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

UCC Designations for Faith Church Consideration

As we consider the vision and mission of Faith Church, it is important to ask not just where we've been and what we've done, but what God may be calling us toward in the future. We are already an ONA church, but there are three (3) other UCC designations that may also speak to our progressive stance to be a light in the world. Please read the following information prayerfully, seeking God's guidance as to whether these designations might be ways that we'd like Faith UCC to use to speak to our local community and wider world.



Creation Justice Church

Whether it is taking on climate change or addressing the lead poisoning of children, environment justice ministries could not have a higher purpose or calling than they do now. IF the followers of Jesus today care about the air we breathe, the water we drink, or the world in which we live, then environmental justice ministry should undoubtedly be an integral strand in any church's DNA. The UCC's Creation Justice Church program aims to do just that.

Learn more about how churches can participate in the UCC's Creation Justice program. For steps in becoming a Creation Justice church, go to: http://www.ucc.org/how_it_works_becoming_a_creation_justice_church

A Just Peace Church

The Just Peace Church vision is a hallmark of UCC theological identity. For 30 years, the Just Peace Church Pronouncement has inspired a grassroots movement of UCC congregations committed to corporately naming and boldly proclaiming a public identity as a justice-doing, peace-seeking church. The Just Peace pronouncement articulates the UCC position on war and peace distinct from other approaches such as crusade, pacifism, or "just war." Grounded in UCC polity and covenantal theology, the position focuses attention on alleviating systemic injustice for all types using non-violence and calls us to offer the message, grounded in the hope of reconciliation in Jesus, that "Peace is possible!"



Learn more about becoming a Just Peace Church:

For more information, contact: uccjustpeace@gmail.com and join us in conversation via Facebook and Twitter @JustPeaceUCC. A Just Peace Handbook is downloadable at: <http://uccfiles.com/fef/just-peace-handbook-06-2015.pdf>

Patriotism, Nationalism, and the Christian Life is a resource for UCC congregations which suggests appropriate Christian responses during times of war. http://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/unitedchurchofchrist/legacy_url/6535/patriotism.pdf?1418431405

The Sanctuary Movement

Underscoring the love of neighbor, with several speakers proclaiming that no human is illegal, delegates to General Synod 2017 overwhelmingly declared itself an Immigrant Welcoming Denomination and called on all settings of the UCC to do the same.

The resurgence of the Sanctuary Movement works to provide protection in our houses of worship for those facing violence, discrimination, and deportation.

Read the General Synod Resolution here:

<http://www.wcucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Immigrant-Welcoming-Conference-Resolution-Final-Version.pdf>

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 Schedule --- April 2018

April 1, 2018 : "Easter party" in Asendorf Hall

April 8, 2018: 2nd Sunday of Easter:
Thomas Asks Questions/Seeing Is Believing-
John 14: 1-7, 20:19-29

April 15, 2018: 3rd Sunday of Easter:
Why These Things Happened
Luke 24: 36-48

April 22, 2018: 4th Sunday of Easter:
God is Like a Shepherd/The Good Shepherd
John 10: 11-18

April 29, 2018: 5th Sunday of Easter:
The True Vine/ Big, Juicy Grapes
John 15: 1-8



See you in Church School!

Blessings!

