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JULY 2018 Newsletter of Faith UMC
Faith Stories from June

NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed eight disciples as new members of Faith on Sunday, June 10.
Kelly Coppadge was also baptized on the same day!



Laurie & Greg Galante



Matt & Kelly Coppadge, Sandy & Frank Malara



Rick & Wendy Lucas

meet and greet



Rev. Jane O'Borski

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND WORSHIP**



Rev. Beth Jones

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
SERVE AND GO**

COME AND MEET OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTORS

- ◆ **SATURDAY, JULY 14 AFTER THE 5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE FOR A POTLUCK - BRING A DISH TO SHARE OR . . .**
- ◆ **SUNDAY, JULY 15 AT 8:00 AM FOR COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS OR . . .**
- ◆ **SUNDAY, JULY 15 AFTER THE 9:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICE FOR A SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP HOUR**
PICK ONE OR COME TO ALL THREE!





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PASTOR'S PEN

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, ² to Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. (I Timothy 1:1-2, NIV)

There is little in life that brings as much joy and satisfaction as seeing someone you have taken under your wing take flight. Imagine the satisfaction of the little league coach dad whose son or daughter hits the ball out of the infield for the first time, the tears of the teacher whose student comes back after college and says it was their passion for a subject that set the direction of the student's life, or the joy of the mom whose child stands up for what is right in a difficult situation. There is a deep mix of gratitude, pride, and fulfillment that comes in those moments. The Apostle Paul realizes this as he writes a letter to his 'son in the faith', Timothy.

I was thinking of this while at the Susquehanna Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC) this past month (I know that's a mouthful!)* I had the chance to stand on stage in a worship service with 1200 people and lay hands on a mentee of mine who was being ordained by Bishop Jeremiah Park to be a pastor in the UMC. It was a powerful spirit-filled moment. I was only a small part of my friend's journey to become ordained, but God gave me an opportunity to play a part in him finding his calling. It was AWESOME!

There were other moments where I experienced the same feeling as part of Faith Church. Jake Bair, a son of our congregation who felt called to become a Worship Leader, was leading worship at the Annual Conference sessions with passion and excellence and on his worship team was Christian McBride, who also is a son of Faith Church and is pursuing youth ministry at Messiah College. Faith Church, you have played a significant part in the life of each of these young men! It is AWESOME!

As I was reflecting on this experience, God began to show me that this is a glimpse of what God wants to do in and through our church. I believe that God's desire for the next season of kingdom impact at Faith Church will only be seen when we live into a vision of multiplying ministry by helping everyone find the place where the Spirit brings their gifts alive; and the leaders of the congregation are known not for the ministry they do, but the people they set on fire for doing ministry.

As we do, we will become a church that is helping people step into the God-given passions and purpose not only for but beyond the ministries of Faith Church. We will become a church that sees again and again people going out and being world-changing disciples leading other churches. The next step will come from equipping and multiplying our common ministry. We have raised the structure that will allow space for more disciple-making and life-changing ministry to happen at Faith. Now it is time to see God raise up the people and ministries that will unleash a greater movement of the Spirit here and beyond. Stay tuned for how you can be a part of these next steps at Faith as our new Associate Pastors come on board.

God has big things ahead. Whether you are trying to find the place where your passion and gifts can be unleashed or you want to be the mentor looking on with joy as your mentee steps into their God-given purpose, you don't want to miss the joy of being part of all that God is preparing to do here.

Peace and grace,
Pastor Jake

**The Annual Conference is a regional connection of churches with oversight by a Bishop. Once a year they get together for an Annual Conference gathering with all the pastors and representatives of each church. This year's representatives from Faith Church were Ryan Tira and Ben Meckbach.*



Jake with his mentee, Rich Hanlon, on the day of Rich's ordination.

UNITED METHODIST CONNECTION

BISHOPS, THE UPPER ROOM LAUNCH PHASE 3 OF PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD

May 23, 2018 - UMC Press release - Facebook1KTwitterGoogle+PrintEmail

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Council of Bishops, in partnership with **The Upper Room**, is launching Phase 3 of **Praying our Way Forward**. **Phase 1** involved 84 members of the Council of Bishops praying for The United Methodist Church's way forward for 15 minutes daily, from August to December 2016. This was followed by **Phase 2**, which resulted in 18 continuous months of daily individual and corporate prayer by faithful members of annual conferences around the globe.

