

The FAITH FLYER

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Let's come together as a community to celebrate the many blessings that enrich our lives.



God... Order us, that we may stand within time holding your hand. That we may know we are enough, not because of what we make of these hours, but because within these hours – with you – we are being made.

– from “A Prayer Against Efficiency” by Micha Boyett

When I first started thinking about my sabbatical plans, I knew I wanted to do something that involved storytelling. I knew I wanted to go places and experience things that would both teach me something about storytelling and give me good stories to tell.

I am grateful to the church family for encouraging me to take advantage of this opportunity and for the leaders who will step up and be available in my absence. A sabbatical is not a vacation or a study leave. It's a kind of liminal space – a space in between – where there is rest and there is study, but mostly there is space to be. It's a chance for me to breathe.



Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi

The sabbatical time itself will include a road trip to Missouri with my mom (to visit the Missouri Star Quilt store and the Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library), four days in Iceland with David to explore the saga and folklore museums, and a silent retreat. I will read, sew, sleep, and play as the spirit moves me. I want to come back with stories to share with you that might encourage us in our future together.

The time itself will begin June 29, and I will see you again on October 4 at the World Communion Sunday worship service at The Barn. During that time, I will not be available by phone, text, social media, or email. Others will be available for pastoral care (and a designated person has permission

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Faith Presbyterian Church Emmaus

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Church Summer Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to noon. Closed Monday & Friday.
Beginning the week of May 24.

Pastoral Care Needs

For medical emergencies or deaths, contact one listed below:

- Pastor Becki at revmallozzi@faithchurchemmaus.org
- Deacon Moderators: Doug Boyd, Eleanor DePhillips
(see your directory)

Prayer Chain Requests

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.

Please visit us on the web!

For all the latest information, audio sermons,
calendar highlights, and news,
visit us at: www.faithchurchemmaus.org

Next Newsletter Deadline: August 17, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

Personal Contact Information

To protect privacy and personal information, personal phone numbers and email addresses are not published online.

Zoom Links

Please note that links to Zoom meetings are not included in church publications to prevent outside interference.

We Value Our Sunday Morning Volunteers

Help us make Sunday mornings beautiful. When we serve together, every hand—big or small—creates a more welcoming worship experience. Join the rhythm of our community!

Help us make our services happen! We are looking for Worship Assistants, Fellowship Hosts, Nursery Caregivers, and Ushers to help guide our worship and foster community. Please sign up on the whiteboard or sign-up sheet in the narthex; easy instructions are provided for every role.

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

to tell me if someone is near death or has died, or if a rogue deer crashes into the church somehow and knocks it over). Your deacons are also available for support and care.

During our time apart, you will have plenty to look forward to! A few church members will offer their stories from the pulpit to help lead in worship. The community will gather with other churches in Emmaus in July for an ecumenical worship service as part of the America 250 Celebration in Emmaus. I will be present at that service as the convener of the ecumenical group, so I hope to see you there! You’ll also have Vacation Bible School to look forward to, worship at Devonshire Park in September, and plenty of fellowship time to nurture relationships with each other.

I will be praying with you and for you during our time apart, and welcome you to lift me up in prayer as well. I look forward to coming back and sharing my stories with you!

Yours in Common Calling,
Pastor Becki Mallozzi



Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus

Staying Connected...From a Distance



Online Publications

- [Weekly bulletins](#)
- [Quarterly newsletters](#)



Facebook

- [Public Page](#)
- [Private Group](#)



Instagram

- [Public Page](#)



If you need support—or just want to have a conversation—please reach out to Pastor Becki, your Deacon, or someone in our church family. Staying connected helps us care for one another and keeps isolation at bay.



Online Sermons



Online Worship Services



Online Calendar



Prayer Chain



Email Announcements

- Weekly bulletins
- Quarterly newsletters



Giving Methods

- Mail
- Online Banking
- [Online Giving](#)



Worship

at Faith Church

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

Summer Worship Plans

- **June 7:** Pastor Becki on Vacation; Rev. Stephen Emick will be pulpit supply
- **June 14:** *“Keeping Awake (Or at least keeping away from the windows)”* (Acts 20:7-12)
- **June 21:** *“Tell Me A Story”* (Matthew 13:44-53)
- **June 28:** Work Camp Sunday

Folks Serving Pulpit Supply during Pastor Becki’s sabbatical

- **July 5:** Rev Dr. Allen Kramer-Moyer: retired UCC pastor living at Chestnut Ridge @Rodale
- **July 12:** Rev. Scott DeCaro: Stated Clerk of Mountain Laurel Presbytery
- **July 19:** Rev. Scott DeCaro: Stated Clerk of Mountain Laurel Presbytery
- **July 26:** Ecumenical Worship service at Community Park at 9:30 a.m. (Bring a chair.)
- **August 2:** Pastor Jo Marchetto, Youth Director @ Faith Presbyterian Church.

