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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!

I hope you have had a rejuvenating and blessed summer!

We welcome you all back from your adventures, and hope to have a productive start of the fall year/semester. We especially welcome back PSU students, and extend a warm hello to those who are freshmen and new to the community. We hope to increase the activities of our students in our church and its ministries for this season. I've already had the good pleasure to meet over a dozen new students, as well as reaffirming relationships with returning students. I've also hiked with both students and even parents of students who have visited our church this summer. This is something I will be continuing throughout this semester – not only for students, but for anyone who would like to go for a walk in the beauty of God's creation. Please look at weekly bulletins for times, or feel free to email or text/call me to get more information.

As like last year, I'd like to offer a new member class to those interested in joining Faith UCC. We'll learn about some of the history and emphases of our UCC denomination, as well Faith UCC, and get to know each other's spiritual journeys. This is also a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and explore our own thoughts and ideas about the things we find meaningful in our lives. Please let me know of your interest in this class, and we will arrange a time for when all interested persons can get to know one another and our heritage.

As the Pastoral Search Committee reviews ministerial profiles and interviews pastoral candidates, please keep them in your prayers. They seem to be progressing along very well, and we give them our support and encouragement!

We are still looking for those interested in participating in a couple of our ministry teams. The Outreach and Service Ministry Team (OSMT) and the Education and Spiritual Growth Ministry Team (ESGMT) are both getting rejuvenated, and we are looking for people with a passion or interest in the ministries in which these two teams serve. Please look at the August Minister's Musings for a description of these two teams, and let me know of your interest so that we can plug you in to their activities! The ESGMT will meet Thursday, 9/6, in the Antoinette Brown Room at the church at 1 p.m. Join us if you'd like to learn more about ministries we hope to plan till the end of the year.

There will be a Town Hall Meeting between the Northern and Central Associations of our Penn Central Conference UCC at Trinity UCC in Centre Hall (104 N. Pennsylvania Ave.; Centre Hall, Pennsylvania, 16828) on September 15th, 10 a.m.-noon. Soups and salads will be provided after the meeting. You may bring a dessert item if you wish. Please come to discuss the ways in which our two Associations may merge into a single one, bringing advantages to our churches in both.

On Sunday September 23rd, we will have a Blessing of the Animals! This worship service, outside on the lawn (weather permitting, otherwise in the basement), welcomes all of our family members – even those from a different species! This event is not only fun and delightful, but also meaningful and memorable.





MINISTER'S MUSINGS CONTINUED



So bring your pets, on leashes or otherwise constrained, and join in this opportunity to have our pets meet our wider spiritual family and we them! BTW, if anyone plays guitar or other instruments that we could use outside and would be willing to play, please contact me! More details to come in upcoming bulletins.

On October 7th, we will have World Communion Sunday – and you'll definitely want to attend! As we did last year, we'll have breads and juices from around the world as we reflect upon the worldwide Body of Christ. It is a favorite service of many. If you would like to bake some breads from around the world for use in this service, or bring juices from the various continents, we invite you to contribute to make this a special and inspiring service!

Blessings always,
Pastor Bret

CONSISTORY CORNER



Consistory is pleased to announce that Marinda Jenkins will join the staff on September 1st as Choir Director. Marinda comes to us from Oakland University in Auburn Hills, Michigan, where she has just earned the degree Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance with concentration in Choral Conducting. For more than a year she has been Director of Music at the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. During the past academic year she has been the Assistant Conductor of the Oakland University Chorus and the Section Conductor of the Oakland Chorale. She performed as a soprano soloist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Pops as well as in many other venues. She is also a professional cellist, maintaining her own studio.



From one of her references: “The folks in her current church are broken-hearted to be losing her. She’s also a firm believer in the ability of the church to influence society in positive ways such as social justice, fighting poverty, and equality of all in the eyes of the law.”

Marinda should be with us for two years as she pursues the degree Master of Music in Choral Conducting from Penn State.



CHURCH SCHOOL



On our September schedule:

September 2: Communion--Parent Care

September 9: Playing Favorites/ Doing God's Work

James 2: 4-17

September 16: Who Am I? / Strong as a Rock

Mark 8: 27-38

September 23: Jesus and the Child/ Who is the Greatest?

Mark 9: 30-37

September 30: Pass the salt, Please/ Pinch of Salt

Mark 9: 49-50



Please join us every Sunday. You are truly missed when you aren't with us!

