

LIFE LINE

May 2017 Newsletter of Faith United Methodist Church



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Pastor's Pen - Bring a Shovel to Church!

Seriously, we want you to bring a shovel on the weekend of May 20-21! We will be having a groundbreaking celebration for our new building and we want you to be a part of it! We will dig, celebrate, and pray that the building will help us to make more disciples and make a greater impact in our community.

This is an exciting and historic moment to be part of Faith church. The groundbreaking will be a milestone moment to celebrate what God has done and is continuing to do. We will pray that the new building will be a tool to help us reach new people, serve our community, and be faithful in serving God's purposes.

We will have special worship services in which we will celebrate how far we have come by faith since we launched our first **JOURNEY** Campaign in March of 2014. Rev. Tom Melzoni will be preaching in all the celebration services and we will have messages of encouragement from representatives of our United Methodist Annual Conference.

There will be 3 opportunities for you to get your shovel dirty and to join in prayer. You can join us immediately following the 5:30 Saturday service, at 8:00 am before the Sunday Traditional service, and immediately following the 9:45 Contemporary service at about 11:00 am. We will have cake and refreshments at each time.

Since a focus of Phase 1 will be completing the new children's area, we will have plastic shovels and hard hats for children so that they can join in the fun as well!

The 11:00 am groundbreaking will include representatives from Montoursville, our Susquehanna Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Turnkey Construction, and Faith Church.

Thank you for being on the journey together. I hope you will join us as we celebrate all that God has done, is doing, and has yet to do among us!

Pastor Jake



L to R: Eleanor Handley, Naomi Waybright, Bennett Handley, Cameron

You're invited!

- What? **JOURNEY** Ground Breaking Celebration and Prayer Service
When? May 20-21
After each Contemporary Service - with cake
Before the Traditional Service (8:00 am) - with doughnuts & juice
Where? The Courtyard outside Fellowship Hall
Why? The Official Start of the Building Project
To Honor and Thank God for All He Has Done and Continues to Do at Faith Church
Bring? A Shovel





 **praying**
OUR WAY **forward**
May 7 - 13, 2017

On Monday, May 8 please join us for a special day of prayer for the United Methodist Church (UMC). Participate in our prayer vigil by signing up online (www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080F44AFAA2DA1FF2-praying) or at the tables in the Lobby for a specific 15 minute time period to pray between 12:00-4:00 am or 12:00-4:00 pm. Also plan on joining us at 7:00 pm for a joint prayer service with First UMC, Williamsport and First UMC, Muncy hosted at Faith Church (nursery care provided up to age 2). The day of prayer is part of a 24/7, 75 week denominational prayer focus begun January 1, 2017. Each annual conference of the 12 million member UMC has been given a week of prayer. The week for the Susquehanna Annual Conference is May 7 - 13, 2017 and the day for Faith Church and the Williamsport District is May 8. The prayer initiative is a response to the ongoing difficult conversations in the denomination about our differences around issues of human sexuality. In preparation for a special General Conference in 2019 to address the issues and in support of the work of a commission that is currently working on proposals to find a way forward, we are called to a worldwide time of prayer. The prayer focus will be (1) the mission of the United Methodist Church of making disciples for the transformation of the world and (2) the work of The Commission on a Way Forward. Thank you for joining in prayer! For more information, go to umcprays.org.

JOURNEY Update (as of 4/26/2017)

- Number of families that have made a pledge to JOURNEY: **176**
- Total amount pledged to JOURNEY: **\$2,166,143.20**
- Amount received for JOURNEY: **\$1,810,598.12**

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!

Thank You

Lula Reeder would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and gifts given to her for her birthday.

Yard Sale Thank You

Thank you to everyone who make this year's Yard Sale a success! Over \$2,340 was raised to be split between our Preschool and JOURNEY Capital Campaign.

Easter Offering Thank You

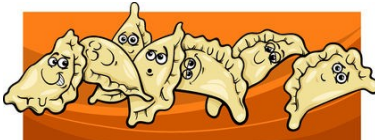
Thank you for your generosity towards this year's *I Was Hungry and You Fed Me* Easter offering. The financial gifts received totaled \$26,504 and will help finance our November 5th Food Packing IV Event and will provide start-up funds for our future Food Distribution Site. Great job Faith Church! You continue to show a great desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community!!