"Now we are ready to launch Phase 3, which begins June 3 and continues through the **Special Session of General Conference** in February 2019. In this phase, we are encouraging every United Methodist to fast weekly and to pray daily with the **Council of Bishops**," said Bishop Al Gwinn, the Prayer Team Coordinator.

In Phase 3, all United Methodists are invited to:

1. Engage in a weekly Wesleyan 24-hour fast from Thursday after dinner to Friday mid-afternoon. Those who have health situations causing food fasts to be unadvisable might consider fasting from social media, emails or another daily activity.
2. Pause and pray for our church's mission and way forward daily for four minutes from 2:23 through 2:26 a.m. or p.m. in their own time zone OR at another time. This is because the Special Session of General Conference will be held February 23 through February 26, 2019.
3. Pray using a weekly prayer calendar that will be posted on the UMCPrays.org website (found under registration drop down menu Montoursville Faith Church) from June 2, 2018, through the end of February 2019. The calendar will list a unique cluster of names each week. The names will balance United States bishops and delegates with Central Conference bishops and delegates. It will also include General Secretaries, Commission on a Way Forward members, the Commission of the General Conference and the staff of the General Conference.

Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett, Council of Bishops Life Together chair, added: "We believe that the acts of weekly fasting and prayer will help us approach General Conference both individually and corporately in a posture of humility and receptivity to one another and to the leadership of God's Holy Spirit."



FAITH CHURCH MOTORCYCLE RIDE

Weather permitting, a group from Faith Church will be leaving from the church parking lot at 11:30 am on Sunday, July 1 for a motorcycle ride! Contact Joni Perchinski at 570-368-2459.



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

If any of our church family are interested in doing special music (singing, playing instrument, etc.) this summer, contact Lisa Konkle at 570-274-4623 or lkonkle@faithum.net. Thank you.



STRIKES AGAINST BRAIN TUMORS

WHAT: Benefit for Jenna Clark, who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor, and her family

WHY: To help raise money for costs of living, healthcare bills & more

WHEN: Sunday, July 8 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

WHERE: Clinton Lanes, 529 1/2 High Street, Lock Haven

COST: \$15 per person - includes shoes and unlimited bowling

FEATURING: Chinese Auction, Food, Bake Sale, Vendors

Can't attend the fundraiser but would like to help? Go to <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/y3ee8e>.



NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS JULY 7/8

Your life has a soundtrack. Every peak, every low note, and every rhythm make up a part of who you are. Have you ever considered that your favorite song might have more to say? Join us for a month long series as we have fun exploring the deeper meanings to which some popular songs point!

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. Deb Ottenmiller, Director of Group Life/Assimilation, will 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, July 28 at 6:30 pm** OR **Sunday, July 29 at 11:00 am** at Faith Church in Room 10. Please call the church office at 570-368-2459 to let us know the meeting you will be attending.

Need Childcare to attend Starting Point? Contact Shannon Perrotta at sperrotta@faithum.net.



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STUDENT MINISTRIES

FSM
SIX-EIGHT

ALL FAITHS NIGHT
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**AT THE CROSSCUTTERS**  
**JULY 22 AT 5PM**  
\$6 PER PERSON  
**GRADES 6-8**

**NINE12** POOL PARTY  
**JULY 31ST**  
**AT 6PM**  
**GRADES 9-12**

**FSM**  
NINE-TWELVE

\*RAIN DATE 8/1/18

**SUMMER SCHEDULE**

STUDENTS GOING INTO GRADES 6-12 & JUST GRADUATED

**JULY 11: 6P-8P**  
**JULY 25: 6P-8P**  
**AUG. 8: 6P-8P**  
**AUG. 22: 6P-8P**

**FSM**

### CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018!

Wishing you the best as you take your next steps. May God bless you! Those who graduated - Jason Good, Shelby Kurtz, Madi Myers, Katie Plankenhorn, Rebecca Reeder, Asher Rehn, Joel Rehn, Jay Richards, Chris Shaffer, Andrew Weston, and Nathan Williams.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



**KID CONNECTION CLASSES** **Sundays at 9:45 am**  
 Infant Nursery-Room 20      Grade 1-Room 16  
 Toddler Nursery-Room 19      Grade 2-Room 15  
 2's & 3's-Room 18      Grade 3-Room 13  
 PreK4-K-Room 17      Grades 4/5-Room 14

**Saturdays at 5:30 pm**  
 Nursery: 0-3-Room 19      PK3-Grade 5-Large Group Room 21

*All classes are located in the Children's Wing on the Fairview Drive side of the church.*

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## **KID CONNECTION - ORANGE SPOTLIGHT** (THE YELLOW OF CHURCH AND THE RED OF HOME COMBINE TO MAKE ORANGE.)

