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

Welcome to Autumn!

Say “autumn” and some images quickly come to mind—things like school busses and bag lunches, homework and fall sports, gardens to harvest and leaves to rake. For some these images invoke rich memories. For many they involve very busy routines resumed after summer’s respite.

Our church also renews its focus as choir practices resume and the Adult Forum class reconvenes; Penguin Packs restarts the weekly cycle of packing and distributing weekend food for school children; planning begins for the Women’s Guild’s Nut Sale fundraiser and the holiday SERRV sale of fair-trade crafts. Sunday worship sees the return of the Chancel Choir and special services like the Blessing of the Animals and World Wide Communion. Of course, while some endeavors enjoyed a summer pause, there was a great deal of continued activity too. During the choir’s absence, Mark continued to bless us with wonderful music. Pastor Bret offered carefully crafted, thought provoking sermons and liturgy in worship each Sunday. Barb and her helpers engaged children in church school. Sunday visitors were welcomed with fellowship and snacks. We had a very successful Strawberry Festival in June and a much enjoyed picnic in August. The Membership and Fellowship Ministry Team worked with Jeff Stormer through the summer, to produce an updated church directory to better serve the congregation and a new settled pastor.

The Search and Call Committee was also busy during the summer reviewing candidates for the Settled Pastor position. Our well drafted church profile has drawn attention from a “very interesting” group of candidates—that is as much as I can glean at this point from the Search Committee, which takes its burden of confidentiality very seriously! Please support these people with prayer as they continue to work through the process.

Another constant throughout the year is the need to pay the bills. All of the above, all these elements of our congregational life, require the use of resources—of money, time and energy. Autumn is the time when we begin to plan for the coming year; our 2019 Stewardship Campaign will begin on October 14, and the information gathered will guide program planning and the budgeting process. Please prayerfully consider how you personally can support the work of making Faith Church a vital Christian presence at 300 East College Ave. As Paul reminded the Romans, each of us is an essential part of the whole body of Christ.

In Christ’s service,
Larry Bair, Consistory President



CHURCH SCHOOL



Our October schedule:

October 7:

World Wide Communion - Parent Care Day

October 14:

A Rich Man's Problem/The God of the Impossible
Mark 10: 17 - 31

October 21:

Everyone Is a Helper/To Be Like Jesus
Mark 10: 35 - 45

October 28:

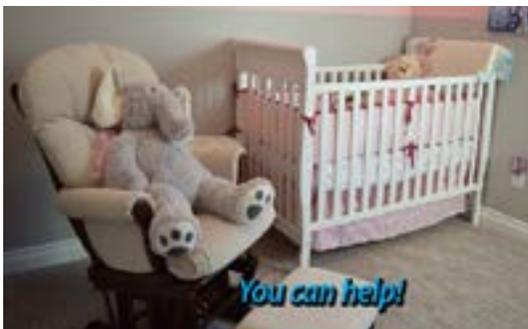
Blind Bartimaeus/I Want to See Jesus
Mark 10: 46 - 52

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: rmwcgrad@hotmail.com

TRUSTEES UPDATE



Greetings from TMT,

In the next few weeks/days we should see a couple new signs around Faith Church. We want to install directional signs locating the AED Device.

We have all heard of 911... but have you heard of 211 ? I admit that I hadn't heard of 211 until I attended the State College Borough sponsored "active shooter" seminar. I won't take this time or space to explain the difference in detail. I understand that 211 deals with the mental condition of individuals and 911 basically addresses the physical situation. TMT wants to post a couple of 211 signs in prominent locations, such as on our marquee and Calder Way window.

I regret to inform you, TMT is negotiating our snow removal contract. Yes, it is that time of year! On the bright side, wrestling season is also on the near horizon!

TMT anticipates the updating and legalization of our sound system by late September or October. Four of our five broad casting devices (microphones) are on a frequency that the Federal Government has sold and thereby have rendered our present devices illegal and require that they be replaced by us.

We completed and passed our yearly water back flow test as required by the Borough.

