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from the PASTOR



Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi

As I write this article, summer is just beginning, and my sabbatical is right around the corner. By the time many of you read this, I will already be away for a season of rest, renewal, learning, and creativity. It feels a little strange to write into the future like this — to speak now to a church community I won't fully see during these months — but perhaps that's part of what faith is: trusting that God continues to work, grow, and move even when we cannot see every step ahead.

This fall, our stewardship theme is Changemakers. Together we'll reflect on creativity, empowerment, compassion, and collaboration — all the ways God shapes ordinary people into participants in holy transformation. Stewardship is never only about budgets or pledges. It is about asking: Who is God calling us to become together? How are we using our gifts, our energy, our imagination, and our care for one another to help shape the world around us?

In many ways, sabbatical is connected to that same vision. Sabbath reminds us that ministry does not belong to one person alone. The church is strongest when many voices, gifts, and acts of care are shared. While I step away for a time of renewal, the ministry of Faith will continue — because the ministry of this church has always belonged to all of us together. You are already changemakers through your compassion, your creativity, your prayers, your service, your generosity, and your willingness to show up for one another week after week.

I am deeply grateful for this congregation and for the gift of this sabbatical season. Thank you for supporting not only the work of ministry, but also the rhythms of rest and renewal that allow ministry to flourish for the long haul. I look forward to hearing the stories of what God is doing among you this fall and returning refreshed for the next chapter of ministry we will share together.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Becki Mallozzi

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Church Summer Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to noon. Closed Monday & Friday.
Ending the week after Labor Day.

Regular Office Hours

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

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: November 16, 2026 @ 9 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

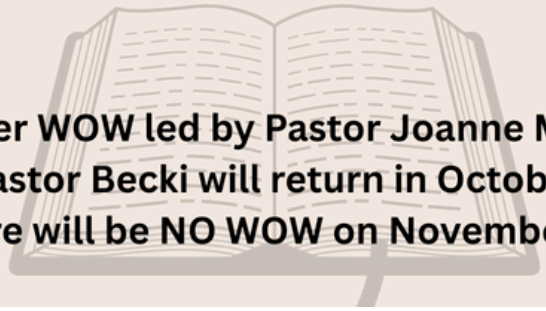
Help us make Sunday mornings beautiful. When we serve together, every hand—big or small—creates a more welcoming worship experience. Join the rhythm of our community!

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.

Word On Wednesday

WOW returns September 9. We will jump back into reflecting on the Gospel of John.

WOW meets at noon on Wednesdays in the church parlor. All are welcome!



September WOW led by Pastor Joanne Marchetto
Pastor Becki will return in October
There will be NO WOW on November 25

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus

Staying Connected...From a Distance

Online Publications
- Weekly bulletins
- Quarterly newsletters

Facebook
- Public Page
- Private Group

Instagram
- Public Page

Online Sermons

Online Worship Services

Online Calendar

Prayer Chain

Email Announcements
- Weekly bulletins
- Quarterly newsletters

Giving Methods
- Mail
- Online Banking
- Online Giving

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.

Worship at Faith Church

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

Autumn Worship Plans

September 6: Rev. Susan Gilbert Zencka

September 13: Laity Sunday, Worship at Devonshire Park

September 20: Rev. Scott DeCaro

September 27: Music Sunday, World Communion Offering received

October 4: World Communion Sunday worship @The Barn

Sermon Series: "The Changemakers: Go and Do Likewise"

October 11: "Go and Do Likewise" (Luke 10:25-37/Compassion)

October 18: "It is Dangerous to Go Alone" (Luke 10:1-11/Collaborate)

October 25: "Imagining How We Love" (Luke 7:36-50/Creativity)

November 1: "Jesus Helps Us See" (Mark 10:46-52/Empowerment)

Preparing for Advent

November 8: "Being Prepared" (Matthew 25:1-13)

November 15: "Don't Bury Your Talent" (Matthew 25:14-30)

November 22: "Always Assume It's Jesus" (Matthew 25:31-46)

November 29: First Sunday of Advent, TBD

LIVE STREAM

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.

the CLERK'S CORNER

by Melanie Shimer

The fall season is upon us! I always welcome the warm days and cool nights of fall, especially after a hot summer season. At the end of June, my two sisters and I took a trip to Utah to visit our friend Deborah, who had moved to Salt Lake City for work. It was a wonderful girls' trip (sorry, Chas) filled with lots of laughs, sightseeing, delicious food, and fellowship.

