

# The FAITH FLYER

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



In the past couple of months, you may have noticed me using the word “season” a lot. As I strive for balance in my professional and personal life, looking at things as “part of this season” has been a way to remember that things don’t last forever. Time is a moving experience, so hold things loosely. In this season, there are toys all over my living room, there are weeds taking over the flowerbeds, and the books I seem to be drawn to are from the biography section (I just finished a really good biography about James K. Polk, the 11th president of the United States, that I really didn’t know much about). I think about seasons gone by (we are grieving and working through the nostalgic process of going through my mother-in-law’s pictures and belongings). I think about seasons yet to come (I already put together the schedule for worship through Advent). I think about seasons I dread (it is not easy facing the reality of aging parents and



Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi

thinking about my kid as a teenager knowing how I was as a teenager... Is there a limit to how many times I can say “Lord have mercy” before it’s no longer effective? I think about seasons I long for (and at the same time don’t long for because it means time is still going, and sometimes that’s the hardest part of all). Like, I would love for Zach to be through the potty-training season, but the season involving the actual training... Again, is there a limit to how many times I can say “Lord have mercy”?

At any rate, my point is this: we live in seasons. We are wired to be seasonal beings. Creation itself is wired to be seasonal. The earth rotates and gives us seasons. The church is built on seasons: seasons of Advent

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## Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



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### Next Newsletter Deadline: August 17, 2025

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

and Lent, Eastertide and Christmastide which fall during "ordinary time" and this summer's season: the season of Pentecost. You will still hear it called ordinary time and the tablecloth on the table will be green until Christ the King Sunday in November (ordinary time is green...each season of the church has a color). The season of Pentecost lasts from the day of Pentecost (June 8) to Christ the King Sunday in November (when we change the tablecloth to white for one week before it's purple through Advent).

Pentecost is the season of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost Sunday itself, we celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit and the ways She works in and through us. We sometimes call it the birthday of the church, and it's a birthday celebration that lasts 24 weeks. That's almost half the weeks of the year! So, what are we to do in this season?

In essence, the invitation is to reflect on the ways the Spirit works in and through us as individuals and in and through us as a community of faith. We can think about how we are using the gifts God gives us to build up the community (doing what we call "stewardship"). We can shift to a different spiritual practice if we find the practices we're doing aren't helping us build our relationship with God. We can engage in work with our mission partners to really see God's Spirit at work. We reflect on what the Spirit is doing, and we engage with the Spirit to be God's children in the world.

There's a great Pentecost hymn in our hymnal (#279) called "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" which acknowledges that sometimes we get a little complacent. We get a little cold. Our shine gets a little dull, and we need the promise of God's Spirit to light a fire under us. "Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all Thy quickening powers; come, shed abroad a Savior's love and that shall kindle ours." I think that sums up the invitation of the Pentecost season: hold reality loosely so that there's room in our lives for Jesus' love to rekindle our own love.

(Just a sidebar for those who enjoy hymnal trivia: the writer of the words for "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," Isaac Watts, also wrote the words for "Joy to the World" and one of my favorite hymns, "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need.")

The world changes so fast. The news gives me whiplash. I just got a new computer, and the first thing I had to do was update it (literally, I couldn't turn the computer on until I updated the operating system. A brand new computer came into my house obsolete.). We are temporal beings, and while it sometimes hurts to know this, we know not everything lasts forever. With that in mind, we put our trust and hope in what does last forever, which is God's love. It's that love we live in and with, that love that governs and guides our decisions, and that love that leads us through whatever season we happen to be in.

I hope this season of Pentecost encourages you to wonder what God's Spirit is up to in and through you right now. I hope you engage with God's Spirit in new and meaningful ways. And I hope that as your seasons transition, you remember you are not going alone.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Becki Mallozzi



## From the Pastor's monthly musings



I wanted to share with you a little bit about what is happening in our presbytery. If you're unfamiliar with that word, the presbytery is the regional body that connects our Presbyterian church with other Presbyterian churches in our particular area. We currently belong to Lehigh Presbytery, which encompasses churches in Lehigh County as well as Northampton, Monroe, Carbon, Schuylkill, Berks, and part of Luzerne. Presbytery offers us many resources, like mission grants, leadership training and respites, supply for the pulpit and session moderating when I'm away, and overall support when our church is in need. Many presbyteries together make up the second regional body (the synod) and all together, we make up the national body, our General Assembly.

### **So what's happening?**

For the past couple of years, Lehigh Presbytery has been sharing staff and resources with Lackawanna Presbytery (including counties Bradford, Wyoming, Susquehanna, Wayne, Lackawanna, and part of Luzerne). We have been on a journey imagining how we can be better together and a little over a year ago, we started to formally talk about merging the two presbyteries. At the May meeting, the two presbyteries voted and we made it official! Lackawanna and Lehigh Presbyteries are coming together to form one new presbytery: Mountain Laurel Presbytery.

### **So now we're Mountain Laurel?**

Well, not quite. We are in spirit, but not quite legally. If you're writing a check to the presbytery, you still have to make it out to Lehigh Presbytery. Our synod – the Synod of the Trinity which covers Pennsylvania and some of West Virginia – needs to vote to approve the merger. General Assembly needs to give us the thumbs up. And then the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania needs to give us the legal greenlight. We're hoping to have the I's dotted and T's crossed by the end of 2025. Moving right along!

### **Why should I care about the merger?**

As a connectional church, we rely on resources from presbytery. We need their support and they need our support. The merger will increase the number of resources we have in order to be good stewards of God's gifts in our region. The shared staff saves the presbytery money. The shared mission increases the financial resources for grants. The pool of volunteers to serve on leadership teams increases exponentially. It also means some merged committees which for some folks will mean fewer meetings (and who doesn't want fewer meetings???). On the surface, it might not seem like anything has changed except the obvious things like the name on the letterhead and the beautiful new logo. And honestly, if you don't notice changes that could be a good thing! It means things are going smoothly and the transitions are happening smoothly.

