



# The Faith Flyer

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

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## September 2025 Worship at a Glance



### 7th Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Holy Communion*

*"Fall Kick-Off Sunday"*

OT: Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

NT: Philemon 1: 1-21

Gospel: Matthew 28: 11-15

Sermon Series: *The In-Between Times*

Sermon Title: In-Between Truth

### 14th Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

OT: Psalm 14

NT: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

Sermon Series: *The In-Between Times*

Sermon Title: In-Between Heaven and Earth

### 21st Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

OT: Psalm 79: 1-9

NT: 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Gospel: John 21: 15-25

Sermon Series: *The In-Between Times*

Sermon Title: In-Between Love

### 28th Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

**ONE SERVICE ONLY—10:30 a.m.**

*New Journey Gospel Group*

OT: Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

NT: 1 Timothy 6: 6-19



**FALL  
KICKOFF  
SUNDAY**

Sunday, September 7th, 2025 • Fall Kick-Off Sunday

Sunday School for ALL ages begins at 9 a.m.

Plan to stay after the September 7th, 10:30 a.m. service for the All-Church Picnic & Potluck, as we continue our celebration of "Fall Kick-Off Sunday."

### New Journey Concert During the 10:30 a.m. Service at Faith GMC

Sunday, September 28, 2025

*New Journey* will perform in our sanctuary after a shortened worship service. *New Journey* is a Southern gospel trio who have been traveling and singing together since 2013. The gospel trio have performed inspiring programs in our sanctuary the past three years to a very appreciative audience. Shannon, Michelle, and Melissa not only sing tight harmonies, they share a strong passion to share the gospel through song and testimony. Their close family relationship shines through on stage as they sing words of salvation, hope, healing, and God's love.

There will be a love offering collected for *New Journey* at the worship service. The offering plates will not be passed in the sanctuary, so look for them in the Gathering Area. We want to support their ministry as they continue to be a vessel through which God extends His love and restoration through song and testimony.





Dear Friends,

As I write this, I completed three important checkpoints this week. First, my office has been renovated, according to the plan in place before I came. The walls have been painted and the flooring replaced. Second, I established my new e-mail address for official church business ([pastor@faithdelmont.org](mailto:pastor@faithdelmont.org)). Third, I am typing this on the new computer I will use in my office. None of these steps kept me from working. The advantage of laptops, mobile phones, and modern technology is I can set up a temporary office anywhere. Yet, now this space is “mine,” so to speak. I was able to begin to move my books onto the bookshelves and set up the office in a more permanent setup.

It is not the books, the laptop, the e-mail address that makes the difference. They are merely representations. I am committed to this place.

Recently, I was speaking to some friends that used to attend what I consider my “home church.” When we attended there, before I was a pastor, it was a strong church with a thriving young-adult ministry. In the years since, the church has changed significantly. It is much smaller now, and most of my friends have left. Some have struggled to find another church. While it is more possible now than ever to watch worship online, this is not truly what it means to be a Christian.

John Wesley famously said, “There’s no holiness without social holiness.” What he meant was this: we are created to live in community together. We are called not only to assent to grace and love, but to actively love those around us and show them grace. We are called not just to attend a church, but to serve and make it our own. It is like the difference between hosting my mobile office as I travel, or rooting myself in the office at 305 Freeport Street. God calls us into a covenantal relationship. It is the difference between “attending” a church, and “being” the church.

We have a great many people that serve faithfully in our church. To all of you, I say “thank you.” We could not continue to be the church without you. Yet, this fall season, as everything is changing, I invite us all to reflect. How is God calling us to root ourselves and serve? After all, since it is a new season, what better time than now? I am putting down roots, and overloading the bookshelves with books. Let us join together and commit to serving God here in new and spectacular ways!

Jonathan



## 2025 Fall Bible Study at Faith GMC

Seven Mondays @ 7 p.m.

