



The Faith Flyer

Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. • Sanctuary & Drive-in • Live stream of 10:30 a.m. service
 Sunday School for all ages: 9:00 a.m. • Follow us on social media.

Pastor - Reverend Dr. Jonathan Hanover

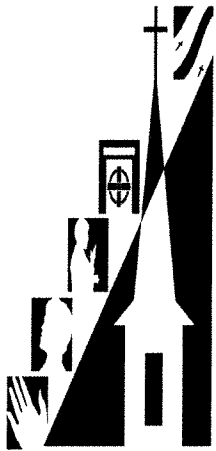
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October 2025 Worship at a Glance



5th Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

OT: Psalm 37

NT: 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Message Lesson: Jude 3-4, 17-23

Sermon Series: *Who We Are*

Sermon Title: Faith

12th Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

OT: Psalm 66

NT: 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Message Lesson: Acts 10: 34-45

Sermon Series: *Who We Are*

Sermon Title: Global

19th Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

OT: Psalm 121

NT: 2 Timothy 3: 14—4: 5

Message Lesson: Matthew 5: 43-48

Sermon Series: *Who We Are*

Sermon Title: Methodist

26th Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

OT: Psalm 65

NT: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Message Lesson: 1 Peter 2: 9-10

Sermon Series: *Who We Are*

Sermon Title: Church

2025 Fall Bible Study at Faith GMC • Seven Mondays at 7 p.m.

The Imitation of Christ by Thomas A. Kempis

Submitted by Pastor Jonathan

In the mid-15th century, a relatively unknown monastic cleric, at the urging of others around him, published a four-book compilation of his devotional thoughts about what it meant to follow Christ and live in a Christian monastic community. It was published anonymously, while focusing on withdrawing from ego and worldly acclaim and truly following Christ in your heart.

The book was an instant hit. Thomas More, Ignatius of Loyola, and Thomas Merton—respected 15th through 17th centuries historical figures with different vocation and spheres of influence—admired Kempis' book. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, carried it with him at all times.

Is this book for us? The book challenges us to remember that at the end of our lives, what matters is not our human accomplishments, but did we chase after Christ in our hearts. I hope that you will join us in October and November for our study! The books are \$5 and available from the church office. The reading plan is set up to be read usually one chapter per day, similar to a devotional.

October 13: We will discuss the book and read Book 1, chapters 1-4 together. (There is nothing to read ahead of time.)

October 20: Book 1, Chapters 5-11

November 10: Book 2, Chapters 1-6

October 27: Book 1, Chapters 12-18

November 17: Book 2, Chapters 7-12

November 3: Book 1, Chapters 19-25

November 24: Book 4, Chapters 1-18

(We will not be discussing Book 3 during our study)



Dear Friends,

This morning, I read an interview from a popular Christian author. This author has sold many books, mostly to more progressive Christian women. In fairness, I have not read a single book by the author. Yet that is not why I read the interview. I read the interview, because the author revealed she has not been part of a church for years and will likely never attend church again. She laid out her reasons, which I could have guessed before I read the article. The author declared that she still believes and follows Jesus, but she does not want anything to do with the church.

I do not know the author personally. I also do not disagree that churches can be very imperfect, sometimes even hurtful institutions. Churches are full of imperfect people who do not always embody the faith we are called to live. Yet I found myself heartbroken for this author, for this reason: if she thinks she can follow Jesus outside of the church, she does not know Jesus.

The church is not an unintended side effect of Jesus' teaching. The church was always plan A. Jesus chose his disciples to found the church (hence why he changed Simon's name to Peter, since he was the rock on which Jesus would build the church). Jesus described the church as his bride. He gave his life for his church. To say you follow Jesus but you want nothing to do with the church misses the entire point of Jesus' ministry.

We are not perfect at Faith Global Methodist Church. I am not a perfect pastor. We make mistakes. We have likely unintentionally hurt people. We have not lived into our faith. We are still being perfected by Christ. Sometimes, we are hypocrites. (Side note: When someone says they don't go to church because it is full of hypocrites, my favorite response is: "Wrong. We have plenty of space for more hypocrites to meet Jesus.") I don't support the church because it is perfect. I support the church because it is the bride of Christ.

In the next few years, things will inevitably change, simply because the world around us is changing. As we try to develop a new vision and new ministries, not all of them may be "our" things. They may not be directed at us or "feed" us. We may be tempted to withdraw from some of the things happening, because they are not our preference or working for us. That is missing the point. We are not part of the church because it is perfect or suited for us. We are the church because we are called by Jesus to be the church.

Be the church.

Pastor Jonathan



Sunday, October 26th • 4 p.m.



