Welcome to Worship! Our journey with Christ is a spiritual walk with his love and begins with our time together praising him.
Let us now prepare our hearts and our minds for worship.

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at https://bit.ly/FPClive

In the Pulpit: Joe Smits
Worship Assistant: Melanie Shimer
Ushering: Tim Bagnull
Deacon Greeter: Elaine Smits

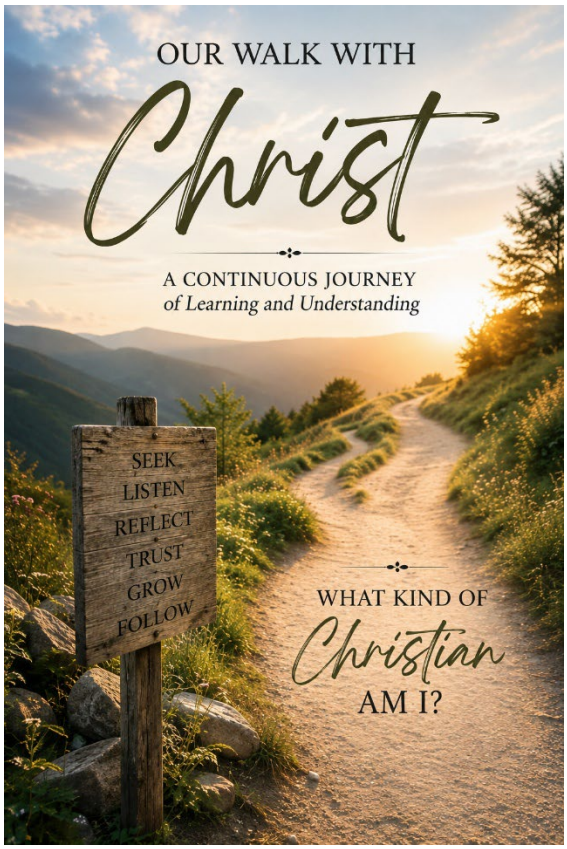
Audio: Chas Shimer
Video: Andy Ingram/Tracey Gill