Perhaps the best part of the trip was our excursion to Bryce Canyon National Park. Located about four hours from Salt Lake City, Bryce Canyon is home to the most stunning views I have ever seen. The park, stretching 35,835 acres, was established in 1928. It was named after Mormon pioneers Ebenezer and Mary Bryce.

Bryce Canyon has the largest collection of "hoodoos," or "fairy chimneys," formed by frost, weathering, and erosion. It is also home to over 1000 different plant species, 100 different bird species, and 59 different mammals.

Our full day in Bryce Canyon began with a sunrise hike at 5:30 a.m. As the sun began to come over the horizon, displaying incredible hues of reds, oranges, and yellows, I began to think about God's creation. God created this beautiful canyon. Its beauty cannot be denied. The words of the old hymn started to play in my head, "For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies…". It was very moving to take in God's creation and to be reminded that everything is created by God. Everything. It is easy to forget that! Being there in that moment helped me to remember and appreciate God's creation.

So my challenge to you this coming fall season is to look for God's creation. You might find it in the rustling leaves. Or your grandchild's smile. Or a warm embrace from a friend. I have a feeling you probably will not have to look far.

Blessings to you for a beautiful fall season!

Psalm 104:24 *"Lord, how many are your works! In wisdom you made them all; the Earth is full of your creatures."*

SESSION Highlights

August 2026

- Session welcomed Rev. Steve Emick as our Moderator for August and September in Pastor Becki's absence.
- The Sunday Morning Together schedule has been completed.
- Plans are underway for our outdoor service on Sunday, September 13 at Devonshire Park.
- Workcamp next year will be from June 19-26, with Workcamp Sunday to follow on June 27. Our workcampers will be traveling to Imperial, PA.
- The Emmaus "Farewell to Summer" event will be held on September 19. Volunteers are needed.
- T-shirts have been ordered and will arrive soon. After heading to the embroiderer, they will be distributed.

Ministry to the Congregation



Schedule

Sunday Morning Together is a welcoming, intergenerational gathering following worship. Through fellowship, monthly potluck luncheons, and meaningful outreach activities, we build relationships, serve others, and grow together in faith. Everyone is invited to stay, participate, and enjoy the fellowship!

- 9/13: Outdoor Worship at Devonshire Park, Fellowship
- 9/20: Rock painting, fun for all ages, Fellowship
- 9/27: Welcome Back cards for Pastor Becki, Fellowship
- 10/4: Joint Worship @ The BARN
- 10/11: Pastor Becki Sabbatical recap, Fellowship
- 10/18: CROP Walk 1pm at St. Timothy's in Allentown, Fellowship
- 10/25: Prepare Ripple utensils- wrap utensils in a napkin for the next Ripple meal, Fellowship
- 11/1: Potluck luncheon (Daybreak crew: Shepherd's Pie)
- 11/8: Cleanup Day w/light lunch
- 11/15: Deacon card making – decorate cards for the upcoming holiday seasons, Fellowship
- 11/22: ADVENT[ure] w/light lunch- prepare the church for Advent
- 11/29: Luminaries – prepare luminaries for distribution at the Holiday Craft Fair, Fellowship
- 12/6: Potluck luncheon (Diane Policelli hosts)
- 12/13: Congregational meeting – report of the Nominating Committee and Pastor Terms of Call, Work Camp Cookie Sale, Fellowship
- 12/20: Christmas song fest – join us for a spirited sing-a-long, Fellowship
- 12/27: Fellowship
- 1/3: Potluck luncheon
- 1/10: Decorate Daybreak bags – decorate winter supply bags, Fellowship
- 1/17: Fill Daybreak bags – fill the bags with winter supplies, Fellowship
- 1/24: Prepare Ripple utensils - wrap utensils in a napkin for the next Ripple meal, Fellowship
- 1/31: Annual Congregational Meeting – receive the annual report, Fellowship
- 2/7: Sights, Sounds and Spaghetti (Ministry to the Congregation hosts) Share your talents of music or crafts
- 2/14: Lenten Bible Study- Pastor Becki will lead this time of study, Fellowship
- 2/21: Lenten Bible Study -Pastor Becki will lead this time of study, Fellowship
- 2/28: Lenten Bible Study - Pastor Becki will lead this time of study, Fellowship
- 3/7: Potluck luncheon
- 3/14: Lenten Bible Study - Pastor Becki will lead this time of study, Fellowship
- 3/21: Easter Breakfast placemats – decorate placemats for the Easter breakfast, Fellowship
- 3/28: Easter Breakfast
- 4/4: Potluck luncheon (Ministry of Support hosts a true potluck!)
- 4/11: Cleanup Day w/light lunch
- 4/18: Bingo, Fellowship
- 4/25: Fellowship
- 5/2: Potluck luncheon
- 5/9: Decorate Daybreak Cookie bags, Fellowship
- 5/16: Fellowship
- 5/23: SMT wrap up – help us plan next year's events, Fellowship