Pastor Jonathan will be available to provide God's blessings on the animals and pets in your family's household beginning at 4 p.m. on October 26th. Meet in the church parking lot next to the entrance to Fellowship Hall with your pets for this special blessing.

Church Charge Conference

Sunday, October 12, 2025
3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Conducted by our Presiding Elder, the Rev. Chris Livermore.



TRUNK OR TREAT!

Saturday, October 18th • 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

Invite your families, friends, and neighbors to our second annual Trunk or Treat that is held in our church parking lot.

We are looking for folks to decorate their car trunks, trucks, or vans with a Fall or Halloween theme.

You would also hand out treats or have your treats in a container from which the participating children who visit your vehicle can select.

This is a fun and safe way for children to dress up in their costumes and receive treats. Not only is this a free event, but so are the hotdogs, snack, and a drink available free to all who attend.

Are you unable to decorate a trunk but still want to help? We are looking for donations of candy and other treats to help the folks that are decorating their trunks.

If you are having trouble deciding how to decorate your vehicle, we also can assist with lots of ideas to help get you started. You are welcome to come & just hang out; there is certain to be a space for you to help.

A sign-up sheet can be found on the Action Table. You can call, text, or see us in church with your questions. *Shirleen & Larry Johnston* at 724-244-4525.



Packing of the Care Boxes for our college students and active military service members will take place on Sunday, October 5th at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please come and lend a helping hand.

2025 Bible Sunday Recipients

On Sunday, September 21, during the second worship service, five Faith Church Sunday School participants were awarded New Revised Standard Version Children's Bibles with illustrations and maps. All children in our *Foundations of Faith* Sunday School Class and any older registered student who hadn't previously received a Bible were eligible to be presented a copy of God's Word in memory of the Rev. Mr. & Mrs. Stephen & Louise Cupcheck.



Those students who accepted this gift on Bible Sunday were: *Miranda Dell—Domenic Emanuele—McKenna Fensch—Wesley Hanover—Lily Nemet.*



Yvonne Taczak shared the good news that she is a new great-grandmother as of Friday, September 12th. Her daughter, Gretchen, who resides in North Carolina, gave birth to twins, Cameron (5 lb. 7 oz.) and Chloe (7 lb. 4 oz.). Yvonne, who recently moved to Florida, is proud to have 4 children, 4 grandchildren, and now 4 great-grandchildren.



Updates From the Worship Ministry Team

Submitted by Karen Morris, Chair

Ushers Needed

We are in need of additional ushers for the second worship service as well as for funerals. Since social distancing is no longer in effect, we need more trained ushers. If you are interested in helping for either the 2nd worship service and/or funerals, please speak with Karen Morris or contact her at karenlmorris61@gmail.com or at 724-600-9597.

Nursery Clean-Up

The nursery has been cleaned and the toys purged (Thank you Tabitha Circle for your help.) with plans to restock with new items. The Worship Ministry Team wants children and grandchildren 3 years & younger to feel comfortable using our church's nursery.



Seeking Entertainment During the Pilgrimage



We are looking for entertainment in the church sanctuary for the two nights (December 6 & 7) of the Delmont Community Pilgrimage. If you have a talent that you would be willing to share with those who pass through our church or know of someone/group who does, please let Karen Morris know.

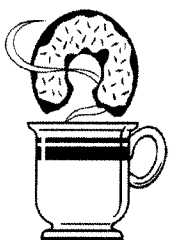
In the past, the people who came through our church really enjoyed sitting in our sanctuary that would be beautifully decorated for Christmas, and they appreciated the entertainment provided. Please note that no one would be expected to perform the entire evening. karenlmorris61@gmail.com or 724-600-9597

Sunday Morning Coffee & Fellowship Hour

9-10 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

Faith members, friends, and visitors are encouraged to join the group that gathers together to share news, joys, and concerns. Why should you consider stopping by?

- Grab a hot coffee, tea, or hot chocolate.
- Enjoy tasty treats
- Visit with new & old friends.
- You arrived early for the 2nd service.
- You are hungry & thirsty after the 1st service & would appreciate a pastry.
- You have dropped off your child for Sunday School.



We continue to extend the invitation to bakers to consider sharing a favorite recipe with the Coffee & Fellowship Hour participants who meet together each Sunday morning 9-10 a.m. to enjoy fellowship in the social hall. If you want to contribute but don't wish to bake—purchase something tasty to share so that we can continue to enjoy a variety of yummy treats.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall. Any questions may be directed to Karen Morris.

