



The Faith Flyer

Sunday Worship - 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. • Sanctuary & Drive-in • Livestream of 10:30 a.m. service
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Church website - faithdelmont.org

June 2025 Worship at a Glance



1st Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (self-contained units)

Ascension of the Lord Sunday

OT: Psalm 47

NT: Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 15-23

Gospel: Luke 24: 44-53

Sermon: "See You Later!"

8th Pentecost Sunday

One Special Service Only at 10:30 a.m.

OT: Genesis 11: 1-9

NT: Romans 8: 14-17; Acts 2: 1-21

Gospel: John 14: 8-27

The Spirit of Truth



15th First Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day • Trinity Sunday

One Service Only at 10:30 a.m.

OT: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8

NT: Romans 5: 1-5

Gospel: John 16: 12-15

Sermon: "My Father's Faith!"

22nd Second Sunday after Pentecost

OT: 1 Kings 19: 1-15; Psalm 42

NT: Galatians 3: 23-29

Gospel: Luke 8: 26-39

Sermon: *Frank Shoup*, Lay Speaker

29th Third Sunday after Pentecost

OT: 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20

NT: Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9: 51-62

Sermon: *Susan Burkett*, Lay Leader

Pastor's Celebration Potluck Picnic

Sunday, June 8, 2025

On Sunday, June 8th there will be only one service—at 10:30 a.m. After this special service, there will be a picnic potluck. The church will provide the breaded chicken tenders, wings, and thighs, hot dogs, and kielbasa for the festivity, as well as the beverages and celebratory cakes. We ask that you bring with you to church a favorite salad, cold side dish, or hot side dish to share. This will be Pastor Ron's last potluck with our church family before he retires. (And most of us know how much he has enjoyed the past church potluck dinners!)

Please make sure to find the sign-up sheet on the Action Table in the Gathering Area before the deadline of Sunday, June 1st. The sign-up sheet asks for your name and how many are in your party in addition to what dish you might be bringing to this special potluck celebration. This allows us to know how much meat and buns to provide—how large of cakes to order—make sure we have enough tables, chairs, plates, i.e.—make sure we have enough to drink.

Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this special 10:30 a.m. worship service and potluck picnic celebration that will follow afterward.



Sunday School Celebration Breakfast • June 1, 2025

Each year, the last Sunday of May marks the final morning for Sunday School classes at Faith Church to meet. It's been a tradition to have a celebratory breakfast the following Sunday for students, teachers, and their families as a time for fellowship and recognition of attendance awards.



This year, the Sunday School Celebration Breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 1st in Fellowship Hall. A light breakfast will be offered to class members & their families and to ANYONE who would like to attend after the first worship service.

Thank You, Sunday School Leaders!

We appreciate the outstanding corps of Sunday school teachers, leaders, and assistants we have at Faith Church. We are so very grateful for their leadership in guiding individuals to consider God's Word with our hearts and our minds. They are instrumental in developing our desire for "Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith."

A huge thanks goes to these teachers and facilitators:

- **First Steps of Faith Class** (Toddlers through Kindergarten; 7 students on the roster) - *Stacey Vincler, Gina Biltz, Julie Kovacs, Holly Kwaczala*
- **Foundations of Faith Class** (Grades 1 through 3; 11 students on the roster) - *Amy Boe, Charlene Schroder*
- **Builders of Faith Class** (Grades 4 through 6; 3 students on the roster) - *Lisa Popovich, Nick Popovich*
- **Explorers of Faith Class** (Grades 7 through 12; 3 students on the roster) - *Lynn Pyle, Bev Fensch*
- **Beacons of Faith Class** (Adults; 14 students on the roster) - *Barb Hilty, Jeff Schroder*
- **S.A.L.T. Class** [Sharing and Learning Together] (Adults; 14 students on the roster) - *Marilyn Hults, Carrie Bortz*
- An additional group of 7 or so devoted adults meet each Sunday for biblical study as well. - *Chip Glunt*

Children's Substitute Teachers - *Lori Martz, Linda Loughner, Dave Morris*

Attendance Steward - *Karen Morris*

Faith Church is blessed to have these folks faithfully lead and teach their students. Please extend your words of gratitude and encouragement to them when you see them in church.



SOME SIDE NOTES:

- As the number of students continues to climb, we expect to re-assign grades and create another class for elementary age children. Isn't God good?! This fall we'll need elementary class leaders and helpers, plus additional substitutes to help our children have the best experience with the kids at Faith Church.
- Please be praying about where He can use you within our exciting Christian Ed program. Talk to any of the folks listed above to learn more about the rewards and blessing that await you! For more information, please see Linda Loughner.

Congratulations, 2025 Graduates!

Submitted by Barbara Hilty

At Faith GMC, we have a number of young adults who have graduated from high school and institutions of higher learning this past year. The following students have informed us of their achievements and will be honored by their church family during worship on Sunday, June 1, 2025:

2025 High School Graduates

- **John Glunt**, son of Chip and Janine Glunt - graduating from Kiski Area High School – will attend Slippery Rock University this fall.
- **Timothy Pease**, son of Darin and Erica Pease – graduating from Plum Senior High School – will be going to Pennsylvania Western University in Clarion to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
- **Henry Patts**, son of Henry and Danielle Patts – graduating from Franklin Regional High School – plans to major in aerospace engineering and aeronautical science at Florida Tech.
- **Katelyn Patts**, daughter of Henry and Danielle Patts – graduating from Franklin Regional High School – will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Seton Hill University.

2025 College and Technical School Graduates

- **Ashley Grimme** – daughter of Sherry and Rick Grimme – graduating from West Virginia University with a bachelor's degree in business management - will be working as an area manager with Amazon.



