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**It is for Freedom that we have been set Free
Ga 5:1**

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

#FaithUCCSC – Our Front Digital Door

Where is the front door of the church? I know this might sound like a trick question, but in a digital age the front door is not just the physical door that is in front of College Avenue. In our digital age, a church has two front doors. The first front door of the church is the Internet. Websites and social media presence are a front door to our church. The second front door remains the physical door that our warm greeters and ushers faithfully care for every Sunday. Just as we put time and effort to care with loving compassion into the front door of our physical building, so too, must we put loving compassionate care into the front door of our digital space.

In a February 14, 2019, Christianity Today article titled, “Social Media and the Church,” Josh Moody says, “we should embrace technology and use it as fast, as well, as popularly, and as broadly as we possibly can. The Reformers popularized the gospel through the use of the printing press.” Here Moody is referencing the brilliance of Martin Luther’s understanding of the power of the printing press. Luther recognized that communication was changing and the method of how the Gospel was shared needed to change with the times. Luther got on the Instagram of his day, the printing press, and began sharing the message of Christ’s love and the grace of God. This bold sharing was new for the church, and these new movements of communication fueled the Reformation of the church.

While social media and the Internet are crucially important as we look at new ways to reach out to our community and keep a friendly presence at our front door, it is important to note that online community does not take the place of meeting in person. In a recent LifeWay research poll, 65% of Americans prefer an in-person preacher to a video sermon. There are a couple of ways this statistic can be viewed. The first is that 35% of people who desire the message of Christ prefer videos and social media interaction. It is a call to care for our online presence. The second way to view this is that what happens in the physical sanctuary on Sunday morning is important even to the most digitally savvy Christians among us.

The Internet and social media welcomes us to follow Jesus in sharing the inclusive and justice oriented Gospel of the grace of Christ online through our own experiences. I invite you to join me on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter by sharing photos, quotes from sermons and your testimonies of God working in your life with the hashtag #FaithUCCSC.



This hashtag (#) will ensure that all social media posts with pictures and quotes will be categorized under the same hashtag, making it easier for people to find our warm community of worship. Please remember to seek permission of others if you post a group photo. Each one of us are called to out-reach, and we can easily do that by sharing pictures, quotes, and our testimonies of how God is working in our life and in our church!

We might not be Martin Luther, but we continue the Reformation today as we share the justice and mercy of God's love online!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jes

TRUSTEES UPDATE



The TMT (Trustees) met on June 11, 2019 and a variety of topics were discussed. A number of projects and maintenance items were completed. Returning from a year's hiatus is triple ground mulch (TGM) of the black variety. The mulch adds much eye appeal to our front and West lawn areas and provides a gorgeous background for our floral displays. Many thanks to our un-named Faith UCC grounds crew. We have contracted to have our West lawn grubs eliminated and our blades of grass more quickly elevated (via fertilizer). There will be seven applications ending with a winter feeding. Our very healthy and fast growing barberry bushes have been trimmed and look great. We are pleased to announce that we have a new un-named member of our grounds crew completing this task. ---Thanks Tim (and Larry!)

We had the rooftop AC units serviced before the start of the cooling season. Our sanctuary Minisplit AC units are scheduled for service (after five years of service!)

The floors in Romig Hall, kitchen and hallway were cleaned and waxed prior to our hugely successful strawberry festival.

TMT was presented a Ring Door Alarm System demo by our own Carlton Miller who recently installed this system in his own house. The "Ring" will provide 2-way audio, 1- way video and the app is free. The video display will appear on 2 tablets for viewing in the pastor and admin offices. We will be able to save 60 days of 30 second video clips. This system connects to our church Wi-Fi. This system will be installed at our Calder Way door and at the Locust Lane door and is the beginning step for our church security in addition to our lock down of the building at the start of our church services.

