



LIFE LINE

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER OF FAITH UMC
FAITH STORIES FROM AUGUST



Rev. C. Angelique Labadie-Cihanowyz,
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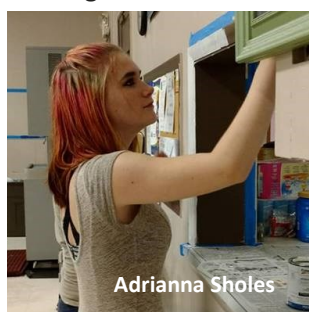
Liz Schaefer



Jon Schaefer and Jared Hetherington

SOJOURNER TRUTH MINISTRIES

Sojourner Truth is a nonprofit ministry in Williamsport focused on helping make the world around us a better, happier place. With the help of staff and volunteers, they organize fundraisers, community-building events, offer clothing, a food pantry, and serve meals six days a week. Just a few weeks ago, some students and leaders from Faith Student Ministries volunteered on an overnight mission event.



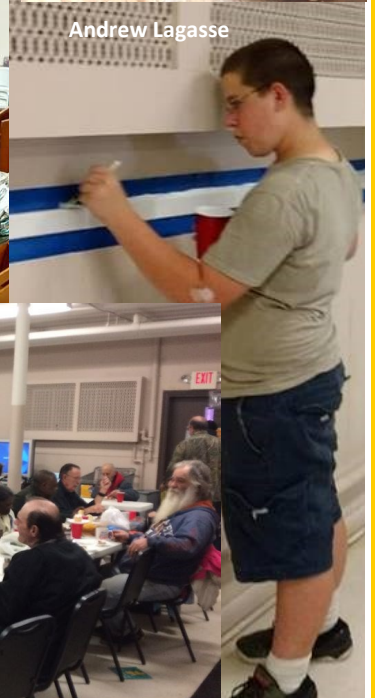
Adrianna Sholes



Sharing the Word!



Michaela Switzer



Andrew Lagasse



Michaela Switzer, Jon Schaefer, Liz Schaefer, Sarah Marquardt, Madi Myers, Jared Hetherington, Andrew Lagasse



PRAISE KIDS MUSIC CAMP

Kids age 4 - Grade 5 had a great time rejoicing and praising God at Music Camp, learning about Jesus through singing and playing/making instruments. Kids had a great time with Ms. Lisa and she would like to thank all the adults and youth who helped!

Praise Kids will begin Wednesday, August 29 at 4:00 pm.





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PASTOR’S PEN

Sometimes you want to do something, but it’s hard to figure out how to get started. If you stop to think about it, I bet you could identify a ‘something’ like that in your own life. It might be that you can’t figure out where to make the time, or who to talk to about it, or if the timing is right. You probably can think of your own set of reasons. In my own life, getting started with something can be the biggest challenge.

This was the case this last year as I tried to figure out how to plug into a Community Group where I could surround myself with other people who would help me grow to be more like Jesus. I knew that I wanted to be part of a group. I knew all the benefits and I could feel that it was a missing piece of my spiritual growth. And yet, I was stuck on the best way to make it work for my schedule. I just couldn’t get started.

Finally this summer, I reached out to a few people who I knew weren’t in a Community Group and chose a time and got started. I didn’t know exactly what we would study together, I didn’t know whether the time we chose would really work, I didn’t know a lot. I only knew one thing – I needed to stop putting it off and I needed to get started.

Several weeks later, I am so glad that I did. Sitting with other followers of Jesus who are there to all grow in our faith and help others do the same has helped me to sharpen my focus on my relationship with Jesus and begin to build deeper faith friendships.

It hasn’t been without some sacrifice – it requires me to commit to an early morning that I could have otherwise gone to the gym or slept in. But, nothing worthwhile is achieved without some sacrifice. And having others to help me do the most important thing in my life – follow Jesus – is totally worth it. I’m so glad I got started.

Maybe you are in a similar place to where I was. Community Group life sounds good to you, but you just can’t figure out how to get started.

