

November 2017

# Faith Works!

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Happy Thanksgiving!



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



## MINISTER'S MUSINGS



“What we do for ourselves dies with us.  
What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.” -- Albert Pine

Hello Faith Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful colors of autumn! It is such a lovely time of the year.

We have much going on at the church during this time, and I encourage your participation in all our activities, but especially the ones that involve the interim developmental tasks (see June 2017 Minister's Musings) and the various processes needed in working on the search and call process for a settled pastor.

The item currently in need of your participation is the letter sent to you (also emailed if you are on our email list – if not, please send it to us) in October about creating a behavioral covenant for Faith UCC. Your input is important to creating a document that will serve to establish healthy guidelines for church interactions into the future.

We are also in need of creating Church Profile and Church Pastoral Search Teams. More info on the aptitudes needed on those teams are in the September 2017 Minister's Musings. Please consider whether you or others you know in the church would be persons who'd serve these teams well. We need to think, pray, and meditate on these matters of discernment to help us find the right pastor to lead us into our church's future.

You may have also noticed some stewardship materials being sent to you as well. The vitality of our church is dependent upon the generosity of your time, talents, and resources given to the church and its ministries locally and globally. Please be prayerful in considering how you can offer contributions to ministries in the coming year. Together we can create wonderfully fulfilling opportunities to positively affect our church, community, and extended relationships.

All Saints/Remembrance Sunday will be November 5<sup>th</sup>. We will light candles for those members who have passed on in the last year, and also for others we knew who were not members. This service calls us into remembrance of those who have gone before us, and how their lives can inspire our own in becoming of the “saints” of the present and future. As I was recently speaking with someone, we might call saints all who do our best to be our best in accordance with Christ's values throughout our lives. This is a calling for us all.

I will be taking some vacation to be with family November 13-28, and we'll have Rev. Betsy Bruaw and Jerry Thomason from the Penn Central Conference speaking on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

In case of emergency pastoral care, Rev. Ann Graves (814-367-3322) will be available during that time.





As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, we take time to appreciate all we have to be grateful for in our lives. Hopefully, our church is on that list. In being with you since February, I believe we have so much to be thankful for within our faith community, and for what we do not only for each other but also those outside our congregation. We are that church in the community that others look to as a church of progressive faith that welcomes and affirms everyone, and which shines the light of Christ to a world in need of the values of love, peace, and justice. Our rainbow banner and our social consciousness of how we can make a better world are attributes spoken of Faith UCC that I hear again and again from new attendees to our church, as well as from those of other churches. And in our Heart and Soul Gatherings we had over the summer, I heard the same. We are a place that others seek when people are looking for a spiritual home where the emphasis is on being the conscience of society rather than its reflection. That, in my estimation, is high praise.

I pray that you will consider how you can assist us being the kind of church that inspires people to want to come and find spiritual fulfillment in our worship, ministry teams, outreach, and programs.

Love and peace,  
Pastor Bret

# CONSISTORY CORNER

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This past month we hosted Betsy Bruaw from the Penn Central Conference to talk to the whole congregation about the church profile and the search and call process.

Many thanks to the Women's Guild for providing such a wonderful lunch!

We learned a great deal about the search process. If you were unable to attend, handouts are available at church or by email request.

Betsy left us with a task. She suggested that we prayerfully consider names for the Profile Committee and/or the Search Committee. We would ask that all members of the church consider these tasks and pray for names to surface.

We also looked at several examples of behavioral covenants. A behavioral covenant will help us be a church with healthy boundaries and positive communication. Consistory is asking for input into a behavioral covenant for our church to adopt. There is a box in the church for you to submit suggestions or you are most welcome to email your suggestions to the church or to anyone on Consistory. This covenant is another important piece of the pastoral search process and ties into our faith and how we, as Christians, relate to each other. Comments are due by November 6th.

Faithfully submitted,

Tina Aumiller and Jaye Herrick





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](mailto: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.

