



LIFE LINE

Moe says, "Join us at VBS!"



JUNE 2018 Newsletter of Faith UMC Faith Stories from May

Student Ministries Weekend - Worship led by students.



Maddy Myers, Ryan Shannon and Megan Lowe gave their testimonies.



Confirmation: Arianna Cozzi, Maele Fry, Giana Lewis, Megan Lowe, Eli Lucas, Ryan Shannon.



Each Confirmand was blessed, anointed and prayed over. Shown: Eli Lucas.

STUDENT MINISTRIES WEEKEND
PENTECOST
BAPTISM
CONFIRMATION
FOOD BANK CONSECRATION
BISHOP PARK PREACHES
PASTOR LARRY SPEAKS
CHILDREN'S WING
CONSECRATION



Ryan is Baptized. Pastor Larry speaks.



Pastor Jake, Bishop Park and Jared Hetherington are on hand for Confirmation.



Outside for the Children's Wing Consecration.



Rich Cihanowycz, Chair of Facilities Design Team.



Pastor Jake consecrates the Food Bank.



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PASTOR’S PEN

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4: 11-13, NIV)

It is with great joy that we are able to share with you in this newsletter the 2 associate pastors whom God has called to Faith Church for our next season of disciple-making ministry. In the following pages you can read a brief bio and see pictures of the pastors who will be serving at Faith Church beginning July 1st. Rev. Beth Jones and Rev. Jane O’Borski are incredibly gifted, spirit-led, experienced pastors. They both have led churches as lead pastors, and in the case of Beth Jones she led as District Superintendent for 8 years overseeing churches and pastors. Both have a clear sense of call to Faith Church at this time and to the positions in which they will serve.

We took advantage of the opportunity in our pastoral transition to restructure the Associate Pastor positions. Previously we had one ¾ time Associate Pastor who focused on the Serve and Go aspects of discipleship along with Congregational Care and Worship. Beginning in July we will have two ½ time associate pastors who will each be able to focus on specific aspects of ministry. Jane will focus on Congregational Care and Worship. She will lead the Congregational Care Team and our Worship Design Team. Beth will focus on Serve and Go with an emphasis on equipping leaders. Both Beth and Jane will share in preaching and leading worship.

Part of our vision for our Associate Pastors and all of our leaders is that we would see ourselves more and more from a biblical perspective as ‘equippers’ of ministry. Paul says in Ephesians that the role of leaders within the church is not to primarily be the ‘doers’ of ministry, but to ‘equip’ everyone to serve with their gifts, talents, and passions. We are all called to be ministers. This vision is not only biblical, it is also crucial for us as a church if we are going to reach more people and make more disciples. Our capacity to reach more people will grow as we multiply ministry and ensure that everyone finds a place to serve and build up the body of Christ.

I can’t wait to see what God has in store for us as a church. Be looking ahead in July for opportunities to welcome and get to know Beth and Jane. In this transition continue to pray for them and to pray for God’s direction in calling you to serve and build up the Body of Christ. When we all find our place, God will be faithful to make more disciples who Connect, Grow, Serve, and Go and to use us to change the world one life at a time.

Peace and Grace,
Jake Waybright

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 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.”

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction progress continues at Faith. In the last month work continued on the renovations to the Food Bank and Office Suite, along with site work for sidewalks and parking. Many people have asked about the site work on the Fairview Drive side of the church and in the front corner of the property by the Bell Tower. There will be 2 new parking lots and a large catch basin in those areas as follows:

- New parking area on Fairview Drive side between the covered entrance to the church and the road
- New parking area **between** the Bell Tower and the front of the church where there was previously a circular walkway
- New grass catch basin between the Bell Tower and the street corner. This catch basin was not originally in our site development plans. Our contractor had an oversight and realized later that it would be required for water run-off.

Here is a general timeline of when we expect certain phases to be completed.

June/July

- Food Bank and Office Suite renovations complete in Brushy Ridge wing
- Majority of site work for parking and sidewalks complete

September/October

- Occupancy in Gym obtained as the electrical, lighting, and bathrooms are completed. At this phase the stage and permanent gym floor will not yet be included, but we will be able to use the gym for sports and events.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTORS

REV. JANE L. O’BORSKI - ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND WORSHIP



Greetings Faith Church Family! It is a privilege to introduce Rev. Jane O’Borski to you. She is excited to join us in ministry and serve as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Worship.

Jane was born and raised in West Nanticoke, Pennsylvania and graduated from the Greater Nanticoke Area Senior High School. Following high school, she attended the Pennsylvania State University earning a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Health Policy and Administration. Her home church, the First United Methodist Church of West Nanticoke, nurtured her well in the Christian faith and provided her with many opportunities to serve and grow in her relationship with God. During this time, she studied to become a Certified Lay Speaker and provided pulpit supply for churches on the Wilkes-Barre District in the former Wyoming Conference.