These are the highlights from our Sept meeting. As always please inform TMT of a project you notice needs our attention and we'll try our best to address the situation!

Grace and Peace,

Alva
Jr. Co-Chair – Trustee Ministry Team



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.

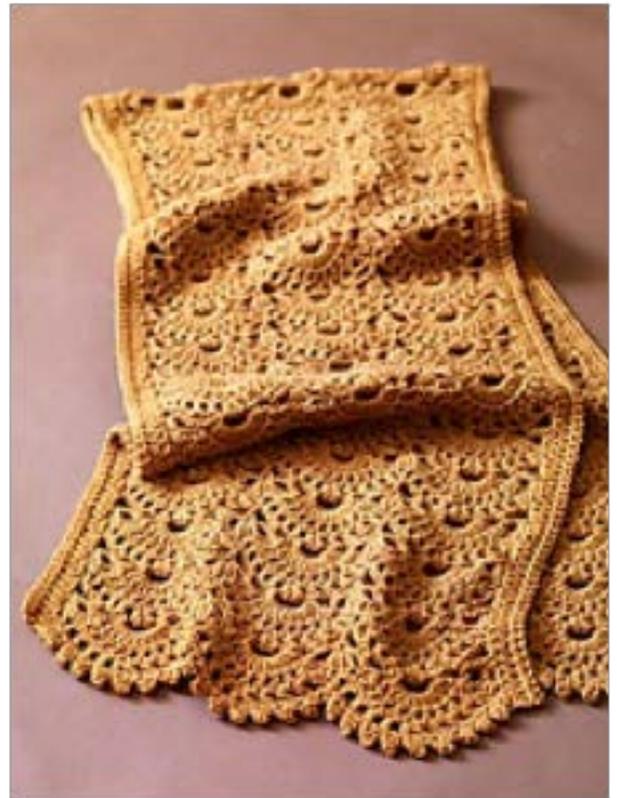
Thank you,

Sandy Miller -
Caring Coordinator

Part of the Caring Network's work is done through the Prayer Shawl ministry.

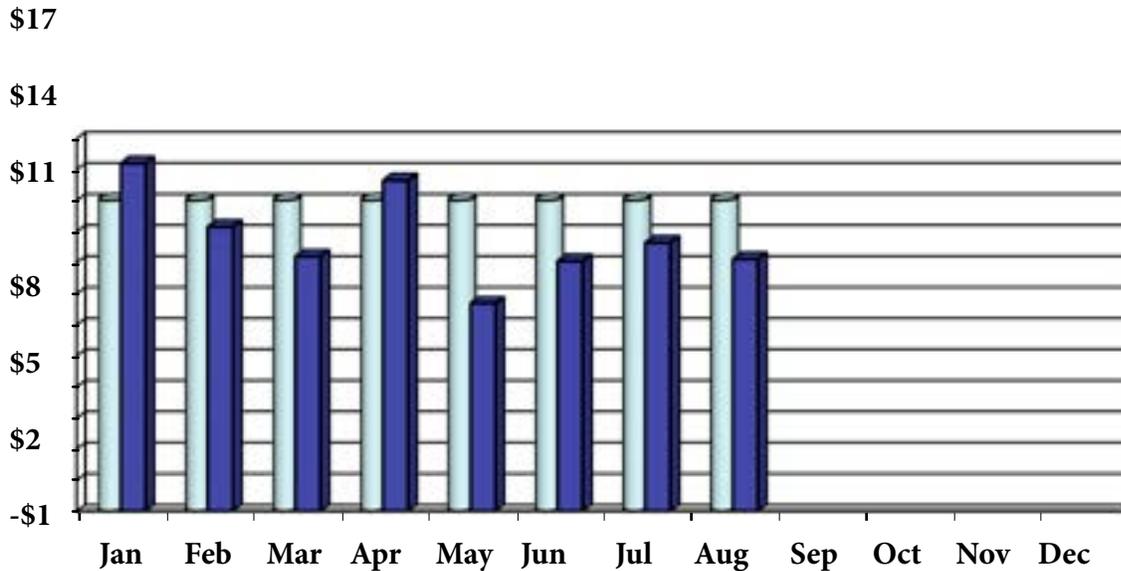
Caring Network leaders bring ministry needs to the Pastor and others on the Caring Teams. If you know anyone in the Faith Caring Community (members and friends of Faith) who would welcome receiving a handmade prayer shawl (also known as “comfort shawls” or “peace shawls”), please let Pastor Myers know.