Pastor Appreciation Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, November 9, 2025 • 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by Sue Sonafelt, SPPRC Chair

We will formally show our appreciation to Pastor Jonathan on Sunday, November 9th after the second worship service. You are encouraged to always lift Pastor Jonathan and his wife, Megan, and children, Joanna & Wesley, in your daily prayers. Consider offering your random acts of kindness and support in various and creative ways throughout October and culminating with the potluck luncheon on November 9th.

Bring your favorite dish to share, and join us for an afternoon of fellowship and celebration. Beverages will be provided. In order to assure a variety, we are suggesting that if your last name starts with the following:

- A-G:** Bring a cold side dish or salad.
- H-N:** Bring a main dish or casserole.
- O-S:** Bring a dessert
- T-Z:** Bring a hot side dish.



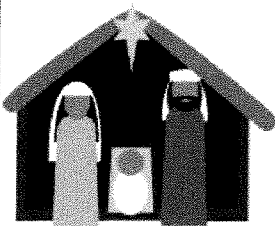
We will have an open mic if you would like to share a brief word of encouragement, a funny story, a praise report, or any moment that illustrates how much you appreciate Pastor Jonathan.

Please join us after the second worship service as we honor our pastor.



2025 Delmont Pilgrimage & Faith GMC's Role

Submitted by Joann Emanuele, Kitchen Ministries chair & Pilgrimage representative



This year, the Delmont Pilgrimage marks 53 years of bringing the Christmas story to visitors on the first weekend of December. The 2025 Delmont Pilgrimage will be held on **Saturday, December 6th from 5-9 p.m. & Sunday, December 7th from 5-8 p.m.** (Additionally, a child-friendly "Pilgrimage Junior" event is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 7th, from 3-5 p.m.) Since Faith Global Methodist Church will take an active part in the Pilgrimage from 5-8 p.m., we will need many helping hands throughout the church during Saturday & Sunday.

We will need help in the parking lot to help direct traffic since we are one of three spots to board a shuttle bus to the Shields Farm property where separate vignettes tell the Bible story of Mary's and Joseph's journey to Nazareth. We will need people to greet visitors as they get off the buses and enter our church.

Kitchen help throughout the weekend will be needed: prep work—evening cooks—servers on the food line—dining room help—clean-up crew.

Please consider being an active participant in this ministry to our community and visitors. It takes ALL of our efforts, time, talents, encouragement, and support to make this special weekend a success.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES!

Submitted by Barb Hilty & Linda Loughner

Sunday School at Faith Global Methodist Church got off to a great start in September with excitement in all the classes. You could tell everyone was glad to be back with their friends at Faith.

We're thanking God for answered prayer that we have a full complement of teachers and helpers in all classes. We're grateful that persons responded to the Holy Spirit's tug on their hearts to make a difference in young lives. Here's the full listing of the volunteers in our organized Sunday School classes:

- The First Steps of Faith class (toddlers through kindergarten) is guided by Gina Biltz, Stacey Vindler, Julie Kovacs, and Holly Kwaczala. They meet in the Isaac Room on the first floor.
- The Foundations of Faith class (grades 1 through 3) has Charlene Schroder and Linda Sopcak as teachers. They meet in the Sarah Room on the first floor.
- The Builders of Faith (grades 4 through 6) have Megan Hanover and Joann Emanuele leading them. They meet in the Daniel Room on the second floor.
- The Explorers of Faith (grades 7 through 12) are led by Lynn Pyle and Bev Fensch and meet in the Upper Room on the second floor.
- The Confirmation Class (for youth in grade 7 to 18 years of age) is taught by Pastor Jonathan with an assistant. Registered students have been contacted, and the meeting place and time is being determined.
- The Beacons of Faith class (for adults) has Barb Hilty as the group leader and meets in the Moses Room on the first floor.
- The S.A.L.T. Class (for adults) is taught by Marilyn Hults and Carrie Bortz and meets in the Conference Room on the first floor.

Faith Church also has a number of persons willing to fill in when a class leader is absent. We're grateful for these substitutes: *Lori Martz, Lisa & Nick Popovich, Linda Loughner, Amy Boe, and Dave Morris*. We are also grateful for our Attendance Steward, *Karen Morris*, who collects class offerings and keeps track of attendance.

We ask for your prayers for these folks, for the Sunday School ministry, and for other informal groups which are meeting to study and discuss Scripture. May we eagerly read God's Word, learn about His gracious character, be encouraged on our path to holiness, and be ever ready for *Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith*.

Reminder to all: Sunday School classes begin at 9:00 AM and dismiss at 10:00 AM. It's an hour truly blessed! Students must arrive prior to 9:15 AM for recorded attendance.

Hope to see you there!