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



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

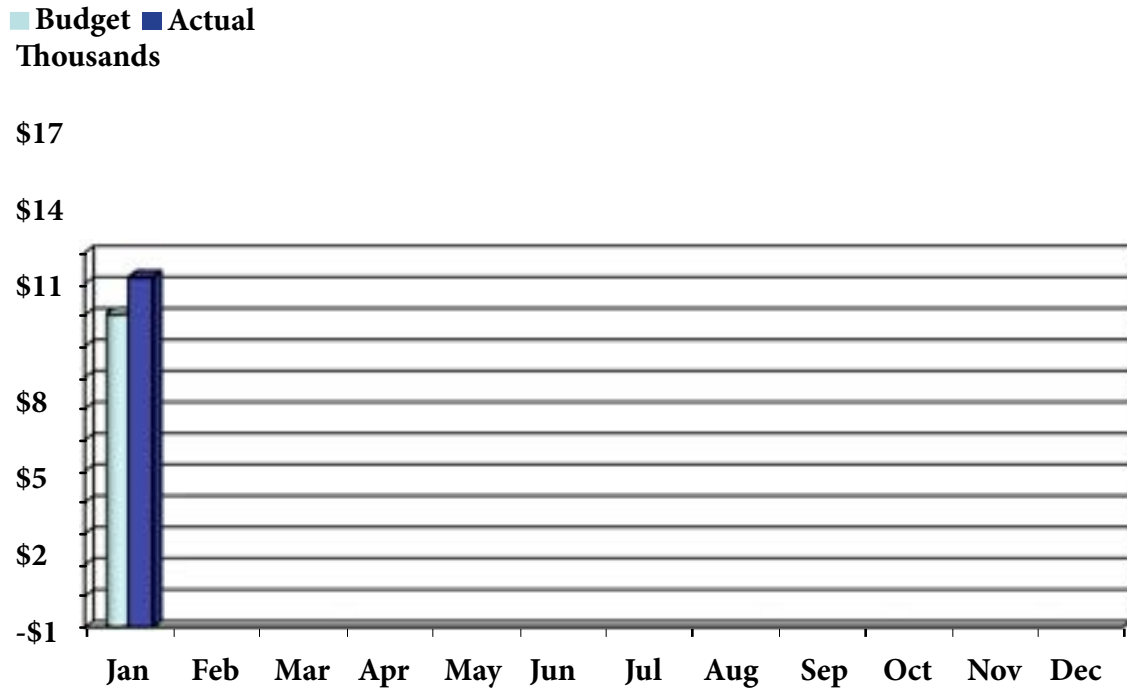
Barb Chellman: bkcwminc@aol.com

Michelle Barnard: rmwcgrad@hotmail.com

January 2018

Faith United Church of Christ

Monthly Offerings: Budget vs. Actual



January 2018

Total received = \$11,188

Total budgeted = \$10,000

Budget to actual difference (Current Month) = + \$1,188

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



FAITH HAPPENINGS



APRIL SPECIAL OFFERING

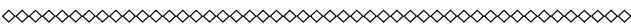
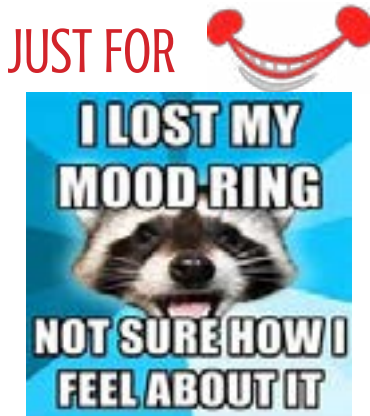
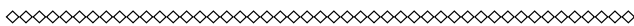
Hoffman Homes for Youth

serves boys and girls ages 6 to 18 with mental health diagnoses by providing behavioral and cognitive therapy, physical health care services, education, spiritual nurturing and a safe and comfortable home for up to 141 children.



Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "Hoffman Homes" noted in the memo line.

More at: <http://hoffmanhomes.com/>



SAVE the DATE
June 13, 2018
Annual Faith Strawberry Festival

YUM!



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Last 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:

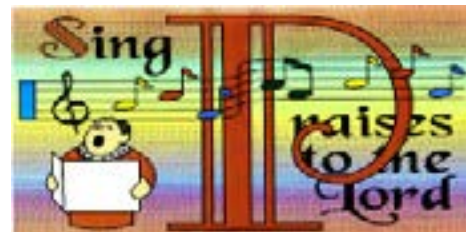
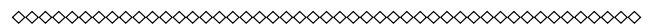
STEP 1: Submit an order for shopping cards of the business(es) of your choice, paying the face value of the cards; OR purchase directly from the cards we have in stock.

