Conference on June 9th and 10th. It is an amazing opportunity to meet other UCCers and to attend some really stimulating workshops. Rev. Myers is presenting at the Conference this year. If anyone is interested in being a delegate next year, please contact a member of Consistory.

God is good. Thank you all for your prayers for our church and its ministry.

Peace,
Tina Aumiller
Jaye Herrick
Co-Presidents of Consistory



CARING NETWORK



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



CHURCH SCHOOL



Church School for the month of June:

June 4: Pentecost Sunday - Communion/Parent Care Day

June 11: Trinity Sunday

God Makes a Promise Gen 6-9

June 18: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Long Journey of Abraham and Sarah Gen 12-13

June 25: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Mother of Nations Gen 17-18

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



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

Barb Chellman: bkcwminc@aol.com

Jean Frank: jeanfrank4@gmail.com

Dear God,
Thank You for this journey with Your children. Open our hearts that we may feel Your love. You are with each of us when we are together and apart! Amen



All Children Are Welcome!

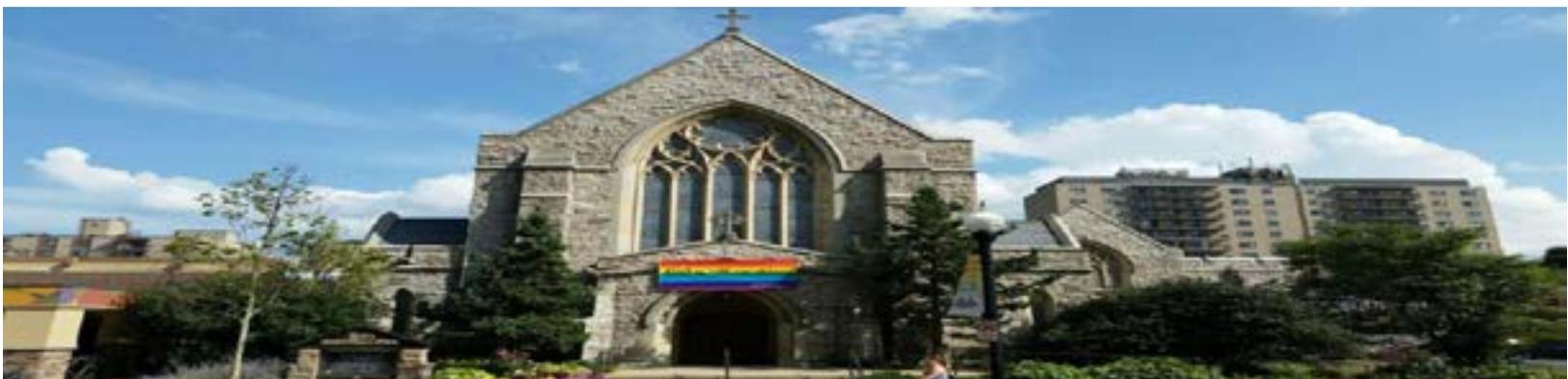
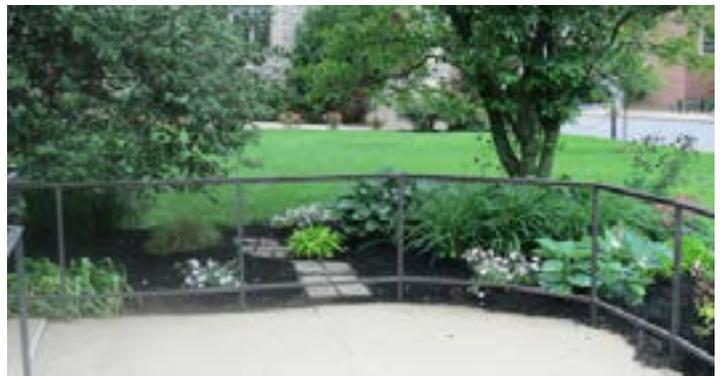


TRUSTEE UPDATE



Thanks to the volunteers who helped spread mulch this past month! Not only do the grounds look great, but it helps keep costs down in a variety of ways.