Blessings,

Barb Chellman - Church School Coordinator



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

Barb Chellman: bkcwminc@aol.com

Michelle Barnard: rmwgrad@hotmail.com

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.



July 2018

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Monthly Offerings: Budget vs. Actual

Thousands

\$17

\$14

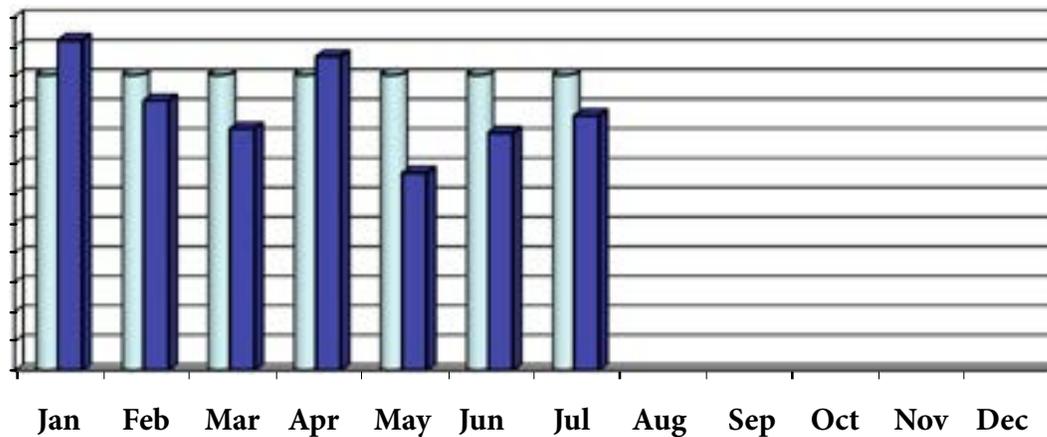
\$11

\$8

\$5

\$2

-\$1



July 2018

Total received = \$8,638 Total budgeted = \$10,000
Budget to actual difference (Current Month) = (\$1,362)

July Year-to-Date

Total Received = \$62,553 Total Budgeted = \$70,000
Budget to actual difference (Year-to-Date) = (\$7,447)

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

FAITH HAPPENINGS



SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING



Park Forest PreSchool

is dedicated to providing low income families with a comprehensive preschool program that includes education, social skills, and developmental motor skills taught by qualified teachers in a friendly, safe environment.

The preschool continues their mission of assisting at-risk children to grow and thrive while preparing them for a successful start in public school.

You can learn more about them on their website: <http://www.parkforestpreschool.org>



"Pastoral Search and Call Committee Update"

The Search and Call Committee is meeting regularly to advance the search for our Settled Pastor. We continue to receive new profiles of interested candidates. The committee is working faithfully together as we review and discern those we feel called to further investigate.

We appreciate your continued prayers for our work on this search.



CHOIR Rehearsals

Thursday Evenings @ 7PM
September 6, 13, 20, & 27

Choir rehearsals began Thursday, August 30, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

We always need more choir members, so come join us if you like to sing!

Our first Sunday to sing will be September 9.



At a Church Near You:

- Fellowship-Cider Pressing Outing on Sunday, October 7
- CROP Walk-Sunday, October 14
- Faith UCC Photo Christmas cards available for purchase—more details coming soon
- SERRV Sale of International Handcrafts and Fair Trade Foods—November 29-December 16



The Women's Guild is again selling nuts as a fundraiser.

To lighten the load for those doing the work, we are asking you to pre-order your nuts. Order forms will be in your bulletins on September Sundays or you can call or e-mail the church office.

Order by September 30 for delivery in early November to get good, fresh nuts for your gift-giving or baking.



DO YOU KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY?

The Forum group will be using the Great Books series on the History of Christianity this fall beginning on September 9. Join us at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the Library (on the second floor) for a short DVD presentation followed by discussion on what we have seen.

This is a good place to get to know those who join you In worship and to enjoy a lively discussion while you learn about our heritage.

“Subscription” Choices



You all are the reason that Environmental Issues are a high priority at Faith. To help, please consider going with electronic (email or website versions) if possible and help reduce the congregations carbon footprint.

If you are receiving FaithWorks! by mail OR email, please do not take additional copies from the Gatheringn Space table ...unless you're giving them out!

