

The FAITH FLYER

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Let us gather as a community to celebrate the blessings that surround us.



Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi

I've been combing through the library in my office lately because – and if you feel extra chilly it's because I've never been known to say this in my life – I have too many books. I do. A lot of the books in my office are left over from my seminary years and the first few years of ministry as I was figuring out what being a pastor meant – books on leadership written before 2010. Now in 2025, I'm realizing how out of date those books are. And honestly, most of them say the same thing.

Basically, know your people. Know your community. Do basic math. Keep your sabbath. Good luck.

If I do those four things, you know what all of these books are trying to say. Sometimes you do the right things and stuff still goes wrong. And sometimes you make a ton of mistakes and it works out because God's Spirit is a lot more on point than I am. Knowing this, I can look at those books and part with them. In the interest of space and acknowledging that I am never going to open some of them again, I can curate what I have and make space for new books.

We have to curate stuff in our lives. We don't just curate our material possessions. We also curate what our bodies consume. In some ways, this is the bigger issue we need to wrestle with. What are we putting into bodies and our minds? What information are we consuming that we really need to curate better?

Matt Hutson, writer of the blog "Learning to Learn Well", says it's like crafting an intellectual necklace, meticulously picking out which jewels to include. He writes, "Curating is essential to bringing more purpose to your life and your ability to be creative in your work."

What news are you consuming? What books are you reading? What music, podcasts, or radio shows are you listening to? What TV shows are you binge-watching? How much faith-based material is in your mix?

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



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After Labor Day

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to noon. Closed Friday.

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For medical emergencies or deaths, contact one listed below:

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Messages to be shared via the Prayer Chain may be emailed to prayers@faithchurchemmaus.org, or through a form on the Prayer Requests page of the church website.

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(Pastor's Message, continued from page 1.)

We have no shortage of information. We have no shortage of resources to teach us how to do things, how to think about things, or how to be scared of things. Some of it is good. But all of it together is a lot. How often do you scroll through your phone and then look up shocked by how much time passed? We need to find a balance between being informed and being overinformed (and thus overwhelmed).

And if you don't have a smartphone and think this doesn't apply to you, I would guess you still have something that consumes your time. It may be something healthy, or it might be borderline unhealthy. Curating what we include in our lives and what we exclude is about finding balance. Matt Hutson writes: "Mindful learning starts with mindful consumption. Treat your intellectual diet as you would your physical diet. Is it nourishing? Is it balanced? Does it align with your goals?"

We need more of this balance to, as Hutson wrote, find more purpose and be more creative in the work we do. I would also argue from a faith-based perspective that when we curate what we consume, we take back our ability to notice God's Spirit more fully. When we work to remove some of the distractions, we make space to notice the Spirit again. We make space to rest again, experiencing the Sabbath rest necessary to truly live faithfully in a noisy, busy world.

It's about being good stewards of our time. We are invited to be stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and one of the ways we practice good stewardship is through curating what we consume. And when what we consume brings us to a space of gratitude, we can thank God for the gifts and watch how God helps us transform gratitude into generosity. We curate what we consume so we can be good stewards of what we put back into the world. What we put back into the world is for building up life – our lives and the lives in creation around us.

I would encourage you to take a look at what you consume: what you read, watch, listen to, experience, own. Think about your life and wonder: *Where is the Spirit in all of this?* In our journey to be more mindful in our faithful living, we can hope that clearing some space will make even more room for God's love to flourish in and through us. I hope that leads us from gratitude to generosity in how we live in this world God has given us.

Yours in Common Calling,
Pastor Becki Mallozzi



Mountain Laurel Presbytery Meeting November 8 Faith Presbyterian Church



Faith Church is scheduled to host the Mountain Laurel Presbytery meeting on **Saturday, November 8.**

Mountain Laurel Presbytery was formed by combining Lehigh Presbytery and Lackawanna Presbytery.

On November 8, the two Presbyteries will celebrate the culmination of years of discernment and discussion to form Mountain Laurel Presbytery.

Our responsibilities will include:

- Light refreshments during registration at 9:30 AM.
- Volunteers to manage the registration table.
- Lunch for approx. 80 participants.

For any questions, concerns, or if you are interested in lending a hand, please reach out to Sally Heimbach.



Worship at Faith Church

Sunday Mornings 10 a.m.
In-person & Online!

Scriptures and Sermons for Fall Worship

September 7

“Jesus-Math”
Luke 14:25-33

September 14

“Lost and Found”
Luke 15:1-10
Outdoor Worship @ Devonshire Park

September 21

Pastor Becki is on study leave
Pastor Jo Marchetto preaching

September 28

Pastor Becki is on vacation
Pastor Doug Cronce preaching

October 8: World Communion

Join worship @ The Barn

Stewardship Series:

From Gratitude to Generosity

October 12

“Recognizing God’s Goodness”
Deuteronomy 8:7-18

October 19

“Gratitude and Generosity”
2 Corinthians 8:1-14

October 26

“The Joy of Giving”
2 Corinthians 9:1-11

November 2

“Commitments”
Philippians 4:10-19

November 9

“You Are the First Fruits”
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

November 16

“Jerusalem, When the Walls Fell”
Luke 21:5-19

November 23

Christ the King Sunday
“The Criminal on the Cross”
Luke 23:33-43

November 30

First Sunday of Advent

“Prepare Him Room”
Isaiah 2:1-5

The Advent series will be on the hymn “Joy to the World.”