Sadly, we did not catch our garden gnomes at work, but here are some examples of what was done:

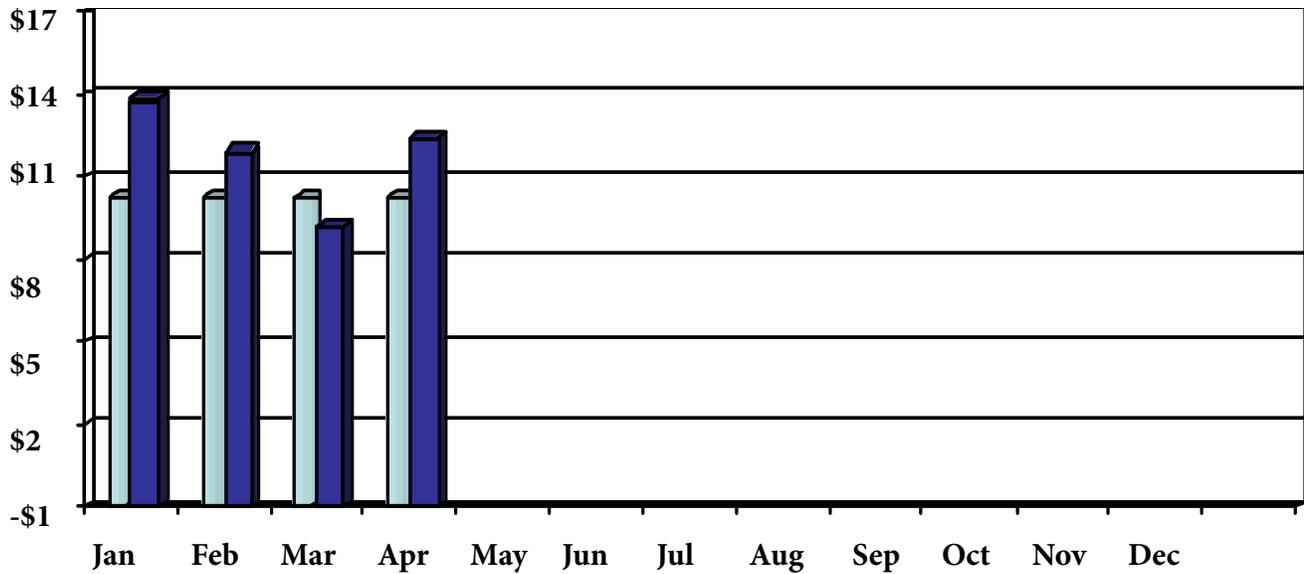


April 2017

Faith United Church of Christ

Monthly Offerings: Budget vs. Actual

■ Budget ■ Actual
Thousands



April 2017

Total received = \$12,443 Total budgeted = \$10,239
 Budget to actual difference (Current Month) = + \$2,204

April - 2017 - Year-to-Date

Total received = \$47,387 Total budgeted = \$40,957
 Year-to-Date budget to actual difference = + \$6,430

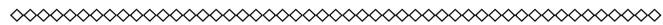


JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING

Strengthen the Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC: to largely support youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

STC funds will also be used to award grants to help congregations communicate the "God is still speaking," message.

Thank you for your consideration and financial support!



Come Celebrate!

Join us **June 11th** in celebrating Pastor Ann Graves--25 years since ordination!--during Fellowship hour after service.



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 not having anyone towed who shouldn't be!

There is a database available on the office computer desktop for ease of searching.

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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursdays at 7:00pm:

- June 1
- June 8
- June 15
- June 22
- June 29



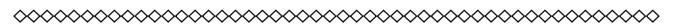
"Faith UCC is a welcoming church open to all and very strong in its fellowship. Together we have been able to do some pretty incredible things for the community!"

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/>."



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.

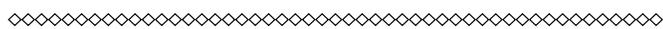
Upcoming Laity Sundays:

Have you ever wanted to be more a part of creating a worship service that will be meaningful for our congregation?