The BARN folks will be worshipping with us today.

- **August 9:** Worship at The BARN
- **August 16:** Tom Dilts, member of Faith Presbyterian Church
- **August 23:** Joe Smits, member of Faith Presbyterian Church
- **August 30:** Heidi Shilanskas, Minister of Word and Service
- **September 6:** Rev. Susan Gilbert Zencka: Mountain Laurel Presbytery member
- **September 13:** Laity Sunday: Outdoor worship at Devonshire Park (Bring a lawn chair.)
- **September 20:** Rev. Scott DeCaro, Stated Clerk of Mountain Laurel Presbytery
- **September 27:** Music Sunday



Our worship services are live-streamed on YouTube, so you can join us from anywhere with an internet connection. Find the link on our website under Media—Live Stream or visit <https://bit.ly/FPCLive>. Past services are archived under Media—Sermons & Bulletins.



On Sunday, April 12, our congregation was fortunate to have Carol Andersen, the CEO of Bloom for Women, come to speak to us about their mission. The mission of Bloom for Women is “providing sanctuary and continuum of care to heal, empower, and employ survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation.” Now you may be wondering, as I did, why do we need this information? Surely this is a “big city” problem.

What may surprise you is that the Lehigh Valley is a major “hub” for sex traffickers due to its proximity to major highways, such as I-78, I-80, and I-95. It is indeed a problem that is literally happening right under our noses.

Consider the following sobering statistics:

- The average age of victims is 11–15, and they are often recruited by someone they know.
- Victims are often “groomed” online.
- Sex trafficking generates \$176 billion a year.
- 20% of all men have paid for sex, but only 1 in 10 have ever been arrested.
- Half of the women in state prison have been victims of trafficking.

The good news is that Bloom is an organization that is dedicated to helping these women. They currently operate five residential homes in the Lehigh Valley to support survivors. Bloom provides a two-year residential program offering survivors safe housing, trauma-informed care, life skills training, and a supportive community at no cost to them.

As a non-profit organization, Bloom depends on communities to assist in their important mission. How can we, as the church, help? Besides praying for these vulnerable women, we can raise awareness, provide financial support or essential items (such as toiletries and gift cards), or volunteer at one of the many Bloom community events.

If you would like to learn more about Bloom, visit their website at www.bloomforwomen.org.

A special thank you must go out to Pam Martin and the Ministry to the Community committee for providing this incredibly important presentation to our church.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
(Matthew 25:40)

SESSION Highlights

May 2026

- Pulpit Supply for Pastor Becki's upcoming sabbatical has been completed.
- Session has been working on updating the church by-laws. They are expected to be presented to the congregation in October for a vote.
- The new church website is up and running. Thank you to Ann Lowell for all of her hard work on this endeavor!
- VBS will be held this year July 27-30.
- We will have outdoor worship once again at Devonshire Park on Sunday, September 13.



Our updated church website debuted May 11 with a fresh design and improved features. Be sure to visit, click around, and see what's new!



Caps Off to Our Graduates!

Graduation marks both an ending and a beginning. As we celebrate the Class of 2026, we give thanks for their growth and perseverance. May we surround our graduates with prayer, trusting that God goes before them and walks with them wherever the journey leads. Congratulations, graduates! You are a blessing, and we look forward to all that lies ahead.

Christian Piper will be graduating from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a Master's degree in Robotic Engineering.

Sadie Kennedy graduated from Boston University in May with a film major. She was on a team in school which produced an award-winning documentary, for which she did the film editing. Film editing is Sadie's special field of interest. She looks forward to going to China in June to film a documentary. Her professor invited Sadie to participate in the program.

Townsend Southard Pantano, grandson of the Pantanos, will be graduating from Syracuse University with a Master's degree in Cybersecurity.

Meghann Marie Schuster, granddaughter of the Pantanos, will be graduating from DeSales University with Bachelors' degrees in Finance and Economics. In June, she will be attending the University of Georgia for an 11-month intensive study for a Master's degree in Marketing Research.

Ella Wiese is graduating from Ohio State University with a degree in Environmental Science. She will be moving to Phoenix, Arizona in July to start her job as an Environment, Safety, and Health Engineer for Honeywell Aerospace.

Colin McKinnon, grandson of Dick Garber, begins classes in June at Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine in Stratford, NJ. Colin previously worked at Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ after graduating from Lafayette College.

Hannah Rich, the oldest grandchild of the Boyds, will receive her Master's Degree in Music Education this spring from Fredonia University, part of SUNY (State University of New York). She will be teaching in upstate New York in the Buffalo area. They are very proud.

Jayleigh Danielle Gillmeyer, granddaughter of the Krissingers, will be graduating from Lehigh Valley Academy in June and will be attending Metro Beauty Academy in the fall.



