



# The Faith Flyer

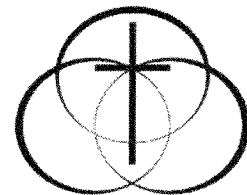
Sunday Worship - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.—Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Drive-in & Live Stream  
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Ministers - All the congregation

## August 2025 Worship at a Glance



### 3rd Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

**Holy Communion** (self-contained units)

OT: Psalm 107:1-9, 43

NT: Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel: Acts 1:15-26

Sermon: Justus

### 24th Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

OT: Psalm 71:1-6

NT: Hebrews 12:18-29

Gospel: John 20:24-29

Sermon: In-Between Seeing  
and Believing

### 10th Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

OT: Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

NT: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel: Jonah 1:1-17

Sermon: Jonah

### 31st Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

OT: Psalm 81:1, 10-16

NT: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: In-Between Knowing  
and Understanding

### 17th Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

OT: 1 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

NT: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

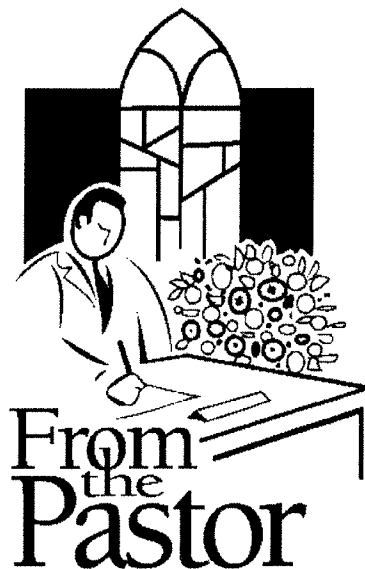
Gospel: Mark 5:25-34

Sermon: Women Seeking  
Healing

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I put my hope.—Psalm 130:5 NIV*

During a wait, it's easy to become discouraged, to feel impatient, and to chafe at circumstances and passing time. We worry that the wait will never end or that the outcome may be tragic. However, when we trust God and place the wait's outcome in His hands, He provides the hope that sustains us. God is working for our good during a wait. He will fulfill His purpose for us even when circumstances seem grim. He is able to do far more than we ask or imagine. He is intent on accomplishing His will here on Earth—both now and forever. Sometimes God uses a wait to develop strength of character in His children. We can practice patience and obedience and look forward to giving him glory for the work that He accomplishes in our wait. God will meet us at the end of our wait—and also during our wait.

*God, waiting is so difficult. Please give us hope to sustain us during this time.*



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am a Doctor and best-selling author who has appeared on NBC's Peacock Network. Well, this is all technically true, but each of these sound way more impressive than they actually are. I am a Doctor, but not a medical doctor. I'm a Doctor of the Church. I completed my Doctorate of Ministry degree in 2022, and so far my thesis has been read by all of about seven people. My children often tell me that I am a doctor, but not the type of doctor that actually helps anyone.

I am technically an Amazon best-selling author, but that again, is not all that it seems. A colleague and I developed an Advent prayer journal and workbook for Advent 2024. We gave it away for free. Since it was long and required a lot of paper to print, we also self-published it on Amazon. Amazon chose an obscure category to place the book in, marketing it to pastors (thinking that pastors would buy it in bulk for their churches). We dominated our Amazon category for the month leading up to Advent. Yet, that is still a very obscure category. The book currently is slightly better than the 2,000,000th most popular on Amazon.

My appearance on the Peacock Network? I attended a professional wrestling show in 2015, and can be seen in the background. Yes, my television appearance is cheering the Prince of Pretty, Tyler Breeze.

Recently, I was reading *The Imitation of Christ*, a small book written centuries ago by an obscure monk named Thomas. Thomas, early in the book, points out that when we reach the Kingdom of God and stand before God, all our accomplishments, all our learning, all the things we use to raise our egos, will be meaningless. The only thing that will matter—did we live a life of faith?

One of the blessings from moving is I've recently put my hands on every item I owned and had to ask—how important is this really? Our lives can sometimes be like that as well. We build up accomplishments and comforts, only to find they are ultimately meaningless.

Yet I don't raise this as a criticism, but rather as an opportunity. Much of what we do may seem more important than it really is—like a degree, a best-seller, and a television appearance. What is truly valuable—as the Apostle Paul says, knowing Jesus fully—is still readily available. It is never too late for us to open our hearts more to the Holy Spirit, and for the Holy Spirit to change us, removing what separates us from God, and bringing us closer. To truly know Jesus—that is what is truly important. I hope and pray that in my time here, we together, all grow to know Jesus more.

Blessings,

Pastor Jonathan



# Visions & Dreams: Ice Cream Social on the Porch

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 • 6:30 p.m.

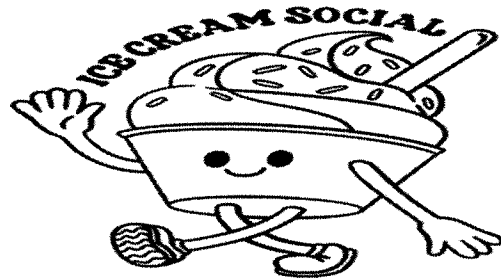
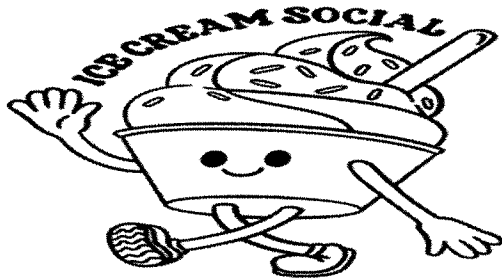
Submitted by Marcy Wagner

Consider celebrating the end of summer before students return to school by signing up to join us on the porch for fellowship and the making of your own ice cream sundaes. A numerous variety of toppings will be available. (The event will take place in Fellowship Hall in case of extreme heat or a chance of rain storms.)