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Order of Worship

August 23, 2026

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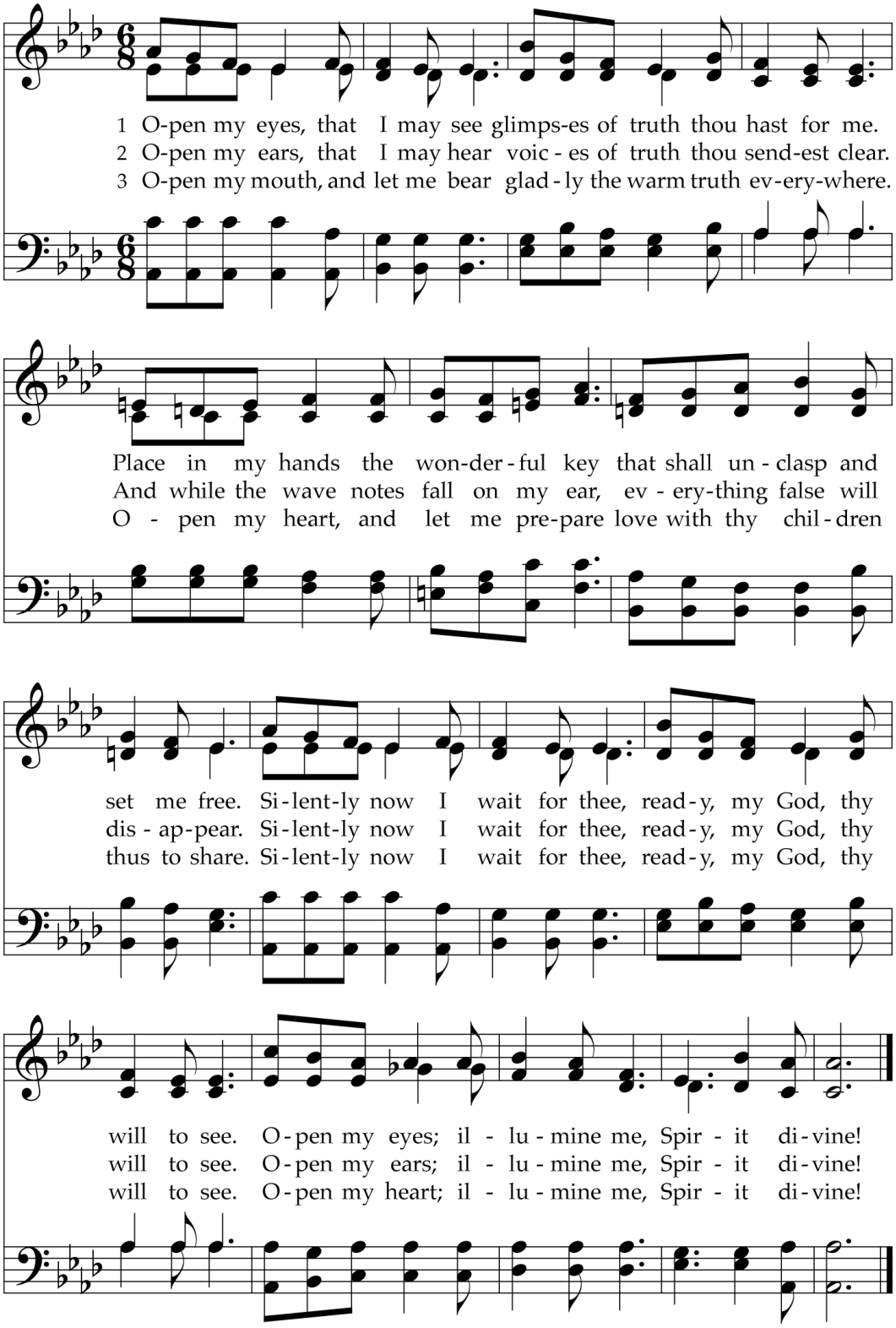
You can support the mission and ministry of our church by donating online at https://bit.ly/39QO3dQ. You can scan this QR code, which will take you directly to the donate page on our website. We deeply appreciate your generosity and are so thankful for each of you!