Please join us in recognizing the accomplishments of these young folks. A PowerPoint presentation will introduce them to our congregation on Graduate Sunday, June 1, 2025. We look forward to this time of celebrating their achievements and praying for their steadfast Christian influence in the world!

(While there may be other graduates from our church, please know we cannot presume to automatically identify individuals nor will we include their data in the presentation without receiving specific permission to do so.)

Sunday School Perfect Attendance • April 2025

Submitted by Karen Morris

First Steps

Students: Logan Eck—Carter Marsiglio—Violet Marsiglio—McKenna Soemer
(Teachers: Stacey Vincler, Julie Kovacs, Gina Biltz & Holly Kwaczala)

Foundations of Faith

Students: Quinnley Fensch—Henry Scalise—Jane Teslevich
(Teachers: Charlene Schroder & Amy Boe)

Builders of Faith

Students: Wesley Eck—Alex Patrick—Owen Scalise
(Teachers: Lisa Popovich & Nick Popovich)

Beacon Class

Students: Russell Fair—Jim McMahon—Sam Popovich—Marcy Wagner
(Teachers: Barb Hilty & Jeff Schroder)

S.A.L.T. Class

Students: Bob Babb—Sylvia Babb—Irene Hanna—Mark Hanna—Chris Kalmar—Paula Kalmar
(Teachers: Carrie Bortz & Marilyn Hults)

Explorers of Faith

Students: none
(Teachers: Lynn Pyle & Bev Fensch)



Recognition for Exemplary Attendance

Submitted by Diana Canzano

During the 2024-2025 Sunday School year, those participants who missed 3 or fewer classes will receive recognition and a small gift during the Sunday School Celebration Breakfast on June 1, 2025. Their unwavering presence and dedication to learning every week are truly admirable. Those students receiving this special recognition are listed below.

First Steps of Faith

Dominic Emanuele
Amelia Gonder

Foundations of Faith

Joseph Emamuele Anne Testevich
Henry Scalice Jane Teslevich

Builders of Faith

Owen Scalise

Explorers of Faith

N/A

Beacon of Faith

Russell Fair Sam Popovich
Barb Hilty Jerry Welborn
Jim McMahon

S.A.L.T.

Mark Hanna
Linda McIntyre



Visions & Dreams: "Dogs" on the Porch

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 • 5:30 p.m.



Sign up to join us for HOT dogs (plus kielbasa) & buns with various toppings that will be available. Our dinner will also include baked beans, macaroni salad, and bagged chips. Dessert will be ice cream sandwiches.

The deadline to sign up for this event is Sunday, June 15th. All the food will be provided by Visions & Dreams; no food contributions will be necessary this month. If you wish to contribute to the expenses, a donation may be made in cash or by check to "Faith GMC Fellowship Group." (On the memo line write: *Visions & Dreams*) Our group has a special account at S&T to cover food & activity costs for our Vision & Dreams activities.

Plan to be outside on the porch, but in case of inclement weather, we will meet in Fellowship Hall. If you have a yard game or some game that you think others might enjoy playing, consider bringing it to any Visions & Dreams event.

Printed name tags will be provided for you to wear to help us all learn & remember names of our Faith Family friends & members. Remember to bring a lawn chair if you want to sit around the fire pit. A cushion or stadium chair allows for more comfortable seating on the porch benches.

The sign-up sheet is located on the Action Table in the Gathering Area.

Any questions or desires to assist should be directed to Marcy Wagner or Joy Spang, co-chairs of the Visions & Dreams Fellowship Group.

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 Quiet Room* (the first room on the right when you enter the Narthex using the front doors). This is a time for fellowship, an opportunity to share joys & 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.

Upcoming meetings of the Prayer Group during the summer months:

First Saturday in June—**June 7th**

First Saturday in July—**July 5th**

First Saturday in August—**August 2nd**



Faith GMC Mourns the Loss Three of Its Faith Members

We extend our sincerest condolences and our prayers to...

Family and friends of Cheryl A. Zanotto (4-24-2025)

Family and friends of Robert A. Zanotto (4-24-2025)

Family and friends of Elizabeth A. Burkett (5-7-2025)



"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."

~Psalm 116: 15

Faith Church's Music Ministry

Submitted by Holly Kwaczala

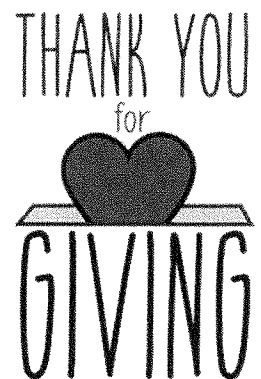


It's that time of year for the Faith Choir to take a little break. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the choir room door for anyone that is interested in sharing special music. All are invited to share. If you have any questions, please reach out to Holly Kwaczala.

Internal Loan Paid Off

The Finance Committee of Faith Global Methodist Church is pleased to announce that on Sunday, May 18, 2025, it was proposed at the Church Council meeting to pay off the internal disaffiliation loan in total as a means of honoring Pastor Ron's leadership for 15 years at Faith Church and his retirement at the end of June 2025. This action allows Rev. Dr. Ron Raptosh to pass Faith GMC to our new pastor, Rev. Dr. Jonathan Hanover, completely debt-free.

It is through your generous offerings and financial commitment to our church that we have been able to reduce this debt in such a short amount of time.



Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Continues Through the Summer Months

9-10 a.m. • Fellowship Hall



Faith members, friends, and visitors are encouraged to join the group that gathers together to share news, joys & concerns. Grab a hot coffee and some pastries / desserts. Visit with old & new friends after the first service or before the second service. There may be Outreach projects needing your help.

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 addition 3 ft. x 3 ft. lap blankets and prayer shawls made in the designs and colors of your choice.