Faith GMC Seeks Members for a YOUTH CHOIR

Submitted by Holly Kwaczala, Choir Director

We want to launch a youth choir. This is a great opportunity for our young people in grades 1st—8th to come together and share special music. There is a sign-up sheet on the Action Table for anyone interested in being a part of this new venture. More details will come once we see how many of our children and youth are interested.



Monthly Saturday Prayer Group at Faith GMC October 4th at 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.



New participants are welcome to join the small group that meets together on the first Saturday of each month in the first room to the right when you enter the Narthex using the front doors. This is a time of fellowship where joys & concerns are shared and lifted up in prayer. Carrie Bortz facilitates the meeting, but the goal is for the Holy Spirit to be present and guide the group in intercessory prayer.

Hope in the Midst of Tragedy

Submitted by Carrie Bortz, FGMC Prayer Point Person

As I write this on Friday September 12, the weight of events of the past few weeks are very present in my thoughts. Violence seems to dominate every news cycle—another school shooting, a subway murder, and a shocking assassination. Yesterday many gathered around the country to honor those lost in the attacks on September 11, 2001. At my workplace, a colleague shared an old photo of a young man, a family member, who lost his life at the Pentagon that day. In moments like these, I believe God welcomes our questions. When we choose to trust in Him and in His word, and when we take time to look for signs of His presence—even in the darkest circumstances—we can find hope.

Genesis 50: 20 reminds us: *“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”* Joseph spoke these words to his brothers, assuring them that God had transformed their harmful actions into a means of salvation for many. This can be our prayer too - that God would use these painful events to bring about good in our lives, our communities, our nation, and our world.

I recently heard an interview with two members of Congress - politicians from opposite sides of the aisle who disagree on many issues. But (Isn't it beautiful how God often works in the “but” moments?) they shared that they are also good friends. Each week, they gather with other men and women in Congress to pray. What a praise and powerful reminder that even in places of division, God is at work, drawing people together in prayer.

As we continue to navigate difficult news and uncertain times, may we hold fast to the truth that God is near. He is not distant from our pain. He is present, working through even the darkest moments to bring light, healing, and hope.

Let us always look to see how God is moving, and as Paul said, *“pray continually”* - for our pastor and church, our community, nation, the world, and for one another.



Faith Choir

Submitted by Holly Kwaczala, Choir Director



**SING PRAISES
to the LORD**
Psalm 30:4

What a blessing to witness the growth in participation in the Faith Choir! While the numbers may be increasing, there is always room for additional singers in our Faith Choir. We continue to meet every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. and sing during the second worship service. The choir is rehearsing anthems from different composers and a broad range of genres aimed at enhancing the communal experience during worship.

The 2025-2026 Faith GMC Confirmation Class

Submitted by Pastor Jonathan

We will be studying the catechism of the Global Methodist Church in the class that I will be teaching. What is the catechism? Traditionally, those wanting to become Christians studied a catechism, which was a collection of questions and answers that taught the basic faith. In the Global Methodist Church, we are seeking to reclaim this tradition. In our Confirmation class, students will work through these questions to learn what we believe and why. At the end of the class, students will have an opportunity to take the vows and join Faith Global Methodist Church.



Catechism

Faith Global Methodist Men's Group

"Faith Warriors"

Submitted by Jim McMahon

**MEN'S
GROUP**

The *Faith Warriors* continue to meet weekly, on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. New participants are always welcome. We encourage men to further their walk with God, and we hope that we provide a setting that encourages accountability, openness, discussion, and fellowship.

We began an 8-week study this Fall on *Psalms* from Seedbed. This eight-session study guide and streaming video encourages us to experience the book that speaks for us.

The *Faith Warriors* are open to offering a helping hand to persons or groups that request help. You may contact Jim McMahon at 412-260-8747.

Faith GMC & Kitchen Ministries,

On behalf of Murrysville Christian Concern, Inc. (operating as Friends Thrift Shop), I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,500 toward our social service ministry.

Your contribution makes it possible for us to continue serving our community through our thrift store, social service assistance program, vocational scholarship, emergency food pantry, monthly community dinners, and our new Community Outreach Center.

During the past year, we have given more than \$195,000 in assistance and served over 3,600 meals to our neighbors. It is our hope to exceed that amount in 2025. This is only made possible by contributions from thoughtful donors, such as yourself.

Thank you, again, for your support!

Daniel Plance, Executive Director
5756 Kennedy Avenue
Export, PA 15632

NOTE: This donation was part of the money earned during our 2025 Fish Fries and distributed to area organizations & charities.

Tabitha Circle Meeting

Saturday, October 11th • 10 a.m.– noon



During our October meeting, we will prep ingredients for the pumpkin rolls. The mixing and baking of pumpkin cream cheese rolls will take place on Saturday, November 15th beginning at 8 a.m. Additional help will be needed that Saturday.