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM ***AUGUST 23, 2026***

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Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

TEXT and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
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LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: Who are we in the eyes of God?

All: We are the children of God - chosen, holy, and deeply loved.

One: How do we walk through times of trouble and uncertainty?

All: We walk by faith, trusting God's perfect plan.

One: How should we treat our neighbors, friends, and even our enemies?

All: We show the same grace and mercy Christ showed to us.

One: Let us turn our hearts to God and confess our sins and shortcomings.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✳SHARING THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

✳HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581 *"Gloria Patri"*

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON DEUTERONOMY 6:5

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON MICAH 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
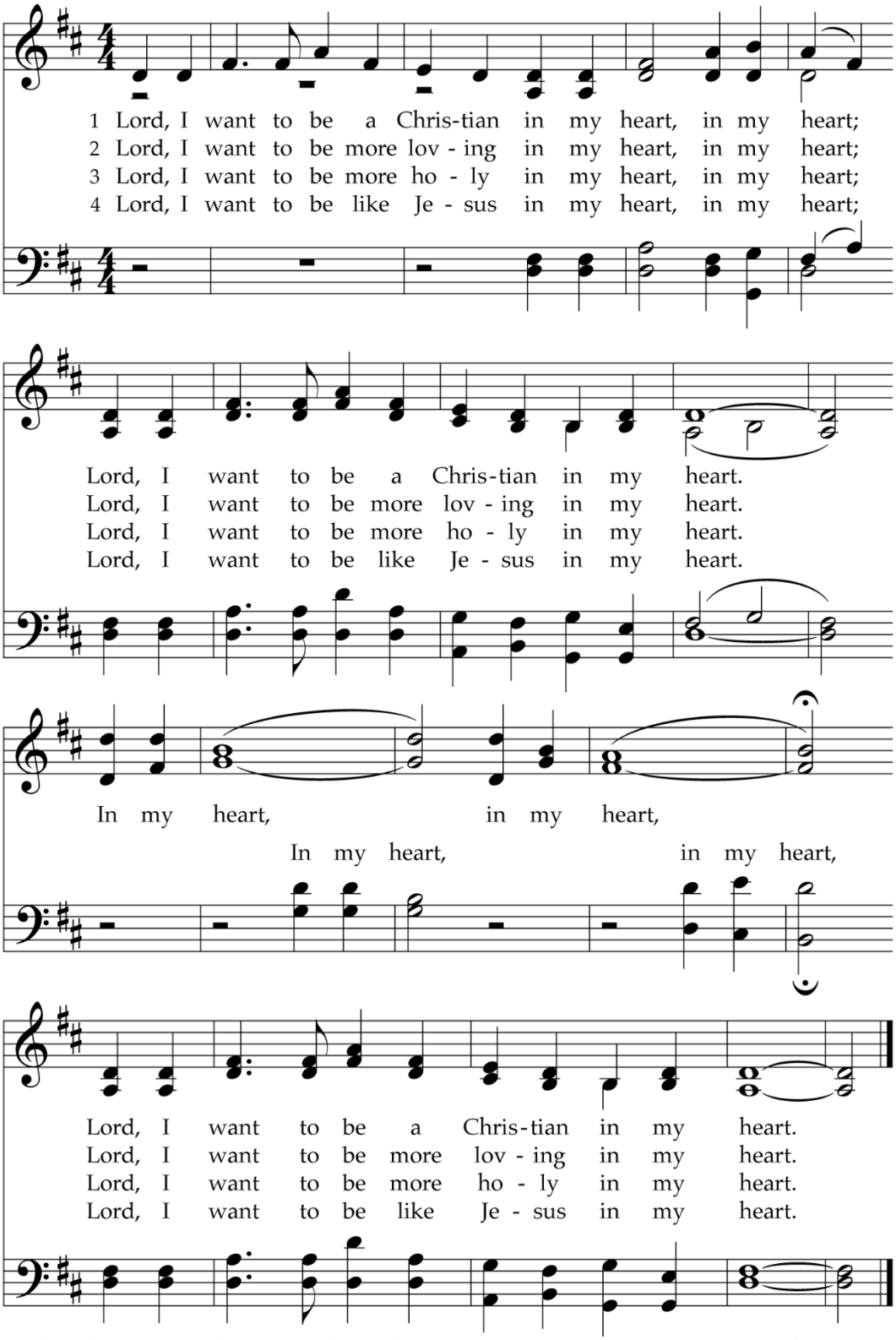
GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

MESSAGE *"What Kind of Christian Am I?"*

*HYMN

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
Irregular

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

"Lord, In Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayers"

INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS
THE LORD'S PRAYER — Glory to God Hymnal – Pg. 35
(Please use "debts & debtors".)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY *"Gonna Be A Great Day"*