**The deadline to print your first & last name on the sign-up sheet on the Action Table is Sunday, August 10th .** This allows us enough time to make name tags and to make sure that we have enough seating, ice cream, toppings, and beverages.

Remember to bring a cushion or stadium chair so you can sit comfortably around the picnic tables. Bring a lawn chair if you would like to join in the fun & conversation afterwards around the fire pit. (After the June "Dogs" on the Porch event, a number of us stayed until close to 11 p.m. enjoying the ambiance and surprisingly comfortable temperatures around the campfire!)

Thanks to EVERYONE who assists with set-up and clean-up!!  
(Marcy Wagner & Joy Spang, co-chairs of Visions & Dreams)



## Caring Hearts & Hands Ministry

Submitted by Marcy Wagner & Cindy Plance, co-chairs

We have been able to replenish our stock of soups and main meals since we had to throw away all the food in the chest freezer after the April 29, 2025 storm and electrical outage.

Our Faith GMC Caring Hearts & Hands food ministry is, once again, able to offer frozen main dishes, quarts of soup, and some desserts to you, a close friend, neighbor, or family member when additional meal help would be appreciated because of illness or recovery.

The frozen foods are kept in the chest freezer in the ice room/Peter Room. Please make sure to sign out and note the food items taken so that we can be certain to always have an ample supply and variety available.

Thanks to everyone who helped us restock by providing soups & main dishes!

## **WALK THRU THE BIBLE – otLIVE EVENT**

Saturday, September 20, 2025

submitted by Barb Hilty

Are you like a lot of Christians who wish they could understand scripture better? Most Bibles in America sit unread, collecting dust. Could yours be one of them? That can change. Faith Church is offering you a way to "get" the Bible so that it all clicks!

On Saturday morning, September 20th, our friend Chuck Hildbold will take us on a "walk" through the first part of the Bible to learn the major people, places, and events of the Old Testament. Chuck is a certified instructor with Walk Thru the Bible and will guide us in a highly engaging, dynamic, and memorable event that will give clarity to God's Word and allow us to make the connection between His story and ours.

The otLIVE event that Chuck leads is a unique way to experience God's story like never before. It uses several modes of instruction (hearing, seeing, moving, interacting, and repetition), to help folks learn and retain the big picture of the whole Old Testament – and have fun doing it! We promise! In just three hours we'll grasp how the creation story and all the other familiar stories weave together and lead us to Jesus and the New Testament. By noon that day everyone will be able to recall in chronological order the OT's stories in less than 2 minutes.

Bring members of your family to join members of our Faith Church family – and others! - for a morning full of fun, learning, and blessings! This isn't just for adults; kids aged 8 and older enjoy otLIVE, too. Parents are to accompany their children. Although the group will be on our feet at times, sedentary folks can fully participate as well.

The otLIVE event is scheduled from 9:00 AM to noon in our sanctuary. Simple snacks and refreshments will be offered in the social hall at the two 15-minute breaks.

The cost is \$25 for each adult and \$10 for young folks ages 8-18 years. Information on registration will be coming soon. In the meantime, save the date!

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**

**9:00 AM to Noon**



**otLIVE**

STEP INTO THE STORY



## Monthly Saturday Prayer Group 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Consider attending Faith Church's prayer group that meets each month in the first room to the right when you enter the Narthex using the front doors. This is a time for fellowship, an opportunity to share joys and concerns, and to join together in intercessory prayer. Carrie Bortz facilitates the meeting, but the goal is for the Holy Spirit to be present and guide the group. As we pray, there is the opportunity for everyone to pray aloud if they feel led to do so, but it is not required of anyone.

The next Prayer Group meeting will be Saturday, August 2nd from 9:30-10:30 a.m.



## KITCHEN MINISTRIES

by Joann Emanuele

Members of the kitchen committee voted to approve of the following distributions of the funds raised from the 2025 Lenten Fish Dinners. After tithing \$1,900, we gave away \$10,000 to:



Westmoreland Food Bank's Charitable Fresh Milk Program—\$1,500

MC2 (Export Thrift Shop) energy assistance program - \$1,500

Local Salvation Army—\$1,500

Delmont Volunteer Fire Department—\$1,500

Delmont Borough Police Department—\$1,500

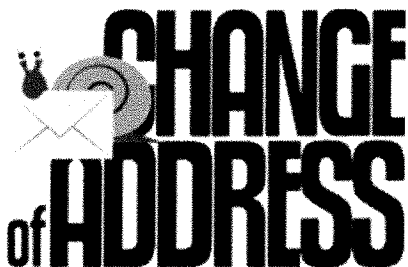
Boy Scout Troop 211—\$500

Union Mission in Latrobe—\$1,500

Feeding the Spirit in Greensburg—\$500

Thank you to all for making this year's dinners a fun and rewarding experience!

By sending these gifts we are **Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith.**



Ron & Sarah Raptosh  
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Portage, PA 15946  
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In-person attendance week ending 7/13/2025 = 173  
 OUR GIFTS; Tithes, offerings, & gifts received for the week ending 7/7/2024

OUR GIVING IS A REFLECTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST!  
**2025 Annual Operating Budget: \$371,285,85**

NEED EACH WEEK	\$7,140.11	NEED TO DATE	\$199,923.03
RECEIVED 7/7/2025	\$6,988.00	RECEIVED TO DATE	\$252,160.14
(-)SHORTAGE/(+)SURPLUS		+ \$ 52,389.22	

CAMPERSHIP GOAL 6/1/2025— 5/31/2026:	\$ 10,000.00
RECEIVED \$ 15.00 RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 415.00



## More Congratulations, 2025 Graduates!

By Barb Hilty

On graduate Sunday, June 1, 2025, Faith Global Methodist Church recognized the six young persons who completed their high school and college courses and received their respective diplomas. The article in the June/July *Faith Flyer*, however, was remiss by not including the accomplishments of this Faith Church member:

- **Natasha Popovich**, daughter of Sam and Lisa Popovich—graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, earning a Masters degree in Medical Science. Natasha will be attending LECOM for Medical School at the end of July.