Grace and peace,
Alva Chellman, Junior Co-Chair, Trustee Ministry Team



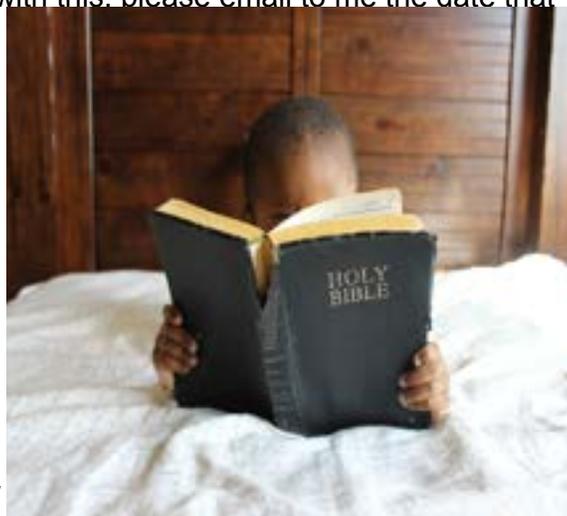
CHURCH SCHOOL



Greetings to Faith UCC families,

Barb Chellman here, promoting our summer church school program. Being that I am on a 10 month contract, I still feel strongly that our church school should continue throughout the summer on our regular schedule: Communion Sundays as Parent Care Days (PCD) so that families experience the sacrament of Communion together and the remaining Sundays provide church school for our children. Just to mix-it-up a little (and give Alva and me a break) I'm asking a few of you to commit to 1 Sunday of teaching church school. Ideally we need to have 2 persons each Sunday on the dates below. (Some dates have been filled! – thank you!) If you are interested and available to help with this, please email to me the date that you'd be available.

- June 30 -- The Palmatiers
- July 7 -- Parent Care Day (PCD)
- July 14 -- Lois Bair
- July 21 -- Margaret Hammond
- July 28 –
- August 4 – Parent Care Day (PCD)
- August 11 – Reed Family
- August 18 –
- August 25 will be our “Backpack Blessing” day.



Our lessons follow the Liturgical calendar with 2019 being year C. We basically use online materials by “Sermons4Kids” which usually provides 2 to 4 lesson choices, the scripture and some suggested activities for each Sunday.

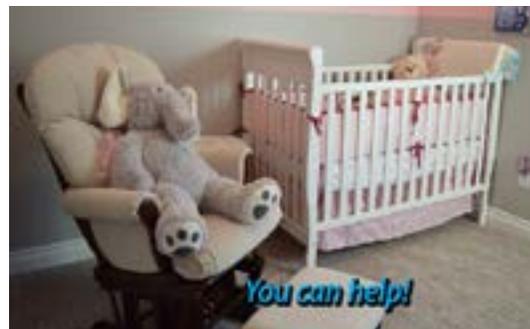
The kids do love a snack and drink. We do small paper glasses of water (gallons of water are in the refrigerator in my office in Asendorf Hall – 3rd floor) and usually a cracker of some sort. (They do love graham crackers.)

Word to the wise: We only have, at the most, 30 minutes to spend with the kids, so don't over prepare!

Any questions or anything with which I can help you, email me, bkcwminc@aol.com, or phone, [814-692-7818](tel:814-692-7818).

Thanks for your help with our wonderful children!

Blessings,
Barb Chellman



CARING NETWORK



The Caring Network...

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.” Charles Dickens.

What comes to your mind when you see the word CARE? Have you ever felt others really don't care about you? I often heard people say, “who cares, it's all about them.” Here at Faith UCC we have a caring church family and we invite you to be part of that family.

We have a team of Caring Leaders who help us to stay connected. They inform our Pastor Jes and Sandy Miller, the Caring Coordinator, to decide how to share with our church family. The important question is: How do you want to be cared for? When people share information with us that they wish to keep confidential, we respect their wishes.

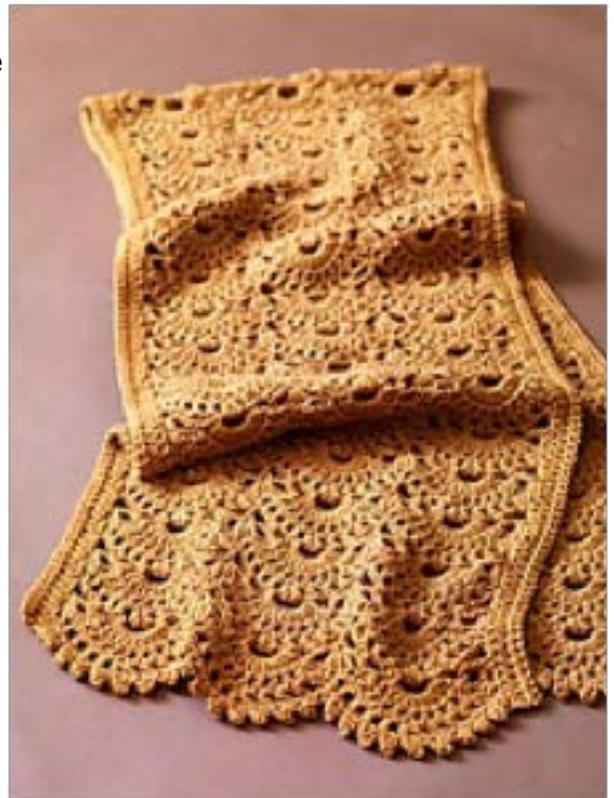
The following people, members and friends, are the Caring Leaders who volunteer to reach out to help us stay connected. Each leader will contact the people on their list by calling, sending a note or meet up, to get to know you better. They are: Edna Bicehouse, Jane Childs, Jean Frank, Sue Doran, Rev. Ernie Hawk, June Irvin, Mary Jane Wild, and Jim and Sally Welsh.