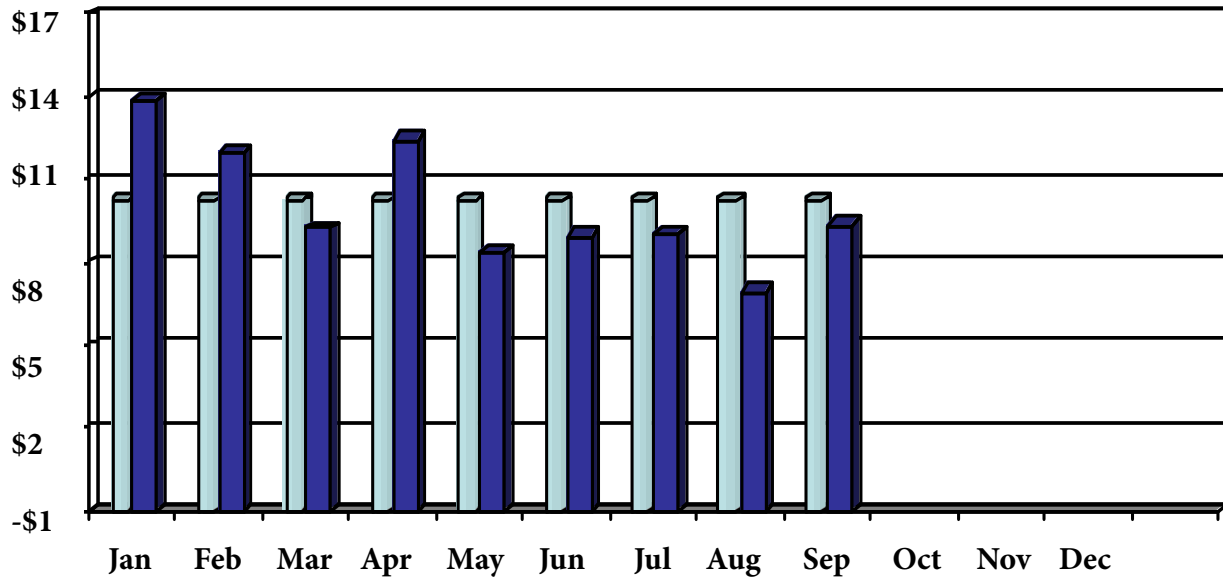


Please contact Sandy Miller ([sandy99@onemain.com](mailto:sandy99@onemain.com)), leader of the Caring Teams, or Pastor Bret ([revbmyers@yahoo.com](mailto:revbmyers@yahoo.com)) if you know someone who you think would like to receive a shawl.



## September 2017 Faith United Church of Christ Monthly Offerings: Budget vs. Actual

■ Budget ■ Actual  
Thousands



### September 2017

Total received = \$9,345      Total budgeted = \$10,239  
Budget to actual difference (Current Month) = - \$894

### September - 2017 - Year-to-Date

Total received = \$90,367      Total budgeted = \$92,152  
Year-to-Date budget to actual difference = - \$1,785

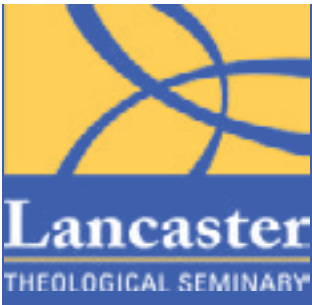


# FAITH HAPPENINGS



## NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING

Lancaster Seminary (UCC) is a vibrant, diverse learning community known for academic excellence, celebration of differences across Christian traditions, and creative engagement on issues of importance to our world.



Your generous gifts help to provide scholarships for seminarians.

Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "Lancaster Seminary" noted in the memo line or on the offering envelope.

Thank you for your support!

On Sunday, **November 19** Faith members and friends are invited to enjoy food and fellowship at a pot-luck Thanksgiving meal. We'll gather in Romig Hall following worship. Those who are able are invited to bring a dish to share; meat and beverages will be provided.

