

## Pastor's Pen

As I sit here writing to you, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. This past weekend's groundbreaking was a beautiful moment of celebration for Faith Church. I am grateful to have been a part of it. It was awesome to see the children with their hardhats and plastic shovels gathered with the long time faithful members of our community to take the next step of faith. It was great to hand the contractor the prayer stones that will be part of the foundation of the new addition. It was great to celebrate all that God had done.

Remembering God's faithfulness to the people of our church was one of the most powerful aspects of groundbreaking weekend for me. We remembered that God was faithful when Faith Church moved to this property. We looked at the pictures of the construction of our present building and the people involved. We celebrated the people who had been part of this journey from the beginning. Together we remembered God's faithfulness.

A recurring theme of the scriptures is the command for God's people to 'remember'. The Israelites were to remember that God had delivered them from Egypt, guided them through the wilderness, and given them a new home. The writers of the psalms frequently remember God's past faithfulness and declare in the face of hardship and uncertainty that 'God's steadfast love endures forever'. Jesus gave us a meal in communion in which we remember Jesus' death and resurrection until he comes again. Remembering is an essential aspect of biblical faith. Faith causes us to remember and by remembering our faith is renewed.

The opposite of remembering is forgetting. I was grateful for the reminder from Tom Melzoni, our preacher on groundbreaking weekend, in his sermon, "Fear or Faith", that fear brings forgetfulness. *(If you couldn't be with us on groundbreaking weekend, I strongly encourage you to watch his powerful sermon online.)* Fear causes us to forget and by forgetting our fears strengthen.

This is why Tom invited us to remember that the same God who has been faithful to the people of Faith Church is the same God who will be faithful to us as we break ground on our new building addition. As we move forward in our journey, I hope that we help each other remember this. God has been faithful, God is faithful, and God will continue to be faithful as we move ahead. Let us move ahead with the faith that God's steadfast love endures forever.

Grateful to be on this journey with you,  
Pastor Jake



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**Ben Meckbach, Church Council Chair, signs the contract with TurnKey Construction while Pastor Jake Waybright looks on.**

**If you missed the JOURNEY Groundbreaking Ceremony, you can pick up a Prayer Walk Card at either Welcome Center and pray for the building project as the JOURNEY continues!**



### JOURNEY Update (as of 5/23/2017)

- Number of families that have made a pledge to JOURNEY: 176
- Total amount pledged to JOURNEY: \$2,166,143.20
- Amount received for JOURNEY: \$1,825,170.12

If you need more information about JOURNEY, please contact Linda Huffman at 570-368-2459 or lhuffman@faithum.net.

Thank you for your continued generosity to Faith Church and to JOURNEY!

### Survey - We Want to Hear from You

Would you please take 2-5 minutes to respond to a survey? As we move ahead with our new building we are preparing for our second Capital Campaign in fall of 2017. We want your input! Your responses will be used by our consultants to inform and shape the campaign. The survey will be available through June 5. Just go to the website at [www.faimthum.net](http://www.faimthum.net) or pick up a hard copy at either Welcome Center. Thank you for your partnership as we move into God's future together!

Peace and Grace, *Jake Waybright*, Lead Pastor



## Be There. Be Hope.

### UMCOR Weekend - June 10-11

United Methodists work together in over 80 countries around the world to alleviate suffering and to bring healing and hope through the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR). Once a year, the 12 million members of the United Methodist Church take an offering (previously known as One Great Hour of Sharing) to support UMCOR ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. Envelopes for this offering can be found at either Welcome Center, make a check out to Faith UMC with UMCOR on the memo line or go to our website ([www.faimthum.net](http://www.faimthum.net)) to give online. To learn more about UMCOR go to [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org). Thank you!



Thank you to Kitty Hofer, Vickie LeFever and Joanne Rinker, members of the Flower Care Team, who help keep the grounds of Faith Church looking beautiful!



### Our Next Potluck



Saturday, July 1 following worship  
Bring a picnic dish to share!

