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

CONSISTORY CORNER



At our May 21 monthly meeting, Rev. Ben Wideman (Third Way Collective) discussed on-campus ministry and possible ways Faith Church can add support.

Important steps in the Search and Call process have been taken recently. The Faith Church Profile was received by the Penn Central Conference office with the review, “This church profile is very detailed and well done!” by the Conference Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith. With a few minor revisions, the profile was finalized. The job description will soon be posted nationally .

--Larry Bair, Consistory President



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.

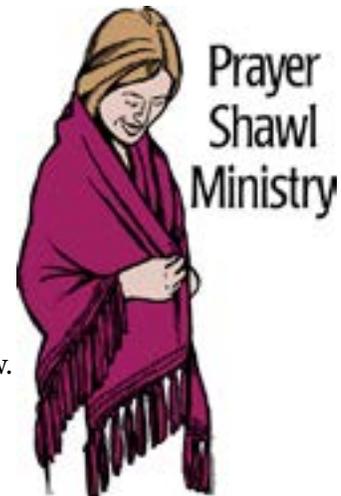
Thank you,

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.

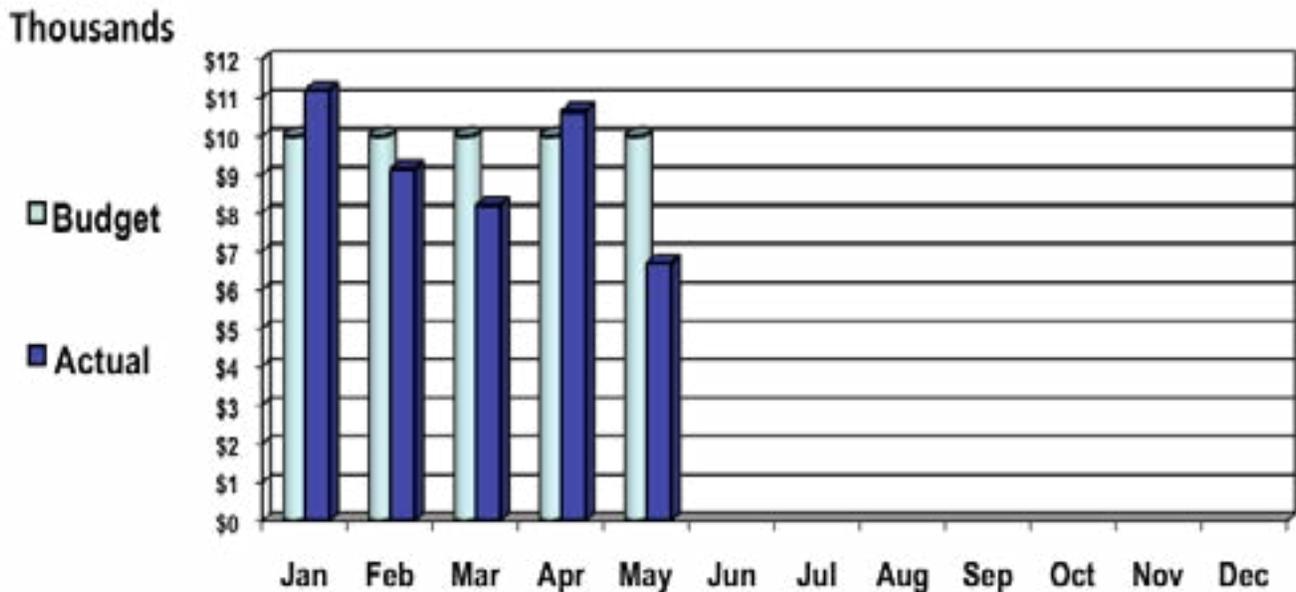
The purpose of the prayer shawls, which are made for both men and women, are to comfort, support, and encourage. Prayer shawls are prayers for healing and hope. Since 2011, we have given over 30 shawls to members and friends of Faith. Each shawl is labeled with a prayer and the name of the recipient.



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.



May 2018 Faith United Church of Christ Monthly Offerings: Budget vs. Actual



May 2018

Total received = \$6,689 Total budgeted = \$10,000
Budget to actual difference (Current Month) = (\$3,311)

May Year-to-Date

Total Received = \$45,865 Total Budgeted = \$50,000
Budget to actual difference (Year-to-Date) = (\$4,135)

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

FAITH HAPPENINGS



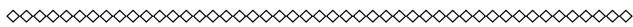
JULY SPECIAL OFFERING

Open and Affirming Coalition

The Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ advocates for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in the UCC, and equips UCC congregations to become effective witnesses to Christ's extravagant welcome.