If that is you, I want to challenge you to take advantage of our churchwide study that will begin the last weekend in September. We will be studying ‘Unafraid’ along with the sermon series as we consider what it looks like to live with courage in the face of our fears. Along with the sermon series, we are providing everything you need to ‘get started’ (for more information see the article in the Grow section of the newsletter).

Our goal for the ‘church wide’ is that it will help you get started. Don’t wait another month, another year, or another decade. Just get started. I guarantee you will be glad you did!

Yours on the Journey,
Pastor Jake

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are almost at the end of the second phase of construction! Here is what has been happening and what is yet to come!

- **August:** The parking and site work finished. Food Bank Renovations complete. New Staff offices in the Brushy Ridge Road side are finished.
- **September:** Construction for this phase will finish on the gym. We have been told that we will have occupancy by the end of September. This will mean the temporary wall in the Faith Café will come down and we will begin to use the gym! We also will be focusing on our landscaping around the church now that the construction is complete.

Future: The Church Council and Facilities Design Team have been working through details of when we will be able to do some work to refresh the sanctuary and to do the final stage of construction in the gym so that we can have contemporary worship and our permanent rubber gym floor. Look for more information in the coming months about our timeline for these future phases. Thank you for your continued support of our JOURNEY: Next Steps Capital Campaign which will make these future phases possible!

UNITED METHODIST CONNECTION



A WAY FORWARD IN UNITY - A HOLY CHRISTIAN CONVERSATION

An invitation for United Methodist Laity and Clergy.

Join Bishop Park in Holy Christian Conversations which will include:

- Devotions with your District Superintendent
- A presentation on the Way Forward proposals
- A time of question and answer with Bishop Park. Afterward, congregational leaders will learn about resources available to your local church for continuing the conversation.

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| Saturday, September 15 | 9:30-Noon | Williamsport District | Blossburg UMC, 108 N Williamson Rd., Blossburg |
| Saturday, September 15 | 3-5:30 pm | Lewisburg District | Watson town UMC, 1319 8 th St. Dr., Watson town |

If you are interested in attending either of these meetings, please sign-up at:
<http://www.susumc.org/index.php/component/content/article/2-uncategorised/2480-a-holy-christian-conversation>

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



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"Lord, teach us to pray..." (Luke 11:1 – CEB)
This was the disciples' request of Jesus.

Many of us lack confidence in our prayer lives and so we turn to others who seem to have a better grasp on that spiritual discipline. Even though many of us may feel ill-equipped, as United Methodists, prayer has been a big part of our tradition from the inception of the Methodist movement.

John Wesley, one of the forefathers of the United Methodist Church, gave 3 rules that we as United Methodists are expected to engage in:

- Do no harm
 - Do good
 - Attend upon all the ordinances of God (sometimes referred to as "stay in love with God")
- In Wesley's list of examples for the 3rd rule, he included: "family and private prayer."

Learning to pray is a bit like learning to ride a bicycle. What we can learn from a book or class is not enough. Confidence and proficiency come through practice.

Here are some things to remember with prayer:

- There is no one-size-fits-all technique. Prayer is a form of communication and so each of us needs to find our unique style.
- Prayer is time well spent – no matter what. Even if we feel like we've used all the wrong words, spending 15 minutes, an hour, a day or a season practicing your prayer life is time well spent.
- Experiment with new-to-you ways of prayer. There are many different styles and ways to pray. Take some time to explore some new and different ways. You might be surprised to find what works best for you.

