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

Resurrection Hope

I have seen the Lord! – Mary Magdalene

“I have seen the Lord!” That was the first sermon preached about the resurrection. Jesus chose to reveal his resurrected self to Mary first, and he called her to go tell the disciples.” It was a short and succinct sermon (shorter than ones I have preached!), and the beauty of it is that Mary spoke from her heart after her encounter with resurrection. Resurrection changes our hearts and moves us to tell others about our experience.

Think about the friend you have that has now been cancer free for a couple of years. New life has been given to them, and it is a literal resurrection of a second chance at life. Every day begins with gratitude, as the gift of living in this very moment is a miracle! Or maybe you, or someone you know, has gone through a divorce. After the heartache and the questioning if you would ever find love again, you begin to watch the heart resiliently come alive and open to the love and being cared for once again. Resurrection! There it is again. Resurrection happens everyday, and like Mary peering into the empty tomb, we are the storytellers of the new life made possible through the strength of God’s presence in our life.

This month we will enter into the story of the promise of the hope of resurrection and the mystery of eternal glory. We will journey with Christ as palm branches wave around us, and we will break bread at the table where we are all invited to dine; it is the table where we learn just how loved we are by Christ and where we learn to love each other. We will hear the story of the betrayal of our Lord, by one of his closet friend. And we will weep as we remember the crucifixion and ponder anew what that day means for us. And finally, just like in our own lives when we think we can’t go on anymore, a new hope is given to us in the empty tomb. Resurrection!

Resurrection is still happening. That is God’s specialty, making old things new, restoring our hope, and granting us joy after our mourning. We wake up to find we’ve been given a new opportunity to start over. Resurrection!

I invite you to join me in the practice of resurrection on earth as it is in heaven. Look for signs of God’s new life in our church. Look for signs of God’s grace in your own heart. Look for ways God is making all things new! We will do that on Easter morning in the joy of our sanctuary. We will proclaim “Hallelujah! Life is stronger than death!” and we will remind each other of the promise of resurrection.



Then on April 28th at 3:00 PM we will practice another type of resurrection as I am installed, officially, as your new Pastor. We will celebrate God's faithfulness, and we will dream anew as we commit to being a resurrection people of God's love and joy together.

Bring a friend, or two, as we pray and practice the resurrection together. We're all needed in this revolutionary love of God's light and hope among us. Each one of us have stories to tell, like Mary Magdalene, about seeing the Lord anew. We need to share them with each other and with our world that is in need of hope.

I look forward to hearing your stories and sharing some of mind in the coming months. Resurrection hope is for each one of us!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jes

CHURCH SCHOOL



April 7 – Communion Sunday – Parent Care Day (5th Sunday in Lent))

April 14 – Palm/Passion Sunday/6th Sunday in Lent, "The Praise Parade/Jesus Prays in the Garden"
Luke 19: 37-38, Luke 22: 7-13, 24-29, 39-48

April 21 – EASTER!, "Jesus is Alive!/Surprise! It's Empty!"
Luke 24: 1- 12

April 28 –2nd Sunday of Easter, "If That's What God Wants/ Love in any Language"
Acts 5:17 – 42, John 21: 17

Blessings,
Barb Chellman



Dear God,

Thank You for this journey with Your children.
Open our hearts that we may feel Your love.
You are with each of us when we are together and apart!

Amen

*To volunteer or for more information about Church School,
please contact: Barb Chellman: bkcwminc@aol.com

For information about our Nursery, please contact:
Matthew Haines: mzh687@psu.edu



TRUSTEES UPDATE



The Trustee Ministry Team held our regularly scheduled meeting in conjunction with our Consistory Team. We dispensed with our regular meeting in order to hear a special presentation by our Public Safety Representative. We heard a power point program on “Active Shooter” which brought forth many interesting, if not disturbing facts. On a positive note, the number of violent acts on churches is very small.

We had a spirited question, answer, and discussion session. TMT formed a church safety committee to look at our best options to increase security in our building. TMT and Consistory passed a motion to lock all our doors during Sunday Services but keeping the College Avenue (front door) open. Once our Sunday service begins you will need to enter the sanctuary by the front door. We are also looking to install a camera at the Calder Way door and ‘buzz” through lock on this door.

