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Greg Moyer's Group



WORSHIP IN THE PARK - SEPTEMBER 22/23



PASTOR’S PEN

*INTRODUCING OUR NOVEMBER SERIES AND GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN
ENOUGH: DISCOVERING JOY THROUGH SIMPLICITY AND GENEROSITY*



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One of Jesus’ great teaching parables involves a sower who cast seed along the ground. The sower hoped the seeds would sprout, grow, and bear good fruit. Some seeds did just that, producing a great harvest. But others, Jesus said, fell among thorns and, though they began to grow, these good plants were quickly choked out. Jesus said the thorns were “the cares of the world and the lure of wealth” (Matthew 13:22).

In a culture where having “enough” seems to have become a never-ending pursuit, Jesus’ parable remains incredibly relevant. I talk to many people who feel like the abundant life of purpose, contentment, and joy are crowded out by a constant feeling of needing more – more experiences, more things, more activities. What are the keys to regaining our sense of joyful contentedness, abundance, and purpose?

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, over the next few weeks, we will be having a church-wide worship emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management and contentment. We’ll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation. There will be something helpful for everyone!

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year; a way to put God first and finding a purpose bigger than us as we join the cause of inviting people to become deeply devoted followers of Jesus. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on two consecutive Sundays. (See the schedule that follows.)

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- November 10/11 - Sermon: “Wisdom, Finance, and the Heart”
- November 17/18 - Sermon: “Cultivating Contentment”
- November 24/25 - Sermon: “Defined by Generosity”
- November 24/25 - Consecration Sunday 1 (Opportunity for personal commitment)
- December 1/2 - Consecration Sunday 2 (Opportunity for personal commitment)

On the Journey with you,
Jake Waybright, Lead Pastor

UNITED METHODIST CONNECTION



“LONG ROAD’ FOR RECOVERY FROM HURRICANE MICHAEL

by Jim Patterson on 10.15.18

United Methodist congregations in the Southeastern U.S. are beginning a massive rebuilding job after being damaged by Hurricane Michael, buoyed by their work ethic and the support of neighboring conferences.

“All the help is an emotional lift as well as the labor people need,” said Bishop R. Lawson Bryan of the South Georgia Episcopal Area. “It’s telling them that ‘You are not alone.’”

Damage from the October 11 hurricane was worst in the panhandle of Florida, Georgia and Alabama. Many areas were not quite ready for volunteers to arrive, though they hope the help will still be available after conditions improve a bit. Getting power and water back are the biggest priorities right now.

Up to 75 percent of the damage was to agricultural land, which means that many lost their livelihood for at least a year.

“We’re talking huge areas of pecan trees and cotton destroyed,” Bryan said. “But these are hard-working people. When faced with a catastrophe, they rise to the occasion.”

“Friendship UMC is located in the town that was ‘ground zero’ for Hurricane Michael in Georgia”, said the Rev. Nate Lehman, pastor. Miraculously, the Friendship Church building was unharmed; a tree did fall in its playground.

“This is a rural farming community with low income levels,” he said. “Lots of the other jobs are minimum wage and those people are unable to work because things are closed down.”

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has already distributed two \$10,000 emergency grants to Alabama-West Florida and Florida conferences.

Patterson is a Nashville-based reporter for United Methodist News Service.

[This is an excerpt of an article from United Methodist News Service – for the full article or to subscribe to regular news from our connection of United Methodist Churches go to www.umnews.org .]



A utility pole destroyed by Hurricane Michael is left in the shape of a cross in front of Colquitt (Ga.) United Methodist Church. Photo courtesy of Colquitt United Methodist Church.

CONNECT

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

All Saints Day is Thursday, November 1. The weekend of November 3/4 we will take an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. Those who died in the past year from our congregation were *Eleanor Meier, Vickie Reeder, Andrew Emrick, Charles Fehlinger, and Judy Conklin.*

NEW SERMON SERIES COMING IN NOVEMBER

Enough



Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

November 10/11 - Wisdom, Finance, and the Heart
November 17/18 - Cultivating Contentment
November 24/25 - Defined by Generosity

DON'T FORGET TO

**FALL
BACK**

Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 4.