We celebrate with Natasha on her achievement! We wish her well in her future studies in the medical field and God's blessings as she shares Christ's love.



Our "Shut-In" members love hearing from their church family. If you would like to send them a card or make a visit to them please contact the church office for a current listing of all of our shut-in members.



*Remember our Shut-ins*



## 2025 OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Submitted by Joy Spang, Outreach Facilitator

- August: Donate items for the Blackburn Center  
Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox  
Participate in Delmont Daze, a community event (8/2/25)
- September: Donate items for College and Military Boxes  
Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox  
Donate socks & winter coats for the Delmont Food Pantry & Friends Thrift Shop
- October: Bring in your packed Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes  
Donate funds for processing the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes  
Donate socks & winter coats for the Delmont Food Pantry & Friends Thrift Shop  
Grab & Go Food Distribution (10/21)  
Donate Christmas Breakfast Bags for Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry
- November: Donate Christmas Presents for the residents of Delmont's ARK Personal Care Home  
Donate Christmas Breakfast Bags for Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry
- December: Participate in the Pilgrimage  
Donate desserts to Delmont's Meals on Wheels



**From the Editor**

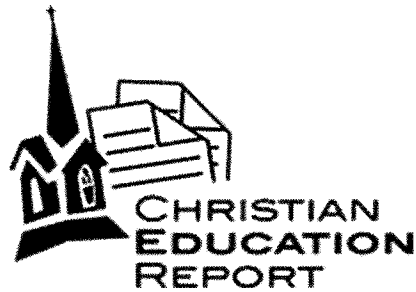
Articles, notes of thanks, and information for the September newsletter should be submitted by the **deadline of Tuesday, August 12th.**

**Sunday, September 28th, 10:30 AM**



Faith Church's favorite Gospel Trio **NEW JOURNEY**  
will be in concert in our sanctuary.

Plan to attend—and be sure to let your friends and family know!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES - Coming Soon!

It's the middle of our traditional summer break for Sunday School, but Faith Global Methodist Church is gearing up for a great return of students of all ages to our classrooms in September. When Sunday School resumes on September 7, 2025, we will be offering the following classes for the 2025-2026 year.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TEACHERS</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
<b>Firsts Steps</b> of Faith Ages up through Kindergarten	Gina Biltz, Stacey Vincler, Julie Kovacs, Holly Kwaczala	Isaac Room 1st Floor
<b>Foundations</b> of Faith Grades 1 through 3	Charlene Schroder <b>A HELPER IS NEEDED</b>	Sarah Room 1st Floor
<b>Builders</b> of Faith Grades 4 through 6	<b>A 3-PERSON TEACHING TEAM IS NEEDED!</b>	Daniel Room 2nd Floor
<b>Explorers</b> of Faith Grades 7 through 12	Lynn Pyle, Bev Fensch	The Upper Room 2nd Floor
<b>Beacons</b> of Faith Adult Class	Barb Hilty	Moses Room 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
<b>S.A.L.T.</b> Class Adult Class	Marilyn Hults, Carrie Bortz	Conference Room 1st Floor

All prospective Sunday School students are asked to please register now for the fall session so that we can prepare for class size and curriculum needs.

Interest in adult classes is growing, praise God! All adults wanting to participate should register now so that we may order adequate study guides.

Registration forms may be found on the Action Table, in the gathering area, in this newsletter, and on the church website. Completed forms should be turned in to the church office by August 25th.

Parents, be sure to have your kids tell others about their great times at Faith Church and invite their friends and neighbors to come to Sunday School. It's a perfect way for "Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith!"

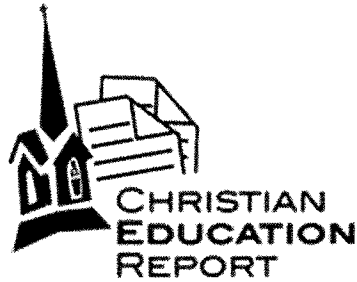
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### **MORE TEACHERS AND HELPERS ARE NEEDED IN OUR CHILDREN'S CLASSES!**

If you want to make a difference in the faith of a young person while growing in your own discipleship, please pray about how God can use you as a part of our Sunday School ministries at Faith Church. The kids LOVE coming to Sunday School each week. Their own excitement is sure to generate joy in the time you spend with them!

Please talk to one of the teachers or Linda Loughner to learn more.





