

# LIFE LINE

MARCH 2017 Newsletter of  
Faith United Methodist Church



## ***Pastor's Pen - Lent: It's Not What's in Your Bellybutton***

The Christian Church has a seasonal calendar all of its own. The Christian seasons have nothing to do with the weather and have everything to do with experiencing the story of Jesus more fully and knowing Jesus more deeply. Lent is a season of 40 days (excluding Sundays), leading up to Easter. This season traditionally was a time for converts to prepare for baptism on Easter and for all Christians to renew their faith and experience the joy, power, and mystery of the resurrection on Easter. Easter will be on April 16 this year, and the season of lent begins on Wednesday, March 1. This season we invite you to do a few things to renew and deepen your faith.

**Encounter Jesus in the Gospel of Mark:** Take the challenge to read through the book of Mark with your friends at Faith Church. The reading plan is on the next page in the newsletter. The sermons each weekend March 11-12 through April 15-16 will be from the reading for the past week. You can also join the Facebook discussion group "FaithUMC Encountering Jesus Discussion Group". This is a place to post any questions you have about Jesus and the Bible and join in discussion with me and others. We hope you will have a fresh experience of who Jesus is as we read the gospel together.

**Ash Wednesday Worship:** The first day of Lent is traditionally called Ash Wednesday based on the practice of placing ashes on our foreheads as part of worship. The ashes are meant to remind us of our mortality and sin so that we might have a deeper appreciation of the gift of resurrection and forgiveness that we celebrate at Easter. For many people this is a powerful way to prepare for Easter. The service is Wednesday March 1 at 7:00 pm.



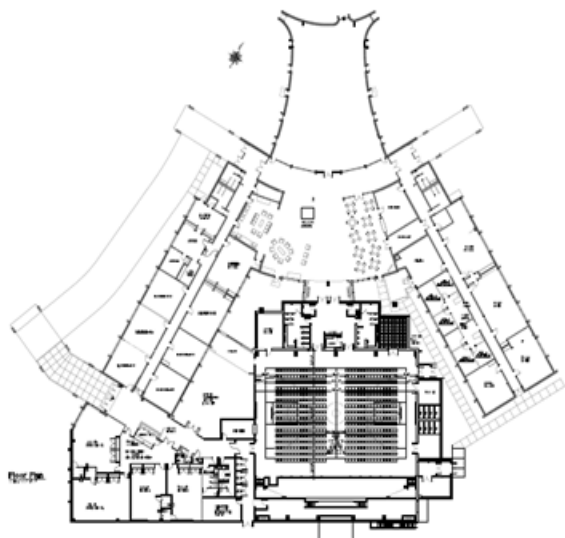
**Holy Week Worship:** Plan now to be part of special worship experiences on the Thursday and Friday before Easter. The Thursday service we remember Jesus' last supper with His disciples and share in communion. The Friday service we focus on what Jesus' death on the cross means for us.

**Choose a Spiritual Discipline:** Sometimes people give something up for Lent which can be a freeing spiritual practice when we stop doing something that we have lost control over. Another idea is to add a new spiritual discipline or practice. Maybe you would like to try fasting once a week, a new prayer practice, an act of service each week, gratitude journaling, or something else. Consider what might help renew your focus on Christ.

How will you prepare yourself over the next 40 days to experience the joy, power, and resurrection of Jesus in fresh ways this Easter? I'd love to hear what you find meaningful. Grateful as always to be on this journey with Jesus with you.

*Pastor Jake*

## ***Church Conference Vote and Q&A Sessions on Building Addition***



On **Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 11:00 am** we will be holding a Church Conference to vote on moving ahead with our new building addition. Everyone is welcome to attend as we take another significant step forward on our journey to make more room to make more disciples who connect, grow, serve and go for the transformation of the world. Those eligible to vote include everyone who has joined the church as a member.

The vote will include approval of the final master plan, phase 1 of construction, and financing. In preparation for the vote, we will be sharing information during all three worship services on the weekend of March 4-5. The service will include praise, prayer, and communion followed by a time of sharing the vision for next steps. An all church mailing will go out the following week including the information.

Additionally, 2 Question and Answer Sessions will be held in the Sanctuary - Saturday, March 11 at 6:30 pm following Saturday worship and Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 pm.