Save the date for Christmas Eve services: Family service @ 5 p.m., Traditional Carols & Readings @ 7:30 pm., and contemplative service on the Emmaus Triangle @ 11:30 p.m.



Our worship services are available for live viewing on YouTube, allowing you to join us from anywhere with an internet connection. You can find the link on our website under “*Media—Live Stream”, or simply visit <https://bit.ly/FPCLive>. Additionally, past services are archived and can be accessed under “Media—Sermons & Bulletins.”

We Value Our Sunday Morning Volunteers



Sunday mornings can run like clockwork when folks come together with ample volunteer support. Each role plays a vital part in creating a welcoming and seamless worship experience for everyone involved. When each volunteer fulfills their role, the entire morning becomes a harmonious symphony of service and community spirit.

- **Worship Assistants** help guide the congregation through the service, ensuring everything flows smoothly. Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex. Easy instructions are provided.
- **Fellowship Time Preparers** set up a comfortable space for connection and conversation, fostering a sense of community. Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex. Easy instructions are provided.
- **Nursery Caregivers** provide a safe and nurturing environment for the youngest members, allowing parents to engage fully in the service. Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex.
- **Ushers** provide a warm welcome, assisting attendees with seating and any questions. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Easy instructions provided.



As many of you may know, I am a recently retired elementary school teacher. After thirty-one years of a very rewarding career, I felt that it was time to move on to the next stage of my life – and I feel like I am still figuring that out! Wanting to do something meaningful with my newfound “freedom”, stepping into the role of Clerk of Session seemed like the challenge that I was looking for. So far, so good, as they say. (At least I think so!)

Lately, I have been called to think more about what I can do for others. I’ve been attending Bible study on Wednesdays and often heard Helen Underwood speak about Ripple and what a wonderful ministry it is. Ripple is a ministry in which a meal is served to the homeless and/or less fortunate each Sunday evening. Churches around the Lehigh Valley take turns providing the meal. Faith serves this meal 2-3 times per year. On July 20, I decided to participate and see for myself just what makes Ripple so special.

A team of eight people, led by Pam and Phil Martin, headed over to the church located at 14th and Turner streets with carloads of salad mix, iced tea, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, corn, chicken barbecue, and more desserts than you

can possibly imagine. When we arrived at the church, there was an older, frail lady waiting outside the door for us. Clearly, she was excited about having the meal. She eagerly assisted us in taking all of our supplies inside.

As we prepared the meal in the kitchen, Pastor Dan led the service. You could hear God’s word being proclaimed and hymns of joy being sung. Many people continued to come in and join the service. After the service was over, it was finally time for the meal. The interesting thing about Ripple is that the people are served at the tables and do not wait in a line. This is done to give people their dignity. I took great pleasure in going around to the tables and passing out the food. There were so many smiles and many thank yous. There were people of all ages, several children, and even a few pets. As the meal was winding down, people were thrilled to find out that we had take home containers. Many people took extra food and desserts along.

After the meal was done, we were asked to join with everyone for a prayer circle. Joys and concerns were shared. Appreciation was again shown to us in a multitude of thank yous. And I’m not making this up – when we were finished praying, a little child’s voice shouted “AMEN!” If that isn’t the hand of God working, I don’t know what is.

Ripple is a wonderful ministry and I’m thankful that God allowed me to be part of it. I’m sure that I will be back again!



August 2025

- The Pentecost Offering exceeded last year. \$1000 was given to the Angel Network of both Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary Schools.
- Session is working on devising plans for Seasonal Coordinators for Buildings and Grounds.
- Faith will be hosting the Presbytery Meeting on Saturday, November 8.
- Two elders and one deacon will be needed for the Class of 2026.



The Vision team continues to focus on Building Relationships with God, Building Relationships with the Community and Building Relationships with Each Other. In 2025 we want to focus on Building Relationships with God.

We ask the question? How are you looking to Build your Relationship with God in 2025? There are many everyday ways we can grow our relationship with God.

1. Carve out some time for prayer
2. Meditate on God's Word
3. Attend a Worship Service
4. Read a Bible Passage at dinner
5. Explore Nature and be thankful
6. Listen to Worship Music
7. Participate in Church Activities
8. What ideas do you have?

This year the Ministry to the Community has held activities that allow us to Build our Relationships with God:

- Lenten Studies after worship
- the raptor presentation during Fellowship this spring
- Workcamp Sunday was held during summer
- Vacation Bible School

Watch for more engaging activities coming up later this summer and fall.

God's footprints are always beside us. We will have footprints and a marker on the Narthex table. As you practice different ways to grow your relationship with God, write the activity on the footprint and post it on the bulletin board to the right of the entrance to Fellowship Hall.

Each dawn, a gift, a canvas fresh and new,
To paint with purpose, to Him, our hearts renew.
In morning quiet, whispers soft and low,
A prayer ascends, where spirit starts to glow.

The daily tasks, a rhythm to embrace,
Washing dishes, a moment of His grace.
In fellowship, around the table spread,
His loving presence, unspoken, gently led.

A simple meal, a taste of His embrace,
Each bite a blessing, sustenance and grace.
In kindness shown, to friend and stranger too,
Reflecting His love, in all that's pursued.