Joyful Noise





Sunday, September 27, is Music Sunday

Psalm 150 talks about praising God with all types of instruments. In addition to our ensembles (Faithful Harmonizers and Faithful Ringers), we are looking to program as many musical talents as possible. If you are interested in offering your talents as a soloist or as part of a duet, trio, etc, please contact John Shilanskas by Friday, 9/4. You are welcome to select your own repertoire or we can work together to find music. Please take this time to prayerfully consider offering your gifts and talents for this joyous occasion.





Faithful Musical Moments will continue throughout the year, and 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.



VBS 2026 Recap - i wonder

VBS 2026 was held on July 27-30 from 6-8 pm. In partnership with The BARN, we had a total of 11 kids (ages 3-11), 11 adult leaders, and two teen helpers.

- Pastor Jo Marchetto, along with TURQ and Professor McGregor, led the kids through the day's Bible story. Mark Ingram assisted!
- John Shilanskas had us all singing some catchy tunes.
- Becky and Jeff Shreck were the Craft Masters.
- Sally Heimbach and Tim Bagnull were the Game Guys.
- Kellee Brown led the kids in some science activities.
- Ginnie Tietjens coordinated the Snack Time.
- Team leaders were Doug Boyd and Pam Mongi.
- Eli and Maddie Warden were teen helpers.

On the last day, we had Family and Friends Day. We made ice cream in a bag. It was a great way to celebrate the conclusion of VBS!

Our Mission focus was the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank.

On Sunday, August 2, Pastor Jo, Professor McGregor, and Turq led us in worship, and the VBS group shared their songs during the service.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the folks who donated items or funds for VBS. It really was appreciated!

Pictures can be found on our website

SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!



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 another fun summer with youth group and work camp! We made a last-minute switch, and our group went to Belle, WV, from June 20-28. We had 17 work campers, and with this last-minute switch, we were able to serve on crews together! It was an amazing experience. We served two residents on three crews. Our single crew met Lou, a school bus monitor who is a widower and struggled to keep up her home. She was courageous and gracious to welcome us (and she spoiled us with treats all week!). We were able to replace the skirting on her home and reseal her leaking roof. Throughout the week, it was an honor to get to know her, and we were able to share about our lives. The youth were so lovely and supportive!

Our second crew met Emily, a retired nurse. When the 12 youth and adults arrived at her house, they immediately saw the "No Trespassing" signs; they were concerned. Then they met Emily and spent some time hearing her story. They learned of her deep grief for her spouse and son who died. They demolished two porches that were falling apart, and in the place of the one porch, they designed and created a beautiful memorial garden as a remembrance of the special people in Emily's life. They rebuilt the second porch at the back of her home. At the end of the week, Emily joined us for the work camp celebration, and it was beautiful to see the incredible bonds they built with each other throughout the week. God's love shined through our mutual support and care for one another.



The theme was "Illuminate," and we discovered that Jesus is the unstoppable Light (John 1:1–18). During the final program at camp, we spread the light of God's love through our community, and it was a beautiful reminder that we can spread love and light wherever we go and with every person we meet.