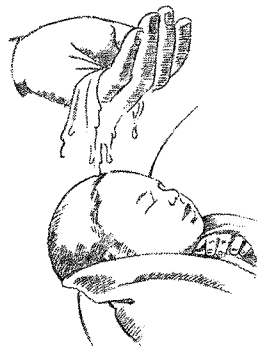
Welcome to Christ's Church

Sunday, May 4, 2025, *River Alexander Howard* was presented for baptism by his proud parents, Carl & Taylor Howard

Monday, May 26, 2025, *Kinzie Marie Nemet* was presented for baptism by her proud parents, Cullan & Jenna Nemet.

Our congratulations to *River Alexander Howard* and *Kinzie Marie Nemet* on this important day in their lives.

"O God, our heavenly Father, grant that River and Kinzie as they grow in years, may also grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that by the restraining and renewing influence of the Holy Spirit they may ever be a true child of Thine, serving Thee faithfully all their days. So guide and uphold their parents that by loving care, wise counsel, and holy example, they may lead River and Kinzie into that life of faith whose strength is righteousness and whose fruit is everlasting joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."



Pastor Ron's Easter 2025 Blessing

You will want to stop by the Action Table display to get your **KEEPSAKE PRINT** of Rev. Raptosh giving his Easter benediction to Faith Church on April 20, 2025. The 5" x 7" pictures are available to all.

Your gift in any amount will go towards the nurturing ministries of Faith Church.



Benediction

Caring Hearts & Hands Ministry

Submitted by Marcy Wagner & Cindy Plance, co-chairs



Our ministry of having prepared meals & soups available to our Faith members and friends who could benefit from some meal help must replenish its stock. We are working on it. We had to throw away about 40 main dishes and 20 quarts of soup after the Tuesday, April 29, 2025 storm and electrical outage.

Friends Kitchen Community Meals

MC2 continues to offer sit-down dinners from 4-6 p.m. (while supplies last) at Laird Hall, 3202 North Hills Road (just off Old William Penn Highway) across the street from the Murrysville First Presbyterian Church. Take-out meals are also available, but you need to park and come into Laird Hall to pick up your take-out. Participation is not based on economic need.



The menu on Wednesday, June 4th features ham BBQ sandwich—chips—cole slaw—ice cream.

The menu on Wednesday, July 2nd features chicken patty sandwich—chips—potato salad—ice cream.

Collecting for the Blackburn Center

Since 1976, Blackburn Center, located in Greensburg, has been providing services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and other types of violence and crime in Westmoreland County. The center provides an emergency shelter for victims of intimate partner violence - counseling and therapy - accompaniment and support during medical and legal proceedings.

The TABITHA CIRCLE will be collecting items for the Blackburn Center during the months of June, July, and August.

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

Kitchen

Dinnerware sets (plates & bowls)
Hand-held can opener
Small appliances: electric can openers, coffee makers, toasters, mixers, blenders, microwaves, crock pots, air fryers, etc.
Silverware sets
Lidded 13-gallon trash cans
Pots & saucepans
Ziplock or Hefty bags: 2 gallon & 2.5 gallon sizes

Bedroom

Pillows
Bathrobes (women's—all sizes)
Bed-in-a Bag sets (twin & full)
Comforters (twin & full)
Women's pajamas: winter weight (all sizes, especially M, 2X, 3X)
Men's pajamas: summer & winter weight (all sizes)

Bathroom

Toilet plungers
Toilet paper
Small unlidded trash can
Toilet brushes
Toothpaste

Baby & Child Items

Pajamas: children's sizes 10+
Coloring books

Miscellaneous

Brooms & dust pans
Mops & buckets
Duffle bags
Square Sterilite Laundry baskets

The donation of the above 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 or www.blackburncenter.org. A complete listing of the Blackburn Center's needs is available on the Action Table for you to take.

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

Thanks to the volunteers who helped make our Monday, May 19th
Westmoreland Food Bank Grab & Go at Faith Church a success.

Randy McDevitt—Kathy Thurston—Shirleen & Larry Johnston—Cindy Weaver—Ed & Julie Kral—
Bud Robinson—Marilyn Hufts—Alyce & Dennis Urban—Jean Thom—Ron & Nancy Smalley—
Ed Washburn—Steve & Linda Sopcak—Bonnie & Joe Ramus—Penny Carroll—Marcy Wagner—
Joy Spang—Tom Burkett—Sue Sonafelt—Jack Crescenzo—Jackie Shaw—Nancy Gombos—Pastor Ron

The next Grab & Go at Faith GMC will be Monday, October 20, 2025.



Food Donations

During the May meeting of the Tabitha Circle, the ladies packed 46 boxes of food, i.e. so that 23 car customers to the May 19th Grab & Go Fresh Express could each receive 2 boxes if they were turned away by the staff of the Westmoreland Food Bank because there was no more food available to place in the cars.

Thank you for your generous donations that allowed us to make sure no one would leave our church parking lot without receiving food. Any excess boxes will be donated to the Newlonsburg Loaves & Fishes.

Faith Church Is Responsible for Meals on Wheels Desserts in July

Please sign up during the month of June to provide desserts for the Delmont Meals on Wheels program. Our church is to contribute desserts on Mondays—Wednesdays—Fridays of each week in July. A sign-up sheet can be found on the Action Table in the Gathering Area.



Desserts should be delivered to the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church at 301 E. Pittsburgh Street in Delmont by 8:30 a.m. on the morning of your chosen day to supply a dessert. If it is inconvenient for you to make a delivery **before 8:30 a.m.**, consider signing up to provide a dessert for a Monday and bring your dessert to church on Sunday. Arrangements will be made to transport your desserts to Salem Lutheran Church on Monday morning.

