

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

LOOK WHAT HAPPENED IN MAY!



Women's Gathering End of Year Tea Party



Confirmation



Sawyer Croyle



Mason LaRue Fry



Willow Rae Turi



Samantha Lee Howell



Olivia Jane Clayton



Elizabeth-Anne Bennett Handley



Willo Luisa Fry



Brynn Nicole Farley



Lydia Nicole Harris



Andrew & Elizabeth Taylor

Welcomed New Members



Baptisms



Preschool Graduation

THE VIEW FROM HERE



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The View From Here

*"...life is the question and life is the answer,
and God is the reason and love is the way."*

Johnny Cash, "Love is the Way," 1986

One of the small groups of which I'm a part is finishing up a short study on the YouVersion app called Walking the Line. The study combines scripture and words and lyrics from the inimitable Johnny Cash in ways that have led to some great discussion about grace, forgiveness, character and ambition.

I confess I'd never heard of the song from which this quote originated. It was from an album of duets with Waylon Jennings, another country superstar, titled Heroes. But the lyrics struck me, and I wanted to share them with you.

I need to be reminded of those lyrics on a regular basis. As Johnny and Waylon describe in the song, there's a lot of troubling stuff going on around us. The reality of living in a broken world that awaits the full restoration of the promise of Jesus in the kingdom of God means that we live with a lot of unknowing. Whether it's our interpersonal relationships, the economy, questions within the larger Church, and another ugly election cycle, there's a lot about which I am uncertain.

But here's what I know that I know that I know:

Life is the answer. Jesus is God's answer to the troubling, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

God is the reason. I Peter 3:15 reminds us of our reason, "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

Love is the way. Jesus told us the bottom line of what it means to follow him in John 13:35, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

One of the million things I love about Faith Church is that we realize that life is messy and people are messy and the Church is messy and the world is messy. AND we hold onto the Truth that God is good and grace abounds and Jesus is on the throne and life is breaking through all around us.

Whether it's Starting the Party with Vacation Bible Schoolers, traveling to West Virginia to bless and be blessed by neighbors in the Appalachia Service Project, restocking the shelves of Harvest of Hope to set us up for a new school year of sharing with our neighbors through the backpack program, joining in conversations about what it means to be the Church or to fund ministry, or any of the dozens of other ways you will do it, I'm grateful to be with you on the journey.

In Christ,
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION: COMBINED SERVICE JUNE 30TH

On Sunday, June 30th, we'll share in a combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the Faith Community Center (FCC). Our VBS kids and leaders will help us "start the party" to celebrate the good news of Jesus with songs, scripture and sharing. Following worship, we'll keep the party going outside with hot dogs, chips, drinks and dessert. PLUS, we'll have an inflatable water slide for kids of all ages. All you need to bring is your joyful spirit, a lawn chair for our time outside, a towel and a swimsuit if you plan to indulge in the water slide (**NOTE:** Per our rental agreement, all people using the water slide must be in swimwear. No street clothes will be permitted). We'll provide the rest! See this newsletter and upcoming bulletins for opportunities to help serve by setting up, tearing down and feeding our Faith Church family and friends.



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ALL THINGS "START THE PARTY" VBS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you want to get involved in this exciting event? It's not too late to help make it happen! Sign up to help by emailing Jessica Neiman at jneiman@faithum.net.



ALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Please make it a priority to attend ONE of the two dates offered for VBS training days. Sunday June 9th at 11:15 am OR Saturday June 15th 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Both trainings will take place in room 21. Childcare will be provided. This is an important time set aside where we all will be able to pray, prepare, and plan cohesively to invite children into the "Party" creating a safe and fun environment for everyone!

VBS DECORATING PARTIES

Come help "Start the Party" by helping transform the church! We'll gather on the following days and times to create a fun environment to welcome the childrens:

- Tuesday, June 18th 4:00-8:00 pm
- Wednesday June 19th 1:00-3:00 pm
- Thursday, June 20th 4:00-8:30 pm

REGISTER NOW FOR VBS

Help with the planning by registering your children early. Use the QR code here or go to our website at faithum.net and click "VBS 2024" at the top of the homepage:

JOIN US FOR VBS 2024!
WHERE: FAITH CHURCH
WHEN: JUNE 23-27
WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN GRADES PRE-K TO 5TH!



