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JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER OF FAITH UMC

OUR MISSION: MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

LOOK WHAT
HAPPENED IN
MAY!



FSM - TIE-DYE NIGHT



PRAISE KIDS - STAR QUEST



FSM - KICKBALL



FSM - TIE-DYE NIGHT



SOJOURNER TRUTH MINISTRIES - COMMUNITY SERVICE



PRESCHOOL - BUTTERFLY RELEASE



PRAISE KIDS - STAR QUEST



FSM - MOTHER'S DAY CARD MAKING



HARVEST OF HOPE VOLENTEERS



FORGOTTEN GOD BIBLE STUDY - BETHEL UMS





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THE VIEW FROM HERE

This month, we join Christians around the world in celebrating Pentecost – the third most holy day in the life of the Church. Following Christmas (Jesus’ birth) and Easter (Jesus’ resurrection), Pentecost invites us to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

Both Christmas and Easter are historical events that changed the course of human history. However, they are ongoing events in the lives of those of us who walk in the way of Jesus as well. Christmas continues when Jesus is born into our hearts, and Easter happens every time we allow Jesus to bring us out of the tombs we find ourselves in and into the new life He has in store for us. Likewise, Pentecost comes as the Holy Spirit pours Himself into our hearts and lives – first when we initially come to faith in Jesus, and then time and again as we open ourselves to God’s ongoing work. A prayer we shared in worship several weeks ago points my heart to that ongoing work of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, increase our understanding of and delight in who You are, May we not only see your work throughout scripture and history. May we experience your indwelling presence and power in our lives, in your church and in the world. Amen.

That’s my ongoing prayer for your life and my life – and the life of the Church. May each of us experience a new Pentecost, as the Holy Spirit comes and fills us and shapes us again and again.

In Christ,

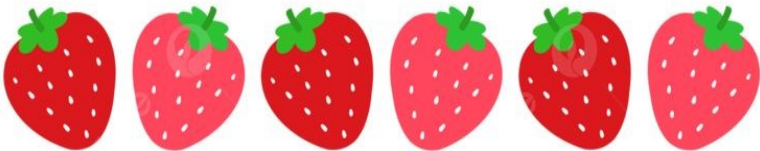
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 8, we’ll celebrate Pentecost in both of our worship services. We invite you to wear orange or red in honor of the Holy Spirit coming upon those first followers of Jesus and empowering them to impact the world with the gospel.

At both services, we will also experience confirmation – celebrating members of this year’s class who are making a commitment to Jesus, to the Church and to Faith Church. We will also be receiving additional new members to Faith Church. What a day that will be!

New Members:
Joe Stover
Patti Stover
Jill Stover
Jessica Stover
(not pictured)
&
Tracey Mulcahy



SUNDAY, JUNE 8
11:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**Hot Dogs, BBQ, Baked Beans, Cold Drinks
and STRAWBERRIES – any way you like them,
with shortcake & ice cream or just ice cream**

~ Tours of the church will be offered ~

TRINITY EPISCOPAL PRO-CATHEDRAL
844 W 4TH ST, WILLIAMSPORT
570-322-0126

The Bald Eagle Art Show will be held at
Way’s Garden (across the street) from 11 to 4.

**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.



Livia D. Michael



Natalie A. Tucker



Joel M. Stiger



Noah D. Burkholder



Kaylin M. Larson



Benjamin M. Larson



Roman N. Meckbach



Rachelle S. Zhu



Alexis N. Haines



Logan R. Bragunier



Elizabeth A. Vanderwall

WORSHIP DESIGN RETREAT

On June 10, folks from around Faith Church will gather for a day-long retreat to pray through, discern and plan for the coming year of our worship life together. In order to help us do that, we'd love to hear from you what God might be speaking to our common life.

To receive that input, we invite you to answer two questions:

- 1. Please list any one-time sermon topics that would benefit you or the congregation.
- 2. Please list any sermon series topics that would benefit you or the congregation.

The best way to get that input to us is filling out the Google form at the following link:

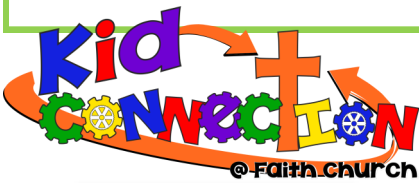
<https://forms.gle/5ThGY5d4NU4FSK3m6>



Paper forms will also be available at the Sign-Up Center on June 1 and 8.



CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES



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SUMMER VBS!

June in Kid Connection will follow the VBS theme. The kids will learn about how to love like Jesus! The kids are challenged each Sunday to spend time reading or listening to the Bible each day. Encourage them to grow in their relationship with God by spending time in His Word! Be sure to join the Faith Church Kid Connection Facebook group for pictures and updates! You can use the link below or scan the QR code. <https://tinyurl.com/2b5rfpwr>



VBS REGISTRATION!