Next year, we will go to Imperial, PA June 19-27, planning to have work camp Sunday at Faith on Sunday, June 27.

Our youth group also had our annual Day at the Beach! We had 11 in our group for our beach trip, and we had such a fun day!

Our youth group kickoff will be Sunday, September 13 from 5-8 pm. All youth in grade 6 and older are invited and welcome to participate in youth group. 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 organizing 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 way you can support the youth is by sponsoring dinner. We have dinner each week, and we would love for you to sponsor a dinner (it could be pizza or home cooked), and we would love for you to join us for dinner to meet the youth. Not all of our youth attend either The Barn or Faith. Some of them do not have a "church home." This is a good way to meet them and build relationships. Please email or text me if you have any questions! The signup will be released soon.

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
























THIS WEEK:
WE HAD 402 CAMPERS
FROM 26 CHURCHES IN 13 STATES.
YOU MADE UP 66 CREWS, WORKED AT
47 SITES, AND COMPLETED 100%
ALL TOGETHER, 12,000 HOURS OF SERVICE.
ILLUMINATE

Ministry to the Community



World Communion Offering

Received Sunday, September 27, 2026

"What does the Lord require of you?"
"...to do justice, and to love kindness
and walk humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8

Micah, the humble prophet, was deeply in touch with the plight of the people. Although he envisioned a world where everyone would be free to live into the fullness of life God intended, the society and culture of the 8th century did not match how he envisioned God's reign—there was no justice, kindness, or truly humble living.

The meaning of Micah's message is clear: Our love of God moves us to faithful action through justice, kindness, and humble living. Participating in the new World Communion Offering is a way for Presbyterians to "love kindness." This Offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends by supporting programs working for racial justice, gender justice, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith engagement.

Officially, World Communion Sunday is on October 4. Because we will be worshipping at The Barn that day, **we will receive this Special Offering on Sunday, September 27.** We will use 25% of this offering to support a local ministry partner, with the remainder sent to PC(USA) for global ministries.

Thank you for your support of the World Communion Offering. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!
Together we can make a difference!



Faith Church Shirt Update

Earlier this summer, the Ministry to the Community Committee announced the launch of our very own Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, PA shirts. The idea behind this is to give our members a visual way to communicate the story of Faith Presbyterian Church as we participate in ministry, mission, and outreach events in our community.

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

If you haven't ordered yours, there is still time! Two styles are available: a T-shirt and a collared polo shirt. You may order one or the other or both! Both shirts are made of 50% USA Cotton and 50% Polyester, are machine washable, and come in unisex sizes from Adult Small to 5XL. The T-Shirts are $15 and the Polo Shirts $20, which covers the cost of the shirt and the embroidered logo. Please make your check out to Faith Presbyterian Church and write SHIRTS on the memo line. Contact Pam Martin to secure a T-Shirt or Polo of your very own!

Thank you for your enthusiastic support. We'll all look very spiffy in our new duds!



Emmaus Community Yard Sale

Saturday, September 12
8 am - 1 pm

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

Setup Details:

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

Donations:

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

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

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



Farewell to Summer

Saturday, September 19
11 am - 3 pm

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

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

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

Please contact Tim Bagnull or Pam Martin for more information.

An Amazing Year!

The Faith Feeds Garden is coming to the end of another successful year. Our cold crops were exceptional and the potatoes were plentiful. The cucumbers and zucchini had a difficult year. The beans had a slow start but in the end they were champs.

This year's produce went to the Emmaus Food Bank at Bethel Church, Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie, Casa Guadalupe and Zionsville Lutheran Church food bank.

Many, many thanks to our wonderful, loyal volunteers. Our regular Monday picking crew has the whole process down to a science! Many other folks worked behind the scenes to till, prepare the soil, plant, organize the irrigation, and weed. This year's garden crew included Zona Farmer, Yvonne Stauffer, Beth and Bruce Kunkle, Donna Call, Carolyn Baittinger, Sue Vitale, Sally Heimbach, Tim Bagnull, Brenda Miller, Jim Pantano, Courtney Kennedy and Joe and Suzanne Seem.

Many thanks to the members of Faith Church for supporting this important ecumenical mission!



