



LIFE LINE

AUGUST 2017 Newsletter of Faith UMC

FAITH STORIES

from the month of July



The work on the Children 1st Building Project began in July.



Reminder:

During construction we will be temporarily revising our playground and basketball hours. The new hours will be Monday-Friday from 5:00 pm until dark. We will maintain regular weekend hours.



In July the Merge Community Group took some time off from their regular Bible Study and served the church by doing some cleaning projects around the building. In these pictures you can see father/daughter team, Jim and Kyra Anthony, scrubbing scuff marks off the woodwork, mother/daughter team, Mitzi and Mia Herron, cleaning the floor and even little Grayson Steinbacher is helping clean the wall! It just goes to show, you're never too young to start serving the Lord!



The Merge group will be doing some more jobs around the church on Monday, August 7 from 6:30-8 pm. If you would like to help, you are more than welcome!

Pastor's Pen -

As I sit here typing the foundations are being set and the walls of our new ministry expansion are being built. At the end of every day I walk from my office to the window in the Faith Café before going home. I'm eager to see what has been built. It is exciting to see what the construction crew can build in a day.

It's a great physical reminder of the spiritual reality that we have the opportunity to build something every single day.

In our personal life we have the opportunity to build our faith. Our foundation is our faith in Jesus Christ as the one who died, rose, and will come again in victory. Each and every day we build on our faith by the power of the Spirit through worship, community, service, and sharing (connect, grow, serve, and go). Over time the house of our faith rises to new heights. Our faith should look different than it did last year.

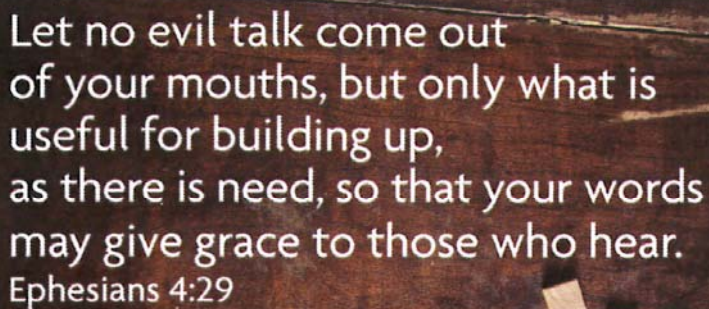
In our relationships we also have the opportunity to build or destroy. Specifically, the book of James says that our tongue has the power to destroy or build up, to polarize or unite. It's one of the reasons that I am super excited for a sermon series that begins August 12-13 called **The Power of Words**. We live in a time in which we have forgotten how powerful our words can be for good or for ill. How do we reign in hurtful words and instead, use our tongues to bless others? I hope you join us for a practical, relevant and inspirational sermon series for 4 weeks as we explore the power of our words in our families, at work, in the digital age and in the political arena. I'm going to challenge us all to take a **#30daywordchallenge** to let all our words be pleasing to God. Let's see what our words can build together!

Grace and peace,

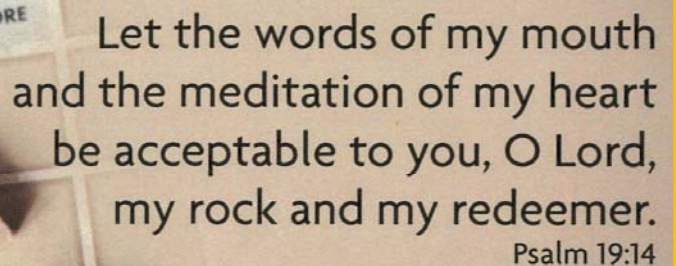
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Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.
Ephesians 4:29



Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
Psalm 19:14

Construction Update

The new construction is humming along. In July PPL moved our electrical service, clearing the way for the construction crew to kick into a higher gear. Site work has moved along and the foundations are well under way. It is exciting to be able to see the outline of the new building emerging. The steel frame for our multipurpose gym and worship center arrived on site and is waiting like the pieces of an erector set to be set in place.