If so, you may have an opportunity (perhaps with others) to do so on **July 2**.

Rev. Myers will be attending church-related events on those Sundays and we are asking for people interested in creating and leading worship for those days.

Please tell Rev. Myers if you are interested in serving our church in this way.



The 70th Annual Strawberry festival is June 14th in Romig Hall!

And we need your help!

There are many ways you can pitch in:

- ✚ Prepare berries
 - Hull & slice--sitting, about 2.5 hours
- ✚ Set up in the morning
 - Setting up tables
- ✚ Cashier
 - Take/sell tickets; take money--sitting
- ✚ Serving tables
 - Teams of 2 serve several tables with dessert & coffee, offer cake choices; keep water pitchers filled, reset tables when space clears
- ✚ Serving beverages
 - Serve tea, coffee, & juice throughout the room
- ✚ Dipping ice cream
 - This takes a bit of arm strength
- ✚ Cutting cakes
 - Help cut cakes & plate; done in the nursery so you can sit some
- ✚ Help in kitchen
 - Keeping coffee prepared; washing/drying cups & silverware
- ✚ Clean Up
 - Straighten hall; clean up kitchen & cake room
 - 2 shifts: 5:20-6:45 6:40-8:00
- ✚ Provide cake!

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, contact Jean Cole: 308.9508 or jeanj131@comcast.net OR contact the church office.

We hope to see you there for a fun and rewarding evening!



Our new fundraising endeavor is off to a good start!

For those who missed the initial orientation, Great Lakes SCRIP is a program which enables members and friends to contribute funds to Faith Church in the course of their regular shopping.

Through this program we obtain shopping cards for local businesses—e.g. Giant Foods, Weis Markets, CVS—as well as on-line shopping sites like Amazon, LLBean, etc. These cards are the same as the ones you can buy at kiosks in many stores—the difference is that Faith Church will receive the “commission” on the sale of the card, rather than the retailer.

Participants follow these simple steps:

- 1) Choose from the orange list of participating businesses, found on the round table in the Gathering Space (or at the SCRIP website www.shopwithscrip.com --click on the “Retailers” link.)
- 2) Decide the number of cards you want and the whole-dollar denomination for each card.
- 3) Fill out an order slip and prepare payment. (Order slips are also in the Gathering Space.)

Checks should be made payable to Faith UCC, with SCRIP written on the memo line. If you prefer, you can make a credit card payment during fellowship time in Romig Hall; see Lois Bair.

- 4) Give the order and payment to Melissa Coble or Lois Bair.
- 5) Orders placed on Sunday should be available for pick-up within two weeks.
- 6) Use the cards as cash for shopping at the designated business. You spend the face value of the card, and Faith UCC receives a percentage of the card purchase.

NOTE: Cards do not expire and can be used by anyone. *Because they can be used by anyone, they will be locked in the office.*

One key to success with SCRIP is for folks to anticipate future shopping needs and obtain the appropriate cards in advance of their purchases. For example, the Women’s Guild recently ordered Weis cards to be used for their purchases for the upcoming Strawberry Festival—way to go, ladies!

The other key to success is the same as for most fundraising—the more, the merrier!

Please consider giving it a try!
Lois Bair

BIBLE SCHOOL DAY CAMP

HEY KIDS! Come and join the fun! We'll spend a week making new friends, enjoying the out of doors and exploring answers to the question "Who is my neighbor?"

We'll begin each day with an opening at St. John's UCC in Boalsburg, then take a short bus ride to the outdoor activities area at Witmer Park in Shingletown. Campers navigate with a "family group" through a series of activity centers where we explore the theme through crafts, singing and games, drama and discussion. We take a break for lunch around noon, and at 1:15 we have a short closing, before riding the bus back to St. John's for parent pick-up at 1:30.

