



MINISTER'S MUSINGS



Greetings members and friends of Faith UCC!

We were busy in September and October, and the next couple months are on track for the same. The first Sunday of November, the 4th, will be our All Saints/Remembrance Sunday. In this service we will honor those church members who've died since last November by lighting a candle in their honor. Family members are encouraged to participate in this. There will also be an opportunity for other candles to be lit of family and friends who've passed in the last year who were not members of Faith UCC. This service calls us into remembrance of those who have gone before us, and how their lives can inspire our own in becoming of the "saints" of the present and future.

Faith UCC will have a candidating weekend for Rev. Jes Kast, tentatively November 11th. She will preach that Sunday and be voted on as to whether to be the next settled pastor at our church. Your attendance is important for that event. Please see the announcement also in this newsletter for more.

You may have also noticed some stewardship materials being sent to you as well. The vitality of our church is dependent upon the generosity of your time, talents, and resources given to the church and its ministries locally and globally. Please be prayerful in considering how you can offer contributions to ministries in the coming year. Stewardship Moments will be given by some of our members on successive Sundays to remind us of the importance of our giving to the ministries of our church.

I will be away during Thanksgiving to visit family, and I pray that you each have opportunities to be with loved ones or find other ways in which to be thankful for the goodness of life and the past year. Gratitude expressed is joy lived, so I hope you will all find joy in this season.

Advent will start the first Sunday of December, and we hope that you will prepare your minds and hearts for receiving God's gift to the world as it was revealed in Jesus. It is such a special time, and I'm hoping you will find ways to make it especially meaningful this year.

On that note, I'd like to invite each of you as the family of Faith UCC to do something special for one another. This Advent is going to be extra special. We're going to have a Faith UCC Advent Devotional! We are asking you to share your stories or thoughts about Advent and Christmas with each other by writing about your memories or the importance of the season to you. Sharing the meaning of the season with each other encourages us to live out our faith with one another and grow our spirits, and we invite you to do just that! Whether it is a heartfelt personal or family story, or a significant experience, tradition, or rumination that blesses your soul, we want to hear/see what you have to write, draw, color, or paint to convey the meaning of this sacred time. We need at least 24 entries (one for every day of Advent plus Christmas Day) to be submitted, preferably in digital format and up to one page in length by November 23rd so that we may compile and print them for the reading or viewing of our congregation. If we have 35 entries, we may also cover the remaining 12 days of Christmas.





MINISTER'S MUSINGS CONTINUED



If we have more than this, we can put several on each day. You, children and adults, are invited to contribute more than one devotional piece – perhaps reflecting different times of your life. Please include your name on each submission. Contact Pastor Bret at revbmyers@yahoo.com, or the Faith UCC office at 814-237-3904, if you have any questions about how you and your family can contribute to this sharing of our spirits, and to turn in your reflections/creations. The devotionals will be distributed to our members on the 1st Sunday of Advent, December 2nd.

Love and peace,
Pastor Bret

CONSISTORY CORNER



Without a doubt, the highlight of the month for Consistory was receiving a report from the Search and Call Committee, introducing their selected candidate for the position of Settled Pastor! Following a full briefing on the candidate at the October 15 meeting, Consistory voted unanimously to endorse the committee's recommendation and present the candidate to the congregation for final approval. Details of that process are still being worked out, so it will be extremely important to watch for announcements in the coming weeks.

Also important this month are the materials being provided by the Stewardship Task Force. Watch your mailboxes for information on Faith's ministry and insights on stewardship, and listen during Sunday worship as fellow members share their thoughts. As we prepare for an exciting new chapter in 2019, it will be more important than ever to assess our resources of time, talents and treasure!

In Christ's service,

Larry Bair, President

[editor's note: more information about both the Pastor Candidate ([p. 10](#)) and the Stewardship program ([p.9](#)) are included!]



