

# LIFE LINE

APRIL 2018 Newsletter of Faith UMC



## PASTOR'S PEN

People were bringing little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10: 13-16 (NIV)

One of the more poignant images from the stories of Jesus is the picture of Jesus with open arms welcoming children to come and be blessed by Him. The one who had been present at the creation of the universe, when He came in the flesh, took time to stop and bless these little ones who were created in His image. Jesus not only stopped to bless them, but he also told the adults who would hear that as His followers they could learn what it meant to be His disciples by becoming like children. Jesus said that welcoming a child in His name, was the same as welcoming Him. Children, it seems, had a special place in Jesus' heart.

As we prepare to move in to our new Children's Wing, my prayer is that we might become more like Jesus and more like the children who we welcome in His name.

Like Jesus, my prayer is that we will do all that we can to get out of the way and allow every child in our community to come and experience the love of Jesus. One of the ways that you can do that as we open our new Children's Wing is to think of a child or a family in our community who is not part of a faith community. Begin praying daily that we might be part of their story of helping them find their way to Jesus. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus' love with them yourself.

Like the children, my prayer is that we might be led by their faith and vulnerability and joy to seek Jesus simply and to experience His love like a child. May our welcome of the children in our community, lead us to come like children once again to find our joy made complete in the presence of Jesus' love.

Peace and Grace,  
Jake Waybright, Lead Pastor



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## CHURCH CONFERENCE APPROVES BEGINNING PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION

On Monday, March 19, the congregation voted unanimously to move forward with the first stages of Phase 2 construction using the funds from our JOURNEY: Next Steps campaign. The goal for 2018 is to be able to complete enough work in our multi-purpose worship center to be able to use it for sports and other activities. The council will re-assess in 2019 further steps, including how soon we may be able to move worship into the space. Thank you to everyone who has been faithful and generous to our Next Steps campaign. Your generosity will allow us to keep taking steps forward!

## UNITED METHODIST CONNECTION

### MILES FOR MISSIONS WALK/RUN-A-THON TO BENEFIT BISHOP'S PARTNERS IN MISSION

Bishop Park is raising funds for mission across our conference with a Walk/Run-A-Thon. Come walk or run a set course at Camp Susque, 47 Susque Camp Rd, Trout Run, on Sunday, May 6. Registration will begin at 2:30 pm and the Walk/Run will begin at 3:00 pm. Walkers or Runners may be sponsored for a set amount or an amount for every lap around the course. We will walk/run for 1 hour, ending at 4:00 pm with fun-filled family activities and food. 100% of the donations will go to Bishop's Partners in Mission to support: Imagine No Malaria and Mission Central. For more information, video and downloadable resources, including the sponsorship form, visit [tinyurl.com/BishopsPIM](http://tinyurl.com/BishopsPIM).

### NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

April 15 is one of our special offerings for the United Methodist Church. This offering supports the training of pastors and equipping of congregations that have specialized ministries with Native Americans. The United Methodist Church is committed to the great commission of making disciples of all nations and giving to this offering will help support new churches and pastors in Native American communities. Offering envelopes will be available for the offering.

### COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD FINISHES WORK FOR THE UNITED METHODIST COUNCIL OF BISHOPS

If you are interested in finding out more about the work of the Commission On a Way Forward, stay tuned for upcoming times of discussion and information led by the Church Council in April and May. The Commission on a Way Forward is a group of thirty-two people representing the global twelve million members of the United Methodist Church that has been working for the past year on a proposal for the Council of Bishops to help the church find a way forward as a church on issues of human sexuality. The Commission met for the final time in March and the Council of Bishops will share a more detailed report about the commission's work in the coming months. You can find more information about the commission at <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward>.

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS APRIL 7/8

# SEVEN WORDS TO **CHANGE** YOUR **FAMILY**

April 7/8 - *Forgiveness*

April 14/15 - *Blessing and Honor*

April 21/22 - *Truth*

April 28/29 - *Church*

May 5/6 - *Commitment*

May 12/13 - *Love*

## **WEST BRANCH CHORALE**

The West Branch Chorale will present their Spring Concert here at Faith Church on Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 pm.

## **STARTING POINT**

Faith Church has so much great stuff going on that it can be hard when you are new here to know where to get started in finding your place. If this is where you find yourself, **Starting Point** is a perfect next step for you. Pastor Jake and Deb Ottenmiller, Director of Group Life/Assimilation, lead this gathering after weekend worship for you to get an overview of what makes this place hum with life and some of the ways you might find your place. The informal conversation allows you to find out more about the church, ask questions, and make a personal connection. Starting Point is being offered Saturday, April 28 at 6:30 pm and Sunday, April 29 at 11:00 am at Faith Church in Room 10. Please join us! Registration is now available online at [www.faithum.net](http://www.faithum.net).