✳SONG OF RESPONSE #606 *"Doxology"*

✳PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✳HYMN #700 *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* *(Sheet music next page.)*
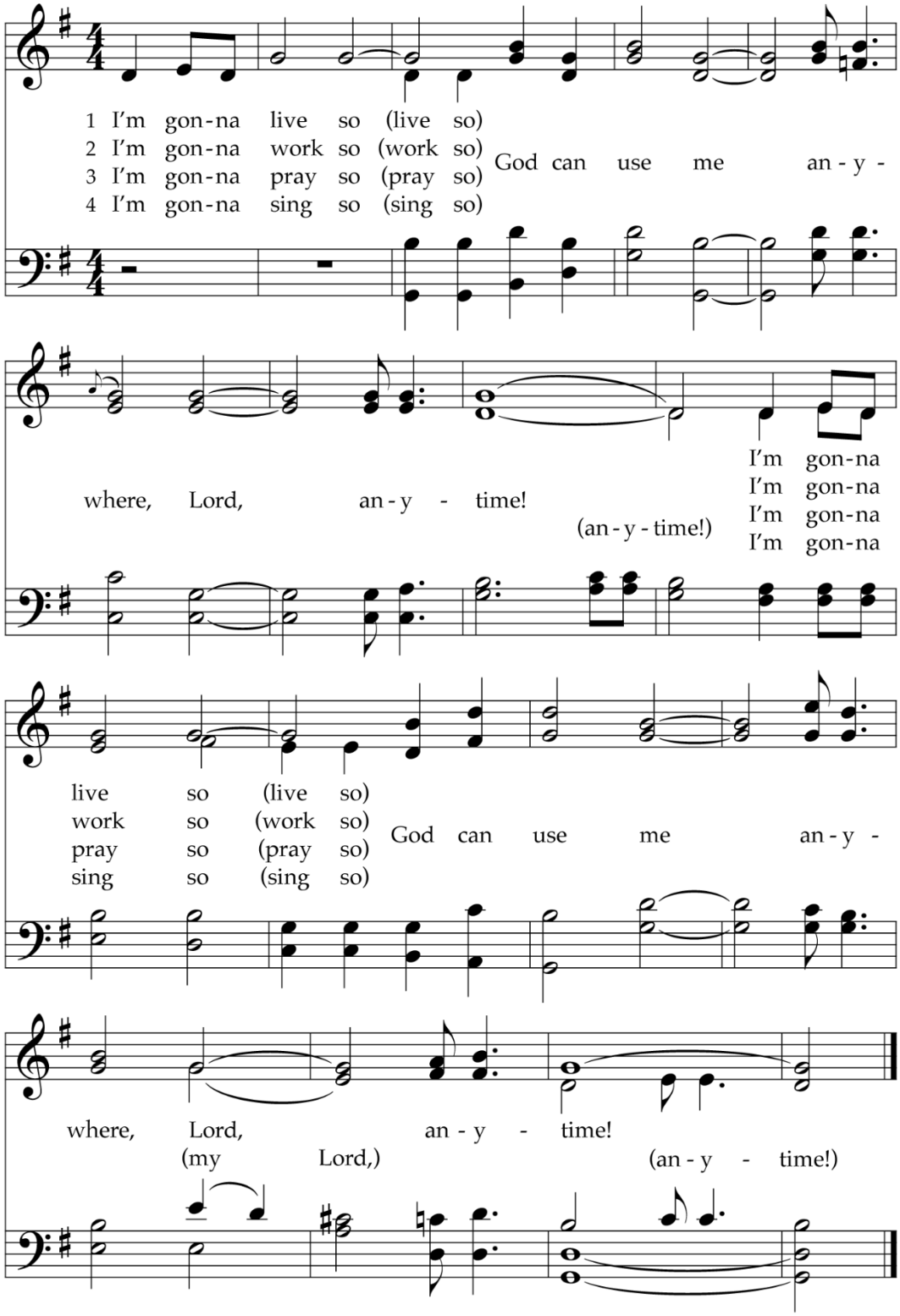
✳CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Gonna Be a Great Day"*

Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.

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700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

TEXT: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1984
Music Arr. © Estate of Wendell P. Whalum

I'M GONNA LIVE
Irregular

Faith Life

August 23, 2026

After the worship service, take a moment to relax! Join us for refreshments, snacks, and engaging conversation. This is a fantastic chance to reconnect with friends, forge new relationships, and enjoy fellowship within our community.



Please welcome **Joe Smits** to the pulpit this morning. As Pastor Becki continues her sabbatical, we are thankful for Joe's presence among us and for the gifts and ministry he shares with our congregation today.

As a 30-plus year member of Faith Presbyterian Church, Joe Smits has been involved with many aspects of the church family including being a Deacon, Elder, involvement with numerous committees and events, as well as a member of the Adult Choir. In his professional career, he has nearly 40 years in the technology industry focusing on customer and project management. He resides in Emmaus with his wife and has two daughters who also grew up here at Faith as well.



It may be hard to believe that Autumn will soon be upon us, but September 19th is Emmaus' Farewell to Summer celebration at the Triangle. It runs from 11 am - 3 pm.

This is one of Faith's major end-of-year opportunities to join in fellowship with the broader community.

The ministry teams are looking for volunteers to be ambassadors at our table, handing out temporary tattoos and sharing information about us with whoever may stop by. We will welcome however long or short a time that you are able to join us.

Please contact Tim Bagnull or Pam Martin for more information.



August 30 - Heidi Shilanskas
(soon to be Deacon Heidi Shilanskas, Minister of Word & Service)

September 6 - Rev. Susan Gilbert-Zencka



Lehigh Valley Pride Event

The Lehigh Valley Pride Event is coming up on Sunday, August 30. Volunteers from our Presbytery are hosting a booth with temporary tattoos, a Cornhole game, and information about the churches in our Presbytery. Can you donate an hour of your day to partner with other volunteers? Perhaps you and a friend could staff a shift?