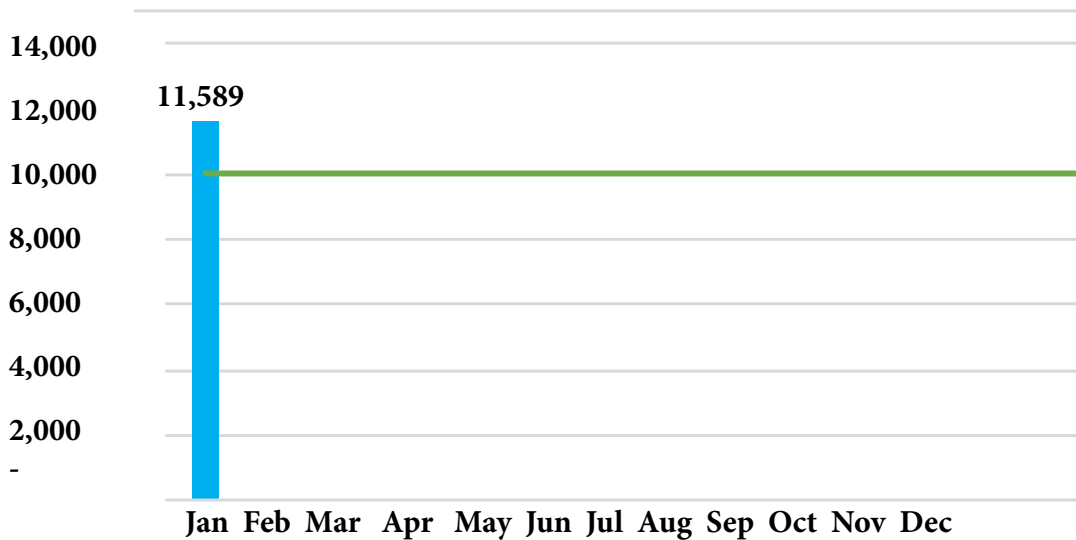
This is a difficult topic for an Open Christian Church but we are addressing the situation as best we know how! Please keep us all in your prayers.

Grace and peace,

Alva Chellman
Trustee Ministry Team – “Junior” Co-Chair



January 2019 Faith United Church of Christ Monthly Offerings



Total received = \$11,589
Total budgeted = \$10,000
Budget to actual difference (Current Month) = +1,589

Treasurer Update: As of February 2019, the Treasurer role has transitioned to Chrissy Bowers and her mother, Susan Bowers.

Thanks to Carlton Miller for his many years of service as Treasurer!

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



CARING NETWORK



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 -

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 Jes 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 40 shawls to members and friends of Faith. Each shawl is labeled with a prayer and the name of the recipient.



Get to know your Faith Friends!

Each month we will highlight a person, or family, who calls Faith their home church. It is a chance to get to know each other, an opportunity to connect, and be enriched by our growing community. Please welcome this inaugural column!

What's your name?

Jason and Janet Palmatier, sons Philip, Lewis and Aaron

Why do you go to Faith UCC?

We love the open and affirming message and, of course, the awesome architecture of the church.

How do you look forward to getting involved at church?

This year we are handling the Easter egg hunt after church on Easter Sunday. Exciting!

What do you do for a living?

Janet is a financial advisor who owns her own financial planning practice and Jason is a stay at home dad who used to write software and is now writing science fiction and fantasy.



Any music, Scripture, movie, or poem that inspires you that you want to share with us?

Cat's in the Cradle by Harry Chapin influenced Jason to quit his job and stay home with his kids :)

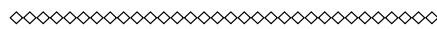
APRIL SPECIAL OFFERING

Hoffman Homes for Youth

serves boys and girls ages 6 to 18 with mental health diagnoses by providing behavioral and cognitive therapy, physical health care services, education, spiritual nurturing and a safe and comfortable home for up to 141 children.



Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "Hoffman Homes" noted in the memo line. More at: <http://hoffmanhomes.com/>



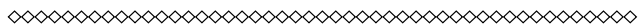
Listen Up!

After a long time out, Sunday sermons can gain be found on the Sermon page of our website!

The most recent is marked in red at the top of the list.



Pastor Jes is really excited about being able to share in this fashion!