During July, we will continue our discussion of what it looks like to trust God with our lives. Our preschoolers will be learning that the Bible shows us the way to go! God has given us all of the true stories in the Bible to help us know what to do and guide us through life. When we study the Bible together we will see that we should love others, talk to God, and share with others. Meanwhile, our elementary kids will explore CONFIDENCE and discuss how confidence in Christ allows us to live fully alive! We will learn that confidence means trusting in God and living like we believe that what God says is true. When we have faith in Jesus as our support and foundation for life then we can have the confidence to do amazing things. The elementary kids will read about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Peter walking on water with Jesus, friendships developed and strengthened by faith, and the promise that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God.

## **KID CONNECTION SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE FOR JULY-AUGUST 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, Carrie Knapp
- Team 3:** Stef Frelin, Danielle &/or Matt Harris, Emily &/or Adam Tate, Denise Plankenhorn, Julie Stokes
- Team 4:** Rebecca Huffman, Kevin Handley, Kim Rakestraw, Susan Ravert, Dave Rinker, Jessie Guisewhite
- Team 5:** Tessa Little, Emily Miller, Kevin Handley, Jenna LoCricchio, Brenda Laudenslager, Kristi Michael
- Team 6:** Sarah Keiser, Jessie Metzger, Crystal Miller, Jane Heintzeman, Susan Waybright
- Team 7:** Andrea Lucas, Julie Vogel, Cherie Wurster, Lindsay Davis, Brian Cozzi, EvieLyn Perry
- Team 8:** Lauren Caputo, Mitzi Herron, Rick Gray, Kevin Handley, Kaitlin Eck, Melissa Foster

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|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| July 1-Team 6 | July 8-Team 7  | July 15-Team 8 | July 22-Team 1 | July 29-Team 2 |
| Aug. 5-Team 3 | Aug. 12-Team 4 | Aug. 19-Team 5 | Aug. 26-Team 6 |                |

## **KID CONNECTION - "THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!" CHECK OUT THE PARENT CUE**

Each week your child brings home a "Parent Cue" page...this is a wonderful free resource which reviews the lesson and memory verse and provides activities you can do during the week to help your child apply the Kid Connection lesson to life. The curriculum writers at Orange know that families move through many life seasons some of which are quite busy. They create activities that you can enjoy with your children while you go about your existing routine! **The Parent Cue page also provides you the link to the website TheParentCue.org and information about downloading the Parent Cue App to your mobile device so that the lessons, videos, and activities for First Look and 252 Kids can travel with you and your family!**



## **A BIG VBS THANK YOU!**

Thank you to well over 100 people who served to allow Faith Church to host Vacation Bible School! We are blessed with an amazing group of teens and adults who served wholeheartedly and made the week a lot of fun! Each of you was part of helping kids remember that Jesus came to give forgiveness and true life and He can rescue us in any doubt, fear, or trouble.

\*Please note - pictures of VBS 2018 will be in the August newsletter.

## **PRAISE KIDS POOL PARTY**

All Praise Kids are invited to a Pool Party at the home of the Hofstrom family on Tuesday, July 17 from 6-8:00 pm. They live at 187 English Hill Road, Cogan Station. Please RSVP to Ms. Lisa at 570-368-2459.



## **FAITH PRESCHOOL 2018-2019 REGISTRATION**

Is there a four year old you know and love? 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.



## **WELCOME OUR NEW PRESCHOOL ASSISTANT**

Faith Preschool welcomes Kate Meckbach as our new Preschool Assistant. Kate is an active part of our Faith Church congregation serving in many areas including teaching our 2 and 3 year olds in Kid Connection on Sunday mornings. In addition, Kate has served regularly as a sub at Faith Preschool and her two children are previous attenders. We are excited to have her join us daily for the 2018-2019 school year!