Volunteers are needed for:

(1 hr. shifts) Cornhole @ 3, 4, 5, or 6 pm
Temporary Tattoos @ 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 pm
Information Table @ 1, 4, 5, ot 6 pm

Join other volunteers from:

First Presbyterian Bethlehem
Presbyterian Church in Catasauqua
First Presbyterian Allentown
The Barn
Faith Presbyterian Church Emmaus

Lehigh Valley Pride Event:

Sunday, August 30, 1 to 7 pm
ArtsQuest Center at Steel Stacks
Bethlehem, PA

You can sign up online at:

https://volunteersignup.org/JFLL9

Please contact Pam Martin for more info or help signing up.

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Church Office Hours
Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Closed Mondays and Fridays

Teachers' Closet
Supporting Educators

Faith Church's Teachers' Closet provides local educators with a welcoming place to pick up free classroom supplies—items many would otherwise buy with their own money. Elementary and middle school teachers in our area are deeply grateful for this support.

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the narthex.

41 teachers from 8 districts visited our opening day!

Next Date:

- **Wednesday, Sep. 16: 3:30–5:00 p.m.**

Please continue to support the closet through our Amazon Wish List. Scan the QR code or go to https://bit.ly/46Pjb7l.

The following items are needed to replenish the closet before the 2026-27 school year starts:

Band-Aids, White Out, Play-Doh, Sensory Items, Magnets, Paper Clips, Scotch Tape, Masking Tape, Reusable Water Bottles, Sharpies, Clorox Wipes, Markers, Disposable Lunch Bags, Glue Sticks, Watercolor Paint Sets, Rulers, Individual Sharpeners, Pencils, Stickers, Loose Leaf Paper, Croc Charms, Laminating Sheets

Groceries PLUS Food Bank

Current Needs:

- Salad Dressings: 10 oz. plastic bottle Thousand Island, Basalmic, Italian Ranch
- BBQ Sauce: 18 oz. plastic bottle
- Chef Boyardee: 15 oz. can
- Pancake Syrup: 24 oz. plastic bottle
- Kids Cereal: 10-12 oz. boxed
- Granola Bars: 7.5 oz. boxed

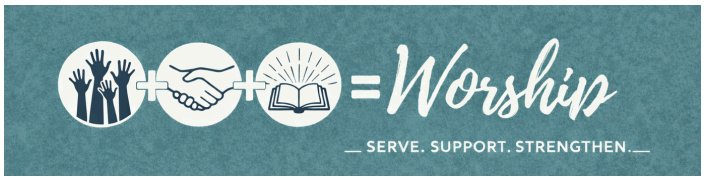
Ongoing Needs:

- Gift cards from Aldi, Giant, Wegmans, and Weis (used to purchase food when needed)
- Any non-perishable food within its "use by/best by" date.

Please, no:

- Food beyond its "use by/best by" date
- Large or family-sized items
- Over-the-counter medicines/vitamins/supplements
- Clothing or household items

Too busy to shop?
There is an Amazon wishlist:



Serve. Support. Strengthen Worship.

Our worship depends on our faithful volunteers, for whom we are very grateful — and **right now, we need more hands to serve**. In a small congregation, every person truly matters. Easy instructions are provided in advance so you will feel prepared and supported.

Please prayerfully consider stepping into one of our volunteer roles:

- **Worship Assistant** – Help lead portions of worship alongside the pastor. Script and instructions provided. Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Sally Heimbach.
- **Audio Tech** – Run the sound during worship. We have four trained volunteers, but need one more. Training will be provided by Sally Heimbach.
- **Video Tech** – Advance worship slides during the service. Two people currently serve; we urgently need two additional volunteers. Andy Ingram will provide the necessary training.
- **Fellowship Hosts** – Offer simple hospitality following worship. Guidelines are provided. Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Sally Heimbach.
- **Ushers/Greeters** – Welcome worshipers and help the morning flow smoothly. Sign up in the narthex or speak with Anne Laubach.
- **Nursery Volunteers** – Care for our youngest during worship. No clearances yet? We'll guide you through the process. Sign up on the whiteboard or reach out to Sally Heimbach.