## **NEED CHILDCARE FOR THESE CLASSES?**

Childcare available to age five with pre-registration (by April 21). Contact Shannon at [sperrotta@faithum.net](mailto:sperrotta@faithum.net).

## **FIRST QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS**

We will soon be sending out First Quarter Giving Statements. If you signed up to have your statement emailed to you, please check your inbox! When you receive your statement, please check to make sure that all entries are correct, including your pledge to **JOURNEY: Next Steps**. If you find any discrepancies, or have questions about anything, please call the Business Manager, Julie Vogel, at 570-368-2459.

## **PIEROGI SALE**

Jim and Dorothy Thomas will be making home made pierogis again this year for their Mission Trip to West Virginia in October. Choices are: Applewood Bacon, Roasted Garlic Parmesan, 4 Cheese, and Loaded. Cost is \$5.00 a dozen and orders will be delivered the end of April - beginning of May. Contact Dorothy at 570-368-2459 or [sunflower\\_7381@comcast.net](mailto:sunflower_7381@comcast.net).



## **UMCOR OFFERING**

Thanks to your generosity, Faith church collected \$588 for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Thank you!



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## **TRUCK OR TRAILER NEEDED**

We are planning on spreading mulch and doing a little landscaping on Saturday morning, April 28. We are in need of a vehicle to transport the mulch and folks to spread it so that flowers can be planted in May. We will work around the Bell Tower and near the building entrances. If you can bring your own rake or shovel that would be great; if not, we have extras here at the church. Donuts and drinks will be provided. Please contact Dave.

## **TAKE TIME TO SMELL THE FLOWERS...**

. . . but first they must be planted! Please consider joining our Flower Care Team to plant and care for the flowers that beautify our church each summer. On Saturday, May 5 at 9:00 am we are planning to put flowers around the Bell Tower and the main entrances to the building. Members of the team are asked to take turns weekly for watering, deadheading, and minor weeding. If you can help with this ministry please contact Vicki LeFever at 570-368-2459, or Dave.

## **STAFF MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FAITH CHURCH**

### **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER POSITION**

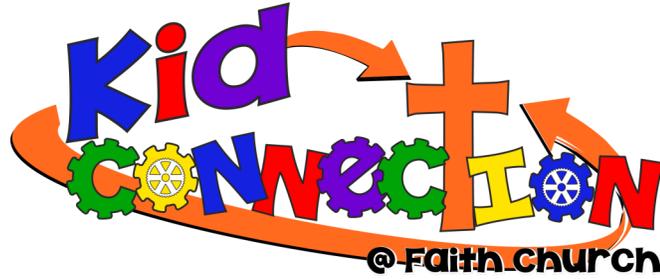
Faith UMC is accepting applicants for our Contemporary Worship Leader position. We are looking for a passionate leader who along with their musical talent has a contagious faith, an ability to disciple others, connect with others in worship, lead and build teams, and develop leaders around them. The worship leader is a part-time position.

### **SEEKING ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

Faith UMC is seeking a part-time associate pastor to lead the congregational care and go teams as part of the church's mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ who Connect, Grow, Serve, and Go. We are looking for someone who loves to work on a team, has a gift for equipping others to serve, and has a heart for people. The person should either serve under appointment of the Bishop of the Susquehanna Conference, or have ordination credentials.

For a full job description and to apply, please send a cover letter, resume and references to Diane in the church office at [office@faithum.net](mailto:office@faithum.net).

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



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## KID CONNECTION CLASSES

Saturdays at 5:30 pm  
Nursery: 0-3: Room 21  
PK-Grade 5: Room 25

### Sundays at 9:45 am

Nursery: 0-2: Room 21  
PreK4-K: Room 24  
Grades 2/3: Room 25

2s & 3s: Room 22  
Grade 1: Room 26  
Grades 4/5: Room 23



## ORANGE SPOTLIGHT

During April we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection in which he paid the penalty for sin and made a way for each and every one of us to be in lasting relationship with God. This is exciting news! Our preschoolers will talk about Easter and then how the big news of Easter impacted the lives of people then and continues to be the very best news for all of us living today. Meanwhile, our elementary age students will learn about the virtue of patience. They kick off the month celebrating Easter and thinking about how Easter is the climax of a story generations long and Jesus fulfilled prophecies hundreds of years old. The kids will then look into the Old Testament and discuss some examples of characters that did, or did not, exemplify patience. Your elementary age child will be encouraged to be patient because the wait is worth it and to focus on God's promises when they are feeling stuck in tough situations. This will be an exciting month!

