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**Hoppy Leap Year!**

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

## One Another

Love one another. Forgive one another. Bear with one another. Be devoted to one another. Build one another up. Comfort one another. Pray for one another. These are just some of the passages in Scripture that use the phrase one another to remind us how to be together as the church. Allelon is the Greek word for “one another, mutually, together, reciprocally.” This phrase occurs over 100 times in the New Testament and about half of the times it occurs as a direction on how we are to relate together, like praying for one another.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, and goes until Easter Sunday, April 12th. Lent is a season marked by different hues of purple that reflect the space in the Christian calendar we are given for contemplation, repentance, and spiritual nurturing. Lent, like Advent, is a season we prayerfully seek the presence of Christ to create in us a new heart (as Psalm 51 says). It is a season of spiritual nurture as we seek to practice our faith we confess together. It is a season of quiet joy as we gather with God’s love joining us with one another.

Allelon is on my mind this Lent. As we have grown as a congregation I am thinking of the ways we can nurture our connections with one another as we seek God’s direction and loving presence in our lives. Sometimes I have heard people say that they aren’t too sure who everyone is in the congregation and because of the great warmth in our congregation I have heard people desire to know one another better. What a great desire of Christian love! It is for that reason during the season of



Lent I will focus on preaching and shepherding us to consider what it means to practice the one another passages. Each week I will focus on a different one another as we seek to grow in our connection together. There are some fun ways we will practice this together throughout the week, too, that you will hear more in worship!

One way I encourage us to get to know one another more this Lent is through name tags. There will be optional name tags available in worship during this season starting the first Sunday of Lent (March 1) and I encourage you to write your name on it so we have the chance to get to know one another’s names. It’s good to know who we worship with together so we can pray for one another by name!

Together we will explore our Scripture and be enriched spiritually by the many times the Holy Word encourages us to be focused on one another as the love of Christ is palpably present in our midst. As we do that, we reach out with our community in love of our inclusive God, together lifting the burdens of the hurting, the lonely, and the ones forgotten as one congregation serving one another outside the walls of the church.

The faith journey is always about going inward to then go and serve outward. Let us practice that together this Lent as we strengthen our connections with one another both on a Sunday morning and throughout our week in the community!

This month we also have a very special guest with us, The Reverend Doctor Carrie Call who is the Transitional Conference Minister for the Pennsylvania Central Conference (PCC) of the United Church of Christ. Over the last month I have been in Harrisburg once a week with the PCC serving the greater church on a search committee for a new Associate Conference Minister. This has afforded me the opportunity to get to know our greater conference which has helped me tremendously as a newer minister in our area. I have gotten to know, and greatly respect, Dr. Call and her wonderful leadership and theological prowess. She and I will be presenting together at our PCC Annual Meeting in June on Reformed Theology. Anyone is welcome to attend the annual meeting, by the way! On February 9th we will welcome Dr. Call and her ministry with us. I will be here with us that day and I look forward to worshipping with one another.

Each day affords us the opportunity to welcome the grace and love of Jesus and lean not on our own understanding, but on the sufficiency of our Lord's love. I pray each of you feel that love and know that love and share that love with the world around you serving one another in the grace of our God.

Joy and Peace – Pastor Jes

Happy New Year Faith,

The new year brings new beginnings. Consistory is excited for what the future holds. The thought of growing together as Faith in our faith with Pastor Jes navigating her second year is exciting.

Looking back through the previous year it is amazing what we have accomplished in the first year with Pastor Jes. We have continued to continue the staples of our outreach, expanded our Out of the Cold and Penguin Pack services to just name a few. The past year we have seen a tremendous growth by welcoming our guests, friends, and new members into Faith. The faith at Faith is strong and the future is bright.

Looking forward I am filled with joy and excitement to see how the Lord will use Faith to serve our community. This year Consistory will be looking for ways to grow our Lay Leadership, grow our ways of servant leadership all while continuing to support our ministries and find new ways serve. Lastly, Consistory is positively moving forward with securing a tenant for the 310 property next door.

Gotta have faith in Faith!

In Service,

Jared Hammond  
Consistory, President



# TRUSTEES UPDATE



Greetings from TMT,

We met on Tuesday, January 14 at 7 PM. We were pleased to have all members in attendance including Rev. Jes Kast and new member Margaret Hammond.

Our first item of business was discussing OOTC3, their increasing number of overnight guests and how Faith can best address this situation.

Continuing, we extended our maintenance service contracts with PBCI Allen for 310 and Faith Church to periodically service our furnaces and air conditioning.

The 310 group reported they are actively seeking a new tenant to replace Taco Bell, our present tenant.

The Borough replaced two (2) sidewalks sections in front of 310 (Taco Bell.)