## May's Perfect Sunday School Attendance

By Karen Morris

First Steps	Amelia Gonder, Mia Soemer, Carter Marsigio & Violet Marsigio Teachers—none
Foundations of Faith	Gianna Canzano, Anne Teslevich, Jane Teslevich & Lily Nemet Teachers—Charlene Schroder
Builders of Faith	Alexander Patrick Teachers—Lisa Popovich, Nick Popovich
Explorers of Faith	Avery Biltz Teachers—Lynn Pyle, Bev Fensch
Beacon	Russell Faith, Jim McMahon, Sam Popovich, Jeff Schroder, Connie Schrag & Bruce Collier
S.A.L.T	Irene Hanna, Mark Hanna & Helen Collier Teachers—Marilyn Hults, Carrie Bortz

## S.A.L.T.

By Marilyn Hults



This fall the adult S.A.L.T. Sunday School class will be studying the book of Daniel. We will be Studying And Learning Together using the study guide "Daniel, Spiritual Living in a Secular World" authored by Douglas Connelly and part of the Life Guide Bible Studies series. If you would like to join us we would love to have you. Just contact Marilyn Hults at (724-882-7287) or [mjhults@comcast.net](mailto:mjhults@comcast.net), or Carrie Bortz at (412-334-0920) or [carriebortz@yahoo.com](mailto:carriebortz@yahoo.com) so we can have enough resources for you. We meet in the conference room just half way down the hall from the sanctuary.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY SUBMITTED BY Cindy Plance

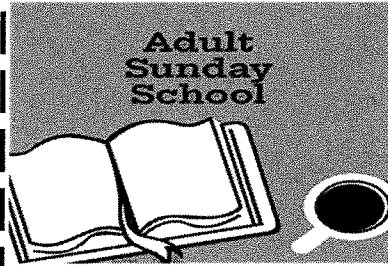
Thank you to everyone who continues to support this ministry. The recipients of the shawls, lap blankets, and baptismal blankets appreciate your efforts.

We can still use additional 3 ft. x 3 ft. lap blankets and prayer shawls made in the designs and colors of your choice.



## BEACONS OF FAITH Adult Sunday School Class

By Barb Hilty



When Sunday School classes at Faith Church resume on September 7th, the Beacons of Faith Class will begin reading IMMERSE The Reading Bible. The IMMERSE series is designed to provide a fresh Bible reading experience. Instead of customary curriculum study guides, class members will each have the IMMERSE Bible (NLT) in a simplified reader-friendly format that replaces chapters and verses with natural literary breaks. With IMMERSE, God's story is inviting to read.

Over 16 weeks, the Beacon Class will be reading the first volume, "Messiah" which will take us through the New Testament. There are 5 daily reading assignments each week. In our Sunday gatherings the class will discuss the material we've read with open, honest conversations. Together we can experience transformation through the Scriptures.

If you'd like to join us in our journey of faith, please let Barb Hilty know so that a copy of IMMERSE can be reserved for you. All are welcome to be a part of our time of prayer, fellowship, discussion, and laughter. We meet each Sunday at 9 AM in the Moses Room, which is the third room on the right on the first floor of the education wing (back from the social hall).

## CHECK IT OUT...

The Assembly of Bishops of the Global Methodist Church have launched another 8-week video series entitled Guardians of the Faith to explore the heart of episcopal leadership in the Global Methodist Church.

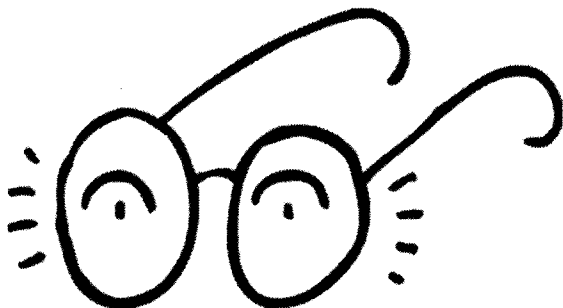
Much like the previous series, each week a new 2-minute video will be released with a teaching from one of the bishops of the Global Methodist Church. The video series focuses on the themes like biblical faithfulness, spiritual depth, servant leadership, and global mission.

You can access these messages on our Faith GMC website home page by clicking the "Devotions/Prayers" tab. Individual lessons will be posted on the page as they become available over the coming weeks.

May this series encourage your heart, deepen your calling, and ground your leadership in the truth and love of Jesus Christ.



## Offer The Gift of Sight



Lions International has been a champion in helping combat vision impairment and blindness since 1925. It is only through the kindness of donations that Lions International can continue to offer the gift of sight to those in need.

Donate your used glasses, including sunglasses and reading glasses. A collection box is located in the Gathering Area of Faith Church.

## FAITH CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



**REGISTER NOW!**

**Parents:** Please complete the registration form below for each child in your family who will be attending Sunday School at Faith GMC during the 2025-2026 school year. Extra forms are on the Action Table in the Gathering Area at church. You may also register on our church website.

**Adults:** We need registration info for adult classes also, so please complete & submit!

**\*\*Please return completed forms to the church office by August 25, 2025. Thanks!**

**Faith Global Methodist Church**

**School Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday School Registration Form**

**School District** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering in Fall \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, Restrictions, Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

May we use your child's image on \_\_\_\_\_ bulletin boards \_\_\_\_\_ church documents \_\_\_\_\_ social media

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Names and grades of siblings who attend Sunday School:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Check your preferred Attendance Award (if earned)** \_\_\_\_\_ Attendance Pin \_\_\_\_\_ DQ Gift Card

## PLANS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES IN 2025

You decide the age and gender of the child or children for which you are packing. Shoeboxes are available in the small room off of the Gathering Area. Take as many shoeboxes as you plan to fill. **Filled shoeboxes should be returned to the same room no later than October 5, 2025.**

**NOTE:** When packing, please remember to remove as much packaging as you can so that we don't contribute to another country's trash problems.

Each shoebox packed full of quality toys, school supplies and personal items will become a tangible expression of God's love to the receiving child. For many, it may be their first gift ever. Delivered by local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in an understandable, child-friendly manner.

### TOYS

- Foam ball-hacky sack-tennis ball
- Etch-A-Sketch
- Kaleidoscope
- Baseball & mitt
- Yo-yo, building blocks, Slinky
- Small Frisbee-small kite
- Toy cars, truck, or boat

### CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Clothing
- Flip flops—socks
- Shoes-socks
- Hat-scarf-mittens
- Sunglasses
- Bandana-decorative hat
- Bead jewelry-bead kit
- Hair accessories (clips, ribbons, hair bands,...)

### CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles-magnets
- Binoculars-compass
- Tool set with work gloves
- Brightly colored rope or twine
- Jump rope-marbles-playing cards
- Beads/craft set
- Sewing kit-fabric (1-2 yds.) & ribbon
- Pay-Doh—stickers
- Drawing pad—coloring book

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils-erasers
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils—pens (red & blue)
- Pencil case
- Crayons—markers
- Notebooks-blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Scissors—ruler—protractor—compass
- Glue stick (no liquid glue)

### PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Hairbrush-toothbrush-comb
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils
- Nail clipper & file
- Blanket
- Washcloth—stick deodorant
- Fun adhesive bandages
- Non-breakable compact mirror

### A “WOW” ITEM

- Doll & accessories—stuffed animal
- Soccer ball & pump
- Interactive game—small board game
- Small musical instrument

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** bar soap, candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items such as guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate, food, seeds, drink mixes, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items, aerosol cans.

## A Faith Church Observance on the FIFTH SUNDAY

In case you've ever wondered...

Faith Global Methodist Church has a long-standing custom that on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of any given month, our pastor has that morning off to recharge. It's a blessing for us to have always been able to offer our pastors a much-needed break away from the pulpit in addition to their scheduled vacation days. We welcome guests and lay speakers on those Sundays to bring us the morning message.



**The Pastor  
Will Be Away**

Pastor Jonathan will be on vacation  
August 1, August 18—20th.

### Pittsburgh South Circuit Churches

The following churches make up the Pittsburgh South Circuit. Our presiding elder is Chris Livermore.

Acme Methodist Church, Acme, PA  
Calvary on the Mountain, Acme, PA  
Amity Methodist Church, Amity, PA  
Carmichaels Methodist Church, Carmichaels, PA  
Circleville Methodist Church, North Huntingdon, PA  
Community of Faith Church, Uniontown, PA  
Faith Methodist Church, Delmont, PA  
Elrama Community Church, Elrama, PA  
Franklin Memorial Church, Dunbar, PA  
Charter Oak Church, Greensburg, PA  
Luxor Methodist Church, Greensburg, PA  
Latrobe Community Ministries, Latrobe, PA

Bethany Methodist Church, Latrobe, PA  
Liberty Chapel, Washington, PA  
Heritage Methodist Church, Ligonier, PA  
Mapletown Methodist Church, Greensboro, PA  
Living Evidence Church, New Stanton, PA  
The Table Church, Oakdale, PA  
Trinity Methodist Church, Scottsdale, PA  
Winnett Church, Smithton, PA  
Oak View Methodist Church, Waynesburg, PA  
West Newton, West Newtown, PA  
Christ Church, Youngwood, PA





**a Big Thanks**

Many, many thanks to the following persons for providing desserts in July for Delmont's Meals on Wheels.

Mindy Shaw— Joy Spang—Dennis Urban—Carrie Bortz—  
Margie Bazella—Roberta Gonos—Hettie Robinson—  
Chuck & Sue Turner—Melissa Kalmar—James & Jill  
Vitkos

### **Volunteers Needed for Faith Church's Booth at Delmont Daze**

Faith Church will be participating in Delmont Daze on Saturday, August 2nd, 2025. This event takes place in the parklet in Delmont. Help will be needed to take down the pop-up canopy. Help will also be needed from 11-5 on Saturday with the following games (Snakes in my Boots, Lassoing, Horseshoes, Panning for Gold, Foam Machine) that we will have for the children. Spend an hour at our booth. Come early and visit the other booths. A sign-up sheet is on the Action Table. If you have any questions, please speak with Joy Spang.

*"Glory, honor and peace  
for everyone who  
does good."*

*Romans 2:10*



### **Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry**

This emergency food pantry, housed in the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, is supported with donations by area churches and groups, and is staffed by community volunteers. Loaves & Fishes provides a three-day supply of food to those who need it on an individual and emergency basis. This emergency food pantry serves the Murrysville, Export, and Delmont areas. The Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church office can be contacted at 724-327-0061 for more information.

Non-perishable food donations for the Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry are being accepted at Faith GMC. The food donations currently needed are:

**canned tuna—canned vegetables—canned—soup—cereal—pasta—spices  
unbreakable jars of spaghetti sauce—macaroni & cheese box mixes.**

There is a collection bin located in the church's gathering area for your donations.

## BLACKBURN CENTER NEEDS LIST

Join the Tabitha Circle in donating items to the Blackburn Center during the month of August.

**NEW** items are needed throughout the year for the Blackburn Center's clients/shelter residents.

A donation of items from the needs list helps Blackburn Center sustain the shelter program, and helps to maintain the support groups the agency provides for women and children. In addition, some of these items are made available to women and their children who are establishing their own homes and need support with the basic household items. For more information about donation opportunities, contact 724-837-9540.

For Blackburn Center's services call the 24/7 Hotline: 724-836-1122 or 1-888-832-2272

### Bathroom

Toilet paper  
Toilet plungers  
Toilet brushes  
Small unlidded trash can  
Toothpaste  
Bath towels  
Hairdryers  
Bathroom rugs  
Anti-slip bathtub mats  
Shower curtains and rings  
Shower caddy baskets  
Wash cloths

Not needed at this time:  
shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, travel-size toiletries, adult toothpaste, and menstrual hygiene products.