## "MOVE-IN" WEEKEND FOR KID CONNECTION!

Welcome to the new Children's Wing!

I am excited to announce that our "Move In" Weekend, our first weekend of Kid Connection in the new wing, is planned for April 7/8. I am amazed at what God has done through this congregation to get us to this place! As we move into our new space, we appreciate your flexibility and understanding. On "Move In" Weekend, there will be some renovations still ongoing and we will be gradually introducing our full security and check-in systems with the expectation that by Fall 2018 we will be fully up and running.

### SUNDAY MORNING DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES:

Regular attenders, please drop off your birth-kindergarten age child at their classroom door and your child in Grades 1-5 at the entrance to the new Large Group Space.

### INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE MOVE?

Please consider helping to move items from our current Faith Preschool and Kid Connection rooms over to the new wing on April 3 and 4. This is a great opportunity to serve and you get a sneak peek at the new rooms!

### JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE!

We welcome you to join us Friday, April 6 from 3-5:00 pm or Saturday, April 7 from 8:30-10:00 am for Open House. Come walk through the new Children's Wing, find your child's new classroom, and pray over the rooms as we prepare for "Move In" Weekend in Kid Connection!

## KID CONNECTION SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL-MAY 2018

Team 1: Dottie Mathers, Betsy &/or Dave Bjorkman, Sandrina Womer, Lori Parke, Erica Wurster

Team 2: Valerie Mosteller, Darci Kirby, Elise Meckbach, Ryan Tira, Kevin Handley

Team 3: Stef Frelin, Danielle and/or Matt Harris, Emily &/or Adam Tate, Denise Plankenhorn, Julie Stokes

Team 4: Rebecca Huffman, Kevin Handley, Kim Rakestraw, Susan Ravert, Dave Rinker

Team 5: Tessa Little, Emily Miller, Kevin Handley, Jenna LoCricchio, Brenda Laudenslager, Kristi Michael

Team 6: Sarah Keiser, Tina Remsnyder, Jessie Metzger, Crystal Miller, Jane Heintzleman, Susan Waybright

Team 7: Andrea Lucas, Julie Vogel, Cherie Wurster, Lindsay Davis, Brian Cozzi, EvieLyn Perry

Team 8: Sheryl Snyder, Lauren Caputo, Mitzi Herron, Rick Gray, Kevin Handley, Kaitlin Eck

April 1-Team 1

April 8-Team 2

April 15-Team 3

April 22-Team 4

April 29-Team 5

May 6-Team 6

May 13-Team 7

May 20-Team 8

May 27-Team 1

## FAITH PRESCHOOL 2018-2019 REGISTRATION

Interested in joining the Faith Preschool family? Enrollment for our afternoon 4 year old class is ongoing. Copies of all forms are available online and in the church office. Children must be 4 years old by 9/1/18 and fully potty-trained to participate in the 4 year old program. Please call the church office if you have any questions regarding fees or eligibility.

## SUMMER CAMPS/RETREATS - LISTED ONLINE

The Susquehanna Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries provides opportunities for authentic relationships with Jesus, experienced in community, and in the beauty of God's creation. To register your child(ren) and to see a list of all the opportunities check out [www.susumcamps.org](http://www.susumcamps.org)! To inquire about what scholarships may be available through Faith UMC, please contact Marion.