Your presence strengthens our worship. Your service blesses our church family.

If you've been waiting for the right moment to step forward, this is it.

Please take a moment to check the whiteboard in the narthex and also the usher sign-up sheet on the table. The dates where volunteers are still needed are easy to spot.

Conversations

Conversations will meet on **September 14 @ 10 am** at Donna Call's home.

A discussion from "Theo of Golden is planned.

If you have any questions about Conversations, speak to Anne Laubach or Donna Call.



Shirt Update

Our committee is happy to report that the shirts have arrived and are currently out for embroidery. We hope to have them ready for delivery by the beginning of September.

Tithely News

The Tithely database has been serving us well by recording weekly offerings and generating quarterly giving statements. But those are just some of the many features it offers. As we continue to learn the software, we're finding new ways it can support the ministry of our church.

One recent addition is using Tithely to create the Deacons' Care Group lists and the monthly birthday lists. Although it took a little time to learn the process, it is working well.

Our next step, after a little bit of prep work, will be using Tithely to send the various church-wide emails. We'll let you know before we begin. Based on our testing, you shouldn't notice any difference in receiving our emails, but if you do experience any problems, please let the church office know. Instructions for how to sign up or remove yourself will be provided.

As we continue to explore and use more of Tithely's features, we'll keep you updated on the new ways it can help us serve our congregation.



Emmaus Community Yard Sale
Saturday, September 12
8 am - 1 pm

We are excited to participate once again in the Emmaus Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 12.

Setup Details:

- Setup will take place on Friday, September 11.
- If you would like to reserve a table, please reach out to Sally Heimbach.

Donations:

- If you have items to donate, feel free to bring them, properly priced, on the setup day.

The community yard sales provide us with an opportunity to welcome visitors into our space, where they can enjoy our facilities and a light lunch.

If you are available to help with setup or assist during the sale, please contact Sally Heimbach.



Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared a few days ahead of distribution.
For the most current information, please visit the church website.

Key
BR Brick Room
FH Fellowship Hall
MR Music Room
P Parlor
PL Parking Lot
S Sanctuary
Z Zoom

thisweek

Sunday, August 23
9:30 am: Worship Service

Monday, August 24: Office Closed
8:00 am: Garden

Tuesday, August 25
6:00 pm: Irish Dance Academy (FH)

Wednesday, August 26
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)

Thursday, August 27
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, August 28: Office Closed

Saturday, August 29

nextweek

Sunday, August 30
10:00 am: Worship Service

Monday, August 31: Office Closed
8:00 am: Garden
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (P)

Tuesday, September 1
6:00 pm: Irish Dance Academy (FH)
7:00 pm: Ministry of Support (BR)

Wednesday, September 2
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)

Thursday, September 3
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 4: Office Closed

Saturday, September 5

Pastor Becki is on sabbatical until September 28.

Flyer deadline—August 17 @ 9 am
Daybreak—September 14
2026 Per Capita—$50.00

Ripple Wish List

Link to Amazon wish list: https://bit.ly/4t92zRX

Are You Getting the Info You Need?

Faith Church has four email lists. Are you interested in being added to one or more of them? Please indicate your interest, add your email address, tear off this tab, and drop in the offering plate.

☐ Weekly Announcements ☐ Quarterly Newsletter
☐ Prayer Chain ☐ Emergency Alerts

Name & email:_____

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Sept. 12.....Yard Sale
Sept. 13..... Worship @ Devonshire Park
Sept. 14..... Regular Office Hours Resume
Sept. 19.....Farewell to Summer
Sept. 27.....Peace & Global Witness Offering
Oct. 4..... World Communion Sunday @ The Barn
Oct. 12..... Indigenous Peoples' Day (office closed)
Oct. 18..... Crop Walk for Hunger
Nov. 15..... Winter Flyer Deadline
Nov. 21..... One Night Without a Home
Nov. 26..... Thanksgiving
Dec. 5..... Craft Fair
Dec. 13..... Work Camp Cookie Sale
Dec. 25..... Christmas