### Preschool 3 and 4

Another great year at Faith Preschool has ended. Sixty students were enrolled with twenty-three students from Preschool 3 able to enter Preschool 4 in September. Thirty-seven students from Preschool 4 attended their graduation ceremonies in May. A big thank you to their teachers: Heather Ramsey, Jessica Jacopetti, Lisa Larson, Stephanie Bower, Nicole Selleck and Julie Stokes. Thanks also to Marion Handley, Preschool Director. God is good . . . all the time!



PRESCHOOL 3 & 4 AM CLASSES



PRESCHOOL 3 & 4 PM CLASSES



# Children's Ministry

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### Register Online for Vacation Bible School

Online pre-registration for VBS continues until June 12. Children may register at the door during VBS week June 19-23; however, pre-registration will close June 12. The online form includes a section to sign up to serve during VBS and allow those serving to register an accompanying child for nursery care.



### Help Us Prep for VBS 2017!

Please check the list below for the items we will need. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Sandwich size Ziploc bags, 10 boxes Rice Chex, 3 large containers animal crackers, 10 large containers RAINBOW goldfish crackers, 225 gummi worms, 10 bags pretzel STICKS, 25 bags marshmallows, 225 string cheese (mozzarella), 225 flour tortillas, 5 large cans pizza sauce, 15 boxes graham crackers, 30 containers Cool Whip, 20 bags chocolate chips, 225 vanilla pudding cups, 10 packages chocolate Oreos, 10 packages vanilla Oreos



### Upcoming VBS Dates

- May 1-June 12 Online Registration for VBS
- June 11 Crew Leader Training at 11:15 am
- June 12, 14, 15 VBS Prep Days 10:00 am-3:00 pm
- June 13 VBS Prep Night 4-8:00 pm
- June 19-23 VBS 6-8:30 pm
- June 24-25 VBS kids sing in church services, Final VBS Cleanup after 9:45 am service

### Hands On Bible Club (HOBC) Classes



Saturdays at 5:30 pm  
Nursery: 0-3: Room 21  
PreK3-Kindergarten:  
Room 24  
Grades 1-5: Room 25

Sundays at 9:45 am  
Nursery: 0-2: Room 21  
2s and 3s: Room 22  
PreK4-Kindergarten: Room 24  
Grade 1: Room 26  
Grade 3: Room 23  
Grade 2: Room 25  
Grades 4/5: Room 16



### HOBC Sunday Schedule: June-July 2017

Team Assignments are posted outside each HOBC classroom! As always, please switch dates by contacting a friend, utilizing the FB Group, or emailing mhandley@faithum.net. Thank you for serving! (For more information, to join a serving team or if you've forgotten which team you're on, please contact Marion Handley.)

### Sunday Serving Teams

### Serving Dates

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|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| June 4 - Team 8 | June 11 - Team 1 | June 18 - Team 2 | June 25 - Team 3 |
| July 2 - Team 4 | July 9 - Team 5  | July 16 - Team 6 | July 23 - Team 7 |
|                 |                  | July 30 - Team 8 |                  |

### Orange Spotlight

This June, I am excited as I look back over this past year in HOBC and imagine the possibilities once the new children's wing is completed. We have had a lot of fun in HOBC learning together! In June, our elementary students will talk about creation and use the study of Genesis to discuss what it really means to be created in the image of God. Meanwhile, our preschool summer theme from the First Look materials is Kids Rock! Spoiler alert, the June lessons are all about celebrating the amazing things that kids have done in Bible times and in our modern world. Let's take a closer look at FIRST LOOK!

**The First Look materials are used with children from birth-Kindergarten. These lessons introduce children to the very best news they will ever hear: God made me. God loves me. Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Each week a teacher prepares to tell about the great God who created all things and loved them so much He made a way for Jesus to be their forever friend. We have lessons for infants, toddlers, 2 year olds, and 3-5 year olds, all teaching the same truth designed to lay a solid foundation. These lessons repeat the same basic truths week after week even though the Bible story changes. These lessons are designed to capture the sense of wonder that characterizes the preschool age child who is so curious about the world, so ready to imagine, and so playful. This means that even our two year olds are memorizing Scripture as they hear their verse and play games that incorporate the words and encourage them to repeat back what they have heard!

