

Faith Works!

FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST | STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801 | 814.237.3904 | WORSHIP: 10:45 AM
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

IN THIS ISSUE...

["Pastor's Perspective" on page 2](#)

["Church School" on page 4](#)

["Caring Network" on page 5](#)

["Faith Happenings" on page 6](#)

["Just for Grins" on page 7](#)

["Faith Calendar" on page 8](#)

["Did You Know?" on page 8](#)

["Community Events" on page 9](#)

["Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Volunteers" on page 14](#)

["Worship Calendar" on page 11](#)

["Prayers" on page 11](#)



The Nation's Oldest Thanksgiving Day Parade
Philadelphia
Started by Gimbal's Department Store in 1920.

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

Time, Talent, and Treasures: We Need You!

When I was a child, my mother gave me my weekly allowance on Saturdays from the simple chores I did during the week. After cleaning the bathroom and receiving five crisp one-dollar bills my mom would pull out three envelopes that we created together. Each envelope had a different label. One envelope read savings, another read church, and the third envelope read spending. Mom let me decide how much would go into each envelope. Left to my own, I probably would have put all of it in spending to get the latest toy, but Mom said we give to God first and then put a little aside for rainy days before spending.

I remember feeling like I was part of the church when the offering plate came by me, and I put in my dollar bill. I felt so grown-up doing what the adults did in giving to the church. I remember feeling like I belonged because my contribution of time, singing in the children's choir, mattered to the congregation.

Fast-forward many years later, Jessy and I follow a similar pattern today. While all our envelopes are computer buttons and our church giving, savings, and spending is done electronically, it is a mindset of giving to God first that guides our family today. It is a practice I believe in because it reminds us that all we have is God's. Psalm 24:1 says, "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." Our life, our talents, our treasures, our time comes from God and to God we live in service of our fellow human being.



This month we focus on The Stewardship Campaign. You will hear stories from Faith Folks who give of their time, talent, and treasures to be part of the beauty of Faith UCC. I ask each of you to prayerfully consider pledging a portion of your time, talent, and treasures in being part of the movement of God's love in Christ at Faith UCC. Each of you matter, and we are building a generous sanctuary of rich theology, spiritual nourishment, and a community that cares for each other and reaches out to the world to create a just world for all.

Pledging is planning a portion of your income and, in good faith, committing that portion back to God for the year. Pledging is intentionally setting aside an amount of treasure and your time in service to God's church with your talents. Each of your pledges matter so very much. We need you! When you receive the Stewardship letter this year, I invite you and your family to prayerfully talk together as you discern what you will pledge to Faith UCC this year. What are your talents that you can offer in time to the ministry of the church? What treasure do you want to commit to serving the ministry of Faith UCC?

November 24th is Pledge Commitment Sunday. You are invited to bring your pledge cards to church as we collectively pray over them and ask God to guide our ministry together and the promises we are making. Of course, you are welcome to send your pledge card in before, too.

A guiding question for each of us this month is of all the things to give to, why give to Faith UCC? For me, I give to Faith UCC because I believe that our ministry together is so important in Central Pennsylvania. New people are finding our church and are driving from communities faraway because the loving and healing presence of God is felt in our worship. Our sanctuary, music, and ministry together is needed deeply in our modern world. I give because I believe God is working through us. Why do you give? Consider this question as you plan your pledges.

Thank you, for the many ways each of you dedicate your time, talent, and treasures in service to God and God's healing love. God is working through all of us together. Thank you!

In gratitude,

Pastor Jes

CHURCH SCHOOL



Greetings to our Faith UCC families,

November 3, 2019 ---- Communion and PCD (Parent Care Day)

November 10, 2019 ---- In Heaven Forever, Luke 20:36
The Resurrection and Eternal life

November 17, 2019 ---- When I Am Afraid, Luke 21: 5 – 19
Jesus is with us in times of fear.

November 24, 2019 ---- Jesus Christ the King, Luke 23:38
What made this King different?

Blessings,
Barb Chellman



Thankful



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.

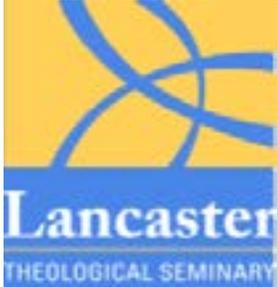
Caring Network leaders bring ministry needs to the Pastor and others on the Caring Teams. If you know anyone in the Faith Caring Community (members and friends of Faith) who would welcome receiving a handmade prayer shawl (also known as “comfort shawls” or “peace shawls”), please let Pastor Jes know.

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.



NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING

Lancaster Seminary (UCC)



is a vibrant, diverse learning community known for academic excellence, celebration of differences across Christian traditions, and creative engagement on issues of importance to our world.

Your generous gifts help to provide scholarships for seminarians.

Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "Lancaster Seminary" noted in the memo line or on the offering envelope.

Pastor Jes will be holding a **New Members Class** after service **Nov 3 & 17** for anyone interested in learning more about Faith UCC and what it means to become a member.



You are welcome to come to the class and there is no pressure to join even if you attend.

Come and get to know more about our Faith family!

(Bring your coffee up to the AB Conference Room!)



Parking Tags

If you would like a parking tag for our *massive* lot, please see one of the trustees or contact the office.