The sunbeams dancing, on the windowsill,
A gentle reminder, His light shines ever still.
In laughter shared, in trials overcome,
His steadfast presence, the battle truly won.

The evening close, a time to rest and muse,
Reflecting on the choices, the path to freely choose.
In every moment, where His love is found,
A deeper connection, body, soul, and mind.

For in the ordinary, His glory is revealed,
A tapestry woven, His faithfulness concealed.
So live each day, with hearts attuned and true,
Building the bond with God, in all that's said and through.

*Credit - Tips That Change Your Life
Facebook Page*





Ministry to the Congregation

Summer events this year were particularly meaningful. The great success of the Faith and Barn workcamp trip to East Bank, WV was reflected in the 'Workcamp Sunday' service held on July 13th. Camper enthusiasm was clearly evident and clearly felt by the congregation as experiences were shared.

Another outstanding event this summer was Vacation Bible School. Please see the newsletter articles on this as well as the upcoming Sunday

Mornings Together (SMT) lineup and the Faith Music Program, all contained within. Among the many scheduled happenings is an outdoor worship service planned for nearby Devonshire Park on September 14th.

The MTTC Committee continues to meet at 7:15 pm on the first Monday of each month. We value your input for Worship and Fellowship and hope you'll consider stopping by.

SUNDAY Morning TOGETHER 2025-2026 Schedule

- Sept. 7—Potluck (Sally Heimbach)
A-M - bring a salad
N-Z - bring a dessert
- Sept. 14—Outdoor Worship, Fellowship
- Sept. 21—Vision Team, Fellowship
- Sept. 28—Clean— up day, light lunch
- Oct. 5—Worship at The BARN
- Oct. 12—Presbytery Table cards, Fellowship
- Oct. 19—CROP Walk, Fellowship
- Oct. 26—Zoo trip, Fellowship
- Nov. 2—Potluck (Daybreak crew)
- Nov. 9—Deacon card making, Fellowship, Children's music
- Nov. 16—Bingo, Fellowship, Children's music
- Nov. 23—ADVENT[ure], light lunch, Children's music
- Nov. 30—Luminaries, Fellowship, Children's music
- Dec. 7—Potluck (Lynn Ingram & Diane Policelli)
- Dec. 14—Congregational meeting, Work Camp cookie sale, Fellowship, Children's music
- Dec. 21—Christmas songs, Fellowship, Children's music
- Dec. 28—Fellowship
- Jan. 4—Potluck (Ministry to the Congregation)
- Jan. 11—Daybreak cookie bags, Fellowship, Children's music
- Jan. 18—Decorate Daybreak snack bags, Fellowship
- Jan. 25—Annual Meeting, Fellowship, Children's music
- Feb. 1—Potluck (Pam & Phil Martin)
- Feb. 8—Fill Daybreak snack bag, Fellowship, Children's music
- Feb. 15—Talent Show, Fellowship
- Feb. 22—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship, Children's Music
- Mar. 1—Potluck (Ministry of Support), Lenten Bible Study
- Mar. 8—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship, Children's Music
- Mar. 15—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship
- Mar. 22—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship
- Mar. 29—Easter Egg Hunt, Fellowship
- Apr. 5—EASTER Breakfast
- Apr. 12—Fellowship, Children's music
- Apr. 19—Clean-up day, light lunch
- Apr. 26—Q & A with Pastor Becki, Fellowship, Children's music
- May 3—Potluck (Ministry to the Community)
- May 10—Fellowship, Children's music
- May 17—SMT wrap up, Fellowship

Joyful Noise



Rehearsals for our Faithful Harmonizers will begin Wednesday, August 27 and will be held every Wednesday from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Though weekly attendance is highly encouraged, all are welcome to participate as the spirit moves them. This ensemble is open to all regardless of age or musical ability. If you are interested in joining, please see John Shilanskas or speak with a member of the Faithful Harmonizers.

Rehearsals for our Faithful Ringers will begin Wednesday, August 27, and will be held every Wednesday from 5:30- 6:45 p.m. in the Music Room. Though weekly attendance is highly encouraged, all are welcome to participate as the spirit moves them. This ensemble is open to all regardless of age or musical ability. If you are interested in joining, please see John or speak with a member of the Faithful Ringers.

Faithful Musical Moments will continue throughout the year. These moments are for anyone interested in sharing their musical talents with the congregation on a Sunday morning by performing a solo, duet, etc. Please see John if you are interested and/or need help selecting repertoire, need an accompanist on piano, organ, or tenor saxophone, or have any other questions. We would love for you to share your talents with our congregation.



Conversations

Conversations is a gathering of women that meets weekly to discuss a variety of topics. We meet the second Tuesday of the month and all are welcome!

Conversations will meet at **Art Beat** at **10:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, September 11**, to have a nonpolitical discussion about how people of different faiths (Muslim, Christian, and Jewish) can live among each other and be connected.