If you'd rather simply take one from the Gathering Space table, that's OK! Just let the office know to take you off the mailing/emailing list.

We certainly hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter!

But we realize that things change and that folks can only keep up with so many things at a time.

If you would like to stop receiving this newsletter (OPT OUT), we understand. We'll be sad, but we understand.

Please contact the office by phone or by email.



If you **do** enjoy receiving the FaithWorks! Newsletter, please consider sharing it or forwarding it to those who might be interested.

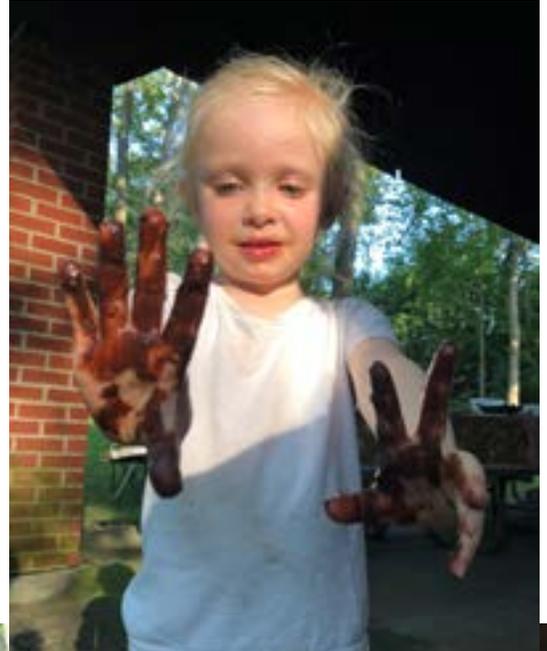
When doing do, be sure to encourage the recipients to contact the office about being added to the mailing/emailing list.

FAITH IN PHOTOS



Some Faith folks gathered at Sunset Park for the annual picnic on Sunday, August 5. About 35 were in attendance, and the weather (blessedly) was dry. Hot dogs were grilled, potluck dishes were enjoyed, S'mores were made and devoured! Frisbees were thrown, slides were "slid", babies were fussed over, much conversation was shared—in short, a great time was had by all!

The pictures tell the story pretty well!

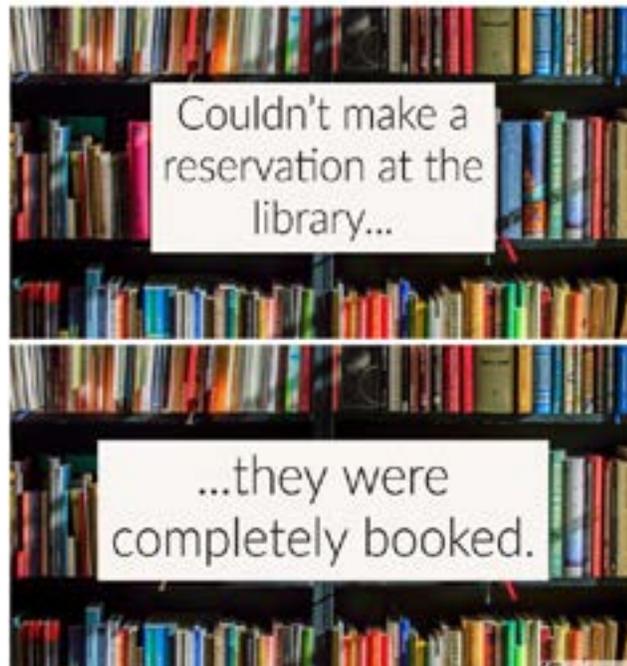


FAITH HAPPENINGS CALENDAR



September 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Appalachian State 3:30pm
2 Communion	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7 First Friday	8
9 Welcome Choir Director	10	11 Trustees 7 PM	12	13	14	15 Kent State Noon
16	17 Consistory 5:30 PM	18 Yom Kippur	19	20	21	22
23 Blessing of the Animals	24 Women's Guild Noon	25	26	27	28	29 Ohio State TBD
30						

JUST FOR



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



September Highlights:

Penn State Football!

- Sep 1** Applachian State 3:30 pm
- Sep 15** Kent State 12 noon
- Sep 29** Ohio State TBD



INTERFAITH COFFEE HOUR

“FINDING COMMON GROUND” Can People of Faith Overcome the Divide? How Do You Talk with People Who Have Very Opposed Social/Political/Cultural Views & Perspectives?