CHURCH SCHOOL



Our November schedule:

November 4, 2018: Communion – Parent Care Day

November 11, 2018:

The Poor Woman's Gift/What's In Your Heart?/Giving Our All

Mark 10: 12: 41-44

November 18, 2018:

People Are More Important/Caution! False Teachers Ahead/

Be Careful Who You Follow

Mark 13: 1 - 8

November 25, 2018:

Thanksgiving – Reign of Christ

God Will Take Care of You/Born to be King/Crown Him

King!

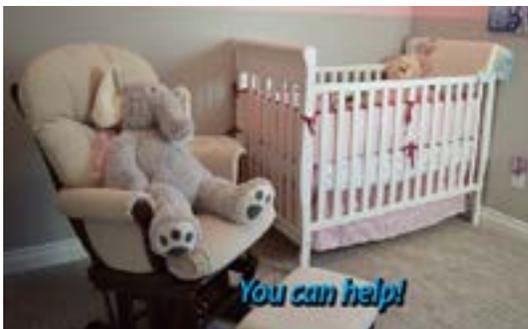
John 18: 33-37

Come join us in welcoming Emily Reiss as our “Star” helper/teacher!

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.



September 2018

Faith United Church of Christ

Monthly Offerings: Budget vs. Actual

Thousands

\$17

\$14

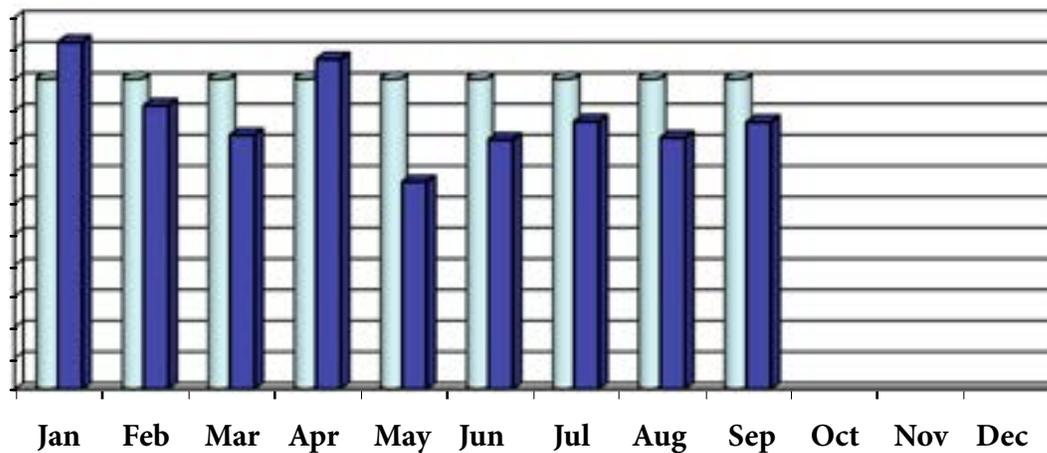
\$11

\$8

\$5

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September 2018

Total received = \$8,617 Total budgeted = \$10,000
Budget to actual difference (Current Month) = (\$1,383)

September Year-to-Date

Total Received = \$79,282 Total Budgeted = \$90,000
Budget to actual difference (Year-to-Date) = (\$10,718)

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



What If...?

I'll bet every one of us has seen that iconic movie "It's a Wonderful Life." George Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart, owns a failing building and loan company. It is deep in the depression of the 1930's, and dozens of lives will be ruined if their meager savings are wiped out by the demise of Bailey's company. Knowing that he is losing his struggle to keep the company afloat and feeling totally worthless, George contemplates suicide but is saved by an angel named Clarence. Clarence graphically shows George what the town would be like if George had never lived or if he gives up his efforts now.

Please take a moment, and in the spirit of the angel Clarence, contemplate what would not have happened in State College if there had never been a Faith United Church of Christ at 300 East College Avenue.

Think of more fast food or alcohol being served up on the corner of Locust and College, instead of the gospel of Christ.