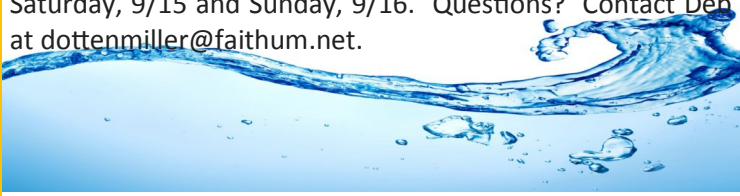
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IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR MUSIC GROUPS TO START

- **Praise Kids** (Children's Choir for Ages 4-Grade 5) begins Wednesday, August 29 at 4:00 pm in the Large Group Room 21 in the Children's Wing. You can still register your child(ren) if they are interested in singing and learning scripture through music.
 - **Voices of Faith** (Adult Choir) begins Thursday, August 30 at 5:30 pm and meets each week in Room 25.
 - **Bell Choir** (Grade 7-Adult) begins Sunday, September 9 at 11:00 am in Room 25. Come join us!
 - **Faces of Grace** (Youth Choir for Grades 6-12) begins Sunday, September 9 at 2:00 pm in Room 25. Faces will sing at all three services at least monthly and with the Praise Team.
 - **Kidz Bellz** (Grades 3-5) begins Wednesday, September 12 at 3:30 pm in Room 25. Learn to play and read music using different colored bells and music notes.
- If you are interested in joining any of these choirs, please contact Lisa Konkle at lkonkle@faithum.net.

BAPTISM INFORMATION MEETINGS

These meetings are for anyone interested in receiving the sacrament of baptism for themselves or for their children. The meeting times are Saturday, 9/8 at 6:30 pm **OR** Sunday, 9/9 at 11:00 am in Room 10. Baptism will take place on Saturday, 9/15 and Sunday, 9/16. Questions? Contact Deb at dottenmiller@faithum.net.

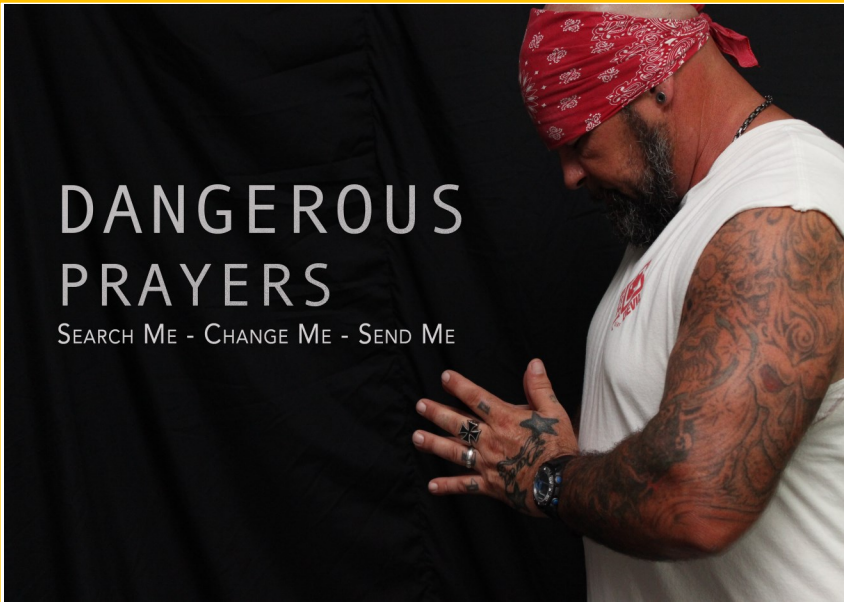


STARTING POINT

Faith Church has so much great stuff going on that it can be hard when you are new here to know where to get started in finding your place. If this is where you find yourself, **Starting Point** is a perfect next step for you. Pastor Jake and Deb Ottenmiller, Director of Group Life/Assimilation, lead this gathering after weekend worship. Starting Point will meet **Saturday, September 15 at 6:30 pm and Sunday, September 16 at 11:00 am** at Faith Church in Room 10. Sign-up by calling the church office at 570-368-2459. Childcare through age 5 is available with pre-registration by contacting Shannon Perrotta at sperrotta@faithum.net.

Church Office Closed

In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 3.