The Tabitha Circle is accepting donations of new and gently-used items to sell at their table during the Delmont Pilgrimage. These items do not have to be Christmas-themed. Also consider donating crafts—toys—knick knacks—decorative plates & dishes—pins—jewelry—trivets—etc. All funds raised from the sales during the Pilgrimage go to missions.



LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL DESSERT FOR THANKSGIVING?



The Tabitha Circle will be making pumpkin cream cheese rolls ready for pick-up on Sunday, November 16th between 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Orders need to be received by Sunday, November 9th. The order form is below and also available on the Action Table. Each roll is approximately 6-7 inches long. Cost is \$7.00 per roll. (The rolls also freeze well so that you can enjoy a slice later!)

2025 Pumpkin Cream Cheese Rolls

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Place your order by Sunday, November 9th. • Pick up on Sunday, November 16th

Pumpkin Cream Cheese Roll (\$7.00 each; 6-7 inches long)

Quantity _____ x \$7.00 each = Total \$ _____

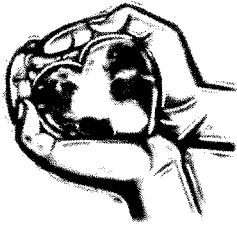
Return this form WITH your payment (cash preferred) to one of the following: Sue Sonafelt—Helen Collier—Patty Thomas—Marcy Wagner—Joyce Pass—Irene Hanna—Joy Spang—Joann Emanuele

Please prepay. Exact cash preferred. If you are paying by check, please make your check payable to “Faith GMC—Tabitha Circle”.

As part of our fundraising to support the Tabitha Circle’s chosen missions, we bake.

In 2025, the Tabitha Circle supported Murrys ville Christian Concern (MC2) and the Loaves & Fishes Emergency Food Pantry with monetary donations. Our circle purchased winter coats for the Delmont Food Pantry—additional food for the Westmoreland Food Bank Grab & Go—winter socks for the Friends Thrift Shop to hand out at the November Coat Give-Away.

FYI— The Tabitha Circle will be baking cookies in December.
The Christmas cookies order form will be in November’s Faith Flyer.



Christian Outreach Opportunities

Submitted by Joy Spang, Outreach Facilitator

"Grab & Go" Operation Fresh Express Monday, October 20, 2025

Faith Church volunteers will be directing traffic, handing out boxes of food, and monitoring inside the church building by the restrooms. This is a drive-thru event in our church parking lot. The clients remain in their vehicles as the volunteer workers place the boxes of food in their cars.



Parking attendants should arrive by 2 p.m. because many of the clients arrive early in order to get in line. All other volunteers should arrive by 3 p.m. and park on the grass to the left of Dollman Way. Dress for the weather; it is held outdoors rain or shine.

Check the sign-up sheet on the Action Table in the Gathering Area to see if additional volunteers are still needed.

Collecting Socks for the Needy in October

Faith Church has the opportunity to help the homeless by donating socks for men, women, and children. You may be surprised to learn that **socks are the least donated clothing item and yet the most in demand for the needy**. Homeless people often will receive items of food, but very rarely do they receive socks.

There's a lot of different ways that you can hand out socks. Consider carrying a couple of pairs in your purse, in your briefcase, or in your glove box for when you're at a red light or at an exit ramp where there's a homeless person. Take that awkward moment and turn it into something beautiful by handing the homeless person some socks.

"What kind of socks?" With cold weather approaching, heavy winter socks are excellent; for example, hunting socks. Crew socks are also perfect. Don't worry about the color, but don't buy no-shows, tube, or ankle socks.



Throughout the month of October, Faith Church will be accepting donations of socks that will be donated to local agencies. Homelessness, unfortunately, covers all ages.

Some facts about socks & feet:

- ♦ In cold enough conditions, frostbite can occur in 30 minutes or less. Warm, well-fitting socks can prevent this for many people.
- ♦ Moisture-wicking socks are especially important for those facing the summer heat and humidity. They can help prevent infections and blisters.
- ♦ Bacteria and fungi thrive in warm, moist environments. Clean, dry socks can go a long way to avoiding foot infections.
- ♦ Clean, well-fitting socks can be just as important as medication or insulin for those that deal with diabetes.

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 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Furniture donations can be scheduled online at 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.

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MC2 offers a free dine-in or 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 at the "**Friends Kitchen Community Meal**" is not based on economic need.