Ministry of Support



Tithely Update & Helpful Info

The office is pleased with the Tithely platform so far—how has your experience been? We'd love to hear what's working well and any feedback you may have.

Your gifts are recorded in Tithely according to the designations you indicate (pledge, special offerings, etc.). An email receipt is sent for each donation, and your gift is credited to your Tithely account.

To view your giving history, you'll need to create a Tithely account at: <https://app.tithely.com/login>. If you have any trouble signing up, please contact Lynda Scheirer.

Receipts

Tithely automatically emails a receipt for each donation, including the date, amount, and designation. If you notice an error, contact Lynda—once corrected, an updated receipt will be sent to you. Please be sure your email address is up to date so you receive receipts promptly. If we do not have an email on file, you will receive a printed statement by mail at year's end only.

Checks

Each check must be entered as a separate transaction in Tithely so it can be accurately recorded with the correct donor name, amount, date, check number, and fund designation. This ensures your giving record is complete and your receipts are accurate.

You are welcome—and encouraged—to combine multiple donations into a single check. Simply note clearly how you would like the total amount divided (for example, pledge, special offering, or other funds), and we will apply it accordingly.

Online Giving

Online gifts will appear as “cash” on your receipt. This is a system limitation, as Tithely does not provide a separate category for online or credit card transactions when recording gifts in this way.

Please be assured that your gift is being recorded accurately. You can confirm the details—such as designation or notes—by checking the memo section of your emailed receipt or by viewing your giving history in your Tithely account.

Giving Statements

Quarterly statements are sent by email only and include tax-deductible gifts only. You will need to have a Tithely account to view them. Printed quarterly statements are not sent by postal mail.

Year-end tax statements are also emailed. Printed year-end statements are mailed only to those without an email address on file.

If you expected a statement and did not receive it, please check your spam folder, then contact the church office.

Thank you for helping us keep your records accurate and up to date!

Please note: We are not currently set up to accept donations through Tithely. Kindly continue using the online giving option on our website. Thank you!





Your Offering Dollars at Work (January through March)

Thank you! The Session of Faith Presbyterian Church is deeply grateful for your financial support of our many ministries. We want to show you exactly how your generous contributions are being used.

Ministry to the Community	\$ 3,406
Theological Education	\$ 1,000
Community Outreach	\$ 2,257
Mission-Other	\$ 149
 Ministry to the Congregation	 \$ 39,504
Staffing/Expenses (Pastor, Pulpit & Organist Supply, Music Director, Youth Director)	\$ 38,825
Worship supplies/instrument maintenance	\$ 139
Curriculum	\$ 161
Lunches & Kitchen Supplies	\$ 379
 Ministry of Support	 \$ 33,157
Staffing (Administrative Asst., Custodian)	\$ 6,765
Insurance	\$ 7,103
Building Expenses	\$ 7,705
Utilities	\$ 6,473
Administration/Office Expenses	\$ 1,664
Bookkeeping/Payroll	\$ 1,274
Communication/Membership/Stewardship/Session Expenses	\$ 2,173

We are incredibly grateful for your generous contributions. They are the foundation that allows our impactful ministries to continue and effectively serve our community. Thank you.

Per Capita Update

Per capita giving supports the shared work of the church beyond our congregation. These funds are distributed to the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly to help cover their operating expenses.



We've received **\$6,165** toward our 2026 goal of **\$9,100** –thank you for your support! The per capita amount is \$50 per member. You can contribute online or by check made payable to Faith Presbyterian Church.



Giving to Faith Church is Easy!

You can give by credit card or direct bank transfer. Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone to visit our website, click **Give Now**, and complete the form. For more details, visit the Donate page: <http://faithchurchemmaus.org/donate/>



NOTE: This giving method cannot be used for flower purchases or other tangible items, *i.e.* T-shirts, etc.

Per Capita Makes It Possible

At its heart, per capita enables ministries that seek to discern God's call and support the health of the church. These ministries reach congregations, mid councils, and assembly work in a variety of ways, including:

- Supporting those called into ministry through the ordination process and equipping congregations and ministers to discern calls;
- Empowering mid councils, including Korean-speaking non-geographic presbyteries, to equip leaders and engage their communities;
- Holding one another accountable and upholding the constitution of the church through judicial processes;
- Building relationships with ecumenical and interreligious partners to strengthen God's work in the wider world;
- Supporting just immigration by accompanying members and councils as they navigate joining and welcoming;
- Preserving the church's history through the Presbyterian Historical Society;
- Encouraging and equipping leaders through service to assembly committees and mid council roles;
- Pursuing personal and communal opportunities to embrace the diversity of God's creation through church policies and procedures;
- and providing for an equitable and inclusive General Assembly, where members across the church gather to discern God's will for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in worshipful community.