DANGEROUS
PRAYERS
SEARCH ME - CHANGE ME - SEND ME

New Series Begins September 8/9

September 8/9 - Search Me

Psalms 139:23-24

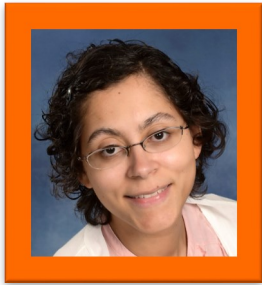
September 15/16 - Change Me

Luke 19:1-10; Romans 12

September 22/23 - Send Me

I Samuel 3, Isaiah 6, Luke 1:38

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

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 September, we will be looking at some Old Testament stories and the truths found there about our relationship with God and our neighbors. Our preschoolers learn that God keeps His promises and can be trusted with their problems, hopes, and fears. They will look Exodus and Genesis and learn about Noah, Moses, and Abraham. Meanwhile, our elementary kids are discussing initiative and why having initiative mirrors the character of God. Initiative is seeing what needs to be done and doing it! God took the initiative in relationship with us by sending prophets, kings, and eventually Jesus to continually bring His wandering people back to Himself. Our lessons from the book of Nehemiah will encourage kids to work diligently at the work that needs to be done, but also to look around them and be aware of the needs of others. We hope that as they look at God's Word they will be motivated to serve the people they encounter in Jesus' name.

KID CONNECTION SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 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: Lauren Caputo, Mitzi Herron, Rick Gray, Kevin Handley, Kaitlin Eck, Melissa Foster

Sept. 2-Team 7

Sept. 9-Team 8

Sept. 16-Team 1

Sept. 23-Team 2

Sept. 30-Team 3

Oct. 7-Team 4

Oct. 14-Team 5

Oct. 21-Team 6

Oct. 28-Team 7

BIBLE PRESENTATION WEEKEND FOR 3RD GRADERS

We are excited to present your third grader with a Bible! This year the Bibles will be presented on Saturday, September 29th and Sunday, September 30th during the worship services. ALL children receiving Bibles must attend a meeting with a parent or "sponsor" who will come forward with them during the presentation. The meeting dates are Sunday September 16 at 11:00 and Wednesday September 19 at 6:30. Please plan to attend on Sunday OR Wednesday. Parents of 3rd graders will receive additional information, but please contact Marion Handley with any questions or concerns.

KID CONNECTION VOLUNTEERS

Friends, we rely on your participation in the serving rotation to provide safe and fun environments for our kids! If your child is attending Nursery or Kid Connection and you are not currently a member of the serving rotation, please consider signing up to serve. In addition, if your child is graduating out of Kid Connection into FSM please consider whether you might be willing to continue serving periodically either on your own or with your middle schooler assisting. We LOVE when our teens step into serving!

FAITH PRESCHOOL 2018-2019 REGISTRATION

There are a few spots remaining in our 4 year old afternoon preschool class for 2018-2019. If interested, please contact the church office 570-368-2459.

MOTHER'S TIME OUT HELPERS

Our wonderful MTO "grammies" are in need of some new helpers to serve regularly on Friday mornings from 9:00 am-noon during the school year. Our helpers care for our infants, toddlers, and preschoolers keeping them feel safe and comfortable while parents enjoy a few free hours for appointments and errands. All you need is a willing spirit and up to date background checks! Please contact Marion Handley.

JOHN BOWER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Sign-ups for coaches for the John Bower Basketball League are ongoing. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Andrea Lucas by September 30. Sign-ups for players will be held September 15-October 21. Students who regularly attend Faith Church from Kindergarten-Grade 6 are eligible to play. There will be a small fee per player due at the time of registration. Additional details will be available soon. If you need more information, e-mail Andrea Lucas at het_atc@yahoo.com.