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

If you would like to order your own cards online—for details contact Melissa Coble (mcoble19@gmail.com) or Carlton Miller (jclmiller@gmail.com).

The established process will continue to be an option for those who choose it.

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



April CHOIR Rehearsals

Thursdays at 7:00 PM:
5th, 19th, 20th, 26th

FAITH HAPPENINGS CALENDAR



April 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter	2	3	4	5	6 First Friday	7 T. Brown Service
8	9 Delta Zeta Pasta Dinner 5-8pm	10 Trustees 7 PM	11	12 Holocaust Re- membrance Day	13	14
15	16 Consistory 5:30 PM	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Bible Day Damp 2018 will be June 18-22.

The theme will be "In the Footsteps of Jesus" -- based off Anne's suggestion of highlighting modern day disciples and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

We will use the same model for rotation at camp that we used last year -- 2 family groups rotating between 2 activities in the morning and 2 different activities in the afternoon.

Those interested please contact the office and mark your calendars now!

Penn State Habitat for Humanity

will be hosting a 5K Run/Walk on **April 15th** starting at 12PM. Registration for the run will happen day of at the event and it is \$15 for adults and \$10 for anyone under 18.

The race starts in front of the HUB-Robeson Center on Pollock road. All runners/walkers will get a t-shirt with registration, there will be food at the event and there are hundreds of dollars in prizes for top finishers!

<https://psuhabitatforhumanity.weebly.com/>

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

Weekly announcements are available on the church website:

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

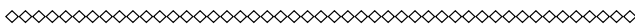


SAVE THE DATE:
Thursday, **April 26** at
10:30 a.m.:



Park Forest Preschool
50th anniversary celebration (originally Park Forest Village Day Nursery) at the Park Forest Village United Methodist Church.

More information will be forthcoming on the minister's welcome, children's program, oral history, alumni stories, and reception.



Love Your Planet Spring 2018 Film Series
Foxdale Village Auditorium
500 E Marylyn Ave, State College

Free Admission!



Wednesday, **April 18**, 7PM

Plastic Paradise: the Great Pacific Garbage Patch

Thousands of miles away from civilization, Midway Atoll is in one of the most remote places on earth. And yet its become ground zero for The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, syphoning plastics from three distant continents. In this independent documentary film, journalist/filmmaker Angela Sun travels on a personal journey of discovery to uncover this mysterious phenomenon. Along the way she meets scientists, researchers, influencers, and volunteers who shed light on the effects of our rabid plastic consumption and learns the problem is more insidious than we could have ever imagined.



INTERFAITH COFFEE HOURS

move to
third Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm,
from April through September,
Webster's Bookstore and Café
unless otherwise noted.



Please join us on **April 28**, 2018 from 10:00 - 2:30 at St. Thomas Episcopal Retreat Center for a day that focuses on Generosity.

Hear from the National Church as well as United Church Funds about Trends in Giving: What Donors Want as well starting Planned Giving.

Cost is \$20 and includes lunch.

[Money and Ministry Flyer](#)

[Workshop Agenda](#)

[Description of Workshops](#)

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Interfaith Coffee Hour:

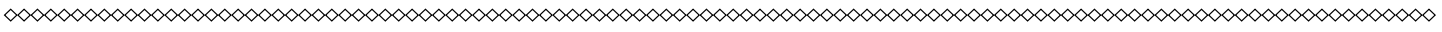
Monday, **APRIL 16**, 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 pm:

Film & Discussion sponsored by State College Area Baha'i community and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Centre County. "Changing the World One Wall at a Time"

#EducationIsNotaCrime

Note Location Change:

UU Fellowship, 780 Waupelani Dr. Ext., State College



Interfaith Human Services

Save the Date!