The Marcon Company repaired the gutter on the West side (Locust Lane side.)

We installed a door lock on the middle door in Asendorf Hall to better secure Penguin Pack “stuff.” While on the topic of locks, we are looking into a buzzer-type lock for Calder Way door. This feature will allow the office to “buzz-in” a person requesting entrance to the building by way of our existing “RING” camera and audio. The buzzer door feature would negate the need to physically unlock the door. We feel this will enhance our church security.



We held elections – Results are:  
Clifton Merchant – Senior Co-Chair  
Alva Chellman – Junior Co-Chair  
Barbara Chellman - Secretary

In 2020 we will be following the past practice of all complaints being referred to our Senior Co-Chair, all compliments and free stuff referred to the Junior Co-Chair. All matters of a serious nature or major importance should always be referred to the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted by Alva Chellman, Jr. Co-Chair  
Trustee Ministry Team

# CHURCH SCHOOL

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Greetings to our Faith UCC families,

Our February schedule:

February 2, 2020: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany --- Communion – Parent Care Day

February 9, 2020: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – It Was a Dark and Stormy Night  
Matthew 5:16

February 16, 2020: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – Forgiving and Forgiven  
Matthew 5:23

February 23, 2020: Seventh Sunday after Epiphany – Lilies of the Field  
Matthew 6:25

Please join us every Sunday. You are truly missed when you aren't with us!

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*



# 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](tel:814-777-0339) – or email [sandy99@onemain.com](mailto: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.



## FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERING

**Mid Penn Legal** (<http://www.midpenn.org/>)



MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit, public-interest law firm dedicated to providing equal access to justice and high quality civil legal services to lowincome residents and survivors of domestic violence in 18 counties in Central Pennsylvania.

Make checks payable to Faith UCC with “MidPenn” noted in the memo line or on the offering envelope or use the note in the online giving form.

We welcome anyone who is interested in becoming a member or just learning more about Faith Church to join Pastor Jes on February 16th in the AB Conference room “behind the offices” immediately after worship for an introduction to who we are at Faith and a chance for us to get to know you better!



**Ecumenical Service: February 9, 3 pm** Grace Lutheran Church

The worship theme is “They Showed Us Unusual Kindness”, based on Acts 28:2

Notables:

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call (Conference Minister, UCC--PCC)

Bishop Rhyne (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

Bishop Mark Bartchak of the RCC

Metropolitan Gregory (Carpatho Russian Orthodox Church)

District Supervisor Kathy Kind (Methodist church)

Executive Presbyter Joy Kaufman f(Presbyterian Church)

JUST FOR



Thanks for teaching me the meaning  
of the word “plethora.”

It means a lot.

Thirty days hath September,  
April, June and November;  
All the rest have thirty-one  
Save February, she alone  
Hath eight days and a score  
Til leap year gives her one day more.



**New Years Eve 2019** was damp and cold, but in Romig Hall there was warmth aplenty! The First Night Café drew a room full of hungry people who enthusiastically enjoyed the variety of chilis and cornbreads, kraut dogs, chili dogs and condiments, along with a wonderful array of cookies and dessert treats—all in an atmosphere of warm fellowship.

The Café is planned as a fellowship opportunity and as a fundraiser; meal sales paired with generous donations netted \$1200 for the General Fund, which supports all the ministries of Faith Church. As added benefits of the event, surplus chili was packaged and frozen to be used when Faith hosted the “Out of the Cold” overnight shelter Jan. 2-13; other surplus items helped stock the church kitchen for fellowship meals and Sunday Coffee Hour.

This event could not possibly happen without the generosity (and culinary skills!) of the food donors, and the goodhearted and energetic efforts of those who help host, serve, wash dishes, clean up—many, many thanks to all who took part!

FNC Committee: Lois Bair, Susan Brandse, Jane Childs, Brent Frank, June Irvin, & Martha Thompson

(NOTE: Planning for Café 2020 will begin in July; if you are interested in helping on the committee, contact one of the people listed above so we can add you to the list. The more, the merrier!)



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## 2020 ONA Winter Gathering

Penn Central Conference

“Untangling The Knots: Christianity’s Fear of the Sexual Body”

### February 22, 2020

Registration 9:30 AM, Start: 10:00 am

Snowdate: Mar 14, 2020

Keynote Speaker: Rev Dr Beverly Dale

**Break Out #1:** “Talking back to Sex Negativity” – Presenter: Rev. Dr. Beverly Dale

**Break Out #2:** Our Whole Lives (OWL): OWL is a series of sexuality education programs for six age groups: grades K-1, grades 4-6, grades 7-9, grades 10-12, Young Adults and Adults. Presenter: Rev. Kim Kendrick

**Break Out #3:** ONA 101 – This breakout will cover the basics of becoming an Open & Affirming Church. ONA churches will share their journey. Presenters: Steven Roush, Penn Central Conference’s ONA Consultant and member of St. Paul’s Mechanicsburg & Bethany Sweger, ONA Team, Colonial Park UCC, Harrisburg.