STUDENT MINISTRIES



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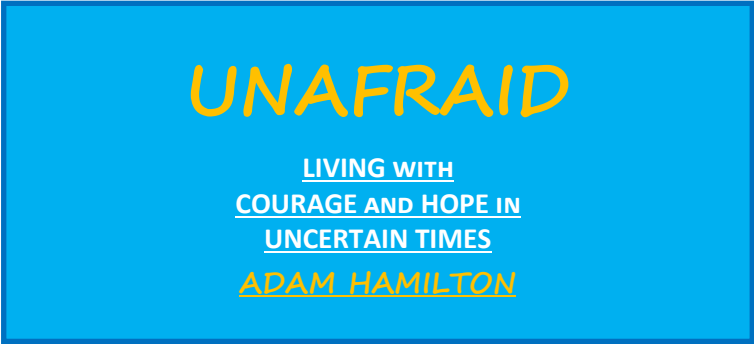
Grades 6-8 - Need a place to relax and get away from the stress of Middle School? Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm as we discover who God is and who He created us to be. **KICK-OFF IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5!**



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. **KICK-OFF IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9!**

GROW

5 WEEK CHURCH-WIDE SERIES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 29/30



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WAYS TO PLUG IN:

- **Host a group in your home for the series**
 - ⇒ Host with friends you know - invite a few friends over to your home and experience this 5 week series together!
 - ⇒ Be an available host at our formation event The Gathering on September 29, so that persons from the congregation can join you as their host for the series.
 - ⇒ Pick up a Host Overview today in the Narthex/Lobby or on one of the Community Group promotion bulletin boards.
 - **Attend The Gathering on September 29 from 5:30-6:30 pm in Faith Café and leave with a group of people to experience the 5 week series with.**
 - ⇒ This **1-hour event** is being offered with the express purpose of forming new short term group experiences for the church-wide series. It's an opportunity for you (and feel free to bring a friend!) to gather in a larger group setting with other people from Faith who also desire this form of community, and figure out how that will look for you. Our hope from this one time larger gathering is for you to walk away from the event with a group to gather with for the next 5 weeks! Start praying now for how this can look in your life!!!
 - ⇒ NOTE: Present at the event there will be HOSTS for a MEN'S group, and a WOMEN'S group available to sign up for! MERGE (a mixed group) is an available option as well!
 - ⇒ Your Children are welcome to participate in Kid Connection during the event. PARENTS: please take your children back to Large Group Room 21 when you arrive and plan to pick them up in that same area. Pre-registration is encouraged, with forms available at the Community Group tables in the Narthex/Lobby area.
 - **Join MERGE during the series - childcare provided.**
 - ⇒ This group begins Monday, October 1 in Room 10 on campus from 6:30-8:00 pm.
 - **Pray**, asking God how He plans to work through group life in you this fall.
- Questions? Connect with Deb Ottenmiller at dottenmiller@faithum.net or 570-244-7002.

COMMUNITY GROUPS COMING THIS FALL!

Open Men's Group

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 have room for 2 more! Contact Keith Atherholt at 570-447-5292 if interested!

Open Men's Group Resuming Saturday, September 8

This group meets at 7:00 am at Mel's Diner on Saturday mornings for breakfast and a short study on God's Word followed by prayer requests. We have room for a few more! Coming 9-week study is a Life Guide study entitled *Growing Older and Wiser*. Contact Rick Wurster at 570-419-5598 if interested.

WILLIAMSPORT COMMUNITY GROUP

This open mixed group meets once a month for a study of the Word and prayer. The next gathering is TBD from Noon to 1:00 pm at 57 East 4th Street, Williamsport Law office - 1st floor. Connect with Scott Williams at 570-946-4314 for details. All are welcome!

More Grow on the next page →

MORE COMMUNITY GROUPS

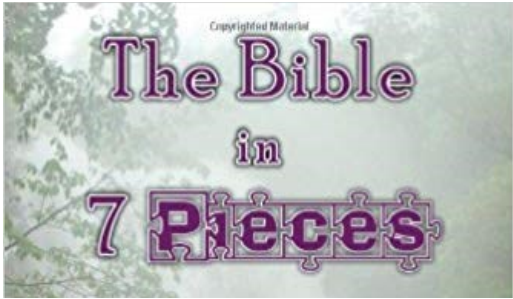
MOMS CONNECT WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 19 AT 6:30 PM

This group will meet in Large Group Room 21 in the Children’s Wing. Ladies, this is a great time to jump into something new- what better way to get to know other moms than to talk about this month’s topic: Getting Organized! Right in time for back to school and fall routines – lets help each other organize our lives!! Childcare will also be available! Connect with Betsy Bjorkman 570-368-2459.



“INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE” CLASS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20

This six-week class will introduce you to the Bible. You will have a better understanding of how God’s word was put together, the history behind some of God’s word, and where to look for answers to some of your questions. This is not a course in theology, or spiritual growth necessarily. It is only designed to introduce you to God’s word. Join us Thursday evenings beginning September 20 from 7-8:30 pm in Room 12. Cost of the book, The Bible in 7 Pieces is \$12. Questions? Call 570-368-2459.



FOUNDATIONS CLASS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 26

Scripture gives all of us a simple plan. Go, make disciples [Matthew 28:19]. To grow into this plan takes intentionality, effort and investment on our part. One way to equip you for this is the Foundations Class.

Why don’t you plan to participate?

Built around essential practices for Christian disciples, **Foundations** introduces the basics of prayer, reflecting on scripture, developing authentic relationships, creating a daily devotional time, discovering our calling to serve, using resources in God-honoring ways, and sharing your faith.



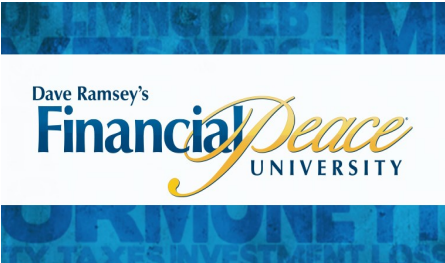
This class begins Wednesday, September 26 from 6:30-8:00 pm in Room 10 at Faith Church. Workbook cost for this 8-week class is \$15 (by session cost \$2).

Questions? Contact Brenda Schmick at 570-368-2459. Information and sign-ups available in the Narthex/Lobby on September 8/9 and 15/16.

Sessions as follows:

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| September 26 | Welcome and Intro: Building Christian Relationships as Disciples |
| October 3 | Building My Relationship with God through Prayer |
| October 10 | Building My Relationship with Christ through the Word of God |
| October 17 | Building a Life of Devotion through Worship Experiences |
| October 24 | Building a Life of Service through the Use of My Gifts and Talents |
| October 31 | Building a Life of Generosity through Stewardship |
| November 7 | Where do I go from here? |
| November 14 | Growing My Faith by Sharing My Faith |

SERVE: Foundations Group will serve at the December 4 Food Packing Event!



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 25

This group will meet at 349 Herr Lane, Montoursville for a **9-week series beginning Saturday, 9/15 through Saturday, 11/10 from 6-8:00 pm.** Sessions will last between 1.5-2 hours which will include a short video followed by questions/answers. Cost - discount price of \$109.00 for all materials which includes FPU membership and one year free of Every Dollar Plus budgeting tool. Got to <http://www.fpu.com/1069067> for guest site to purchase and sign-up. Questions? Contact is Patsy Herr at 570-368-2459.

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SERVE AND GO



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TRUNK OR TREAT LEADERSHIP

We are seeking a person or persons who would be willing to lead the 'Trunk or Treat' event this October here at Faith Church during the Montoursville "Trick or Treat" night. As a church we are always re-thinking ways that all our events are in line with our vision and purpose as a church of Jesus Christ. If we are able to identify leadership for 'Trunk or Treat' this year, our hope is to host the event here on our campus and find creative ways to connect with the families that participate in tangible ways that will touch them with the love of Jesus through our community of faith. If you are feeling called to lead this event as we work to align it with our vision, contact Pastor Beth Jones by Monday, September 10 at bjones@faithum.net or 570-578-2311.

HARVEST OF HOPE

Faith Church's Food Bank has a name - Harvest of Hope. Harvest of Hope is one of the ways Faith Church will fulfill our vision for community impact of "No one will go to bed hungry".