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, 11/10 at 6:30 pm **OR** Sunday, 11/11 at 11:00 am in Room 10. Baptism will take place on Saturday, 11/17 and Sunday, 11/18. Plan to attend? Please connect with Deb at dottenmiller@faithum.net.



Please plan to join us Saturday, November 3 after the 5:30 pm worship service for this last potluck of the year, where you can have an opportunity to share in good food and meet some new to you people! Bring a dish to share.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

CONGREGATIONAL CARE NOW HAS A HOTLINE

Congregational Care is a ministry of Faith Church that provides support, encouragement, and assistance to persons who are a part of our church family. We accomplish this from a team approach and so it is an essential ministry that involves the pastors, staff, and lay persons throughout the church. If you have an emergency request for care, please call the Faith Church Care Hotline at 570-980-1529. If you have an upcoming surgery, hospitalization, or prayer request, we invite you to share the information via your Connect Card, On-line Request Form (go to: www.faithum.net), or call the Faith Church Care Hotline – at 570-980-1529. Questions? Please connect with Pastor Jane O’Borski .



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Caregiver Gathering

Are you caring for a loved one? Whether you're caring for someone on a short term or long term basis, being a caregiver can be exhausting, stressful, and lonely. Our Congregational Care Team would like to support you in your journey. Join us on Sunday, November 18 at 11:30 am in Room 10 for a time of prayer and support. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office at 570-368-2459. All caregivers are welcome and encouraged to attend.



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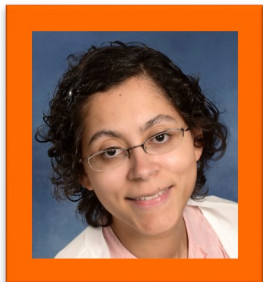
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



KID CONNECTION CLASSES

Sundays at 9:45 am
Nursery-Room 19/20
2's & 3's-Room 18
PreK-Room 17
Kindergarten-Room 15
Grade 1-Room 13
Grade 2-Room 11
Grade 3-Room 12
Grades 4/5-Room 14

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Nursery: 0-3-Room 19	PK3-Grade 5-Large Group Room 21
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All classes are located in the Children's Wing on the Fairview Drive side of the church.

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KID CONNECTION - ORANGE SPOTLIGHT (THE YELLOW OF CHURCH AND THE RED OF HOME COMBINE TO MAKE ORANGE.) During November, we take a look at thankfulness and cooperation. Our Bible lessons are designed to encourage preschoolers to be thankful for the people who help us. They will hear about Tabitha and the clothes she made for others, the Good Samaritan who helped an injured stranger, and numerous people who worked together to help Nehemiah build an important wall. It is important for us to help people around us, but also important to practice recognizing and thanking those who help us. Ultimately, we also need to thank God who is the giver of all good things and our true helper in times of trouble. Meanwhile, our elementary age students will learn about Cooperation. The curriculum defines cooperation as working together to do what you can't do alone. We have many opportunities to cooperate at school and at home, but from a spiritual perspective God also invites us to cooperate with Him in the work of building His kingdom. God is complete in Himself and He didn't need us, but He chose to lovingly create us and invite us to cooperate with Him and one another. Our cooperation as God's followers actually points other people toward Jesus! Elementary kids will hear from the Old Testament of the Bible about the building of the tabernacle and also the ways that Aaron and Hur helped Moses. Afterward, they move to the New Testament and hear about four friends who carried a paralyzed man to Jesus for healing. Finally, your elementary student will wrap up the month with the metaphor, given to us in Corinthians, of the church as a body with many parts with different functions cooperating together for a purpose.

KID CONNECTION SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2018

- Team 1: Dottie Mathers, Betsy &/or Dave Bjorkman, Sandrina Womer, Lori Parke, Erica Wurster
Team 2: Valerie Mosteller, Darci Kirby, Elise Meckbach, Ryan Tira, Kevin Handley, Carrie Knapp
Team 3: Stef Frelin, Danielle and/or Matt Harris, Emily &/or Adam Tate, Denise Plankenhorn, Julie Stokes
Team 4: Rebecca Huffman, Kevin Handley, Kim Rakestraw, Susan Ravert, Dave Rinker, Jessie Guisewhite
Team 5: Tessa Little, Emily Miller, Kevin Handley, Jenna LoCricchio, Brenda Laudenslager, Kristi Michael
Team 6: Sarah Keiser, Jessie Metzger, Crystal Miller, Jane Heintzelman, Susan Waybright
Team 7: Andrea Lucas, Julie Vogel, Cherie Wurster, Lindsay Davis, Brian Cozzi, EvieLyn Perry
Team 8: Rick Gray, Kevin Handley, Kaitlin Eck, Melissa Foster, Shawn Coles