Founded in 1972, the Coalition has helped the UCC reach each of its milestones on the journey towards acceptance and justice for its LGBT and same-gender-loving (SGL)* members.

Thank you for your consideration and financial support!



From the Women's Guild:

The 71st annual Strawberry Festival was a successful evening--good food, good fellowship, and great work by all.

We don't have the final financial figures yet but we had a lot of hungry people. It takes the whole congregation to make it work, so thanks to all who contributed by helping that morning and evening, bringing cakes, buying tickets, and coming.

[Editor's Note: It was Awesome!
even if it took my blood sugar the rest of the week to recover]



CELEBRATING SUMMER!

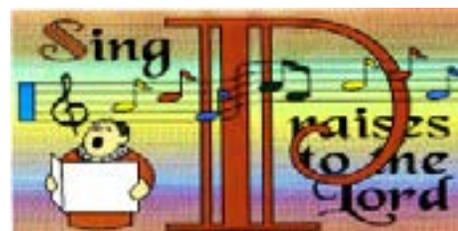
Mark your calendar!

The Faith Church Annual Picnic will be held this year at Sunset Park (850 McKee St., State College) on Sunday, August 5 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Food will be potluck, as usual—watch for announcements closer to the date on details, weather concerns, etc.

Sunset Park is located near the Penn State Arboretum and offers a playground, along with space for baseball, basketball and horseshoes. Some of our cyclists are also exploring the possibility of a bike trail adventure that day!

For those who prefer calmer activities, our pavilion will provide a pleasant place to sit and visit.

So mark your calendar, invite some friends, and join in the fellowship and fun on August 5!



CHOIR
NO Rehearsals
through the summer

“Subscription” Choices

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. 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.

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



The 26th Annual Pride Festival of Central PA COURAGE...It's What It's About 3 days of activities

Friday, July 27th Saturday, July 28th
Pride Festival - Saturday July 28th, 2018

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Riverfront Park, Harrisburg, PA
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission Fee - \$10; 12 and under are free.

Penn Central Conference is sponsoring a UCC table. If you are interested in volunteering at the booth, contact Becky Boone at beckster@ctipc.com.

HARRISBURG GAY MEN'S CHORUS
Voices United
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Voices United
2018
General Admission: \$15.00
Friday July 27, 2018 at 8:00pm
Market Square Presbyterian Church
20 S 2nd Street, Harrisburg PA 17101

HARRISBURG GAY MEN'S CHORUS

For many Open and Affirming congregations, Pride Month concluded (June 29-July 1) this weekend with ONA Sunday.

Whether or not you're observing this red-letter day in the UCC calendar, know that the Coalition is proud of the grace that you and your congregation have brought to the lives of many LGBTQ seekers and their families. Our gift for you is a rainbow version of the UCC's official "Three Great Loves" comma.

It's a great way to show on your website, bulletins, business cards, brochures and church sign that you're an LGBTQ-affirming congregation! Use the link below to download a high-resolution copy, and if you need the logo in other formats, let us know at ed@openandaffirming.org!

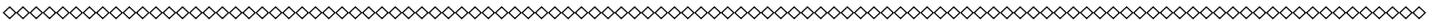
You can also buy a lapel pin with this logo at:
uccresources.com/products/lapel-pin-new-ucc-logo-with-rainbow-comma



FAITH HAPPENINGS CALENDAR



July 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 First Friday	7
8	9	10 Trustees 7 PM	11	12	13	14
15	16 Consistory 5:30 PM	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	31	31				



JUST FOR 

**I WAS GOING TO
LOOK FOR MY
MISSING WATCH,
BUT I COULD NEVER
FIND THE TIME.**



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

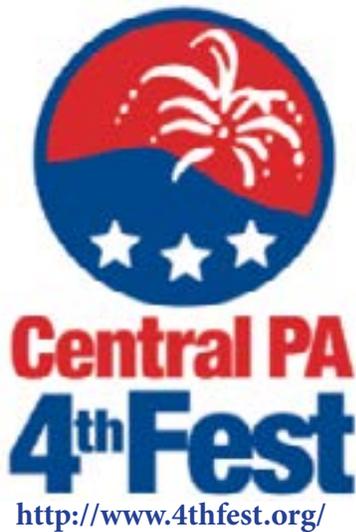


Loads of Summer Fun!
Click the pics to link to
more!



Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts™

<https://arts-festival.com/art>



<http://www.tusseymountain.com/wingfest/>



PEOPLE'S CHOICE FESTIVAL of Pennsylvania Arts & Crafts

<https://peopleschoicefestival.com/>



INTERFAITH COFFEE HOURS

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



<http://www.visitpennstate.org/events/tenth-anniversary-summer-project-imagination-celebration-9338/>

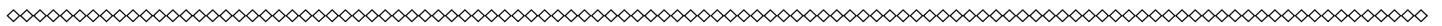
The next **Culture Crawl and Festival** will take place on **Sunday, July 8.**

Please be aware that Calder Way will be closed from McAllister to South Allen and from Locust Lane to Heister Street.

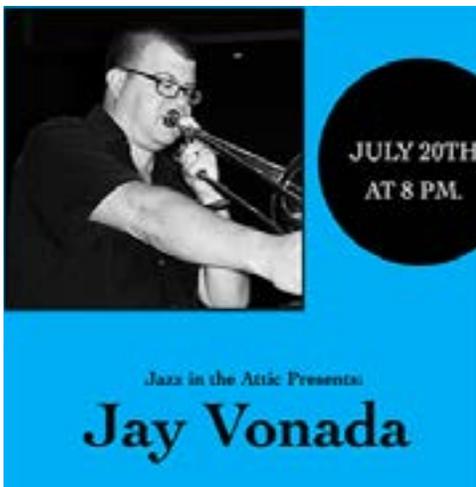
In addition, the 100 block of Allen Street will be closed from 12-8 pm for this event.

For more information and how to get involved with this event call Tommy Tate at (814) 238-6457.

<https://statecollegeculturecrawl.com/>



<http://thestatetheatre.org/jazz-in-the-attic-presents-jay-vonada/>



<http://www.milb.com/schedule/index.jsp?sid=t1174&m=7&y=2018>



<https://farmfest.paorganic.org/>

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.

The Values, Vision, and Mission of Faith United Church of Christ

The Core Values of Faith United Church of Christ*

Inclusiveness/Open & Affirming/Welcoming

Fostering Outreach to Younger Community (PSU, et al), and Serving the Wider Community

Justice to those who don't receive it (social, environmental, etc.)

Volunteerism and service within the church's programs, ministries, ministry teams, etc.

Valuing and honoring tradition in worship with progressive theology, values, and language. (Recognition that "tradition" at Faith UCC, as in the Biblical tradition, is evolving and also elastic and flexible.)

Communally caring, loving, and nurturing of each other.

Education (all ages) – religious, cultural, societal, etc.

Spiritual Growth (all ages) – connecting generations, breadth & depth, guidance (mentoring), support groups, intellectually stimulating.

*Core values are not listed in any order of hierarchy.

The Values, Vision, and Mission of Faith United Church of Christ

The Vision Statement of Faith United Church of Christ

Faith United Church of Christ is a progressive community of faith that seeks to:

Live out an extravagantly welcoming, radically inclusive, and open and affirming faith in which we embrace the beautiful diversity of God's people, all of whom we see as our siblings regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, dis/ability, and circumstance of life.

Foster outreach and relationships with people of all ages, with emphases on younger members and families in the State college area and those in the Penn State University community, in order to heed God's call to us to serve locally and beyond.

Advocate for justice wherever there is injustice, and both speak and work for changes in local, regional, national, and world attitudes and laws that will address both systemic and personal injustices to groups and individuals.

Embody an ethos of service and volunteerism through the church programs, ministries, and Ministry Teams by which our church responds to God's call by aiding one another and the wider community.

Kindle and sustain a set of values, theology, and language that is innovatively progressive, while doing so in a structure of worship that respects tradition without being constrained by it.

Cultivate compassion, kindness, and caring concern within our congregation and wider community so as to nurture a spirit of cooperation, collaboration, and mutual support.

Edify our minds, hearts, and souls by educating ourselves and others about other faiths, cultures, societies, and human endeavors so as to further mutual understanding in the hope for peaceful relations.

Nurture spiritual growth in each person at every level of development so as to make wise our God-given consciences, deepen our resolve to follow Christ's call to love one another as ourselves, and broaden the Spirit's influence by doing our part in making the world a better place.

The Values, Vision, and Mission of Faith United Church of Christ

The Mission Statement of Faith United Church of Christ

We, the congregation of Faith United Church of Christ, live out our mission by faithfully:

Welcoming, befriending, and empowering all persons who seek a haven of spiritual sustenance and inspiration.