CHOIR Rehearsals

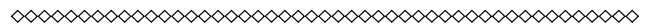
Thursday Evenings @ 7PM
April 4, 11, 18, & 25



The Listening Cafe
for April/May is
May 1st at
Seven Mountains
Wine Cellar
at 6:00 PM.

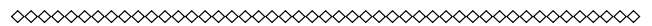
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[324 Decker Valley Rd
Spring Mills, PA 16875](https://www.google.com/maps/place/324+Decker+Valley+Rd,+Spring+Mills,+PA+16875)



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Easter-themed SERRV items will be available to purchase during Fellowship after worship on Sunday, **April 7** and **April 14**.



Please Contact the Office

with your license plate number if you have a church parking tag.



Wouldn't want to have your car towed just because you might forget to use the parking tag!

Also: please notify the office with any allergies or sensitivities, whether food, cleaners, or whatever. We want to keep you around for a while!

“Thank you!”

Those words were said sincerely to us many times during the two weeks we hosted the Out of the Cold evening guests. They were addressed to all of us for offering a place that was warm and hospitable (though not comfortable). This was a larger group of homeless people than in previous years and one-quarter of them had jobs (one gentleman came in at 2:30 a.m. from work).



The thanks goes to many—those who brought or contributed food, those who served as hosts/hostesses or helped with the meals, those brave souls who stayed and slept on cots overnight, those who helped set up and break down the sleeping areas, those who made (and continue to make through our offerings) cash donations, and those who support in many other ways. In addition, with the Women’s Guild buying the necessary paper products, and your contributions, dinner and breakfast expenses were covered.

Some of our guests also are here during the three days that we offer a few hours of respite* some asleep on our tile floor. A note--since these people do not have a noontime meal on the weekends, the OOC representative who was here in the evenings asked if we could leave extra nutrition bars on Saturday and Sunday morning so those with no money could have something to eat between breakfast and dinner at 9:00 in the evening. Thanks too for helping in that way.

We ask one more thing---as you thank God for your blessings (one of those a warm home), please remember those who are much less fortunate in your prayers.

Amanda Gerhart and Jean Cole

*OOTC Day Shelter, in partnership with St Paul’s. ed.



*I will give you
Pastors
after My own heart,
who will feed you with
knowledge and
understanding.*

Jer 3:15

Please join us in formally welcoming our Settled Pastor

Rev. Jes Kast

at her Installation Ceremony
April 28th at 3 PM

Special Guest Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel

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FAITH CALENDAR



April 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 First Friday	6
7	8	9	10 SMART Recovery	11 OOTC	12 OOTC	13 OOTC
14 Palm Sunday	15	16 Trustees 7	17 SMART Recovery	18 Maundy Thursday	19 Good Friday	20
21 Easter	22 Consistory 5:30	23	24 FW Deadline SMART Recovery	25	26	27
28 Pastor Jes Installation 3 PM	29	30				

JUST FOR



I just finished this awesome book made from papyrus...



It was a great read.

Targeted Giving for the past 12 months:

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
December 2018:	
Pastor’s Fund (Christmas Eve)	\$730.00
Veterans of the Cross (Christmas Fund)	\$405.00
January 2019: Centre Safe	\$385.00
February 2019: Mid-Penn Legal Services	\$485.00

TOTAL TARGETED GIVING **\$4106.00**

If you have an event, or know of an event that should be listed, please contact the office.

All announcements are available on the church website:
<http://www.faithucc.info/news.html>.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



April Highlights

A lasagna dinner

will held to benefit Interfaith Human Services 5:30-7:00pm, Thursday, **18 April** at the Friends Meeting House, 611 E. Prospect Ave, State College, hosted by the Friends.



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<http://www.visitpennstate.org/events/>
Use the Date Search function on the left.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Honey bees can be trained to detect drugs and explosives just like detections dogs! Deployment is, as you might imagine, somewhat less convenient.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Peace Walk 3-5 PM

Maundy Thursday 7 PM

Good Friday

Ecumenical Good Friday Service
at Grace Lutheran Church **12-3 PM**



12- 12:05 Welcome and Announcements

12:05 - 12:30 1st Word - Luke 23:32-38
“Father forgive them for they know not what they do”
Pastor Dean Lindsey (State College Presbyterian Church)