Think of

- children who would have been hungry on the weekends;
- homeless people who would have spent winter nights cold and hungry;
- hundreds of college students who would not have been welcomed in their new, strange town by friendly faces and cooling lemonade;
- many children who might not have had a loving community of friends surround them on Sunday mornings as they grew up;
- countless others in the region who might not have received social justice, sustaining help or an education because dozens of agencies received no help from a non-existent church.

Overly dramatic? Perhaps. But wasn't "It's a Wonderful Life" a powerful metaphor for the Sermon on the Mount? Didn't Clarence use his show and tell method to give George the essence of the Sermon as a guide by which to measure success? Does it not speak to us still today?

Over the next few weeks you will hear reports of the work and the character of our current Church. At the end, when you sit down with your pledge form to signal your willing and loving participation in the work of Faith UCC, be filled with joy that you, too, have received the message!

Your Fall Stewardship Task Force

Dear Faith family,

On behalf of the Search and Call Committee, I am excited to share with you that the members of the committee have unanimously agreed upon, and present to you, our candidate as Faith's Settled Pastor. After prayerfully reviewing the submitted profiles, and interviewing candidates, the committee members individually and collectively felt called to the candidate whom we selected.



The committee members recently attended the neutral pulpit service presented by Rev. Jessica (Jes) Kast, currently of West End Collegiate Church in New York City, NY. As a committee of Consistory, we reported our recommendation to the Consistory, who in turn responded with a unanimous endorsement. The Search and Call Committee is enthusiastically working to schedule the Candidate's Weekend, the final step in the search and call process.

Rev. Jes has a strong and vibrant online presence. We invite you to explore her work and faithful involvement and service!

<https://www.revjeskast.com>

<https://twitter.com/JesKast>

<https://www.facebook.com/jeskast>

<http://instagram.com/revjeskast>

Please stay tuned for notice of and invitation to Rev. Jes's Candidate Weekend service once the schedule is confirmed!

Faithfully,
Margaret Hammond

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING



Lancaster Seminary (UCC) (<http://www.ucc.org/nin/>)

is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM).

Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.



The Women's Guild meeting
November 26th at the home of Jane Childs,
405 S Patterson St. State College.
Come at noon and bring your own lunch.

Sunday **November 18**, Faith members and friends are invited to enjoy food and fellowship at a potluck Thanksgiving meal.

We'll gather in Romig Hall following worship. Those who are able are invited to bring a dish to share; meat and beverages will be provided.

To help with planning, a signup sheet is available on the table in the Gathering Space; you can indicate the number of people and the sort of dish you plan to bring.

If you're in town on the 18th, come enjoy this opportunity to give thanks together!





Directories are in the Gathering Space. If you would like a new cover with the new Mission and Vision statements, please contact the office to have one printed.

If you'd like to access the digital version, please contact Jeff in the office. Easy enough to talk you through the process or show you if you stop by, not so easy to explain concisely in the newsletter!



Your contact information is protected by a password (same type of security banks use), and you have control over what elements are displayed.

Please keep the **2019 Stewardship Campaign** in prayer.
Take time to focus thought on two important questions:

- Why does the ministry of Faith UCC matter?
- What can I personally do to support that ministry with my talents, time, and treasure?



Though our **Holiday SERRV Craft Shop** opens **November 30**,

Your special order for fair-trade international handcrafts, coffees, chocolates and other sustainably produced foods went in mid-October.

We'll still need lots of help with unpacking and set-up as the time draws nearer; if

you're able to help, keep these windows of opportunity in mind—

November 27-29

SET-UP

November 30 – December 17

STAFF THE SALE, Thurs- Sat 11:00-3:00, Sun. after worship

December 18-19

PACK-UP



Planning ahead

Though there's little interest in ice sculptures *right now*, it is time to begin laying the groundwork for our First Night Café.

The Planning Committee will meet soon, so if you're interested in joining the fun, contact Lois Bair (422-8441) or the church office (237-3904).



CHOIR Rehearsals

Thursday Evenings @ 7PM
November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29



Faith UCC Photo Christmas cards available for purchase in the Gathering Space.