Please feel free to call Sandy Miller – 814-777-0339 or email sandy99@onemain.com if you have any questions or concerns. We want to make sure you are included, and welcomed here at Faith Church.

Part of the Caring Network's work is also done through the Prayer Shawl ministry, by our Women's Guild.

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, is 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.



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

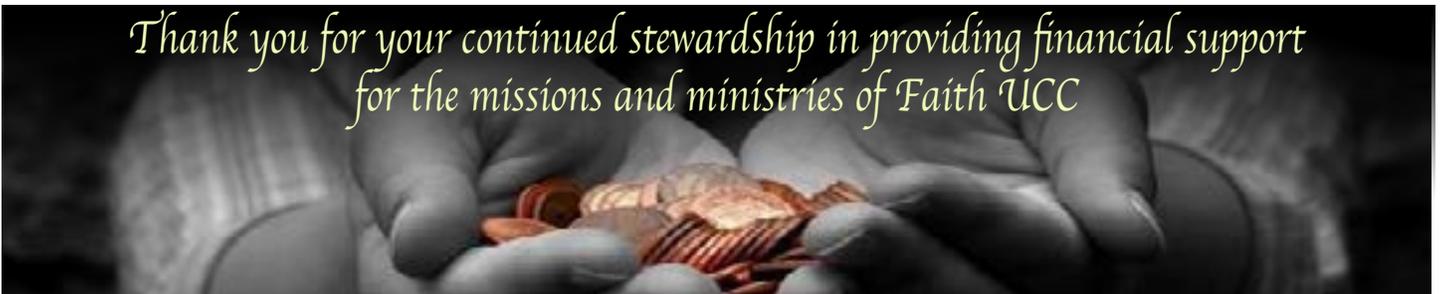


May 2019 Year-To-Date Offerings

Total Received \$53,091 Total Budgeted \$50,000

Budget to Actual Difference (YTD) \$3,091

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



JULY SPECIAL OFFERING

OOTC

OOTC³ is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that was established in February 2011 by the Community Safety Net (CSN) which serves residents of Centre County, Pennsylvania.



The mission of Out of the Cold: Centre County (OOTC³) is to provide the homeless in our community with a warm and safe overnight accommodation and nourishment within a welcoming atmosphere as a supplemental option to locally established shelters.

<http://www.ootc3.org/>

Church Picnic

Sunday, **August 18th**, 4-7 pm

Tudec Park

Look for specifics and signup sheets in August!



From Marcia Hegemon:

Dear Ones,
Life in the 2019's is progressing so fast it's hard for me to keep up.

Although most of you know that Clint and I left central Pennsylvania and settled in Schenectady county in upstate New York almost four years ago, you may not know that Clint has been living in a nursing home here since January 2018 while I continued living in our apartment.

Our daughter, Lorraine, who lives nearby, oversees our well-being.

Recently I've had difficulty living alone so I have decided to join Clint. This week I expect to move into a larger room with him at his residence at Baptist Health in Scotia. This pleases both of us. Clint smiles and says, "I'm getting my wife back!"

Our address there will be:

Baptist Health Nursing and Rehabilitation
297 N. Ballston Ave.
Scotia, NY 12302
518-381-9840

SCRIP Update

In April 2017 we began an on-going fundraiser in partnership with Great Lakes SCRIP. Just to review, Great Lakes SCRIP is a program which allows members and friends to trigger retailer contributions to Faith Church in the course of their regular shopping.



Through this program we obtain shopping cards for local businesses—e.g. Giant Foods, Weis Markets, CVS—as well as on-line shopping sites like Amazon, LLBean, etc. These cards are the same as the ones you can buy at kiosks in many stores—the difference is that Faith Church receives the “commission” on the sale of the card, rather than the store. The beauty of SCRIP is that there’s no need to purchase anything out of the ordinary. Faith Church benefits when you buy your gas and groceries, or whatever else you routinely purchase. If you like to give gift cards for birthdays and holidays, why not buy them through SCRIP? If you have planned events on the horizon, consider using SCRIP cards to purchase supplies.

