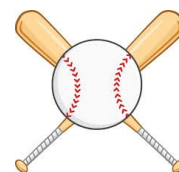




A stylized graphic of the word "July" in a blue cursive font. The letter "J" is large and features three small stars (red, grey, and blue) above it. The letter "y" has a long, decorative swirl at the bottom right. Below the "J" is a red firework with blue stars radiating from its center. The entire graphic is set against a white background.

A cartoon-style illustration of a white baseball with red stitching, positioned in the center. Two wooden baseball bats are crossed behind it, forming an 'X' shape. The bats have light brown wood and silver-colored metal barrels.

LOOK WHAT HAPPENED IN JUNE!





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THE VIEW FROM HERE

One of the images that has always been helpful to me in understanding our faith and my own relationship with God through Jesus is the image of a journey. Scriptures in the Old and New Testament have affirmed that for me.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.
– Genesis 6:9

Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” – John 1:43

“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” – Galatians 5:25

This summer, our family, like many of you, will spend some time traveling. Whether it’s to a familiar spot at the beach or the mountains, or to a tournament or competition of some kind, or a trip somewhere you’ve never been before, I encourage you to embrace the journey as an opportunity to grow in your faith and relationship with God.

For instance, Barb, Henry and I will take two weeks this summer to see several of our National Parks in 5 states out west we haven’t yet visited. My hope is that we can all see the handiwork of God in the beauty of creation – whether it’s a redwood, or Old Faithful, or the Puget Sound. But my hope is also that we can take time while travelling to worship with other congregations for a new experience of a church community, build our relationships with each other that often go in a hundred different directions with work, school and other activities. Maybe it’s listening to an audiobook that will encourage our spirits while we take the 2400 mile journey in a rented car.

Whatever that looks like for you this summer, I hope that you see every journey – from the mundane to the spectacular – is an opportunity to walk with Jesus and to walk with the people you’re blessed to have in your life. And I look forward to hearing stories, seeing pictures and sharing the ways that our journeys continue to shape us!

In Christ,
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CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS

Looking for special music for the 8:15 service for July/August. If you enjoy singing, playing an instrument we'd love to have your presence. Please contact Lisa Konkle 570-259-8957 or email Lkonkle@faithum.net





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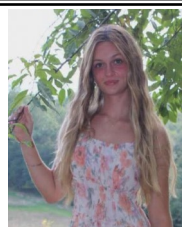
Paige Boyle graduated from Montoursville Area High School, and plans to attend Seton Hill University, majoring in biochemistry in their pre-med track.



Sidney Boyle graduated from Montoursville Area High School, and plans to attend St. Francis University, majoring in Physician Assistant Studies.

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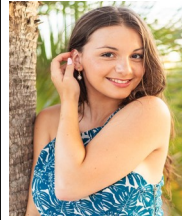
Class of 2025



Madalynn Metzger graduated from Montoursville Area High School, and will enter the work force while taking time to travel and discerning next steps.



Brenna Rosenbaum graduated from Montoursville Area High School, and plans to attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania, majoring in psychology and minoring in deaf studies, with plans to get a doctorate in clinical psychology.



Paiton Miller graduated from Williamsport Area High School, and plans to attend Lycoming College, majoring in business and marketing.



Todd Crawford graduated from Montoursville Area High School, and plans to attend Bucknell University, majoring in Engineering.



Lila Phillips graduated from Montoursville Area High School, and plans to attend Penn College of Technology to study radiography.

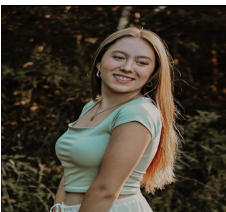


Jack Dietrich graduated from Montoursville Area High School, and plans to attend Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, majoring in computer science and minoring in music technology.

Post-College Graduates



Lydia Barbour graduated from Misericordia University with her bachelor's degree in occupational science, and is continuing her studies for two additional years to receive her doctorate in occupational therapy.



Lydia Edler, who also serves on our staff as one of our nursery caregivers, graduated from Williamsport Area High School, and plans to attend St. Francis University, majoring in Physician Assistant Studies.



Josh Burger graduated from Misericordia University with his bachelor's degree in business, and has begun work on his MBA in Sports Management.



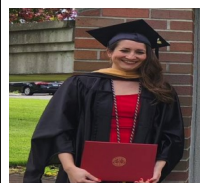
Alex Emick graduated from Montoursville Area High School and has joined the Army National Guard. Following Basic Training, Alex will attend Penn College of Technology for Building Construction Technology.