### **So, do I need to do anything?**

Yes and no! You don't need to do anything, but we'd like you to celebrate with us. The presbytery would love to know you're praying with us and celebrating the change as we transition. It doesn't make any changes to per capita or how we do worship here in Emmaus. It's a celebration of relationships and a recognition that sharing resources and building partnerships is the way forward as the body of Christ.

I'm simplifying the process for the purpose of sharing with you the bird's eye view of what's happening. It really is exciting and it's been a long journey, especially for the Merger Team! The November Presbytery meeting will be held here in Emmaus. At that meeting, our plan is to celebrate the official birth of Mountain Laurel Presbytery.

(Monthly Musings, continued from page 5.)

The history of who we were as Lehigh will go with us, as a part of the story of who we are. Lackawanna's story is now our shared story as we come together. I hope you spare a prayer of thanks for this transition! I hope it also encourages us to keep imagining what sharing resources and partnering with other churches can look like in our own context (like our relationship with the Barn). If you have some ideas for partnerships or shared resources, please let me know! I'm always open to ideas of how our community churches can do more things together.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Becki Mallozzi

PS: For those following the polity side of things, presbytery also took time in the May meeting to vote on the changes to the Book of Order. At that meeting, all the amendments were approved. While some amendments already have enough votes to be declared passed at the national level, we're still waiting for the final tally to say what changes to the BOO will actually be permanent (until the next General Assembly comes with new amendments!).

If you want to hear more about the merger, check out these videos on the presbytery site:

- Video One: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t22rKC1UnRE>
- Video Two: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAZ6NF482R8>



## A New Look for The Faith Flyer

Changes at Microsoft have made it necessary to find a new program to create some of our documents. Transitioning to Canva for our weekly announcements and quarterly newsletters marks an exciting new chapter for our publications. While the announcements insert maintains a familiar appearance, the newsletter has undergone a refreshing transformation. Now presented as a full-page document instead of a booklet, this new format aims to enhance readability and provide a modern look and touch. By adopting Canva, we embrace a more versatile and user-friendly design tool, ensuring our documents remain visually appealing and effective. We hope you find these changes to be a delightful update and look forward to your feedback as we continue to innovate and improve our communications.

We hope you'll take the time to read the valuable information provided by our church leadership. Additionally, we hope you'll take a look at the color version online. It might provide an even more visually appealing experience.

The usual content is still there, with the format or layout slightly changed, and there is a lot of room to add things that wouldn't have fit in the old format. If you have feedback or suggestions, reaching out to Lynda in the church office via email at [office@faithchurchemmaus.org](mailto:office@faithchurchemmaus.org) is the best way to contribute your thoughts and help shape the church's resources. Your input can be invaluable in making sure everyone's needs and preferences are considered.

## Ingredients for True Success

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

—George Washington Carver





# Worship

at Faith Church

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

## Scriptures and Sermons for Summer Worship

### June 1

“Songs in the Night”  
Acts 16:16-34

### June 8

Pastor on Vacation  
Rev. Stephen Emick preaching

### June 15

“The Call of Wisdom”  
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

### June 22

“By Faith Alone”  
Galatians 3:23-29

### June 29

“Freedom to Serve”  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

### July 6

“The Gift of Simplicity”  
2 Kings 5:1-14

### July 13 Workcamp Sunday

Here at Faith w/The Barn

### Worship Series:

“Sacred Earth, Sacred Work:  
Recognizing the Inherent  
Goodness of All Creation”

### July 20

“Creation of Blessing”  
Genesis 1:2-4

### July 27

“Spirit of Compassion”  
Mark 12:28-34

### August 3

“The Paths of Life”  
Psalm 30

### August 10

“Sacred Creative”  
Isaiah 6:1-8

### August 17

“Glorious Diversity”  
Genesis 11:1-9

### August 24

“Healing Relationships”  
I John 4:7-21

### August 31

Pastor on Vacation  
Rev. Susan Gilbert-Zencka preaching



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 Worship Participants

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.



## May 2025

- Membership rolls are currently being reviewed and updated.
- The Deacons have updated, finalized, and organized the volunteer lists. There is always room for more volunteers!
- We will be hosting the presbytery meeting on November 8, 2025. This will be a celebration of our new Mountain Laurel Presbytery. We will need several volunteers to make this event successful.
- The Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 31.



It is hard to believe that summer is now upon us! Session has been hard at work in the life of our church. Even though summer may be a “slower” time, there are still many opportunities for your participation! Consider the following ways you might participate this summer:

- Worship Assistant
- Fellowship Host
- Nursery Help
- Ushering
- Faith Feeds Garden
- Vacation Bible School (July 21-24)



The listings for our three committees (Ministry to the Congregation, Ministry to the Community, and Ministry of Support) have recently been updated and can be found on the church website. There is always room for more participation in our committees! Prayerfully consider how you might be moved to participate in the life of the church.

In service to Christ,

Melanie Shimer, Clerk of Session

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus

### Staying Connected...From a Distance



**Online Publications**

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



**Online Sermons**



**Online Worship Services**



**Email Announcements**

- Weekly bulletins
- Quarterly newsletters



**Facebook**

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



**Online Calendar**



**Prayer Chain**



**Giving Methods**

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



If you require assistance or simply wish to have a conversation, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Becki, your Deacon, or fellow members of our congregation. Reduce feelings of isolation by staying connected!



# Ministry to the Congregation

Following a beautiful and well-attended Lenten series and Easter season, our close out of the 2024-25 Sunday Morning Together (SMT) program occurred on May 18<sup>th</sup>. We are particularly grateful for the tireless efforts of Diane Policelli in providing a wonderful array of potluck luncheons. It should also be mentioned that the side dishes brought by the congregation throughout the year have added amazing appeal to our time together. Thank you all!