Some suggestions for desserts: cookies (bag 2-3 together)—cupcakes—brownies—fresh fruit.

Faith Global Methodist Men's Group
"Faith Warriors"

Submitted by Joe Cigich & Jim McMahon



The *Faith Warriors* continue to meet weekly, on Tuesday evenings during the summer at 6:30 p.m. at the church. New participants are always welcome. We encourage any men who wish to further their walk with God in a setting that encourages accountability, openness, and fellowship to join our discussions.

The *Faith Warriors'* current study, entitled "*The Truth Project*" by Del Tackett from Focus on the Family will continue through mid-June. Upon completion, the group will discuss the format for the summer session.

The *Faith Warriors* encourage any persons or groups that need a helping hand to reach out to this men's group for possible assistance.

You may contact Joe with any questions at joecigich@comcast.net.

Hello, Faith Family!

This is Micah Reese. I wanted to let you know that on June 20, 2025, the Friday of Annual Conference, I will be ordained as a deacon in the Global Methodist Church. It has been a long but worthwhile journey to ordination.

I first felt a call to ministry in 10th grade while on a retreat at Camp Allegheny. Since that retreat, Jesus has confirmed my heart for ministry through a deeper personal conviction, as well as through the encouragement of others. So, I attended Geneva College and then Asbury Theological Seminary to learn the essentials of vocational ministry. At both places of higher learning, God formed me both spiritually and academically. While at Asbury, I felt God leading me to pursue ordination in the Global Methodist Church, and thus began the ordination process. After graduating, I accepted my current position as Next Gen pastor at Kane Community and East Kane Methodist churches. As the Next Gen Pastor, I primarily minister to the next generation through outreach events and weekly meetings of the Forge, our youth group for students in grades 6 through 12. The lead pastor, Pastor Calvin Cook, has also been preparing me to be a head pastor by giving me the opportunity to preach about once a month, in addition to assisting with visitations. I am excited to see where God continues to lead me and appreciate all the prayers and support from Faith Church!

Praying with and for you!
Micah Reese

The Allegheny West Annual Conference is being held at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, June 18-21, 2025.

Bibles for Kenya—A Giving Opportunity to Support Our Partner Churches and Pastors in Kenya

The Kenya Partnership Team invites you to participate in a special offering to support Bibles for Kenya. The goal is to provide every pastor in Kenya with a Bible and reference books to aid them in their pastoring and teaching. This is an area of the world where most pastors do not own Bibles. The Bibles for Kenya offering provides a way that all local churches and individuals in the Allegheny West Conference can participate directly to support churches in our partner Conference.

How to Give

We encourage you to give to Bibles for Kenya. You can give securely online at AlleghenyWestGMC.org/Bibles-for-Kenya. To donate by check, make checks payable to: Allegheny West Annual Conference, 700 Taylor Road, Suite 235, Gahanna, OH 43230. Write "Bibles for Kenya" in the memo line.



Diapers Needed

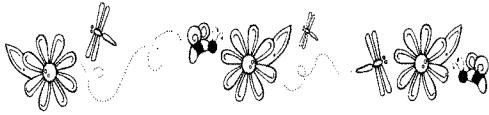


The Delmont Lions are collecting diapers for the WIC (Women, Infants, & Children) program in Westmoreland County. A collection box is in the Gathering Area. Please help to support those in need in our communities by donating diapers.

Birthday



Blessings



June



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| 1 Dominick Emanuele
Joseph Ewing | 10 William Bronson
Justin Retter | 16 Carol Fabrizi
Shirleen Johnston | 27 Roberta Gonos |
| 5 Nancy Murtland
Barbara Smith
Bill Sonafelt | 11 William Graham
Joy Spang | 19 Katelyn Patts
Natalie Synan | 29 Robert Fyock
Leslie Korn |
| 6 Marcy Wagner | 12 David Neely | 20 Richard Berlin
Joe Cigich | |
| 9 Edward Hudak
Brian Synan | 13 Bob Zacharias | 24 Lisa Fair | |
| | 15 Trelvy Hubbard | 25 Jeffrey Hilty | |



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| 3 Debra & Randy McDevitt | 18 Nancy & Ron Smalley
Diane & Regis Synan |
| 5 Paula & Chris Kalmar | 23 Julie & Rich Lewis |
| 6 Nancy & Mark Murtland
Cindy & Doug Plance | 26 Eileen & Wayne Baughman
Ally & Matthew Boe
Sue & Bill Sonafelt
Robin & Alan Tarr
Jean & Ken Thom |
| 11 Cheryl & Bob Hoffman | 27 Martha & Wilbur Ashbaugh |
| 14 Leslie & Michael Korn | 28 Megan & Alan Weigand |
| 15 Laura & Jack Crescenzo | |
| 17 Irene & Mark Hanna | |

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6th Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Holy Communion

OT: Psalm 30

NT: Galatians 6: 7-16

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-16, 21-23

Sermon: "The Death of Superman"

20th Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

OT: Psalm 52

NT: Colossians 1: 15-28

Message Lesson: Acts 12: 11-17

Sermon Series: *Awkward First Impressions*

Sermon Title: Rhoda

13th Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

OT: Psalm 82

NT: Colossians 1: 1-14

Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

Sermon Series: *Awkward First Impressions*

Sermon Title: Zaccheus

27th Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

OT: Psalm 85

NT: Colossians 2: 6-19

Message Lesson: Esther 4: 10-14

Sermon Series: *Awkward First Impressions*

Sermon Title: Esther



Meet & Greet Our New Pastor and His Family

Sunday, July 27th • 11:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars to join us in Fellowship Hall and on the porch after the second worship service to celebrate Pastor Jonathan's first month with us as our new pastor. We want to take this opportunity to welcome him, his wife Megan, and their two children, Joanna & Wesley, to the Faith Church family.

