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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>

January and February have been busy months for the Consistory! The primary focus is on moving forward in developing the components of the church profile, which will be used to acquaint interested pastoral candidates with our congregation as we proceed with the Search and Call process.

The Profile Committee--including Tina Aumiller, Sue Doran, Clovis Morrisson and Jean Cole, chair--conducted a paper survey to gather input from Faith members and friends. On Sunday, February 11, they organized a meeting of the congregation following worship. The meeting featured a light lunch and a group discussion of the core values of Faith UCC. Pastor Bret moderated as a broad field of possible value statements was narrowed to eight core values. These core values will guide the next step in the process, the review of our vision and mission statements.

It is important that all of the congregation take part in this important process of developing the church profile, so please continue to hold Faith Church and its leadership in prayer, and be proactive in offering input and support.

One other note— In conjunction with the community Good Friday service to be held this year at the University Baptist and Brethren Church, the Consistory has decided to make Faith's sanctuary accessible to passersby for quiet meditation between 12:00 and 3:00 on Good Friday, March 30. If you are interested in serving as a host during part of that time, please speak with Pastor Bret or Larry Bair.



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.

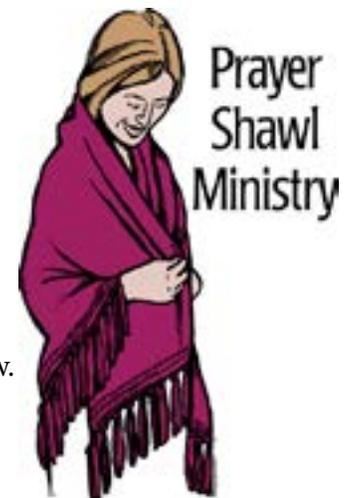
Thank you,

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 --- March 2018

March 4 - PCD (Parent Care Day) - 3rd Sunday in Lent

March 11 - 4th Sunday in Lent - Everyone Needs a Bright Light/Walking in the Light- John 3: 14 - 21

March 18 - 5th Sunday in Lent - A Seed Planted in the Ground/The Power of His Love --John 12: 20- 33

March 25 - Palm Sunday -- Jesus Goes to Jerusalem/I Love a Parade

A Kind Woman - Mark 14: 3 - 8

The Last Supper - Mark 14: 12 - 25

April 1 - Jesus is Alive Again -- Mark 16: 1 -8 EASTER

--God Gave Us EASTER!

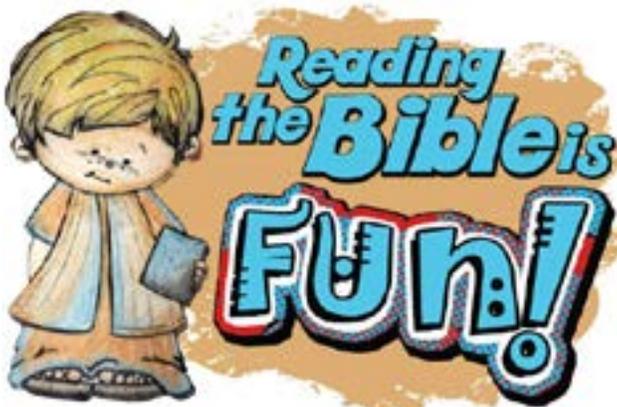
See you in Church School!



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

FAITH HAPPENINGS



MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING

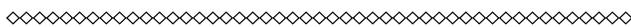


[One Great Hour of Sharing](http://onegreathourofsharing.org)

One Great Hour is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters.

Learn more at: <http://onegreathourofsharing.org>

Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "OGHS" noted in the memo line, or use the special envelope on Sunday, March 25th.



Faith UCC will host a movie screening on Saturday, **March 17th** at 6:30 p.m.



"Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA" reveals how gun manufacturers and the National Rifle Association have affected legislation so as to reap profits at the expense of the safety of the American people.

All are invited to this public screening and discussion after the film.



Still SERRVing: SERRV chocolate and coffees are available for purchase during Sunday fellowship on **March 11 & 18**.

