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To all the women who nurtured 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!

Practice Resurrection

Be joyful though you have considered all the facts...practice resurrection.

– Wendell Berry, from his poem Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime.

– Martin Luther

Christ is Risen! He has risen indeed! In the church calendar, Easter is more than one day. Easter is a season. Resurrection sometimes takes more than one day. Think of the first disciples, even they needed multiple encounters with the resurrected Jesus to fully understand what was going on. We, too, need to practice resurrection for a season.

In Wendell Berry's poem Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front he says "be joyful though you have considered the facts." The Easter season doesn't mean that there isn't hard things in our life. We still have our daily struggles, we still struggle with our inner critic that says such unkind things to us, and there are still global atrocities that we see on the news and wonder how we can help. The Easter season, though, invites us recommit to the good we can do and reminds us this difficulties do not get the last word.

Practicing resurrection means small, gentle steps of faithfulness from a life transformed by the Holy Spirit. Simple practices to try this month include offering gratitude instead of gossip, pause to pray even in the middle of your day, give generously, write a note of kindness to someone to encourage their day, seek out new ways to volunteer and participate in the life of the church, do justice - protest, write letters, speak up, pray for the eyes to see the risen Lord in your daily life around you. We need eyes and a hearts transformed by God's spirit to practice resurrection. Christians, afterall, are the resurrection people!

Join us in practicing resurrection as we listen to each other, listen to God, and share in Fellowship at the next Listening Cafe at Seven Mountains Winery on May 1st at 6:00 PM. In addition to enjoying fellowship together, we will look at the topic of resurrection a little more and wonder together what it means to practice new life. I look forward to our soulful sharing!



In the Spirit of resurrection, I want to thank each and every person who made my Installation such a special day. For ushers, those who made food, those who welcomed visitors, worship leaders, those who cleaned, and for the immense kindness offered to me and to the whole worshipping congregation - THANK YOU!!! I feel very blessed. I look forward to practicing resurrection in our ministry together!

Practicing resurrection with you - Pastor Jes

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jes

CONSISTORY CORNER



For the last two months Consistory has continued to work to acclimate Pastor Jes to the Faith UCC community. Working with Pastor Jes through her transition has been an exciting time for Faith, and the energy, passion, and positive vibes around Consistory have been motivating for the group and myself as the new President. As part of the transition for Pastor Jes, we have had multiple conversations looking at our past and present, and began conversations about our future at Faith. All of this has been an enjoyably educational experience, and hearing and learning our story has been vital to tie us all together.

Through our conversations we have been taking a general assessment of our Church committees, the needs of each committee, and the overall needs of the Church. Most recently, Consistory was able to charge a Working Group to address Faith's 310 College Avenue rental property (Taco Bell). This Working Group is tasked with conducting a through review and propose recommendations for what may be the most responsible directions for Faith's financial future.

In addition, Consistory also set its sights on creating a plan for our Committee & Church involvement, the Church website, and looking at utilizing technology to organize our document storage and track our history.

I look forward to the coming months and our future work!

In Service,

Jared



CHURCH SCHOOL



May 5 – Communion Sunday – Parent Care Day (3rd Sunday of Easter)

May 12 – Safe in His Hands – (4th Sunday of Easter)
John 10: 27-29

May 19 – Jesus Loves Us All -- (5th Sunday of Easter)
John 13: 34-35

May 26 – Peace of Mind & Heart – (6th Sunday of Easter)
John 14: 27 – 28A

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 on Tuesday, April 9. We again, as last month, heard an informative presentation, this time on an electronic door lock system. If we institute this locking door system the office will be able to see and hear anyone who wishes to enter Faith Church by way of Calder Way. The office will be able to remotely “buzz” the visitor entry through the door. TMT believes the electronic door/camera system will enhance the safety of our staff.

As was mentioned last month we have begun to lock all exterior doors during Sunday service except for the main entrance on College Ave. We hope this action has caused minimum inconvenience for our church family.

We have been requested by Out of the Cold Centre County (OOTC3) to extend their daytime program at our facility through the summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will grant their request. TMT has a busy season coming up...Stay tuned!

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



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.

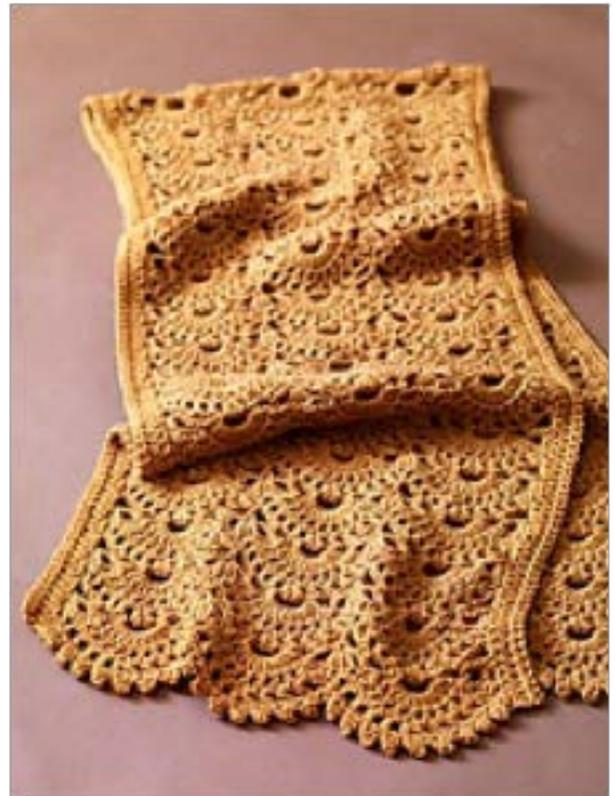
Thank you,

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.