On April 27<sup>th</sup> Faith hosted another well-received presentation by **Dementia Friendly Lehigh Valley**. These sessions have provided valuable information and discussion for this challenging topic.



May 4<sup>th</sup> was a joy for all ages as Annmarie from the **Wildlands Conservancy** presented an educational forum for their Barred Owl and Red-Tailed Hawk in Fellowship Hall.



## Summertime Joyful Noise

**Faithful Musical Moments are coming this summer.** These are opportunities for everyone to share their musical talents during the Prelude, Offertory, and/or Postlude moments of the service.

Please see John Shilansas if you need help selecting repertoire, need an accompanist on piano, organ, or tenor saxophone, or have any other questions.

**Summer Chime Time** (pop-up Bell Choir) dates:  
6/29, 7/20, 8/17

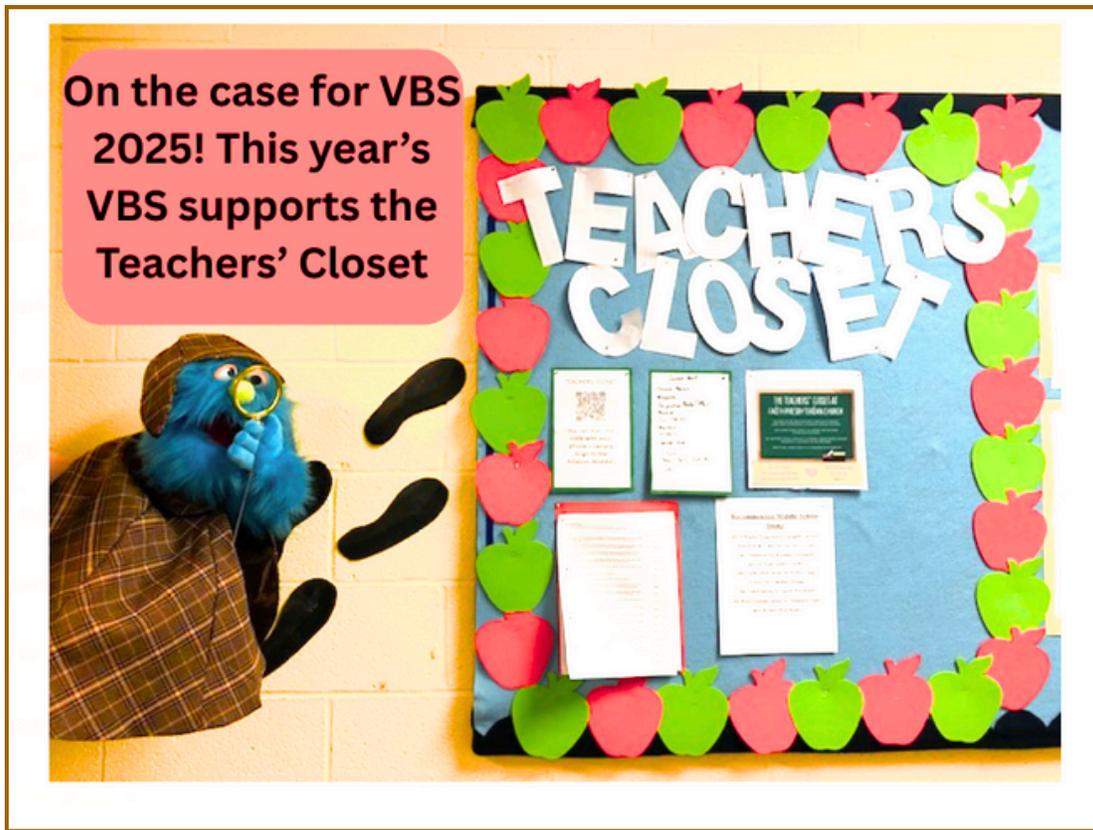
**Summer Sing** (pop-up Chancel Choir) dates:  
7/27, 8/10



## Conversations

Conversations is a gathering of women that meets weekly to discuss a variety of topics. We will not meeting during the summer, but will resume on September 12.

Watch future publications and email blasts for plans. All women are invited. If you have any questions, please speak with Anne Laubach or Donna Call. Thank you!



Join us for  
**Vacation Bible School**  
 July 21-24 6-8:00 p.m.

## Detectives Wanted!

The Ministry to the Congregation is looking for helpers for this year's VBS program **On the CASE with JESUS**.

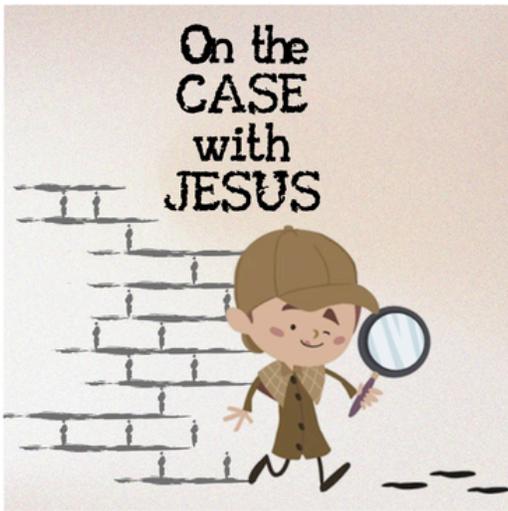
- Pastor Becki and her furry friend TURQ will lead the story time.
- John Shilankas will be the music man.
- The Schreck's will again be the craft masters.
- Kellee Brown and Pastor Jo Marchetto will lead the kids in the science lab
- Heather Davis will be whipping up some tasty snacks.
- Our mission project will be the Teachers' Closet.