Thank you very much for your support of our team walking on behalf of Faith United Church of Christ.

With your generous help, our team turned in \$525.00 for **CROP Walk**.



Again, thank you for your support!

The Reed Family
(Cindy, Seann, Abby & Jordan)
and Brent Frank

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Tie-dyed Faith - Revealing your God Colors

November 16 - 18

Hartman Center - Michaux Lodge

Begins Friday at 7:00 PM and ends Sunday at 11:00 AM

We will create beautiful shirts, explore the beautiful gifts God has given us, and discern ways we might reveal those gifts

Cost \$125 per person includes all of the materials you will need.

Please REGISTER BY MONDAY **NOVEMBER 5** in order for us to purchase all of the needed materials.

[Flyer](#) and [Registration Form](#)

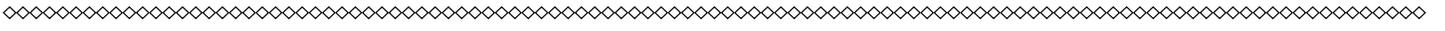
(If you need the link, please contact the office.)



FAITH HAPPENINGS CALENDAR



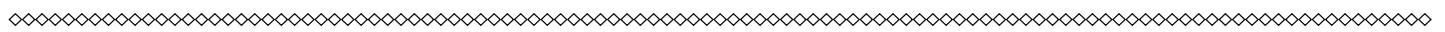
November 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 All Saint's Day	2 First Friday	3
4 Time Change: Fall Back!	5	6 Election Day	7	8	9	10 Wisconsin Time TBA
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Thanksgiving Meal	19 Consistory 5:30 PM	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24 Maryland Time TBA
25	26 SERRV Set Up ----->	27 SERRV Set Up ----->	28 SERRV Set Up ----->	29 SERRV 11-3	30 SERRV 11-3	SERRV 11-3



Targeted Giving to date:

January – Women’s Resource Center	\$355.00
February – Mid-Penn Legal Services	\$370.00
March – One Great Hour of Sharing*	\$380.00
April – Hoffman Homes for Youth	\$475.00
May – Hartman Center	\$180.00
June – Strengthen the Church*	\$281.00
July – Out of the Cold	\$450.00
August – Bethany Children’s Home*	\$380.00
September – Park Forest Pre-School	\$315.00

TOTAL TARGETED GIVING **\$2926.00**



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>.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Penn State Football!

Nov 10 Wisconsin Time TBA
Nov 24 Maryland Time
TBA



Centre County Women's Resource Center is becoming
Centre Safe: Empowering Survivors, Eliminating Violence
as we envision a safe Centre County

For over 40 years, we've been the Centre County Women's Resource Center. However our mission is to eliminate domestic, relationship, and sexual violence for *everyone* – women, children, men, and people of all gender identities and diverse backgrounds. Our mission remains the same: Empowering survivors, so they may live lives free of violence.

So we are becoming Centre Safe: Empowering Survivors, Eliminating Violence as we envision a safe Centre County.

You are not alone; help is available for women, men, and children who have experienced dating & domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Call toll free at 1-877-234-5050

All of our services are professional, confidential, and free.
Inclusive of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

24-HOUR HOTLINE: 814-234-5050 | TOLL FREE: 1-877-234-5050 | TTY: 814-272-0660



For a more complete listing of events & happenings for the entire month of November, click this link:

<http://www.statecollege.com/calendar/?category=&title=&start=2018-11-01&end=2018-11-30>



InterFaith Coffee Hour

– SCIENCE AND FAITH –

Contradiction?/Reconciliation? – What Are Your Views?

PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT DATE (To allow for Thanksgiving Week):
TUESDAY, **NOVEMBER 13**, 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Webster's Bookstore
and Café, Guest Facilitator: Holly Hubregsen
ALL Invited and Welcome! Free admission.

Coffee hours held third Tuesdays, October - March, 6:30-8:00 pm (unless otherwise announced, as above)
Food & beverages available for purchase; anyone making purchase of any kind at Webster's can request a
voucher for free parking.