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.



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

Thousands



August 2018

Total received = \$8,112 Total budgeted = \$10,000
Budget to actual difference (Current Month) = (\$1,888)

August Year-to-Date

Total Received = \$70,665 Total Budgeted = \$80,000
Budget to actual difference (Year-to-Date) = (\$9,335)

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



FAITH HAPPENINGS



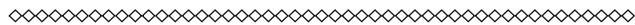
OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING



Neighbors in Need (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.



YOU'RE INVITED!

Enjoy an afternoon in the country, watching apples being pressed on a vintage cider mill which dates back to the 1880's. It's a family affair for Faith members and friends, and there's lots of opportunity for hands-on participation--and you can go home with a jug of the freshest cider possible!

DATE: Sunday, **October 7**

TIME: 2:00 to 4:30

PLACE: The Bair "Homestead" in Decker Valley, approx. 30 min. drive, east of State College.

(Set GPS for the Seven Mts. Wine Cellars, Spring Mills location; drive past the winery on Decker Valley Rd. another 1.5 mi. or so, and turn at the Cider Press sign on the left.)

For more information, or to arrange carpooling/ transportation, see Lois or Larry Bair or call 359-6090.

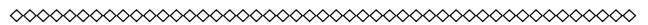
(It's an outdoor event, so we'll be hoping for good weather. If in doubt, call Lois at the number above.)

October 7th Fellowship Hour

In honor of the Caring Team members

Come and join us after the service to say "thank you" to these members of the congregation who give their time to help us be a church family:

Sandy Miller (coordinator), Edna Bicehouse, Jane Childs, Sue Doran, Jean Frank, Ernie Hawk, June Irvin, Jim and Sally Welsh, Mary Jane Wild



CHOIR Rehearsals

Thursday Evenings @ 7PM
October 4, 11, 18, & 25

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!





At a Church Near You:

- Faith UCC Photo Christmas cards available for purchase—more details coming soon



A newly revised **Directory** for the congregation will be available starting September 30. Print copies can be picked up in the Gathering Space.

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.

Important information on the **2019 Stewardship Campaign** will be appearing in your mailbox and at the church during October and early November. Please 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?



Though our **Holiday SERRV Craft Shop** won't open until **November 30**, it's time now to begin planning and preparations. The order for fair-trade international handcrafts, coffees, chocolates and other sustainably produced foods will go in by mid-October.

If you'd like to special order from SERRV, let me know (dvbair@yahoo.com) by October 15 so I can include your items in the master order. You can view the catalog on line at www.serrv.org or find paper copies in the Gathering Space and Romig Hall.

We'll 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

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.

The Women's Guild begin prepping cards for the Christmas Sale!



And the cake welcoming Marinda,
our Choir Director!



FALL FEST is October 13

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Please join us at Hartman Center!

Flyer

To get involved -
see [Get Involved Flyer](#) for more ideas!

- Promote this events
- Bring a group to Hartman Center
- Donate a basket for the silent auction.
- Donate small items for the ticket drawing.
- Contribute to your Association's donation.
- Contribute baked goods.
- Provide activities.
- Volunteer to help.



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.

October 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 First Friday	6
7 WorldWide Communion	8 Canadian Thanksgiving Day	9	10	11	12	13 Michigan State TBA
14	15 Consistory 5:30 PM	16	17 Trustees 7 PM	18	19	20
21 CROP Walk	22	23	24	25	26	27 Iowa TBA
28	29	30	31 Reformation Day			

JUST FOR



I've started telling everyone
about the benefits of eating
dried grapes.

It's all about raisin
awareness really.