Participants follow these simple steps:

- 1) Choose from the orange list of participating businesses, found on the round table in the Gathering Space (or at the SCRIP website www.shopwithscrip.com --click on the “Retailers” link.)
- 2) Decide the number of cards you want and the whole-dollar denomination for each card.
- 3) Fill out an order slip and prepare payment. (Order slips are also in the Gathering Space.) Checks should be made payable to Faith UCC, with SCRIP written on the memo line. Give the order and payment to Lois Bair.
- 4) Cards in stock are available immediately. Orders placed on Sunday should be available for pick-up within one or two weeks.
- 5) Use the cards as cash for shopping at the designated business. (They’re treated as gift cards at most check-out stations, and gas points and rewards apply as with any other form of payment.) You spend the face value of the card, and Faith UCC receives a percentage of the card purchase.

NOTE: Cards do not expire and can be used by anyone.

One key to success with SCRIP is for folks to anticipate future shopping needs and obtain the appropriate cards in advance of their purchases—for example, the Women’s Guild orders Weis cards to be used in their shopping for the June Strawberry Festival.

The other key to success is the same as for most fundraising—the more, the merrier!

Please consider giving it a try!

If you are aware of any errors or additional news that can be shared, please [contact](#) the church office!

Brent Frank and Steven Romig invite their Faith Church family to their **Annual Parade Party** at their home at 168 North Main Street in Pleasant Gap!

Held in conjunction with the Pleasant Gap Fireman's Parade which will be held rain or shine (hopefully shine this year!) on **Thursday July 25th**. The parade begins at 6:30 PM, but because of traffic and parking issues, it's best to be there by 5:45 – 6:00 PM. The parade gets to the front of our house around 7:00 PM. There is plenty of parking available across the street along the road to Gettig Baseball Fields.



Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Main course (chicken, grilled portabello mushrooms), beverages, ice cream and bags for the kid's goodies will be provided. Also, if you have a favorite lawn chair or blanket you may want to bring that along as well, however some chairs will be set up in the front yard.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, **July 23rd** if you plan to attend by contacting Brent and Steven by calling or texting Brent at 814-571-2919, or email him at: ba.frank@comcast.net so they know how much food and beverages to prepare.

Also, please call or email if you have any questions or need directions to our home!

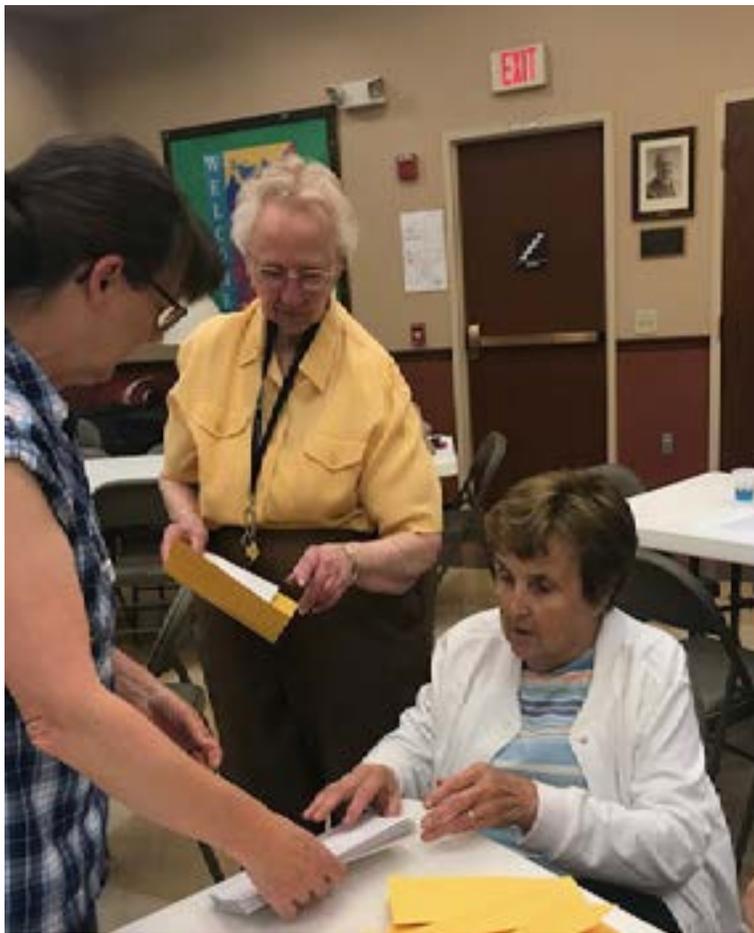
JUST FOR 

For those who don't like musical puns,



you have my symphony.