Move-In  
Weekend  
April 7th & 8th

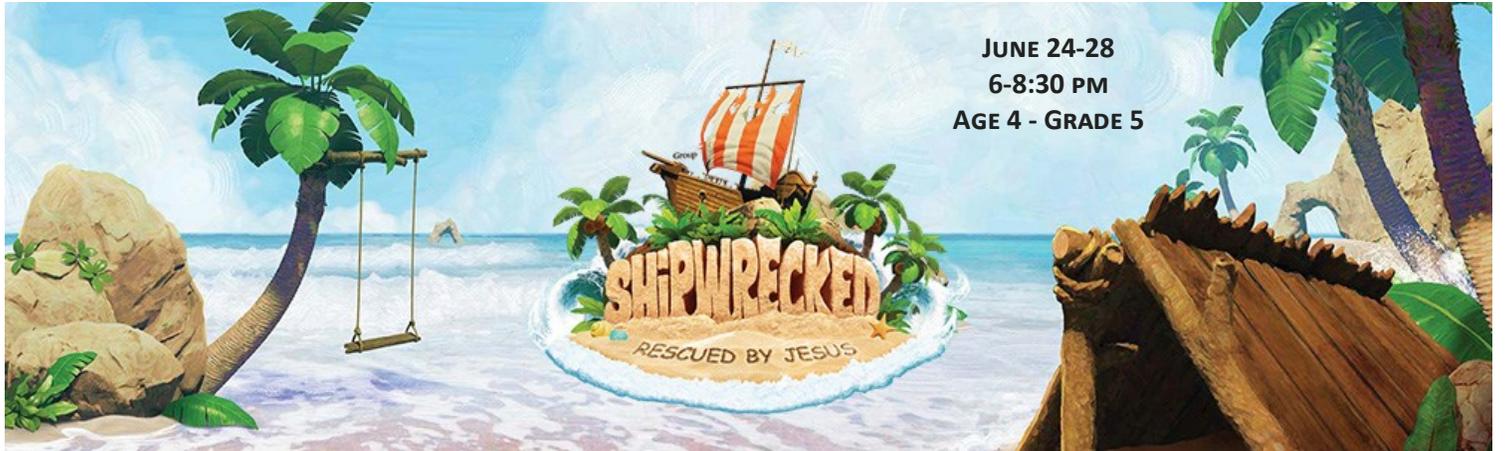
**HELP US PREPARE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SHIPWRECKED!**

During April/May we will be requesting donations of various items to be used during Vacation Bible School for crafts, games, and snack. **Item collection begins the weekend of April 7/8 in the Narthex/Lobby. The donation list will be updated regularly, so please do keep checking as we get closer to June.**

Glue gun refill sticks  
 250 Vanilla pudding cups  
 Bags of Swedish Fish candy  
 Vanilla Wafers  
 Plastic spoons  
 Goldfish multicolored  
 Goldfish pretzels

Large containers of raisins  
 Pretzel sticks  
 Large packages of napkins  
 Containers of lemonade mix  
 6 large furniture/Refrigerator boxes  
 Cardboard boxes assorted shapes/sizes  
 8 packages of glue dots

Packages of sandwich size Ziploc bags  
 300 gallon size Ziploc bags  
 1000 quart size Ziploc bags  
 80 small containers of play dough  
 6 bags of cotton balls  
 Graham Crackers



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH VBS, PLEASE CONTACT MARION AT [MHANDLEY@FAITHUM.NET](mailto:mhandley@faithum.net) OR 570-368-2459.**

**Praise Kids Important Dates**

- Wednesdays - April 4, 11, 18 - Praise Kids Practice - 4-5:00 pm
- Saturday, April 21 - Drama Only Workshop - 9:00 am
- Saturday, April 28 - Arrive at 5:00 pm to sing at 5:30 pm service (Room 10)
- Wednesday, April 25 - Praise Kids Practice - 4-5:00 pm
- Sunday, April 29 - Arrive at 9:00 am to sing at both services (Room 10)



**STUDENT MINISTRIES**



**FSM**  
 SIX : EIGHT

**Grades 6-8**  
 Need a place to relax & get away from the stress of Middle School? Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm as we discover who God is & who He created us to be.

**FSM**  
 NINE : TWELVE

**Grades 9-12**  
 Whether you're just starting High School life or if you're an upper classman, join us on Sundays from 6:30-8:30pm as we walk through life & serve & grow together.

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**FSM**

SIX : EIGHT

4/4 SIX8  
 4/11 SIX8  
 4/18 SIX8  
 4/25 NO SIX8

**FSM**

NINE : TWELVE

4/1 NO NINE 12  
 4/8 GAME NIGHT  
 4/15 NINE 12  
 4/22 NINE 12  
 4/29 NINE 12

## GROW



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### MOMS CONNECT

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 pm in Room 10. The topic will be Overcoming Hardships. Contact is Betsy Bjorkman at 570-368-2459.

### WILLIAMSPORT COMMUNITY GROUP

This open mixed group meets once a month for a study of the Word and prayer. Next gathering **Tuesday, April 17 from Noon to 1:00 pm** at 57 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street Williamsport Law office - 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Sandwiches or pizza served. Connect with Scott Williams at 570-368-2459 for details. All are welcome!