## "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 HOBC 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](http://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!**

## Faith Preschool 2017-2018 Registration!

Is there a 3 year old you know and love? Invite them to join us at Faith Preschool next year! We have spots available in the afternoon class and are excited to welcome new families. Children must be 3 years old and potty-trained by September 1<sup>st</sup> to participate in the 3 year old program. Please call 570-368-2459 if you have any questions regarding fees or eligibility.



## The 2017 Summer Camps and Retreats Are Now 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 Handley.

## 2017 UMC Camp Scholarship Fund

Please consider whether you might be able to donate toward the camp tuition for the children and teenagers from Faith Church attending summer camp through the Susquehanna Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries. The tuition varies from \$190-\$400 per camper based on materials and activities offered during each term. To give, please contact the church office.



## STUDENT MINISTRIES



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### Summertime

Hey everyone, hope you're ready for summer! This summer we will be meeting every other week, starting June 14, from 6-8:00 pm at the church. This is for all students going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (and those who have just graduated). We will hang out, unwind and have some good times as a community of students. If you have any questions, please let me know! *Jared*

### Summer Schedule

Grades 6-12  
6pm-8pm



FSM

June 14 & 28  
July 12 & 26  
August 9 & 23

## GROW



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### New Men's Group

This group will meet at Faith Church and will combine prayer, devotions and exercise early in the morning! For more information, contact Chris Reeder at 570-368-2459.

### Baptism Information Meetings



These meetings are for anyone interested in receiving the sacrament of Baptism for themselves or for their children. The meeting times are Saturday, June 10 at 6:30 pm **OR** Sunday, June 11 at 11:00 am in Room 10. Baptism will take place on Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 18. Please call the church office at 570-368-2459 to let us know the meeting you will be attending.



## The Forgotten Populations Book Club

The Forgotten Populations Book Club continues with *The Hate You Give* by Angie Thomas, the story of a young black woman who witnesses police killing her best friend and must weather the social uprising that follows. The book is \$10 and will be available for pick-up at the church. The club will meet to discuss the book and its implications for living as Christians at 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 29 at Faith Church. Please contact Mary Broussard at [broussm@lycoming.edu](mailto:broussm@lycoming.edu) if you would like to participate or have any questions.



## Global Leadership Summit (GLS) August 10-11, 2017

Although Faith is not hosting the GLS as a satellite location this year, we would like to offer an option for our congregation to attend at a reduced rate at an alternate site! We are extending a special rate of \$119 until June 27, and \$139 after that for the Faith Church congregation to attend the GLS at a local satellite site. To receive this rate, you'll need to enter the code 17TGLSHONOR during the registration process at <https://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/index.html>.

The closest location is: LCBC Church - Columbia-Montour Campus Bloomsburg, PA [Site Details # 473](#) 2421 Columbia Boulevard, Bloomsburg Shopping Center, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

## SERVE AND GO

### Go, Go, Go in 2017

Here are the "GO" events that we currently have scheduled for 2017. We'll need **ALL OF GOD'S FAITH CHURCH SERVANTS** if these events are going to make an impact for Christ in our community and beyond. If you are interested in helping to lead one of these events, contact Pastor Rusty. (Please Note: With the unpredictability of construction associated with the **JOURNEY** building project, all dates and events are tentative.)

1. UMCOR Support Weekend - June 10-11
2. Feed the 5,000: Food Collection Dates - July 8-9, 15-16, 22-23
3. Family Promise Host Week #2: July 9-16
4. Group Work Camp FSM Mission Trip: Pittsburgh, PA - July 23-28
5. TRANSFORM (First UMC): July 31-August 4 (*We are not a Host Site this year.*)
6. Children's Clothing Collection - Collection Dates: August 5-6, 12-13, 19-20
7. Volunteers in Mission Trip: Oak Hill, West Virginia: October 1-7
8. Family Promise Host Week #3: October 15-22
9. Trunk or Treat: October 31 (or Trick or Treat date set by the borough)
10. Food Packing IV Event: November 5 (at McCall Middle School)
11. Operation Christmas Child: November
12. Thanksgiving Baskets - in association with McCall Middle School: November
13. Oasis of Hope Angel Tree: December
14. Annual Christmas Offering: December