There will be a light lunch provided: assorted slider sandwiches—pasta salads—veggies—fruit—beverages.

If you plan on attending, please place your name on the sign-up sheet, located on the Action Table, noting your name and how many are attending in your group. We want to make sure we prepare ample food and have enough beverages, tableware, and seating for those in attendance.

The deadline to sign up for the *Meet & Greet* is Sunday, July 13th.



*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

~ Proverbs 3: 5-6



"Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." (2 Corinthians 3: 1-3)

In the first century, itinerant preachers often carried letters of recommendation before entering a new area. The Apostle Paul wrote such letters, but seemingly did not carry them himself. Critics of Paul used this against him. Yet Paul writes here that he does not need letters, because the letters of recommendation for the Gospel are written on the hearts of believers.

This passage holds deeper meaning for me. When I was a seminary student, I served a church in Ada, Ohio. My grandfather served a church about 20 minutes away in the late 1970s/early 1980s. Someone in the church handed me a newspaper clipping of an article he had written for the local paper referencing this passage. My grandfather passed away in 2001, before I had even considered ministry. Here, he had written an article, perhaps even before I was born, that spoke to the legacy of faith he left for me and my children. Talk about a letter of recommendation!

You, Faith Global Methodist Church, have been writing your own letters. Pastor Ron's deep love for this church pours out in every conversation. His generosity (and Sarah's) in welcoming and accommodating my family is a wonderful letter of recommendation about their faith. Sue and the SPPRC have been quick and gracious in answering questions and making arrangements. Alisha, Julie, and Clint have all been wonderful resources. I know I have missed some names that probably should be listed! As Paul wrote, you yourselves are a letter, written on hearts, known and read by everyone.

While I sincerely appreciate the welcome, these "letters" you write with your hearts are far more important than the hospitality you show me. Our world features an overabundance of what John Wesley called, "Almost Christians." These are people that claim the name of Jesus, but do not have the Holy Spirit in their hearts. Through the welcome I have received, I see a church that desperately loves Jesus and wants to love and serve others. You are writing a letter on your hearts—a letter written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the Living God.

Thank you for your welcome and prayers. More importantly, I look forward to these letters we have written on our hearts continuing to transform Westmoreland County with the love of Christ.

Jonathan



Reminders from the Church Office



The church office will be closed Friday, July 4, 2025 in observance of Independence Day.

There will be a GUEST EDITOR for the August issue of the Faith Flyer.



From the Editor

Articles, notes of thanks, and information for the August newsletter should be submitted to the church office by the **deadline of Tuesday, July 15th.**

Visions & Dreams: Pizza & Salad on the Porch

Wednesday, July 23, 2025 • 5:30 p.m.

We will be displaying 6 different pizza choices from Fox's Pizza Den in Delmont for our third event of 2025. When you sign up, you will need to place a tally beside each flavor choice to indicate how many slices you would eat of each particular pizza choice. The tallies are going to determine what size and how many of each we will order. The choices will be: **Plain Cheese—Hawaiian—Pepperoni & Cheese—Deluxe—Veggie—Bacon Double Cheeseburger.** We will offer ice cream sandwiches for dessert, and provide an assortment of beverages. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, July 13th.

It is important that we have an accurate number so that we have enough tables, chairs, salad, pizza, beverages, and ice cream sandwiches for everyone.

If you have attended previous Visions & Dreams events, the same routines and advice for comfort hold. Donation jars will be available for your contributions toward our expenses. We plan to have the firepit operating for those who enjoy relaxing around the fire after dinner.



Any questions or desire to help should be directed to Joy Spang or Marcy Wagner, co-chairs of the Visions & Dreams Fellowship Group.

This sign-up sheet is available on the Action Table after June 8th.

Remaining 2025 Vision & Dreams Scheduled Events:

Wednesday, August 20 @ 6:30 p.m.

Ice Cream on the Porch

Thursday, September 25 @ 5:30 p.m.

Tacos & Trivia (in Fellowship Hall)

Listening

Submitted by Carrie Bortz, Prayer Point Person

I recently revisited a favorite book on prayer titled Lord, Teach Us to Pray, by Margie Burger. In a chapter on listening, Margie shares that it means, "to give ear, to hearken, to give heed." In the context of listening in prayer and learning to hear the voice of the Lord, she writes "one helpful amplified definition says that hearing involves the physical act of hearing with our ears, the mental activity of processing the sounds and understanding what is said in our minds, followed by the action of obeying what was heard in our lives. Hearing, understanding, and obeying is a full definition of listening. Since prayer is a conversation with God, listening is an important tool in our prayer life."

God speaks in a variety of ways: through Scripture—in our thoughts, visions and dreams, or spiritual pictures—through other people like spiritual leaders and friends—and sometimes in circumstances. In every case, spiritual discernment must be at work, and a close relationship with God is key to recognizing His voice.



INCLINE YOUR EAR,
AND COME TO ME;
HEAR, THAT YOUR
SOUL MAY LIVE.
ISAIAH 55:3, ESV

When I reread this chapter, it woke me up again. It reminded me that every part of my life belongs to the Lord – not just my prayer time and going-to-church. We each have the awesome opportunity to be in a close relationship with the God of all creation, and when we do, he will speak into our lives. We just need to listen!

DR. SEUSS IS ON THE LOOSE!

Submitted by Stacey Vincler

You're Invited to Our Dr. Seuss-Themed Vacation Bible Camp!