To help with planning, a signup sheet will be made available on the round table in the Gathering Space; you can indicate there the number of people and the sort of dish you plan to bring.

If you're in town on November 19, come enjoy this chance to give thanks together!



### Special Offering Totals for 2017:

January - Women's Resource Center.....	\$255.00
February - Mid-Penn Legal Services.....	\$475.00
March - One Great Hour of Sharing*.....	\$550.00
April - Hoffman Homes for Youth.....	\$270.00
May - Hartman Center.....	\$345.00
June - Strengthen the Church*.....	\$300.00
July - Out of the Cold.....	\$675.00
August - Bethany Children's Home*.....	\$390.00
September - Park Forest Pre-School .....	\$320.00
October - Neighbors in Need*.....	\$340.00**
November - Lancaster Seminary.....	\$000.00
December - VotC Christmas Fund*.....	\$000.00

TOTAL To Date..... **\$3260.00**

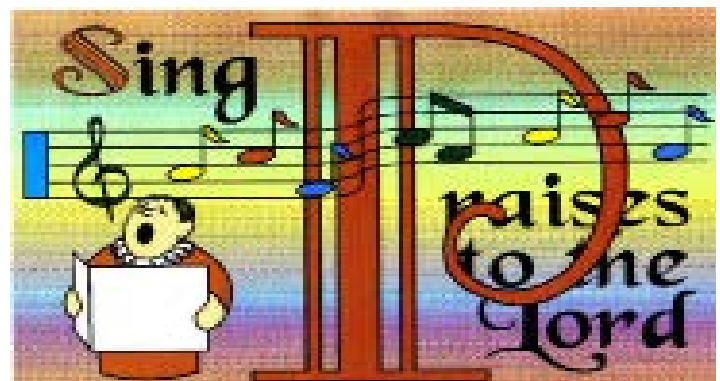
\* (UCC) \*\*to date



### October CHOIR Rehearsals

Thursdays at 7:00 PM:

2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>



## 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.

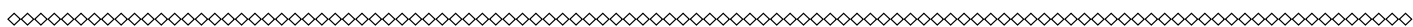
Our Peace Pod knitters are Jean Frank, Sue Doran, Susan Brandse, Jean Weller, Sally Welsh, and Jane Childs.

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.



Though our Holiday SERRV Craft Shop won't open until November 30, it's time now to begin planning and preparations. The order for fair-trade international handcrafts, coffees, chocolates and other sustainably produced foods will go in by mid-October. If you'd like to special order from SERRV, let me know (dvbair@yahoo.com) by October 15 so I can include your items in the master order. You can view the catalog on line at [www.serrv.org](http://www.serrv.org) or find paper copies in the Gathering Space and Romig Hall.

We'll need lots of help with unpacking and set-up as the time draws nearer; if you're able to help, keep these windows of opportunity in mind—

November 27-29                      SET-UP

November 30 – December 17              STAFF THE SALE, Thurs- Sat 11:00-3:00, Sun. after worship

December 18-19                      PACK-UP

And, as always, consider doing your own shopping with fair trade in mind!

Peace,  
Lois Bair





## SCRIP Fundraising

In April we began an on-going fundraiser in partnership with Great Lakes SCRIP. Just to review, SCRIP is a program which allows members and friends to contribute funds to Faith Church in the course of their regular shopping.

Participants follow these simple steps:

STEP 1: Submit an order for shopping cards of the business(es) of your choice, paying the face value of the cards; OR purchase directly from the cards we have in stock.

STEP 2: Use the cards as payment (at the face value) for purchases at the designated businesses.

### HOW'S IT GOING?

Starting with a small group of pioneers in April, the list of participants has expanded to 11 households, with the most popular cards being GIANT, WEIS and WALMART/SAM'S. Along the way we've learned that GIANT and WEIS gas points still apply when paying with a SCRIP card, and that some retailers offer as much as a 16% commission for the church. Carlton Miller has provided a list of retailers sorted by commission, available on the round table in the Gathering Space.