# *Who is this man?*

From the Business Manager, Linda Huffman  
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### JOURNEY Update (as of 2/22/2017)

- Number of families that have made a pledge to JOURNEY: **170**
- Total amount pledged to JOURNEY: **\$2,166,143.20**
- Amount received for JOURNEY: **\$1,762,516.12**

If you need more information about JOURNEY, please contact Linda.

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

### Annual Yard Sale Returning Sat. April 22, 2017

When you are cleaning closets, attics, and basements, remember our sale. Please, **no furniture, TVs, VCRs, computers, or encyclopedias.** We will begin accepting items on Monday, April 17. If you would like to help with sorting, marking, or selling, please call the church office at 570-368-2459. Thank you!

March 12, 2017

**SPRING FORWARD**  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday, March 11.

### Want to Have Fun While Serving Others?

Faith Church hosts many events where there is a need for people to help out with refreshments, lunches and dinners for in-house and district events. There is a group in place for this but they need a few more helpers and it's guaranteed that laughter is involved! If this ministry interests you, please contact Linda Avery at 570-666-2019.



## ENCOUNTERING JESUS

### Lent 2017 Reading Plan for Mark

*Two billion people claim to follow him... 70,000 books have been written about him... Entire civilizations have been shaped by him... Who Is This Man, Jesus?*

**READ:** Through the 40 days of Lent, your challenge is to read through the Gospel of Mark. It is the oldest of the four gospels in the Bible. We will read to see Jesus Christ through the eyes of some of his earliest followers. Ultimately Mark's Gospel was written to reveal the identity of Jesus. Each narrative in this gospel answers the question, "Who is this man?" Discover for yourself who this man is.

**CONNECT:** Your personal reading will help you connect with the sermons which will be from the previous week's church-wide reading plan. Pastor Jake will also facilitate an online Facebook discussion group titled "FaithUMC Encountering Jesus Discussion Group", so that you can ask questions and join in conversations with others about what you are reading. You can search Facebook to find it or look for the links from the main Faith Facebook page. Maybe you will decide to use these readings as the basis for your discussion in a small group or family discussion.

**GROW:** Ultimately we hope that reading along will help you grow closer to God through Jesus Christ this Lenten season as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection. Below are some suggestions about how to open yourself to spiritual growth.

**Pray as you read.** Prayer opens us to the presence of the Holy Spirit through whom God speaks to us in our reading. This is one prayer you can use before you read. (UMH #602)

*Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.*

**Reflect through journaling or discussion.** Responding to what you read really helps you to grow. Journaling is great to do individually or find someone to discuss the reading with. Here are four questions you can use.

1. What does this say about who Jesus is?
2. What does this say about being a follower/disciple of Jesus?
3. What is God saying to me through the scripture?
4. What am I going to do about it?

**Week 1** - Sunday, March 5 - Saturday, March 11

**Reading** - Mark 1-3

**Content** - Jesus' Baptism, Temptation, Calling Disciples, Healing and Teaching around Capernaum

**Week 2** - Sunday, March 12 - Saturday, March 18

**Reading** - Mark 4-5

**Content** - Parables of the Kingdom, Miracles of the Kingdom around the Sea of Galilee

**Week 3** - Sunday, March 19 - Saturday, March 25

**Reading** - Mark 6-8:26

**Content** - Jesus Rejected in Nazareth, Sending out 12 2x2, Death of John the Baptist, Feeding of 5000 and 4000, Teaching and Healing in Galilee and Decapolis

**Week 4** - Sunday, March 26 - Saturday, April 1

**Reading** - Mark 8:27-10

**Content** - Peter's Confession of Christ, Jesus tells about His death and resurrection, Transfiguration, Teaching and Healing on the way to Jerusalem

**Week 5** - Sunday, April 2 - Saturday, April 8

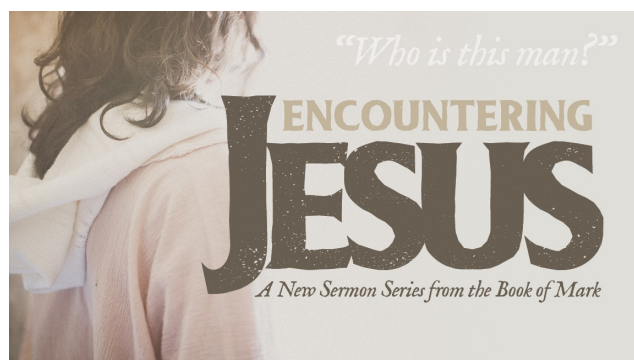
**Reading** - Mark 11-13

**Content** - Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Cleansing of the Temple, Final Teaching in Jerusalem Temple, Little Apocalypse