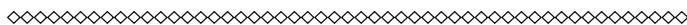
DETAILS

Bible School Day Camp, sponsored by St. John's UCC and Zion Lutheran in Boalsburg

June 19-23 from 9:30-1:30 (Pack a bag lunch.)

2017 Theme—Who is my neighbor?

To register, contact Lois Bair. (dvbair@yahoo.com 422-8441)



Photos Needed!

FaithWorks! is so much better with your photos!

Please remember that "bigger" is better when it comes to these pics--use a camera and not your phone unless you have an *awesome* camera on your phone.



Phone pics are *usually* too small--when they are enlarged enough to be used, the quality suffers.

Contact [Jeff](#) in the office if you have questions or would like guidelines regarding copyright.



A special shout out to Jordan Reed--

Jordan completed a short video highlighting Penguin Packs as one way Faith UCC is having a positive impact on the community!

She submitted it for possible screening at this year's General Synod in Baltimore!

You can find it on the church website here:

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

Way to go, Jordan!

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!**



SWIMMING POOL FUND PROGRESS (5/24/17)

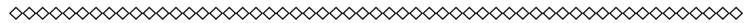
We now have over \$70,000 promised of the \$100,000 needed!

You can still donate by credit card by going on line to: www.regonline.com/swimmingpoolfundraisingcampaign

- Dave Bushnell

Have you seen the video?

<https://vimeo.com/204736517/10745f7c6f>



There have been lots of questions on how to best support Hartman Center. Here is a "wish list" of affordable items or projects that an individual, a group, or a church could adopt as a fun way to support Hartman Center.

The Wish List includes:

- Passenger or Utility Van - \$15,000 - 30,000
- Airless Paint Gun - \$400
- New Hobart 20-30 Qt. Mixer - \$5,000
- New Hobart 10-20 Qt. Mixer - \$1,500
- Quilts, comforters, sheets/pillow cases to develop a linen service for Michaux Lodge 32 sets needed x \$60-120
- Camp benches - 16 wood or composite
- Pavilion picnic tables
- Shed for program storage

If you can help out, please reach out to Dave Bushnell at abushnell@aol.com or 717-371-2593 OR Zack Hassinger at hartmancenter@uccr.org or 717-994-5446.



Hartman Center Summer Camp has robust full week and half-week camps running June 18 through July 29. (Plus, we have our Labor Day Intergenerational Camp as well!)

Branch Out and Connect to Christ with great programs geared for fishing, pioneer adventure, soccer, music, drama, dance and many more!

Join us this summer to make your own memories!

Register today <https://www.regonline.com/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1946735>

There is still time to register for the Rescheduled Hartman Center Golf Outing!

Hartman Center Golf Outing in memory of Rev. Lee Lawhead Saturday, June 17, 2017, 1:30 p.m. start Fairview Golf Course, Quentin (Lebanon), PA



Come on out for Hole Contests, Prizes, \$10,000 Hole-in-One Contest and more!

To Register: <http://files.constantcontact.com/18c44923001/d0a5ceff-57fb-45ca-9500-6659e875f5dc.pdf?ver=1495552281000>



JUST FOR 



Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.



Learn about UCC history and emphases!

Open to anyone in our church or community who would like to learn about who we are and what we are about as America's most progressive mainline denomination.

We'll learn about the many "Firsts" we have led the Christian churches and nation in with regard to inclusivity, social justice, and other stances we have taken in the name of Christ for our time and society.

Truly, we are the conscience of our society rather than its mirror! Please let Pastor Bret know soon if you are interested in attending this class, and/or becoming a new member. This will also serve as a new member class.

Date to be determined.



Are you cleaning out your house or moving this spring? 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, addition, 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.



Meaningful Movies & Conversation

(open to the community)

Movies can springboard conversations that encourage spiritual growth, help build community within the congregation, and provide an avenue for reaching out to our neighbors, friends, and acquaintances in Happy Valley.

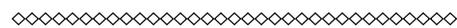


We hope to have a movie that will encourage conversation approximately once per month to watch.

Our next "monthly" movie on the last Saturday of the month also around an "evening meal". Check the bulletin for details.