MAY SPECIAL OFFERING



Hartman Center is the Outdoor Ministries facility owned by Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ since 1964.

Programming includes retreats, conferences, workshops, dinner meetings, summer camps, and other events. Hartman Center is located about 20 miles southeast of State College on old Rte. 322 in Milroy PA.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and financial donations!

<https://www.hartmancenter.com/>



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

GPS Address:

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

Interested in seeing a plaque like this on our building?

Come to the library May 5 during the Forum hour (9:30) to begin this conversation!

The National Register of Historic Places is the Nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archeological resources. Properties listed in the Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. The National Register is administered by the National Park Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Interior.



Note: The National Registry does not put *any* restrictions on interior or exterior changes the owners may wish to make. (That's usually local government.)

You can learn more about the Federal Registry here:
<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm>



CHOIR Rehearsals

Thursday Evenings @ 7PM
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Listen Up!

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



The most recent is at the top of the list.

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

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!



Looking Forward

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!

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

FAITH CALENDAR



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

JUST FOR



DID YOU KNOW?

This here is what you call cutting hedge technology!



The use of the Remembrance Poppy on Memorial Day was started by Moina Michael, at a November 1918 YMCA Overseas War Secretaries' conference, where she appeared with a silk poppy pinned to her coat and distributed 25 more to those attending. She then campaigned to have the poppy adopted as a national symbol of remembrance.

Her choice was based on the poem, "[In Flander's Fields](#)" by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae.



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



May Highlights

May is an important time for fund raising in Centre County. It brings us two opportunities to support our partners at Interfaith Human Services in their good work for needy people.

On **May 7-8**, [Centre Gives](#) offers an on-line fund-raising event for a host of Centre County non-profits. Each group can earn a grant from the Centre Foundation, based on how much is pledged to them during this 36-hour drive. Many other groups will be participating, but we hope that you will make [IHS](#) one of your top priorities. It's a great chance to make your money go further!

But wait, there's more! On Mother's Day weekend, **May 11-12**, a number of restaurants in the area will be supporting IHS in various ways. For example Hoss's will donate a percentage of your bill if you present the attached coupon when you eat there that weekend. Just print the coupon and bring it with you.

OR, go to these two web sites (www.32auctions.com/ihs for State College restaurants, www.32auctions.com/ihs-2 for Bellefonte restaurants) to bid on gift cards from several area eating places. Hurry, because the auction closes on **May 10**.

Thank you for all the ways you help our Centre County neighbors in need.



MAY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 AUBREY COBLE
PEGGY SALAMON
- 9 NAN SENNETT
- 12 ASHLIE ASENDORF
- 14 JEFF DAVIDSON
- 16 ELLIE KNARR
- 17 BENJAMIN PELLETIER
- 19 DAN PFAFF
- 20 ALIA CARR-CHELLMAN
- 22 CARLTON MILLER
- 23 SUSAN BRANDSE
- 24 KOBE ASENDORF
- 26 CINDY NEIDIGH



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 ASHLIE & CARY ASENDORF
- 31 JORDAN & MICHELLE BARNARD

SPECIAL DATES IN MAY

- MAY 5 CINCO DE MAYO
- 12 MOTHER'S DAY
- 27 MEMORIAL DAY



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- MAY 5
- 12
- 19
- 26

COMMUNION TEAM

- MAY 5

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- MAY 5
- 12
- 19
- 26

FLOWERS

- MAY 5
- 12 MARTHA THOMPSON
- 19
- 26

LITURGIST

- MAY 5
- 12 JIM WELSH
- 19
- 26

NURSERY

- MAY 5 COMMUNION (PARENT CARE)
- 12
- 19 LOIS BAIR
- 26

SUNDAY TRUSTEES

- MAY 5
- 12 TOM DAUBERT
- 19
- 26 NEIL CHRISTY

USHERS

- MAY 5
- 12 TOM DAUBERT
- 19
- 26

Blanks indicate openings.
Please notify the office for corrections.



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.

May 5 [3rd Sunday of Easter](#)

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Holy Communion

May 12 [4th Sunday of Easter](#)

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

[Prayers for healing and wholeness:](#)

The family of Jane Sheckells, the family of Allen Killpatrick, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), the family of Bunnie Harts-wick, Jane Sheckells, Dan and Eileen Pfaff, Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Darlene Ripka, the Piggot family.

May 19 [5th Sunday of Easter](#)

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

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!

May 26 [6th Sunday of Easter](#)

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9



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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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