### Bedroom

Pillows  
Bath Robes (Women's—all sizes)  
Bed-in-a-bag sets (twin & full)  
Comforters (twin & full)  
Sheet sets (full)  
Alarm Clocks  
Pajamas—women's winter weight (all sizes, especially M, 2X, 3X)  
Pajamas—men's summer and winter weight (all sizes)  
Underwear—men's (all sizes)  
Blankets—cotton (twin & full)  
Sport's bras—sizes 1X and larger

### Kitchen

Dinnerware sets (plates, bowls)  
Silverware sets  
Lidded 13-gallon trash cans  
Pots & Saucepans  
Small appliances: electric can openers, coffee makers, toasters, mixers, blenders, microwaves, crock-pots, air fryers, etc.  
Zip-lock bags: sandwich, quart, 1 gallon, 2 gallon, & 2.5 gallon  
Glass baking dishes  
Paper Towels  
Skillets  
Hand-held can opener  
Drinking cups/glasses  
Kitchen utensils (spatulas, etc.)  
Colanders  
Food items: any canned food, other non-perishables, etc.\*

\*Food items we especially need include: single-service, shelf-stable items; juice boxes; and condiments

### Baby & Child Items

Car seats  
Baby Wipes  
Pajamas: newborn-12 mo  
Baby monitors  
Pajamas: Children's—sizes 10+  
Collapsible umbrella strollers  
Markers, colored pencils, crayons

### Miscellaneous

Air mattresses w/pump-full/twin  
Adult Coloring Books  
Planners/calendars  
Brooms & dust pans  
Mops & buckets  
Duffle bags  
Square Sterlite Laundry baskets  
Gasoline cards (Sunoco, Sheetz)  
Gift cards (Giant Eagle, Walmart, Shop "N Save & Target)  
Tool kits  
TracFones phones (new)  
TracFones cards  
Small stick or handheld vacuums  
Extension cords  
Collapsible/pop-up hampers

Please put the items that are in **bold** at the top of your shopping list, and help Blackburn Center manage donations by bringing new items. If you have used items to donate, the agency can provide a list of thrift shops in the area that make items available to Blackburn Center shelter residents at no cost to them.

For more information about donation opportunities, contact:  
Blackburn Center—P.O. Box 398, Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-837-9540

[www.blackburncenter.org](http://www.blackburncenter.org)

## Friends Thrift Shop

Submitted by Dan Plance

If you are trying to keep the clutter at a minimum at home or are looking for a few gently-used items or clothes, stop by the Murrysville Christian Concern's (MC2) Friends Thrift Shop in Export on Old William Penn Highway/ Kennedy Avenue. The Friends Thrift Shop is a charitable organization staffed by volunteers, "people helping people," that accepts clothing, furniture, household goods, and children's items in order to assist people, families, and the communities of Murrysville, Export, and Delmont.

Store hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.—3 p.m.  
Furniture donations may be scheduled online at [FriendsThriftShop.com](http://FriendsThriftShop.com)



If anyone in our neighboring communities is in need of assistance, they may contact Jack Battenhouse, Social Service Coordinator at 412-373-8845.

Emergency food can be picked up by calling MC2 at 724-325-1559.

### Friends Kitchen Community Meals

MC2 offers a free take-out dinner the first Wednesday of each month from 4-6 p.m. (while supplies last) at Laird Hall, 3202 North Hills Rd. (just off Old Wm. Penn Hwy.) in Murrysville, across from the First Presbyterian Church. Participation is not based on economic need. All are welcome!

The menu on **Wednesday, August 6th** features sloppy joes and tater tots.



This coat drive benefits the Delmont Food Pantry and the Friends Thrift Shop in Export. Our neighbors need help staying warm this winter. Donations of new or gently worn/clean winter coats are needed for children and adults. This coat collection runs through October.







### *Opportunities to Provide Altar Flowers*

Are you interested in purchasing a floral arrangement for the altar on a particular Sunday in remembrance of or in honor of someone special to you? Check the Floral Calendar posted in the Gathering Area outside of the sanctuary for available dates. Mark your name beside your selected date. The floral arrangement is yours to take home after that Sunday service.

Take the special envelope provided and enclose cash or a check payable to Faith Global Methodist Church for the amount of \$35. Make note of who you are remembering or honoring on the envelope, and make sure the church office knows of your wishes by the Monday prior to the Sunday you are having the flowers placed on the altar. The church office has arrangements with a florist for the delivery of flowers to the church each week.



### LADIES RETREAT

Acme Methodist Global Methodist Church invites the women of Faith Church to attend this weekend getaway on September 26-28. The theme of the retreat is focused on the Samaritan woman at the well and the hope that we find in Jesus as the Living Water, as referenced in the Gospel of John 4:10-14.

This retreat will be held at Camp Christian located at 472 Killaney Road, Mill Run, PA, an easy 45 minute drive from Delmont.

The retreat starts Friday evening and ends on Sunday. You may also attend only on Saturday. Registration forms may be found on the action table.

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\* “And the peace of God, which  
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\* surpasses all  
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\* understanding, will guard  
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\* your hearts and your minds  
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\* in Christ Jesus.”  
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***Philippians 4:7***

#### CARE BOXES FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

Faith Church has a long history of sending care packages to our college students and active military members. The care package is a way for our young adults and members of the military to know that we are thinking and praying for them.

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| * Homemade cookies | * Instant hot chocolate | * Snack packs of jello & pudding |
| * Gum              | * Single serving size   | * Candy                          |
| * Instant Soup     | macaroni & cheese       | * Ramen noodles                  |
| * Instant Coffee   | * Microwave popcorn     | * Nuts                           |
| * Markers          | * USB flash drives      | * Mechanical pencils             |
| * Post-it-Notes    |                         |                                  |

**Military care packages** can contain comfort and hygiene products such as:

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| * Sunblock             | * Nuts       | * Trail mix                             |
| * Lip balm             | * Cookies    | * Non-melting candy                     |
| * Snacks               | * Beef jerky | * Drink mixes in single-serving packets |
| * Devotional materials |              |   |

All **addresses** of college students & military members must be received in the church office by the *deadline of Friday, September 12th* if they are to receive a Fall season care box.