Nov. 4-Team 8	Nov. 11-Team 1	Nov. 18-Team 2	Nov. 25-Team 3
Dec. 2-Team 4	Dec. 9-Team	Dec. 16-Team 6	Dec. 23-Team 7
Dec. 24-Christmas Eve Services-Separate Sign-up for Nursery		Dec. 30-Team 8	

KID CONNECTION AND HOLIDAY SEASONS

Thank you all for your willingness to serve in Kid Connection so that all of our kids have a safe and nurturing environment in which to hear God's Word. In order to welcome guests and remain faithful in sharing the good news of Jesus with our youngest attenders, Kid Connection does operate ALL weekends in November and December. As we approach the busy season between Thanksgiving and New Year's I hope each of you has time for both fellowship and rest. We also ask that as you consider your calendar that you pray over your ability to serve in the Nursery during one of our Christmas Eve services and be proactive in swapping serving dates early if you expect to be traveling on your scheduled serving date.

THANK YOU KID CONNECTORS & TECH CREW!

We are blessed to have several wonderful adults, teens, and elementary students serving as greeters and operating our tech equipment. Thank you to the following individuals who serve on the Connector and Tech teams: Cameron Nelson, Riley Nelson, Bennett Handley, Brooke Lowe, Megan Lowe, Sydney Pry, Hannah Pry, Lillian McCulloch, Ryan Tira, Carlos Tira, Keith Atherholt, Sharon Atherholt, Wendy Lucas, Eli Lucas, Kim Steinbacher, Paul Rinker, Andrew Ware, Brittany Frey, Brandie Fry, Weston Fry, and Paula Robinson.



FAITH PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

Faith Preschool will be selling t-shirts and car static cling decals. The t-shirts will be gray with black ink and are \$10 each and come in sizes youth XS through Adult XXL (+\$2 for XXL size). The car decals are in color and are \$3 each. If you would like to purchase either of these items, please e-mail Heather Ramsey at hramsey@faithum.net or fill out an order form that you will find

in an upcoming bulletin! Orders and payments are due no later than December 3 and the shirts will be available for pick up by December 19. Checks can be made out to Faith Church with "Preschool t-shirts" in the memo line. What a great way to help support our preschool (plus, they would make great Christmas gifts)!



Faith Preschool

STUDENT MINISTRIES



SIX : EIGHT



NINE : TWELVE

Grades 6-8 - Need a place to relax and get away from the stress of Middle School? Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm as we discover who God is and who He created us to be.

Grades 9-12 - Whether you're just starting High School life or if you're an upper classman, join us on Sundays from 6:30-8:30 pm as we walk through life and serve and grow together.

STUDENT MINISTRIES TRANSITION PERIOD

At Faith Church, we have a passion for seeing children and youth experience the love of Jesus and become his deeply devoted followers. In October, we entered into a period of ministry transition, as Jared Hetherington followed a call into a new ministry setting as a residential director at Ashler Manor in Muncy. We believe that just as Jared has been called to a new position God already is calling the next person to Faith who will lead our student ministries. God Is good.

One of the great gifts to our students, is that we have a core of highly committed adult leaders who will continue to lead our student ministries In the Interim. They will continue to provide space for students on Wednesday and Sunday nights to experience the love of Jesus, learn to follow Him, and have fun. Lisa Epright, LEpright@tpsovens.com, will serve as the coordinator during this time. For more information you can be In contact with her or Pastor Jake at jwaybright@faithum.net. Parents and students continue to pay attention for updates to events and schedules on Facebook, and through our Remind for high schoolers.