In August we will begin to see exterior walls going up and the steel frame begin to be assembled in place. The projected completion date of Phase 1 is winter of 2018.

Correction

My sincere apology goes out to the Clark and Harner families. I mistakenly put the wrong name in the caption of the baptism picture for Trevor Clark. Thank you for your understanding. *Diane Dunlap*, Office Administrator

Fall Capital Campaign Leadership

God has great things in store for Faith Church. As we take the next steps in our journey to see our vision of an expanded ministry area that will allow us to reach more people and impact our community we are preparing for a fall capital campaign. Look to see more information in September. For now please keep our leadership team for the campaign in prayer.

JOURNEY NEXT STEPS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastor Jake Waybright
Nathan Ealy (Horizons)
Ron and Beverly Gearhart
Andrea Tira
Mike and Christina Wright
Steve and Sandy Bair
Eddie and Maigrette Rodriguez
Lisa Epright

Scott Konkle
Letty Gray
Kristen Lowe
Rebecca Sharp
Marion Handley
Jared Hetherington
Linda Huffman
Diane Dunlap

WORSHIP

IN THE

PARK

August 26, 2017

3:00 p.m. 'til dark



Join us for an exciting time of worship and fellowship as we gather together!



We will enjoy smoked BBQ for dinner together after 5:30 worship!



Bring lawn chairs, a large side dish to share, and your favorite yard game.



Invite your neighbors and friends to join us! All are welcome!

Riverfront Park

2845 Greevey Road
Williamsport, Pennsylvania

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Faces of Grace Pool Party



All students in Faces of Grace (Youth Choir) are invited to a Pool Party at the home of the Conklin family, 15 Cedarwood Lane, on Monday, August 7 (rain date is August 8) from 6-8:00 pm. Anyone entering grade 6 this fall and interested in joining this choir, is welcome to join us and check out the group!

It's Almost Time for Choir Practice

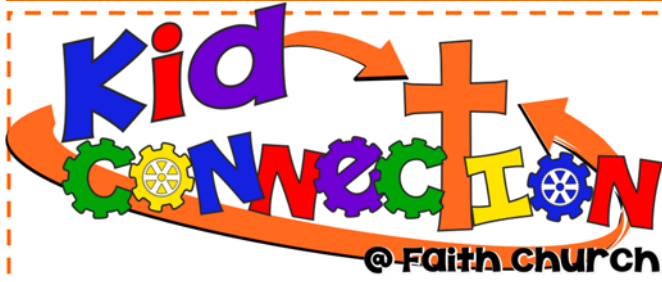
- **Praise Kids** (Children's Choir for Ages 4-Grade 5) begins Wednesday, September 6 at 4:00 pm
- **Voices of Faith** (Adult Choir) begins Thursday, September 7 at 5:30 pm
- **Bell Choir** (Adults/Youth) begins Sunday, September 10 at 11:15 am
- **Faces of Grace** (Youth Choir for Grades 6-12) begins Sunday, September 10 at 4:00 pm
- If you are interested in joining any of these choirs, please contact Lisa Konkle at lkonkle@faithum.net.



All kids aged 4 and up to and including those going into grade 5 are invited to Praise Kids Music Camp! Please join your friends Monday, August 14 through Wednesday, August 16 from 6-8:00 pm. Please register online at www.faitnum.net/praisekids. This includes kids who have not been in PK.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Welcome to Kid Connection!

As we kick off the 2017-2018 year we are changing the name of our children's programs to Kid Connection! Kid Connection refers to our weekly programs and is meant to align with our mission of connecting kids to Christ and community. Faith Church adult members and attenders are to connect, grow, serve, and go and we hope that our children are actively doing the same thing by connecting on campus each week and growing in faith so that they will show the love of God to all they encounter. Kid Connection kicks off with "Bump Up" Sunday, August 27 for our 9:45 am Sunday attenders and September 2 for our Saturday 5:30 pm folks.



