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## Think

Spring



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

## Pray for One Another – James 5:16

Throughout Lent I invite you to pray for one another, pray for our community, and our world. Prayer is a language that binds us together through the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. When we pray for someone, they become a part of our heart. When we pray for someone we like, our love for them increases. When we pray for someone we don't like, God uses our prayers as an opportunity to increase our compassionate empathy. Prayer is a language of openness to God and in prayer we respond to God's leading in our life. Scripture says that even when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit is interceding on our behalf.

I have created a prayer calendar for our church. Everyday there is a new prayer focus for us to pray together. Throughout Lent we will ask God to guide us personally, draw us closer together as a church, and ask God to guide us as we reach out in service to our communities. Imagine what God can do in and through us individually and as a church as we pray together this season! I invite you to put the prayer calendar on your fridge or some place prominent in your home to remember to pray.

[ed: The calendar follows immediately]



## The Shower of Stoles

I want to thank St. John's UCC in Boalsburg for inviting us to participate in The Shower of Stoles last month. It was a moving tribute to the LGBTQIA religious leaders who have served in leadership often in the face of religious oppression. People from the congregation were invited to read the stories on the stoles after and before the service. You can see from the pictures that the stoles were woven into the chancel, as we wanted to honor those who have served.



## Prayer Calendar | Lent 2020

February 27	Dear God, Let compassion guide me. Amen.
February 29	God, how can I forgive when I don't think I can?
March 1	God, how are you calling me out of my comfort zone?
March 2	God, how are you calling our church out of our comfort zone?
March 3	God, I pray for the earth. Help us to be good stewards. Amen.
March 4	God, what am I passionate about?
March 5	What passions are you stirring inside our church community?
March 6	We pray for the United Church of Christ and our shared ministry together.
March 7	How can I inspire generosity inside myself and others?
March 8	God, help me let go of things that are holding me back.
March 9	What does it look like to open my heart to You, God?
March 10	God we pray for Out of the Cold Ministry and the unhoused in our county.
March 11	We pray for all of those struggling with the Coronavirus.
March 12	We pray for all the churches in State College and Centre County. We pray that Jesus would guide our ministries together in service together.
March 13	God, sometimes I'm scared. How is fear holding me back?
March 14	I pray for my family today.
March 15	What are you calling me to release from my life, God?
March 16	Who are the neighbors we do not normally notice? Help me to pray for them today and serve them.
March 17	How can our church be a place of community and faith for those who are lonely inside our wider-community?
March 18	What fears are holding our church back, God?
March 19	How is Your love present in my life today?
March 20	What anger or regret am I holding, God?
March 21	We pray for Penguin Packs and hungry children in our county.
March 22	How can I experience joy today, God?
March 23	God, how can I see You more clearly in my home?
March 24	We pray for our interfaith and inter-religious neighbors in our community.
March 25	We pray for those who are in nursing homes and unable to get to church every Sunday.
March 26	We pray for the children in our church and in our community.
March 27	Forgive me for my sins today. Help me to trust your grace.
March 28	Help me to forgive myself even when I don't believe I deserve forgiveness

March 31	We pray for teachers, professors, administration, staff, and students.
April 1	Help me to laugh, God. You are the savior, I'm not. Help me enjoy life.
April 2	We pray for people who are hungry around the world and in need of food.
April 3	We pray for places in the world torn apart by violence and in need of peace, God.
April 4	Help me to see what You are calling me to set aside today.
April 5	We pray for Pennsylvania and the vitality of our state.
April 6	Give me eyes to see what is being born in me today.
April 7	Give me eyes to see what is being born in our church.
April 8	Help me to rest in the stillness of your presence. Grant me calm.
April 9 Maundy Thursday	On this holy day you taught us that our faith makes us a type of family. How can our church offer community to those who do not have community?
April 10 Good Friday	On this day of death, what am I holding on to that you are calling me to release? Are there areas of our church's life that you are calling release?
April 12 Easter	Jesus is risen! Open my heart to the new life that is being born in me, in our church and in the world around me. Help us to be resurrection people!

## Lent

The theme for this year's Lenten season is "One Another". Pastor Jes will be focusing on 7 of the 100 appearances of "One Another" in the New Testament.

