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To all the men who challenged us physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually; by birth, by adoption, by fostering, by mentoring; next door, nearby, inconveniently far, impossibly far; yesterday, today, tomorrow...

Our most profound thanks.

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

The Gift of Ordinary

We begin the month of June with a final celebration of Easter and move into the short season of Pentecost on June 9th. I invite you all to wear red, the color of Pentecost, on June 9th in worship to symbolize the Holy Spirit present and alive in our lives. You won't want to miss our worship celebration that day. Quickly after the season of Pentecost, we commence the season of Ordinary Time which will continue until Advent.

When you think of ordinary what do you think of? Eating? Sleeping? Laundry? Changing dirty diapers? What feelings does the word ordinary bring up in you? Calm? Delight? Boring? Security?

Ordinary Time is the longest season in the church calendar and is symbolized by the color green. Green like summer grass. Green like leaves on the tree in full bloom. Green like moss on a muggy day. Green like a traffic light signaling to go. Green is a symbol of the growth through ordinary events. We are invited to focus on the everyday miracles and contemplate how the God of the universe also is the God of our own hearts.

The special seasons are fun and alert us to something new, but ordinary is a chance to pause for peace and just sit outside on a hot summer day to experience the presence of Christ and linger there.

I offer this poem by Mary Oliver as a prayer for the beginning of Ordinary Time. It is an invitation for us to focus on the ordinary gifts, such as mowing a lawn, and how that, too, is prayer.

I look forward to journeying with you as our extraordinary God meets us in ordinary rhythms of our life. I wonder what God might say to us this season?

In the peace and joy of Christ –
Pastor Jes



The Summer Day

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean-

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-

who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

CONSISTORY CORNER



Consistory continues to have active and engaging conversations on how to support all of Faith UCC and our pastor. It is exciting to know Faith and Consistory are actively acclimating Pastor Jes to our church.

Just one example of our support is the Pastoral Committee members are set to meet with Pastor Jes in the next coming weeks. Other positive conversations at Consistory are around how Faith is working to engage ourselves and the community in a variety of ways. To continue the conversation and move us forward, Consistory voted to form an Ad Hoc committee to research and gather all the things large and small that Faith is doing to impact our congregation and the greater community. Consistory is excited to have this information to plan and honor all the amazing ways we (Faith UCC) are serving and look at how to continue to serve in the days, months, and years to come.

Lastly, the 310 Working Group continues to research the market value of our 310 College Avenue rental property (Taco Bell). Consistory is looking forward to the Working Group's proposal on how to maximize our future rental income to best serve Faith for years in the future.

Though we are moving into the summer months I look forward to the coming months and our future work!

In Service,

Jared Hammond
Consistory President



CHURCH SCHOOL



Church School is on a short break over the summer months.

See you next semester!

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

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



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.

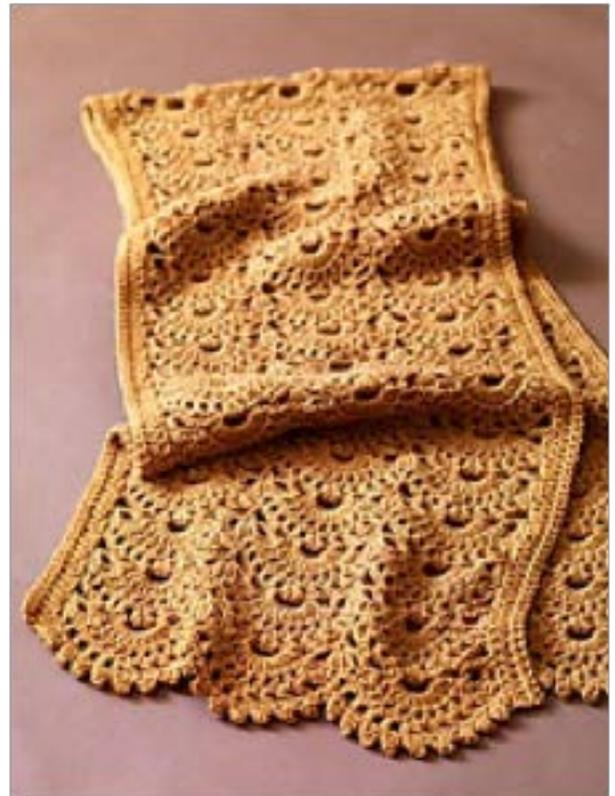
Thank you,

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?

We are Lee Szymkiewicz and Zach Zobrist and daughters Amelia and Zoe and we are excited to be new Members of Faith UCC.

Why do you go to Faith UCC?

We just moved to State College from Pittsburgh and we found everyone to be friendly and welcoming. We love that the church is truly so inclusive to everyone.

We were part of a really progressive, active, and open-minded church in Pittsburgh (St. Andrew Lutheran in Pittsburgh) whose motto helped inspire our faith journey and keep us grounded:

“Love Everyone, Exclude No One”

We were thankful to find the same thing here in State College and we are very excited about Pastor Jes (and her partner Jess) to help lead us and this congregation.