Along with our partner church, The BARN, we are looking for a leader for the games 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 in getting them.

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

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



JOIN US FOR  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
 July 21-24 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



**Joanne Marchetto, Dir.**

## Youth Group News

We have had a lot of fun at youth group this winter and spring! We went bowling and to an escape room. Unfortunately, we were rained out for go-karts and mini-golf. We baked cookies to support our friends at Daybreak. And with the help of Dan Hemberger, we built a nine square! This winter and spring have been a ton of fun. It ended with our overnight lock-in at Faith and our end of the year party.

When we aren't out and about or doing projects, we have faith formation time, where we explore spiritual questions, and we frequently ask: what does our faith have to do with our daily lives? We use videos and journals to explore questions about faith and how it impacts our relationships and activities.

Thank you to all the adults and mentors who have supported our youth throughout the year. Whether it was sponsoring a dinner, volunteering at an event, or sponsoring a work camper, your contributions to this program have a huge impact on our youth. They feel the love and support from God and their faith communities each time you make a connection with them. Thank you for all your love, prayers, and support for our youth!

## Work Camp Update

This year, we are going to **East Bank, WV** from **July 5-13** and **July 13 will be work camp Sunday**. Right now, we have 18 youth and adults gearing up to go. Our theme is, "Equipped." In a world where many teens grapple with anxiety, worry, and stress, this year's theme highlights how God provides us with the tools for a fulfilling Christian life. Drawing from 2 Corinthians 9:8, the focus is on embracing how God enables us to approach fully living out our faith with confidence. From spiritual readiness to engaging in God's mission, it's about more than going through the motions; it's living out faith in practical ways through love, kindness, and action.

We have two big fundraising events scheduled: a car wash and our dog tag sale.

**WORK CAMP FUNDRAISER**

# CAR WASH

**MAY 31**  
9-11:00 AM

**\$10**  
DONATION

**STOP IN, GET A CAR WASH AND SUPPORT OUR WORK CAMPERS!**

**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
3002 N. 2ND ST. - EMMAS



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.



**PIZZA  
PARTY**



**Let's  
BOWL**



**FILLING  
EASTER  
EGGS!**





# Deacons

## Let's Celebrate Our Graduates!!!!



We are so happy to share news about the graduates of the Class of 2025! We are thrilled for them! We've watched them grow as part of our church family, and we are proud of their accomplishments. Please join us in wishing them well in their future endeavors. If we have missed someone, or you haven't yet shared it, please send the information to the church office. We can always share it in future publications.



**Abigail Barnes**, the granddaughter of Zona Farmer, has graduated with top honors from Auburn University, earning a degree in Business. She aspires to pursue a career in marketing.



**Evan Gill** has graduated from Millersville University. He is presently in the process of interviewing for a teaching role in social studies or history at either the middle school or high school level.



**Thomas S. Eck** will graduate from Emmaus High School. He will be attending Penn College of Technology, where he plans to major in Landscape and Plant Production Technology.



**Clara Kennedy** has earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Sustainability and Economics from Cornell University. She is eagerly anticipating her first job of teaching English in Madrid, Spain for one year. Eso es maravilloso! Felicitación!



**Carter Lowell** graduated cum laude from Penn State University, earning an Integrated Bachelor of Architectural Engineering (B.A.E.) and a Master of Architectural Engineering (M.A.E.). He is set to join BR+A Consulting Engineers in Northern Virginia, starting in August.

**Bryan Pipines** is set to graduate from Emmaus High School. He plans to further his education at Universal Technical Institute in Exton, PA, where he will pursue a degree in Auto Mechanics.



**Lauren McKinnon**, granddaughter of Dick Garber, is set to graduate from Wake Forest University, NC, earning a B.S. in biology and minor in chemistry. She is preparing to apply to dental schools. She was recently inducted into Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

**Christina Carmella Schuster**, the granddaughter of Jim and Penny Pantano, is graduating from Brandywine Heights High School. She plans to attend Auburn University to pursue a degree in Hospitality and Event Management.



**Kamryn McWhinney** is set to graduate from Emmaus High School and has plans to attend West Point, where she will study Psychology and play soccer.

**Townsend Southard Pantano**, the grandson of Jim and Penny Pantano, has graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in Computer Science. He is now pursuing a Master's Degree at the same university to further his education.

## 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.

## What Is a Deacon?

Charged at installation with seeking “to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love”, the Deacons of Faith Presbyterian Church hold fast to [Philippians 4:13](#) which proclaims, “I can do all things in Him who strengthens me!” Many times the hardest but also the most rewarding part of being a Deacon is building relationships with a Care Group. As this connection strengthens it becomes much easier to interact with families and individuals, especially in times of joy and sorrow. Our desire is to develop lines of communication running in both directions.

The Deacons reach out to our members who are experiencing difficulties. We offer our prayers, guidance, grocery cards, and limited financial aid. Our goal is to find small ways to help families and individuals. This emphasizes a Deacon's true mission as stated in the Book of Order “to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to anyone who may be in distress.”

Invitations to church functions, dispersing church information, and keeping in touch are facilitated many times through the Care Groups. The necessary organizational tasks such as greeting with the pastor after worship and serving as a representative to Session are shared on a monthly basis. The prayer chain, family support (at times of illness or death of a loved one), and maintaining the photo quilt are other ways we serve the people of our congregation.

The Deacons also encourage the use of Extended Communion, a program in which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is delivered and presented by two or more ordained officers of the church in the home of someone who is unable to commune with the congregation (due to medical or physical reasons). If you would like to receive this service, please contact your Deacon.

The Deacons take to heart the care of the extended family that is Faith Presbyterian Church. We work at unconditional love for this friendly, caring, church family so as to create a church in Christ's image, equipped and ready to minister to others.

The Board of Deacons meets monthly, with the exceptions of July and August, on a Tuesday.