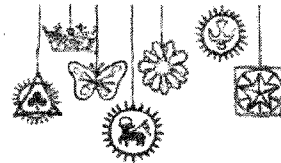
The menu on Wednesday, October 1st is
homemade chili—cornbread—Fritos—cookie

Christmas Breakfast Bags for the Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry

Our church has been supplying breakfast food bags for the grateful patrons of the Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry for over 19 years. Reusable bags will be available at the church, or you may provide your own reusable bag. **Our goal this year is 204 bags.** We ask each family that has a child in Sunday School and the members of our congregation to contribute to this worthy cause.

Each reusable bag should contain the following items:

- ♦ 1 box of dry cereal (18 ounces or greater) OR pancake mix (add water only) + syrup
- ♦ 2 cans of fruit
- ♦ 1 non-breakable jar of jelly or jam
- ♦ 1 box of instant hot chocolate
- ♦ 1 box of muffin or coffee cake mix
- ♦ 1 non-breakable Christmas ornament
- ♦ 1 Christmas card that is signed by you



(This shopping list will be placed in each reusable bag obtained at the church for your convenience.)

Return your filled breakfast bags to the church by Sunday, November 30th.



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.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Collection Is Almost Over!

This year YOU, again, decided the age and gender of the child or children for which you were packing. Shoeboxes are still 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 & mitt
- Yo-yo—building blocks—Slinky
- Small Frisbee—small kite
- Toy cars, truck, or boat
- Plastic dinosaurs, animals, or action figures

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Clothing
- 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
- 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
- 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: candy—toothpaste—bar soap—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

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—
jars of spaghetti sauce—macaroni & cheese box mixes—spices.**

There is a collection bin located in the church's Gathering Area for your donations.

Offer the Gift of Sight

Did you know that since 1925, Lions International has been a champion in helping combat vision impairment and blindness? 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 in the Gathering Area of Faith Church.

Faith Church's Caring Hearts & Hands Ministry



Our Peter Room chest freezer continues to be stocked with main meals, soups, and desserts. We, at Faith Church, want to share God's compassion through the offering of prepared meals to our Faith members, their families, friends, and neighbors who could benefit from some meal help during illness or recovery.

A list is posted on the chest freezer in the room with the ice maker that names the types of soups and main dishes available. Please note the food items you removed to create your own bag for a friend or family member. We want to try to be certain to always have an ample supply and variety available.

Thanks to everyone who helps us keep the freezer filled with an abundant selection of meal choices.

Any questions may be directed to Cindy Plance or Marcy Wagner.

Prayer Shawl Ministry at Faith GMC

Submitted by Cindy Plance & Mary Schindler

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

We can still use 3 ft. x 3 ft. lap blankets made in the design and color of your choice.

A *special thanks* is extended to Nancy Murtland who crocheted 20 lap blankets. Su Iwanicki delivered them to the William Penn Care Center, delighting the recipients with their new lap blankets.



**Faith GMC Sponsors a Coat Drive to Benefit
Delmont Food Pantry • Export Friends Thrift Shop**



Our neighbors need help staying warm this winter. Our church is accepting donations of new and/or gently-worn but clean winter coats. Our call for coats for adults and children runs through the end of October.



The MC² Winter Coat Give-Away

Everyone is welcome to come and select a coat at the Community Outreach Center (located next to the Friends Thrift Shop) in Export on **Saturday, November 8th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Faith GMC is providing some of the coats collected from our coat drive to this MC2 Winter Coat Give-Away.

Help Faith Church Support Our Neighbors

Donations of non-perishable food items are being accepted through Tuesday, October 14th. These donations will be boxed and available, if needed, to those attending the October 20th Westmoreland Food Bank's Grab & Go food distribution. Last fall, 25 families were turned away at this event because they ran out of food. The Westmoreland Food Bank is anticipating 150 families to attend the Monday, October 20th Grab & Go that our church will host in our parking lot.



Any boxed food not handed out on October 20th will be shared with the Delmont Food Pantry—Loaves & Fishes Emergency Food Pantry—Friends Thrift Shop.

Did you know that food insecurity has increased 40% since 2022? Over 41,690 of our neighbors are facing food insecurity.

Amen to Action Meal Packing

Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 8 a.m.—12 noon** at the Community Outreach Center in Export (next to the Friends Thrift Shop). You will be helping to pack 75,000 soup mixes.

More information about *Amen to Action* and *Meals of Hope* can be found on the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation website at plf.org.

Watch for additional information and a sign-up sheet.

2024 OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Submitted by Joy Spang, Outreach facilitator



October: Bring in your packed Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (10/5)
Donate funds for processing the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
Donate socks for the needy
Grab & Go Food Distribution (10/20)
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.

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.

