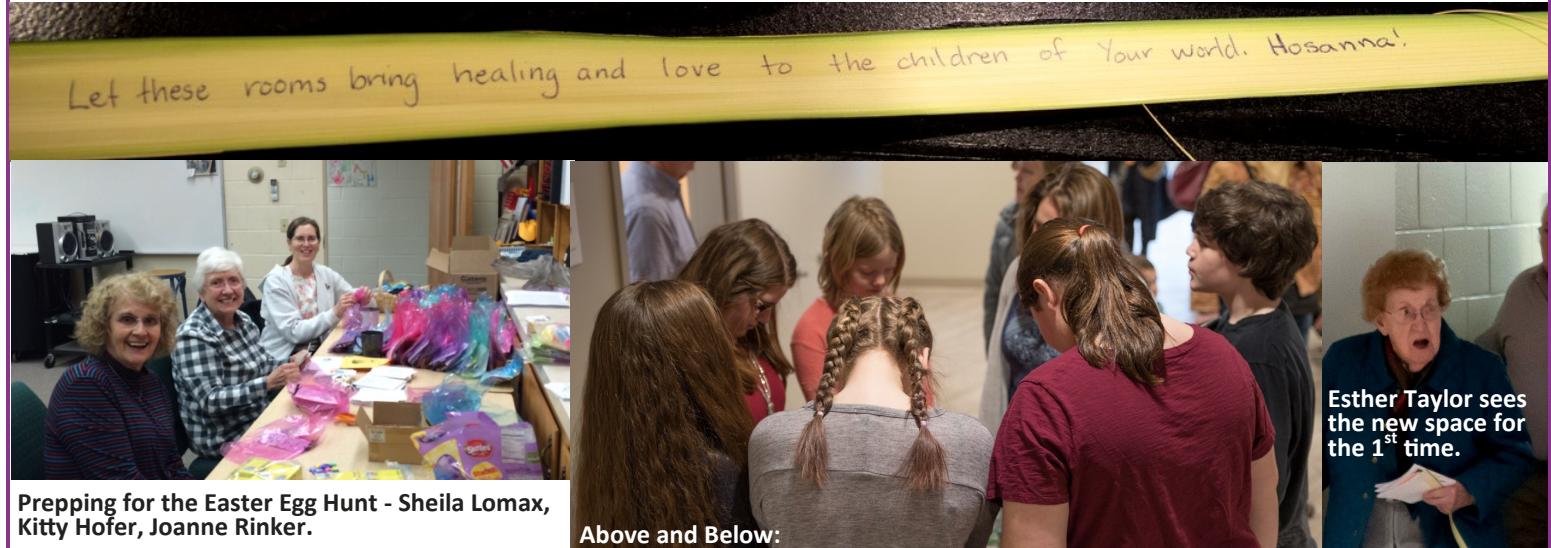




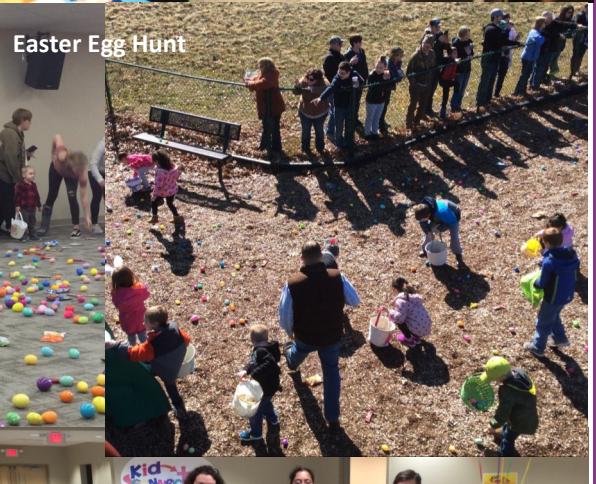
LIFE LINE

MAY 2018 Newsletter of Faith UMC
Faith Stories from March/April

PALM SUNDAY, EASTER EGG HUNT, PRAYER WALK, NEW CHILDREN'S WING MOVE-IN WEEKEND & MORE!



The Tech Team advertising Move-In Weekend - Val Demshock, Kristen Lowe, Maureen McBride.



PASTOR'S PEN

TAKING NEXT STEPS AND CELEBRATING OUR JOURNEY!