REGISTER KIDS HERE OR SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

KID CONNECTION SERVING OPPORTUNITY

Kid Connection is in desperate need for 4th grade Teachers! IF 2 adults would commit to teaching every other Sunday our student ministry would flourish! Do you have a child in this age group? Would you consider planting seeds? Please reach out to Jessica Neiman at jneiman@faithum.net.

KID CONNECTION SERVING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR JUNE-JULY 2024

- Team 1: Jenn Larson, Linda Lloyd, Lauren Reeder, Vanessa Johnston
- Team 2: Ryan Tira, Amy Tucker, Kim Rakestraw, Stephanie Matlack
- Team 3: Danielle or Matt Harris, Carrie Knapp, Cherie Wurster, Jamie Burns & Lilly
- Team 4: Lisa Good, Tiffany Feigles, Taylor Stark, 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

- 6/02 Team 7
- 6/09 Team 8
- 6/16 Team 1
- 6/23 Team 2
- 6/30 VBS Celebration

- 7/07 Team 3
- 7/14 Team 4
- 7/21 Team 5
- 7/28 Team 6

FAITH CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE JUNE 2024

- June 02: Ben Clark, Nicole Duarte
- June 09: Katie Farley, Dottie Mathers
- June 16: Sub Needed, Kelly Howell
- June 23: Erica Yoder, Michelle Eckert
- June 30: VBS Celebration-No Nursery

SUMMER CAMPS 2024

Registration is open for our 2024 UMC Summer Camps and Retreats! 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 or teen and to see a list of all the opportunities check out www.susumcamps.org! To inquire about what scholarships may be available through Faith UMC, please contact Marion Handley.



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 570-368-2951 for more information or visit the preschool tab at www.faitum.net

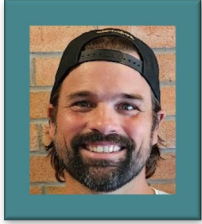
See the QR code for more information or visit the preschool tab at www.faitum.net

The QR code will take you directly to the online registration form. There is also a list of www.faitum.net under the preschool tab.

2024-2025 Registration is online only

FAITH STUDENT MINISTRIES

FSM 6:8 - GRADES 6-8 - SUNDAYS FROM 4:00-6:00 PM
FSM 9:12 - GRADES 9-12 - SUNDAYS FROM 5:30-7:30 PM



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Hello Faith Church,
 Summer has begun and FSM has a calendar to share. We are offering students a ton of opportunities to Connect, Grow, Serve and Go. Students and leaders can use their hands and feet in doing God's work here at Faith church by serving at VBS, or by joining Transform, at First Church Williamsport, and being part of a local mission. We will grow together in fellowship and have some time connecting with the Bible at "Prayer & Play". This will be held every other Wednesday from 10:00 - 12:00 and will offer an open gym for students to enjoy. These weekly activities are being offered so our students can keep the FSM momentum going. Please look at our summer calendar for other fun things for our community's youth to do. Here at FSM, we love being part of their life's so pray for us to be building Godly relationships and creating Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.



Summer 2024

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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

August

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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

REMIND APP
 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.faihum.net/engage-with-us/students/faith-student-ministries>
 Instagram: @faihum1
 Facebook: facebook.com/faithmontoursville

OUTREACH



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On Saturday, June 8th, we're excited to be back at the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build house on Scott St. in Williamsport. The Faith Build is a home built with the labor, lumber, and love provided by area churches and faith communities. With the drywall and (most of) the siding finished, we're headed into the home stretch (pun intended)! It's always a wonderful time of fellowship and contributing to neighbors in need. So whether you know a lick about construction or not, consider yourself invited! And if building's not your thing, but food is, you can always help provide lunches for the crew. If that interests you, feel free to reach out to Becky Stabley at (570) 368-1714 as she is kindly spearheading keeping everyone fed and watered. If you have any questions, check out the sign-up table in Faith Café or email Mason Neiman at mneiman@faihum.net. Feel free to sign up at <https://www.lycominghabitat.org/> (and while you're there, check out the good-looking work crew on their home page!).