In her first career, she served as the Assistant Registrar at Wilkes University. While there she was able to earn her Master of Business Administration degree. In addition, she served part-time as the Staff Lay Speaker for the Five Mountain Charge on the Lewisburg District in the former Central Pennsylvania Conference. As Wilkes University began to transition and re-organize departments, the call to pastoral ministry became stronger. She departed Wilkes University in 2006 and began her journey into pastoral ministry.

Her first appointment was to the Stewart Memorial United Methodist Church in Old Forge, Pennsylvania. While serving at Stewart Memorial, she earned her Master of Divinity degree from Drew University. Following seminary, she was appointed as the Associate Pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Most recently, she serves as pastor of the Hughesville Charge, now The Beacon – a new community of faith in Hughesville, Pennsylvania.

She felt the call to pastoral ministry when she was a teenager and she can see God’s hand at work in her vocational journey. Each experience in life provided her with the blessings and knowledge to be the person God has called her to be. Her husband, Drew Cottle, works in Lewisburg and her step-son, Josiah Cottle, just completed his first year of study at York College of Pennsylvania. When not working, she enjoys crafts, knitting, and shopping. She is excited to join Faith Church in ministry as we labor to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

REV. BETH JONES - ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR SERVE AND GO

It is also a great blessing to introduce you to Rev. Beth Jones. Beth grew up in the former Central PA Conference where her father served as a pastor. She graduated from Lycoming College in 1995, received her Masters of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in 1998 and was ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church in 2001.

She has served as pastor at two churches in the (former) Wyoming Conference and as District Superintendent for the past 8 years.

Her work as superintendent has allowed her to learn and grow in many areas as she has worked to resource churches and pastors to grow in vitality, strengthen leadership and develop vision for the future.





good grief

May 26/27: Death & the Afterlife
June 2/3: Answering the "Why" Questions
June 9/10: Walking with Those Who Mourn

JUNE POTLUCK

Join your Faith Church family after the 5:30 pm worship service on Saturday, June 2 for a potluck and hear stories from the Mission Team that has gone to Oak Hill, WV. One of the men the team has helped will be there too. Bring a dish to share.



Everyone Brings Something to the Table.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



KID CONNECTION CLASSES
 Infant Nursery-Room 20
 Toddler Nursery-Room 19
 2s & 3s-Room 18
 PreK4-K-Room 17

Sundays at 9:45 am
 Grade 1-Room 16
 Grade 2-Room 15
 Grade 3-Room 13
 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 June, we will discuss 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 in Ephesians about Jesus as the cornerstone of our faith and then hear about some Old Testament heroes including Gideon, Samson, and Elijah. These biblical leaders were not perfect and sometimes forgot to trust God, but when they did display confidence in their Creator amazing things happened.

KID CONNECTION ELECTRONIC SIGN-IN!
 During the month of May we transitioned ALL age groups to our electronic sign system, Planning Center Check-Ins. This is an app based system that allows us to better track our attendance and provides greater security in our Children's Wing! Please contact Marion Handley with any questions about the new system.

KID CONNECTION SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE-JULY 2018 (Forget which Team you're on? Call Marion.)

June 3-Team 2	June 10-Team 3
June 17-Team 4	June 24-Team 5
July 8-Team 6	July 15-Team 7
July 22-Team 8	July 29-Team 1

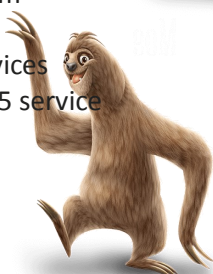


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SHIPWRECKED!
VBS Shipwrecked Registration! Welcome to VBS 2018! Registration for Shipwrecked is now open for kids AND interested volunteers. Register online at faithum.net/vbs and be sure to carefully follow instructions and contact Marion Handley if for any reason you do not see a "Registration Completed" screen and/or receive an email verification. VBS is June 24-28. We hope you will join us!

Help Us Prep for VBS! During June we are requesting donations of various items to be used during Vacation Bible School for crafts, games, and snack. Item collection is in the Narthex/Lobby. The donation list will be updated regularly, so please do keep checking. **Items Needed:** Glue gun refill sticks, Goldfish multicolored, Goldfish pretzels, large containers of raisins, pretzel sticks, containers of lemonade mix, 6 large furniture/refrigerator boxes, cardboard boxes assorted shapes/sizes, 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, 10 bags regular or jumbo marshmallows, Blocks of yellow cheddar cheese, Blocks of white cheddar cheese, Blocks of Colby Jack cheese, Boxes of Ritz Crackers, Large bags plain M&Ms, Packages of Fruit rollups/Fruit Leather and Large bags of popcorn.