### CRAIG GROESCHEL - GENERATIONAL DISCONNECTION

Join us for a motivational evening as we listen to Craig Groeschel discuss the disconnect between generations and explore ways to turn this communication challenge into one of the most powerful tools that we have to enable & empower one another. For more information, visit [faithum.net/GC](http://faithum.net/GC).

#### Save the Date

Saturday, April 21 at 6:45 pm in Faith Café  
Food & Childcare Provided



### The Gathering

'The Gathering' - A Community Group Formation Event! Ready to take that next step from the worship space into community? Plan to attend this event on Saturday, September 29 at 5:30 pm! Learn about Community Group life at Faith, and leave with the tools [or group] to begin a new journey!

## SERVE AND GO

### CENTRAL PA FOOD BANK 2018 PACKING DATES

Faith Church is committed to helping pack senior citizen and veteran food boxes the first Tuesday of each month. Now is the time to sign up your small group or to organize a group for the packing dates in 2018. Here are the dates: April 3 (United Churches), May 1 (Gray group), June 5 (Bair group), July 3 (**OPEN**), August 7 (**OPEN**), September 4 (Cartwright group), October 2 (**OPEN**), November 6 (**OPEN**), December 4 (Montoursville basketball-Mike Mussina). Contact the church office to organize or to sign up your group for one of the remaining open months.

### Serve Opportunities

Many opportunities are available for just the right person to serve! In 1 Peter 4:10 we are urged, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace". Each week we open the doors to over 600 people, and new guests are always present. We want to welcome everyone warmly, and help them to find those important connections that God has planned for their lives!

If you are passionate about seeing members, attendees, and guests connected at Faith, the **Follow-up Team** might be the place for you to explore! Connect with Deb for more details at 570-368-2459 or [dottenmiller@faithum.net](mailto:dottenmiller@faithum.net).

### VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION TRIP

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteers in Mission trip to Oak Hill, West Virginia will be October 7-13, 2018. Sign-ups and details will happen in early June. If you have any questions, speak with Jim and Dorothy Thomas or John McKissick.

### FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEKS FOR 2018

Please mark your calendars for our remaining host weeks: April 22-29, August 5-12, and December 2-9. If you have any questions, please contact Marybeth Croll at [children777@comcast.net](mailto:children777@comcast.net).

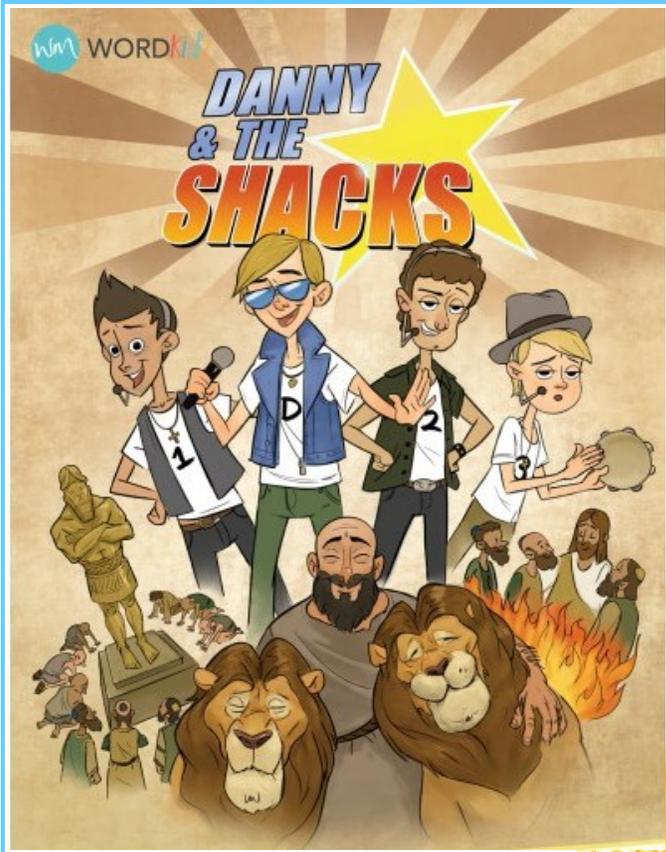


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Lisa Epright - Recorder  
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Ed Pry  
Paula Robinson  
Christina Wright



# SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, MAY 6

AT 3:00 PM

A BIBLE STORY-INSPIRED MUSICAL!

PRESENTED BY: PRAISE KIDS

FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.



### PRAISE KIDS RECEPTION AFTER THE MUSICAL

- Everyone is welcome
- Please bring something to share, such as bologna and cheese, finger sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, or something sweet
- Paper products and drinks will be provided



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