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OUR MISSION: MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD
OUR VISION: DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, LIVING INTO GOD'S KINGDOM

The View From Here



Larry L. Leland
Lead Pastor

Who says summer is down time in the life of the Church? I once thought that, but over 25 years of pastoral ministry has disavowed me of that silly notion. Of course, from June through August, I and other staff members have taken some vacation time to be away for rest and renewal. However, God continues to be on the move here this summer!

- We've celebrated our first baptisms by immersion in the Faith Community Center as part of our 9:45 worship service.
- Our Mission Team, led by Mason Neiman, traveled to West Virginia to serve among our neighbors there – working at multiple homes to make them more accessible, safe and welcoming for the families who live there.
- As a congregation, we celebrated Pastor Marion's licensing as a local pastor and official appointment here at Faith. It was a time to honor Marion's saying yes and celebrate the ways that God continues to call people to their next faithful steps in following Jesus.

- Faith Student Ministries has met throughout the summer for special gatherings – pool parties (continuing our relationship with Fuse Ministries of First Church Williamsport), open gym and time together to pray and fellowship.
- Our amazing VBS directors, Jessica Neiman and Jessica Carpenter, led a fun and faith-filled week of learning, bringing together over 180 kids, not to mention the teen and adult servants, to celebrate the good news of Jesus.
- Many community groups continued to meet, some took breaks, and some use the summer to focus on the relational aspects of being community. In addition, planning has been underway to offer more connection points specifically for men, for women and for young adults.
- The Worship Design Team has met to take a deep look at our online worship experience – with the desire of everyone to make what we offer in that space as welcoming and accessible to all who worship with us in that way, as well as making sure we are encouraging all who connect with God in the various venues where we gather are growing in their walk with Jesus. In addition, with input from the congregation and much prayer, we met on retreat to sketch our worship life over the next year, and I couldn't be more expectant of what God may do.

As summer draws to a close and the fullness of fall approaches, please continue to pray for your Council, pastors, staff and other leaders and servants – that we may be faithful to the invitation of Jesus, growing as deeply devoted followers and living into God's kingdom together. We want to love God with all that we are, and love each other well, all in the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus.

In Christ,
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MEMBERSHIP CLASS COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

This one-day Membership Class experience will be Sunday September 22nd, 2:00-6:00 pm in Room 10. 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 Sundays, or through the church office during the week. Please register with the church office at 570-368-2459, or at any time by indicating on your connect card.

CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING

Church Council and Pastor Larry invite you to join us for the second of two congregational gatherings this summer, meant to be both information sharing and opportunities for listening about where we are as a congregation and where we believe God is leading us. Among the topics we will cover are:

- Commitment of staff and leaders to renewing Connect, Grow, Serve and Go as our discipleship pathway.
- Stewardship and Generosity – around both our current expenses and incorporating the mortgage into our budget.
- Denominational Updates and our response – in light of this year's General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference, and some of the significant changes that were made.
- Fall Kickoff Information – ministry updates as we look to reconnect in September after the summer season.

The remaining meeting will be held in the sanctuary on August 19th from 6:00-7:30 pm. Please plan now on being part of this gathering.

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR - SEPTEMBER 8TH

Join us for Pizza with the Pastor on Sunday, September 8th at 11:15 am in Large Group Room 21. Whether you're new to Faith Church or have been connecting with us for some time and desire to know what we're about, we hope you will join us! You can Register with the church office at 570-368-2459, or at any time by indicating on your connect card.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Jessica Neiman
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Kid Connection is beginning to look to the Fall! We are kicking off the school year with an invitation to you! Would you like to join Kid Connection in worshipping on Sunday mornings with the youngest of us? Please reach out to Jessica if you are interested in being added to the Serving Team Rotation or Teacher rotation for the upcoming school year!

Orange Spotlight: Kid Connection uses Orange Curriculum to partner with churches and families in creating community around a timeless message that mobilizes the next generation to love God and serve others.



Preschool: Our Preschoolers will be celebrating how God made each of us! (Psalm 139:14) "How you made me is amazing and wonderful." God made me wonderful! God made you wonderful. God made every person on the planet wonderful! Our prayer for preschoolers is that they will know that God made us, God loves us, and Jesus wants to be our friend forever. We're cooking up a lot of fun to go with these foundational truths. We hope this

month leaves you and your preschoolers smiling with confidence as you look into a mirror because you know that "God made me wonderful!"