*Come one, come all, big kids and small.
To a VBC where we'll have a ball!
With stripes and hats and rhymes galore,
We'll learn of God and so much more!*

*This summer, join us for a Seussical celebration God's love!
From "Horton" to "Sam", and maybe the "Grinch",
We'll dive into stories that make our faith clinch!*

The Seussical Nonsense is on Saturday, July 19, 2025 from 12:30—5:00 p.m., followed by a picnic for all participants and their families. The bubble machine will make an appearance!

*We'll craft, we'll sing, we'll snack and play,
And grow in Jesus all day!
So bring your friends, bring your cheer,
We're counting down till VBC is here!*

Registration forms are below and on the Action Table. Please contact Stacey Vincler at slvincler@gmail.com with any questions or desire to volunteer.

***Dr. Seuss Is on the Loose!* • Vacation Bible Camp Registration Form**

Saturday, July 19, 2025 • 12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Return to the Church Office or VBC Coordinator Mailbox

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell # (optional) _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade in School _____

Allergies _____

Can your child's photo be used: On our website? _____ In our newsletter? _____

Other Information/Restrictions: _____

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 Mondays—Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Furniture donations may be scheduled online at FriendsThriftShop.com.

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

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

Volunteers Needed for Delmont Daze

Delmont Daze will take place on Saturday, August 2, 2025 from 11 a.m.—7 p.m. in the Delmont parklet on Greensburg Street in Delmont. This year's theme is "*Celebrating Salem Crossroads.*" Help is needed setting up the pop-up canopy on Friday evening, August 1st, and taking down the tent on Saturday evening. Volunteers are needed during the day on Saturday the 2nd to greet those who stop by our tent and to help with the craft activities. Since the kids liked last year's activities, we are going to use the same ideas.



If you are willing to help in any capacity, please reach out to Joy Spang.

A sign-up sheet will be on the Action Table in July for the times you can help on Saturday, August 2nd.

Loaves & 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 & 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.



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.



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 box 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.

Listed below are suggested items to help you when shopping to fill your shoebox.

TOYS

- Foam ball—hacky sack—tennis ball
- Etch-A-Sketch—Kaleidoscope
- Baseball—jump rope
- Yo-yo—building blocks—Slinky
- Small Frisbee—small kite
- Toy cars, truck, or boat
- Plastic dinosaurs, animals, or action figures

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

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

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles—magnets—card game
- 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
- Play-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—comb—toothbrush
- 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
- Reusable eating utensils
- 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—gum—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

Faith Church's "Five by Five" Program

Submitted by Ed Washburn

The opportunity to participate in the **"Five by Five"** is an option anytime. "Five by Five" envelopes are in the pews and also available on the Action Table in the Gathering Area. Just place your name—envelope number—and dollar amount on the special envelope. "Five by Five" donations provide support when there is a financial emergency or financial assistance is requested. You can place cash or a check payable to *Faith Global Methodist Church* in the envelope and drop it in with your offering. Our Finance Committee has an account for these "Five by Five" donations. "Five by Five" supports our pastor's efforts to help a church member when a financial emergency occurs and a request for help is made. In addition, if someone outside of our Faith family contacted the church and asked the pastor for help, our pastor would make the decision to help and how much, using the "Five by Five" funds available.

You will notice **"First Responders"** listed on the Five by Five envelopes. The "First Responders" program is *separate and for more dramatic emergencies when more substantial assistance may be needed*. This opportunity for assistance is open not only to our Faith family but to residents of Delmont and the surrounding communities. If you wish to be contacted when such an emergency arises, please email your desire to our church office at faithchurch@faithdelmont.org. You will be placed on a list to be contacted for a possible donation, if able, of \$50 (minimum) to provide financial support from Faith Church. We continue to need more people to sign up to be part of the goal of 50 "First Responders." The only obligation of having your name on this list is when a need arises and the First Responders choose to participate. This is our church's way to help that the Five by Five fund would not be able to finance.



If you have any questions about either of these opportunities to help our neighbors in need or our own Faith Church members experiencing financial need, please contact Ed Washburn at turfed15626@gmail.com or by phone at 724-396-1414.

2025 OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

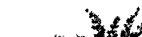
Submitted by Joy Spang, Outreach facilitator



- **June:** Donate items for the Blackburn Center
- Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- **July:** Donate items for the Blackburn Center
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- Donate desserts for Delmont's Meals on Wheels
- **August:** Donate items for the Blackburn Center
- Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- Participate in Delmont Daze, a community event (8/2/2025)
- **September:** Donate items for College and Military Care Boxes
- Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- **October:** Bring in your packed Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (no later than 10/5/25)
- 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 (10/20/2025)
- 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

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.



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



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We thank *Clint Stevenson*, our church caretaker, for all his hard work and dedication to his job. May 9th was his 9 year anniversary of employment at Faith Church. His efforts contribute to the warmth and welcoming atmosphere at our church.

This was an especially busy year with so much work being done to the parsonage under the watchful eyes of the Trustees, of which Clint is the chairperson.



“You are the *strongest* person that I know.” “What doesn’t kill you makes you *stronger*.” “Stay *strong*.”

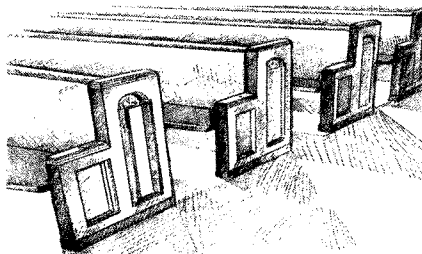
We tend to throw the words *strong* around as if we know what it means, just like the word *hope*.

“I *hope* things work out for you.” “I *hope* you have a good day.” “She has high *hopes*.”