Beginning October 13th • Ending November 24th

*The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas A. Kempis



Jesus invites us into His presence every single day. He flings open His arms and waits for us to come to Him, alive with anticipation. He loves us more than anyone ever will. He cares for our bodies, minds, and spirits. Our faith in Jesus gives us access to God and all the riches that relationship brings. Through Jesus, we can go to the Father for help in times of trouble and He'll provide for all our needs, whether that be protection, guidance, strength, wisdom, joy—you name it.

~ Mornings With Jesus



## FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Come for the Gathering!



After summer vacations and time away, what better way for Faith Folks to begin our new season of community than by coming together to "kick off" our ministries and worship this fall.

Fall Kick-Off Sunday will have us gathering at...

**8:00 AM** is for energized worship and observing Holy Communion. Pastor Jonathan will continue his sermon series, *The In-Between Times* with the message "In-Between Truth."

**9:00 AM** is when Sunday School classes for ALL ages resume.

**9:00 AM** is for Coffee Hour & Fellowship in the Social Hall.

**10:30 AM** is for joy-filled worship and observing Holy Communion. Pastor Jonathan continues his sermon series, *The In-Between Times* with the message "In-Between Truth."

We welcome back our Faith Singers adult choir at the 10:30 AM service.

**12:00 Noon** is for our annual Church Picnic followed by games and activities for all ages.

Plan to be with your church family, and invite your friends and relatives for this special Gathering as we "kick off" Faith Church's new year of spiritual growth and deeper connection with God and with one another.



## Fall "Kick-Off" Church Picnic & Potluck

*Submitted by Joann Emanuele, Kitchen Ministries*

Kitchen Ministries sponsors the **Church Picnic & Potluck** after the second worship service on **Sunday, September 7th**. The church will provide hotdogs, buns, and beverages.

The "potluck" part comes from you, our members and friends at Faith Church. Bring your favorite food offering to the church with you when you come for Sunday School and/or worship. You can keep it in the refrigerator, oven, or the warmer until it is time to be displayed on the picnic buffet line.

Suggested potluck food items for each individual or family to bring are listed below to assure that we have a variety on the food line. If your last name begins with:



**A—I: Cold dish**

**J—R: Hot dish**

**S—Z: Dessert**

Come and enjoy some time with your church family and friends.

There will also be fun activities for the children at the picnic, weather permitting.

## Visions & Dreams Fellowship

**Tacos & Trivia Night • Thursday, September 25 • 5:30 p.m.**

*Submitted by Joy Spang & Marcy Wagner, Co-Chairs*

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our **Thursday Tacos & Trivia Night**. Lynn Pyle & Bev Fensch have graciously agreed to be the masters of ceremony for our fun trivia competition that will follow a dinner of beef tacos with a variety of available toppings, nachos, and "Fat Boy" ice cream sandwiches. Don't let your fear of not knowing any answers to the trivia questions keep you from joining in on the fun during the last Visions & Dreams Fellowship event in 2025.

This event will take place in Fellowship Hall. **The deadline to print your names on the sign-up sheet on the Action Table is Sunday, September 14th.** This allows us enough time to make your name tags and to determine & purchase the necessary amount of food to fill our bellies so we are feeling smart for the game of trivia to follow.



If you wish to contribute toward the expenses, cash donations can be placed in the jars found on the food table. If you prefer to pay by check, make it payable to "**Faith GMC Fellowship.**"  
(Please write "Visions & Dreams" on the memo line.)

## **Trunk or Treat • Faith GMC Parking Lot**

**Saturday, October 18, 2025 • 11 a.m.—1 p.m.**

**COMING  
NEXT  
MONTH!**

Please consider joining us for our 2nd Trunk or Treat on the third Saturday in October. You will need to arrive earlier to decorate your "trunk." We can help you if you need a theme or ideas.



We will be looking for donations of bottled water, candy, and snack-size bags of chips or pretzels. Sign-up sheets will be on the Action Table.

Questions? Talk with or call Shirleen & Larry Johnston at 724-244-4525.