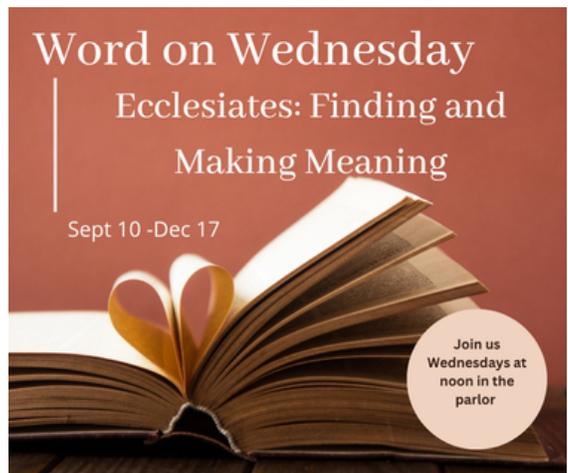
If you have any questions, please speak with Anne Laubach or Donna Call. Thank you!

Farewell to Summer

The Farewell to Summer festival will be held on Saturday, September 20, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

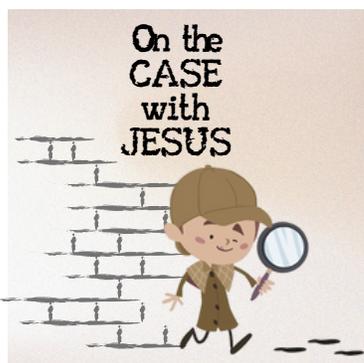
Faith Church plans on having a space at the festival, which is held at the Emmaus Triangle.

Heather Davis is our contact person. If you can help at our booth, please contact her.



WOW won't meet on these dates:

- September 24
- November 26
- December 24 & 31



VBS 2025 Recap

VBS 2025 was held on July 21-24 from 6-8pm. In partnership with The BARN we had a total of 18 kids (ages 3-10) and 20 adult leaders/helpers.

- Pastor Becki, along with TURQ and SKY, led the kids in the bible story of the day. Mark Ingram assisted!!
- John Shilanskas had us all singing some catchy tunes
- Becky and Jeff Shreck were the Craft Masters
- Evan Gill, along with Doug Boyd and Larry Hemberger, were the Game Guys. Phil Martin was a “sub”.
- Pastor Jo and Kellee Brown led the kids in some additional activities.
- Green Team leaders (younger kids) were Lynn Ingram, Janet Ford and Steph Dillman
- Blue Team leaders (older kids) were John Ford and Sandy Ruch-Mornin
- Pam Mongi and Sally Heimbach were “floating helpers”.
- Sue Vitale helped with registration.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the folks who donated items for snack time. It really was appreciated!

On the last day we had special guests. Not just family and friends but two beautiful horses, and their humans, came to visit and help celebrate the conclusion of a very enjoyable VBS

Pictures can be found on our website

SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!!





Youth Group News

This summer, our youth went to East Bank, WV, and our theme this year was “Equipped.” This year, we had 14 youth/young adults and 4 adults who participated in workcamp, and it is exciting to watch our group grow. We had 4 new work campers this year, and we had an excellent week together discussing our faith, meeting our residents, and transforming community. We are so thankful to see God working through these experiences and in our lives!

Following workcamp, we had a joint worship service with the Barn and celebrated work camp Sunday together on July 13! The youth shared their stories of the week at camp, and we celebrated how God has been moving in the lives of the residents and work campers through this amazing week of service. Thank you to all who prayed for us through the week, thank you to our dog tag sponsors, and to the parents who support us throughout the year. Special thanks to Dan, Ed, Mark, and Sandy for all their hard work and support for making this week incredible!

Next year, we are planning to go to Lincoln, IL from June 20-28. Next year’s theme is “Illuminate.” In a world filled with pressure from school, social media, and division, “Illuminate,” invites us to discover Jesus as the unstoppable Light (John 1:1–18). His Light brings clarity, purpose, and hope—shining through every challenge and never fading. As we explore what it means to carry that Light, we’ll see that faith isn’t just something we do—it’s who we are. Join us next summer to grow in faith, build real community, and shine Jesus’ brilliance in a world that needs it.

We also spent a Day at the Beach on August 11! We had a great group who went to Brick Beach, and stopped at our favorite local Jersey diner. It was a ton of fun!

For the Fall: We will be kicking off youth group this year on Sunday, September 7, from 5:00-8:00 pm. We would love to have you join us, and friends are welcome! This is a day of fun activities, games, and pizza/snacks. It is a great opportunity to meet other youth and get to know one another as we start our new year of youth group.

This year, we are going to organize our youth group a bit differently. We will have one youth group that meets from 5:00-7:00pm. We will combine our middle school and high school youth groups for activities and programming. We will meet from 5-6:30 and have dinner together from 6:30-7:00pm.

We are looking for volunteers to support youth group. If you have an idea for a program, or if you would like to join us for an activity, we would love to have you join us! One of the gifts of faith communities are the intergenerational relationships that form into mentorships. You all have the potential to be excellent mentors to our youth. If you would like to think this through or ask questions about mentoring, I would love to talk to you! Please feel free to call or email me anytime.

One final note: we are looking for folks in need of help with yard work. This fall, we would love to help our Faith and Barn families by helping those who have difficulties completing yard work tasks. We can rake leaves, clear brush, mow lawns, and do some painting/staining if needed. Please contact me at joanne@thebarnlv.org to schedule a date. We will have limited dates available and want to help as many folks as possible.

Joanne Marchetto, Dir.