Operating Fund Financial Report



	Actual through April 2026	Annual Budget
Operating Revenue	\$100,823.34	\$274,716.00
Operating Expenses	\$95,513.31	\$303,201.00

Respectfully submitted,
Janie Slamon

“Per capita is crucial to the overall health of the PC(USA), because it binds presbyteries, synods, and congregations together in one church.”

REV. DR. J. HERBERT NELSON, II,
STATED CLERK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Deacons

Let's Talk Deacons

Your Deacons are currently assisting with the update of membership information by contacting members within their Care Groups. Thank you for your cooperation and thoughtful responses as we work through this worthwhile project. Keeping our records current and accurate helps us better serve and stay connected with everyone in our church family.

The Deacons also coordinate many of the receptions and gatherings held at the church, and we are updating our procedures to improve efficiency and better serve our members and guests.

In addition, we are revising the Deacon Manual and continuing our regular “keeping in touch” ministry through our Care Groups. Summer is a wonderful time to reconnect, so consider reaching out to your Deacon – even if it’s simply to say hello.

Wishing you a safe, joyful, and blessed summer!

Your Deacon Board

Military Service

We honor all who serve in the military, giving thanks for their courage and sacrifice. We especially lift up the members and family members of our church listed below—please keep them in your 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.

What Is a Deacon?

A Deacon is someone called to a ministry of compassion, care, and service within the church and community. The word deacon comes from a Greek word meaning “servant,” and that spirit of service remains at the heart of the role today.

At Faith Church, Deacons help care for the congregation in many meaningful ways. Through Care Groups, they stay connected with members, offering encouragement, prayer, support, and a listening ear during both joyful and difficult seasons of life. Sometimes that care comes through a phone call, a card, a visit, or simply taking the time to check in and say hello.

Deacons also assist with receptions and gatherings held at the church, helping create a welcoming environment for members and guests alike. Behind the scenes, they support ministries that strengthen the sense of community within our church family.

Their ministry reminds us that caring for one another is not the work of a few people alone—it is the calling of the whole church. Deacons encourage all of us to reach out with kindness, compassion, and concern for one another.

If you are unsure who your Deacon is, or if you would simply appreciate someone to talk with or pray with, please contact the church office. Our Deacons are here to help keep our church family connected and cared for.





Ministry to the Congregation



Building Relationships with Each Other

As many of you know, the Vision Team’s guiding goals are: Building Relationships with Each Other, Building Relationships with the Community, and Building Relationships with God.

This year, we are placing a special emphasis on Building Relationships with Each Other. And the wonderful thing is – this is something our church already does very well. I truly believe this congregation has a gift for welcoming, encouraging, and caring for one another.

Already this year, we’ve strengthened those relationships through our Word on Wednesday, Women of Faith, Sights, Sounds and Spuds, Card Showers, Sunday Morning Together and of course our Potluck luncheons. Every shared meal, conversation, prayer, and act of kindness helps connect us more deeply as the family of God.

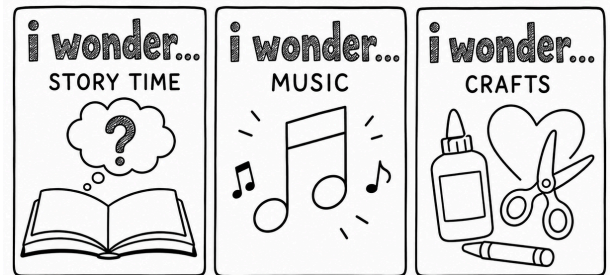
So today, let’s celebrate the success we’ve already seen, and let’s continue reaching out, showing up, and growing together in faith and friendship.

The Vision Team
Linda Kennington



Vacation Bible School - July 27-30 6-8:00 pm

The Ministry to the Congregation is looking for helpers for this year’s VBS program, I WONDER.



- Pastor Jo Marchetto and Faith’s favorite furry friend TURQ will lead the story time.
- John Shilankas will be the music man.
- The Schreck’s will again be the craft masters.
- Along with our partner church, The BARN, we are looking for a leader for the games and snack portion of the VBS program.
- We are also looking for folks to be group leaders, game helpers, photographers and snack helpers.

If you do not have your clearances, we will assist you.

If you are interested or want additional information, please contact Sally Heimbach.

VBS is open to all children ages 3-5th grade.

Registration forms can be found at church, or you can use the one on the next page.