**The last day to bring in items will be on Sunday, September 28th.** Packing of the boxes will occur in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am on **Sunday, October 5th.**

No liquids, aerosols or pressurized products.



Dear Faith Church Family -

Thank you for the gift of appreciation from our Christian Education Ministries to the volunteers in our Sunday School Department. I'm grateful for – and already using! - the zippered cosmetic bag and the personalized self-inking stamp pad.

A special thanks goes to Diana Canzano for her thoughtfulness in seeing that the teachers, helpers, substitutes, and support crew were all remembered with the gifts at the Celebration Breakfast on June 1st, and for her oversight of the attendance awards presented that morning.

And heartfelt appreciation goes to Joann Emanuele for her supervision in providing the wonderful morning meal at the event.

Serving Him with all of you,  
Barb Hilty

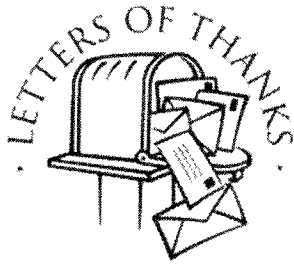
Dear Faith Global Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Westmoreland Food Bank, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,500 on July 8, 2025. No goods or services were received in exchange for this contribution. Westmoreland Food Bank is a 501(c)3 organization, contributions to which are tax deductible as permitted by law. Your financial support helps us continue our mission to enable our neighbors in Westmoreland County to have ready access food.

Your gift directly helps to ensure that thousands of families, children, senior citizens, and veterans all over Westmoreland County are provided with the nourishment they need to thrive and hope for better days ahead. In 2004 our programs provided over 6.3 million pounds of food to people all over Westmoreland County. These accomplishments are realized because of the generosity of our community—and people like you.

Thank you for your support of our mission and this community.

Sincerely,



Dear Faith Church,

We would like to take this opportunity to send you a sincere note of thanks on behalf of the 114 households served by Fresh Express on 5/19/25. With your help, we were able to provide fresh produce, beverages, and mixed non-perishable items to members of your community who might not otherwise have enough to eat. With your help, and the help of your volunteers, we were able to distribute 13,374 pounds during this distribution. At Westmoreland County Food Bank, we see sadness in the faces of the thousands of families who struggle with food insecurity every day, whether it is the single mother who skips meals so that her children can eat, or the elderly couple who pays the rent, but cannot afford food to sustain their health. Hunger hurts. It drains human energy, erodes human dignity, and diminishes human potential. However, your efforts have helped to put food on to the tables of needy families. Thank you again. It is always gratifying to see caring and concerned people reach out to those in need. Your generosity and compassion are truly inspiring to all of us. We are proud to have you as our partner in the right against hunger.

Very truly yours,

John Guay  
Program Coordinator

On May 4, 2025 a special second offering was taken for the 2025 Allegheny West Annual Conference "Miracle Offering." This special offering was to fund clergy education scholarships for people pursuing ordained ministry in our conference. A check for \$502 has been sent to the Allegheny West Annual Conference.

# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

***Please lift up these people in your prayers for comfort, healing, and the strength that is possible through our faith in God.***

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| • Dick & Pat Bush            | • Mary & Bob Zacharias           | • Gene Kovacs                   | • Sally  |
| • Nick Coppage               | • Shirley Fabrizi                | • Joanne Bruno                  | • Chuck Robinson                               |
| • Dave Morris                | • Stephanie Taczak               | • Mary Schindler                | • Vitali                                       |
| • Jack & Emogene Blair       | • Helen Robbins                  | • Louise Gladkowski             | • Charlotte                                    |
| • Joan Nellis                | • Irene Hanna                    | • Sue & Ron                     | • Pastor Ron                                   |
| • The White Family           | • Dennis & Gerrilynn Butterfield | • Samantha Hohn                 | • Lisa Fair                                    |
| • Dick & Natalie Berlin      | • Martha Koval                   | • Charlotte Graham              | • Lidia (Linda Kunkle's granddaughter)         |
| • Fred Roach                 | • Sue Harmuth                    | • Dennis Urban                  | • Sharon Eisele                                |
| • Straw Soffronoff           | • John Womer                     | • Gloria                        | • Maury & Mary Fey                             |
| • Beth Tyson                 | • Norma Murphy (Carrie's sister) | • Serenity Conlon               | • Bryson (Jay & Linda McIntyre's great nephew) |
| • Pam Scalf                  | • Jean Loughry                   | • Tracey Albert                 | • Karen Klanica                                |
| • Jason (Sue Sonafelt's son) | • Martha Ashbaugh                | • Harry Loughner                | • Robin Durman                                 |
| • Michael Scoletti           | • John & Janet Brodahl           | • Sue Shaw                      | • Ron Weaver                                   |
| • Bill & Mary Weyel          | • Marie (Janet's sister)         | • Sue Cuenca                    |  |
| • Joe Ramus                  | • Joey Kasunic                   | • Bruce & Helen Collier         |  |
| • Julie Kovacs               | • Paul Tucci                     | • Don (Helen Collier's brother) |  |
| • Barb Kaufman               | • Jeff Hilty                     | • Bev Fensch                    |  |
| • Linda (Barb's cousin)      | • Donna Earnest                  | • Karen Connors                 |  |
| • Mindy Shaw                 | • Judy Magill                    | • Debbie McDevitt               |  |
| • Diane Brown                | • Lynn Francis                   | • Todd (Lawanna's son)          |  |
| • Bud Murray                 |                                  | • Beth Muri                     |  |
| • Jeff Retter                |                                  |                                 |  |



## God Answers Prayers



### Daily Prayer Chain Procedures

Faith GMC has an established process for putting someone on the daily Prayer Chain. If you have a prayer request during regular church office hours, please call or email the office, and we will pass along your request, via phone and email. If it's after the regular office hours and not an urgent request, please leave a message on the voicemail and we'll pass it along the next business day.