Details on the posters on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

# FAITH CALENDAR



February 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany	3	4 OOTC Day	5 OOTC Day SMART Recovery	6 OOTC Day	7 First Friday	8
9 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany  Cultural Exchange Meetup 2-5pm	10	11  OOTC Day Trustees 7pm	12  OOTC Day SMART Recovery	13  OOTC Day	14  Valentines Day	15
16 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany  Cultural Exchange Meetup 2-5pm	17  Consistory 5:30	18  OOTC Day	19 FW Deadline OOTC Day SMART Recovery	20  OOTC Day	21	22
23 Transfiguration Sunday	24	25  OOTC Day	26 Ash Wednesday OOTC Day SMART Recovery	27  OOTC Day	28	29  Leap Day



## DID YOU KNOW?

- If you don't have someone to share your Valentine's Day with, don't fret! You can celebrate Singles Awareness Day (SAD) instead.
- Richard Cadbury put together the very first box of chocolates for this holiday in the late 1800s, making the treat a Valentine's day staple.
- Shakespeare refers to Valentine's Day in Hamlet (Act 4, Scene 5)
- Groundhog Day was originally observed on February 14th.
- Penicillin was introduced on February 14th, 1929.
- On this day in 1876, Alexander Graham Bell applied for his telephone patent.
- In 2020, leap year lines happens to perfectly line up the major holidays so that Valentines Day lands on date night Friday and Cinco de Mayo lands on (Taco) Tuesday.
- Christmas 2020 and New Year's Day 2021 are also on a Friday, meaning a leisurely 3-day weekend to kick off both holidays!
- The last leap year in 2016, for example, saw Ikea offering 29% off 229 products in their catalogue. Other deals included a dozen Krispy Kreme glazed donuts for only \$2.29. At Pizza Hut, an ID showing that you were born on a leap day netted a free Personal Pan Pizza.
- Anyone born on a leap day is known as a "leapling".

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## February 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.



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# BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 JARED HAMMOND
- 5 STEVEN ROMIG
- MARY JANE WILD
- 14 META MECKSTROTH
- ABBY REED
- JORDAN REED
- 16 PHYLLIS HERTZOG
- 17 CHRISTOPHER DAVIDSON
- 18 BETTY ASENDORF
- OLIVE HOLLIS



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 DENNIS & CHERYL MEYER



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- FEB 2
- 9
- 16
- 23

## COMMUNION TEAM

- FEB 2
- PREPARERS: EDNA & WAYNE BICEHOUSE
- SERVERS: NEIL CHRISTY, SUE DORAN, PEGGY SALAMON, CYNDI VINCENTI

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- FEB 2
- 9 SUE DORAN
- 16
- 23

## FLOWERS

- FEB 2
- 9
- 16
- 23

## LITURGIST

- FEB 2 MATTHIEW HAINES
- 9 DIANE FARLEY
- 16 DAVE CASSIDAY
- 23 MATTHIEW HAINES

## NURSERY

- FEB 2 COMMUNION (PARENT CARE DAY)
- 9
- 16
- 23

## SUNDAY TRUSTEES

- FEB 2
- 9 TOM DAUBERT
- 16
- 23

## USHERS

- FEB 2
- 9 TOM DAUBERT
- 16
- 23

**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.

February 2 [4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany](#)

HOLY COMMUNION

February 8 [5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany](#)

February 15 [6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany](#)

February 23 [Transfiguration Sunday](#)

February 26 [Ash Wednesday](#)

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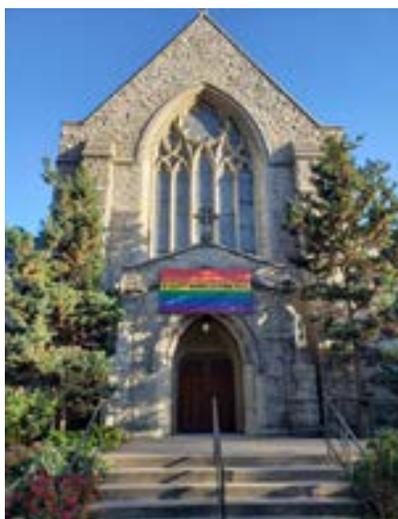
## Prayers for healing and wholeness:

The family of Daniel Pfaff, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Darlene Ripka, the Pig-got 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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# *Faith*Works!

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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