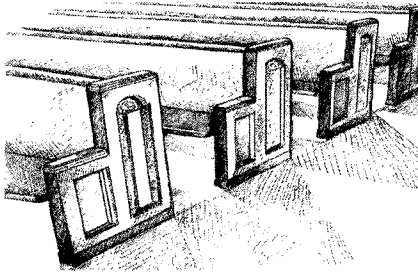
You will notice **"First Responders"** listed on the Five by Five envelopes. The "First Responders" program is *separate and for more dramatic emergencies when more substantial assistance may be needed*. This opportunity for assistance is open not only to our Faith family but to residents of Delmont 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.



Raggz Fiber Affair will take place in our church's fellowship hall on Saturday, November 1st from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is not a church-related activity, but you may be interested in checking out the unique crafts that are on display and available for purchase. It is also possible for you to buy food while visiting the Raggz Fiber Affair.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW

By Barb Hilty

Promises, Promises—

Remember that Dionne Warwick hit song, “Promises, Promises”? She assertively sang, “I’m all through with promises...” Hal David wrote the lyrics about breaking free from a bad relationship and misguided promises and then moving on to better, healthier things.

How many of us have had promises made by a boss for a promotion and a raise that never happened? Are we still waiting for the landlord to fix the plumbing like he said he would? We get skeptical, and ask ourselves if those promises were deceitfully made. In a relationship that doesn’t last, placing trust in the wrong person leads to hurt, as Dionne’s heartfelt song tells us.

Conversely, how many of us have given our word of honor and failed to keep it? Even though our pledges have no deceit and are sincerely made, stuff happens and we don’t follow through. Bottom line – promises are broken. I daresay no one has been exempt from the pain of an unkept promise, and everyone has caused disappointment by not keeping one. I suppose it’s natural for us to be skeptical when it comes to all this promising stuff because, well, it’s human nature to be wary of human nature.

It’s an entirely different story when we consider God’s promises, however, because God is *supernatural*. God’s promises are never empty, let alone deceitful. He is holy and perfect. His never-changing character reliably guarantees He will be true to His word. We can have the utmost trust, confidence, and faith that what He says, goes.

Depending who’s counting, there are between 1,500 to over 4,000 promises of God recorded in the Bible. When we read Scripture, we learn about the pledges our Heavenly Father has made to comfort, heal, restore, take care of, and bless His children. His word is true.

A hurtful situation of broken promises and betrayal can leave us feeling despised and rejected. Jesus can relate. Knowing that He understands can make His commitment to never leave us more meaningful. We gain a deeper experience of comfort as we feel His presence.

Out of the thousands of biblical promises, John reminds us of an especially precious guarantee: *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness....And this is what he promised us—eternal life.* 1 John 1: 9, 2: 25

We who believe in the saving work of our Lord have the assurance of all of His promises, and that gives us confidence in **Sharing Christ’s Love Through Faith**. When we tell others that Jesus waits to take the pain of their disappointing situations and broken lives and wants to make all things new, their trust in His kind of promises “can lead to joy...and hope...and love. Yes, love!”

Dionne couldn’t have sung it any better.



So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. ~ John 16:22

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.
~ Hebrews 10:23*

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Faith GMC CONTINUAL Prayer List

Please lift up these people in your prayers for comfort, healing, and strength which 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 W. |
| • 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 |
| • Ken Thom | • Chuck Robinson | • Karen Klanica |
| • Sally Wareham | • Pastor Ron | • Robin Durman |
| • Sharon Bronson | • Lisa Fair | • Bryson (Linda & Jay's great nephew) |
| • Maury & Mary Fey | • Sharon Eisele | • Lidia (Linda Kunkles's granddaughter) |
| • Alice Burkhart | • Sharon Bronson | |



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.

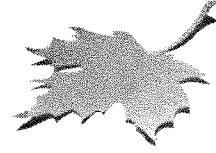
If there is an urgent request after hours, please call the Prayer Chain Contact, Barb Kaufman at 724-468-4999, and she will pass along the request via phone and email.

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.

Birthday Blessings



October

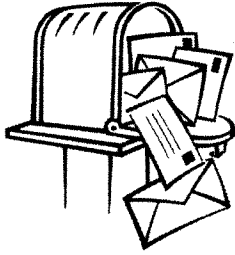


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Blake Nixdorf
Danielle Patts
Debbie Sicari | 5 Karen Klanica
6 Bruce Collier
Sue Sonafelt | 16 Dave Hilty
17 Eileen Baughman
Michael Kochasic
Jackson Siegman | 24 Robin Coldren
25 Jimmy Earhart
27 Ella Wolfgang
28 Richard Bush |
| 2 Margie Bazella
Owen Biltz
Millie Kime
Ed Miller | 12 Samuel Siegman
13 Taylor Thomas
14 Megan Hanover
Jared Retter | 19 Bob Karpiak
Tom Lewis
21 Michael Kwaczala
22 Kimberly Gonos | 29 Jack Crescenzo
Joshua Hockenberry
David Shaw |
| 4 Christine Grove
Kelly Patterson | 15 Gianna Canzano
Victoria Fox | 23 Alyce Urban | 30 Joann Emanuele |