K-5th Grade: As we "dive deep" into the Bible this month, we'll discover that God is always there to help us make wise choices. God has given us people who can help us make those wise choices too! We will be apprenticing with Jesus, how he grew in wisdom (Luke 2:41-52); Seeing ourselves clearly (Matthew 7:1-5); Keeping company with wise people (Proverbs 13:20) and continually renewing our minds with God's word (Romans 12:2).



KID CONNECTION SERVING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2024

- Team 1: Lauren Reeder, Vanessa Johnston
- Team 2: Ryan Tira, Amy Tucker, Kim Rakestraw, Stephanie Matlack
- Team 3: Danielle or Matt Harris, Cherie Wurster, Jamie Burns & Lilly
- Team 4: Lisa Good, Tiffany Feigles, Kim Winters, Linda Richards
- Team 5: Rachel and Chris Knipe, Jenna LoCricchio, Erica Blake
- Team 6: Brenda Clouser, Chelsea Howe, EvieLynn Perry, Kristi Michael, Brittany Ring
- Team 7: Robyn Smelko, Brigitte Wright, Chelsea Burkholder, Chris Meckbach, Amber Bowes
- Team 8: Andrea Lucas, Julie Vogel, Pamela/Riley/Cameron Nelson, Rebecca McDaniel

- 8/04 Team 7
- 8/11 Team 8
- 8/18 Worship in the Park!
- 8/25 Team 1 - Move Up Day

FAITH CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024

- Aug. 04: Erin Heap, Michelle Eckert
- Aug. 11: Katie Farley, Erica Blake
- Aug. 18: Worship in the Park. No Nursery
- Aug. 25: Hillary Hofstrom, Sub-Needed
- Sept. 01: Michelle Eckert, Kelly Howell
- Sept. 08: Erin Heap, Katie Farley
- Sept. 15: Joni Perchinski, Erica Yoder
- Sept. 22: Ben Clark, Kitty Hoffer
- Sept. 29: Jen and Kaytlin Larson, Hillary Hofstrom

FAITH PRESCHOOL 2024-2025 REGISTRATION

Faith Preschool still has room in the afternoon 4 year old class for the 2024-2025 school year. Children who will be 4 by September 1, 2024 and fully potty trained are eligible. Please share this information with anyone you know who has an eligible child! If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour, please email the preschool director, Heather Ramsey, at hramsey@faithum.net.

Faith Preschool Online Registration

700 Fairview Drive, Montoursville, PA
Thursday, March 7th, beginning at 6:00pm

Call 570-368-2659 for more information or visit the preschool tab at www.faitnum.net



MOMS IN PRAYER



"Calling ALL moms.. and grandmas who have a desire to pray for their children or grand-children as they prepare for the beginning of the school year! Moms in Prayer is a wonderful international organization who have a mission to impact children and schools worldwide for Christ.

Our vision is that every school in the world would be covered with prayer. We pray for our adult children as well!! There will be a meeting Monday, August 5th at 6:00 pm in Room 10 to learn more and get answers to your questions. Join a prayer group or let's start a new one ~as women gather once a week for one hour. Please call Michelle Eckert 724-309-5742 if you are interested.

OUTREACH



Beth Jones
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Our shelves are a little bare! The Harvest of Hope backpack program has had a full year of sorting, checking, packing and distributing needed weekend food to 120 students in the Montoursville School Districts. We rely heavily on donated food to help us keep up with this need. Throughout the months of July and August, we are asking our Faith Church family if they could supply some of the items that are most in demand throughout the year. Specifically, we are asking for the following entrée items:

- SOUP (12 oz. cans)
- CANNED PASTA
- BOXED MAC AND CHEESE (6-8 OZ)
- CANNED CHILI

These can be dropped off in one of the two wooden bins near the main entrances of the church. Thank you so much for your generous support of this ministry!



Mason Neiman
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On July 13th, the Faith Church Mission Team cheerfully returned from their mission trip to the Guyan Valley of West Virginia with Appalachia Service Project. They spent the (blisteringly hot) week siding two homes, replacing kitchen flooring, and building a deck, and connecting with the owners of these homes. It was an epic adventure—and God’s goodness, provision, and protection were evident in every facet of the trek. If you want to know details, feel free to ask the following people about what God did in and through them:



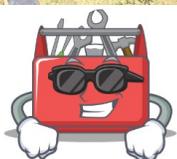
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Rachelle Zhu
Daniel Swift

Michelle Eckert
Loisa Hofstrom
Kristine Conklin
Dave Rinker
Tyler Williams

Chris Reeder
Rick Webb
Naomi Neiman
Edith Neiman
Mason Neiman



Oh, and a very special thanks to Marybeth Croll for tireless fundraising and cheerleading, and many others who donated time and money and tools to help it all come together.