If you have a theme/topic/movie suggestion or recommendation, contact Pastor Bret.

Join us! Invite others to come, and feel free to bring refreshments to share!



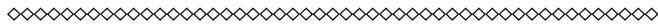
Interfaith Coffee Hour @ Webster's Cafe
3rd Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm (Mar-Aug)





**Adult Forums
on Race & on Immigration Law**
WHERE: University Baptist & Brethren Church, 411 S. Burrowes St., State College
WHEN: Sunday 6/11/17 11 am – noon
Immigration Law with Shoba Wadhia

Penn State Law Professor Shoba Wadhia leads a discussion about immigration law. More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/204478106726434/>



2 Bus Trip Options for General Synod Worship Service - Sunday, July 2 at 2:30

Leaving from Harrisburg Area:
Bus leaves at 12:00 pm from Penn Central Conference Office

Parking for the bus trip at the conference office is free

Round trip bus cost is \$30 per person

Click to Register for Harrisburg Bus

Leaving from Lancaster Area:
Bus leaves from Church of the Apostles at 12:30 pm and returns after worship

All are invited!

Cost for the round-trip bus ticket and a sack lunch to eat on the way is \$30 per person. (\$21 without lunch)

Send this form to register - Lancaster



Synod Fees for Visitors:

- \$247.50 Full Event
- \$155.00 Three-day Weekend (Friday - Sunday)
- \$82.50 Daily (with the Exception of Saturday only)
- \$100.00 Saturday Only
- No Charge - Sunday Only
- \$150.00 Seminary Student
- \$150.00 Youth (13-18 yrs.)
- No Charge - Child (12 yrs. - under)

Learn more at:
<http://www.cvent.com/events/general-synod-2017/fees-71e6ce26d5eb40a4b9ea4846c18bc768.aspx>

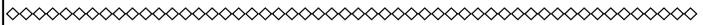
Don't miss **National ONA Gathering June 27-29** in Baltimore -- right before General Synod!



Registration is now open for an event that will enrich your congregation's Open and Affirming commitment! With leaders like John Dorhauer, Elivette Mendez Angulo, MacArthur Flournoy, Jide Macaulay, Jake Joseph, Andy Lang and many others, we promise an experience that will feed your mind and spirit!

We're celebrating the Coalition's 45th anniversary ----- and you can help us plan for the next 45 years! We live in dangerous times, and we need now more than ever to find strength in each other. If you're a member of an ONA church, or a congregation just beginning its journey towards an ONA covenant, don't miss this historic Gathering!

On the General Synod website, registration is also open for the Coalition's ONA Banquet on Sunday, July 2. The Rev. Naomi Washington Leapheart, a UCC minister and faith director for the National LGBTQ Task Force, is keynoter, and the famous Coalition Choir will sing.



**UCC General Synod
Baltimore, June 30-July 4, 2017!**



Be a part of our denomination's biannual national meeting!

- Experience:
- worship,
 - social advocacy,
 - spiritual growth & education,
 - making connections,
 - *and* a sense of how the UCC positively impacts members, congregations, policies, and the world!

If you have never been to a Synod, this is an excellent opportunity to do so given that it is so close.

Empower your faith, and your enthusiasm for the ministries of our church!

If you would like to join Pastor Bret in going this year, please let him know.

NOTE: the Synod is in Baltimore this year, not Philly, as incorrectly noted in last month's newsletter!

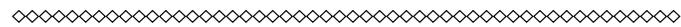


The 16th Annual Trash to Treasure sale will be held Saturday, June 3 at Beaver Stadium.

Admission for early bird shoppers is \$5 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., and admission is free from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All sales are first-come, first-served. Shoppers will receive a reusable tote bag, courtesy of Wegmans, to fill for \$20. "Best loot" and select items will be priced individually.

Money raised from the sale is donated to the Centre County United Way to support over 100 programs offered through their partner agency network.