12:30 - 12:55 2nd Word - Luke 23:39 - 43
“Today you will be with me in Paradise”
Pastor Greg Milinovich (St. Paul’s United Methodist Church)

12:55 - 1:20 3rd Word - John 19:25-27
“Woman behold your son! Behold you Mother!”
Pastor Bonnie Kline Smeltzer (University Baptist & Brethren)

1:20- 1:45 4th Word - Mark 15:29 - 34
“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”
Pastor Jes Kast (Faith United Church of Christ)

1:45 - 2:10 5th Word - John 19:28 - 29
“I thirst.”
Pastor Scott Schul (Grace Lutheran Church)

2:10 - 2:35 6th Word - John 19:30-37
“It is finished.”
Pastor Susan Williamson (Pine Hall Lutheran Church)

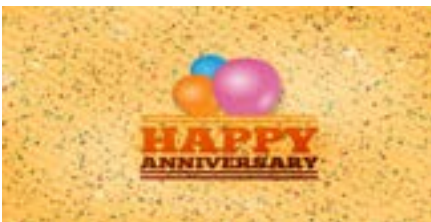
2:35 - 3:00 7th Word - Luke 23:44-49
“Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!”
Pastor Kate Heinzl (University Mennonite Church)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 7 LEAH BAIR
- 10 JULIE PELLETIER
- 11 MARK MECKSTROTH
- 18 MIRANDA MORRISON
TYLER MORRISON
BILL WILD
- 19 ASHER CARR-CHELLMAN
JULES CARR-CHELLMAN
- 19 BARBARA CHELLMAN
CAROLYN MEYER
- 20 SCOTT MOYER
- 21 DANE AUMILLER
- 26 GREG FOX
- 27 CLOVIS MORRISON



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 CLOVIS & MARILY MORRISON
- 28 JARED & MARGARET HAMMOND
RON & PATTY HERTZOG

SPECIAL DATES IN APRIL

- APR 7
- 14
- 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 19 GOOD FRIDAY
- 21 EASTER
- 28



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- APR 7
- 14
- 18
- 21
- 28

COMMUNION TEAM

- APR 7 EDNA & WAYNE BICEHOUSE, CYNDI VINCENTI, JUNE IRVIN

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- APR 7
- 14
- 18
- 21
- 28

FLOWERS

- APR 7
- 14
- 18
- 21 EASTER (LILIES, ETC.)
- 28

LITURGIST

- APR 7 MATTHEW HAINES
- 14
- 18
- 21
- 28 SUE CROMWELL

NURSERY

- APR 7 COMMUNION (PARENT CARE)
- 14
- 18
- 21
- 28

SUNDAY TRUSTEES

- APR 7
- 14 TOM DAUBERT
- 18
- 21
- 28

USHERS

- APR 7
- 14 TOM DAUBERT
- 18
- 21
- 28

Blanks indicate openings.
Please notify the office for corrections.



WORSHIP CALENDAR



Our Lenten series called **A Bold New Thing: How do we live a meaningful life?**

Each week we will explore questions about what it means to live well and at peace with who we are and what our purpose is. We will explore questions about our focus, how to recalibrate when things don't go as we plan, what our purpose is, and how to we serve others. It will be a spiritually energizing series. As the prophet Isaiah says in chapter 43, "Behold, God is doing a bold new thing!"

April 7 5th Sunday in Lent

[Jn 12:1-8](#)

[Ph 3:4b-14](#)

Holy Communion

Apr 14 Palm Sunday

[Lk 19:28-40](#) ([Mk 11:1-11](#))

[Ps 118:22-26](#)

Apr 18 Maundy Thursday

Apr 19 Good Friday

Ecumenical Joint Services at Grace Luthern Church, 1-3 PM

Pastor Jes, 1:20-1:45 PM

Apr 21 Easter

[Lk 24:1-12](#)

Apr 28 2nd Sunday of Easter

[Jn 20:19-21](#)

Prayers for healing and wholeness:

The family of Allen Killpatrick, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), Cyndi V.'s Family (loss of brother Steve, and Steve's son Christopher Barger), the family of Bunnie Hartswick, Jane Sheckells, Dan and Eileen Pfaff, Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Darlene Ripka, the Piggot family.

Please help us keep this list up to date. Notify the office of additions or removals.

Also please secure permission of the prayer recipient to have their name(s) published.

Thank you for your help!

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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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