Interfaith Human Services' 50th Anniversary Open House Celebration

What?

Join us as we celebrate 50 years of supporting low-income Centre County families. We will also recognize the founders of Interfaith Human Services.

When?

Thursday, **April 12**, 2018

4 pm to 6 pm (Program begins at 5 pm)

Where?

Foxdale Village

500 E Marylyn Ave - (in Meeting Room)

State College, PA 16801

Refreshments will be served.

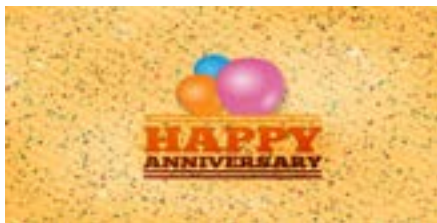


APRIL BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	ZACH ENGLE
7	LEAH BAIR
10	JULIE PELLETIER
11	MARK MECKSTROTH
14	DREW FRANK
18	MIRANDA MORRISON
	TYLER MORRISON
	BILL WILD
19	ASHER CARR-CHELLMAN
	JULES CARR-CHELLMAN
	BARB CHELLMAN
21	DANE AUMILLER
	ELYZABETH ENGLE
26	GREG FOX
27	CLOVIS MORRISON
28	BEV WILSON
29	MARK ENGLE
	CAROLYN MEYER
30	SCOTT MOYER



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

2	MARILYN & CLOVIS MORRISON
28	RON & PAT HERTZOG
	JARED & MARGARET HAMMOND

ACOLYTE

APR 1 EASTER

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

APR 1 EASTER

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COMMUNION TEAM

APR 1 EASTER

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

APR 1 EASTER

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FLOWERS

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LITURGIST

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SUNDAY TRUSTEES

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Blanks indicate openings.



WORSHIP CALENDAR



April 1 Easter
Ac 10:34-43 or Is 25:6-9
Ps 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Co 15:1-11 or Ac 10:34-43
Jn 20:1-18 or Mt 16:1-8

Holy Communion
Now What?

April 8 2nd Sunday of Easter
Ac 4:32-35
Ps 133
E1 Jn 1:1-2:2
Jn 20:19-31

Marks of Faith

April 15 3rd Sunday of Easter
Ac 3:12-19
Ps 4
1 Jn 3:1-7
Lk 24:36b-48

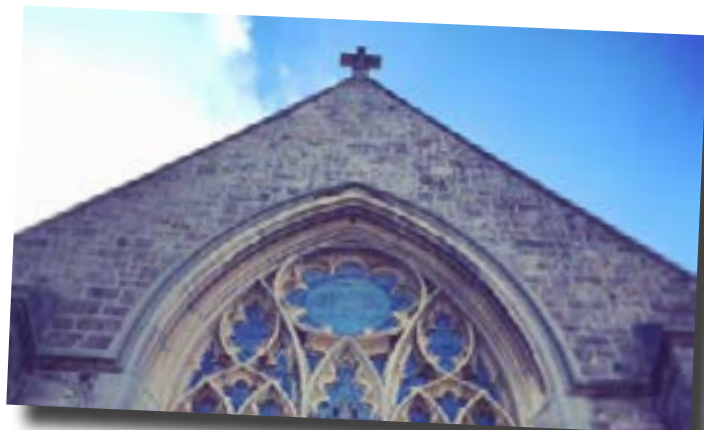
Christ Among Us

April 22 4th Sunday of Easter
Ac 4:5-12
Ps 23
1 Jn 3:16-24
Jn 10:11-18

Enfolded by Love
Earth Day

April 29 5th Sunday of Easter
Ac 8:26-40
Ps 22:25-31
1 Jn 4:7-21
Jn 15:1-8

Abiding in Love



Prayers for healing and wholeness:

Joann Edwards, Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), the family of Lois Bair, Carlton Miller, Bob Ritzman, the family of June Brown, 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.



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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300 East College Avenue
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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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