Pastor Jake, Lead Pastor

FSM Six8

11/7 Six8

11/14 Six8

11/21 No Six8

11/28 Six8

FSM Nine12

11/4 Nine12

11/11 Nine12

11/18 Nine12

11/25 No Nine12

STUDENT MINISTRIES DIRECTOR SEARCH

Faith UMC is accepting applicants for our Student Ministries Director position. We are looking for a passionate leader who has a contagious faith, an ability to disciple others, connect with students, lead and build teams, and develop leaders around them. The Student Ministries Director is a full-time position. For a full job description, and to apply please send a cover letter, resume and references to the church office at office@faithum.net.

GROW



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COMMUNITY GROUP LIFE

If Group life is something you would like to explore, I would love to help you begin! Contact me, Deb Ottenmiller, at the information below my picture.

3 groups that are currently available for additional participants:

1. **Moms Connect Group** - the next meeting will be **Thursday, November 15 at 6:30 pm in Large Group Room 21**. The topic will be *Keeping Secrets*. All moms are encouraged and welcome to attend, and childcare will be provided. Connect with Betsy Bjorkman at 570-368-2459 for additional details. Hope to see you there!
2. **Men's Group** - the group meets each **Saturday morning at Mel's Diner in Montoursville at 7:00 am**. Bible study on *Growing Older and Wiser*. Connect with Rick Wurster at 570-368-2459 for additional details!
3. **Men's Group** - this group meets at **Faith Church each Wednesday morning in Room 10 at 6:00 am**. Scripture study is currently on the book of Acts. Connect with Christian Calehuff at 570-368-2459. They have room for additional guys to join them!!

SERVE ON CHRISTMAS EVE

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY IS AVAILABLE TO YOU TO SERVE!!!

Consider serving as a: **Christmas Eve Hospitality Team Co-leader for the 3:00 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, and 9:00 pm services!** Did you know? We have over 1000 people who attend a Christmas Eve Service at Faith Church each year. For us to welcome and care for them with excellence, we need large teams who serve, with leaders like YOU to guide them for placement and training! Won't you consider this Team Leader Role? Our Hospitality Team Leaders need to be in place no later than the end of November.

Requirements for Team Leaders are:

- **A Joyous Commitment** to co-Leading one of the four (4) services for Christmas Eve, with one other Team Leader.
- **A one hour training** (can be one on one, or with the other team leads) on logistics. This is at your convenience during the week/weekend of November 12-18, or December 3-9.
- **Calling all Team Members** the weeks before Christmas to communicate to them their role expectations and job description. (Team sign-ups will happen over the first three (3) weekends of December.)
- **A Time Commitment** of approximately 4-5 hours spread out over the next two months

As you consider this role, please connect with Deb Ottenmiller with questions or commitment!

ALSO: Christmas Eve Serving opportunity 'behind the scenes': Persons to set up refreshments between 4:30-7:00 pm services, for all servants. Time Commitment: 2 hour on campus to set up and tear down, as well as picking up food trays at grocer.

SERVE AND GO



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FRESH EXPRESSIONS GATHERING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Faith Church is exploring this wonderful movement to get out into the community by intentionally forming 'Fresh Expressions of Faith' at places in our world where we encounter those who do not know Christ or for those that find the church organization foreign or even frightening.

We recognize Jesus call to not remain within our walls but rather to GO and meet people right where they are with the love of Christ. Simply stated, A Fresh Expression is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of those who are not yet part of any church.

If you would like to hear more about the Fresh Expressions movement, we invite you to a gathering on **Sunday, November 4 beginning at 11:30 am to 1:30 pm with a light lunch**. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office at 570-368-2459 or Pastor Beth Jones.

In the meantime, if you want to learn more about Fresh Expressions, feel free to check out <https://freshexpressionsus.org/>.

"GO" GATHERING DECEMBER 1

What does it mean to be involved in a 'GO' ministry here at Faith Church? It means that you have made a decision to GO out into the world to serve, share and invest with our neighbors so that they may know Jesus and we may transform the world for Christ.

If you are currently involved in a 'GO' ministry, or if you feel like God may be calling you forward to become a leader in this area, you are invited to a "GO Gathering" on Saturday evening, December 1 from 7-8:30 pm at the church.