## **Walk Thru the Bible ♦ Saturday, September 20th**

**9 a.m. - Noon ♦ Faith GMC Sanctuary**

Certified Instructor: Chuck Hildbold, retired pastor

By now, you probably have already registered for this highly engaging otLIVE event that will walk participants through the Old Testament to learn the major people, places, and events. Chuck will use numerous modes of instruction (hearing, seeing, moving, interacting, and repetition) to help the participants learn and retain the big picture of the entire Old Testament—and have fun doing it! We are going to receive a greater understanding of how the stories, geography, and history of the Old Testament all come together and lead up to the person of Jesus Christ.

**NEVER  
STOP  
LEARNING**

If you haven't registered yet, the deadline is August 29th, so time is short! You can register online or call the church office prior to that date to make sure adequate materials are on hand for everyone. The cost is \$25 for each adult and \$10 for young folks ages 8-18 years.

Simple snacks and refreshments will be offered in the social hall during the two 15-minute breaks.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES!

Sunday School at Faith Global Methodist Church resumes on September 7, 2025, and we will be offering the following classes for the 2024-2025 year:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TEACHERS</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
<b><i>First Steps of Faith</i></b> Toddlers through Kindergarten	Gina Biltz, Stacey Vincler, Julie Kovacs, Holly Kwaczala	Isaac Room 1st Floor
<b><i>Foundations of Faith</i></b> Grades 1 through 3	Charlene Schroder, <b>helper needed</b>	Sarah Room 1st Floor
<b><i>Builders of Faith</i></b> Grades 4 through 6	<b>3-person teaching team is needed</b>	Daniel Room 2nd Floor
<b><i>Explorers of Faith</i></b> Grades 7 through 12	Lynn Pyle, Bev Fensch	Upper Room 2nd Floor
<b><i>Beacons of Faith</i></b> Adult Class	Barb Hilty	Moses Room 1st Floor
<b><i>S.A.L.T. Class</i></b> Adult Class	Marilyn Hults, Carrie Bortz	Conference Room 1st Floor



If you or your child missed the August 25th deadline for registering for Sunday School, no worries! You can still fill out the form, either online or with a paper copy from the Action Table. Registration forms will also be available in each classroom. **It's never too late to start attending!**

### BEACONS OF FAITH to begin new study...

*Submitted by Barb Hilty*

On September 7, 2025, the *Beacons of Faith* Sunday School class for adults will start a 16-week study of "Messiah," the first volume of *IMMERSE The Reading Bible*. In a departure from using customary Christian study guides, participants will read daily scheduled passages from their *IMMERSE* Bible (NLT) which offers a fresh new experience for reading God's story.

Each Sunday we'll talk about what was particularly important to us in the Bible readings and work through what we found to be confusing or troubling. We'll determine what the passage meant to the original audience, what it means to us today, and if it makes us think about God differently. Our open, honest conversations about the text will help us determine current life applications and experience transformation through the Scriptures.



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

## S.A.L.T. Adult Sunday School Class

*Submitted by Marilyn Hults*



JOIN OUR  
**STUDY**

This Fall, our class will be studying the Old Testament book of Daniel. We will be Studying And Learning Together using the study guide, *Daniel, Spiritual Living in a Secular World*, by Douglas Connelly, part of the Life Guide Bible Studies series. We meet in the conference room, halfway down the hall on the right from the sanctuary. New participants are always welcomed. Contact Marilyn Hults at [mjhults@comcast.net](mailto:mjhults@comcast.net) or Carrie Bortz at [carriebortz@yahoo.com](mailto:carriebortz@yahoo.com) so we can have a study guide available for you.

## 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.



## Coffee & Fellowship Hour Update

*Submitted by Karen Morris*



Since Penny Carroll is no longer at Faith Church to share her tasty Sunday morning treats, we are asking any bakers out there to consider sharing a favorite recipe with the group that meets from 9-10 a.m. Or perhaps, you want to contribute, but don't want to bake—purchase something to share so that we can continue to enjoy a variety of yummy treats during the Coffee & Fellowship Hour.