**Join us for
Vacation Bible School
July 27-30 6-8:00 p.m.**

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Grade Completed: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number _____

Special Needs/Allergies _____

Is there a friend your child would like to be with? _____

May your child have his/her picture taken? yes no

Parent/Guardian Picking Up Child: _____

Additional person(s) I authorize to pick up my child:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Pick-up and Drop-off location: Fellowship Hall

Please return this registration form to: Faith Presbyterian Church
 Attn: VBS
 PO Box 507
 Emmaus, PA 18049

Joyful Noise



- **Music Sunday is September 27.** In addition to both ensembles (Faithful Harmonizers and Faithful Ringers) performing, we are looking for additional musicians to offer their gifts. If you are interested, please contact John Shilanskas.
- We will have a **Summer Singalong on August 9** with rehearsal beginning at 9:15 AM. Come find out what a Faithful Harmonizers rehearsal is like while enjoying some social time with some members of the Faithful Harmonizers. Music will be in the Narthex throughout July. Please see John Shilanskas with any questions. Hope to see you there.
- We will have a **Summer Chime Time on August 16** with rehearsal beginning at 9:15 AM. Come find out what a Faithful Ringers rehearsal is like while enjoying some social time with some members of the Faithful Ringers. Music and a sign up sheet will be in the Narthex throughout July. Feel free to sign up for as many chimes as you feel comfortable. Please see John Shilanskas with any questions. Hope to see you there.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in our ensembles this year:

Faithful Harmonizers: Tim Bagnall, Carolyn Benner, Doug Boyd, Sandy Gingrich, Ann Greenwood, Anita Krause, Anne Laubach, Dianne Macdonald, Pam Martin, Phil Martin, Penny Pantano, Ruth Rozsitch, Joe Smits, Charley Underwood

Faithful Ringers: Carolyn, Baittinger, John Baittinger, Erin Gill, Sally Heimbach, Lynn Ingram, Pam Martin, Jana Masenheimer, Ginny Tietjens, Sue Vitale

It took a lot of work to prepare, but our community of music grew stronger and closer with every note. We are always looking for more to join. If you are interested in joining, please speak with an ensemble member or John Shilanskas. Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, 2 September 2026.

With a joyful noise,
John P. Shilanskas, Director of Music



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 (from the same family) currently serve, with one occasional stand-in; 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.**



Joanne Marchetto, Dir.

We had a lot of fun through the school year at youth group. We had our final activities including our fun lock-in and May 17 was our end of the year youth group party! We had a blast with fun activities and faith formation this spring. For Faith Formation, we continued to read the stories of Jesus and watching “The Chosen.” This summer, we will have our favorite activity that everyone looks forward to: Our Day at the Beach! We will look at the weather and pick the nicest weather day of either July 21 or 23. Mark your calendars and more details coming soon!

Our ongoing fundraiser for work camp is our dog tag sale. Each of our work campers will be seeking three dog tag sponsors. We hope you will consider becoming a sponsor for one of them. With a suggested donation of \$75, you will be supporting them and the important work they do. As a sponsor, you will receive a set of dog tags that symbolize your bond with your camper. These tags will serve as a constant reminder of the impact you are making in their lives. You’ll also receive a devotion booklet for keeping them and all of our work campers and their mission in your daily prayers. All work camp dog tag sponsors can send their support by writing a check to “Faith Presbyterian Church” and including “workcamp” on the memo line.



This summer, we are planning to go to Lincoln, IL from June 20-28. The 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.



Work camp Sunday will be June 28. The youth will be rolling in shortly before 10am to lead worship and share stories from work camp. This is always a joy filled Sunday of celebrating God’s transforming love. After worship, we will have a potluck lunch of salads. The youth will have to empty and clean out the vans before they head home.

Thank you to all the parents, mentors, and friends who support the youth program! You are a big part of the welcome and support we offer our youth. If you have an idea for a program or community service opportunity, you can email or text me. We are always looking for new opportunities. This fall, I am hoping to organize some yard workdays to help out Barn and Faith members. And, we would love to invite you to spend an evening with the youth!

One final note: I just recently changed the format for my email list. If you would like to receive my weekly youth group email, please email me at:

joanne@thebarnlv.org



Recipes Shared



Penny Pantano shared this recipe of the soup she brought to the Ash Wednesday evening gathering, as well as the two in the next column.

2oz. butter
 1 lb zucchini sliced 1/4" thick
 2 oz. diced onion
 2 T fresh parsley (use 1T if dried)
 1 t dried basil
 2 T flour- you could use all-purpose or gluten-free
 1/2 t salt
 pepper to your taste
 2 c chicken stock or broth
 1/2 t lemon juice
 4 oz frozen corn
 1 diced fresh tomato
 4 oz grated Fontina cheese (any cheese works)
 1 c light cream
 4 oz fish any fish without bones- I used the imitation crab (pollack) Comes in package from TransOcean

Melt butter in a large skillet until hot. Add zucchini, diced onion, chopped parsley, and basil, and saute until tender but still crisp. Remove from heat, drain, and reserve butter. Put reserved butter in a saucepan (there should be about 2T butter left- if not, add some to make 2T)

Add flour, salt, and pepper, and cook about 2 minutes, blending until smooth. Add chicken stock and lemon juice to make a roux and mix well until creamy. (Set it aside at this point if you are not going to eat it right away)

10 minutes before serving, add corn, tomatoes, and heat. Add zucchini and onions back in. Add cheese, keep stirring so it doesn't stick to the bottom of the pan. Just before serving, add fish and cream. Do not let the soup boil once the cream is added, or the soup will curdle.