**Week 6** - Sunday, April 9 - Saturday, April 15

**Reading** - Mark 14-16

**Content** - Last Supper to the Resurrection





# Children's Ministry

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## 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 2: Room 25  
Grade 3: Room 23      Grades 4/5: Room 16



### Orange Spotlight

In February, our HOBC lessons were all about the love of Christ! Our next theme is really a continuation of that conversation as we discover that FORGIVENESS is a part of love. Every one of us needs forgiveness, from the tiny child who shoves a friend, to the person whose unkind words have hurt a loved one, to the person convicted of murder serving a life sentence behind bars. We all have sin in our lives and relationships in need of repair. During the month of March our kids will learn that despite our sin God's love for us is so great that He forgave us and actually died to save us from sin's destruction. Romans 5:8 tells us that "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Our elementary students will learn about the gift of God's grace and discuss what it means to forgive others because we have been forgiven. Our preschoolers will learn that Jesus tells us to love others and from His example He shows us how to do this even though it can be difficult. I pray that these lessons will stay with our children as they grow so that they will know joy, peace, and freedom in Christ, remembering that if we belong to Christ nothing can separate us from His love.

### HOBC Sunday Schedule: March-April 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 or to join a serving team, please contact Marion Handley.)

#### Hands On Bible Club Sunday Serving Teams

##### Serving Dates:

Mar. 5 - Team 3      Mar. 12 - Team 4      Mar. 19 - Team 5      Mar. 26 - Team 6  
April 2 - Team 7      April 9 - Team 8      April 16 - Team 1      April 23 - Team 2      April 30 - Team 3

**Team 1:** Dottie Mathers, Michelle and/or David Fortin, Betsy and/or Dave Bjorkman, Teresa Shaffer, Dorothy Thomas, Jessie Williams, Lori Parke

**Team 2:** Valerie Mosteller, Darci Kirby, Elise Meckbach, Ryan Tira, Quinn Burkey, Kevin Handley

**Team 3:** Stef Frelin, Danielle and/or Matt Harris, Emily Tate, Denise Plankenhorn, Julie Stokes

**Team 4:** Rebecca Huffman, Kevin Handley, Kim Rakestraw, Susan Ravert, Dave Rinker, Keith & Sharon Atherholt

**Team 5:** Lisa Good, Tessa Little, Emily Miller, Wendy Lucas, Dorothy Thomas, Kevin Handley

**Team 6:** Sarah Keiser, Tina Remsnyder, Jessie Metzger, Crystal Miller, Jane Heintzelman, Jessica Clayton

**Team 7:** Andrea Lucas, Julie Vogel, Cherie Wurster, Stephanie Matlack, Lindsay Davis, Brian Cozzi

**Team 8:** Sheryl Snyder, Lauren Caputo, Mitzi Herron, Jessica Wertz, Rick Gray, Kevin Handley, Kaitlin Eck

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Our Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, April 15 at 10:00 am, so please save this date! If you'd like to join in on the fun, please contact Marion Handley. We will need servants to assist with prep, set-up, clean-up, and during the event. Donations of plastic eggs, individually wrapped candies, small bags of treats such as pretzels, animal crackers, and granola bars are greatly appreciated! Collection bins will be in the Narthex/Lobby beginning March 4.

### Help Us Prep for VBS 2017!

During March/April we will be requesting donations of various items to be used during Vacation Bible School for crafts, games, and snack. The list will be updated regularly. Donation requests are being made by HOBC class; however, please donate what you have on hand as you feel led. Item collection will begin March 11.