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HOBC (Kid Connection) 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 Grades 2/3: Room 25
Grades 4/5: Room 23

HOBC/Kid Connection Sunday Schedule: August - September 2017

Team Assignments are posted outside each HOBC/Kid Connection 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	Aug. 6 - Team 1	Aug. 13 - Team 2	Aug. 20 - Team 3	Aug. 27 - Team 4
	Sept. 3 - Team 5	Sept. 10 - Team 6	Sept. 17 - Team 7	Sept. 24 - Team 8

Saturdays in Kid Connection

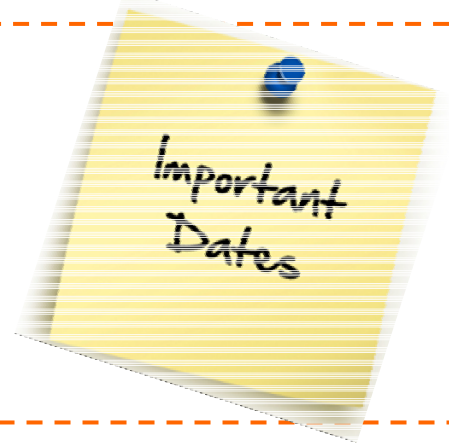
Beginning with our fall Kid Connection kick-off on September 2 our Saturday evening attenders in PreK-5th grade will begin in the worship service with their parents and be dismissed from the service to Kid Connection. We look forward to having your children join with us in worship each week to praise God with music before they leave for their Bible lesson.

Kid Connection Registration

August is here again and it is time to register your child for Kid Connection! Registrations can be completed online or on paper beginning August 7. Please do complete a new form for your child for 2017-2018 as important information such as addresses, phone numbers, allergies, permission to pick up, etc. may have changed.

Upcoming Dates

- ⇒ August 7 - Online Registration opens for Kid Connection 2017-2018
- ⇒ August 5/6, 12/13 & 19/21 - Paper Kid Connection 2017-2018 Registrations available in all classrooms
- ⇒ August 26 - Worship in the Park (No HOBC)
- ⇒ August 27 - "Bump Up" Sunday & Kid Connection Kick-Off
- ⇒ September 2 - Saturday Kid Connection Kick-Off PreK-5th combined
- ⇒ September 2/3 - Backpack Blessing during worship services
- ⇒ September 17 & 20 - Meetings for 3rd Grade Bible recipients & parents
- ⇒ September 30/October 1 - 3rd Grade Bible Presentations



Orange Spotlight

During the month of August our preschoolers will be looking at creation and the amazing things that God has made. They will have a blast talking about our wonderful world! Meanwhile, our elementary age students will be discussing "respect" which our curriculum defines as showing others they are important by what you say and do. This unit follows the elementary lessons on creation and what it means to be made in the image of God. The children have learned that they can be creative because



they are made in the image of our Creator and that they have been made unique to fulfill God's purposes in the world. The next step in this sequence is to remember to show respect for all the people around them because each one of them is also God's beloved creation. Kids will hear about the great faith of a centurion who recognized God's authority over all things, the respect David showed in sparing King Saul's life even after Saul had tried to hurt him, and more as they discuss what it looks like for each of us to show respect for others even if we think the decisions they are making are not wise. As you prepare for back to school season with new teachers and routines we will be reminding kids that they can always trust the unchanging God who created our world and is still in charge.

David spares Saul's life.

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 1st to participate in the 3 year old program. Please call 570-368-2459 if you have any questions regarding fees or eligibility.



The Bjorkman and Vogel families



2016 Backpack Blessing (8:30 service): Crystal Hood, Susan Waybright, Morgan Hood, Naomi Waybright, Eleanor Handley, Abby Houghtaling, Kevin Handley

Backpack Blessing

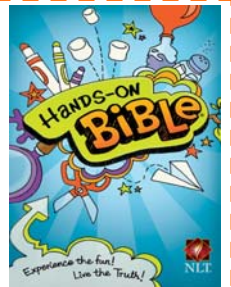
Faith Church invites families to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. On September 2/3, children PreK-4 through 5th grade will join their families in the worship service to sing together and pray over the year. Parents should drop off their children as usual and the children will be brought in near the end of the service time for the blessing. Children are welcome to bring their backpacks along to the service time. We will have additional details soon.