Mothers' Time Out

This group will meet for the last time this season on Friday, May 5. Have a great summer! *MTO Grammys*

Pierogi Sale

Jim and Dorothy Thomas will be making home made pierogies again this year for their Mission Trip to West Virginia in October. Choices are: Applewood Smoked Bacon, Roasted Garlic Parmesan, 4 Cheese, and Loaded. Cost is \$5.00 a dozen and orders will be accepted until the end of May and will be delivered the last week in June. Contact Dorothy at 570-494-3298 (cell), 570-326-1269 (home), or email sunflower_7381@comcast.net.



April Showers Bring . . .

. . . May flowers, and on May 13 at 9:00 am we would like to plant the flowers that beautify our church each summer. Please consider joining a team to plant and care for the flowers around the bell tower, the brick sign, and near the two main entrances to the building. Members of the Flower Care Team are asked to take turns weekly for watering, deadheading, and minor weeding. If you can help with this ministry please contact Dave Miller at 570-368-2459 or dmiller@faithum.net.





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



Orange Spotlight

During May our elementary kids will talk about the determination it takes to share the Good News of Jesus in the world while our younger kids hear more about our God as a good Father who provides for His beloved children. The month of May is often a busy time as sports seasons are in full swing, many programs have end of year celebrations, performances, and recitals and even young children may be finishing up school testing. It is a time to enjoy the gifts God has given us, but also a time to remember that we do not earn the love of the Father through our achievements. Instead, we are given the opportunity to glorify Him by utilizing our talents. God created us in His image and loved us enough to die for us even when we did not deserve His care and sacrifice. Jesus calls us to go and make disciples resting secure in the knowledge that God made us and God loves us. No matter what challenges we face in this lifetime God has prepared a place for us for eternity. This month won't you use the small setbacks and victories that your children experience to talk with them about determination and looking ahead to God's promised future?

HOBC Sunday Schedule: May-June 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:

May 7 - Team 4 May 14 - Team 5 May 21 - Team 6 May 28 - Team 7
June 4 - Team 8 June 11 - Team 1 June 18 - Team 2 June 25 - Team 3

Team 1: Dottie Mathers, Michelle &/or David Fortin, Betsy &/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



MAKER FUN FACTORY



Register Online for Vacation Bible School

Online pre-registration for VBS began April 27 and 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.

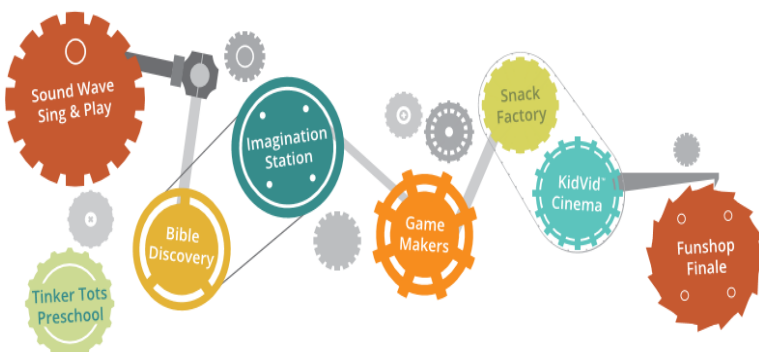
Help Us Prep for Vacation Bible School 2017!

During May/June we will be requesting donations of various items to be used during Vacation Bible School for snack.

Thank you for your generosity! The list is being updated regularly so please do keep checking as we get closer to June.

Food: Bags of pretzel sticks, bags of small marshmallows, bags of large marshmallows, boxes of graham crackers, large containers of animal crackers, large containers of goldfish crackers

Non-food items: sandwich size Ziploc baggies, 6 buckets, 8 large pump bottles of hand sanitizer, strings of multicolored Christmas lights (will be returned if labeled), 8 large furniture/refrigerator cardboard boxes, cans of brightly colored spray paint (purple, orange, blue, yellow), 2 rolls duct tape, 10 rolls masking tape



April Service Project

Thank you to all who contributed gauze and medical tape! These supplies will be used to pack medical kits for refugees fleeing ISIS. The medical kits will be packed and distributed through Voice of the Martyrs.