- ◆ Nursery attenders: tissue paper (any bright colors) & hot glue sticks (glue gun refills)
- ◆ Toddler, PreK and Kindergarten: Empty water bottles (55)
- ◆ Elementary attenders: Tin cans (no sharp edges) & plastic lids in a variety of sizes Examples: Used coffee containers, soup cans, lids from sour cream or yogurt containers, etc. (30)
- ◆ General: 50 tennis balls, 30 shoe boxes and/or small moving boxes, 6 buckets, 8 large pump bottles of hand sanitizer, 5 cans gray spray paint, 5 cans black spray paint, 20 packs of baby wipes



### February Service Project:

The monthly theme for our lessons was LOVE. Through the February lessons we encouraged children to show love for parents, teachers, friends, and even people that they have never met. During February, our Nursery and HOBC participants made cards for the residents at Valley View Nursing Center in Montoursville. On February 19, a group of 15 children and parents delivered the cards to Valley View, visited with the residents, and sang "Jesus Loves Me" to open their Sunday worship service. Thank you to all the kids, teachers, and helpers who worked together to make it possible to deliver over 200 cards on a February afternoon. We love because Christ first loved us!



L to R: Eleanor Handley, Naomi Waybright, JJ Handley, Jocelyn Seiler, Brook Lowe, Jenna Seiler, Bennett Handley and Megan Lowe

### Faith Preschool 2017-2018 Registration

Open Enrollment is March 7 from 7-10:00 am! Currently enrolled Preschool families register in February and any new families will register in March. Copies of all forms will be available online and in the church office. Children must be 3 years old and potty trained by September 1 to register for the 3 year old program. Children must be 4 years old and potty trained by September 1 to register for the 4 year old program. Please call 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.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES



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SIX : EIGHT

Grades 6-8

Need a place to relax & get away from the stress of Middle School? Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm as we discover who God is & who He created us to be.



NINE : TWELVE

Grades 9-12

Whether you're just starting High School life or if you're an upper classman, join us on Sundays from 6:30-8:30pm as we walk through life & serve & grow together.



SIX : EIGHT

3/1 NO FSM 6:8  
3/8 SIX:EIGHT  
3/15 GAME NIGHT  
3/22 SIX:EIGHT  
3/29 SIX:EIGHT



NINE : TWELVE

3/3-5 WEEKEND AWAY  
3/5 NO FSM 9:12  
3/12 NINE:TWELVE  
3/19 NINE:TWELVE  
3/26 NINE:TWELVE

### Safe Sanctuaries Trainings

This month we will be offering two trainings for Safe Sanctuaries. Sunday, March 12 at 11:15 am and Saturday, March 18 at 10:00 am. Our policy states that Safe Sanctuaries must be reviewed every three years for all those who work with children & youth. There have also been some changes in the law over the last year and a half with mandated reporting. Any person working with children or youth by law are now mandated reporters. Matt Wood from Lycoming County Children & Youth Services will be here for both trainings to share about mandated reporting and what that now looks like. We would like to encourage anyone who currently works with children or youth or anyone who may be thinking about it to please attend one of these trainings. **Please contact Jared Hetherington or Marion Handley to RSVP by March 1.** Thank you.

# GROW



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## Where Moms Connect

Moms Connect is a new group for just that - Moms to connect with each other and connect with God. The meetings for the rest of this year are March 30, April 19 and May 17 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in Room 10. We will be diving into the Moms Connect book which can be purchased from Deb Ottenmiller or at the meeting itself for \$10 - a great investment since the book will last two years. Even if you can't make every meeting, please join us when you can. Look for us on Facebook as well - "Moms Connect of Faith Church".



## Merge - Where Faith and Life Meet!

Interested in Community Group life and not sure where to begin? Why don't you plan to join us

Monday evenings in Faith Café as we explore the Gospel of Mark beginning March 6 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Childcare provided. For more information connect with Rebecca Sharp at rlsharp13@gmail.com.

## Monthly Foundations Class

The next monthly Foundations Class is March 8 in Room 10 of the Fairview Drive wing from 6:30-8:00 pm. Topic: Building a Life of Generosity through Stewardship. Contact Keith Atherholt at 570-447-5292. Open group - stop in any time!

## Foundations Classes Spring 2017

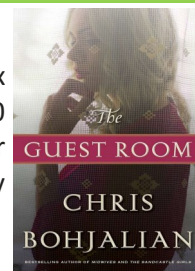
Imagine a resource that could be used to help you or someone you care about grow into a lifelong disciple of Jesus. Want to know more?? Built around essential practices for Christian disciples, **Foundations** introduces the basics of prayer, reflecting on scripture, developing authentic relationships, creating a daily devotional time, discovering our calling to serve, using resources in God-honoring ways, and sharing your faith. **Plan to attend this 9-week Class beginning Monday, March 6 from 6:30-8:00 pm in Room 16.** Workbook cost for this class is \$15 (by session cost \$2). Questions? Contact Deb.