Date	Theme	Reference
February 26, Ash Wednesday	Confess Your Sins to One Another	James 5:16
March 1	Pray for One Another	James 5:16
March 8	Forgive One Another	Colossians 3:13
March 15	Show Hospitality to One Another	1 Peter 4:9
March 22	Encourage One Another 1	Thessalonians 5:11
March 29	Spur One Another to love & good works	Hebrews 10:24-25
April 5, Palm Sunday	Triumphal Entry	Matthew 21:1-9
April 9, Maundy Thursday	Love One Another	John 13:34-35
April 10, Good Friday	Ecumenical Service; join us here	Noon-3 PM
April 12, Easter Sunday	Jesus is Risen!	Easter Celebration

Consistory is moving right along with nominations, elections, and planning. The 310-property next door to the Church, is a blessing from God, and our 310 committee has been working to move forward to secure a Listing Agreement while navigating the exit of Charter Foods (Taco Bell) in conjunction with Trustees. We are all excited what the future holds for Faith doing the Lord's ministry by having the 310 property to aid financially.

Consistory has also onboarded new members and are planning a Consistory Retreat for March 1st. The retreat will provide Consistory an opportunity to gather outside of a business meeting to dive into deeper conversations about faith, Faith UCC, Ministry Teams, and Servant Lay Leadership all while getting to know each other. Consistory believes that it is important to reflect and look at where Faith has come from, where Faith is now, and where Faith is going into the future. It is our goal to gain a deeper understanding of our Mission, Vision, and Values to guide Faith into the future. Below are all of the members of Consistory. Please reach out with any questions, concerns, and opportunities that can help us grow together in faith at Faith UCC.

## CONSISTORY/ELDERS

Tina Aumiller  
Larry Bair  
Wayne Bicehouse  
Christine Bowers -Treasurer, ex officio  
Kees Brandse  
Barb Chellman - Financial Secretary, ex officio  
Sue Cromwell –Vice President  
Sarah Dudley Corresponding Secretary  
Kate Gehart  
Matthew Haines - Co-Recording Secretary  
Jared Hammond -President  
Clif Merchant  
Janet Palmatier - Co-Recording Secretary  
Mary Jane Wild



# TRUSTEES UPDATE

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Greetings from TMT,

We met on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7 PM. We were pleased to have 7 members in attendance including Rev. Jes Kast and 2 members absent. Our first item of business was the discussion of OOTC3 which will be holding an appreciation dinner at the Penn Stater on Monday, March 16, 2020. Faith Church has been requested to sponsor a table for 10. TMT recommended to Consistory that we do so and thus, it will be done! Please see Amy Bowser or Kees Brandse for additional details of how you can participate.

TMT still has several projects on hold until spring. We will be working with the Borough on putting together a Church Safety Program in order to apply to the state for a Church Safety Grant.

TMT is investigating and planning to add a railing on the balcony wall, immediately above the sanctuary. Nothing official yet, just gathering information. Please let us know your thoughts about this, thinking in a constructive manner.

Our 310 group continues to be very active in our attempt to secure a new tenant for the Faith church property next door. We have been interviewing potential tenants, meeting and consulting with our lawyer and working through a listing agreement with a realtor. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers as we navigate this process.

Blessings,  
Alva Chellman, Junior Co-Chair TMT



# CHURCH SCHOOL

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Greetings to our Faith UCC families,

March 1, 2020: First Sunday in Lent --- Communion – Parent Care Day

March 8, 2020: Second Sunday in Lent --- God's love is immeasurable and lasts forever.

John 3:16

We will plant lily bulbs.

March 15, 2020: Third Sunday in Lent --- Water from a rock/ Living Water

Exodus 17:1 - 7

March 22, 2020: Fourth Sunday in Lent --- God chooses a king. God doesn't judge us on our looks.

1 Samuel 16:7

March 29, 2020: Fifth Sunday in Lent --- That's what friends are for, my best friend is Jesus.

John 11: 1-45

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.