While it's so important to be clear in the 'HOW' and the "WHAT" of all we do, it's crucial to know the 'WHY'. We will be taking time to look deeply into our common 'WHY' as together we reach out in the name of Jesus Christ. We will look at our leadership style, our common focus and vision, discover creative ways to plan for the future and set some concrete goals in our specific area of ministry. If you are already a leader in a 'GO' ministry, you will be contacted for registration. If you are not currently in leadership but would like to attend as you feel called into the 'GO' area of ministry, contact Pastor Beth to register for the event.



Faith UMC is excited to support a week of shelter for Family Promise of Lycoming County from December 2-9 here on the church campus. The Mission of Family Promise is: "To empower families to become and remain self-sufficient by breaking the cycle of homelessness, provides community awareness and advocacy, and creates mission opportunities for individuals and faith based communities. We seek to support the over 80% success rate of family placement into permanent housing by providing a week of shelter and food while Family Promise connects families to resources to help them regain a more secure life. Beginning November 4th, you are invited to sign up in the Narthex to help us make this week safe, secure and joyful for our guests. There are so many ways you can help!

Overnight Host: Spend the night at the church to ensure the security and peace of mind of the guest families.

Meal Providers: Provide the meal for the families.

Dinner/Evening Hosts: Each evening, the families return to the church. As dinner/evening host you will sit, eat and socialize with families until the overnight hosts arrive at 8:30 pm.

Van Drivers: Transports the families to and from the Family Promise center.

Set-up/Tear-Down: Help set up space needed to accommodate families. Tear down and re-load the following Sunday for transportation to the next host church.

Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary beginning the weekend of November 3/4 to serve.

Thanksgiving Baskets



We will be collecting food and monetary donations to pack Thanksgiving Baskets for families from the Montoursville Area School District. Monetary gifts can be dropped off in the church office. Food donations will be collected in the Narthex from now through November 17. Servants are also needed to pack and deliver the baskets on Sunday, 11/18 at 11:15 am. Connect Card sign-ups will begin soon.

Items Needed:

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| Canned Corn | Canned Green Beans |
| Canned Cranberry Sauce | Canned Sweet Potatoes |
| Turkey Gravy | Boxed Stuffing |
| Boxed Hot Chocolate | Instant Mashed Potatoes |
| Box Cake/Brownie Mixes & Frosting | |
| \$20-25 Weis Gift Cards to purchase turkeys & dessert pies | |



HARVEST OF HOPE

ADDITIONAL BACKPACK FOOD NEEDED

There aren't enough words to describe the reception of the Backpack Program in our local school districts. A critical need for food has been met and we have discovered that the need is great. Our backpack program currently supplies weekend food to students in each of the 4 schools in the Montoursville area school district. We have discovered that the need in our elementary schools is particularly great and so we have decided to increase our food by 20 backpacks beginning this month. To do this, we need your help. Faith UMC was not assigned a particular food category for precisely this reason as we anticipated needs that would require an immediate response to supply the food for the 20 additional backpacks. Thank you in advance for your donation of any food **on the lists supplied in the Narthex**. It is important that donations stick to the exact requested size and item so that all backpack food remains the same for each student. Items can be placed in **the wooden bins** in the Narthex labeled 'Harvest of Hope'.



The first packing of “Backpacks” was at Faith Church on Thursday, October 18. Many hands made light work!



Thank You!!!

The Harvest of Hope Food Bank would like to thank the following churches and community groups for their support of the Backpack Program:

Contributing Churches:

- Bethel UMC (Pasta)
- Faith UMC (as needed)
- First Christian Church (Snacks)
- Heilman UMC (Fruits and Vegetables)
- Warrensville UMC (Fruits and Vegetables)
- Fairfield UMC (Pasta)
- Farragut UMC (Pasta)
- Bethany Evangelical Lutheran (Breakfast)

Community Volunteers

- Cub Scouts
- Mrs. Wise’s class – Montoursville High
- Key Club – Montoursville High
- Builder’s Club – McCall Middle School
- Volunteers from contributing churches
- Montoursville Rotary Club
- Boys Baseball Team – Montoursville High School

STRAIGHT OUTTA BETHLEHEM



In the Sleepy Little Town
of Bethlehem, Something
MIRACULOUS is About
to Happen!

SAVE THE DATE! Praise Kids will perform this musical on
Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 pm, followed by a dinner in
Fellowship Hall. More information to come soon.

SAVE THE DATE

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