GROW/SERVE



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THERE IS A GROUP FOR EVERYONE! U TOO

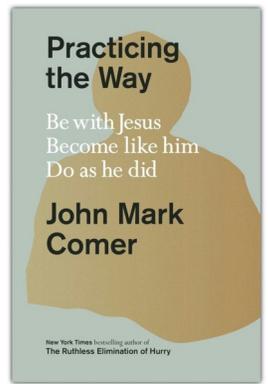
We are heading into a new season of Group Life at Faith Church and there is a group waiting for you! New and renewing groups will be ramping up beginning in September, so start thinking about how that will look in your life this fall.

If you would like to begin a new group with a few friends, we can help you get started. Coming Soon:

1. Group Leader Training for new Leader/ Host, Monday, September 16th 6:30-7:30 pm. or Sunday September 29th 8:45-9:45 am and 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Attend any of the three times offered. Trainings will be in the Staff Area in the Brushy Ridge Road wing. Registration is required and can be completed at the Sign-Up Center.

There will be a Special Leader/Host Bonus at Training!

2. Beginning October 6th, groups will be hosting the coming 4-week Church-Wide Series 'Practicing the Way'. You can connect to one for a short term, as a first or next step! Or participate in the Training and lead/host one yourself! I would love to help you! Contact Deb at dottenmiller@faithum.net or 570-244-7002.



MIXED COMMUNITY GROUP OPEN TO NEW-COMERS

Beginning September 3rd, come join us every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm in the Faith Student Ministry Room, as we ramp up this fall! We welcome you into our gathering of men and women, both single and married. For more information you can contact Larry Eckert, 412-996-5070.

Our Coming 4-week study: "Be strong all you people of the land", declares the Lord "for I am with you", declares the Almighty Lord "and my spirit remains among you, do not fear." *Haggai 2:4,5*. This was God's promise to His people as they rebuilt the temple. And it's our promise today as we rebuild His church all over the world. This four-part series taken from Haggai will challenge your priorities and possibly your spiritual apathy. It will challenge you to be part of one of the most magnificent building projects imaginable, the church. Come and join us for this exciting wake up call. For more information you can contact Larry Eckert, 412-996-5070.



GRIEF SHARE BEGINS AUGUST 28TH!

The next class of GriefShare will begin on August 28th. This groups is designed to help and encourage people after the death of a loved one. At Griefshare, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. We welcome you to join us. The classes will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm from August 28th—November 20th in the FSM Room in the Brushy Ridge Road wing of Faith Church. You can register and get more information by using the QR code. You can also register at the Sign-Up Center in Faith Café.

GriefShare
SUPPORT GROUP



DUDES AND FOODS:

Are you a dude? Do you like food? Well do we have a combo for you!...On Saturday, September 21st from 8:00-9:30am, all men are welcome to the church for a hearty breakfast with the guys—and to support one another as we are able. We will eat good food, hear from some of our guys and the group life director, and then.....there will be tomahawk throwing!

If you dig it, there will be opportunities to check out or join other men's groups as well.

We hope to see you there! (beards optional) Oh, and did we tell you – this event is free

for you, so feel free to bring/sign up friends. Register at the Sign-Up Center by September 15th so we know you are coming!

Event Sponsored by Faith Church Group Life. Questions? Contact Deb @ dottenmiller@faithum.net.



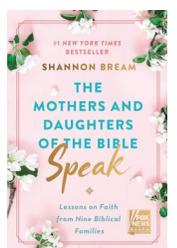
WOMEN'S GATHERING RETURNS SEPTEMBER 18TH



Our monthly Women's Gatherings will begin again on September 18th. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am in Faith Café. We meet to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. Why don't you join us, as we begin this next season? All are welcome! Leaders: Michelle Eckert 724-309-5742, Deb Rowles 570-337-1149.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE BIBLE SPEAK

Beginning September 23rd, we'll be offering a 10-week study on the book, *Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream. This study includes lessons on Faith from nine biblical families. The group will meet on Monday evenings from 6:00-7:30 in Room 10. We'll end the study on November 25th. Participants will pick up their own book prior to the first meeting, as well as pre-read Chapter 1. Sign-ups are available at the Sign-Up Center in Faith Café. Leader: Brenda Schmick 570-971-3689.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE & AGE LEVEL MINISTRIES

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM MEETING AUGUST 18TH



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The Faith Church Congregational Care Team will meet in Room 10 on August 18th following the 9:45 worship service. Our Congregational Care Team has the privilege to serve by supporting our church family through celebrations, health challenges, times of grief and other transitions. Contact Pastor Marion Handley, mhandley@faithum.net or call the church office for more information.