BACKPACK PROGRAM FOOD COLLECTION

Faith Church has initiated a partnership with area churches to supply food to 60 students in the Montoursville School district that school officials determine as needing supplemental food for the weekends. Each church will partner to supply a category of food (like pasta, breakfast food, snacks, etc.) While these churches begin their collection, Faith church is collecting in all categories for the month of September only. A list of needed items is available in the Narthex/Lobby at the church or can be obtained by e-mailing pastor Beth at bjones@faithum.net. After September, our church will be collecting food for one specific category, still to be determined. For this month, collected items can be dropped off in the Harvest of Hope Food Bank located on the Brushy Ridge Road wing of the building.

FIRST BACKPACK FOOD PACKING DAY – SEPTEMBER 20!

It's hard to believe school has started and fall is just around the corner! The leadership team for Harvest of Hope has been hard at work organizing and preparing everything for the start of our program. Our first packing day will be September 20 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Be sure to check the bulletin board outside of the Food Pantry for more information.

HARVEST OF HOPE FOOD BANK OPEN HOUSE AND BACKPACK BLESSING

You are invited to come celebrate the opening of the Harvest of Hope Food Ministry with an open house and blessing of prayer on Sunday, September 23. During worship that day we will be blessing the food for the first month's collection for the Backpack Program, supplying weekend food each month for students in the Montoursville Area School District. Then at 1:00 pm that day we will be gathering in the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry room in the Brushy Ridge Road wing of the church for an Open House and blessing of the space where our Fresh Express monthly food distribution beginning November 8 and continuing throughout the year on the second Tuesday of every month.

OAK HILL, WV VIM TRIP

Faith church will be heading out on its fourth Volunteers in Mission trip to Oak Hill, WV. Oak Hill is the 5th poorest county in the entire US and the need there is great. The dates for our trip are October 7-13, 2018. We will be traveling by van and staying in a facility provided by the church who will also supply a list of needed projects for us to work on while we are there. The cost of the trip is \$275 per person and the church mission budget will cover \$100 of that cost which covers all traveling expenses, meals, and supplies. September 2 is the final date for anyone interested to register for the trip. A meeting will be held at 11:00 am on Sunday, September 16 in Room 11. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Thomas at r.sunflower_7381@comcast.net or Pastor Beth.



UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION
Christian Love in Action!

"GO" GATHERING OCTOBER 13, 2018

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, October 13 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 at bjones@faithum.net to register for the event.


WORSHIP in the PARK

September 22, 2018
4:00 p.m. 'til dark

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

 We will enjoy smoked BBQ for dinner together after 5:00 worship!

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

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

Riverfront Park
2845 Greevey Road
Williamsport, Pennsylvania

ALL ABOUT THE KEYS

Between September 15 and October 1 exterior doors are being re-keyed. It is exciting to see the continued progress being made with the Next Steps building project! We have been enjoying the use of the new Children's Wing for preschool on weekdays and Kid Connection on the weekends, and church staff members have recently moved into the completed Office Suite in the Brushy Ridge Road wing. Also, the Food Bank in that wing is nearing completion enabling us to begin our Harvest of Hope ministry. Even though the gymnasium will not be fully completed for worship services for a while (Phase 2), by the end of September we will be able to occupy that space for gatherings and activities which require more room.

At that time we will be re-keying most of the doors in the facility to fully take advantage of our security system. Visitors will still be able to gain access by contacting the office through the outside intercom. For those who need access after business hours, fobs (issued by the office staff) will operate with electronic readers which are currently at the main doors on the Fairview Drive wing and the new Children's Wing exterior doors. Once the changing of locks is complete, current exterior door keys will be obsolete. If you need to open the church for a ministry or serving role please contact the church office (office@faithu.net) for an electronic key fob. As with all new procedures it may take a little getting used to, but once up and running the new system will make access easier, and more importantly give our facilities that extra security.

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