FAITH CHURCH SENDING MISSIONARIES TO WEST VIRGINIA

Faith Church is sending 16 missionaries - yes, missionaries- to Guyan Valley, WV July 7th -13th to work with the Appalachia Service Project. The team consists of adults as well as high schoolers and middle schoolers. Although they are not yet sure of the exact work they will be doing, they will most likely be doing demolition, painting, dry walling, or other building repairs and, of course, showing the love of Jesus Christ. This is a group that has said, "Yes Lord, send me!"



What can we do as a congregation? This will be hard work and the team will need encouragement. To do that you can write a letter to the team or to individuals. You can write one letter or multiple letters (you could even write a letter to each of our missionaries for each day they are there).

Write your letter of encouragement, gratitude, and love. Put the missionary's name on the envelope and the day you want them to open it. Then drop it into the designated mailbox in the church office. And pray for them as they prepare, travel, and serve.

The team consists of:

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| Mason Neiman | Dan Mathers | Daniel Swift | Rick Webb |
| Naomi Neiman | Dottie Mathers | Michelle Eckert | |
| Edith Neiman | Rachelle Zhu | Loisa Hofstrom | |
| Lisa Konkle | John McKissick | Christine Konkle | |
| Dave Rinker | Tyler Williams | Chris Reeder | |

GROW/SERVE



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SUMMER SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

We have some larger events coming up during the summer months that you can serve at. Please check out the list below for JUNE and reach out to the persons indicated if you are able to help!

June 30th VBS Celebration, following combined Worship at 10:00 am.

1. 4-8 persons needed to monitor the water slide – anytime from 11:30-1:00. Contact Jessica Neiman, jneiman@faithum.net
2. Special Service Set-Up on Saturday, June 29th and early morning on June 30th, and then tear down after event. Reach out to Matt Harris with your availability at facilities@faithum.net 570-447-4451
3. 2-4 persons to set up beverages/snacks/ paper products outside [before 11:00 am, *directions given] and clean up after. Contact Lisa Vrabec 570-419-8579
4. 2-4 persons to hand out hotdogs after the worship service (11:00ish) Contact Deb Ottenmiller 570-244-7002.

More serving opportunities will be announced throughout the summer.

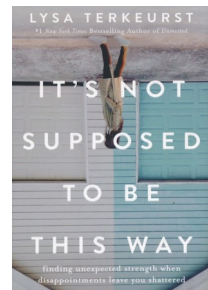
Dudes and Foods July 20th

Are you a dude? Do you like food? Well do we have a combo for you! On Saturday, July 20th from 8:00-9:30 am, all men are welcome to the church for a hearty breakfast with the guys—and to support one another as we are able. There will be no tomahawk or axe-throwing this time but stay tuned!

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) Please register at the Sign-Up Center so we know how much to make. Event Sponsored by Faith Church Group Life.



WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY: FINDING UNEXPECTED STRENGTH WHEN DISAPPOINTMENT LEAVES YOU SHATTERED

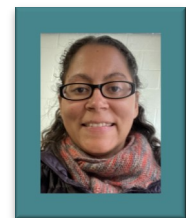


If you have interest in joining us once a month this summer, beginning in June, we would love to have you! We will meet and discuss this book by pre-reading and discussing multiple chapters at a time on the following dates: June 17th [Chapters 1-4], July 15th [Chapters 5-8], August 19th [Chapters 9-11]. We are offering two from which to choose, either 10:00 am-11:30 am, or 3:00 pm-4:30 pm. Both times will be the same content so pick the time that best fits your schedule. For questions or to register contact Deb Ottenmiller at dottenmiller@faithum.net or through the church office at 570-368-2459. Please sign up by June 2nd.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & AGE LEVEL MINISTRIES

YOUNG ADULT SUMMER GAME NIGHTS

Throughout the summer, young adults are welcome to participate in game night 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 June 13, July 11, and August 8 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.



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EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF CREATION!

CONTACT MARION FOR INFORMATION ON UMC SUMMER CAMPS

NEW SERMON SERIES



New Series Beginning May 26th

- May 26 - Jesus is a Good Reason to Party
- June 02 - Everyone is Invited to the Party
- June 09 - Celebrate the Good News
- June 16 - Jesus is the Life of the Party
- June 23 - You Can Be a Party Starter
- June 30- VBS Celebration: One Combined Service at 10:00 am

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am-3:30 pm and Friday-8:00 am-Noon
(Closed Daily 12:30-1:00 pm for Lunch)

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