*(from the church's website)*



# Happy Birthday

## June Birthdays

John Amendt  
 Eleanor DePhillips  
 Evan Gill  
 Tracey Gill  
 Daria Greb  
 Braden Halpin  
 Amanda Hemberger  
 Mary Ellen Jackson  
 Courtney Kennedy  
 Linda Kennington  
 Jay Kreider  
 Kim Kreider  
 Bruce Luff  
 David Masenheimer  
 Kris Melnick  
 Deanna Robinson  
 Charles Shimer  
 Marlene Smith  
 Joseph Smits  
 Wyatt Somishka  
 Sam Walker  
 Paul Wiese

## July Birthdays

Glenn Bailey  
 Carolyn Benner  
 Brennan Davis  
 Annabella DePhillips  
 Thomas Dilts  
 Ronald Gingrich  
 Sandra Gingrich  
 Anna Greenwood  
 Kevin Greenwood  
 Maggie Haley  
 Kathy Hemberger  
 Larry Hemberger  
 Mark Ingram  
 Elizabeth Kenny  
 James Lillegard  
 Anthony McWhinney  
 Madison McWhinney  
 Michelle McWhinney  
 Mark Smickley  
 Emma Walker  
 Anne Zayaitz

## August Birthdays

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





# Ministry to the Community



## Pentecost Offering

“I will pour out my spirit on every kind of people”

ACTS 2:17

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency:

- The Young Adult Volunteer program (25%) is a one year service opportunity for young adults from 19 to 30 years. YAVs live in intentional Christian community, deepening and developing their faith while serving alongside partners across the United States and around the world. YAVs serve for one academic year, August - July, as they explore God's calling in their lives.
- The Ministries for Youth (25%) program provides many online resources for youth and youth leaders such as: Presbyterian Youth Book Club, Quick Sheets and d365.org., an online youth devotional. It also helps fund the Youth Triennium.

Faith Presbyterian Church will use the 40% that we receive to support East Penn School District ANGEL NETWORKS. Angel Networks help children at risk by providing basic assistance to students in need on an immediate, short term basis; supporting students' ability to focus on learning in school; and giving anonymously in the true spirit of community. They provide students with basic necessities such as EMERGENCY groceries, clothing on an individual basis, curriculum-based field trips, academic expenses, and personal need products.

**We are dedicating the PENTECOST Offering on June 8, Pentecost Sunday.**

In 2024 we received \$2,220 with \$888 going to the ANGEL NETWORKS. The Ministry to the Community Committee added an additional \$1,112 to allow us to send \$1,000 to the Angel Networks at Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Schools.

Please prayerfully consider participating in this offering and BUILDING UP THE BODY of CHRIST!!



## Serving Our Local Community

Contributing to community outreach is a wonderful way to give back and create a positive impact.

**Daybreak** is a drop-in center for people suffering from mental illness, who may or may not also be homeless. Faith Church cooks and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Can you find the time to bake a batch or two of cookies or baked goods (individually wrapped) and drop them off in the church kitchen by noon on **Monday, June 9**? Contact Carolyn Baittinger or Zona Farmer.

Your generosity not only supports these outreach events but also strengthens community bonds and spreads goodwill. Thank you for considering this meaningful way to contribute!



## Teachers' Closet

The Teachers' Closet serves as a complimentary resource for local educators to gather supplies for their classrooms, alleviating the financial burden that often falls on them. Local teachers, primarily from elementary and middle schools, have expressed their gratitude.

Established in September 2024 with a grant from the Lehigh Presbytery and donations from community members, the Teachers' Closet has become self-sustaining. Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) program will support the Teachers' Closet as part of its mission initiative.

This summer, we will be reorganizing the closet and compiling a list of essential items needed. If you are interested in participating in this mission project, please reach out to Sally Heimbach.



## Time to Let it Rip!

**Ripple that is.** About now you might be thinking what in the world is Ripple??

Well, Ripple is a ministry to the homeless on Sunday afternoons. They arrive at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church at 14<sup>th</sup> and Turner Streets in Allentown to receive bread for the spirit and the body. The bread of God's word is presented by Rev. Dan, while food for the body is prepared and served by various caring groups from across our area.

Our church is doing our part to support this ministry by committing to prepare three meals throughout 2025. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, our group of five volunteers served a meal of fresh salad, roasted chicken, corn, rolls, and a beverage...plus homemade desserts for approximately 80 people of all ages, races, and genders who are experiencing homelessness. We were personally thanked by many of the folks enjoying a hot and nutritious meal. Many asked to take away meals for family members who could not attend. We assembled these until there was no more food left to fill a container. After the meal we all gathered in a large circle for a group "popcorn prayer" and any who wished could share their prayer. Holding hands for prayer with all these brothers and sisters in Christ is a wonderful experience. Perhaps you would like to share in this heartwarming experience yourself.

Well, you will have that opportunity very soon as on **July 20<sup>th</sup>** we will be preparing and serving our next Ripple meal. If you want to help, please contact Helen Underwood, Pam Martin, or Sally Heimbach. If you want to participate but can't attend to prepare and serve the meal, you can help by making a dessert or perhaps you snagged a free ham at Easter that you didn't use which you can donate for the meal? Your food contributions will help us spread our financial support even further. Will you consider how you can best help fulfill Jesus' commission in John 21:15-17 to "Feed my sheep?" On behalf of all who are grateful for this ministry, thank you for your offerings of time, service and food!



## BIG BIG BIG Thank you for OGHs!

We have collected \$9,958.59 for our 2025 One Great Hour of Sharing offering.  
Faith Church mission givers are ROCK STARS!

### Way to go Faith Mission Givers!

We collected \$454.00 and 24 cans of Chef Boyardee products in support of the Emmaus Rotary Club food program. The Ministry to the Community committee matched the cash for a grand total of \$908. That's a \$152 increase from last year! ROCK STARS to the MAX!



