

May 2018

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To all the women who nurtured us
physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually;
by birth, by adoption, by fostering, by mentoring

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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>

CONSISTORY CORNER



At our April 16 monthly meeting, we welcomed two new members to fill existing vacancies on Consistory—Kate Gerhart and Clif Merchant. We're grateful for their willingness to serve Faith Church in this capacity.

The main focus of business was the on-going Pastoral Search and Call Process. The Profile Committee has been working hard to finalize the Faith Church Profile; when completed, it will go to the conference office to be posted on the national UCC website, to advertise our search for a settled pastor. Thanks to Jean Cole, Sue Doran, Tina Aumiller and Clovis Morrisson for their hard work on preparing this document.

Another important step in the Search and Call Process was taken in appointing a Pastoral Search Committee, composed of Margaret Hammond (Chair), Tina Aumiller, Wayne Bicehouse, Clif Merchant and Seann Reed. Again, thanks to these folks for their willingness to tackle this exciting but challenging task. Please remember to support them with prayer as they begin their work.

--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.



CHURCH SCHOOL



Church School Schedule --- May 2018

May 6, 2018 : 6th Sunday of Easter
John 15: 9 – 14 Duck Down under the Water

May 13, 2018: 6th Sunday of Easter
John 17: 6 – 19 Jesus Prays for His Friends

May 20, 2018: Pentecost Sunday:
Acts 2 The Birthday of the Church

May 27, 2018: Trinity Sunday/First Sunday After Pentecost
John 3: 1 – 21 Visit of Nicodemus



See you in Church School!

Blessings!

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



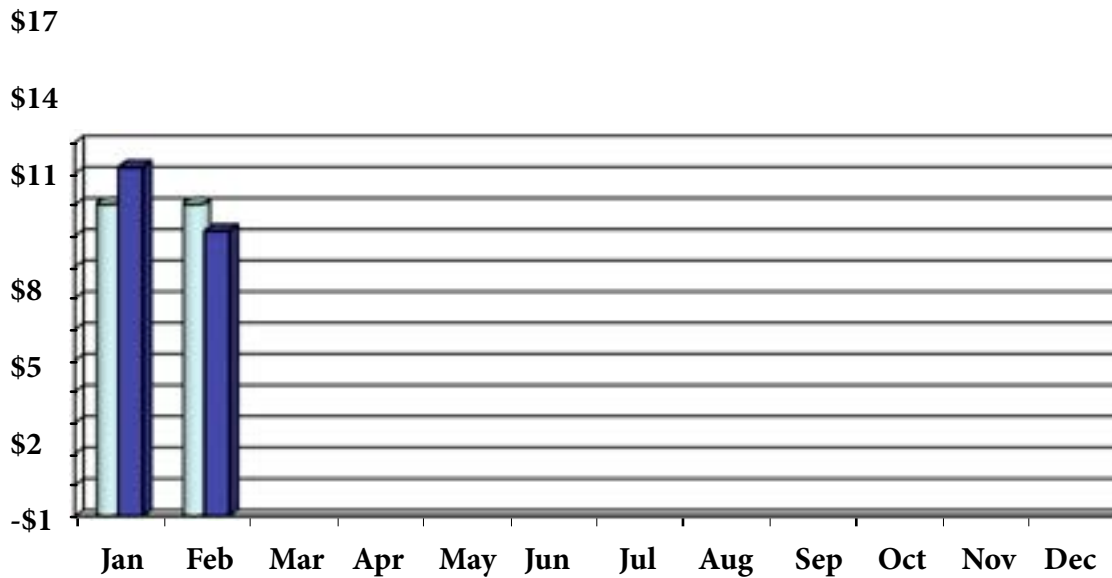
To volunteer or for more information about either Church School or Nursery, please contact:

Barb Chellman: bkcwminc@aol.com

Michelle Barnard: rmwcgrad@hotmail.com

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

■ Budget ■ Actual
Thousands



February 2018

Total received = \$9,149

Total budgeted = \$10,000

Budget to actual difference (Current Month) = - \$851

February Year-to-Date

Total Received = \$20,337

Total Budgeted = \$20,000

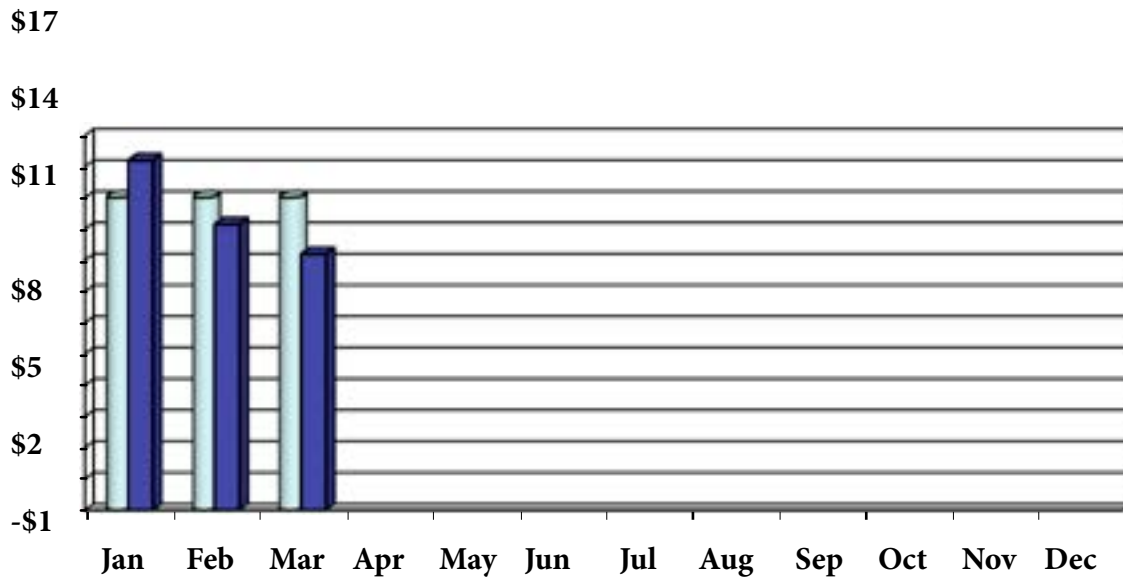
Budget to actual difference (Year-to-Date) = + \$337

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



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

■ Budget ■ Actual
Thousands



March 2018

Total received = \$8,196

Total budgeted = \$10,000

Budget to actual difference (Current Month) = (\$1,804)

March Year-to-Date

Total Received = \$28,533

Total Budgeted = \$30,000

Budget to actual difference (Year-to-Date) = (\$1,467)

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FAITH HAPPENINGS



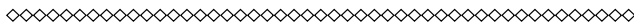
MAY SPECIAL OFFERING

Hartman Center is the Outdoor Ministries facility owned by Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ since 1964.

Programming includes retreats, conferences, workshops, dinner meetings, summer camps, and other events. Hartman Center is located about 20 miles southeast of State College on old Rte. 322 in Milroy PA.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and financial donations!

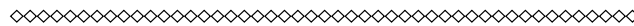
<https://www.hartmancenter.com/>



Because Memorial Day falls on the usual "Guild Day" (last Monday of the month), there will not be a guild meeting in May.

However, there is a trip to Martin's still in the works for May 17th. Contact Edna for more.

(814) 237-3646
ednabicehouse@gmail.com



It'll be here sooner than you think!
June 13, 2018
Annual Faith Strawberry Festival

YUM!



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A YEAR(!) ago, 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:

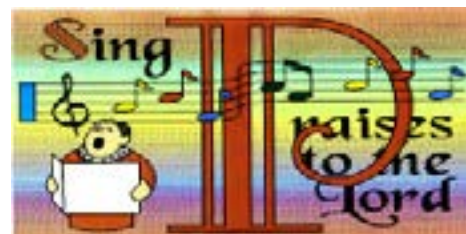
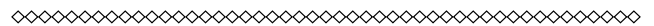
STEP 1: Submit an order for shopping cards of the business(es) of your choice, paying the face value of the cards; OR purchase directly from the cards we have in stock.

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.](#)



May CHOIR Rehearsals
Thursdays at 7:00 PM:
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

The call to the **Fifty-Sixth Annual Meeting** of the Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ will convene

June 8 - 9, 2018

at [Susquehanna University](#),
514 University Avenue - Selinsgrove, PA 17870.



ALIVE IN CHRIST
Re-visioning Key Vital Signs
([Colossians 2: 6-19](#))

This year we will focus on equipping local churches with practical tools and resources to thrive

[Annual Meeting Draft Agenda](#)

Annual Meeting Costs:
Friday Registration - \$35
Saturday Registration - \$35
Friday Dinner - \$13
Saturday Breakfast - \$6.50
Saturday Lunch - \$10.50
Double Occupancy - \$40
Single Occupancy - \$50

****REGISTER FOR EVERYTHING, SAVE \$10!**

[TO REGISTER](#)

We will have a robust children's program this year - a 'mini Annual Meeting'.
Children's registration will follow!

* All clergy are expected to attend annual meeting. If you are unable to be present, please notify the conference office in writing via e-mail or letter in order that you may be excused.

Each church shall be entitled to be represented by two (2) lay delegates at least one of whom should be under 21 years of age, wherever feasible in the local situation.