If there is an urgent request after hours, please call the Prayer Chain Contact—Barb Kaufman at 724-468-4999, and she will pass along the request via phone and email.

If you would like to participate in this important ministry, please contact the office and we will add you to the daily Prayer Chain email list.



August

# Birthday Blessings

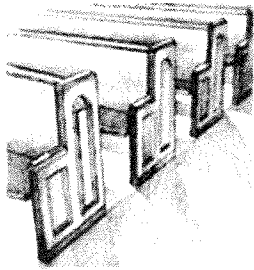
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4 Cindy Plance Patricia Wolfgang Jo Parsons	17 Angela Neely Henry Patts	
5 Alexander Patrick Ethan Weigand	18 Victor Eddy	
7 Phyllis Schaeffer	22 Mark Murtland	
8 John Kwaczala	23 William Gonos Jan McFate	
9 Gavin White	24 John Duke	
10 Kirby Keenan Tom Burkett	26 Madilyn Noel Jacquelyn Shaw Howard Thomas	
11 Shawn Patterson		



August

# Anniversaries

6 Sylvia & Bob Babb	24 Matthew & Kaila Plance	30 Mary & Ron Schindler
14 Barb & Dave Hilty	26 Kathy & William Thurston	31 Sandra & David Neely
16 Barb & Terry Smith	27 Lisa & Russell Fair Sam & Lisa Popovich	
21 Lynn & William Pyle		



View from the Pews

# A VIEW FROM THE PEW

*By Barb Hilty*

Home –

Perhaps you've seen the Tunnel to Towers commercials of the war-torn veterans who tell their stories. They've received disabling injuries in battle and now are grateful for the organization's gift of a smart house designed to accommodate their physical limitations. Each one invokes the word, "Home," as the comforting, safe place they desire – the home meant to be a quiet dignified retreat of independence.

The theme of home struck me these past few months as a number of relatives, friends, and church family members have been moving to other locations. I have no doubt there's anxiety and stress as persons leave one community and take up residence elsewhere in a new place with unknown challenges facing them. Regardless of face time and texting, leaving familiar social groups is difficult. Whether a household has seven individuals or one, it is still home.

Even if not actually making an address change, there are other "moves" in a person's life when they have shifts in relationships or jobs. Life is full of challenges when all someone might long for is constancy and acceptance. Such circumstances could be a time when believers might offer them encouragement, affirmation, and support. When we prayerfully do so, we are **Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith.**

It seems the concept of "Home" is important to God, for the Bible is peppered with references to it. After an enslaved life in Egypt, God's chosen people were led with His "cords of human kindness and ties of love" to a special land of milk and honey. They were promised a new start: a home that would give them a self-sufficient respected life. They'd be free of oppression and free to worship Yahweh and pass on the story of His redeeming love and gracious provision.

Scripture also records that Our Heavenly Father placed His own Son in a home setting for the nurturing experience of a loving family life. Jesus often conducted His ministry in individual's homes where His works and teachings received heart-felt appreciation and praise. It was in home churches that the earliest Christians heard and accepted the gospel message. One day children of the Lord will be a part of His glorious kingdom where we'll live in anticipation of the eternal home He is preparing for us.

In the here and now - regardless of where life takes us - Christians are blessed to have the constant (eternal now) gift of God's abiding presence. Our Lord provides a sanctuary – a safe place of retreat and protection from the battles we have in this fallen world. When we stay close by His side, we enjoy the intimate, reassuring experience of being "home." We are valued and cared for and protected. We have confidence and dignity and joy. It's comforting and satisfying and good! Home.

What are some caring things you can do in Jesus' Name to help people find a true, lasting home with God?

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And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. 1 Chronicles 17:9

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.. John 14:1-2

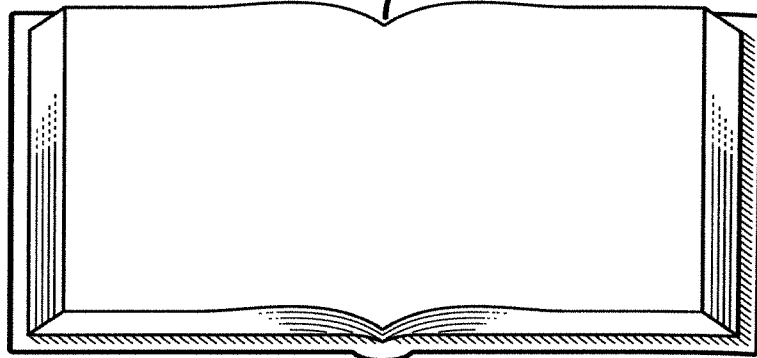
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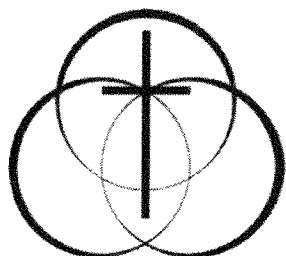
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# The Faith Flyer



## Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith

### "A Sermon on Legs"

I'd rather see a sermon  
than hear one any day:  
I'd rather one would walk with me  
Than merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil,  
and more willing than the ear.  
Fine council is confusing,  
but example's always clear.

- Edgar A. Guest