### She Nailed It!

Our team (Heather Davis, Sally Heimbach, Lynn Ingram and Anne Zayaitz) had a time of 36 seconds and came in 50<sup>th</sup> out of 65.

The team thanks all that supported us financially and also to those hardy souls who came out on a very rainy day to cheer us on.

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



### Faith Feeds Garden

All of the plants have been planted, but in order for us to have a successful season, we'll need many volunteers for the tasks below until harvest time and for packaging. Please see Sally Heimbach to help.

- **Waterers:** Individuals responsible for watering the garden as needed.
- **Weeders:** Team members dedicated to managing and controlling the weeds.
- **Harvesters:** People who pick and prepare the produce for distribution.



### Work Camp Sunday - July 13

Join us for an inspiration-filled Sunday morning as our Work Campers return from West Virginia! They will lead us in worship, share stories about their experiences and then join us afterwards for a salad luncheon together.

### Farewell to Summer - Sept. 20

Emmaus hosts an annual Farewell to Summer festival with music, kids' activities, craft vendors, food from local businesses, and a scarecrow trail for kids. The event takes place at the picturesque Emmaus Triangle. We hope to see you at our booth.

### Peace & Global Witness Offering

Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.

We will dedicate our Peace & Global Witness Offering on Sunday, **September 28<sup>th</sup>**, with 25% of the funds designated for EPNHN.



# Holiday Craft Fair

December 6, 2025  
9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Pastor Becki's Email Dated April 22: Subtle Changes to the Craft Fair

Dear Church Family,

Almost two months ago, the Women of Faith announced a change to how they would be doing the craft fair. After years of coordinating all the pieces of the craft fair, WOF decided it was getting to be too much. The moving parts are a lot, and while they are passionate about their crafts and doing the bake sale and baskets, the other moving parts are taking more energy than they can offer.

It presented a unique opportunity for the congregation to step in and offer WOF some relief. The Ministry to the Congregation talked about it at their March meeting and offered to take on coordinating the craft fair. The WOF will still offer their craft tables, the bake sale, and the basket raffle. Members of the Min. to the Cong. will coordinate the vendors and volunteers for set up and break down. The communications team will help with promotional ideas. We are looking to get some new lawn signs for this year (the current signs are a little past their prime). The Ministry to the Community team is coordinating the kitchen. God is good! And praise God for volunteers!

Elder Tim Bagnull, a co-chair of the Min. to the Cong. has offered to be the craft fair “foreman.” We are looking for a planning partner who can co-foreperson with him.

The WOF put together a list (not exhaustive, but enough to get us started) of what the moving parts of the craft fair actually are. Some parts still need to be figured. Some things the WOF were doing are things that fall onto church staff, like making sure bathrooms are stocked and cleaned (we are grateful to have a church sexton who can take this on!).

### So what's needed now?

- Word of mouth and help promoting the craft fair will be something the whole church can help out with. Our admin assistant is excellent at helping to create the post cards and social media posts that help advertise the event. You can share the event, grab a lawn sign, tell anyone who will listen when the craft fair is happening. Carry some postcards and leave them where people will see them. Spreading the word is how we bring people to us!
- Be a co-foreperson with Tim and help make sure the things that need to get done get done. This is not a team of one (or even two!). Making sure to ask for help, to let the congregation know what help is needed, communicate when the help will be needed, and what concrete things people can do will be an important task of the forepersons.

And of course, your prayers are always appreciated. Your support of the craft fair and the volunteers who help put the craft fair together are always appreciated. If you want to be a part of the planning, please talk to Tim Bagnull and see how you can get plugged in.

Thank you, Women of Faith, for all your years of service to the mission of our church and we're looking forward to seeing how this event can evolve and blossom in the future!



# COLD NIGHTS, WARM HEARTS

## 2024/2025 SEASON

We opened for our seventh season on November 15, operating daily from 7 PM to 7 AM. Our station has bunk bed capacity for up to 64 adults along with additional cot capacity as needed. It is the only program in Allentown serving free meals to adults seven-days-a-week, and the only program in the city to serve free meals on Sunday. Our team coordinates with local partners to extend hours during extreme weather, and has done so four times this season. We maintain partnership offerings with Valley Health Partners' Street Medicine Program, Treatment Trends and Valley Youth House to offer our guests access to quality health and mental health care.

This season, we served 323 unique individuals and filled 8,089 beds from November 15, 2024 through April 15, 2025.

### Warming Station Supper Meals Program

Thanks to funding from various community partners, we were able to continue our Supper Meals Program. We served meals seven-nights-a-week, with one night a week generously provided from an individual donor, serving over 6,620 meals throughout the Season.

We would like to thank our foundational community partners for their support of the Warming Station

- Anonymous
- American Bank
- AYNIL Charitable Fund
- Charles H. Hoch Foundation
- Chipotle Mexican Grill
- City of Allentown
- County of Lehigh
- Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus
- First Presbyterian Church of Allentown
- Thomas and Gayle Cichocki
- George and Anita Diehl
- Grace United Church of Christ
- Jeffrey and Nancy Bogert
- Dolores and Keith Nash
- Mark and Beth Jaendl
- PPL Services Corporation Foundation
- St. Ann's Church
- Sylvia Perkin Perpetual Charitable Trust
- Union Evangelical Lutheran Church

We would also like to thank our individual and In-kind contributors, for their generous support, including over \$14,000 of In-kind donations.