Serve with a salad and hard rolls.

From Culinary Arts

Baked Apple Squares

1-3/4 c sugar	1 t baking powder	1 c chopped walnuts
3 eggs	1 t cinnamon	2 c thinly sliced apples
2 c flour	1 t vanilla	
1/2 t salt	1 c vegetable oil	

In a large bowl, beat together sugar and eggs. Add dry ingredients and mix. Add oil and vanilla and mix. Fold in walnuts and apples.

Bake in a 9" x 13" pan.

Cooking time: 40 minutes

Temperature: 350 degrees

This easy dessert treat can be served hot or cold. Top it off with vanilla ice cream!

Tropical Chicken Wings (Crock-Pot)

1 jar (12 oz) pineapple preserves	
1/2 c soy sauce	Olive Oil
1/2 c chopped green onions	3 lbs. chicken wings, tips removed and split at joints
3 T lime juice	
2 T honey	
1 T minced garlic	1 T toasted sesame seeds
2 t spicy chili sauce	
1/4 t ground allspice	

1. Coat the inside of the Crock-Pot with non-stick cooking spray. Combine ingredients in the first column in a large bowl and mix until blended.
2. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add wings in batches; cook 5 minutes or until browned on all sides. Remove wings to a bowl with sauce; toss to coat.
3. Place the wings and sauce in the Crock-Pot. Cover, cook on LOW 3 to 4 hours or until the wings are cooked through. Sprinkle with sesame seeds

Makes 6 to 8 servings.



Ministry to the Community



Community Yard Sale

The Borough of Emmaus will hold its community-wide yard sale on Saturday, May 30. The Ministry to the Community will host our church’s yard sale in the Fellowship Hall that day.

The Ministry to the Community will accept congregational donations on Friday, May 29 from 11:00 am to noon. Items must be pre-priced, and unsold items must be picked up on Saturday after 3:00 p.m. or on Sunday, May 31.

If you are able to help with set-up on Friday, or clean-up on Saturday, please reach out to Sally Heimbach.



Women of Faith

The Women of Faith are excited to be part of this year’s Yard Sale once again! Along with their usual assortment of treasures and an amazing array of delicious **baked goods**, they’ll be offering something extra special you won’t want to miss.

Homemade Chicken Pot Pies!—complete with a flaky crust! These individual-sized pies come frozen and ready to take home, with easy preparation instructions included. At just \$7 each, they’re a delicious and convenient meal you’ll be glad to have on hand. Be sure to grab one (or a few) while they last!



FAITH FEEDS
GARDEN

The garden is fully planted and already looking beautiful! We’re hoping to begin harvesting fresh produce in early June.

Harvest days are Mondays, when we pick, wash, and deliver the vegetables. Extra helping hands are always welcome and appreciated.

We’re also looking for a little assistance with weeding while our very dedicated “weed control” volunteer is away June 14–26. If you’d enjoy spending some time helping keep the garden healthy and looking its best, we’d love to have you join us.

Please see Sally Heimbach if you are interested in helping.



Thank you, Thank you!

Thank you for your wonderful contributions to this year’s **One Great Hour of Sharing!** The OGHS slogan, “If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!” is proven true once again, as your generous giving grew into an amazing total of **\$11,151.00!!!**

WOW!! And locally, you’ll support the Angel Networks of Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary Schools with a gift of \$1,381.38 each. Many area children will benefit from your generous giving. You are amazing givers! Praise the Lord!



Ripple Meal Service

Faith Presbyterian Church's mission to Ripple is rooted in faith, love, and grace. On **Sunday, May 31**, we will again cook and serve a meal for our unhoused neighbors at St. Stephen's Church in Allentown—and we need your help.

This ministry is about more than a meal—it begins with worship. While we prepare the food, the ministers of St. Stephen's lead a brief service. Afterward, we serve the meal together. Many people describe this time as deeply meaningful and a place where Christ's presence is strongly felt. This has been a highlight in the lives of our volunteers!

Current needs

- Volunteers (prep, serving, and clean-up)
- Baked goods of any kind

To sign up, please see Pam or Phil Martin. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

Ripple meals are held at St. Stephen's Church, 1421 West Turner Street, Allentown, PA. Off-street parking in the church parking lot is available. We gather at St. Stephen's at around 2:30 pm.

If anyone wants to carpool from Faith Church, we will meet at the church around 2 pm.

Thank you for supporting this mission with your time, talents, and resources.

Ripple Church has created an Amazon Wish List highlighting their most urgent needs. If you wish to learn more, or would like to donate, use the link below or scan the QR code. Any items you purchase will be sent directly to Ripple, so there's no need to worry about delivering your donation yourself.