### Sessions as follows:

March 6	Welcome and Introduction
March 13	Building Christian Relationships as Disciples
March 20	Building My Relationship with God through Prayer
March 27	Building My Relationship with Christ through the Word of God
April 3	Building a Life of Devotion through Worship Experiences
April 10	Building a Life of Service through the Use of My Gifts and Talents
April 17	Building a Life of Generosity through Stewardship
April 24	Where Do I Go from Here?
May 1	Growing My Faith by Sharing My Faith

## The Forgotten Populations Book Club

This club continues with *The Guest Room* by Chris Bohjalian, the story of a young victim of international sex trafficking and the American family that inadvertently becomes entangled in her situation. 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, March 30 in Room 16 at Faith Church. Please contact Mary Broussard at broussm@lycoming.edu if you would like to participate or have any questions.



## Welcome Classes

Welcome Classes are being offered Saturday, April 8 at 6:30 pm and Sunday, April 9 at 11:00 am at Faith Church in Room 10. Attending a Welcome Class is one of the requirements for membership at Faith Church. The session will be relaxed and informative as you learn more about our church, our denomination and membership expectations.

**For any of these classes, please contact Deb Ottenmiller at dottenmiller@faithum.net or 570-368-2459.**  
**If you will need childcare, please contact Linda Huffman at lhuffman@faithum.net or 570-368-2459.**

## New Member Classes

New Member Classes are being offered Saturday, April 29 at 6:30 pm and Sunday, April 30 at 11:00 am at Faith Church in Room 10. We'll explore Connect, Grow, Serve, Go - mission and vision of Faith Church. Join us on the journey of Faith! You must have completed a Welcome Class before attending this class.

## Service Opportunities That Will Help You Grow in Your Faith - You Can Make a Difference!

In our growing church, there are always serving opportunities that will suit every personality and availability. We understand you're busy, and there's a lot going on outside of the church. But we also know you'll meet lots of people, gain friendships and your relationship with Jesus will grow when you start serving in ways that stretch and fulfill you! Why don't you try something new today for fit, on a trial basis? **Contact Deb today to find out how.**

**Guest Assimilation Team:** making those important connections with our guests and new attendees, both in front and behind the scenes!

**Saturday or Sunday Worship Hospitality or Fellowship Teams:** a great first step to get to know people!

## 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 expansion project, all dates and events are tentative.)

### Here are some of the 2017 events and their tentative dates:

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Promise Chili Tasting Contest: March 18
2. Family Promise Host Week #1: March 26-April 2
3. Annual Easter Offering: April
4. Feed the 5,000: July
5. Family Promise Host Week #2: July 9-16
6. Transform Lycoming County - Montoursville Host Site: August
7. School Supply Collection- West End Christian Community Center: August
8. Volunteers in Mission Trip: Oak Hill, West Virginia: October 1-7
9. Family Promise Host Week #3: October 15-22
10. Trunk or Treat: October 31 (or Trick or Treat date set by the borough)
11. Food Packing IV Event: November (Site TBD)
12. Operation Christmas Child: November
13. Thanksgiving Baskets - in association with McCall Middle School: November
14. Oasis of Hope Angel Tree: December
15. Annual Christmas Offering: December



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Associate Pastor  
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### Mmmm . . . The Great Chili Taste Off!

On Saturday, March 18 following the 5:30 pm worship service we will have the 2nd Annual Faith Church Crockpot Chili Taste Off! The proceeds from the event will go to the Family Promise ministry. Sign-ups for chili chefs will be on the weekends of March 4-5 and March 11-12. To taste test different types of chili, we request a donation toward the Family Promise ministry on the night of the event. Invite a friend to church that night! All are welcome!!!



### Family Promise Host Week - March 26-April 2

Our Family Promise host week is quickly approaching. 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. Check out the Family Promise display in the Narthex/Lobby or contact Family Promise coordinator, Marybeth Croll, at [children777@comcast.net](mailto:children777@comcast.net).