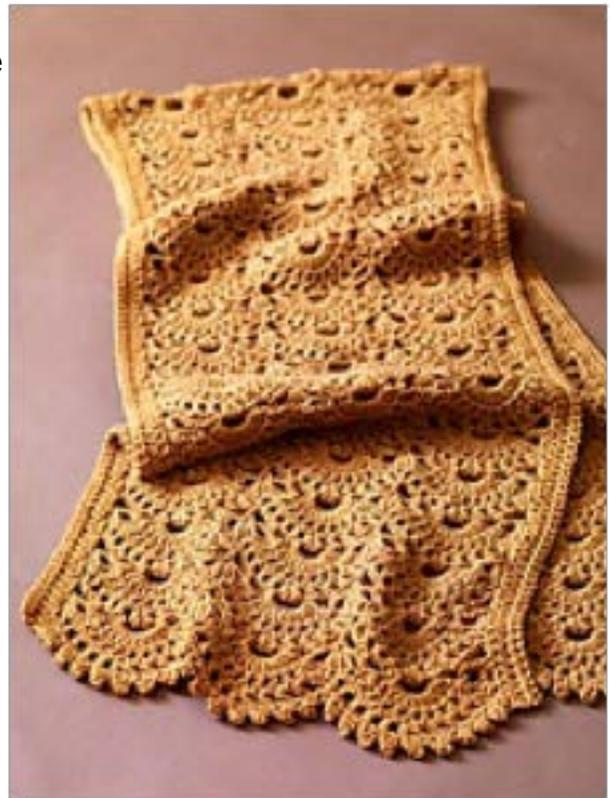
The following people, members and friends, are the Caring Leaders who volunteer to reach out to help us stay connected. Each leader will contact the people on their list by calling, sending a note or meet up, to get to know you better. They are: Edna Bicehouse, Jane Childs, Jean Frank, Sue Doran, Rev.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



## MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING

### One Great Hour of Sharing

(<http://onegreathourofsharing.org/> or <http://www.ucc.org/oghs>)

One Great Hour is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. Learn more at: <http://onegreathourofsharing.org> Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "OGHS" noted in the memo line, or use the special envelope on Sunday, March 29th.

Starting Sunday March 1, **the Forum Class** begins a new series of DVD presentations and class discussions on the topic "Comparative Religions".

The sessions will cover:

March 1 - Comparative Religions Who, What, Why, and How

March 8 - Exploring Similarities and Differences

March 15 - The Sacred, The Holy, and The Profane.

Please join us at 9:30 AM upstairs in Meyer Library.



**Out of the Cold** is currently being hosted by Calvary Harvest Fields. They are in need of help.

Use this SignUp Genius link to volunteer. Contact OOTC at their website if you have questions. [www.ootc3.org](http://www.ootc3.org)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f45a9ad2ba5fa7-calvary3>



They helped us when we hosted; now it's our turn.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to experience this ministry and serve the community.

JUST FOR





## Penguin Packs $\frac{3}{4}$ -year review and update session

All our wonderful Penguin Packs Program volunteers (as well as “rookies” considering joining this fun and rewarding endeavor) are encouraged to attend a brief feedback session to assess/refine our procedures, as we prepare to embark on a great finish to our 2019-20 weekend food program for children!

Please come to the third-floor area adjacent to the PP Storage room to provide your valuable thoughts and ideas after the church service on **March 15**.

Those who wish to express their ideas, but are unable to attend, please email ([psu64@msn.com](mailto:psu64@msn.com)) or phone Jim Welsh ([443-822-5091](tel:443-822-5091)) and leave a message.

## Giving Envelopes

Both weekly and monthly, are available in the Gathering Space.



## Food Drive



Penn State’s Pi Lambda Phi chapter, a relatively new student organization on campus, founded last semester, is an extremely passionate group of guys that want to help out the the local community.

They are hosting a food drive from 3/16/2020 to 4/10/2020 in spirit that no one, student or State College native, will go hungry this Easter holiday.

They would love to have members of your church donate to their food drive!

A box will be in the Gathering Space from right after Spring Break until April 10th.