Hartman Center

Camp, Conference and Retreat Center



It's time to help get Hartman Center ready for the upcoming camping season. Workers (all skill levels) are encouraged to arrive at Hartman Center by 9 a.m. on **Friday, May 4**. A complete list of projects for the work days is attached [available in the office]. Please decide what project you'd like to work on and contact Dave Bushnell at abushnell@aol.com or ☎ 717-371-2593. Advanced assignments will help us have supplies and materials ready to go.

Overnight lodging will be in one of the cabins at camp. You will need to bring sleeping bags or sheets and a blanket, and of course pillows. Two cabins (one for the women and one for the men) have been reserved but if we need more space we can use other cabins. **THERE WILL BE NO COST** for the lodging. However, we will need to ask for contributions for meals. \$20-30 should cover the food since we will be providing our own meals.

The plan will be to work morning and afternoon on Friday as well as morning and afternoon on Saturday. We will have a movie(s) to share on Friday evening.

Hope to see you at Hartman Center.
Dave Bushnell

Projects include:

- Painting inside cabins and program lodges
- Cleaning up brush and fallen trees
- Cleaning windows
- Mobile home foundation siding
- Chapel and Nature Center gardens
- Cleaning up Trails
- Painting Chapel bathrooms
- Scrub all walls in Michaux
- Demo old gazebo and benches at P1
- Clean all cabinets in Michaux, and Program Lodges
- Refinish Michaux Lodge Floors
- Clean Michaux Lodge attic

11th Annual Golf Outing



Saturday, May 12 @1:30pm
Fairview Golf Course,
Quentin, PA
www.fairview.distinctgolf.com
(choose 'contact' for directions)
\$10,000 Hole-In-One Contest!
register online at:
www.hartmancenter.com or
www.pccucc.org

Additional information in the office!

AND MUCH MORE (complete list w/ approximate number of volunteers needed per project available in office)

**The ONA Ministry Team of the Penn Central Conference
Welcomes Andy Lang to this year's Annual Meeting**

**OPEN AND AFFIRMING
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ONA MINISTRY TEAM
PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE**



ONA & the Bible

An Open and Affirming conversation can help congregations re-discover basic biblical values. Learn how congregations have faithfully explored biblical texts and learned why and how they can welcome their LGBTQ neighbors.

Speaker: Andy Lang, Executive Director, Open and Affirming Coalition, United Church of Christ

Successful Practices of ONA Churches: Learn about the strategies used by churches within Penn Central Conference that has led to an Extravagant Welcome - Topic Areas include: Successful ONA Vote, A Community Presence, Spreading understanding with a particular focus on children and youth, and Welcoming and Healing.



Andy Lang has 18 years of experience as a communications professional in the United Church of Christ. He was a daily newspaper reporter and a Congressional public-relations specialist in Washington, DC, before moving to Cleveland to join the UCC's national communications staff in 1993.

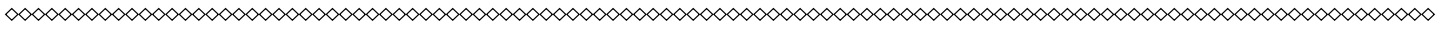
Andy has been the Coalition's executive director since 2010: in that capacity, he leads the UCC's Open and Affirming Program. His passion is to reach the nearly 3,700 UCC congregations that have not yet adopted an ONA covenant. He is a member of Plymouth United Church of Christ in Shaker Heights, OH. Andy's pronouns of choice are "he, him, his."

Join Us – **June 8** before Annual Meeting at Susquehanna University
9:30 AM: Registration and 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Pre-Conference
Cost \$30 and includes lunch

FAITH HAPPENINGS CALENDAR



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



JUST FOR 



Bible Day Camp 2018 will be June 18-22.

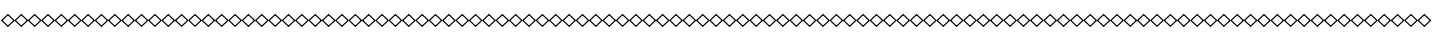
The theme will be "In the Footsteps of Jesus" -- based off Anne's suggestion of highlighting modern day disciples and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

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!

Targeted Giving to date:

- Food bank \$ 20.00
- OGHS \$ 330.00
- CCWRC \$ 355.00
- Mid-Penn \$ 370.00



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>.



find us on the web: www.statecollegeculturecrawl.com

STATE COLLEGE CULTURE CRAWL & FESTIVAL

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
BEGINNING MAY 13TH
1:00PM - 7:00PM
@ Allen St & East Calder Way**

Along these two streets look for art work inside the stores.

Artisans and Vendors will be selling their handmade goods street side.

Enjoy street performers, live music, and dinner and drink specials from Hotel State College & Company and other participating eateries!