### 2017 Central PA 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 and all months have been filled except for October! If you or your small group is interested, please contact Pastor Rusty. Hurry - first come, first signed up!

### Thank You

Marion Hartley would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and care for her during her recent fall, surgery and recovery.



### New Dishwasher for WECCC

This is a picture of your offering dollars at work. During Advent of 2016, Faith Church's Christmas Offering totaled \$32,903.77. Five thousand of this was given to the West End Christian Community Center to purchase a commercial grade dishwasher. It was installed this week. This will save them approximately \$400.00 a month in paper products. Pictured (from left to right) is Todd Penman - Director of WECCC, Jim Craddock - President of the Board and Jake Waybright - Pastor of Faith Church.





# FAITH CHURCH



## CONNECT.GROW.SERVE.GO.

# MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Preschool 3</b> AM Class - T, W, TH from 8:30-11:30a PM Class - T, W, TH from 12:15-3:15p	<b>Preschool 4</b> AM Class - M, T, W, TH from 8:30-11:30a PM Class - M, T, W, TH from 12:15-3:15p		<b>1</b>  4pm-Praise Kids 7:00p-Ash Wednesday Service	<b>2</b> 5:30p-Voices of Faith 6p-Girl Scouts 6p-Sun. Praise Team 7:30p-Sat. Praise Team	<b>3</b> 9:15a-Mothers' Time Out 9:15a-Friday Fun FSM Wknd Away	<b>4</b> FSM Wknd Away 8a-1p-Scouting for Food Bag Distribution 5:30p-Contemporary Worship w/Hands On Bible Club
<b>5</b> FSM Wknd Away 8:30a-Trad. Worship 9:45a-Cont. Worship w/Hands On Bible Club 9:45a-Adult SS 11a-Bell Choir 1-4:30p-PK Auditions	<b>6</b> 6p-Brownies 6:30p-Merge 6:30p-Foundations 7p-Cub Scout Mtg	<b>7</b> 7-10:00a-Open Pre-school Registration 10a-Leadership Team Mtg. 6p-Food Packing at Food Bank 7p-Cub/Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> 4pm-Praise Kids 6:30-8pm-FSM 6:8 6:30p-Foundations	<b>9</b> 4:50p-Music Basics 5:30p-Voices of Faith 6p-Girl Scouts 6p-Sun. Praise Team 6:30p-Church Council 7p-Christian Writers 7:30p-Sat. Praise Team	<b>10</b> 9:15a-Mothers' Time Out 9:15a-Friday Fun	<b>11</b> 8a-1p-Scouting for Food-Pickup 9-11a-Praise Kids Drama Only 5:30p-Contemporary Worship w/Hands On Bible Club 6:40p-Q&A Session Set clocks ahead
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Praise Kids-Children's Choir for ages 4-Grade 5  
 Faces of Grace - Youth Choir for Grades 6-12  
 Voices of Faith-Adult Choir  
 Bell Choir-for Grades 6-Adult  
 FSM 6:8-for students in Grades 6-8  
 FSM 9:12-for students in Grades 9-12  
 OGHS - One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
 Cong. Vote - members vote on building plans

Hands On Bible Club -from birth through Grade 5  
 Merge-Open Community Group for Adults -Childcare provided  
 Food Packing-1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, pack for Seniors  
 Mothers' Time Out-childcare (birth-age4) for attenders  
 Friday Fun-help with HOBC readiness/office projects  
 Foundations-class for basics of the faith  
 Music Basics-Class to learn the basics of music  
 DST-Daylight Savings Time

FP Host Week - Family Promise  
 Book Club (Forgotten Populations)-Open  
 Moms' Group-Adult Women  
 (Our) Journey of Hope-Cancer Care Meeting  
 Teacher Mtg.-for Hands On Bible Club Teachers  
 Fresh Expressions - District Event  
 Q&A Session - ask questions about building progress

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.



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*A New Sermon Series from the Book of Mark*

**March 11-12 - Beloved Son**

**March 18-19 - Casting Out Demons**

**March 25-26 - Jesus’ Heart**

**April 1-2 - Who Do You Say I Am?**

**April 8-9 - Palm Sunday - The King Whose Army Carries a Cross**

**April 15-16 - Easter - The Risen King**

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