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

-Numbers 6:24-26

Bible Presentation Weekend for 3rd Graders

We are excited to present your third grader with a Bible! This year the Bibles will be presented on Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1 during the worship services. ALL children receiving Bibles must attend a meeting with a parent or "sponsor" who will come forward with them during the presentation. The meeting dates are Sunday, September 17 at 11:00 and Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend on Sunday **OR** Wednesday. Parents of 3rd graders will receive additional information, but please contact Marion Handley at mhandley@faithum.net or 570-368-2459 with any questions or concerns.



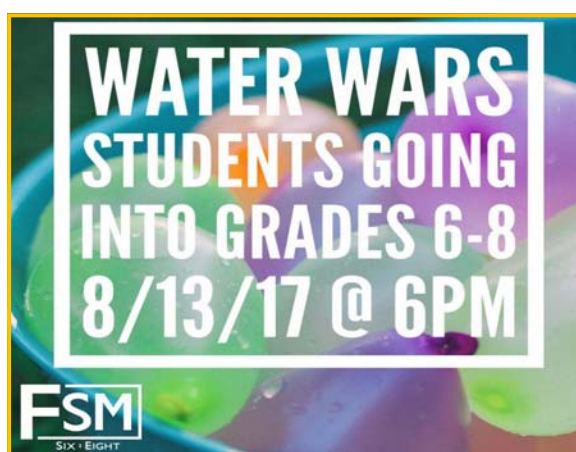
STUDENT MINISTRIES



SIX • EIGHT



NINE • TWELVE



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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 at 6:30 pm on Thursday, July 27 at Faith Church. Please contact Mary Broussard at broussm@lycoming.edu if you would like to participate or have any questions.



Looking for a Community Group to try on for fit? One of our surrounding Montoursville area groups will begin an 8-week study on Revelation, starting September 6 at 6:30 pm. Cost for the participants guide is \$7. Would you like to be a part? Connect with Letty Gray for details at 570-220-7674.



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, 9/16 at 6:30 pm **OR** Sunday, 9/17 at 11:00 am in Room 10. Baptism will take place on Saturday, 9/23 and Sunday, 9/24. Please call the church office at 570-368-2459 to let us know the meeting you will be attending.

Foundations Class Begins September 18

Scripture gives all of us a simple plan. Go, make disciples [Matthew 28:19]. To grow into this plan takes intentionality, effort and investment on our part. One way to equip you for this is the Foundations Class. Why don't you plan to participate? Built around essential practices for Christian disciples, **Foundations** introduces the basics of prayer, reflecting on scripture, developing authentic relationships, creating a daily devotional time, discovering our calling to serve, using resources in God-honoring ways, and sharing your faith. **This class begins Monday, September 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm in Room 10.** Workbook cost for this 8-week class is \$15 (by session cost \$2). Questions? Contact Brenda Schmick at 570-971-3689 or Diane Dunlap at 570-368-2459. Information and sign-ups available in the Narthex/Lobby on September 9-10 and 16-17.

Sessions as follows:

September 18	Welcome and Intro: Building Christian Relationships as Disciples
September 25	Building My Relationship with God through Prayer
October 2	Building My Relationship with Christ through the Word of God
October 9	Building a Life of Devotion through Worship Experiences
October 16	Building a Life of Service through the Use of My Gifts and Talents
October 23	Building a Life of Generosity through Stewardship
November 6	Growing My Faith by Sharing My Faith



Fall 2016 Foundations Class: In back-Rick Lucas, Mike Robinson, Susan Marshall In front: Jim Hofer, Wendy Lucas, Patsy Herr, Dorothy Thomas, Brenda Schmick, Carol Kepner, Teresa Shaffer, Tom Herr