Teachers' Closet Supporting Educators

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

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

Times the Closet is open:

- First Saturdays of the month (10-11:30 am)
- Third Wednesdays (3:30-5 pm)

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

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

8.5x11" copy paper (white and colored), Baby wipes, Bandaids, Board games, Card games, Cardstock paper (white and colored), Clipboards, Clorox wipes, Colored pencils, Crayons, Glue, Kid scissors, Loose leaf paper, Lunch bags, Magnets, Markers, Notecards, Pencils, Play-Doh, Post-its, Regular scissors, Sensory items, Single hole punch, Stickers, 3-hole punch, Tissues, Tooth holders (for teeth to be sent home to the Tooth Fairy), Whiteout.



Daybreak Outreach
A Simple Way to Make a Difference
September 14, 2026

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! **Note: October and November deviate from our normal schedule. We are switching with The Barn.**

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: Sep. 14, Oct. 9.
We are not serving in November.

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!





Help Us Fill Daybreak Takeout Bags

An Upcoming Advent Mission Project

The Ministry to the Community Committee is once again collecting supplies to create takeout bags for Daybreak clients. We offered these bags earlier this year, and they were very well received.

Although Daybreak provides warm meals at the center, many clients may not have reliable access to food or shelter at other times. These bags will provide a few helpful items to take with them when they leave.

Our goal is to pack and deliver 100 bags in January 2027. We need 100 of each of the following:

- Hand warmers
- Lip balm
- Individual applesauce cups or pouches
- Individual pudding cups
- Granola bars
- Individual packages of peanut butter crackers

A collection table will be available in the sanctuary beginning November 29. Thank you for helping us extend our care beyond the walls of the Daybreak Center!





WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Allentown
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Crop Hunger Walk

THANK YOU for your generosity with last year's Greater Allentown Area CROP Hunger Walk which raised over $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, and drought in the United States and worldwide.

The humanitarian effort continues with this year's 2026 CROP WALK, October 18. (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.

Thank you,
Doug Boyd, Coordinator

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

Click on this link to access our church's Crop Walk page:
2026 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.

Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank

The Lehigh Conference of Churches





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 46 years, the Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk has raised over $1,027,500 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, urban, indigenous, and other 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.





2026 Holiday Craft Fair

The Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Many helping hands are needed to make this important community event a success!

Sally Heimbach is co-coordinating the vendor portion of the fair. Vendors will set up on Friday, December 4, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sally needs help during Friday evening's setup and one or two volunteers around 1:00 p.m. Saturday to assist with the vendor raffle prizes. Please contact Sally if you are available.

Tim Bagnull is coordinating the initial setup on Sunday, November 29, as well as event-day support and cleanup on Saturday, December 5. Please contact Tim if you can help.

Diane Policelli is overseeing the kitchen and would appreciate additional volunteers. Please contact Diane to assist.

The Women of Faith will offer handmade crafts, a bake sale, and the always-popular Basket Raffle.

- Contact Zona Farmer or Sue Lawall to donate crafts or baked goods.
- Contact Anne Zayaitz to contribute items for the Basket Raffle.

Please consider how you can lend a hand and help make the Holiday Craft Fair a wonderful success!

Ripple
Christ-centered /Community-focused

Ripple Meal Service

November 15, 2026

Our next opportunity to serve the Ripple Community is coming up on Sunday, November 15. Many volunteers are needed to prepare and serve this much-appreciated meal. If you like to bake, desserts are needed and may be left in the kitchen that Sunday morning. If you can help at the meal, volunteers assist with food preparation, plating, and serving. You may help for a few hours or come just before meal time to help with just the serving as we bring the plates, beverages, and desserts out to the seated attendees.

If you can help the day of or make a dessert, please reach out to Pam Martin (contact information can be found in the church directory). Your help is always very much appreciated!

St. Matthew's Clothes Closet

St. Matthew's Clothes Closet, located at 5th and Ridge in Emmaus, is open year-round. Donations may be placed anytime in the wooden collection box beside the office door. They gladly accept seasonal men's, women's, and children's clothing, along with shoes, linens, and small toys. Donations are delivered to St. Matthew's twice each month.