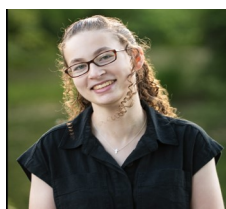
Gable Crebs graduated from the US Naval Academy as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marines. He will spend 6 months of TBS training in Quantico, VA and then is heading to Pensacola, FL for flight school.



Talia Fleming graduated from Montoursville Area High School, and plans to attend Lock Haven University, majoring in Elementary Education.



Sondra Dawes graduated from Roberts Wesleyan University with her Master's degree in social work.



Eleanor Handley graduated after homeschooling, and plans to enjoy a gap year, joining the work force and pursuing her passion for creative writing.



Olivia Evans graduated from the Temple Kornberg School of Dentistry with her doctor of medical dentistry degree, and will continue at Seton Hill University Center to study orthodontics.



Leah Kauffman graduated from Montoursville Area High School, and plans to attend Penn State University, majoring in Plant Sciences.



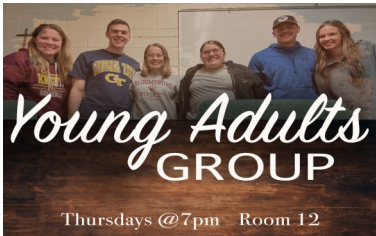
Tyler Hartsock graduated from Lycoming College with his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and minors in psychology and law, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

GROW/SERVE

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP AT FAITH CHURCH

Whether you're in college, getting started in your career, or just looking for a community, Faith Young Adults has a place for you. This is where we build real connections, grow in faith, and walk alongside each other – discovering purpose in Christ.

Where: Room 12
When: Thursdays @ 7 pm
What: Fellowship & Study
Contact: Olivia @ 717-437-1467 or
Jason @ 570--651-5969 for more information.



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Dir. of Group Life
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TRANSFORM



We believe that community is better when people help each other out and work towards safer, more beautiful neighborhoods. During the week of TRANSFORM, volunteers are sent out in teams to a local homeowner's property or a local nonprofit, where they will serve alongside other community members to serve people who could use a helping hand. We do home repair and light carpentry, yard work, painting, and other similar work. Each day you volunteer, we will be meeting for a provided breakfast at Stryker Hall in the Christian Life Center (CLC), located at 601 Market St, from 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM. At 8:00 AM, we depart to our job sites where we work until 4:00 PM each day, or until the work is done. Thank you for volunteering your time and energy to serve others!

Contact: Ben Conrad, Director of Connections
Feel free to reach out with any questions: bconrad@firstchurch.cc or <https://firstchurch.cc/transform/>

EMERGE GROUP

WILL CONTINUE MEETING ALL SUMMER!

Looking for a summer women's group? Look no more - try it on for fit! This lovely group meets in person each Wednesday 6:30pm, on Faith Church Campus Room 10. Contact Tara Crebs 570-971-3018 for info on current study and participation.

9:45 A.M. HOSPITALITY TEAM UPDATES

After several years of faithful service as the leader of our 9:45 a.m. Hospitality Team, Ben Turi and his family are in a new season, and he has stepped away from this role. In the interim, until a new team leader steps forward, I will care for those responsibilities. If you have any thoughts, questions I might answer. Or would like to try out serving on this crucial ministry team, please connect with me, at 570-244-7002 or dottenmiller@faithum.net.

HOSPITALITY TEAM TRAINING

Training of new team candidates on August 3, 2025. This Hospitality Team is the first face you see as you enter onto Campus. This essential ministry team is a vital part of who we are at Faith Church. Training is available following the 8:15 Service [Room 12], then again following the 9:45 Service [Room 10]. If you can make one or the other, please do! If you are interested and this training and the date doesn't fit for your schedule, no problem! Contact Deb, at 570-244-7002 and we can go from there. Let us know you are coming on your connect card. All adults and students are welcome to serve on Team.

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

As a church, we're passionate about building up families. One of the ways we've committed to that is by lifting up marriages through sponsoring couples who are willing to attend Weekend to Remember – described as an intersection between a faith-based marriage conference and romantic retreat from everyday life. Thanks to your generosity during last year's Christmas Offering, we hope to be able to sponsor at least 25 married couples to attend a Weekend to Remember in 2025 – covering the cost of both the registration for the event and the hotel for two nights. If you and your spouse are interested in attending one of the following events, please register by emailing Pastor Larry at lleland@faithum.net or via connect card or sign-up center.

November 7-9, 2025 – Pittsburgh, PA
November 21-23, 2025 – King of Prussia (outside Philly),



SEEKING DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP AND CREATIVE ARTS

Faith Church currently has a staff opening we are looking to fill. If you are interested in applying, please see the website <https://www.faithum.net/careers-at-faith-church> for full job descriptions. Cover letters and resumes can be submitted to lleland@faithum.net.