Community Group Connection Event

When was the last time you laughed until it hurt, or shared a meal with friends you've felt you've known forever? Why not think about what it could look like to take a step closer to God by having these friends join you in experiencing a small group? Not sure where to start? Here is a great way to begin! Attend a **Community Group Connect Event!!** This **1-hour event** is being offered on **2 different days/times** with the express purpose of forming new short term group experiences. It's an opportunity for you and your friends (DO plan to invite your friends along!) to gather in a larger group setting with other people who also desire this form of community, and figure out how that will look for you. There will be stories from current group participants and a logistics discussion to begin a group and you may even walk away from the event with a group to gather with! You will also leave with all the resources you need for the next 4-6 weeks!! Start praying now for how this can look in your life!

2 Dates Available - Pre-registration is encouraged!

September 30 at 5:30 pm, in Faith Café. Kid Connection (children's classes) available for your children through grade 5.

October 2 at 6:30 pm, in Faith Café. Childcare available - registration open until September 25.

You can pre-register at the Community Group table September 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24. You can also call the church office 570-368-2459. This table will be set up in the Narthex/Lobby those 3 weekends with info, event registration cards, and invite cards for you to use to invite your friends!

SERVE AND GO



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This is just a portion of the food taken to the Food Bank and WECCC.



The Clayton children - Noah, Grace and Katie - and Tony Sharp help take food to the Food Bank and WECCC.

A Big Thank You!

Thank you for your Feed the 5,000 non-perishable food donations. We received 120 bags and numerous cases of food totaling 1,300 pounds. The shelves of the United Churches Food Pantry are restocked and the Food Pantry closet of the West End Christian Community Center is full!

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 Children 1st Building Project, all dates and events are tentative.)

1. Children's Clothing Collection - Collection Dates: August 5-6, 12-13, 19-20
2. Volunteers in Mission Trip: Oak Hill, West Virginia: October 1-7
3. Family Promise Host Week #3: October 15-22
4. Trunk or Treat: October 31 (**LEADERSHIP NEEDED**)
5. Food Packing IV Event: November 5 (at McCall Middle School)
6. Operation Christmas Child: Not a collection site this year. Brochures and drop off information will be available.
7. Thanksgiving Baskets - November: in association with McCall Middle School (**LEADERSHIP NEEDED**)
8. Oasis of Hope Angel Tree: December
9. Special Christmas Eve Offering: December 24

Children's Clothing Collection for WECCC

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.

Oak Hill, WV - It's Not Too Late to Join!

We have 13 people who are planning to serve and praying about our Oak Hill, WV Volunteers in Mission trip this October 1-7. It's not too late to join the team. If you would like to join this team or if you missed the July informational meeting, contact Pastor Rusty for the registration information or with any questions you might have.

Leadership Needed for Trunk or Treat and McCall Thanksgiving Baskets

Trunk or Treat and our McCall Middle School Thanksgiving Basket distribution will be here in no time! We are looking for individuals or small groups to lead these "Go" events. Contact Pastor Rusty or mark your Connect Card if you or your small group is interested.

Opportunities to Serve

There are multiple opportunities open every week to serve before, during, or after on our Saturday evening, and Sunday 9:45 Hospitality Team!! Whether you are new to Faith and want to get plugged in right away (a GREAT way to get to know people), a member, or attendee (again a GREAT way to get to know people) *there IS a place for you!* Why don't you try this team on for fit? *Text or call for details* - Carol Kepner at 570-419-7841 or Robin Metzger at 570-506-1876 for the Sunday Team and Dorothy Thomas at 570-494-3298 or Deb Ottenmiller at 570-244-7002 for Saturday night.



Family Promise®

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A Big Thank You

Thank you to the 25 servants who made our Family Promise Host Week run as smoothly as it did! We also thank the new servants who stepped up into this ministry for the first time. Our final host week for 2017 is October 15-22.

**NEW SERMON SERIES
THE POWER OF WORDS**



August 12-13 - Tearing Down or Building Up
 August 19-20 - Religion and Politics
 August 26-27 - Family Words: Hurtful or Life-Giving
 September 2-3 - In the Beginning Was the WORD

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