Questions? More information? Contact Sarah: InterfaithInitiativeCC@hotmail.com



Katharine Hayhoe will be the keynote speaker at the 2018 Colloquium on the Environment.

Hayhoe is a renowned atmospheric scientist studying climate change and its impacts on human systems and the natural environment.

Date: **November 15**, 2018

Time: 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Location: Schwab Auditorium

The event is free and open to the public.

Register at <http://www.iee.psu.edu/2018-colloquium-registration>

Following the colloquium, please join us for a reception in Heritage Hall, HUB-Robeson Center from 5:45–7 p.m.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 JOE MEYER
 12 SUSAN KECK
 20 BOB DUNHAM
 22 ANGIE MORRISON



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

JOE & TERRY KRABILL



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NOV 4
 11
 18
 25

COMMUNION TEAM

NOV 4

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

NOV 4
 11
 18 THANKSGIVING DINNER
 25

FLOWERS

NOV 4
 11
 18
 25

LITURGIST

NOV 4
 11
 18
 25

NURSERY

NOV 4 COMMUNION, PARENT CARE
 11
 18
 25

SUNDAY TRUSTEES

NOV 4
 11
 18
 25

USHERS

NOV 4
 11
 18
 25

Blanks indicate openings.



WORSHIP CALENDAR



November 1 All Saint's Day

Wis of Sol 3:1-9 OR
Is 25:6-9
Ps 24
Re 21:1-6a
Jn 11:32-44

November 4 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ru 1:1-8; Ps 146 OR
Dt 6:1-9; Ps 119:1-8
He 9:11-14
Mk 12:28-34

Holy Communion

Wherever You Go

November 11 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jo 1:1, 2:1-10; Ps 26 OR
Ge 2:18-24; Ps 8
He 1:1-4, 2:5:12
Mk 10:2-16

Enfolding Love

November 18 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

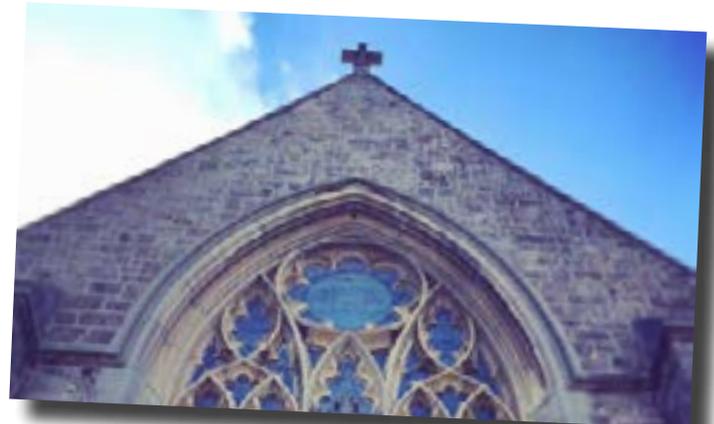
Jo 1:1, 2:1-10; Ps 26 OR
Ge 2:18-24; Ps 8
He 1:1-4, 2:5:12
Mk 10:2-16

Enfolding Love

November 25 Reign Of Christ

Jo 1:1, 2:1-10; Ps 26 OR
Ge 2:18-24; Ps 8
He 1:1-4, 2:5:12
Mk 10:2-16

Enfolding Love



Prayers for healing and wholeness:

Bunnie Hartswick (hospice), the family of Cyndy Engle (Marilyn's daughter-in-law), Jo Ann Edwards, K. Thompson, June Irvin, Ben and Louise Harris, Jane Sheckells, Dan and Eileen Pfaff, Susie Keck, Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Katelynn Wilson, Darlene Ripka, April S., Randy Brown (Aimee's Dad), the Piggot's family, Robert Zupp (Eileen Pfaff's nephew).

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.

Thank you for your help!



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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300 East College Avenue
State College, PA 16801

Contact the office to unsubscribe.

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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