Deacons

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- **Becky Shreck**
- **Sandy Missmer**
- **Heather Nicholas**

Military Service

Honoring military members acknowledges their courage and sacrifice and expresses gratitude for their service and challenges. Let's keep the following in our prayers.

- **Robert Call**, Lt., US Army, S. Korea, grandson of Donna Call.
- **Isabel Krause**, Lt. Cmdr., US Navy, granddaughter of Jeff & Anita Krause.
- **Sophia Krause**, USNA Class of 2027, granddaughter of Jeff & Anita Krause
- **Victoria Krause**, Lt. US Navy, granddaughter of Jeff & Anita Krause.
- **Jack Melnick**, US Marine Corps.
- **Bella Santamaria**, 2nd Lt., US Navy, niece of Jim and Eleanor DePhillips

Do You Have an Extra Minute?

The Board of Deacons has identified the following members who are either confined to their homes, at a nursing facility, or sometimes unable to attend Sunday worship services:

- **Sandy Missmer**Home
- **Barbara Newman**.....Home

If you have a spare moment, please consider reaching out to one of these members by calling, sending a card, or even paying a visit. You can find their phone numbers and addresses in the Faith Directory. Step briefly into the role of a Deacon and help brighten someone's day.

Happy Birthday

September Birthdays

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| Carolyn Baittinger | Andrew Martin |
| Dick Garber | Phil Martin |
| Travis Haley | Jana Masenheimer |
| Philip Heineman | Penny Pantano |
| Bruce Kunkle | Joel Shimer |
| Ann Lowell | Michele Somishka |
| David Mallozzi | |

October Birthdays

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| Ellen Bender | Don Perry |
| Doug Boyd | Don Piper |
| Donna Call | Bryan Pipines |
| Max Hemberger | John Shilanskas |
| Donna Hill | Melanie Shimer |
| Rachael Ingram | Scott Smickley |
| Ezra Luff | Lois Staack |
| Pam Melchior | Cindy Stull |
| Brad Mitchell | Charley Underwood |
| Pam Mongi | |

November Birthdays

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| Zona Farmer | Geoff Lowell |
| Deb Ferguson | Doris Nielson |
| Robert Halpin | Ben Piper |
| Sally Heimbach | Christian Piper |
| Sam Jackson | Kim Pipines |
| Jenny Kemps | Diane Policelli |
| John Kemps | Jon Schreck |
| Anita Krause | Dottie Smickley |
| Jeff Krause | Elaine Smits |
| Deb Lillgard | Dave Webb |



Ministry to the Community

Peace & Global Witness Offering

PURSUE WHAT MAKES FOR PEACE

Romans 14:19

The **Peace & Global Witness Offering** draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

The **Peace & Global Witness Offering** encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world.

A gift to the **Peace & Global Witness Offering** enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world.

Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of the Peace & Global Witness Offering to sustain their local peacemaking ministries. We will be giving our 25% to East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Their mission is to serve families within the East Penn School District through multi-faceted short-term assistance in order to help restore and sustain healthy, independent living.

Mid councils retain an additional **25%** for ministries of peace and reconciliation. **Lehigh Presbytery** uses their **25%** to fund churches mission projects.

The remaining **50%** is used by the **Presbyterian Mission Agency** to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

The **Peace & Global Witness Offering** will be received on **Sunday, September 28, 2025.**
PLEASE NOTE NEW DEDICATION DATE!

In **2024, Faith Presbyterian Church** received **\$2,070.00**, with **\$517.50** going towards support of **East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors.**

Will we be able to increase this amount in 2025?

Please prayerfully consider contributing to this worthy program.





Teachers' Closet

The Teachers' Closet is a free resource for teachers to stock up on supplies for their classrooms that otherwise would come out of their own pockets.

The local teachers, mostly elementary and middle school, have been very appreciative.

The Teachers' Closet, started in September 2024, with a grant from the Lehigh Presbytery and with the donations from members and other folks, has been self-sustaining. Our VBS program chose the Teachers' Closet as their mission program.

During the summer, the closet was reorganized and will "open" for business on August 20 from 3:00-6:00 pm. These are extended hours as the teachers prepare for the opening of the school year.

There is an Amazon wish list with items needed for the Teachers' Closet.



The Teachers' Closet is open on the 1st Saturday from 10:00-11:30 am and the 3rd Wednesday from 3:30-5 pm.

The dates for the 2025-26 school year are below:

- 9/6 & 9/17
- 10/4 & 10/15
- 11/1 & 11/19
- 12/6
- 1/21
- 2/7 & 2/18
- 3/7 & 3/18
- 4/15
- 5/2 & 5/20
- 6/6- If snow days are added to the end of the year

If you wish to help on one of the days the closet is open, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

If you are interested in this mission project, please contact Sally Heimbach



Emmaus Community Yard Sale

**Saturday, September 6
8 am-2 pm**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who assisted with the yard sale on May 31. Although the format has changed from previous years, the community yard sales provide us with the opportunity to welcome people into our space. Attendees enjoy a light lunch and have access to our restroom facilities.

We are excited to participate in the community yard sale on September 6 from 8 AM to 2 PM.

With a variety of vendors, we will likely be offering an array of items, including puzzles, collectibles, baked goods, and various household goods. If you are interested in "renting" a space, please reach out to Sally Heimbach.