Upcoming Dates for Vacation Bible School

June 3	Crew Leader Training at 11:15 am
June 18, 19, 22	VBS Prep Days 9:00 am-2:00 pm
June 20 & 22	VBS Prep Night 6:00-9:00 pm
June 24-28	VBS 6:00-8:30 pm
June 30/July 1	VBS kids sing in church services Final VBS Cleanup after 9:45 service



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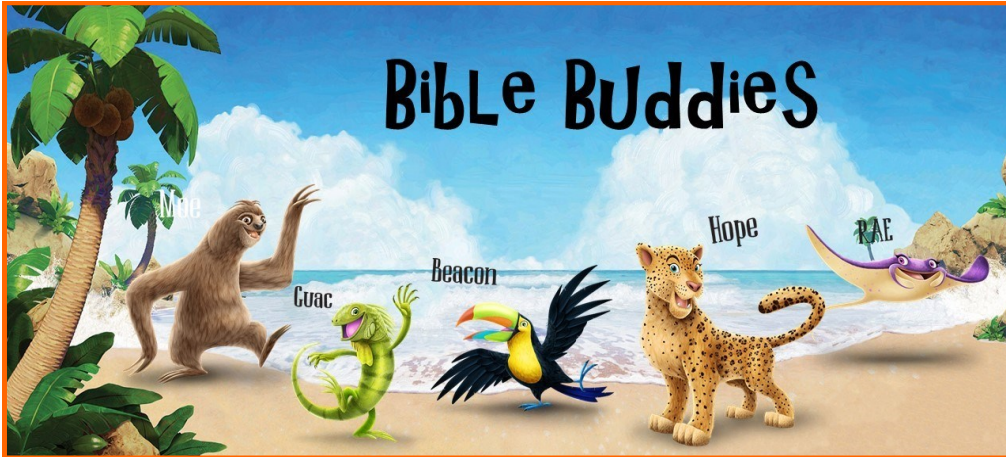
FAITH PRESCHOOL 2018-2019 REGISTRATION

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.



SUMMER CAMPS/RETREATS - LISTED ONLINE

Want to see your children/grandchildren grow in their faith? Then check out the Susquehanna Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries which provides opportunities for authentic relationships with Jesus, while experiencing community 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! To inquire about scholarships, please contact Marion.



Jesus Rescues!

When you struggle - Jesus rescues!
When you worry - Jesus rescues!
When you do wrong - Jesus rescues!
When you're lonely - Jesus rescues!
When you're powerless - Jesus rescues!

*"The Lord comes to the
rescue each time."*

Psalms 34:19

STUDENT MINISTRIES

SUMMER SCHEDULE

GRADES 6-12
& JUST GRADUATED

JUNE 13: 6P-8P

JULY 11: 6P-8P

JULY 25: 6P-8P

AUG. 8: 6P-8P

AUG. 22: 6P-8P



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Shoutout to all of our 2018

GRADS!

Best of luck as you
continue your journey!

GROW

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 9 at 6:30 pm **OR** Sunday, June 10 at 11:00 am in Room 10. Baptism will take place on Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24. Please call the church office at 570-368-2459 to let us know the meeting you will be attending.

WILLIAMSPORT COMMUNITY GROUP

This open mixed group meets once a month for a study of the Word and prayer. The next gathering is **Monday, June 11 from Noon to 1:00 pm** at 57 East 4th Street Williamsport Law office - 1st floor. Connect with Scott Williams at 570-368-2459 for details. All are welcome!



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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**

SERVE AND GO

FOOD BANK

Thanks to all of you who joined us for the initial Food Bank meeting on May 20. We know many of you could not make the meeting, don't worry there is still time to get involved. Our Food Bank will begin with two Programs:

- 1. Backpack Program - for children in need attending the Montoursville Area School District. The children will get food weekly which is taken from the monthly food supply given to the school because we will pack only once a month beginning in September
- 2. Fresh Express Program - food given to families in need. The Fresh Express delivery will come once a month but have a larger volume of food for the families.

Look for our Volunteer Team sign-ups in the Narthex/Lobby June 2/3 and June 9/10.

We have included some immediate needs and ongoing needs with this post. We have some items that could be sponsored by a business or small group. If you are handy at putting things together please sign up for our Handyman/woman Team!! Watch for Sign-up Boards in June/July in the Narthex.

START-UP SUPPLIES NEEDED (LARGER ITEMS)

SEE JERRY AND LYNN CARTWRIGHT FOR DETAILS

- Lightweight Rectangle 8 foot Folding Tables (8) (Sam's Club)
- Large Plastic Containers (see us before purchasing, need to be the same - 24)
- Shelving Units (Sam's Club - some large heavy duty and some regular sized metal)
- Large Desk/Counter
- Computer/Printer Shopping Carts (10)
- Hand Carts 3
- Industrial Garbage Cans

ONGOING SUPPLY NEEDS

- Cleaning Supplies/Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Gift Cards from Weis, Walmart , Giant, Target, Sam's Club
- Disposable gloves various sizes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Water Bottles (volunteers)
- Plastic Grocery Bags - We are gathering plastic bags (average size) so start saving them when you go to the grocery store. They need to be completely clean, double bag them, fold them and drop them in the containers in the Narthex. They will be there for several weeks because 240 are needed each month.



Name your Food Bank! We would love your ideas! Watch for a Suggestion Box in the Narthex June 2/3 and June 9/10.

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