The beauty of SCRIP is that there's no need to buy anything out of the ordinary. Faith Church benefits when you buy your gas and groceries, or whatever else you routinely purchase.

If you like to give gift cards for birthdays and holidays, why not purchase them through SCRIP? If you have planned events on the horizon, consider using SCRIP cards to purchase supplies.

### SOME TIPS--

- To order or purchase cards, see Lois Bair during fellowship after worship on Sundays. Order forms and a list of participating retailers can be found on the round table in the Gathering Space.
- Payment for cards can be made via cash, check or credit card (church pays 2.5% fee on credit.)
- Cards do not expire and can be used by anyone.



Great Lakes Scrip has over  
750 RETAILERS  
to choose from, so you  
can use scrip on practically  
every purchase!  
[View them all here.](#)

Faith UCC welcomes Kate and Amanda Gerhart, and their daughter Molly, to our congregation!



From left to right:  
Molly, Amanda, & Kate.



# FAITH HAPPENINGS CALENDAR



November						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 First Friday	4
5 Daylight Savings Time begins	6	7	8	9	10 5PM PSU Home- coming. College Ave closed	11 Veteran's Day
12	13	14 Trustees 7 PM	15 NOV Newsletter deadline	16	17	18
19 Thanksgiving Dinner after Service	20 Consistory 5:30 PM	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27 SERRV Set Up ----->	28 ----->	29 ----->	30 SERRV Sale 11a-3p		

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

Complete announcements are available on the church website:  
<http://www.faithucc.info/news.html>.



**November 5** at 5 at Faith -  
 Movie, Snacks, Discussion

*Denial*  
 starring Rachel Weisz, Tom  
 Wilkinson, and Timothy  
 Spall.

The discussion will focus on  
 Holocaust Denial, conspiracies and the role of experts and the  
 public.

Special Guests have been invited to provide additional perspec-  
 tives.

JUST FOR 







# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nov 5  
12  
19  
26

## SUNDAY TRUSTEES

Nov 5  
12  
19 TOM DAUBERT  
26

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 JOE MEYER  
8 MELANIE KYER  
11 NICKELAUS ENGLE  
12 SUSAN KECK  
20 BOB DUNHAM  
22 ANGIE MORRISON  
KATHERINE WELLER

## COMMUNION TEAM

Nov 5

## USHERS

Nov 5  
12  
19 TOM DAUBERT  
26

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Nov 5  
12  
19 THANKSGIVING DINNER  
26



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

23 JOE & TERRI KRABILL

## FLOWERS

Nov 5  
12  
19  
26

Blanks indicate openings.



## LITURGIST

Nov 5  
12  
19  
26

## ACOLYTE

Nov 5  
12  
19  
26

## NURSERY

Nov 5  
12  
19  
26



# WORSHIP CALENDAR



November 5 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Js 3:7-17; Ps 107:1-7, 33-37 OR

Mi 3:5-12; Ps 43

1 Th 2:9-13

Mt 23:1-12

Holy Communion

*Partners in Service*

November 12 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Js 24:1-3a; Ps 78:1-7 OR

Wis 6:112-16 or Am 5:18-24

Wis 6:17-20 or Ps 70

1 Th 4:13-18

Mt 25:1-13

*Tending God's Light*

November 19 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jg 4:1-7; Ps 123 OR

Ze 1:7, 12-18; Ps 90: 1-8 (9-11), 12

1 Th 5:1-11

Mt 25:14-30

*Extravagant Opportunity*

Thanksgiving Dinner after Service

Pastor Betsy Bruaw, guest speaker

November 26 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps 100 OR

Ez 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps 95:1-7a

Ep 1:15-23

Mt 25:31-46

*Reigning Compassion*

Pastor ??, guest speaker

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:*

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

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

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# *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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