Strawberry Success Due to Sweet Servants!



FAITH CALENDAR



July 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 First Friday	6
7	8	9 OOTC Day	10 SMART Recovery	11 OOTC Day	12	13
14	15	16 OOTC Day Trustees 7	17 <i>FW Deadline</i> SMART Recovery	18 OOTC Day	19	20
21	22 Consistory 5:30	23 OOTC Day	24 SMART Recovery	25 OOTC Day	26	27
28	29	30	31 SMART Recovery			

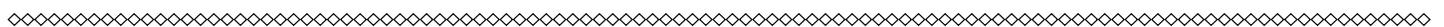


DID YOU KNOW?

Two signers of the Declaration of Independence became President of the United States: John Adams (#2) and Thomas Jefferson (#3).

They both died hours apart on the same day, July 4, 1826, the 50th Anniversary of the signing* of that document, that they both worked to write (although Jefferson did the heavy lifting).

*Trivia explosion: The vote for independence was actually July 2. [There is some controversy on when the Declaration was signed.](#) James Monroe (#5), a protege of Jefferson's, also died on July 4th (1831). Calvin Coolidge (#30) was born on this day (1872).



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



<http://www.visitpennstate.org/events/>
[Use the Date Search function on the left.](#)



PRIDE FESTIVAL OF CENTRAL PA

The Pride Festival of Central PA is scheduled for Saturday, July 27th, 11 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The 2019 Pride Festival will be returning to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Capitol Complex Grounds in Soldier's Grove Memorial Park. Last year, the festival made history, being the 1st pride festival held on the grounds of a state capitol.

The 2019 Pride Festival is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising and half a century of LGBT+ Liberation.

Penn Central Conference ONA churches staff a booth at the festival. We hand out buttons and materials from each of our ONA churches. IF your church is interested in attending and in helping to cover the registration cost, please let me know ASAP. The cost is \$100.00 so the cost for each participating church is minimal for registration, plus whatever you decide to bring to distribute.

Again, if interested, please contact Shirley Keith Knox (skeithknox@comcast.net) ASAP.



Also in July:

4th Fest: <https://www.centralpa4thfest.org/>

People's Choice: <https://peopleschoicestival.com/>

Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts: <https://arts-festival.com/>

Tussey Mountain Wingfest: <http://www.tusseymountain.com/wingfest>

JULY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



JULY BIRTHDAYS

3 SANDY MILLER
 5 BOB RITZMANN
 7 CASSIDY DAVIDSON
 JOE KRABILL
 21 TOMMY FOUNTAINE
 23 MARILYN ENGLE
 25 CINDY REED
 27 RON HERTZOG
 28 MARTHA THOMPSON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JUL 7
 14
 21
 28

SUNDAY TRUSTEES

JUL 7
 14
 21
 28

COMMUNION TEAM

JUL 7

USHERS

JUL 7
 14
 21
 28

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

JUL 7
 14
 21
 28

Blanks indicate openings.
 Please notify the office for corrections.



FLOWERS

JUL 7
 14
 21
 28

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7 BOB & JACKI HUNT
 22 ANGIE & JAMES MORRISON

LITURGIST

JUL 7
 14
 21
 28

SPECIAL DATES IN JULY

JUL 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

NURSERY

JUL 7 COMMUNION (PARENT CARE)
 14
 21
 28



WORSHIP CALENDAR



You will notice that the readings below are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary, hosted by Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

All the text references are listed for use with other translations.

Clicking the link for each date will take you to the NRSV reading at the Lectionary, where all the scriptures listed for that day are displayed in one place for your convenience.

July 7 [4th Sunday After Pentecost](#)
Holy Communion

July 14 [5th Sunday After Pentecost](#)

July 21 [6th Sunday After Pentecost](#)

July 28 [7th Sunday After Pentecost](#)

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Prayers for healing and wholeness:

Edna Bicehouse, the family of Don Asendorf, the family of Lynn Christy (Neil's brother), Don Asendorf, the family of Jane Sheckells, the family of Allen Killpatrick, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), 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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Contact the office to unsubscribe.

FaithWorks!

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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