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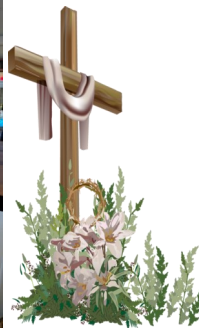
MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER OF FAITH UMC



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



Photos from our combined Ash Wednesday service at Bethel UMC.



**HOLY  
WEEK  
&  
EASTER  
SUNDAY  
AT FAITH  
CHURCH**



## Easter Offering 2025



### EASTER OFFERING CELEBRATION

Once again, your generosity is something to be celebrated, Faith Church! This year's Easter Offering totaled \$18,742.

That means that \$9,371 will be shared with Harvest of Hope as they continue to meet the growing needs of food insecure families in our community. Another \$9,371 will be shared with I-Tec, the mission partner from here in Montoursville who reaches around the globe to power missions and non-profit organizations, physically and spiritually sharing the light of Christ with others!

Thank you, Faith Church, for hearing God's call to not only support the ministries of this local congregation, but our reach beyond the walls in the name of Jesus to work so that God's kingdom breaks through with increasing beauty!

### DWELL ORPHAN CARE

In honor of Foster Care Awareness Month, Faith Church is supporting the work of Dwell Orphan Care through their Hope Chest Foster Closet. Throughout May, we're invited to collect new sets of Duplo Blocks, Lego or Magnet Tiles, which will be given to children entering emergency foster care placements, along with clothing, their own backpack and duffel bag and other essential items. Learn more about Dwell at [DWELLORPHANCARE.ORG](https://dwellorphan.org) or contact Emily@[dwellorphan.org](mailto:dwellorphan.org)



### LEGOS & BLOCKS

FOR THE DWELL HOPE  
CHEST FOSTER CLOSET



IN HONOR OF FOSTER CARE AWARENESS  
MONTH THIS MAY

CURRENT NEEDS (NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE):

- DUPLO BLOCKS
- LEGO SETS FOR ALL AGES
- MAGNET TILES

SCAN ME



Learn more about Dwell at  
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**THE VIEW FROM HERE**

God’s Spirit is on the move here at Faith Church. I don’t say that lightly, but I believe with all of my heart that what we’re seeing here is nothing less than a movement of God in our midst. I see it in a hundred different ways, but here are some of them.

- I hear us engaging in worship more fully, singing with more passion in worship, whether a traditional hymn or the newest praise song, and connecting with God’s Word however it’s coming to us. Particularly, when we’re invited to respond in specific ways to what we’re hearing.
- I see growing community, evidenced in times of fellowship after worship, times of learning in community groups, and in relationships that are being built.
- I get to read the connect cards each week, joining you in the prayers you’re lifting up, and celebrating the next steps that you are marking in your own faith journey.
- I experience it in the growing heart of service and generosity that God is building in us all. In times of challenging transition, you have stepped up to say, “Whatever the church needs, I’m here.” Our financial generosity is making some important steps, too, as we continue to discern God’s next faithful steps.
- I get to feel it as we gather as a staff to pray, to learn and to work together. A spirit of connection, commitment and joy pervade – even as we work through challenges and seek to clarify God’s direction while doing the ‘normal stuff’ that keeps a church moving.

All of this continues to draw me in prayer to something I’ve encouraged us all to pray regularly:

*Lord, I’m yours. We are yours. This church is yours.  
The Church and the whole world are yours. Amen.*

As we continue to walk in this wave of God’s goodness together, I encourage you to keep on praying that prayer. Keep on spending time in God’s Word to grow deeper in love with the God who reveals himself there. Keep on saying yes to the nudges of the Spirit that you feel – whether it’s reaching out to a friend, stepping out in leading a ministry, responding in worship by raising your hands and singing in full voice, or any of the million ways God’s Spirit nudges. And trust God with the outcome. I know I am!

In Christ,  
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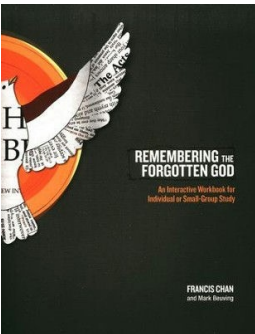


**NEW MESSAGE SERIES**

Pastor Marion and Pastor Larry will be leading us in worship through a series on the Holy Spirit: Person, Presence and Power. As we continue to ask the question, “Who is God?” we’ve looked at the way God is revealed in the Old Testament, and the Son is revealed in John’s gospel. From May 4 – June 8, the weeks leading up to our celebration of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit which gave birth to the Church, we will look at how Scripture reveals God the Holy Spirit, and the difference that He makes in our life and walk with Jesus.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

This 1-day Membership Class experience will be Sunday, May 4th 1-5pm, in Room 10 [Fairview wing]. We will explore together what membership looks like for a follower of Christ. Light refreshments will be available. There are workbooks for each participant that we provide for you (a short and easy pre-read), with a little homework to do prior to our meeting. Workbooks are available at the Sign-Up Center in the Cafe area on Sunday's, or through the church office during the week. By April 27th: Please Register with the church office @570-368-2459, or by indicating on your connect card.