"I have chosen and sanctified this place!" I Chronicles 7:16



Jake Waybright
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It seems like every time I sit down to write you, we have another milestone on our Next Steps journey to celebrate! On Sunday, May 20 we will have the great joy of welcoming our Bishop, Jeremiah Park*, to preach and celebrate the consecration of our children's wing and food bank space. Consecrate means to set something apart for God's use. Bishop Park will lead us in declaring that these buildings are set apart for God's use.

On that day we will also celebrate Confirmation Sunday for those students who have been preparing to publicly profess their faith in Christ. Joining us in worship will be Pastor Larry who

was the previous Lead Pastor of our church along with his wife Barb and son Henry. It's going to be a great big celebration of the awesome ways that God is on the move here at Faith.

As we take our next steps, here is a projected timeline of what is ahead.

- **Sunday, May 20:** Consecration Celebration for Children's Wing and Food Bank with Bishop Park (There will be **NO** service on Saturday, May 19)
- **Early Summer (June/July):** Renovations of the Food Bank and office space along with the expanded parking lot completed
- **Late Summer and Early Fall:** Student Ministry space painted and refreshed, Occupancy of Gym, Food Distribution ministries begin with the start of school

As you can see, by the fall of 2018 we are hoping to have use of the entire facility. I can't wait to see what new things God does among us and for our community as we continue to take our next steps. Keep your eyes open for ways you can be part of all that is going on, and keep praying that God will use us to make more disciples of Jesus Christ who connect, grow, serve and go. Keep praying that we will live out our vision for our community that no child would grow up without experiencing the love of Jesus, that no one would go to bed hungry, and that no one will miss the invitation to follow Christ.

On the journey with you,
Pastor Jake

*Bishop Park oversees the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC) to which we are connected. The Susquehanna Conference encompasses the central and northeastern part of the state north to the New York State line and south to the Maryland line. He oversees around 870 churches whose close to 150,000 members are served by nearly 580 pastors. It is a great joy that he will be able to be here to celebrate with us.



BAPTISM



Hannah Abigail Easter, daughter of Samuel and Laura Easter, Evelyn Grace Michael and Livia Davis Michael, daughters of Curtis and Kristi Michael, and Emma Grace Womer, daughter of Garth and Sandrina Womer, were baptized on Sunday, February 25.



Gavin William Taylor, son of Jessica and Ryan Taylor and Gabriel Carl Vanderwall, son of Amy Vanderwall and Robert Vanderwall were baptized on Sunday, April 22.

UNITED METHODIST CONNECTION



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON UMC COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD

The Church Council and Pastor Jake will lead an information session and discussion on Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 pm about what is happening in the United Methodist Church (UMC) as the denomination prepares for a global gathering in 2019 to address questions of human sexuality and the church. The Commission on a Way Forward is a group of thirty-two people representing the global twelve million members of the United Methodist Church that has been working for the past year on a proposal for the Council of Bishops to help the church find a way forward as a church on issues of human sexuality. The Commission met for the final time in March and the Council of Bishops will share a more detailed report about the commission's work in the coming months. You can find more information about the commission at <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward>.

Walk/Run-A-Thon to Benefit Bishop's Partners In Mission for the Williamsport District

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at Camp Susque - 47 Susque Camp Rd, Trout Run, PA 17771

Check-in begins at 2:30 pm - Walk/Run 3:00-4:00 pm followed by fun-filled family activities and food. Come walk or run a set 1-mile, flat course at Camp Susque. Walkers or Runners may be sponsored for a set amount or an amount for every lap around the course. Please register yourself or your group by contacting the Williamsport District Office at williamsport@susumc.org or 570-323-7452.

Pastor Jake and Susan will be walking in the Lewisburg District Walk/Run-A-Thon at **Camp Wesley Forest** on Saturday, May 5 at 11:00 am. If you would like to sponsor them or join them, reach out to Pastor Jake at jwaybright@faithum.net.

Sponsorship Forms are available at the church office.



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS TURNING 50! #UMC50

April 23 marked our 50th anniversary as a denomination. In 1968, at the Uniting Conference in Dallas, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB) merged to form a new denomination, The United Methodist Church. 10.3 million Methodists and 750,000 members of the EUB Church merged into one of the largest Protestant denominations in the world, representing 53 countries.