YOUNG ADULT SUMMER GAME NIGHTS

Throughout the summer, young adults have been participating in game nights to connect with others and find out what ongoing small group Bible study options will be available beginning in the fall. Whether you are only in town for the summer or live in the area year round, we hope you'll join us! We'll gather from 6:30-8:30 pm on August 8th at the church pavilion for food and games. Food and games are provided, but we invite everyone to bring a board game, card game, or group trivia game of their choice as well as a favorite snack. Questions, contact Marion Handley mhandley@faithum.net.



FAITH STUDENT MINISTRIES



Summer 2024



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Get text reminders each week.
Join at www.remind.com/join and enter code(s) below:

- for FSM 6-8: FSMsix8
- for FSM 9-12: FSMnine12



WEB AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Web: <https://www.faithum.net/engage-with-us/students/faith-student-ministries>
Instagram: @faithumc1
Facebook: facebook.com/faithmontoursville

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- 6.2 End of School Celebration 5-7, Parent meeting 5:30
- 6.16 FSM "Growing Together" 5-7 combined HS & MS
- 6.19 Open Gym "Prayer & Play" 10-12
- 6.23 - 6.27. VBS "Connecting with kids" student community service
- 6.30 VBS celebration "Connecting with kids" 9:15 student community service
- 6.26 FSM & FUSE "Unite" pool gathering 2-4

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- 7.3 Open Gym "Prayer & Play" 10-12
- 7.10 FSM & FUSE "Unite" pool gathering 5-7
- 7.14 Growing Together 5-7 combined HS & MS Team Meeting 11:50
- 7.17 Open Gym "Prayer & Play" 10-12
- 7.28 Growing Together 5-7 combined HS & MS
- 7.24 FSM & FUSE "Unite" pool gathering 5-7
- 7.31 Open Gym "Prayer & Play" 10-12

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- 8.5-6 FSM & FUSE "Unite" transform mission / working hands & feet
- 8.6 FSM & FUSE "Unite" pool gathering 5-7
- 8.11 FSM Kick-off Pool Party diving into fellowship
- 8.25 FSM "Growing Together" 5-7 Parent meeting 5:30

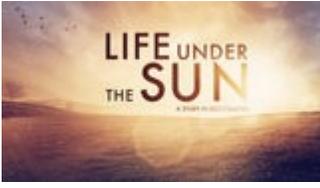
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NEW SERMON SERIES



- Aug. 18:** Life Under the Sun: Defining Success
Aug. 25: Life Under the Sun: Eat, Drink and Be Merry
Sept. 1: Life Under the Sun: Remember Your Creator

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND CHURCH PICNIC AT INDIAN PARK

What: Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic

When: August 18th at 10:00 am

Where: Indian Park Pavilion 5. Set GPS for 101 Park Road 17754 [Fairfield Greenhouse]. Then go past the greenhouse and take a left onto John Hazel Drive. Pavilion 5 is on the right.

Next to the pavilion is the new playground, areas to play horseshoes or yard games. Restrooms are close by. Bring a chair and a serve-ready side or dessert to share directly to pavilion. The Church will provide chicken, bottled water and all paper products. The pavilion and a large tent will be available to sit under to get out of the sun.

WELCOME OUR NEW SECRETARY/COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Church Council is excited to share that Christine Nau will begin serving on our team as of Monday, July 29, 2024. Christine and her husband live outside of Muncy and have two grown children. Christine has extensive professional experience with clerical and communications work, as well as previous experience as a Church Secretary.

Christine's regular hours will be Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Her email address will be office@faithum.net.

Thanks to all who helped by serving in the office in this time of transition. We are also happy that Jody Robinson will continue to lead our Finance Office, and will use the email treasurer@faithum.net. Her work schedule will vary based on her other responsibilities at First UMC, Muncy, but anticipates being in the office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, as well as Friday morning.

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