**THE FORGOTTEN GOD BIBLE STUDY**

In line with our upcoming series on the Holy Spirit, Pastor Larry will be leading a short-term Bible study around the themes in Francis Chan’s book, *The Forgotten God*: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit.

**Location:** Bethel UMC, Spruce and Montour Streets

**Time:** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

**Dates:** Thursday, May 8, 15, 22. Thursday, June 5, 12, 19.

**Need to bring:** Your Bible and You!

To help Pastor Larry prepare, please sign up at the Sign-Up Center or email him at lleland@faithum.net

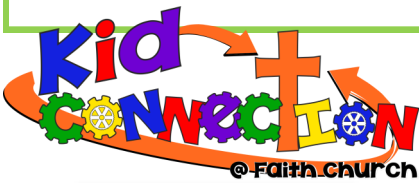
**SEEKING DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP AND CREATIVE ARTS**

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](mailto: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



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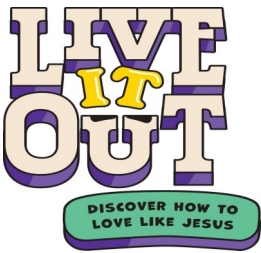


THANK YOU SO MUCH to all the amazing volunteers that helped with any of the parts of Easter Jam.  
You are appreciated so much!



## NURSERY HELP NEEDED

We need your help! The 8:15 nursery, which is birth through 3 years old is growing and getting busy. We need YOU to be the hands and feet of Jesus and serve by caring for our kids. Anyone working with our children will need their clearances. If you don't have clearances and want to serve, we can help you get them! Please mark on the Connect Card if you would like to be blessed by our children and serve!



## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!

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](http://www.faithum.net/vbs) to register. We are also in need of the following leaders to make VBS a success: Elementary Emcee, Snack Coordinator, Elementary Games 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](mailto:litgirl.jess@gmail.com) or (570) 971-3821 if you are interested in helping!



Scan me

# FAITH STUDENT MINISTRIES

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



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## 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!

FSM Meets April 27



## May Calendar:

- May 3 FSM Service Project \*(Meet at Sojourner Truth Ministries 11:00 am)
- May 4 FSM Tie Dye Event \*(Bring a white or light colored T-shirt)
- May 11 No FSM (Mother's Day)
- May 18 End of Year FSM Celebration \* (Church Pavillion)
- May 25 No FSM (Memorial Day weekend)

Faith Student Ministries is a place where students in grades 6-12 can gather and learn how to love God, love others & love life, as we Connect, Grow, Serve & Go in our faith.





# GROW/SERVE

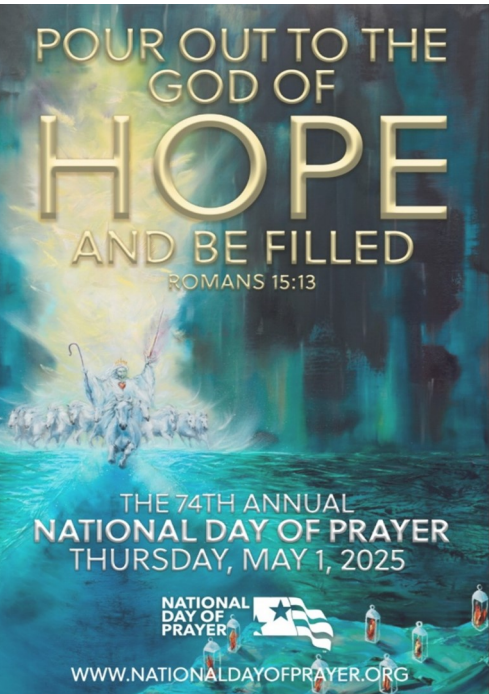
## HOSPITALITY FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 29th and 30th the Conference will host the 2025 Annual Conference at the Community Arts Center in Williamsport, and YOU have an opportunity to serve on the Host Hospitality Team this year.