WAIT, ISN'T THE CHURCH MUCH OLDER — LIKE MORE THAN 200 YEARS OLD? Well, yes and no — it's complicated! Our roots go back to the original churches - The Methodist Episcopal Church of America which began in 1784. Since that time, multiple splits and mergers have occurred. The current iteration, The United Methodist Church, dates back to 1968 when The Methodist Church joined with the Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB). The EUB Church was formed in 1946, by the merger of the Evangelical Church (formerly the Evangelical Association) and the United Brethren in Christ, a church with roots reaching back to 1767 that formally organized in 1800. The Evangelical Association was formally organized in 1800 by German-speaking Christians. The founders of both churches were influenced by John Wesley and the Methodist movement. The "United" in our name comes from The Evangelical United Brethren Church. It also refers to the uniting of the two denominations into one. Next time you are tempted to shorten the name and simply say you are "Methodist," remember that doing so fails to honor part of our rich heritage as United Methodists!

Today the United Methodist Church has grown to be a truly global church.

- There are **12.6** million members of The United Methodist Church around the world, in **136** countries.
- Around the world, there are approximately **48,000** United Methodist churches (**32,000** in the U.S.).

Want to know more? Go to umc.org .

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE FINISH THIS SERIES.

SEVEN WORDS TO CHANGE YOUR FAMILY

FORGIVENESS, BLESSING, HONOR, TRUTH, CHURCH

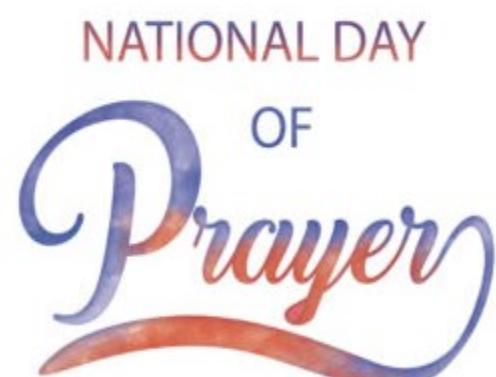
MAY 5/6 - COMMITMENT MAY 12/13 - LOVE

Worship Design Team

We are looking for people with creativity, an eye for visual design, and who enjoy working as part of a creative process on a team! The Worship Design Team meets once/month to take themes for worship and find creative ways to express and communicate those themes through stage design, images, and creative arts. Put your creative gifts to use in helping people connect with God in worship and grow in their faith. Contact Pastor Jake to find out more at jwaybright@faithum.net.

Mothers' Time Out

This group will meet for the last time this season on Friday, May 11. Have a great summer! *MTO Grammies*



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - MAY 3

The Church Sanctuary will be open between the hours of 8:00 am-4:00 pm for anyone who wishes to stop by and pray for our nation.

FAITH CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Jim Carpenter
David Dawes
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Ed Pry
Paula Robinson
Christina Wright

STAFF MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FAITH CHURCH

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER POSITION

Faith UMC is accepting applicants for our Contemporary Worship Leader position. We are looking for a passionate leader who along with their musical talent has a contagious faith, an ability to disciple others, connect with others in worship, lead and build teams, and develop leaders around them. The worship leader is a part-time position.

For a full job description and/or to apply, please send a cover letter, resume and three references to Diane in the church office at office@faithum.net.

SEEKING 2 PART-TIME ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Faith UMC is accepting applications for 2 part-time Associate Pastor positions. The Pastor of Congregational Care will lead the congregational care team of Faith Church and the Pastor of Serve and Go will equip leaders to connect their gifts and passions to serve the ministry of the church and serve those in need beyond the walls of the congregation. We are looking for people who love to work on a team, have a gift for equipping others to serve, and have a heart for people.

INFORMATION IS DUE . . .

For the weekly bulletin, all information is due by noon on the Wednesday, preceding the weekend. For the monthly bulletin, all information is due at noon, usually the fourth Wednesday of the month. Submit all information to office@faithum.net.

FRIDAY FUN

Every Friday morning from 9:15am-Noon, a group gathers to help with office work (bulletins, newsletter, mailings) and to cut, color, organize or whatever needs done to get ready for the Kid Connection classes each weekend. Want to try it out? Contact Diane.



Diane Dunlap
Office Administrator
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ROOM USAGE

Faith Church is a busy place! For that reason, all groups meeting here need to contact the church office to get permission to use rooms and to be placed on the main calendar. This also includes use of the Nursery for childcare. If you have any questions, give Diane a call.

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Opportunities for New Tabulators!

We are actively looking for individuals that would like to join our tabulating teams here at Faith Church. Tabulating takes place each Sunday after our 9:45 am service. Our teams consist of a Team Leader and two to three Team Members, who serve seven to eight times per year. We also maintain a list of substitutes who fill in for team members who are unable to be here on their assigned week. Great traits for leaders, team members, and substitutes are: working in a team environment, math skills, attention to detail, and confidentiality. If interested, please contact Julie.