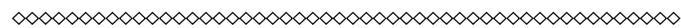
Embracing and Implementing Inclusion



IICC friend and participant Shih-In Ma is involved with bringing this together and we highly recommend it!

- meet people outside your usual social circles
- learn more about diversity issues in our communities
- improve and expand interpersonal skills and increase cultural competence
- learn what it takes to build a richer and more inclusive community here in "Happy Valley"

To register: Go to <http://www.cvent.com/events/community-diversity-conference/event-summary-36267533a72c4adf81a-bebf255104df9.aspx> and click the "Register" tab.



Community Diversity Group's 2nd Community Diversity Conference

Tue, **June 6**, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm @ the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center,
 COST: \$55 including lunch

Keynote presenter is Drum Cafe West Coast.

Featuring variety of speakers and topics on how we can nurture and implement inclusion. Day-long workshop will provide participants with tools for awareness, examination and action to expand their minds and hearts.

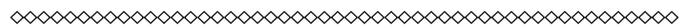
IFTAR with the INTERFAITH COMMUNITY – a beautiful occasion and opportunity for learning – hosted by the Turkish Cultural Center



The Iftar is the meal served at the end of the day (sunset) during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, to break the day's fast. Literally, it means "breakfast" (break fast)!

All Welcome! Come build friendships with your Muslim neighbors! RSVP needed for number of guests.

- Friday, June 2, gathering about 8:15-8:30 pm
 University Baptist & Brethren Church, 411 South Burrowes St., State College.
 RSVP by Tuesday, May 30 to office@ubbcwelcome.org
- Saturday, June 17, gathering about 8:30-8:45 pm
 State College Friends Meeting, 611 East Prospect Ave., State College.
 RSVP by Tuesday, June 13 to office@statecollegefriends.org



Ways to Increase Worship Attendance with Laurene Bowers
 June 25th at St. John's UCC in Boalsburg from 1– 4 p.m.

Have you noticed a drop in your average attendance? Are you wondering how to get more visitors to show up on Sunday morning? What kinds of changes to worship can be made that will have the biggest impact so that visitors will return?

This workshop walks pastors and leaders through the process of reaching out to the community and attracting new people to attend worship. We will explore websites, visitor tabs, direct mail and using the IPHONE as a device for evangelism. I will cover how to figure out what days and times to offer worship as well as how to do "special worship services" for people in the community.

There is no cost, but all participants should read, *Transforming Worship: Changing Lives through Religious Experience* by Laurene Beth Bowers. You will then be more prepared to ask questions about what changes your congregation should be making to increase your average attendance in worship.

Please register with Janice Mountain at jmountain@pccucc.org
 Also please let Pastor Bret know if you're interested!

You can order on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/Transformative-Worship-Changing-Religious-Experience/dp/1532606060/ref=sr_1_fkmr0_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1496242374&sr=8-3-fkmr0&keywords=TransformingWorship%3A+Changing+Lives+through+Religious+Experience).
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



17	WAYNE & EDNA BICEHOUSE	NURSERY
	NICHOLAS & PEGGY SALAMON	June 4 Parent Care
18	DANIEL & EILEEN PFAFF	11
27	DON & BETTY ASENDORF	18
	JIM & SALLY WELSH	25 Lois Bair

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	ANN GRAVES
2	DON ASENDORF
3	ERNIE HAWK
	AUBREY GIBSON
4	RANDY BOWERS
6	JUNE IRVIN
7	CADEN L. WINTERS (CHILD)
	STEPHEN PELLETIER
9	SHANNON GIBSON
14	RICHARD BENNINGHOFF
	MARGARET HAMMOND
16	ALVA CHELLMAN
18	JEAN DREESE
	LOUISE HARRIS
	ARLIENE HOY
20	LISA NEIDIGH
24	MICHELLE BARNARD
	KEES BRANDSE
	VINCE LUNETTA
25	DARLENE RIPKA