Our hope, as Christians, is grounded in Jesus. Our hope in Jesus is strong regardless of the circumstances. Jesus is the connection between hope and strength. What makes us strong is that we have hope in Someone who is greater than ourselves: the One who has overcome the world.

! ~ Gwen Ford Faulkenberry, Mornings With Jesus

Whether we are moving to a new place, a new job, a new school, or reordering our life, we have the assurance that God is with us. And knowing that gives us courage to move forward. May we cast our cares upon the LORD, especially during times of change and transition. Let God be our guide. ~ *Martha Knobel Maxham, The Upper Room*



A VIEW FROM THE PEW

By Barb Hilty

Psssst. –

On Good Friday 2024, I was working hurriedly in the kitchen to prep our Easter turkey. Our Saturday was booked to the hilt with other plans, so by having the entrée and most of the sides done ahead of time, I'd only have to warm everything in the oven on Easter and have a much less harried day with the family. As I prepared the meal, I'd been watching the clock because Mr. Hilty had set our departure for the church at 5 PM to allow him to get all in order for the Tenebrae Service that evening. I was relieved that by mid-afternoon the turkey was carved and in the refrigerator with the stuffing and gravy. I would have barely enough time to shower and throw some dinner together.

Just one more thing to do: I ran over to the pantry to get a Ziploc bag in which to freeze the turkey carcass (makes good soup!). As I yanked the bag from the top shelf, my elbow came down on the release handle of the fire extinguisher mounted on the inside pantry wall. Then I heard IT: Psssssst. *Oh, no No NO NO!!*

I ran outside where Dave was relaxing in a lawn chair after having mowed the yard. In a frenzy I incoherently tried to report what had happened. And... He calmly turned his head to look at me, questioned my urgency, and then slowly got up and ambled through the garage. By the time we opened the door to the kitchen, there was a light fog filling the room, and he (truly!) asked, "Are you sure it discharged?" My mind screamed: *WHAT?! Don't you see the mist falling on everything?!?!?*

Dave got the leaking fire extinguisher off its bracket and took it away. Not only did half the kitchen now have a dusting of powder, so did every single can, box, packet, etc. of food on the pantry shelves. And it was 3 PM.

I didn't know where to start the clean-up, but I certainly didn't want that powder tracked everywhere else in the clean ready-for-company house. To ease my panic, Dave's suggestion was this: "Shut the pantry doors and I'll take care of it tomorrow." Say, what?! I was waiting for him to quip – à la the Wizard of Oz - "Pay no attention to what's behind the doors." At least he wisely didn't ask, "What's for supper?"

When it comes to things of faith, I wish I could say that I respond with the same urgency whenever I hear a "psssst" from the Holy Spirit. But how often do I just amble around and don't take immediate action after getting a nudge from above. The excellent study Pastor Ron led this past Lent on R. A. Torey's book, *The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit* taught me – among many other things – that the power and work of the Holy Spirit graciously points out our mis-steps and also alerts us to avoid certain situations. The Spirit wishes to keep us from doing wrong, urging us, as well, to respond in righteous ways so that we are **Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith** and bring Him glory.

The way I see it, if it's important enough for my heavenly Father to get my attention, it would be best if I didn't ignore any psssst He sends my way. If I hadn't reacted to the sound of the discharging fire extinguisher, the fallout could have been so much worse. When the Holy Spirit convicts us, we are wise to not delay to confess and repent our sin; otherwise the dirt just gets worse. Our merciful Savior is ready to wipe away all the dusty residue we've accumulated in our defiant or careless behavior. God's desire is that we accept Jesus' powerful work to clean up even those things we hide behind closed doors. Then we can truly enjoy a restored ready-for-company relationship with Him.



I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
Psalms 32:8

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:9

Birthday Blessings



July



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| 3 Bryleigh Nixdorf | 8 Maegan Kochasic
Karen Morris
Jordan White | 16 Julie Lewis
Patty Thomas | 25 Laura Crescenzo
George Stevenson |
| 4 Cassidy Glunt
Linda Loughner
Loren Rivers | 9 Sharon Bronson
Chip Glunt | 17 Judy Ernst | 26 William Hobaugh
Jean Thom |
| 5 Jonathan Burkhart
Lindsay Kotchey | 11 Russell Fair
Ronald Schindler | 18 Gina Biltz | 31 Ron Spinelli |
| 6 Roger Coldren | 13 Trent Patrick
Russell Wolfgang | 23 Sarah Raptosh | |
| 7 Joan Nellis
William Thurston | | 24 Emogene Blair
Brenda Keenan | |

July Anniversaries



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| 2 Heather & Russell Wolfgang | 21 Amiee & Jesse Emanuele |
| 3 Debbie & John Behun | 25 Marsha & Robert Fyock |
| 6 Jacquelyn & David Shaw | 30 Kathy & Cliff Kosmatine |
| 7 Gloria & Bob Whitesel | 31 Carol & Mike Fabrizi
Janine & Chip Glunt |
| 8 Gayle & Michael Kochasic | |
| 16 Patty & Howard Thomas | |

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



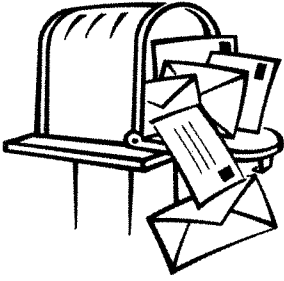
Daily Prayer Chain Procedures

Faith UMC 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.

Church Mailbox



Dear Members & Friends at Faith GMC,

I want to give you all an update: My surgery in January turned into 2 surgeries in 5 days. The first vein did not work, so the doctors had to harvest a second vein that did work. I stayed at Vanderbilt Medical Center for 2 weeks where my surgeon from Cleveland Clinic had transferred. It took about 2 months for my recovery and on 4/28/25 I was deemed healed of all 4 wound sites and released. I continued with physical therapy 2 days a week.