Providing an outreach of invitation and inclusion to the wider community, with an emphasis on children, young persons and the PSU community.

Speaking, writing, and acting in our personal, social, political, and religious lives in defense of those for whom justice is denied.

Investing and committing our time, talents, and efforts to create, nourish, support, and invigorate the ministries, programs, and leadership of our church to carry out our vision through volunteerism as well as requested and appointed service.

Affirming both creative and traditional elements within worship that are compatible with our progressive Christian values, and encouraging our pastor, staff, and congregation to appreciate the diversity of liturgy and interpretation in which we are each uniquely blessed while in sacred fellowship.

Practicing kindness and displaying compassion in all of our relationships within our church to facilitate a community of healing, encouragement, nurture, and peace.

Learning, teaching, and interacting with one another with the intent of fostering understanding, building relationships, and developing networks that expand our minds, inspire our spirits, and uplift our souls.

Engaging our sense of wonder and awe, inquisitively acknowledging our doubts and questions, planting seeds of sacred mystery, cultivating the crops of faithfulness, and reaping a harvest of blessing so that God's light might shine on us and through us to our world.

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>

JULY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



JULY BIRTHDAYS

3	SANDY MILLER
5	BOB RITZMANN
7	CASSIDY DAVIDSON
	JOE KRABILL
11	LISA WELLER
14	TRISHA (HERTZOG) KLINGLER
21	TOMMY FOUNTAINE
23	MARILYN ENGLE
25	CINDY REED
27	RON HERTZOG
28	MARTHA THOMPSON



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7	BOB & JACKI HUNT
22	JIM & ANGIE MORRISON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JULY 1
8
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COMMUNION TEAM

JULY 1

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

JULY 1	LOIS BAIR
8	
15	SUSAN BRANDSE
22	JUNE IRVIN
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FLOWERS

JULY 1	MARTHA THOMPSON
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LITURGIST

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JULY 1	COMMUNION
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SUNDAY TRUSTEES

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Blanks indicate openings.



WORSHIP CALENDAR



July 1 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sa 1:1, 17-27, Ps 130 OR
Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24 or La 3:22-33, Ps 30
2 Co 8:7-15
Mk 5:21-43

Holy Communion

Healing Powers

July 8 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sa 5:1-5, 9-10, Ps 48 OR
Ex 21-5, Ps 123
2 Co 12:2-10
Mk 6:1-13

Sent With Power

July 15 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
2 Sa 6:1-5, 12b-19, Ps 24 OR
Am 7:7-15, Ps 85:8-13
Ep 1:3-14
Mk 6:14-29

God-Inspired Joy

July 22 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sa 7:1-14a, Ps 89:20-37 OR
Je 23:1-6, Ps 23
Ep 2:11-22
Mk 6:30-34, 53-56

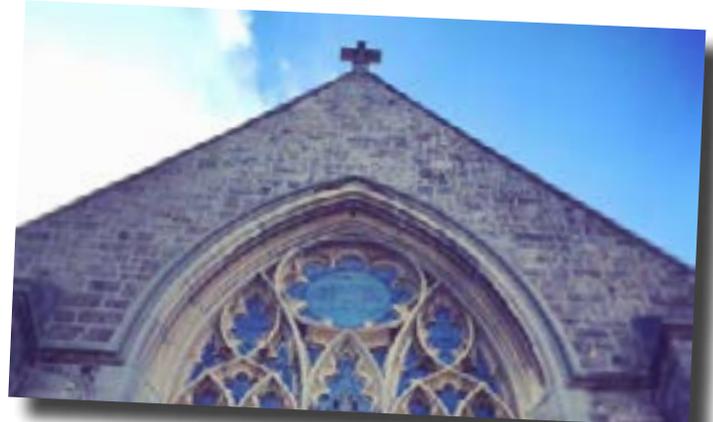
Wherever You Are

July 29 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sa 11:1-15, Ps 14 OR
2 Ki 4:42-44, Ps 145:10-18
Ep 3:14-21
Jn 6:1-21

God's Abundant Presence

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).
<http://www.faithucc.info/bulletins.html>



Prayers for healing and wholeness:

Susie Keck, Joann Edwards, Lisa V. (John Vincent's daughter), Lisa B. (JoAnn's daughter), Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Katelynn Wilson, Darlene Ripka, April S., Randy Brown (Aimee's Dad), the Piggot family, Robert Zupp (Eileen Pfaff's nephew), the Snook family.



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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