- The requirements are simple yet so important: The major role is offering God's gracious hospitality to all who enter – we want everyone to feel welcome, comfortable, and cared for. No previous experience necessary. Complete instructions are given prior to the event, so you feel comfortable in your role. Why don't you plan to serve a shift, as most shifts are under 3 hours.
- What do I do to sign up for a shift or get more information, you ask? Contact Sue Barnes [suebarnes118@gmail.com](mailto:suebarnes118@gmail.com) or cell 717-226-1161.



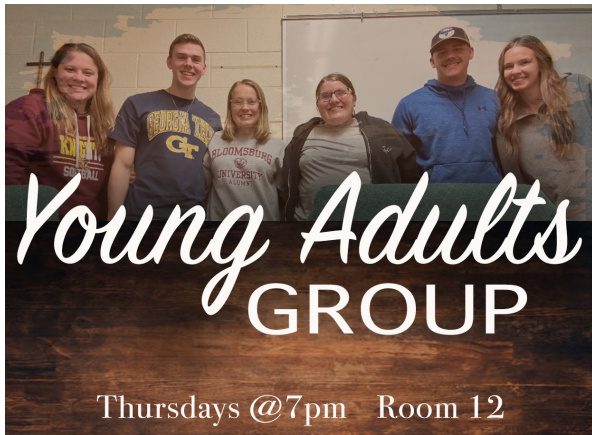
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## Join us at Way's Garden

Corner of  
4th and Maynard St.  
Williamsport, Pa  
**May 1, 2025**  
**6:30pm**

**Bring seating and  
gather for a time of  
prayer, inspirational  
music, and messages  
from local leaders.**



Young Adult Fellowship and Study happens each Thursday in Room 12, 7:00 pm, on Faith Campus. Feel free to stop in. Contact Olivia at 717-437-1467 or Jason at 570-651-5969 for more information.

## FAITH WOMEN'S MONTHLY GATHERING!

The May Women's Gathering will be on May 21 beginning at 10:00 am. We will meet in Faith Café at Faith Church, 17754 for our last gathering of the 2024-2025 season.

Our study of "Beautiful Feet" will conclude with a few surprises. Please plan to wear the shoes that most demonstrate your walk with Jesus. We are asking that you bring one to two pairs of new socks that we will be donating to Dwell. Any questions, please call Michelle Eckert at 724-309-5742 or Deb Rowles at 570-337-1149.



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

On Friday, May 16, from 6:00 -7:30 pm, please join us for a Servant Celebration Dinner. However and wherever you serve as part of the ministry of Faith Church, you are invited! Let us know how many from your families will be joining us at the Sign-Up Center or on your Connect Card, no later than May 11.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR - CHURCH COMMUNITY WORK DAY

**Date:** Saturday, May 10

**Time:** 8:00 am

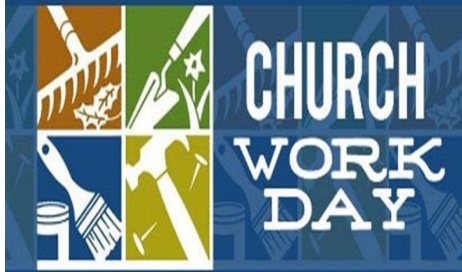
**Location:** Faith Church Parking Lot

**Purpose:** We'll be working on cleaning the exterior, tidying up the grounds, etc. to help make our church a welcoming and vibrant space for everyone.

**What to Bring:** Work gloves, water bottles, hats, sunblock, etc.



## Spring Clean Up!







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Ben Clark - Vice Chairperson
Susan Marshall - Secretary
Larry Eckert - Lay Leader
Scott Konkle
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Lori Parke
Paul Zimmerer



NEW SERMON SERIES



HOLY SPIRIT  
PERSON . PRESENCE . POWER

MAY 4 - THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - GENESIS 1:1-2, JOHN 14:15-19, 25-27  
MAY 11 - LIVING IN ME - ROMANS 8:1-11  
MAY 18 - THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - I CORINTHIANS 12:1-11  
MAY 25 - THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - GALATIANS 5:16-25

Thank You.....

Dear Faith United Methodist Church,  
Thank you so much for your donation to our program. Your support makes a huge difference in the lives of families in our community.  
Thank you!  
Family Promise

Dear Faith Church,  
Thank you for your financial support. Through it we are able to continue the ministry God has called us to. Your gift reflects on your deep generosity and commitment to God’s work. Thank you for helping us to make a difference in our community. Also, thank you for your donations to our Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry .  
He Lives,  
Wilma  
United Churches of Lycoming County



FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am-3:30 pm (Closed for lunch from 12:30-1:00 pm) and Friday-Closed  
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