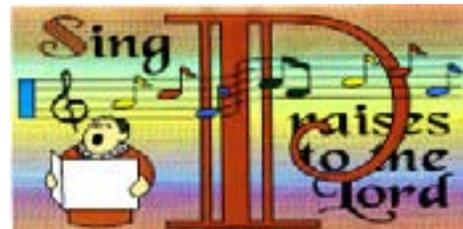
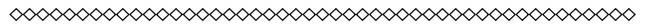


From the Church Profile Committee:

Thanks to all of you who took the time to fill out the forms we sent to you. The response was greater than we hoped and your input will help determine how successful we are with our Profile.

And a special thanks to all who participated in the meeting to determine the cores values of the Faith Church family. The discussion was very enlightening and we succeeded in deciding on eight (8) core values. Pastor Bret is putting everything together to create a mission statement. This draft document, along with our current Mission Statement, will be distributed to everyone for your comments so a decision can be made by the congregation on the statement that will be a part of our Profile.

We wil try to give you plenty of notice about the next step of the process; y'all (as my Texas family would say)



March CHOIR Rehearsals

Thursdays at 7:00 PM:
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Seeking Volunteers for Out of the Cold!

Volunteers are still needed for the Out of the Cold program being held at Faith UCC!

When: **NOW through March 11**

Where: Romig Hall at Faith UCC

Volunteers needed:

Host Coordinators- sign in guests, help set up, and socialize with guests from 8:15-10 PM

Overnight Volunteers- help set up, socialize with guests, be awake in case guests need something, sleep in shifts from 8:45 PM-7:15 AM.



Link address to the online sign up sheet: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f45a9ad2ba5fa7-ubbc>

Questions? Contact Amanda Gerhart, Faith UCC Site Coordinator
amandangerhart@gmail.com or 814-769-9888 (call or text)

If interested, please contact Amanda Gerhart

email: amandangerhart@gmail.com

cell: (814) 769-9888

SCRIP Fundraising

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.

NEWSFLASH! It is now possible to order your own cards online—for details contact Melissa Coble (mco-ble19@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.](#)

Identities Under the Bisexual Umbrella Queer, Bi, Pansexual, & Fluid

equality **HOPE**
 LOVE change
FAITH HOPE love • INCLUSIVE
 welcoming
 COMPASSION
 AFFIRMING
LOVE
 HOPE

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

Penbrook United Church of Christ, 56 Banks St., Harrisburg • 717-236-5275

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MEGAN YOST, Ph.D.

Megan is an associate professor of Psychology and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Dickinson College. Her teaching and research focus on the psychology of gender, the psychology of sexuality, stigma and prejudice surrounding sexual identities and diverse sexual practices, and qualitative research methods.

Topics Include:

- * Defining nonmonosexual sexual identities - bisexual, pansexual, queer
- * Sexual fluidity and shifts in identities over time
- * Unique aspects of coming out as bi/pan/queer
- * Bisexual invisibility
- * Discrimination against bisexuals from both the heterosexual and queer communities
- * Creating bi/pan/queer inclusive spaces

9:30 a.m. Registration and Morning Refreshments
 10:00 a.m. Presentation Begins
 12:00 noon Lunch and Small Group Discussions
 2:00 p.m. Event Ends



PRESENTED BY: The ONA Ministry Team, Penn Central Conference

REGISTRATION: Email Shirley Keith Knox at skeithknox@comcast.net

To help defray speaker and lunch costs, a free will offering will be accepted.

NOTE: Forgot to register? Walk-ins always welcome!

FAITH HAPPENINGS CALENDAR



March 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 OOTC	2 OOTC First Friday	3 OOTC
4 OOTC	5 OOTC	6 OOTC	7 OOTC	8 OOTC	9 OOTC	10 OOTC
11 OOTC Daylight Savings	12 OOTC Tear Down	13 Trustees 7 PM	14	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day
18 Welsh Society 1-5	19 Consistory 5:30 PM	20	21	22 Maundy Thursday Sigma Omega Pi Operation Smile Fundraiser	23 Good Friday	24 Holy Saturday

The Future Is Now!