This discussion will center on overcoming the social divide that has formed in this country. What wisdom can various traditions, and different experiences contribute to healing social division?

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Webster’s Bookstore and Café, with Guest Facilitator: Naomi Altman
ALL Invited and Welcome! Free admission.



HERB AND GARLIC FESTIVAL



Fall is for planting and our festival is the perfect place to find that special perennial or herb for your home. Enjoy demonstrations and lectures while munching on a diverse menu of items from garlic milkshakes to garlic/ lovage soup!

September 9, 2018, 10am-5pm
Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum
Free

Along with First Fridays, this may be an opportunity for Faith Church to reach out to the community. If you have any ideas, contact the office or Lois Bair.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

15 JACKI HUNT
 16 CHRISTINE BOWERS
 17 KATELYN MOYER
 19 PATTY HERTZOG
 21 BUNNIE HARTSWICK
 KIRK NEIDIGH
 ALEXANDRA SHIRK
 23 JOAQUIN BARNARD (CHILD)
 24 NATHAN WOLESAGLE



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 MARK & CYNDY ENGLE



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SEP 2
 9
 16
 23
 30

COMMUNION TEAM

SEP 3
 JANE LEE CHILDS, CYNDI VINCENTI,
 PEGGY SALAMON, JUNE IRVIN

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

SEP 2
 9
 16
 23
 30

FLOWERS

SEP 2
 9
 16
 23
 30

LITURGIST

SEP 2 JIM WELSH

9
 16
 23
 30

NURSERY

SEP 2 COMMUNION, PARENT CARE

9
 16
 23
 30

SUNDAY TRUSTEES

SEP 2
 9 TOM DAUBERT
 16
 23
 30

USHERS

SEP 2 JANE LEE CHILDS
 9 TOM DAUBERT
 16
 23
 30

Blanks indicate openings.



WORSHIP CALENDAR



September 3 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 3:1-15; Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b OR

Je 15:15-21; Ps 26:1-8

Ro 12:9-21

Mt 16:21-28

Holy Communion

Spirit-Led Living

September 10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 12:1-14; Ps 149 OR

Ez 33:7-11; Ps 119:33-40

Ro 13:8-14

Mt 18:15-20

Remember, Restore, Renew

September 17 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 14:19-31; Ps 114 OR

Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21 OR

Ge 50:15-21, Ps 103(1-7), 8-13

Ro 14:1-12

Mt 18:21-35

Road to Freedom

September 24 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

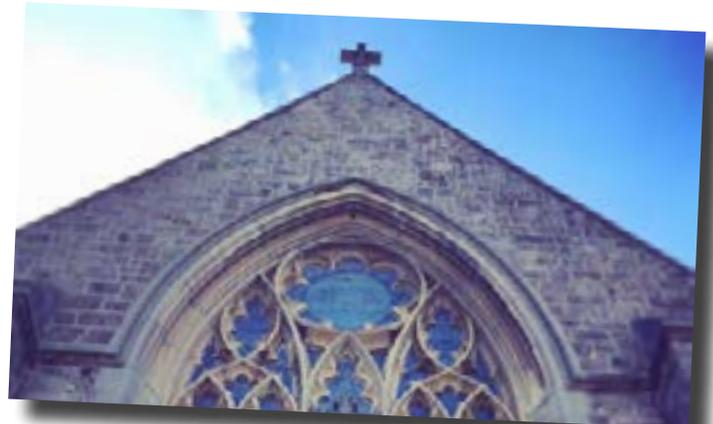
Ex 16:2-15; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45 OR

Jo 3:10-4:11; Ps 145:1-8

Ph 1:21-30

Mt 20: 1-16

Tensions in the Wilderness



Prayers for healing and wholeness:

Cyndy (Marilyn's daughter-in-law), June Irvin, Ben and Louise Harris, Jane Sheckells, Dan and Eileen Pfaff, Susie Keck, Joann Edwards, Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Lisa B. (JoAnn's daughter), Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Katelynn Wilson, Darlene Ripka, April S., Randy Brown (Aimee Dad), the Piggot's 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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If you know of a correction or update that should be made to our prayer list, whether an addition or removal, please notify the office. Also please secure permission of the prayer recipient to have their name published.

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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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