How do you look forward to getting involved at church?

Our talents and past church involvement ranges from yardwork, singing in Choir, and helping with kids and sales and outreach events. Lee has already signed up to volunteer in the nursery (both because we enjoy and we will be in there on weeks when there is no Sunday School) and also helped with the SERRV sale around Christmas time.

What do you do for a living?

We are a household of educators, at the moment. We moved here from Pittsburgh where Lee had been teaching and Zach had been working with SEIU Healthcare (a healthcare workers union) for 17 years.



Lee is a secondary science teacher looking for a permanent job here in the area.

Zach just started teaching with Labor and Employment Relations department at Penn State (which is why we moved here) and as part of that role he is also able to teach not just Penn State students but also teaching Unions and Union members still as well.

JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING

Strengthen the Church (UCC)

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

<http://www.ucc.org/stc>



The Listening Cafe

for June is
Sunday, June 23 at
The Deli Z Bar, for
lunch after service.

GPS Address:
[113 Hiester St, State
College, PA 16801](https://www.google.com/maps/place/113+Hiester+St,+State+College,+PA+16801)



It's that time!

The **72nd Annual Strawberry Festival** is
Wednesday, **June 12**.

Mark your calendars now, and keep an eye
open...we'll be asking for your help later!

Church Picnic

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

Tudec Park

More to come!



MARK YOUR CAL- ENDAR!

Children 3 to 12
years old are invited
to enjoy a week of
Bible Day Camp,
sponsored by sister
churches in Boals-
burg—St. John's UCC and Zion Lutheran.



This year's theme is "Even the Little Means a Lot,"
focusing on the stories of children in the Bible.

WHEN: **Monday, June 17—Friday, June 21**

- Pre-schoolers (3-5 yrs) meet 9:30-11:30
- School-ages meet 9:30-1:30

For more information and to sign up, pick up a regis-
tration form on the round table in the Gathering Space.

If you have questions, contact Lois Bair. (422-8441/
dvbair@yahoo.com)

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!

Make A
Joyful
Noise

Noisy Offering is Coming!

On **June 9th**, bring your spare change and coins to church!

The kids will be collecting change for our 1st Noisy Offering during the children's message on Sunday, June 9th (Pentecost), and will learn to make a joyful noise through service.

All the change collected will be given to the hungry kids in Centre County through Penguin Packs. It will be a joyful Pentecost offering!

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.

Learn more at: <http://www.centralpapridefestival.com/>

JUNE BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ANN GRAVES
- 3 AUBREY GIBSON
ERNEST HAWK
- 6 JUNE IRVIN
- 9 SHANNON GIBSON
- 14 RICHARD BENNINGHOF
MARGARET HAMMOND
- 16 ALVA CHELLMAN
LOUISE HARRIS
ARLENE HOY
- 20 JORDAN BARNARD
LISA NEIDIGH
- 24 MICHELLE BARNARD
KEES BRANDSE
VINCENT LUNETTA
- 25 DARLENE RIPKA



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 DREW & JEAN FRANK
JOE & CAROLYN MEYER
- 7 RANDY & SUDAN BOWERS
- 10 CARLTON & SANDY MILLER
- 12 LARRY & LOIS BAIR

- 12 DAVIN & ALISON CARR-CHELLMAN
- 17 WAYNE & EDNA BICEHOUSE
NICKOLAS & PEGGY SALAMON
- 18 DAN & EILEEN PFAFF
- 25 STEPHEN & JULIE PELLETIER
- 27 JIM & SALLY WELSH

SPECIAL DATES IN JUNE

- JUN 14 FLAG DAY
- 16 FATHER'S DAY



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- JUN 2
- 9
- 17
- 23
- 30

COMMUNION TEAM

- JUN 2

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- JUN 2
- 9
- 17
- 23
- 30

FLOWERS

- JUN 2
- 9
- 17
- 23
- 30

- LITURGIST
- JUN 2
- 9
- 17
- 23 JIM WELSH
- 30

NURSERY

- JUN 2 COMMUNION (PARENT CARE)
- 9
- 17
- 23
- 30

SUNDAY TRUSTEES

- JUN 2
- 9
- 17
- 23
- 30 NEIL CHRISTY

USHERS

- JUN 2
- 9
- 17
- 23
- 30

Blanks indicate openings.



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.

June 2 [7th Sunday of Easter](#)

John 17:20-26

Holy Communion

June 9 [Pentecost](#)

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

June 16 [1st Sunday After Pentecost](#)

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 & Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

June 23 [2nd Sunday After Pentecost](#)

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a, Psalm 42 & 43

Isaiah 65:1-9 & Psalm 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

June 30 [3rd Sunday After Pentecost](#)

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21, Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62



Prayers for healing and wholeness:

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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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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