Faith Preschool 3 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 and are excited to welcome new families. Children must be 3 years old and potty trained by September 1 to participate in the 3 year old program. Please call 570-368-2459 if you have any questions regarding fees or eligibility.



- ◆ May 6- Dress Rehearsal from 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- ◆ May 7- Musical at 3:00, arrive at the church by 2:00 pm



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. 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



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.



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Confirmation 2017

We would like to congratulate and celebrate our 2017 Confirmation class! We started this journey in January and it's an honor to be able to celebrate this next step in their faith journey this month! We'd also like to thank those who served as mentors this year for our 11 Confirmands. Thank you for being a part of their lives and helping to make an impact! Here are our 2017 Confirmands and their mentors:

Megan Alexis Good

- Maigrette Rodriguez

Bodie John Kaufman

- Tony Sharp

Drake James Kinsey

- Eddie Rodriguez

Jared Connor Matlack

- Jack Rupert

Elise Noelle McBride

- Alison Jean

Cogan Jay Metzger

- Kevin Handley

Lanie Jean Mussina

- Lisa Konkle

Gabe Orlando Rodriguez-Polanco

- Mike Kinsey

Elizabeth Nicole Schaefer

- Sandy Bair

Jonathan Michael Schaefer

- Dave Dawes

Joseph Christopher Watkins

- Scott Konkle



SIX : EIGHT

5/3 SIX:EIGHT
5/10 SIX:EIGHT
5/17 SIX:EIGHT
5/24 END OF YEAR PARTY



NINE : TWELVE

5/7 MINI-GOLF
5/14 NO FSM 9:12
5/21 END OF YEAR PARTY

GROW



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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 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Childcare provided. For more information connect with Rebecca Sharp at rlsharp13@gmail.com.

May 4 - National Day of Prayer - "For Your GREAT Name's Sake"

Faith Church's sanctuary will be open 8:00 am-4:00 pm this day, for any individual who would like to stop in and pray for our country. Prayer guides and journals will be available in the Fairview Drive Wing lobby area. Please use the main door on the Fairview Drive side

Community Group Life - Get Connected!

Friends, getting connected into Community Group life can be as easy as 1-2-3! Here is just one way to do that!

- 1. Find People:** Identify 3+ people in your circle of friends and acquaintances that are (or might be) interested in being a part of a group.
- 2. Meet Together:** Contact the people you have identified and ask them to join you for an informal breakfast, lunch, dinner or get-together. Don't be shy, they already like you! Talk about how it might look in your lives to meet on a regular basis (start out at 1-2x a month) to experience life change OR how it might look for the next 4-6 weeks to gather for a short term test drive!
- 3. Commit to One Another:** At the end of your first gathering, set a date to begin.

One suggested resource available to you is a short 4-week DVD series, 'Making Your Small Group Work' that will get you started well.

The Forgotten Populations Book Club

The Forgotten Populations Book Club continues with *Under Rose-Tainted Skies* by Louise Gornall, a love story between a young woman suffering from debilitating mental illness and her attractive neighbor. The book is \$7 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, May 25 at Faith Church. Please contact Mary Broussard at broussm@lycoming.edu if you would like to participate or have any questions.



Dolly's Dudes

Dolly's Dudes meet from 6:30-7:30 am on Friday mornings for breakfast and a short study on God's word, followed by prayer requests. We are currently studying the Book of Mark. We have room for 2 more! Contact Keith Atherholt at 570-447-5292.

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.)

1. UMCOR Support Weekend - June 10-11
2. Feed the 5,000: July
3. Family Promise Host Week #2: July 9-16
4. TRANSFORM (First UMC): July 31-August 4 (We are not a Host Site this year.)
5. School Supply Collection- West End Christian Community Center: August
6. Volunteers in Mission Trip: Oak Hill, West Virginia: October 1-7
7. Family Promise Host Week #3: October 15-22
8. Trunk or Treat: October 31 (or Trick or Treat date set by the borough)
9. Food Packing IV Event: November 5 (at McCall Middle School)
10. Operation Christmas Child: November
11. Thanksgiving Baskets - in association with McCall Middle School: November
12. Oasis of Hope Angel Tree: December
13. 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:

May 2 - Letty Gray (small group)	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 - OPEN
Nov. 7 - Darci Kirby & group	Dec. 5 - Mike Mussina (Montoursville Basketball Team)	



FAITH CHURCH



CONNECT.GROW.SERVE.GO.

MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6p-Brownies 6:30p-Merge 7p-Cub Scout Mtg	2 10a-Leadership Team Mtg. 3p-Worship Design 6p-Food Packing at Food Bank 7p-Cub/Boy Scouts	3 4pm-Praise Kids 6:30-8pm-FSM 6:8	4 Annual Conf. 4:50p-Music Basics 5:30p-Voices of Faith 6p-Girl Scouts 6p-Sun. Praise Team 7:30p-Sat. Praise Team	5 Annual Conf. 9:15a-Mothers' Time Out, Last One 9:15a-Friday Fun	6 Annual Conf. 9a-PK Dress Rehearsal 5:30p-Contemporary Worship w/Hands On Bible Club
7 8:30a-Trad. Worship 9:45a-Cont. Worship w/Hands On Bible Club 9:45a-Adult SS 11a-Bell Choir 11:15a-VBS Mtg. 2p-PK Arrive 3p-PK Musical 5p-Conf. Rehearsal 4p-Faces of Grace 6:30p-FSM 9:12	8 6p-Brownies 7p-Discipleship Network Prayer Service	9 10a-Leadership Team Mtg. 7p-Cub/Boy Scouts	10 6:30-8pm-FSM 6:8 6:30p-Foundations	11 4:50p-Music Basics 5:30p-Voices of Faith 6p-Girl Scouts 6p-Sun. Praise Team 7p-Church Council 7:30p-Sat. Praise Team 7p-WB Christian Wrtrs	12 9:15a-Friday Fun 7p-Piano Recital	13 8a-Outside Workers 9a-Eagle Scout Ceremony 5:30p-Contemporary Worship w/Hands On Bible Club
14 Mom's Day Youth/Confirmation 8:30a-Trad. Worship 9:45a-Cont. Worship w/Hands On Bible Club 9:45a-Adult SS 11a-Bell Choir	15 6p-Brownies 6:30p-Merge	16 10a-Leadership Team Mtg. 7p-Cub/Boy Scouts	17 6p-Moms' Connect Group 6:30-8pm-FSM 6:8	18 Preschool 4-Last Class 10:30a-Preschool 3 AM Closing Program 2:15p-Preschool 3 PM Closing Program 4:50p-Music Basics 5:30p-Voices of Faith 6p-Girl Scouts 6p-Sun. Praise Team 7p-Facilities Design 7:30p-Sat. Praise Team	19 JOURNEY CELEBRATION 9:15a-Friday Fun 10a-1p-Preschool 4 Combination Class Day	20 JOURNEY CELEBRATION 10a--Journey Gathering 5:30p-Contemporary Worship w/Hands On Bible Club 6:30p-Journey Ground-breaking
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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

Hands On Bible Club -from birth through Grade 5
 Merge-Open Community Group for Adults -Childcare provided
 Food Packing-1st Tuesday of the month, pack for Seniors
 Mothers' Time Out-childcare (birth-age4) for attenders
 Friday Fun-help with HOBC readiness/office projects
 JOURNEY Celebration-celebrate the Capital Campaign

Moms' Connect Group-Adult Women
 Book Club (Forgotten Populations)-Open
 Discipleship Network Prayer Service-prayer service
 Music Basics-Class to learn the basics of music
 Foundations-class for basics of the faith

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.

PRAISE KIDS PRESENT



SUNDAY
MAY 7 @ 3:00 PM

STAR QUEST
Search for the Stolen Scriptures

A Scripture Memory Musical for Kids
Created by Christy Sensen
Arranged by Daniel Sensen

Refreshments in Fellowship Hall following the musical.

Believe?



Upcoming Sermon Series

May 27-28 - *Is There a God?* Genesis 1:1-3, Psalm 19:1-4
 June 03-04 - *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?* I Corinthians 15

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