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



## Worship Committee

*Submitted by Karen Morris*

I am officially taking over as our church's worship chair after approval at the September's Church Council meeting. Since I don't participate in the 8 a.m. service, I am looking for some people to join the worship committee who attend the first service. You would help with first-service volunteers, any issues that arise at the first service, and be "voices" on the worship committee representing those who regularly go to the 8 a.m. service.

Any help, suggestions, and input will be appreciated. I can be contacted by email at [karenlmorris61@gmail.com](mailto:karenlmorris61@gmail.com) or by phone at 724-600-9597.

## Faith Global Methodist Church 2025 Campership Wrap-Up Report

*Submitted by Stacey Vincler, Campership Steward*

**Total # Campers Sent to 2025 Summer Camp: 4** (up 1 from last year)

Members (kids/grandkids): 4

Friends: 0

Sent to camp at 100% paid: 1

Total funds paid out to camps: \$1,467.00

Total parent reimbursements: \$75.00

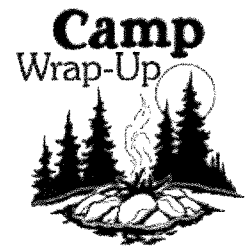
**TOTAL paid out: \$1,542.00**

Camp Allegheny: \$625.00

Camp Jumonville: \$842.00

Wesley Woods: \$0.00

**Balance in Campership Fund (08/03/2025): \$8,875.03**



### Monthly Saturday Prayer Group at Faith GMC

**September 6th at 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.**



New participants are welcome to join the small group that meets together the first Saturday of each month in the Quiet Place, 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.

### Sifting Our Schedules

*Submitted by Carrie Bortz, Faith GMC Prayer Point Person*

The season of fall is on the way, and for most of us, our schedules are filling up. Teachers and students are back to school. At church, the adult choir returns to sing during worship, and Sunday School classes begin for all ages. Many activities that take a break for the summer, start up again. We feel like we're just getting back to business as usual. But if we're not careful, it's more like a return to schedules that are hectic, double-booked, and overwhelming.

In the midst of all of this, the one thing that we truly need to keep on our calendars is time with the Lord—every day! I know from experience, that can be difficult when there doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day to get everything done. But I've learned that if I try and fail, it's usually because I haven't surrendered my schedule to God. I can attest to this—if you ask the Lord to sift your schedule and guide your choices and plans—He will.

*Seek the Lord and His strength: seek His presence continually. ~ 1 Chronicles 16: 1*  
*He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5: 24*

### Check It Out...

The Assembly of Bishops of the Global Methodist Church have launched a new 8-week video series entitled, ***Guardians of the Faith***. The 2-minute teachings from our Global Methodist bishops focus on themes such as biblical faithfulness—spiritual depth—servant leadership—global mission.

You can find a new message each week on the home page of our Faith GMC website by clicking the "GMC Video Lessons" tab.



## Tabitha Circle

*Submitted by Joy Spang, Facilitator*



The Tabitha Circle will meet on **Saturday, September 13, 2025** from **10 a.m. — noon**.

New members are always welcome to attend.

### **Funds raised in 2024 were disbursed to or used in the following ways:**

Murrysville Christian Concern/MC<sup>2</sup> (social services)—Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry—purchased winter coats for Delmont's Food Pantry—purchased food to supplement October's Grab & Go food distribution—purchased heavy socks & underwear to be handed out in November by the Friends Thrift Shop at their winter coat giveaway.

**ATTENTION:** The Tabitha Circle is accepting donations of new and gently used items to sell at their table during the Pilgrimage. These items do not necessarily have to be Christmas-themed. Consider donating crafts, toys, knick-knacks, decorative plates & dishes, pins, jewelry, trivets, etc.