**8,089**  
BEDS FILLED

**323 UNIQUE**  
INDIVIDUALS

**250,000+**  
TOTAL RAISED FROM  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM  
JUL 2024-MAR 2025

**45 Community Donors**  
30 Individuals  
15 Organizations





## 2024/2025 SEASON

The Warming Station opened for our seventh season on November 15 and our program has experienced our highest nightly averages this season over any previous season. As we have done since opening, we strive to meet the needs of our unhoused neighbors by increasing access to care and resources, improving health among this targeted population including:

- Offering weekly health & wellness checks, hearing and vision screening for our guests in partnership with Valley Health Partners, a Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike (FQHC-LA), Street Medicine Program.
- Training our staff to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose, including the use of Narcan.
- Offering Station guests weekly peer counseling and resources for homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction in collaboration with Treatment Trends Inc. and Valley Youth House.
- Equipping staff with resources and training on trauma-informed practices to maintain their well-being while supporting others through daily struggles. Training was provided by the United Way.
- Rigorous cleaning and sanitation schedule to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

We remained a community convener to provide 24/7 resources during inclement weather and large snowstorms. This included partnerships with Ripple Community Center and others, who made sure our guests' safety was maintained during this time.

### WARMING STATION OCCUPANCY

MONTH	NUMBER OF BEDS PROVIDED	HIGHEST GUEST OCCUPANCY IN A SINGLE EVENING
November	620	84
December	1447	54
January	1873	70
February	1920	51
March	2229	64
April	1064	23



Our Warming Station guest, Bill, expresses his gratitude for the Warming Station. Following some health issues, the Y served as a safe, warm place for him to regain his strength during the cold winter months. He comments, "I always wait until the day I hear they're opening up because I know I'm going to be safe. These guys always help me out, the YMCA, giving me that support along with everybody else. And that's why I am where I am today."

**Scan the QR to watch his video.**



# 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 5/19/2025, we have received **\$2,948.00** towards our yearly total due of \$9,450.00. The 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 3/31/2025	Annual Budget
Operating Revenue	\$65,377.26	\$285,847.00
Operating	\$77,095.74	\$295,892.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Janie Slamon



## Your Offering Dollars at Work (January through March)

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.

<b>Ministry to the Community .....</b>	<b>\$ <u>6,886</u></b>
PC(USA) & Theological Education.....	\$ 2,250
International Mission .....	\$ 1,500
Lehigh Conference of Churches .....	\$ 1,000
Warming Station .....	\$ 1,000
Meals for Daybreak (serving over 80 folks each month) .....	\$ 407
Ripple Church Meals (1 meal served over 80).....	\$ 250
Rotary Food Program .....	\$ 479
 <b>Ministry to the Congregation .....</b>	 <b>\$ <u>40,240</u></b>
Staffing/Expenses (Pastor, Pulpit Supply, Music Director, Youth Director) .....	\$ 39,145
Worship supplies/instrument maintenance .....	\$ 738
Lunches & Kitchen Supplies .....	\$ 357
 <b>Ministry of Support .....</b>	 <b>\$ <u>30,346</u></b>
Staffing (Administrative Asst., Custodian) .....	\$ 6,187
Insurance .....	\$ 6,238
Building Expenses .....	\$ 5,708
Utilities .....	\$ 6,213
Per Capita .....	\$ 2,362
Administration/Office Expenses .....	\$ 2,359
Bookkeeping/Payroll .....	\$ 1,126
Communication/Membership/Stewardship/Session Expenses .....	\$ 153

**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.**



## Stewardship Kaleidoscope

200 E. 12th Street,  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130  
833-391-4756

**CONTACT US**

## Registration is now open!

We are eagerly preparing to welcome you to Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2025—Stewardship: The Art of Resiliency.

This year's conference will be live in New Orleans, Louisiana, September 22-24, 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 be livestream.

Registration rates as are follows:

Early Bird In-Person Registration (through June 30): \$360

First Call Pastor or Seminary Student In-Person Registration: \$200

Virtual Attendee Registration: \$150

After June 30, regular In-Person Registration increases to \$385.

### Financial Assistance Available



Contact Sally Heimbach if you are interested in learning how you can get financial assistance.

For information on available grants through the Presbyterian Foundation to assist pastors and New Worshiping Community leaders to attend the conference, please visit

<https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/resources/church-financial-literacy-and-leadership-program/grant/>.

A limited number of scholarships are also available to in-person attendees who are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), which would bring the registration cost to \$200. Please email [tim.brown@elca.org](mailto:tim.brown@elca.org) for more information about this scholarship PRIOR to registering for the conference.

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Canal Street, where a block of rooms will be available at the conference rate of \$179/night. Your room reservation must be made by August 29.

To book your room and to register for the conference, click [here](#) or go to [bit.ly/4lzwMZA](https://bit.ly/4lzwMZA).



## 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.

Thank you for choosing to support **Turning Point** of LV in the amount of \$500. Gifts like yours help us to empower survivors and foster a community where all individuals can thrive and flourish.

With your generous contribution we are able to provide immediate support and open doors to ongoing engagement. This includes in-person support groups, virtual empowerment groups, and community education.

Your support enables us to continue our mission to eliminate domestic and intimate partner abuse in the Lehigh Valley. We are deeply grateful for your compassion and commitment to our mission. Thank you for supporting us.

In peace,  
Lori Sywensky, Exec. Dir.

Thanks to you and your congregation for the generous donation of \$958. This is extremely generous and hugely appreciated as we battle hunger in the East Penn School District. We are also very grateful for the continue support for the storage of our food in your church. This has been a life saver for our program. At last count, we have have packed over 20,000 bags of food since 2019.

Sincerely  
Eric Loch, President  
**Emmaus Rotary Club**

We as a community want to thank you for [being] so kind to let us use the hall for **Emmaus Zumba Program** all this year. Please receive all our love, appreciation, and gratitude for everything you do to make this possible.

Sincerely,  
Tessy, Instructor; along with 25 participants

The 15 volunteers have returned from a week of mission work in New Bern, North Carolina. We did work at four different areas.