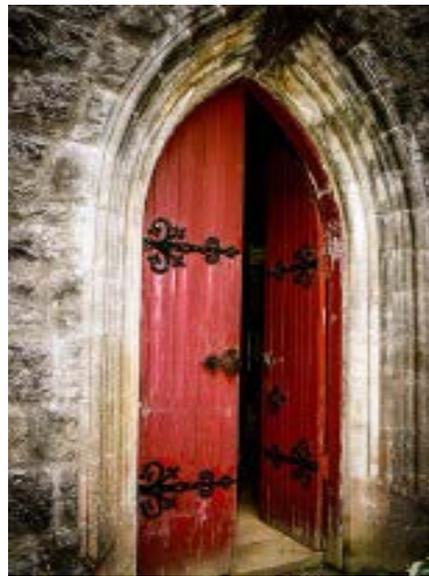
Many of you have already received an invitation to create an account on Breeze, the church's new data management system.



This will streamline things in the office and increase the ability of everyone to communicate and minister more efficiently, once it's all set up.

If you would like any assistance in creating your account, updating your information, or would like some 1:1 training on how **you** can use it where you are serving, please contact Jeff in the office.

Your patience during this transition is appreciated!



Reminder: Please make sure the doors latch behind you when exiting the building.

The automatic door closers get sluggish in colder weather and may not have the momentum to latch the doors properly.

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>.

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

Free Admission!

Wednesday, March 21, 7PM

Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic? is a 2010 American documentary film exposing the effects of plastic bags and other plastic consumer merchandise, and its effects on land ecosystems, the marine environment and the human body.



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.



Please join us for the third annual Palm Sunday Peace Walk - a participatory community event focused on bringing together our diverse community to notice and acknowledge the many ways our community is working for peace!

This one mile walk starting at 3pm on **Sunday, March 25th** will begin at University Baptist and Brethren Church and visit several stops along the way to hear our community stories and pray for our community's healing.

All are welcome to participate in this walk regardless of faith tradition!

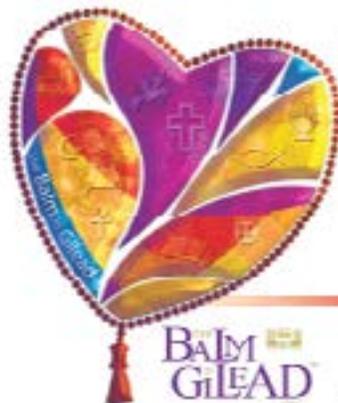
This year's event will stop at several downtown churches including St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Albright-Bethune United Methodist Church, State College Presbyterian Church, and St. Paul's United Methodist Church

For more:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/187088018561665/>

UPMC Pinnacle

Alder Health Services



Presents the South Central PA Celebration of
**National Week of Prayer
for the Healing of AIDS**

March 4th - March 11th, 2018

"AWARENESS, FAITH, PRAYER, EDUCATION & COMMITMENT"

March 10, 2018
Keynote Address
&
Panel Discussion

Keynote begins at
6:00 PM with
**Rev. Dr. Yvette
Flunder**



Interfaith Worship
Service
With Guest Preacher,
**Rev. Dr. Yvette
Flunder**

March 11, 2018
Worship
Begins at
3:00 PM

Please RSVP by March 8, 2018

Holly Zearfoss - 717-233-7190 ext. 225

holly@alderhealth.org

Free to the Public

Donations accepted

Events will be held at:

Market Square Presbyterian Church

20 S. 2nd St, Harrisburg, PA 17101

www.haltingilead.org/ncpha/

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.



JUST FOR



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

On Sunday, **March 4**, at 5 PM, the Adult Choir of St., Andrew's Episcopal Church, State College PA, will offer the service of choral evensong according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. This book is still the official prayer book of the Church of England. Music in the service will feature a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Alec Wyton, the anthem BEHOLD, O GOD OUR DEFENDER by Noel Rawsthorne and Preces and Responses by Richard Shepherd. The rector, the Rev. Jeffrey Packard, will be the officiant.



Prior to the Reformation, prayer in the early evening or late afternoon was known as the office of Vespers, one of the eight Canonical Hours of the divine office of the Western church. However, in 1549, a prayer book known as the Book of Common Prayer was adopted in the context of the English Reformation. Bishop Thomas Cranmer established the office of Evensong using elements taken from both Vespers and Compline, generally to be conducted in the English language, as was the case with the entire liturgy.