Culture Crawl is sponsored in part by:
Hotel State College & Company, Inc.
Allen Street Grill - Bill Pickles Tap Room
Corner Room - Chumley's
Indigo - Zeno's Pub
The Branch and The Vine
246 East Calder Way in State College PA



On Sunday, **May 6**, at 5 PM, the Adult Choir of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, State College PA, will sing the service of choral evensong. Music will include the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D Minor by Thomas Attwood Walmisley, the anthem UNTO THEE, O GOD by Alan Hovhaness, Preces and Responses by

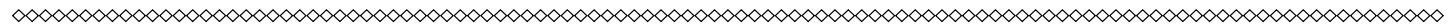
Thomas Tallis and organ music by Hubert Parry and Johann Pachelbel. The Rev., Jeffrey Packard, rector of St. Andrew's, will be the officiant

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. This is the form used at St. Andrew's

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. This will be the last evensong until October 7th.



INTERFAITH COFFEE HOURS

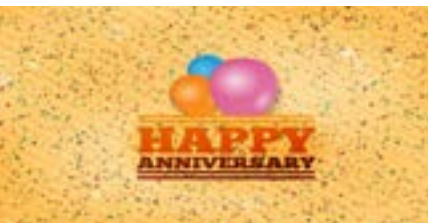
move to
third Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm,
through September,
Webster's Bookstore and Café
unless otherwise noted.

MAY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



MAY BIRTHDAYS

2	EMILEE ENGLE
3	PEARL FORTH
5	AUBREY COBLE
6	PEGGY SALAMON
9	NAN SENNETT
12	ASHLIE ASENDORF
14	JEFF DAVIDSON
17	BENJAMIN PELLETIER (CHILD)
19	DANIEL PFAFF
20	AILA CARR-CHELLMAN
22	CARLTON MILLER
23	SUSAN BRANDSE
24	KOBE ASENDORF
26	CINDY NEIDIGH
27	AARON AUMILLER
28	JANE SHECKELLS
30	BENJAMIN ENGLE



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

12	ASHLIE & CARY ASENDORF
31	JORDAN & MICHELLE BARNARD

ACOLYTE

MAY 6

13

20

27

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MAY 6

13

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COMMUNION TEAM

MAY 6 TOM DAUBERT, JANE CHILDS,
JUNE IRVIN, CLIF MERCHANT

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

MAY 6

13

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27

FLOWERS

MAY 6

13 MARTHA THOMPSON

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LITURGIST

MAY 6

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NURSERY

MAY 6 COMMUNION

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SUNDAY TRUSTEES

MAY 6 TOM DAUBERT

13 TOM DAUBERT

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USHERS

MAY 6 TOM DAUBERT

13 TOM DAUBERT

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Blanks indicate openings.



WORSHIP CALENDAR



May 6 6th Sunday of Easter

Ac 10:44-48

Ps 98

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 15:9-17

Holy Communion

Friends Together

May 10 Ascension Day

Ac 1:1-11

Ps 147 or Ps 93

Ep 1:15-23

Lk 24:44-53

May 13 7th Sunday of Easter

Ac 1:15-17, 21-26

Ps 1

1 Jn 5:9-13

Jn 17:6-18

Guided in Prayer

Mother's Day

May 20 Pentecost

Ac 2:1-21 or Ez 37:1-14

Ps 104:24-34, 35b

Ro 8:22-27 or Ac 2:1-21

Jn 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Spirit for Us All

May 30 Trinity Sunday (1st Sunday After Pentecost)

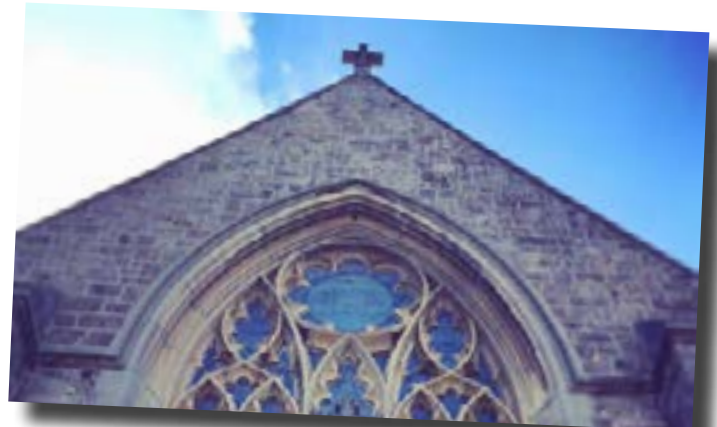
Is 6:1-8

Ps 29

Ro 8:12-17

Jn 3:1-17

Mysterious Encounter



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

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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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