If you're not yet familiar with this wonderful community resource, the Clothes Closet is open for shopping on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is no charge to shop, though cash donations are appreciated. Parking is available in the small lot behind the church. Please enter through the door closest to the alley and take the elevator to the second floor, where items are neatly organized by category.

Thank you very much for your continued generosity and ongoing support!

Deacons

Let's Talk Deacons

Where did our summer go? Quickly, right? Your Deacons are ready for the fall and the unofficial "beginning of the new Church year!"

- Let's start by mentioning our "Homebound Members" which include Dick Garber, Dorothy Smickley, Ellen Bender, Ruth Bieler, Betsy Han, and Barbara Newman. These folks would certainly enjoy hearing from you – a card, a call, or even a visit, always welcomed and truly appreciated.
- Moving on, we are completing an update and revision to our Deacon Manual (Thank you to fellow Deacon, Carolyn Benner, and former Deacon, Yvonne Stauffer, for leading this project and also to Lynda Scheirer for her office assistance.) This will enable us to serve members more effectively and efficiently.
- We can't forget to mention our Care Groups with ongoing communication with all of our members. Have a question, comment, or prayer concern? Contact your Deacon.
- Deacons will participate in the upcoming Laity Worship Service on Sunday morning, Sept. 13 at Devonshire Park. We will also be assisting with the annual Stewardship campaign in October.
- Have you thought about possibly becoming a Deacon? By now, you are probably aware of who we are and a lot of what we do. We invite you to prayerfully consider serving sometime.

Here's wishing you an enjoyable fall of new beginnings at Faith Presbyterian Church!
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, Germany, 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,** USMC.
- **Kamryn McWhinney,** West Point USMA class of 2030, daughter of Michelle and Tom McWhinney.



Ministry of Support



Our annual Stewardship drive will start on October 11.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday will be November 1.

There will be short presentations from the three ministry teams and the Board of Deacons highlighting their work in the church.

- 10/11- Compassion (Board of Deacons)
- 10/18- Collaboration (Ministry to the Congregation)
- 10/25- Creativity (Ministry of Support)
- 11/1- Empowerment (Ministry to the Community)

Stewardship letters with pledge cards will be available on October 11, following worship, with the remainder being mailed on October 13 (October 12 is a postal holiday). They can be returned via mail, in the offering plate, or by dropping off in the return envelope to the church Admin's mailbox or on her desk.

As mentioned, over several weeks, our church leadership groups will have shared how Faith Presbyterian Church is carrying out its mission through worship, ministry, fellowship, outreach, and service. As you reflect on these presentations and the many ways God is working through our congregation, **please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2027**. Every commitment, regardless of size, helps support the ministries that strengthen our church family and allow us to serve our community with faith, compassion, and love.

Joyful Highlights

There is always something to celebrate in the life of our church family!

Each month, Joyful Highlights are shared by email, recognizing the happy moments and accomplishments in the lives of our members. Anniversaries, school achievements, sporting successes, special honors, milestones, and anything else that brings joy are all worth celebrating together.

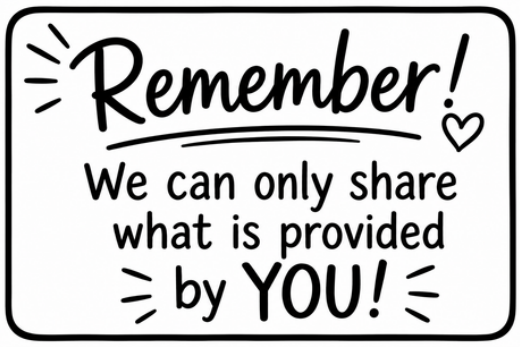
But we need your help! Please don't assume we already know your good news. We can only share the information that you provide to us.

So when something wonderful happens in your life or in your family, let us know. Share your joy with us so we can share it with our church family! Simply send the information to Terry Eck or the church office.

Addendum to July's Joyful Highlights:

In addition to those anniversaries reported in our recent June edition, we are pleased to add:

- Barbara and David Webb—married 40 years.
- Lynda and Richard Scheirer celebrated their 33rd anniversary in July.
- The Webbs hosted a Family Reunion over the Fourth of July weekend for siblings, cousins, and other relatives. People came from all over the U.S. to attend, including California and Florida. "Despite the scorching heat, it was a great weekend."