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| 1 Cathy & Joe Palmer | 17 Sharon & Bill Bronson |
| 2 Sherry & Rick Grimme | 18 Brenda & Kirby Keenan
Danielle & Henry Patts |
| 5 Emogene & Jack Blair | 19 Vicky & Kevin Wolfe |
| 8 Joann & Joe Emanuele | 22 Kelly & Ken Patrick |
| 11 Carol & Chas Metzger | 23 Lindsay & Joshua Kotchey |
| 12 Pat & Richard Bush | 26 Kelly & Shawn Patterson |
| 14 Leslie & Michael Korns | |

THE FAITH MAILBOX



Addition made to address

Yvonne Taczak
6404 21st Avenue West
Apt. M506 (for the **Madison** wing)
Bradenton, FL 34209

Dear Members of Faith GMC,

Your generous support of the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry has been a blessing. We are grateful for all of the food you donate to the pantry. The additional \$260 monetary donation will help purchase eggs, meat, cheese, and fresh fruit and vegetables for the emergency food pantry housed in our Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church. Together, we work to end food insecurity in our community.

Our thanks is extended to your Joy Spang who delivers the food you donate to our church and partners with us in this ministry.

Blessings.

Judy Radcliff

Dear Faith Global Methodist Church of Delmont:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,500 to the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation and *Amen to Action*. Your gift allows us to continue the ministry of leadership coaching and counseling for individuals and organizations in Pittsburgh and beyond.

I am excited to see what God will do as we lead and serve together for the advancement of His Kingdom in Pittsburgh and for His glory.

Yours in Jesus,
Matthew Geppert, President
Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation
531 5th Street
Oakmont, PA 15139
www.PLF.org

(NOTE: This donation was made from the 2025 Fish Fry profits.)

Update Regarding the CONTINUAL Prayer List

The CONTINUAL Prayer List is listed monthly in the Faith Flyer. This list is longer & different from the DAILY Prayer Chain. There are some people who want special support in prayer for an extended time period. If you want someone to be on the CONTINUAL Prayer List, please tell the office of that request when calling in with your prayer request that is shared that day.

In an effort to be as accurate as possible with those who are listed on the CONTINUAL Prayer List, the church office will be reviewing the CONTINUAL Prayer List quarterly (every 3 months). The desire is not to discourage continued prayer (We all need prayer!) but to reflect the most accurate list of immediate prayer needs.

If you see any names on the CONTINUAL Prayer List that should be removed, or names that should be added to the list, please let the church office know.

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LIST



MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Submission of articles, notes of thanks, and information for the November issue of the church newsletter are due to the editor no later than Monday, October 13th.

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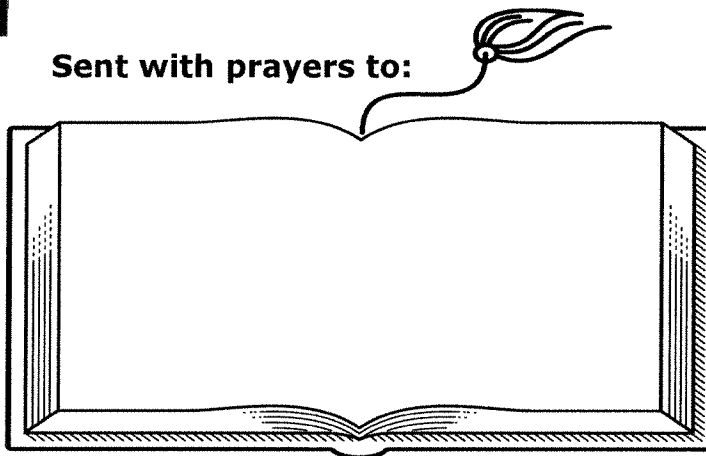
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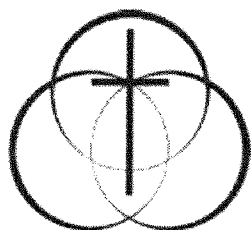
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The Faith Flyer

Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith

Dear Lord, remind me that this life is not about me and my needs,
But about others and how Your love can shine through me to them.
May Christ-like love be my distinguishing characteristic.

As followers of Christ, our love should make us stand out in a crowd.
~ Our Daily Bread

By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.
~ John 13: 35