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### 2017 Central Pennsylvania Food Bank Packing Dates

Faith Church helps to pack senior citizen food boxes the first Tuesday of each month. Last year many small groups from the church and some from outside the church served in this ministry. We are now signing up groups for each month in 2017. If you or your small group is interested, please contact Pastor Rusty. Dates will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

Here are the dates/openings for the coming year:

June 6 - K. Wolfinger/S. Bair (small group)	July 11 - Cherie Wurster (small group)	Aug. 1 - Kim Steinbacher & coworkers
Sept. 5 - Dorothy Thomas & group	Oct. 3 - <b>OPEN</b>	Nov. 7 - Darci Kirby & group
Dec. 5 - Mike Mussina (Montoursville Basketball Team)		

### Oak Hill, WV Mission Trip Registration

This fall Faith Church will be sponsoring its third Volunteers in Mission (VIM) trip to Oak Hill, West Virginia. 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 1-7 and the cost of the trip will be \$175. Preliminary registration begins this month. Please begin to pray and ask God if he is calling you to be part of this mission team. If you would like to register or have any questions, please contact Pastor Rusty. There will be an initial team meeting on Sunday, July 16 at 11:00 am in Pastor Rusty's office (Room 11).

### Coming in July . . . Feed the 5,000

The summer is often a slower time for donations at food distribution sites. With that in mind, let's mobilize to restock the shelves of the United Churches Food Pantry and the West End Christian Community Center. We'll have Feed the 5,000 bags available in the Narthex/Lobby on the weekend of July 1-2 (although, any bag will do!) **We will be collecting non-perishable food items the weekends of July 8-9, 15-16 and 22-23.** Start collecting now!



### Family Promise Host Week Coming in July

Our next Family Promise host week is July 9-16. Each host week requires many servants to make the week a success. There are multiple opportunities to serve; such as set-up and tear-down, providing meals, transportation, and overnight hosting. Sign-ups will begin towards the end of June in the lobby. If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Marybeth Croll at [children777@comcast.net](mailto:children777@comcast.net).

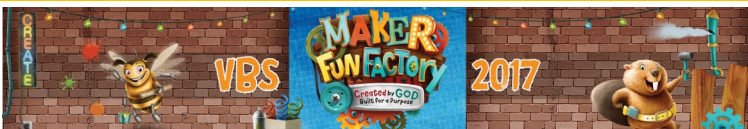
### Our Journey of Hope

The Faith Church Cancer Care Ministry Team is up and running! This is a ministry of hope, courage and compassion. Cancer can bring fear, and it tests everyone affected by it. After weeks of training and several planning meetings, the following members are ready to assist any church family dealing with a cancer diagnosis: Rob Barbour, Theresa Burkholder, George Button, Chris Caputo, Lynn Cartwright, Jim Francis, Brandie Fry, Cherie Girio, Letty Gray, Peggy Probst and Will Stroup. Aid will include diagnosis response, home assistance and transportation, finances and budget assistance, support for caregivers and Hospice visits. Team members have chosen the area(s) in which they feel called to serve. Cancer attacks the body; yet there remains something that cancer cannot conquer: HOPE! Call Pastor Rusty or Letty Gray at 570-935-0365 for more information.



### Coming in August . . . Children's Clothing Collection

The West End Christian Community Center has notified the church that they are in need of children's clothing. Many families use the Clothing Closet at WECCC and they are especially busy during "back to school" time. We will be collecting new and used children's (all ages) clothing on the weekends of August 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20.