Note: Towing fees are likely to increase to \$175 Jan 1!

The Adult Forum class meets at 9:30 every Sunday in the library room. The first Sunday of each month is used for a discussion of current published articles of interest to Faith members. Other Sundays currently study Christianity from the Reformation until today. About half the time is watching a DVD on the day's topic with the remainder of the time used for discussion.



November Topics:

11/10--Religion & Revolution in the 18th Century

11/17--The Mormons--A True American Faith

11/24--Christian Missions & Moral Reform



WISHING WELL DAYS ARE COMING UP!

Our congregation is an active member of Interfaith Human Services, and for many years we have helped raise funds for people in Centre County who are in need.

One service is ringing the bells. Last year over 800 people from many congregations, organizations, and businesses volunteered to help.

This year the campaign will run from Friday, November 29th to Monday, December 23. IHS will ring bells on Saturdays at The Corner Room and the Benner Pike Walmart, and every day at Meyer Dairy. Our congregation has signed up for one day, December 4, at Meyer Dairy. If you are available, please sign up to ring the bell, won't you? And consider making it a family/friend affair.

The sign-up sheets will be ready for you to choose times, an hour shift or two. It's fun, and a good way to get into the holiday spirit!

Thank you very much for helping others – it will bring joy to many in Centre County!

JUST FOR



I can't believe it!

Vivaldi was CANCELLED!

And after only Four Seasons!



Join us for a **Thanksgiving Dinner** after service Nov 24th. Details to come. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.



Directory

A new directory will be published shortly after Consistory changes are made.

And with so many new folks joining Faith Church, we want to ensure we have accurate contact information.

If your contacts have changed, if you would like your contacts in the updated directory, or you've never let us know how best to contact you, use this QR code to go to the online form created for this.

The form also includes requests for other optional information.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



November Highlights

Experience the cool vibe of downtown State College during our monthly **First Friday** events.

A casual atmosphere features art, people-watching, mingling with friends, shopping, and dining at the diverse and delectable State College restaurants.

First Friday goers will experience after-hours access to galleries and shops, free bites and beverages, live music and entertainment, retail and restaurant specials, and more.

And there's free parking in the Pugh, Fraser and Beaver garages with validations from participating merchants.

Start Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Downtown State College
Address: 127 S Fraser Street
Website: <http://firstfridaystatecollege.com>



<https://happyvalley.com/state-college-pa-things-to-do/events/state-college-penn-state-event-calendar>

[Use the Date Search function on the left.](#)



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



https://www.statecollege.com/calendar/?start_ts=1573534800&end_ts=1573707600

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 JOE MEYER
11 ARTHUR ARMINGTON
20 BOB DUNHAM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nov 3
10
17
24

COMMUNION TEAM

Nov 3 CLOVIS & MARILYN MORRISSON,
JUNE IRVIN, TINA AUMILLER

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Nov 3
10
17
24

FLOWERS

Nov 3
10
17
24

LITURGIST

Nov 3 CYNDI VINCENTI
10 JIM WELSH
17
24

NURSERY

Nov 3 COMMUNION (PARENT CARE)
10
17
24

SUNDAY TRUSTEES

Nov 3 TOM DAUBERT
10 TOM DAUBERT
17
24 NEIL CHRISTY

USHERS

Nov 3
10 TOM DAUBERT
17
24

**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.

Nov 3 [21st Sunday After Pentecost](#)
[Hebrews 12:1-3](#)
[Ephesians 1:11-23](#)

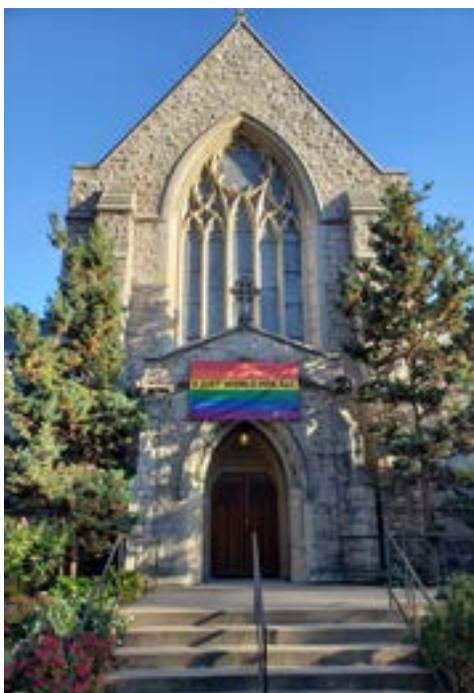
Holy Communion

Nov 10 [22nd Sunday After Pentecost](#)

Nov 17 [23rd Sunday After Pentecost](#)

Nov 24 [Reign of Christ](#)

Scripture texts and Lections are from the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings, hosted by Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. See the [Terms of Use](#) for copyright details.



Prayers for healing and wholeness:

The family of Richard H. McCormack (Jane Lee Child's brother), the family of Beckie Romig (Manager for OOTC), 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!

Faith United Church of Christ

300 East College Avenue
State College, PA 16801

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.

Pastor: PastorJesFaithUCC@gmail.com

Office: , faithuccsc@gmail.com

Web Site: www.faithucc.info

 Facebook: facebook.com/SCFaithUCC

 Twitter: twitter.com/FaithUCCSCPA