# GROW

# SAVE THE DATES!

## 1. THE GATHERING -

A Community Group event coming **September 29**

## 2. SEARCH THE BIBLE IN 6 WEEKS -

based on the book *The Bible in 7 Pieces* coming **September 20**

3. **FOUNDATIONS (8 WEEK CLASS)** - coming **September 26**



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## A QUICK START GUIDE TO LEADING GROUPS

By Group Ministry

by Reid Smith

Have you ever been in a high-pressure situation where you needed to know the facts on how to do something...and fast? Imagine a friend needed YOU to jump in and lead their group last minute. What would you need to know? These principles can serve as your quick-start guide:

1. **Be a people engager** – Use the social time with your group to find out how people are *really* doing and what you can pray for later in the group. If somebody is new, build connections. Also, don't underestimate the power of "breaking bread together" and how much food helps people take their guard down and build relationships with others.
2. **Be an Immanuel acknowledger** – Open your group in prayer and recognize how our God is *Immanuel*, "God with us." Remind them that Jesus is in your midst; where God's presence is, there is power to transform lives so *every* group meeting should be life-changing (Mt. 18:20). Call out the things you believe God is going to do in people's lives. Believe *for* each group member and pray for them by name!
3. **Be a temperature-setter** – Group leaders create environments where the Acts 2:42-47 kind of community can grow. One of the keys to helping a group go deeper in relationships with one another is authenticity. The more real you are, the more vulnerable others will be—so set the pace and be courageous by being completely yourself! This will help people feel more "at home," open up with others, and participate more in the group.
4. **Be a Scripture sower** – The #1 catalyst for spiritual growth is reading and reflecting on God's Word. Scripture transforms us from the inside-out because it is God-breathed (2 Tim. 3:16-17). So use every opportunity to refer people back to the Bible, pray Scripture aloud, and weave biblical references into your conversations.
5. **Be Jesus-focused** – Use the conversation around your study to point people back to who Jesus is and what He has done. Think of Paul when he said, "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2). Turning people's attention to Jesus creates an atmosphere of praise and thanksgiving. Make your group Christ-centered—not curriculum-centered—and invite the Holy Spirit to have His way.
6. **Be generous in love** – To follow Jesus' example is to love others. Leaders who are rich in love earn the privilege of influencing people spiritually. Take time to learn people's unique stories, listen to their needs, and pray for their dreams. Generous love does not limit its reach only to those within the group's circle, but it goes to those who have yet to be transformed by God's love (Mt 25:40). A group will never grow to its full potential if it does not reach beyond the needs of its own members.

Biblical community will grow when you exercise these principles. Along the way, you'll experience the thrill of being used by God to inspire real growth in His people and helping those who have yet to know Him find their way home.

*Reid Smith has been equipping leaders in churches of all sizes and stages of growth for effective disciple-making since 1996. He lives in Wellington, Florida where he serves as a Groups Pastor at Christ Fellowship. You can find more of his helpful resources at [www.reidsmith.org](http://www.reidsmith.org).*



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## SERVE AND GO



### **FAITH CHURCH FOOD BANK - CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

During July 1-15 a Christmas tree will be set up in Faith Café. Congregants are encouraged to take one of the envelopes from the tree and purchase an item(s) for the new Food Bank. Questions? Contact Jerry or Lynn Cartwright at 570-433-3038.

### **OAK HILL, WV - HERE WE COME . . . AGAIN!**

This fall Faith Church will be sponsoring its fourth Volunteers in Mission (VIM) trip to Oak Hill, WV. Oak Hill is the 5<sup>th</sup> poorest county in the entire United States and the need is great there. The dates for the trip are October 7-13. **Informational meetings will be held in Room 11 on Saturday, July 7 at 6:30 pm and on Sunday, July 8 at 9:30 am and 11:00 am.** You only need to attend one of these meetings and they are for those who have already committed to going as well as those who might want to find out more about the trip. Hand outs will be given at each meeting. For more information, please contact Dorothy Thomas at 570-368-2459 or sunflower\_7381@comcast.net.

### **FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK COMING IN AUGUST**

Our next Family Promise Host Week is August 5-11. Family Promise supports families to move out of homelessness. This will be our church's initial hosting experience. Our congregation will be responsible for all serving positions. So if you have been wondering how to become more involved with serving, Family Promise is the perfect place to start! You will be helping families right here in our community. Serving positions include set up and tear down, providing dinner, dinner/evening hosts, morning and evening van drivers, and overnight hosts. If interested or you have questions please contact Darci Kirby at 570-368-2459 or darcikirby619@gmail.com, Mary Beth Croll at 570-368-2459 or children777@comcast.net, or Crystal Miller at 570-368-2459 or dcil\_miller@yahoo.com.



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