Tithely News

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

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

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

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

Operating Fund Financial Report

$	Actual through July 2026	Annual Budget
Operating Revenue	$174,436.57	$274,716.00
Operating Expenses	$162,503.78	$162,503.78

Respectfully submitted,
Janie Slamon



Your Offering Dollars at Work

(January through June)

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.

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.

Ministry to the Community	**$ 9,206**
Community Outreach	$ 3,420
PCUSA	$ 2,000
Lehigh Conference of Churches	$ 2,000
Theological Education	$ 1,000
Work Camp	$ 422
Mission-Other	$ 364
Ministry to the Congregation	**$ 80,836**
Staffing/Expenses (Pastor, Pulpit & Organist Supply, Music Director, Youth Director)	$ 79,729
Lunches & Kitchen Supplies	$ 632
Worship supplies/instrument maintenance	$ 314
Curriculum	$ 161
Ministry of Support	**$ 49,657**
Staffing (Administrative Asst., Custodian)	$ 13,696
Building Expenses	$ 10,895
Utilities	$ 8,336
Insurance	$ 7,124
Administration/Office Expenses	$ 5,079
Bookkeeping/Payroll	$ 1,274
Communication/Membership/Stewardship/Session Expenses	$ 3,253

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.



CLEAN UP DAY

Sunday, November 8



Join us following worship and help prepare the church for the colder months.

There will be a light lunch served.

There will be small jobs, big jobs, inside jobs, outside jobs, jobs for young, jobs for not-so-young, jobs for all.

Please plan on staying and helping!



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.

June 2026

Thank you Faith Church for allowing Growing in Grace to grow in your church! We have made wonderful memories due to you all taking a chance on us! We love you!

Hope, Grace, Noel

May 2026

Christopher Moran, Director of Development at Lehigh Conference of Churches was very grateful for our church's contribution of $2,000.

July 2026

Zie Garry, from the Theological Education Fund, sent a letter of thanks for a donation to their fund.

May 2026

Carol Andersen from Bloom for Women sent gratitude for our donation of $500.

May 2026

Rebecca Champion, principal of Lincoln Elementary School wrote with warm regards for our donation of $1,393.87 to their Angel Network

July 2026

Patti Tesar, from Willow Lane Elementary School, sent a very, very nice note of thanks for the Teachers' Closet.

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



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.

- **September 7**: Labor Day
- **September 9:** WOW begins
- **September 12**: Community Yard Sale
- **September 13**: Worship @ Devonshire Park, Sunday Morning Together begins
- **September 14**: Regular Office Hours Resume
- **September 27**: Music Sunday, World Communion Offering
- **October 4**: World Communion Sunday, Worship @ The Barn
- **October 11**: Stewardship Drive begins
- **October 12**: Office closed
- **October 18**: Crop Walk for Hunger
- **November 15**: Ripple Meal
- **November 16**: Faith Flyer Deadline
- **November 21**: One Night Without a Home
- **November 26**: Thanksgiving
- **December 5**: Holiday Craft Fair
- **December 13**: Work Camp Cookie Sale
- **December 25**: Christmas
- **June 19-27, 2027**: Work Camp



Happy Birthday

September Birthdays

Carolyn Baittinger
Laura Fox
Bob Fox
Dick Garber
Philip Heineman
Bruce Kunkle
Ann Lowell
David Mallozzi
Philip Martin
Andrew Martin
Jana Masenheimer
Penny Pantano
Joel Shimer
Michele Somishka



October Birthdays

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

November Birthdays

Zona Farmer
Deb Ferguson
Robert Halpin
Sally Heimbach
Sam Jackson
John Kemps
Jenny Kemps
Anita Krause
Jeff Krause
Deb Lillegard
Geoff Lowell
Christian Piper
Benjamin Piper
Kim Pipines
Diane Policelli
Bill Roberts
Jonathan Shreck
Dorothy Smickley
Elaine Smits
David Webb

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The Faith Flyer Fall/2026

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Stay connected to church 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.