Julie Vogel
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EASTER OFFERING UPDATE

\$17,335.79 has been given to date for our Easter Offering. This amount will benefit our Samaritan Fund and seed money for our future Food Bank. Great job Faith Church!

FROM THE FACILITIES MANAGER



David Miller
Facilities Manager
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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE INSIDE/OUTSIDE

- Refill and straighten up pew racks
- Cleaning inside
 - * Windows
 - * Vacuuming
 - * Classroom clean-up
- Cleaning outside
 - * Picking up sticks in yard
 - * Raking/Sweeping
 - * Mowing



TAKE TIME TO SMELL THE FLOWERS...

. . . but first, we have to plant them. Join us on Saturday, May 5 at 9:00 am. Also, please consider joining our Flower Care Team to plant and care for the flowers that beautify our church each summer. Members of the team are asked to take turns weekly for watering, deadheading, and minor weeding. If you can help with this ministry please contact Vicki LeFever at 570-322-7222, or Dave.

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.

Marion Handley
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ORANGE SPOTLIGHT

During May, we will celebrate God's faithfulness to His people. Our preschoolers will be studying the life of Joseph. Kids will learn that people are God's works of art and that we are made for a purpose. God has a plan for every one of us! Sometimes situations in our life will seem confusing or unfair. For example, Joseph was put in jail after being falsely accused, but in the end he became one of the most important people in Egypt and prevented the starvation of many through his resourcefulness, wisdom, and reliance on God. We can trust that God's plans will always eventually triumph. Meanwhile, our elementary kids will explore the importance of HONESTY and remember that we can always trust in God's promises because He is faithful and true. When we are honest we display before others a characteristic of the God we serve! Honesty is choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do. The kids will learn from Biblical examples the consequences of not being truthful and how dishonesty destroys relationships. We trust those who have shown themselves to be honest and we believe the promises of those who have been faithful to their word in the past. I pray that as we study honesty our children will trust more deeply in Jesus and desire to be considered trustworthy themselves by family and friends.

KID CONNECTION ELECTRONIC SIGN IN!

During the month of May we will be transitioning ALL age groups to our electronic sign in system, Planning Center Check-Ins. This is an app based system and will allow us to better track our attendance and provide greater security in our Children's Wing!

SATURDAYS: BEGINNING MAY 12

Please sign in using the self service check-in station set up in the Narthex or in the Children's Wing Lobby following the provided directions BEFORE the worship service begins and place the printed nametag on your child's back. Nursery age children may be dropped off anytime after 5:15. PreK3-5th graders will enter the Sanctuary and sit with their family after signing in and will be dismissed to Kid Connection after the opening worship set. No child will come back to the Children's Wing without a printed tag. If you have forgotten to sign in before the service, please walk back with your child to the Kid Connection area and sign them in at dismissal time.

SUNDAYS: BEGINNING MAY 20

Please sign in using one of the self service check-in stations set up in the Children's Wing Lobby following the provided directions and place the printed nametag on your child's back. You will be able to sign in your entire family at once and will receive a "claim ticket" with a security code to pick up your child. Drop off your children as usual after check-in. Guests will need to go the Reception Desk and cannot use a self service station to check-in. No child will be admitted into a classroom without a printed nametag. Please ask a volunteer for assistance if you have any difficulty with check-in.

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

May 6-Team 6	May 13-Team 7	May 20-Team 8	May 27-Team 1
June 3-Team 2	June 10-Team 3	June 17-Team 4	June 24-Team 5

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SHIPWRECKED!

During April/May we will be 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 as we get closer to June. **Items Needed:** Glue gun refill sticks, 250 vanilla pudding cups, bags of Swedish Fish candy, Vanilla Wafers, plastic spoons, Goldfish multicolored, Goldfish pretzels, large containers of raisins, pretzel sticks, large packages of napkins, containers of lemonade mix, 6 large furniture/refrigerator boxes, cardboard boxes assorted shapes/sizes, 8 packages of glue dots, 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 and Graham Crackers.

VBS Crew Leaders

Sign-up to serve during VBS! There is a Crew Leader Sign-Up sheet in the Narthex/Lobby. Our goal is 40 Crew Leaders who will attend daily guiding kids through their play, craft, and worship activities. Please contact Marion with questions or to sign-up as a station leader or to help with games or registration.