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.faihucc.info/news.html>.



October Highlights

Penn State Football!

Oct 13 Michigan State TBA
Homecoming!

Oct 27 Iowa TBA



CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Oct 21, 5-8 PM

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

We invite all congregations, community groups, student groups, and individuals to join us as we walk to end hunger in State College and around the world. We're happy to be able to give 25% of the total funds we raise to the State College Food Bank, and the rest to Church World Service to be used in relief and hunger-fighting efforts wherever it's needed most.

Join us for an easy walk through downtown State College during the most beautiful time of the year!

Together, we can help end hunger in our community and around the world.

For More Information About the State College Walk: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/statecollegepa/>

To donate via Faith Church: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/statecollegepa/FaithUCC>



For a more complete listing of events & happenings for the entire month of October, click this link:
<http://www.statecollege.com/calendar/?category=&title=&start=2018-10-01&end=2018-10-31>

Or copy it into your browser.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 JIM WELSH
- 5 CHERIE KINLEY
- 8 JEAN COLE
- 12 CYNDI VINCENTI
- 14 TOM DAUBERT
- 15 TAMRA FOUNTAINE
- 17 BOB HUNT
CHERYL MEYER
- 21 SUE DORAN
- 23 EDNA BICEHOUSE
- 26 CHRIS COBLE
- 28 LARRY BAIR
- 29 MARILYN MORRISSON
- 30 BRENT FRANK



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 KEES & SUSAN BRANDSE
- 20 VAUGHN & KATHERYN SHIRK
- 24 CINDY & SEANN REED



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- OCT 7
- 14
- 21
- 28

COMMUNION TEAM

- OCT 7

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- OCT 7
- 14
- 21
- 28

FLOWERS

- OCT 7
- 14 LINDA & TOM DAUBERT
- 21 WAYNE & EDNA BICEHOUSE
- 28

LITURGIST

- OCT 7
- 14
- 21
- 28

NURSERY

- OCT 7 COMMUNION, PARENT CARE
- 14
- 21
- 28

SUNDAY TRUSTEES

- OCT 7
- 14 TOM DAUBERT
- 21
- 28

USHERS

- OCT 7
- 14 TOM DAUBERT
- 21
- 28

Blanks indicate openings.



WORSHIP CALENDAR



October 7 27th 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

Holy Communion--World Communion Sunday
Enfolding Love

October 14 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jo 23:1-9, 16-17; Ps 22:1-15 OR
Am 5:6-7, 10-15; Ps 90:12-17
He 4:12-16
Mk 10:17-31

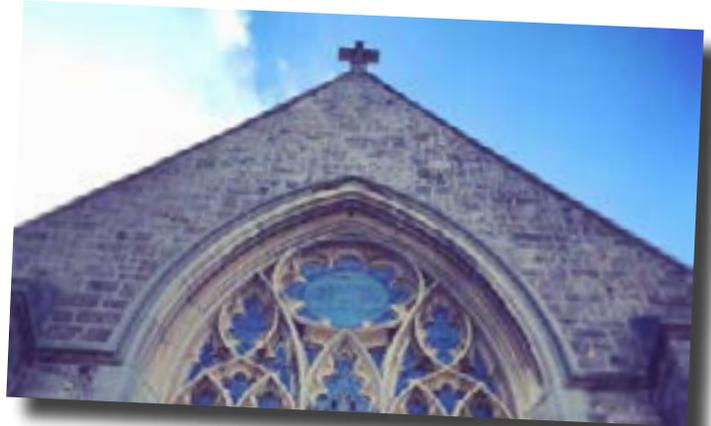
What Must I Do?

October 21 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jo 38:1-7, (34-41); Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35c OR
Is 53:4-12; Ps 91:9-16
He 5:1-10
Mk 10:35-45

Great Service

October 28 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jo 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps 34:1-8 OR
Je 31:7-9; Ps 126
He 7:23-28
Mk 10:46-52

Take Heart



Prayers for healing and wholeness:

K. Thompson, 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), 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.

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).
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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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