## Faith Global Methodist Men's Group

### "Faith Warriors"

*Submitted by Jim McMahon*

MEN'S  
**GROUP**

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



## Trustees Update

*Submitted by Clint Stevenson, Chair*

### **The following projects have been completed:**

- Painting of exterior doors
- Handrail down the middle of the steps from the altar
- Parsonage remodel & repairs
- Construction of wall outside Fellowship Hall with Versa-Lok
- Fix the sanctuary ceiling & repaint
- Painting and new flooring in the Pastor's office
- Install 3 new locking door handles on 1st floor doors of the Jacob, Storage, and Janitor rooms. (pending)







# Christian Outreach Opportunities

Submitted by Joy Spang, Outreach Facilitator

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

For over 22 years, Faith Church has been preparing and sending care boxes to our college students twice a year, and two years ago we included active military service members.

Over the years, we have learned that the following items are a hit with the **college recipients**:

gum - instant soup - instant coffee - instant hot chocolate - single serve size macaroni & cheese - microwave popcorn - snack packs of jello & pudding - candy - ramen noodles - nuts - markers - USB flash drives - mechanical pencils - post-it notes - pens.



Care  
Packages  
for the  
Military

**Military care packages** can contain comfort and hygiene products such as sunblock—lip balm—snacks—nuts—cookies—beef jerky—trail mix—non-melting candy—drink mixes in single-serving packets—devotional materials.

Please NO liquids, aerosols, or pressurized products

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

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



## 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 get 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.

## SAVE THE DATE: Westmoreland Food Bank's GRAB & GO Monday, October 20, 2025

Approximately 20 volunteers will be needed to load items in cars for the Westmoreland Food Bank's GRAB & GO Operation Fresh Express food distribution program on Monday, October 20th in our church parking lot. Food loaders are asked to arrive by 3 p.m. To keep things running smoothly, parking attendants are needed by 2 p.m. because many of the clients arrive early in order to get in line.



A sign-up sheet will be on the Action Table if you would like to volunteer as a food loader or parking attendant. This is an outdoor event, rain or shine, so come dressed appropriately for the weather.



*At Faith GMC, a disaster relief special offering on Sunday, July 27th raised \$3,970 to support the on-the-ground flood recovery efforts in the Mid-Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church.*

*Thank you for your generous giving.*



### 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 Murrys ville, 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.

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

## 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.

## 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 (MC<sup>2</sup>) 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.



MC<sup>2</sup> 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, September 3rd is  
broccoli alfredo—salad—roll—ice cream.**

## Events Hosted by MC<sup>2</sup> & Held at the Community Outreach Center

*Submitted by Dan Plance*

The Community Outreach Center is located in Export next to the *Friends Thrift Shop*.



- A Bible study on God's love will be held 3:30—5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in September. (More information on page 14.)
- A blood drive will be held from 12 noon—5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30th.
- The Coat Giveaway will be Saturday, November 8th from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

## 2025 OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Submitted by Joy Spang, Outreach facilitator*



- September:** Donate items for College and Military Care Boxes  
Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- October:** Bring in your packed Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (10/5)  
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)  
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

### 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 offers to help us restock and 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*

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



Acme Global Methodist Church invites the women of Faith GMC to attend a weekend getaway on Friday thru Sunday, September 26-28 at Camp Christian located at 472 Killaney Road, Mill Run, PA. (about a 45-minute drive from Delmont) You may attend only the Saturday session and not stay overnight. The theme of the retreat is focused on the Samaritan woman at the well and the hope that we find in Jesus as the Living Water. (John 4: 10-14) Registration forms are located on the Action Table.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:turfed15626@gmail.com) or by phone at 724-396-1414.

## We Welcome *Alyssa Wells* as Our New Pianist at the First Services!

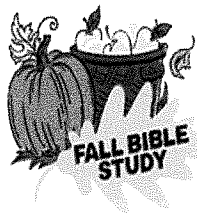
During the day, Alyssa works as the administrative assistant for Seton Hill University's School of Visual and Performing Arts. In the evenings, she teaches in Seton Hill's Community Arts Program, teaching piano and flute. Just this summer, Alyssa was able to teach art classes in their community program, as well.

Alyssa lives in Greensburg with her husband and their two children, along with their cat and a crazy dog. She enjoys sewing, cooking, and camping with her family.