FAITH PRESCHOOL 2018-2019 REGISTRATION

Interested in joining the Faith Preschool family? 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.



IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES FOR PRAISE KIDS

- May 5 - Saturday - Dress Rehearsal for all from 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- May 6 - Sunday - Performance Day! All need to be here at 2:00 pm - Musical at 3:00 pm - **Wear Praise Kids green T-shirt, black capris, shorts, or workout pants - unless you have a costume you've been told about.**
- May 6 - Sunday - Room 25 - **Rainbow Ringers** - Arrive at 9:00 am to ring at 8:30 service - Practice on 5/2 - 3:30-4 pm
- May 9 - Wednesday - Watching the performance of YOU!
- May 16 - Wednesday - Last day for Praise Kids - End of the year party from 4-5:00 pm
- May 20 - Sunday - Room 25 - Arrive at 9:00 am to sing at 8:30 and 9:45 services - It is Youth/Confirmation Sunday and Bishop Park will be here to consecrate the Children's Wing (**Please note - there is no Saturday service on May 19.)

Thank you All for your help and what a great time we have to give God the Glory! *Lisa Konkle*

STUDENT MINISTRIES



SIX : EIGHT

5/2 SIX8
5/9 SIX8
5/16 SIX8
5/23 END OF
YEAR PARTY



NINE : TWELVE

5/6 MINI-GOLF
5/13 NO NINE12
5/20 END OF
YEAR PARTY

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ATTENTION GRADS!

WE'D LIKE TO HONOR
YOU ON JUNE 9/10!

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR
NAME, A RECENT PICTURE
OF YOURSELF, & YOUR
PLANS FOR FALL TO JARED
HETHERINGTON BY
SUNDAY, MAY 29TH.



Don't let anyone look down on you
because you are young,
but set an example for the believers in speech,
in life, in love, in faith and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12

Confirmation 2018

We would like to congratulate and celebrate 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 would also like to thank those who served as mentors this year for our six Confirmands. Thank you for being a part of their lives and helping to make an impact! Here are our 2018 Confirmands and their mentors:

Ariana Rose Cozzi

- Andrea Lucas

Maele Alice Fry

- Lisa Konkle

Giana Jeanne Lewis

- Lauren Reeder

Megan Elizabeth Lowe

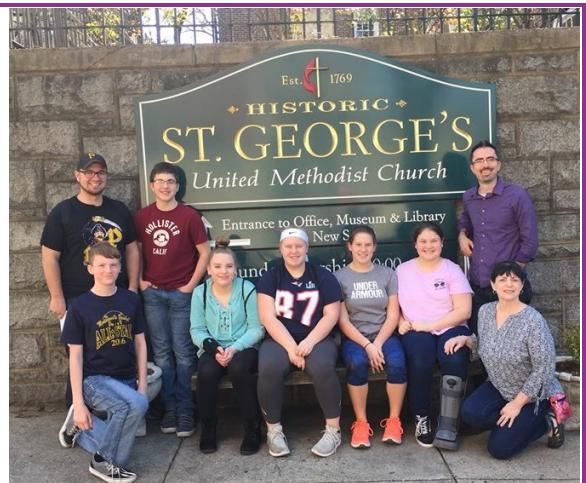
- Diane Dunlap

Elijah James Lucas

- Ed Pry

Ryan Matthew Shannon

- Brian Cozzi



The Confirmation Class went to St. George's UM historical church. L to R - Jared Hetherington, Eli Lucas, Ryan Shannon, Giana Lewis, Arianna Cozzi, Maele Fry, Megan Lowe, Pastor Jake, Diane Dunlap

GROW



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MOMS CONNECT

The last meeting for the Spring season will be **Thursday, May 17 at 6:00 pm** in Faith Café. There will be a potluck (everyone bring a dish to share). The topic will be 'Help Me Get Organized'! Connect with Betsy Bjorkman at 570-368-2459 for additional details. Hope to see you there!

WILLIAMSPORT COMMUNITY GROUP

This open mixed group meets once a month for a study of the Word and prayer. Next gathering **Wednesday, May 9 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!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

New Member Classes are being offered Saturday, **May 5 at 6:30 pm** and Sunday, **May 6 at 11:00 am** at Faith Church in Room 10. We'll explore Connect, Grow, Serve, Go, the mission and vision of Faith Church. Join us on the journey of Faith! You must have completed Starting Point before attending this class. To register, please contact Deb.