# FAITH CHURCH



## CONNECT.GROW.SERVE.GO.

# JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>  6p-Sun. Praise Team 7:30p-Sat. Praise Team	<b>2</b>  9:15a-Friday Fun  5:00p-Scouts at Pavilion	<b>3</b> 12a-12p-Scouts at Pavilion  5:30p-Contemporary Worship w/Hands On Bible Club
<b>4 PENTECOST</b> 8:30a-Trad. Worship 9:45a-Cont. Worship w/Hands On Bible Club 9:45a-Adult SS 11:15a-VBS Mtg.	<b>5</b>  6:30p-Merge	<b>6</b>  10a-Leadership Team Mtg.  3p-Worship Design 6-8p-Packing Food Boxes for Seniors 7p-Cub/Boy Scouts	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  6p-Sun. Praise Team 7p-Church Council 7:30p-Sat. Praise Team 7p-WB Christian Wrtrs	<b>9</b> 9:15a-Friday Fun	<b>10 UMCOR WKND</b>  5:30p-Contemporary Worship w/Hands On Bible Club 6:30p-Baptism Mtg.
<b>11 UMCOR WKND</b> 8:30a-Trad. Worship 9:45a-Cont. Worship w/Hands On Bible Club 9:45a-Adult SS 11a-Baptism Mtg. 11a-Cong. Care Mtg. 11:15a-VBS Crew Leaders Training	<b>12 VBS Decorating</b>  6:30p-Merge	<b>13 VBS Decorating</b>  10a-Leadership Team Mtg.  4-8p-VBS Prep 7p-Cub/Boy Scouts	<b>14 VBS Decorating</b>  6-8p-FSM	<b>15 VBS Decorating</b> 9a-5p-Worship Design Retreat  6p-Sun. Praise Team 7p-Facilities Design 7:30p-Sat. Praise Team	<b>16 VBS Decorating</b> 9:15a-Friday Fun	<b>17 VBS Decorating</b>  5:30p-Contemporary Worship w/Hands On Bible Club
<b>18 FATHER'S DAY</b> 8:30a-Trad. Worship 9:45a-Cont. Worship w/Hands On Bible Club 9:45a-Adult SS 11:15a-2p-VBS Decorating and Set-up	<b>19</b>  6:00-8:30p-Vacation Bible School	<b>20</b> 10a-Leadership Team Mtg.  6:00-8:30p-Vacation Bible School	<b>21</b> 11:30-3p-Friendship Group at Pavilion Noon-Newsletter Deadline 6:00-8:30p-Vacation Bible School	<b>22</b>  6:00-8:30p-Vacation Bible School	<b>23</b> 9:15a-Friday Fun  6:00-8:30p-Vacation Bible School	<b>24</b>  5:30p-Contemporary Worship w/Hands On Bible Club
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Hands On Bible Club –from birth through Grade 5  
 FSM - Grades 5-12 meet together for the summer  
 WB Christian Writers - Writers' Group  
 VBS Decorating-decorating for VBS

Food Packing-1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at Cen. PA Food Bank  
 Merge-Open Community Group for Adults -Childcare provided  
 Baptism Mtg. - baptism for themselves or their children  
 Cong. Care Mtg.-for those who care for the congregation

Book Club (Forgotten Populations)-Open  
 Friday Fun-help with HOBC readiness/office projects  
 Friendship Group-private picnic at Pavilion

For more information on any of the above groups or anything on the calendar, please call the church office at 570-368-2459. These activities were planned at the time of this publication, but are subject to change.



**Current Sermon Series**

May 27-28 - *Is There a God?*  
*Genesis 1:1-3, Psalm 19:1-4*

June 3-4 - *More Than a Good Man?*  
*Matthew 16:13-16*

June 10-11 - *The Presence of God?*  
*Acts 2:1-4*

June 17-18 - *What Happens When I Die?*  
*1 Corinthians 15*



**Thank You**

Thank you all for your part in over 90 Family Med/Health packs being sent to Refugees forced to flee ISIS and other terrorist extremist groups. Thanks to Faith Church for collecting medical tape and gauze during its Hands On Bible Club April Service Project. The packs were prayed over after being assembled. Praise God that in a small way, we can send encouragement.  
 Peace, *Pastor Angelique*, Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church

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