If you have items you would like to donate to the church, please drop them off at the church on Friday, September 5, by 5 PM. The items must be priced. Any unsold items must be picked up on Saturday after 2 PM or on Sunday morning.

If you wish to lend a hand during the yard sale, please contact Sally Heimbach.





Crop Hunger Walk

THANK YOU for your generosity with last year's Greater Allentown Area CROP Hunger Walk which raised almost \$32,000. This benefitted local food banks as well as CWS (Church World Service) in their efforts to fight hunger and provide aid to people struggling in the aftermath of floods, fire, drought in the United States and worldwide.

The humanitarian effort continues with this year's 2025 CROP WALK, October 19. (Mark your calendar) Here's how we can help:

- Please consider becoming a member of our team (Faith Presbyterian Church - Emmaus, PA) by helping to raise funds by collecting contributions from sponsors/donors and by walking with us to help raise awareness to these needs (Choose between the 10K walk or the popular "Golden Mile" route) We will walk rain or shine.
- Donating is easy, by either sponsoring and giving directly to a walker, or by donating online. ***Please Register to become a team member and walker, or to donate online, by simply clicking on the link below or scanning the QR code. Either one will take you directly to our team page.

Doug Boyd, Coordinator

PS - Look for us at a table in the narthex soon.

Click on this link to access our Crop Walk page.

[2025 CROP Hunger Walk - Faith Presbyterian Church - Emmaus, PA](#) or scan this QR code



About the Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk

The Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk is a community event that raises funds and awareness to help end hunger both locally and globally.

The funds raised by sponsors and participants provide tools of hope that empower people to meet their own needs.



These needs can be anything from seeds and tools, to wells or new water systems, to technical training and even micro-enterprise loans.

Please visit: www.cwsglobal.org

We are grateful to all who are helping to end hunger around the world and [right here at home](#) through the [Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank](#) and the [Lehigh Churches' Conference Kitchen](#).

Please note: All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law. The Church World Service Tax-ID is 13-4080201.



Helping to End Hunger

Over the last 45 years, the Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk has raised over \$998,800 to help end hunger in our community and throughout our nation and the world.



Hunger and poverty affect millions of people around the world. Parents are struggling to provide nutritious meals for their children.

As weather patterns change and seed quality deteriorates, farmers are struggling to earn a living.

CWS and our supporters are walking alongside vulnerable, rural, indigenous, poor people in their daily struggle to change the equation.

We're making sure that they have the resources they need to overcome scarcity and become more adaptive, resilient, and prosperous.

Faith Feeds Garden

The Faith Feeds Garden is having another great year, producing loads of veggies every week. Our produce goes to the Emmaus Food Bank at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church and the Emmaus Library that delivers to several food banks, including Casa Guadalupe in Allentown and the Zionsville Lutheran Food Bank. This year, due to the abundance of produce, we also are delivering to the food pantry at Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie on Wednesdays.



Faith Feeds Garden is fortunate to have a dedicated group of folks to plant, water, weed, harvest and deliver the produce the garden provides.

This year we have had a special guest visiting our garden, Simon the Faith pumpkin. Read his bio below:



Our Giant American Pumpkin vine has reached full factory potential, after a rather rocky start and near death. The seed is from a 2,080 lb. pumpkin, and so we have a great chance for a big one. Simon has reached a decent start at about 30 lbs. and a circumference 44". Let's hope Simon gets at least 10x that big by the end of September. Please visit our garden each week to watch Simon grow and grow. The staked chart reports circumference and estimated weight two times a week.

We are always looking for additional help. While the bulk of the work is done on a Monday morning, we do have opportunities at other times to be of assistance. If you are interested in helping with the Faith Feeds Garden, please contact Sally Heimbach.





Holiday Craft Fair Update

The Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday December 6 from 9am to 2pm.

Some things will be the same and some things will be done differently.

What will be the same?

1. WOF will still be holding the very popular basket raffle and equally popular bake sale.
2. They will also be selling a variety of handmade crafts.

What will be done differently?

1. The Ministry to the Congregation committee will provide the support for the rest of the craft fair.
2. The set up, clean up and general support for the day will be coordinated by Tim Bagnull.
3. The outside vendors will be coordinated and managed by Sally Heimbach
4. The food service will be coordinated by Diane Policelli

What do we need from the congregation?

1. We need a point person for publicity. New yard signs have been ordered. Post card size handouts have been made. Lynda Scheirer can post on the public Facebook page.
2. We need folks to volunteer for set up, clean up and support through the day of the sale.

Please consider how you can assist with this important community event!

Photos from Last Season's SMT



GROCERIES PLUS CHOICE FOOD PANTRY

(PLUS = Prayer, Love, Understanding, Support)
 136 households served
 246 different households received food in 2024

CURRENT NEEDS

- Adult and children's cereal
- Boxed mashed potatoes (13 to 16 oz)
- BBQ sauce, salad dressing (Ranch, Italian, French)
- Baked beans
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste for children
- Mouth wash

ONGOING NEEDS

- Gift cards from Aldi, Giant, Wegmans or Weis (which we use to buy food for our shelves)
- Any non-perishable food within its "use by/best by" date

PLEASE NO . . .

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



Bethel Bible Fellowship Church
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Serving Our Local Community

Faith Church cooks and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Over the past couple of years, we've lost many of our cookie bakers. Can you find the time to bake a batch or two and drop them off by noon on that Monday?