Director of Worship – full-time (may consider part-time depending on applicant)

Pray for God to raise up the right person for this important role in the ongoing ministry of Faith Church. And please show your gratitude to the volunteer leaders and teams who are serving us so faithfully in this interim time.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

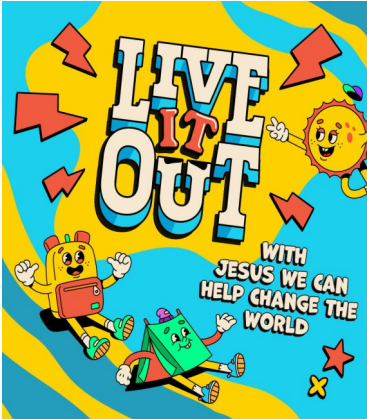


Julia Edler - Director
Gail Rollman - Assistant Director
Email: children@faithum.net
570-368-2459

SUMMERTIME EXCITEMENT

We are so excited to share with you all the wonderful things happening in our kids' ministry. We've got exciting updates, fun events, and important reminders to keep

In Kid Connection, we will continue the VBS theme of living out our faith by learning to love like Jesus so we can change the world. A huge thanks to all the amazing helpers who gave their time and energy to make VBS 2025 a life changing week. Want to continue learning and growing with the kids at Faith Church past VBS week? Contact Julia and Gail at children@faithum.net to learn how you can help on Sunday mornings in Kid Connection where we'll be using crafts, songs, and games to help the kids remember God's powerful promises and understand how they apply to our lives today!



Calling all students and adults who work with kids! Make sure to bring your backpack or school bag to our outdoor combined service on **August 17th** for the **blessing of the backpacks** and getting your Bible verse tag to hook on to your bag to show off your faith.

Move up Sunday will on September 7. All Kid Connection kids will make the official move to their new group according to their age or grade in school.



Christian Calehuff
FSM Team Leader
fsm@faithum.net
Text - 570-916-1429

FAITH STUDENT MINISTRIES

FSM FOR GRADES 6-12 - SUNDAYS FROM 4:30-6:30 PM

STAY CONNECTED

To ensure you receive timely updates and information, we recommend checking the FSM Facebook page regularly. Facebook is the platform where leaders share information, news, and updates, so checking it frequently will help parents and students stay informed!



SUMMER CALENDAR

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| July 2 | FSM - Youth "Float Your Fanny Creek Float" (Time & TBD) |
| July 4 | FSM - Family & Fireworks Gathering (TBD) |
| July 9 | FSM - McDonalds Meet Up (Golden Strip, 7pm) |
| July 13 | FSM - Friends & Faith Night - "Bring a friend" 4:30-6:30pm |
| July 23 | FSM - Youth Water Splash Gathering (2-6pm & location TBD) |
| July 27 | FSM - Friends & Faith Night - "Bring a Friend" 4:30-6:30pm |
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| Aug 3-6 | FSM - TRANSFORM Youth Lycoming County Mission |
| Aug 10 | FSM - End of Summer Splash Down (Noon & location TBD) |



LIVE IT OUT RETREAT





A BIG THANKS to the amazing volunteers who helped with the FSM Youth Retreat. Your willingness to serve our youth was deeply appreciated and made the event a tremendous success!

FSM Leaders:

Christian Calehuff, Matt Harris, Elise Meckbach and Sarah Young

Lesson Leaders:

Michelle Eckert

Tara Crebs

Dan and Jane Swift

Lodging:

Matt Harris & Family

Gary and Melodie Schmouder



MUSIC CAMP JULY 21– 23

Monday -Wednesday, Room 21 from 5:30 -7:00 pm. Camp is for ages 4 years old - 4th grade We will have fun filled nights learning about music and instruments, doing crafts, eating snacks, singing and more important learning about Jesus. Please send an email or text Lisa Konkle 570-259-8957 or lkonkle@fathum.net if your child is planning to attend.



**Thank you Faith Church!
Items collected during June
for Dwell Orphan Care.**

Foster and adoptive fundraisers and community events bring people together to raise awareness, build community, and support children and families in the foster and adoption system. If you would like further information about Dwell Orphan Care, please visit their webpage at <https://www.dwellorphancare.org/>

ZOOM SMALL GROUP

Interested in a Small Group?