A team of 5 traveled to one site to paint 17 doors and trim and all the baseboards in a newly constructed home. The home owner's house burned to the ground 5 years ago. They will finally be able to get into their house in a month.

Some repair and painting in a shower area was done at another site.

Another crew installed flooring in every room in a small house that has been unoccupied for a long time. They will also be able to move in next week.

The largest crew built a very large wooden deck that connects the two buildings where we stay. This is because of a safety issue with steps. It also had a ramp. This was not quite completed. The next group of volunteers will finish it.

It is really a mission for all of us to do God's work with all the talents and skills we have. We will be going again in November.

We thank all the churches that have prayed for us and supported our work trips. Please share this message with your congregation.

Have a Blessed Day,  
Carol Bennicoff, Volunteer  
**Helping Hands Care Team**



# Wider Community Engagement



July 21-25,  
2025

9 A.M. to  
Noon

Daily at  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church,  
Allentown

## Young People Making Peace



summer  
day

# CAMP

For children  
ages 5-13  
who have  
completed  
kindergarten  
through 7<sup>th</sup>  
grade

**Five mornings of stories, songs, games, crafts and learning activities related to the broad topics of peace & justice.**

Those who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in Peacemaking leadership training.

Sliding-Scale fee: \$10 to \$50 per child for the week

(Scholarships available, see back for details)

**\*\*CAN YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH A GROUP AT PEACE CAMP?\***

*Please call the number below to let us know.*

Sponsored by Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern

For more information call (610) 691-8730

[www.lepoco.org](http://www.lepoco.org) [lepoco@fast.net](mailto:lepoco@fast.net)

Call Today: Space Is Limited

## Young People Making Peace: A Summer Day Camp

July 21-25, 2025

First Presbyterian Church, Allentown

### Registration Form

Please register early. Camper registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Registration suggested by Tuesday, July 1, 2025. After that date please call 610-691-8730 to check availability.

Return this form by email, by U.S. mail, or register online on the LEPOCO website: [www.lepoco.org](http://www.lepoco.org)

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHILD/CHILDREN GENDER IDENTITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
AGE(S) BIRTH DATE(S) GRADE(S) COMPLETED IN SPRING 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: (HOME) (WORK) (e-mail)

In an emergency, if I cannot be reached, please call:

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

PEACE CAMP DEPENDS ON VOLUNTEERS FOR ITS SUCCESS AND TO KEEP COSTS LOW. Please fill out the "Volunteers Needed!" section below if you can volunteer to help at Peace Camp.

\*\* Parents and children are asked to pay what they can afford. There is a sliding scale fee (\$10-\$50/child). The sliding scale ensures that those who can afford to pay more will help cover the costs for those who cannot. Peace Camp expenses will be at least \$35 per child.

\*\* Because paying even \$10 per child may be difficult for some families, full or partial scholarships are available based on need. Call (610) 691-8730.

\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for registration for Peace Camp (sliding-scale of \$10-\$50 per child for the week).

How did you hear about Peace Camp? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Rides

\_\_\_ My child will need a ride to Peace Camp. Please call me at \_\_\_\_\_ to make plans for transportation. Early registration is especially appreciated if transportation assistance is needed.

#### Volunteers Needed!

- \_\_\_ I would like to help with Peace Camp planning and preparation.
- \_\_\_ I am available to help the full week of Peace Camp or the following days: \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_ I would like more information about volunteering at Peace Camp.

Return this form to LEPOCO, 53 East Lehigh Street, 1-LL, Bethlehem, PA 18018 or call (610) 691-8730 for more information.



## Sunday, June 8

The Emmaus Chorale, featuring many members of Faith Church, will be performing **SING AS ONE! Tales of Lore, Love, Memories** here at our church.



## 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.

- May 26: Memorial Day, Church Office Closed
- May 26: Summer Office Hours begin
- May 31: Community Yard Sale
- May 31: Work Camp Car Wash
- June 8: Day of Pentecost
- June 8: Emmaus Choral Concert @ Faith
- June 9: Daybreak Meal
- June 8-14: Pastor's Vacation
- June 15: Trinity Sunday
- June 19: Juneteenth
- June 23-26: Office Admin's Vacation
- July 4: Independence Day
- July 5-13: Group Work Camp
- July 13: Work Camp Sunday
- July 14: Daybreak Meal
- July 20: Ripple Meal
- July 21: Vacation Bible School
- August 11: Daybreak Meal
- August 17: Fall Newsletter Deadline
- August 25-31: Pastor's Vacation
- September 8: Regular Office Hours begin
- September 8: Daybreak Meal
- September 20: Farewell to Summer
- September 21-18: Pastor's Vacation/Study Leave
- September 22: Kaleidoscope
- September 28: Peace & Global Witness
- October 13: Daybreak Meal
- 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



You don't have to visit the beach to make a sandcastle. Make fluffy "moon sand" to build fun structures.

### What you need:

- Large bowl
- Wooden spoon
- 8 cups flour
- 1 cup baby oil



### What you do:

1. Measure flour into the large bowl. Add baby oil.
2. Mix thoroughly until all the oil is combined and the texture is consistent. If needed, use your hands to knead the mixture.
3. The sand is ready when it sticks together to form a ball when pressed in your hands.
4. Use sand toys and molds to create a sandcastle. Store sand in an airtight container for up to two weeks.



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## Pentecost Sunday, June 8

The Faith Flyer

Summer 2025

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- **What is a Deacon?** – Our Deacons play a vital role in the congregation's spiritual and community life. Their responsibilities include providing pastoral care, and reaching out to those in need within the community. By fostering a sense of connection and support, the deacons help nurture a welcoming and compassionate environment, reinforcing the church's dedication to service and fellowship. Read more about our deacons! – **Pg. 15**

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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.