- Helpers are also needed, especially cooks, from approx. 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. (Meet at the church @ 1:30 p.m. The carpool leaves from the church!)
- Drop cookies or other baked goods off in the kitchen by noon by that Monday. Because of possible nut allergies, please mark cookies that have nuts in them. Sugar-free cookies are also appreciated.
- The clients at Daybreak very much enjoy all the choices of home-baked goodies that we can provide! The number we are serving is running between 80 to 100. Many thanks to all for baking and bringing individual servings ready to go.

For more information, speak with Carolyn Baittinger or Zona Farmer. Don't pass up this very easy opportunity to "do unto others."

Pentecost Offering Update You Guys are Rock Stars!

Big thank you to all the mission supporters at Faith We received \$2,575.00, with \$1,030.00 going to the East Penn School District Angel Networks.

The Ministry to the Community committee added funds from the operating budget and was able to send \$1,000.00 to both of the Angel Networks at Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary. This was a \$355.00 increase from 2024.



Thank you to Pam & Phil Martin for coordinating the RIPPLE Church meal on Sunday July 20.

The team of dedicated volunteers served a meal to approximately 80 folks.

Watch the bulletin for future dates.



Ministry of Support

Per Capita Update

The per capita payment has portions sent to the Lehigh Presbytery, the Synod of the Trinity and the General Assembly to help pay for the operation expenses of those organizations.



Some specific items include:

- Training church leaders,
- Engaging with those studying and preparing for ministry through ordination exams,
- Engaging in issues of justice,
- Publishing the Book of Order, and
- Collecting and tracking statistics about PC(USA).

As of **8/18/2025**, we have received **\$3,798.00** towards our yearly total due of \$9,450.00. The individual apportionment for 2025 is \$50.00 per member. You can pay your per capita online or by check made out to Faith Presbyterian Church.

Giving to Faith Church is Easy!

You can donate via credit card or a direct transfer from your bank. Just scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera to bring up a link to our website, click the GIVE NOW button on the church website, and fill out the form. For more information about this option, please read the details about electronic giving on the Donate page of the church website: <http://faithchurchemmaus.org/donate/>



NOTE: This method of giving cannot be used for flower purchases or other tangible items.



What Your Per Capita Supports

- **Resourcing to collect news of congregations' projects and events of regional interest for sharing with our congregations through the website, newsletter, and presbytery papers.**
- **Provide for electronic participation, hardware, and tech expertise for virtual and hybrid gatherings to broaden access to participation in the life of the presbytery.**
- **Provide for a point person to serve as advocate for emergency funds from the Board of Pensions and other agencies of the national church.**

Operating Fund Financial Report

\$	Year to Date July 31, 2025	Annual Budget
Operating Revenue	\$171,661.90	\$285,847.00
Operating Expenses	\$172,304.89	\$295,892.00
Respectfully submitted, Janie Slamon		



Your Offering Dollars at Work (January thru July)

The Session of Faith Presbyterian Church thanks all who give to the financial support of the various ministries of the church. Here is a breakdown of how your financial support is being used.

Ministry to the Community	\$ 17,598
Work Camp.....	\$ 6,000
PC(USA) & Theological Education.....	\$ 3,500
International Mission.....	\$ 1,500
Presbyterian Disaster Relief.....	\$ 1,000
Lehigh Conference of Churches	\$ 1,000
Warming Station	\$ 1,000
Meals for Daybreak (serving over 80 folks each month)	\$ 1,206
Angel Network.....	\$ 970
Ripple Church Meals (2 meal served over 80 each time)	\$ 500
Rotary Food Program	\$ 479
Habitat for Humanity (She Nailed It).....	\$ 250
Community Events (Farewell to Summer & LV Pride2025)..	\$ 175
Garden.....	\$ 18
 Ministry to the Congregation	 \$ 93,141
Staffing/Expenses (Pastor, Pulpit Supply, Music Director, Youth Director)	\$ 91,436
Worship supplies/instrument maintenance	\$ 1,204
Lunches & Kitchen Supplies	\$ 501
 Ministry of Support	 \$ 61,361
Staffing (Administrative Asst., Custodian)	\$ 14,642
Insurance	\$ 12,464
Utilities	\$ 11,638
Building Expenses	\$ 8,102
Administration/Office Expenses	\$ 5,877
Per Capita	\$ 4,725
Bookkeeping/Payroll	\$ 2,596
Communication/Membership/Stewardship/Session Expenses	\$ 1,317

We deeply appreciate your generous contributions, which enable us to continue these impactful ministries and serve our community effectively. Thank you for your unwavering support.



Clean-up Day September 28

Join us following worship for a light lunch and help us tidy up the church property. There will be small jobs, big jobs, inside jobs, outside jobs, jobs for young, jobs for young at heart, jobs for all! Please plan on staying and helping.

Buildings & Grounds Needs

Our church clean-up days, held in the spring and the fall, are a great way to maintain our church property. Everyone's help is appreciated.

However, some tasks need to be done more frequently or are of a scope that takes longer than a few hours.

The Ministry of Support has generated a list of "jobs" that fit those criteria. It will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

One of the "jobs" that needs to be done more frequently is the maintenance of the gardens surrounding the church building.