- ZOOM Group - Men and Women (any adult life-stage)
This is a weekly meeting: Tuesdays from 3-4pm.
A link is emailed and you can join on a PC, Mac, Smart phones, or tablets via the Zoom app. If you would like to join the group and need help with the app, please feel free to reach out to the church office 570-368-2459 or Keith Atherholt at 570-447-5292.
- Men’s Small Group-
This is a weekly meeting: Wednesdays at 6:00 am—7am in person at Lewis Lumber, Hughesville. The meeting is a mix of churches Currently studying Ephesians with JD Greer in a video series. Coffee supplied.

MOMS MET UP

During the month of August, Deb Ottenmiller will host a “Moms Meetup” in the rear parking lot of Faith Church 700 Fairview Drive 17754. This time together is open to all moms, from the immediate and surrounding cities. We will meet Tuesdays 10:30-11:30 on August 5, 12, 26. Bring along an outdoor chair or blanket to sit on and come enjoy getting to know other moms! Coffee provided 10:15 a.m. - 11a.m. More information to follow! If you would like more information about this new group, please contact Deb Ottenmiller 570-244-7002.



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HARVEST OF HOPE - Backpack Program

Thank you for your contributions to the backpack program for the 2024-2025 school year. Throughout the year, we were able to provide 3600 fruit and veggie servings, 7000 breakfasts, 7000 snacks, 7000 entrees, and 900 jars of peanut butter to food insecure students in Montoursville School District. Thank you for your commitment to these students, this would not be possible without the support of Faith Church! (Collection bins for the HOH Backpack program are located at each entryway of Faith Café)

Megan Perkinson, Director of Harvest of Hope



THE UNITEDE CHURCHES FOOD PANTRY (Collection bins are located at each entryway of Faith Café)
Below is a list of items that the UCLC Food Pantry needs.

- Wide Egg Noodles
- Canned corn
- Sugar (white or brown)
- Spam Canned hams
- Shrimp Ramen Noodles
- Pork and Beans & Chunky Soups
- Chicken and Rice Soup

United Churches of Lycoming County Food Pantry

202 East Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

Hello! My name is Anne Andersen, and I am the coordinator for the UCLC Food Pantry. I started my employment at the end of December 2024. This ministry is new to my previous job positions. I find this mission to be extremely rewarding, and I am thankful for the opportunity to serve.

First and foremost, I see how important this pantry is to our neighbors. Over these last few months of learning about my position and getting to know our neighbors and their families, I have a broader knowledge of how important it is for these households to have us to fall back on and to be there for them. I have grown to love each one of them and to share with them their experiences of raising a family in these trying times. To see their gratitude upon leaving the pantry, inspires me and fills me with such joy.

To become a “neighbor,” one should reside in Lycoming County. Each person fills out a standard form and this allows them to visit the pantry monthly. The wonderful volunteers are there to help assist the neighbors with their food selections. Depending on the size of the family, we offer a variety of choices from fresh produce, whole grain foods, canned fruits and vegetables, baking goods, meat, and dairy products. Diabetic choices are available. The stock in the pantry changes weekly as to what food and produce we get in. Higher prices along with many supplementary programs are being readjusted or cut. This has affected our pantry. Due to higher pricing, we have had less availability of food from our Food Bank provider. With more and more new neighbors coming monthly, we have had to ration proportions.

On a good note, many area Churches and organizations have been extremely supportive to our pantry by having food drives and giving monetary donations. With this, we can purchase food at the Food Bank for a considerable discount. We are beyond blessed for the support of so many who donate and care for the well-being of our friends in need.

Everyone is always welcome to come and visit our pantry. I would be happy to show you around and answer any questions.

Pantry Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 am-2:00pm

First Wednesday of the month: 6:00-8:00 pm

If you or your organization can help support this much needed ministry, please contact me at 570-322-1657, or by email: uclcpantry.org. I hope to hear from you.

Warmest regards,
Anne Andersen

For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat...Matthew 25:35

SERMON SERIES



JULY & AUGUST

This summer, we'll experience a variety of scriptures and topics as Pastors Marion and Larry bring us their Summer Playlist. Rather than a multi-week series covering the months of July and August, each sermon will stand on its own. That way, if you have to miss one for summer travel, you'll be ready to pick up again the next Sunday you're with us!



Dear Faith Church and Megan,
We cannot express enough our gratitude for all you do for Sojourner Truth Ministries! The Fresh produce given to us, allows our Sojourners to enjoy healthy food. As a member of our church, I see first-hand the benefits that Sojourners receive. Feeding the hunger is a gift from God and your church, my church gives generously. Our lunches help those in need in the neighborhood, and we send bagged lunches home with them for dinner. Thank you again for all you do for Sojourners!
In Jesus Name,
Marybeth Croll, Sojourner Truth Ministries

Thank You!

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