- 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**



Members of Financial Peace University - Dave and Crystal Miller, Patsy Herr, Andrea Lucas, Jess and Jim Carpenter and Michelle and Josh Aikey (Tom Herr)



SERVE AND GO

NEW FOOD BANK

Interested in volunteering for the new Food Bank or Backpack Ministries? We have all kinds of opportunities! It doesn't matter how young or how "mature" you are - if you can give an hour or more, we can use your helping hands. Families, organizations, small groups, individuals, couples - we can use you all!!

Join us on **Sunday, May 20 at 4:00 pm** in the Sanctuary to see how you can help and/or serve. Many of you have already expressed an interest and have received an email, but if you are a new volunteer come and join us that night too. Jane Zimmerer, co-chair and Sharon Atherholt, co-chair

SATURDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY TEAM SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

A great first step into trying on a serve at Faith is joining our weekend Hospitality teams! It is a way to get to know new people, and welcome new guests into worship! If you would like to serve on the team for Saturday night, your commitment would bless others! Call me today and try it out for fit - Deb Ottenmiller at 570-368-2459 or dottenmiller@faithum.net.

CENTRAL PA FOOD BANK PACKING DATES

Faith Church is committed to helping pack senior citizen and veteran food boxes the first Tuesday of each month. Now is the time to sign up your small group or to organize a group for the packing dates in 2018. Here are the dates: June 5 (Bair group), July 3 (**OPEN**), August 7 (**OPEN**), September 4 (Cartwright group), October 2 (**OPEN**), November 6 (**OPEN**), December 4 (Montoursville basketball-Mike Mussina). Contact the church office at office@faithum.net or 570-368-2459 to organize or to sign up your group for one of the remaining open months.

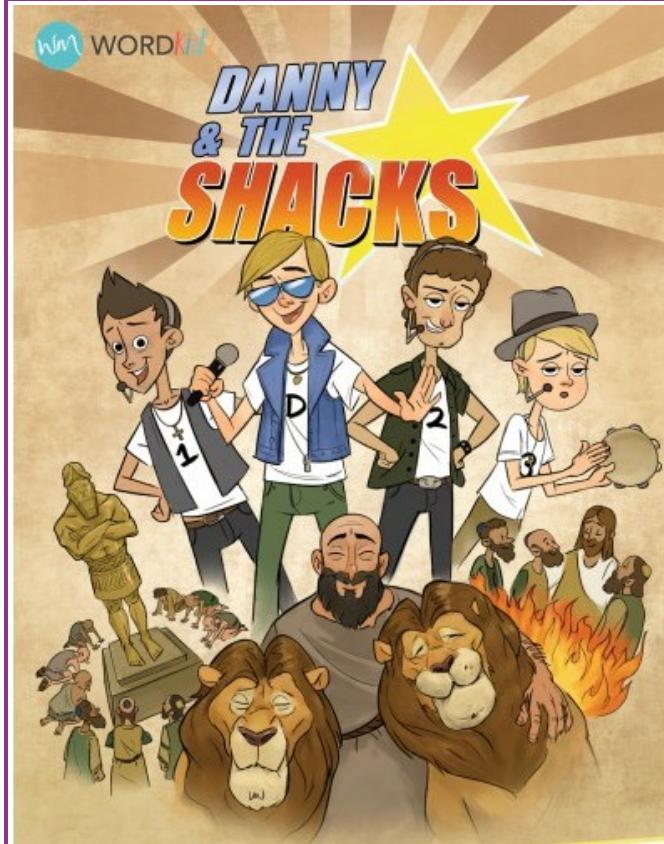


FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEKS FOR 2018

Please mark your calendars for our remaining host weeks: August 5-12, and December 2-9. If you have any questions, please contact Marybeth Croll at children777@comcast.net.

OFFICE ANGELS

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Consider becoming an Office Angel for Family Promise! Office Angels assist with answering phones, answering the door, taking messages and interacting with guests. Three flexible shifts available. Call 570-567-7103 today.



SUNDAY, MAY 6

3:00 PM

DANNY & THE SHACKS

A BIBLE STORY-INSPIRED MUSICAL!

PRESENTED BY: PRAISE KIDS

FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.



PRAISE KIDS RECEPTION AFTER THE MUSICAL

- Everyone is welcome
- Please bring something to share, such as bologna and cheese, finger sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, or something sweet
- Paper products and drinks will be provided



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