We are hoping that folks will "adopt" a section of the gardens and help keep it weed-free.

Please contact Sally Heimbach with your questions/concerns/availability



Upcoming Building Project

The Fellowship Hall roof is scheduled to be replaced in April of 2026.

The roof is more than 20 years old and has "sprouted" several leaks.

Session has approved a contract with Paul Wright Roofing. This is the same company that replaced the Sanctuary roof in 2020.

Any questions please see Andy Ingram, Terry Eck or Sally Heimbach



Gratitude to Generosity

"What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?" Psalm 116:12

2026 Stewardship Drive

Faith Church's annual Stewardship drive will start on October 12.

Stewardship Sunday will be November 2.

There will be short presentations from the three ministry teams highlighting their gratitude for the generosity of the congregation.

Our hope is to have a gratitude wall where folks can post what they are grateful for and how that inspires them. (We are giving you six weeks to think about this, so you should be prepared)

Stewardship letters with the pledge cards will be available on October 12, following worship, with the remainder being mailed on October 14 (October 13 is a postal holiday).



What we'd like to hear in church

- Hey, it's my turn to sit in the front pew!
- I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon ran longer than usual.
- I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before.
- Because we're all here, let's start the worship service early.
- Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.
- **Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign.**

Give Thanks in all Circumstances

I Thessalonians 5:18



We are delighted to share these heartfelt messages with our congregation. Each note of appreciation serves as a reminder of the positive influence we have on one another's lives. These expressions of gratitude not only acknowledge individual contributions but also reinforce the connections within our church community. We invite everyone to read the notes and embrace the warmth of our shared appreciation.

To the precious folks at Faith Presbyterian,

We are grateful beyond words for the many contributions/supplies, as well as support and kindness, that you have shown to the teachers and Para-educators here at Willow Lane Elementary. You are ALL very special folks who make this school district of East Penn a better place just by being in it! From the bottom of our hearts, we say, Thank You!

PS See you in August!



Dear [Faith Church],

It is with warm regards that I write to thank you for your \$1,000 donation to Lincoln Elementary School's Angel Network.

Your generous donation and contribution is sincerely appreciated.

Warmly,
Mrs. Rebecca Champion
Lincoln Elementary School Principal



Dear [Faith Church],

6/18/2025

Thank you for [the] food for Groceries PLUS from Faith Church.

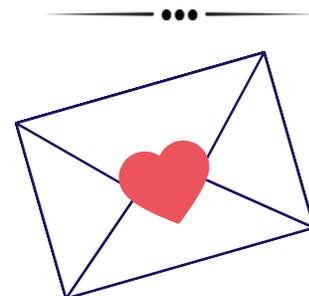
As I write this, it's another distribution day. Neighbors are selecting food from shelves that have been filled with donated boxes and cans from you and others. People are also in the waiting area, chatting among themselves and visiting with volunteers. Coming to the food pantry may be the only social interaction some of our guests have in a week.

We see more children now that school is out. What a joy to hear them when their eyes fall on something "delicious." "May we have that?" they ask. Another exclaimed, "Look, grandma, they have my favorite cereal!"

In addition to food, our neighbors don't go away until they have an opportunity to be prayed with. Some have specific requests; others ask for general prayers. Very few decline, but the environment makes even that interaction comfortable. Nothing stops us from praying for them after they drive away.

We estimate that Faith Presbyterian Church dropped off about 40 pounds of food in mid-April.

With heartfelt thanks,
Joy Paulsen, Acquisitions Coordinator





Dates in this issue, and more!

There are always so many dates to remember. This list is intended to provide them all in one place for easy transfer to your calendar, or for hanging on a refrigerator...however you manage your schedule.

- September 6: Community Yard Sale
- September 7: Sunday Morning Together begins
- September 8: Regular Office Hours begin
- September 8: Daybreak Meal
- September 10: WOW begins
- September 11: Conversations begins
- September 20: Farewell to Summer
- September 21-18: Pastor’s Vacation/Study Leave
- September 22: Kaleidoscope
- September 28: Peace & Global Witness
Clean-up Day
- October 13: Daybreak Meal
- October 19: Crop Hunger Walk
- November 2: Stewardship Sunday
- November 8: Presbytery Meeting @ Faith
- November 10: Daybreak Meal
- November 16: Winter Newsletter Deadline
- November 27: Thanksgiving
- November 30: Advent Begins
- December 6: Holiday Craft Fair
- December 8: Daybreak Meal
- December 25: Christmas
- December 25-Jan 4: Pastor’s Vacation
- December 31 - New Year’s Eve

2026

- January 1 - Happy New Year!
- January 19 - MLK, Jr. Day
- February 16 - Presidents’ Day
- February 18 - Ash Wednesday
- February 22 - Lent Begins
- March 29 - Palm Sunday
- April 5 - Easter
- June 20-28 - Work Camp

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The Faith Flyer quarterly newsletter is a valuable resource packed with information that you won't want to miss. Each issue features articles from our ministry leaders, offering a glimpse into their latest projects, reflections, and initiatives. These articles serve as a bridge, connecting you to the heart of our church's mission and vision. Whether it's updates on upcoming events, inspiring stories of transformation, or practical advice, this newsletter is designed to inform, engage, and inspire you. We encourage you to explore each article and stay connected with the vibrant life of our Faith Church community.