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

Creating Ripples





Spring Update

Our Teachers' Closet was given a \$40 dollar donation. With this generous donation, we were able to purchase 150 pre-sharpened pencils, 24 Post-It pads, 12 dry-erase markers, and 4 jumbo glue sticks. Our community teachers and students truly appreciate our support!

During March, April, and the first date in May, we had a total of 20 teachers visit the closet. And 80 first-graders. as mentioned below.

Macungie Elementary's first-grade held a book swap in April. We were notified that they were in need of book donations, and we supplied a big box of books for them to use. Eighty first-graders in our community benefited from this donation! After the book swap, Macungie first-grade teachers donated back the remaining books so other classrooms could use them in the future.

May 20: final shopping day for 2025-26 school year.

Wednesday, Aug. 19: Back-to-school shopping date.

Just because this school year is nearly over, it doesn't mean we stop supplying the closet. Replenishing over the summer means we are readying the closet for when school starts again in the fall. Thank you so much to those who have been supporting the closet so far!

Current needs: Clorox wipes, graph paper, 3-hole wide-lined notebook paper, Band-Aids, highlighters, staples, whiteout, Play-Doh.

Wish to donate? Shop our Amazon wishlist at <https://bit.ly/46Pjb7l> (or scan the QR code), or shop at your favorite retailer:



Daybreak Outreach

A Simple Way to Make a Difference

Looking for a meaningful way to give back? Daybreak is a drop-in center serving individuals living with mental illness, many of whom are also homeless.

On the second Monday of each month, Faith prepares and serves a meal at Daybreak (1:30–4:30 p.m.). You can be part of this outreach in a simple but impactful way—by baking!

We're looking for cookies or other baked goods (individually wrapped) to share with our guests. Please be sure to label any items that contain nuts. Sugar-free options are also appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in the church kitchen by noon on the Monday we are serving.

Here are upcoming dates: June 8, July 13, August 17

To help or learn more, contact Carolyn Baittinger or Zona Farmer. ●●●

Your generosity brings comfort, connection, and care—and makes a real difference. Thank you!





She Nailed It!

Our team (Mary Horst, Sally Heimbach, Lynn Ingram, and Anne Zayaitz) had a time of 34 seconds, which is 2 seconds faster than last year. The winning time was 16 seconds!!

The team thanks all who supported us financially and also to those folks who came out to cheer us on!

Also a big thank you to our tailgate team of Zona Farmer, Carolyn Baittinger, Ginnie Tietjens, and the WOF for their hard work.



What We Do

For over 200 years, Presbyterians have been responding to the call of Jesus Christ, taking the gospel into all the world and bearing witness to Christ’s saving love to the ends of the earth. Today the Holy Spirit is still on the move, calling us to share in what God is doing in the world. As your partner in Christ’s service, the Presbyterian Mission Agency is faithfully working to inspire, equip and connect all Presbyterians to do Christ’s mission, bringing together congregations, worshiping communities, mid councils, mission networks and other parts of the church ecosystem as they nurture and shape disciples and serve Christ in the world.

The Presbyterian Mission Agency is the ministry and mission agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Four ministry areas carry out our work:

- Compassion, Peace & Justice;
- Racial Equity & Women’s Intercultural Ministries;
- Theology, Formation & Evangelism; and
- World Mission.

We work together to inspire, equip and connect all Presbyterians for the church’s work.

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” – Luke 23:42





Give Thanks in all Circumstances

I Thessalonians 5:18

We are delighted to share summaries of these notes of appreciation, celebrating the positive impact of individual contributions within our church and the broader community. These heartfelt messages strengthen our shared connections, and we invite you to embrace this spirit of gratitude. The complete notes are displayed on the bulletin board near Fellowship Hall—you are invited to come read them.

2/21/26

“Thank you for the goody box with snacks and a card for Valentine’s Day! I appreciate you guys thinking of me and sending a bunch of snacks. Hope all is well with you.” ~ **Thomas Eck**

2/13/26

River Crossing YMCA expressed sincere gratitude to Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus for its generous \$1,000 donation supporting the Allentown Warming Station. Now in its eighth season, the Warming Station continues to provide vital assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness, serving more than 197 people.

2/24/26

The **Outreach Foundation’s** Elizabeth Carter called to share thanks for Faith Church’s generous gift supporting the Tumaini Children’s Ministry project in Kenya. She confirmed the donation was received and expressed deep appreciation, offering God’s blessings to the outside donor.

5/8/26

A thank you card was received from the principal of Jefferson Elementary School and the **Jefferson Angel Network**, expressing gratitude for our donation.

December 2025

A note of thanks was received from **East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors** for donations received in 2025.