ACOLYTE

June 4
11
18
25

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

June 4
11
18
25

COMMUNION TEAM

June 4

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

June 4	The Bicehouses
11	The Women's Guild
18	June Irvin
25	

FLOWERS

June 4	
11	The Bairs
	Celebrating 41 years!
18	
25	C. Meyer

LITURGIST

June 4	
11	
18	Mary Jane Wilds
25	

SUNDAY TRUSTEES

June 4
11
18
25

USHERS

June 4	Lois Bair
11	
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25	

Blanks indicate openings.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

4	DREW & JEAN FRANK
	JOE & CAROLYN MEYER
7	RANDY & SUE BOWERS
10	CARLTON & SANDY MILLER
11	BOB & MAUREEN DUNHAM
12	LARRY & LOIS BAIR
	DAVIN & ALI CARR-CHELLMAN



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

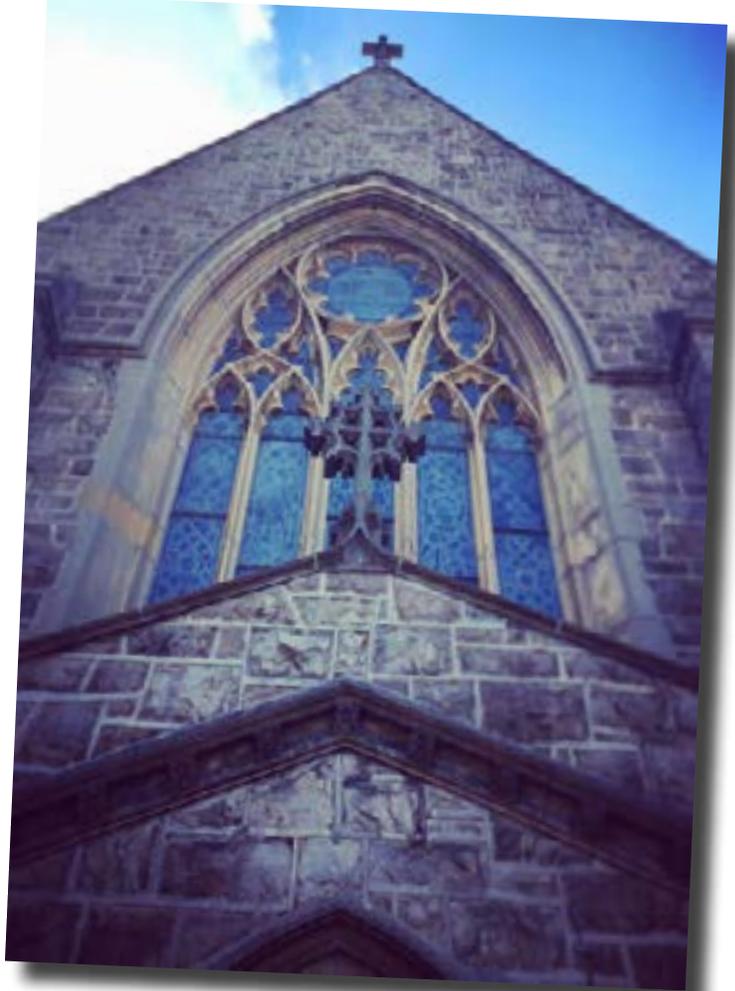


June 4 Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-21 or
Numbers 11:24-30
Psalms 104:24-24, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or
Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 or
John 7:37-39
Holy Communion

June 11 Trinity Sunday
Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalms 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

June 18 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) &
Psalms 116:1-2, 12-9 or
Exodus 19:2-8a & Psalms 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

June 25 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 21:8-21 & Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17 or
Jeremiah 20:7-13 & Psalms 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39



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).
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Prayers for healing and wholeness:

Linda Merchant, Lisa B. (JoAnn's daughter), Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Bunnie Hartswick, Katelynn Wilson, the Family of Jean Dreese, Darlene Ripka, April S., Randy Brown (Aimee's Dad), the Pigott Family, Robert Zupp (Eileen Pfaff's nephew), the family of Ruth Tressler, and the family of Susan Meyer, those for whom Father's Day brings rejoicing *and* pain

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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