# FAITH CALENDAR



## March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday in Lent	2	3	4	5	6 First Friday	7
8 2nd Sunday in Lent	9	10	11 SMART Recovery	12	13	14
15 3rd Sunday in Lent Cultural Exchange MeetUp "Et tu, Brute?"	16	17 St Patrick's Day Trustees 7pm	18 FW Deadline SMART Recovery	19	20 Bach Concert, Noon in Sanctuary	21
22 4th Sunday in Lent  Welsh Society Meeting	23 Consistory 5:30	24	25 SMART Recovery	26	27	28
29 5th Sunday in Lent  Cultural Exchange MeetUp	30	31				



## DID YOU KNOW?

- March comes from the Latin 'Martius' (after Mars, the god of war) and was originally the first month of the Roman calendar. March was the beginning of our calendar year until we changed to the 'New Style' or 'Gregorian calendar in 1752, and it is only since then that the year began on 1st January.
- March 1, 1872 - Congress made 1,221,773 acres of public land in the area of what were later the states of Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho as America's first national park - Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone National Park spans an area of 3,468.4 square miles.
- March 3, 1931 - President Herbert Hoover made Francis Scott Key's "The Star-Spangled Banner" the official national anthem of the United States.
- March 4, 1789 - The federal government under the US Constitution began, replacing the Articles of Confederation. It's also the only "command" in the calendar.
- March 14 Pi Day celebrates the annual occurrence of 3/14 with math jokes, pi-reciting competitions, and (of course) freshly baked pie.
- March 15, 44 BC - Gaius Julius Caesar was stabbed to death in the Roman Senate house, by 60 conspirators led by Marcus Junius Brutus and Gaius Cassius Longinus. #bewaretheidesofmarch
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day turns the Chicago River green, and too many livers cirrhosis-damage-brown. (You'll want to check out [these St. Patrick's Day "facts" that are actually false.](#))
- March 26, 1916 - Robert Stroud (The Birdman of Alcatraz) stabbed and killed a prison guard in Leavenworth Kansas. He was sentenced to Alcatraz for the murder. Never had birds at Alcatraz. He did his birding at Leavenworth.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## March 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>

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<http://www.visitpennstate.org/events/>  
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# BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 10 NEIL CHRISTY
- 11 SALLY WELSH
- 14 JAYE HERRICK
- 18 SUSAN BOWERS
- 22 JANET SWIM
- 25 LINDA DAUBERT
- 30 JOE MEYER
- 31 JANE LEE CHILDS



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 MARY JANE & BILL WILD



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- MAR 1
- 8
- 15
- 22
- 29

## COMMUNION TEAM

- MAR 1
- PREPARERS: KEES BRANDSE
- SERVERS:

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- MAR 1
- 8
- 15
- 22
- 29

## FLOWERS

- MAR 1
- 8
- 15
- 22 LINDA & TOM DAUBERT
- 29

## LITURGIST

- MAR 1 CARTER GREENSPAN
- 8 DIANE FARLEY
- 15 SUE CROMWELL
- 22 JIMI WELSH
- 29 DERYN MCPHEETERS

## NURSERY

- MAR 1 COMMUNION (PARENT CARE DAY)
- 8
- 15
- 22
- 29

## SUNDAY TRUSTEES

- MAR 1
- 8 TOM DAUBERT
- 15
- 22
- 29 NEIL CHRISTY

## USHERS

- MAR 1 KEES BRANDSE
- 8 TOM DAUBERT
- 15
- 22
- 29

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# 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.

MAR 1 [1st Sunday of Lent](#)

COMMUNION

MAR 8 [2nd Sunday of Lent](#)

MAR 15 [3rd Sunday of Lent](#)

MAR 22 [4th Sunday of Lent](#)

MAR 29 [5th Sunday of Lent](#)

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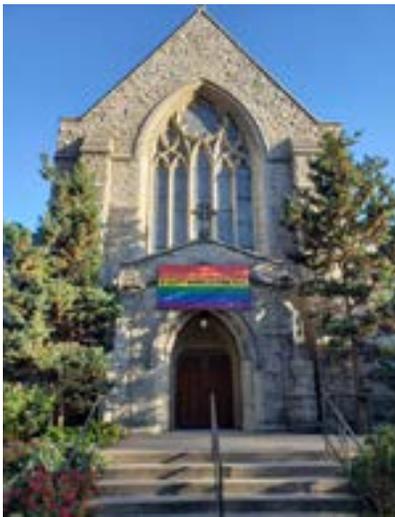
## Prayers for healing and wholeness:

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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