1/23/26

A note of thanks was received from **Fellowship Community** for donations received in 2025.

2/27/26

Ripple Church pastors sent a brief note of thanks for our support of the church and community.

4/20/26

A thank you was received from **Stewardship & Funds Development** of PC(USA) in Louisville, KY, for gifts received in March. “Thank you for your commitment and partnership in furthering God’s mission around the world.”

You’ll find the original notes posted on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to check them out.



2026 - Doing More in BaltiMORE

**Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel
Monday, September 21, 2026 -
Wednesday, September 23, 2026**

The Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference is coming up in September! Our church family constantly thinks about what it looks like to do the best we can with what we have. To assist in the Holy Dreaming, it's helpful to engage in workshops that encourage us, inspire us, and give us new ideas.

Pastor Becki attends this annual conference and has attended workshops on subjects like reimagining building use, crafting year-round stewardship programs, the use of Artificial Intelligence in the church, and cyber security (she's happy to give you a full workshop list if you want to hear more about her experiences!). She will attend again this year (in Baltimore) and would love company to share the experience with and think about how we take care of our church together.

You can attend in person and network with other church people just like you from around the globe wrestling with the same questions of how we serve as God's faithful stewards. You can also attend virtually from the comforts of your own home. The conference is worth it (in your pastor's humble opinion!).

Financial assistance is available both through our church and through the Stewardship Kaleidoscope program.

This year's conference will be held live in Baltimore, Maryland, with an online, virtual registration option as well. In-person attendees will be able to choose from dozens of workshops in addition to attending diverse plenary sessions and worship experiences. Virtual attendees will be able to join us for live-streamed and recorded plenaries and worship, and will also have access to 8 workshops, 4 of which will be available via live-stream.

Registration rates are as follows:

- Early Bird In-Person Registration (through June 30): \$375*
- First Call Pastor or Seminary Student In-Person Registration: \$200
- Virtual Attendee Registration: \$150
- (*After June 30, regular In-Person Registration increases to \$425)

The conference will be held at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel, where a block of rooms will be available at the conference rate of \$214/night. Your room reservation must be made by Aug. 28

We look forward to seeing you in "Charm City!"

Learn more and register:

<https://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org/>



Dates in this issue, and more!

Keeping track of important dates can be a challenge! This handy list brings everything together in one place –perfect for your calendar, the fridge, or wherever you keep life organized.

- May 24: Pentecost
- May 25: Memorial Day: Summer Office Hours
- May 30: Yard Sale
- May 31: Ripple Meal
- June 20-28: Work Camp
- June 21-25: Office Admin Vacation
- June 28: Work Camp Sunday
- June 29-October 3: Pastor's Sabbatical
- July 4: Independence Day
- July 26: Praise God in Community
- July 26: Montreat Youth Conference
- July 27-30: Vacation Bible School
- August 9: Summer Singalong
- August 16: Summer Chime Time, Flyer Deadline
- August 19: Teachers' Closet Opening Day
- September 9: Labor Day
- September 14: Regular Office Hours Resume
- September 27: Music Sunday
- October 4: World Communion Sunday
- October 12: Office closed
- November 15: Faith Flyer Deadline
- November 21: One Night Without a Home
- November 26: Thanksgiving
- December 13: Work Camp Cookie Sale
- December 25: Christmas



Happy Birthday

June Birthdays

John Amendt	Kim Kreider
Ellie DePhillips	Bruce Luff
Evan Gill	David
Tracey Gill	Masenheimer
Braden Halpin	Kris Melnick
Amanda Hemberger	Deanna Robinson
Mary Ellen Jackson	Chas Shimer
Courtney Kennedy	Marlene Smith
Linda Kennington	Joe Smits
Jim Kenny	Wyatt Somishka
Jay Kreider	Sam Walker
	Paul Wiese

July Birthdays

Gloria Arndt	Larry Hemberger
Glenn Bailey	Mark Ingram
Carolyn Benner	Liz Kenny
Brennan Davis	Jim Lillegard
Annabella DePhillips	Anthony McWhinney
Tom Dilts	Madison McWhinney
Ron Gingrich	Michelle McWhinney
Sandy Gingrich	Mark Smickley
Austin Godiska	Emma Walker
Kevin Greenwood	Anne Zayaitz
Kathy Hemberger	

August Birthdays

Tim Bagnull	Steve Heineman
John Baittinger	Mary Horst
Ruth Bieler	Avery Jones
Noah Davis	Clara Leigh Kennedy
Julie DePhillips	Graham Lowell
Jim DePhillips III	Kamryn McWhinney
Betsy Eck	Tom McWhinney
Peter Ferguson	Tim Melnick
Beth Folio	





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Stay connected with the Faith Flyer, our quarterly newsletter. Each issue highlights ministry moments, mission updates, and upcoming events—keeping you informed, inspired, and engaged in the life of Faith Church.