After a series of slight modifications, the office of Evensong took its modern form in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, a form that is followed very closely throughout the whole of the Anglican and Episcopal Church throughout the world.

Evensong, like all forms of liturgical worship, has elements of drama and ritual that nourish the spiritual life of all of us. It is based entirely on elements of Holy Scripture and it is scripted according to a long history, originating in Judaic and early Christian evening worship. Evensong is traditionally mostly sung by a choir, with the full congregation participating throughout in thoughtful prayer, allowing the music to soothe us and to draw us closer to the presence of God. The congregation also joins in the spoken parts of the liturgy: the reciting of the Confession and the Creed, as well as singing the hymns.

Please join us for this service. A reception will follow in Room 325



Earth Hour March 24th - is coming upon us.



This global marking of illumination and darkness is celebrated in big and small ways the world over. In past years, the Eiffel Tower and the Sydney Opera House have gone dark – turned off all their lights – while at the same time small groups have gathered in intimate, candlelit house parties.

At any scale, Earth Hour offers the opportunity to reflect on the power of ... power in our lives. This year, our Philadelphia group will host a reflective service at Summit Presbyterian Church; **the State College group will again gather at Webster's Bookstore Café for nibbles, music and silent auction; in Harrisburg, there's a potluck supper, film and discussion; and in Pittsburgh, a first-ever gathering of the local PA IPL Chapter.**

Though we're all over the state, we still might not be close to your neighborhood, so feel free to put together your own event. Perhaps a dinner in your worship community with the opportunity to support PA IPL and also to share, by candlelight in a darkened church hall, fears and hopes, based in faith, about climate change. Perhaps small dinners in private homes.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5 ANDREW AUMILLER
 10 NEIL CHRISTY
 11 SALLY WELSH
 14 JAYE HERRICK
 18 SUE BOWERS
 22 JANET SWIM
 23 ILENE MAHARG
 28 WAYNE YEARICK
 30 DENNIS MEYER
 31 JANE CHILDS

ACOLYTE

MAR 4
 11
 18
 25

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MAR 4
 11
 18
 25

COMMUNION TEAM

MAR 4

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

MAR 4
 11
 18 JANE CHILDS
 25

FLOWERS

MAR 4
 11
 18
 25

LITURGIST

MAR 4
 11
 18
 25

NURSERY

MAR 4
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 18
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SUNDAY TRUSTEES

MAR 4
 11 TOM DAUBERT
 18
 25

USHERS

MAR 4
 11 TOM DAUBERT
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 25

Blanks indicate openings.



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

21 BILL & MARY JANE WILD



WORSHIP CALENDAR



March 4 3rd Sunday in Lent

Ex 20:1-17
Ps 19
1 Co 1:18-25
Jn 2:13-22

Holy Communion

Beautiful Law

Amistad Sunday

March 11 4th Sunday in Lent

Nu 21:4-9
Ps 107:1-3, 17-22
Ep 2:1-10
Jn 3:14-21

No Matter What

OGHS Offering

March 18 5th Sunday in Lent

Je 31:31-34
Ps 51:1-12 OR Ps 119:9-16
He 5:5-10
Jn 12:20-33

Deep in Our Hearts

March 25 Palm/Passion Sunday

Mk 11:1-11 OR
Jn 12:12-16, Ps 118:1-2, 19-29
(Liturgy of the Psalms)
Is 50:4-9a, Ps 31:9-16, Ph 2:5-11
Mk 14:1-15:47 OR
Mk 15:1-39, (40-47)
(Liturgy of the Passion)

Into Jerusalem

March 29 Maundy Thursday

Ex 12:1-4,(5-10), 11-14
Ps 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Co 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 30 Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12
Ps 22, He 10:16-25 OR
He 4:14-16, 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

March 30 Holy Saturday

Job 14:1-14
La 3:1-9, 19-24
Ps 31:1-4, 15-16
1 Pe 4:1-8
Mt 27:57-66 OR
Jn 19:38-42

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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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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