Registration is now open for VBS 2025: Live It Out Discover How to Love Like Jesus! Dates are June 22-26, 2025 from 6-8:30 pm. Use the QR code below, the Church Center app, or www.faithum.net/vbs to register. We are also in need of the following leaders to make VBS a success: Elementary Emcee, Snack Coordinator, Pre-K Music Leader, Decorations Coordinator, and Crew Leaders for pre-k and elementary levels. Please contact Jessica Carpenter at litgirl.jess@gmail.com or (570) 971-3821 if you are interested in helping!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR VBS:

Large Bags of salted pre-popped popcorn
Large bags of mini marshmallows
Mini chocolate chips
Graham Crackers (honey graham)
Bulk boxes of Fruit Roll-Ups
Family-Sized boxes of Nilla Wafers
Hugs fruit barrels
Cans of lemonade drink mixes
Bulk boxes of fruit snacks (allergy-friendly)
Individual bags of goldfish
Mini bottles of water

Craft sticks (large)
Large Pony beads
Small paper plates

DECORATIONS NEEDED:

(please label so that they can be returned)
3 to 4 camping tents (2-3 person)
All sizes of artificial Christmas trees
1-2 canoes/kayaks

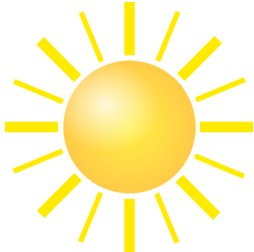
Collection baskets are located in Faith Café

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

June 1	No FSM
June 8	No FSM - Come Celebrate Confirmation Sunday at 9:45am worship service (VBS Training afterwards)
June 18	FSM - Youth & Fuse Pool Day at the Loyalsock Pool from 2p-6p Come as time allows (wear a funny/ stylish hat or sunglasses)
June 19 & 20	FSM - Retreat - "LIVE IT OUT" Adventure In The Wilderness (Off campus)
June 22 - 26	FSM - Students Volunteer at VBS
June 27	FSM - Student Volunteer Appreciation - 7pm at Faddy's
June 29	FSM - Friends and Faith Night - "Bring a friend" 4:30-6:30pm
July 2	FSM - Youth "Float Your Fanny Creek Float" (Time TBD)
July 4	FSM - Family & Fireworks Gathering (Time & location 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
Aug 3-6	FSM - TRANSFORM Youth Lycoming County Mission
Aug 10	FSM - End of Summer Splash Down (Noon & location TBD)



Volunteers & Small Groups

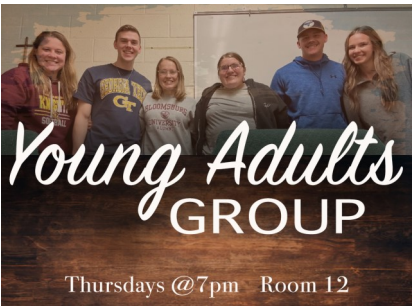
On behalf of our ministry, we want to express our sincere gratitude for the weekly meals provided throughout the year. Your kindness is a blessing and we are deeply thankful for your support. *Thank you!*

- FSM Leaders and Students

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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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), PA

RENEW ARTS ACADEMY

Through a local partnership between [First Church Williamsport](#), [Saint John’s School of the Arts](#), and [Lycoming College](#), the [Renew Arts Academy](#) in Williamsport is now accepting applications for its inaugural, week-long summer arts experience, July 13-18. Middle school students entering grades 6–8 can participate as commuters, while high school students entering grades 9–12 and recent graduates have the option to either commute or stay on campus. All participants will have the opportunity to explore music, art, and dance in a dynamic, faith-filled environment—offered at an affordable cost.

Registration deadline is June 13

Visit <https://renewartsacademy.carrd.co/> to register.
Email renewarts@firstchurch.cc for more information.

Renew arts academy

JULY 13 -18, 2025 • WILLIAMSPORT, PA • GRADES 9 - 12

Join us for an inspiring summer arts experience, where students can explore music, art, and dance in a dynamic and faith-filled environment. Designed for young artists, students will attend masterclasses, ensemble opportunities, and electives, all led by passionate instructors. With a focus on creativity, collaboration, and community outreach, the camp provides a transformative week of artistic expression and spiritual enrichment.

dance

music

art

For students with proficiencies and desire to grow in these areas:

BALLET

MODERN DANCE

BRASS

STRINGS

WOODWINDS

VOCAL

PERCUSSION

MIXED MEDIA

PAINTING

CRAFTING

REGISTER HERE
renewartsacademy.carrd.co

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Volunteer “Thank You” Celebration



Faith Volunteers,
Thank you church volunteers & friends for your dedication, time, and service! Your contributions are invaluable to our church and community, and we appreciate all you do to make a positive impact. -Sarah Young

Faith Pre-School Teachers, Sunday School Teachers and Community Educators,
Thank you for your patience, passion, and unwavering support. You light the way for future generations and make a difference in ways that words can’t express. Whether it’s through a comforting word, extra help after class, or simply believing in our children, you show them what it means to dream big!
-Sarah Young



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