I send my kind regards to all of you for the prayers, good wishes, cards, and prayer shawl from the congregation. There is power in prayer. The doctors finally solved the problem.

Thank you for all of the years of prayer and support.
With my sincere appreciation.

Mindy Shaw

Dear Faith Church Family,

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we extend our appreciation to Pastor Ron and our entire church family for your prayers, concerns, and love.

Pastor Ron and the church have been with us throughout the journey with our beloved Marissa and all her health issues, from her heart transplant to her kidney surgery.

We held your prayers close to our hearts. Your kind words of support and encouragement helped us through many very difficult days.

Marissa was a bright and beautiful light in our lives and in the lives of many others. Her light still continues to shine.

God bless you all and thank you.

The Lewis, Konrad, and Cobes Families

My Dear Faith Family,

It seems like "forever" since I've been able to worship with you all...until just recently. What a joy it was to finally be IN church!

I want to thank you so much for helping me along the way through your love, prayers, many cards, phone calls, texts...

Many thanks, also, to the Caring Hearts & Hands Ministry for the wonderful meals. What a life saver/savor the meals were to my cousin, Linda, (when she was with me) and me! What good cooks you are!!

And...Pastor Ron: your prayers, uplifting words, and visits that allowed me to have communion at home meant the world to me. Thank you!! What blessings!

With my love and gratitude,

Barb Kaufman

Faith Church,

Thank you! Thank you for making me "the member to remember" a number of times. Thank you also for the many cards I have enjoyed receiving. I love getting cards!

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Being remembered is very special!

Donna Earnest

Things That Can & Can't Be Shaken

Dr. Charles F. Stanley, intouch.org

The ground may not physically move, but the Lord is certainly doing some shaking. Political alliances, financial systems, and ethical standards are all being allowed to wobble. We are seeing the flimsiness and decay of structures upon which we've based our national pride and hope. Even personal lives are not immune to shock waves. Families are in crisis, and many marriages are buckling. Sadly, people have too often built lives on the weak cornerstones of their human wisdom, goodness, and ingenuity. But there is only one secure foundation: Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3: 11)

God always has a purpose for allowing upheaval in His ordered creation. Among other things, He is shaking the church out of apathy and self-focus, reminding us not to trust in the temporary structures of this world. Rather, we are to rest upon the firm foundation of God's steadfast love and salvation.

As the Lord's ambassadors on earth—and the only ones standing on firm ground—we have a responsibility to offer real hope to those whose foundation is unstable. No job, government, or even religion can give a person long-term security. A relationship with Christ is the only lasting refuge.

Scripture says that the Lord is sovereign over all things. (Psalm 103: 19) He has the power to change our lives. We can't allow outside influences to affect our trust in Jesus Christ. His power does not ebb and flow along with our confidence in Him. Regardless of how we feel, God is always in control.

Experiencing God

Being God's Servant

Henry T. Blackaby & Claude V. King, pp. 24-25, 29-30

To be involved in God's work, you must be a servant. Many Scripture passages describe Jesus as God's Servant. He came as a servant to accomplish God's will in the redemption of humanity. God wants to work through His servants. God wants you to allow Him to mold and shape you into the instrument of His choosing. Then He can take your life and put it where He wills and work through it to accomplish His purposes. God will look for and reward faithfulness, whether the person has been given responsibility for little or much.

The call to salvation is a call to be on mission with God as He reconciles a lost world to Himself through Christ. This calling requires that you be a servant of God. Jesus gave you the best model of servanthood which was being both humble and obedient. As a servant, you must be moldable and remain available for the Master's use.

Even though you may consider yourself to be an ordinary person, God will prepare you, and then He will do His work through you, revealing Himself to a watching world.



The Purpose Driven Life

Rick Warren, p.174-175

We must cooperate with the Holy Spirit's work. The Holy Spirit releases His power the moment you take a step of faith. Obedience unlocks God's power. God waits for you to act first. Don't wait to feel powerful or confident. Move ahead in your weakness, doing the right thing in spite of your fears and feelings. This is how you cooperate with the Holy Spirit, and it is how your character develops.

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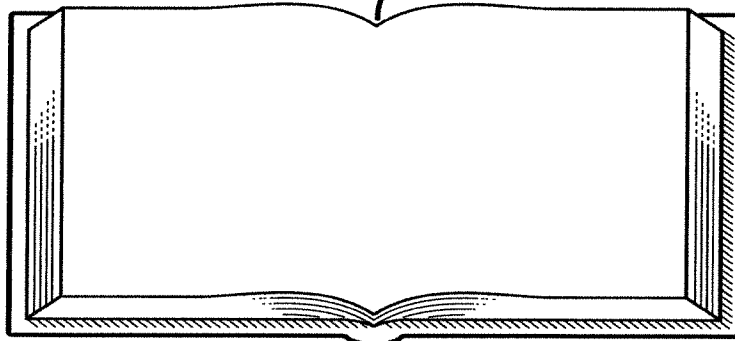
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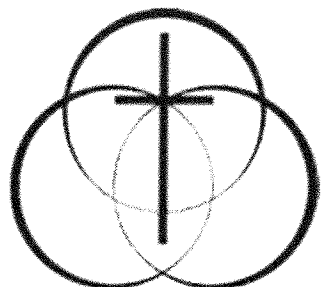
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The Faith Flyer

Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith

Dear God, thank you for being with us on our journey.

Help us through the challenges we face.

Teach us how to wait with patience and hope.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

~ Joshua 1: 9 NIV

We are each faced with a choice:

Do I succumb to fear or do I trust the promise that I can do all things with God's help?

~ The Upper Room