Alyssa was excited to meet the vibrant community of our church and looks forward to hearing everyone singing along on Sunday mornings!



## More Info on the Fall MC2 Bible Study...



There is no cost and no book to buy to participate in the fall Bible Study offered by Murrysville Christian Concern and being held at the new Community Outreach Center in Export by the Friends Thrift Shop. The study **begins Tuesday, September 2nd and continues each Tuesday in September with the final session on MONDAY, September 29th**. Those attending will need to bring a Bible to the 3:30-5 p.m. classes. Sign up for this Bible Study by stopping in at the Friends Thrift Shop in Export or call 724-325-1559 or email [MurrysvilleChristianConcern@gmail.com](mailto:MurrysvilleChristianConcern@gmail.com).

## BIBLE SUNDAY • Sunday, September 21, 2025

*Submitted by Barb Hilty*

Historically, Faith Church has always acknowledged the Holy Scriptures as the lifeline of knowledge of our Heavenly Father and as the authoritative, inerrant source of truth and instruction for our lives as His children. As Global Methodists, we have a zeal for God's Word to guide and teach us in our journey of sanctification.

Our Christian Education Ministries (CEM) established a Bible Policy long ago to make certain the young students in our Sunday School Department have access to a Bible of their own. All first grade children registered in Sunday School (and older ones who haven't previously received one) are awarded a *Cokesbury Children's New Revised Standard Version Bible* with plates, maps, etc. early in the Sunday School year.

After the passing of her husband, Louise Cupcheck, a charter member of Faith UMC, began the beloved tradition of purchasing these Bibles in memory of the Rev. Stephen Cupcheck. At Louise's own passing, her bequest to Faith GMC was used to establish a fund to carry on that legacy. Each year, young recipients are blessed with their own copies of God's Word presented in memory of both Stephen and Louise.

On Sunday, September 21st, the **eligible children in our Foundations of Faith Sunday School Class** will be presented their new Bibles during our 10:30 a.m. worship service. The names of those receiving Bibles will appear in October's Faith Flyer.



## 2025 Vacation Bible Camp Wrap-Up

*Submitted by Stacey Vincler*



Eighteen (18) campers joined our Dr. Seuss silliness on Saturday, July 20th. Everyone had a blast! The campers learned about patience, unity in Christ, and teamwork. They made butter during science, played silly games, crafted a feather frame, and shared laughs. And, of course, the foam machine made an appearance after our picnic! It truly was an amazing way to spend a Saturday!

## Thank You to the VBC Volunteers!

*Submitted by Stacey Vincler*

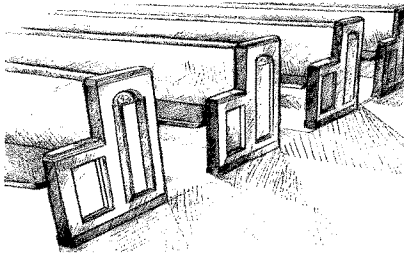
One-Day Vacation Bible Camp could not happen without help. I was so blessed to have amazing volunteers who helped bring this year's program, *Dr. Seuss Is on the Loose*, to life. I can not thank the helpers & volunteers enough for all that they did!



In keeping with our 2025 Dr. Seuss-themed Vacation Bible Camp:

*Oh thank you, oh thank you, for helping, you see,  
With our Bible Camp fun for the whole fam-i-ly!  
With colors that popped and with rhymes that went "zing!"  
You helped make our camp such a wonderful thing!*

*From picnics to foam and a silly cat,  
We laughed and we played—can you picture all that?  
So here's one big THANK YOU, in Seuss-ical cheer,  
For helping make joy that they'll treasure all year!*



# A VIEW FROM THE PEW

By Barb Hilty

## Restoration—

Over the last 10 years, Dave and I have been observing the drastic changes to an area of Sinnemahoning State Park in Cameron and Potter Counties, PA, known as 40 Maples. The park has always been a favorite place for us as we biked on the 5-mile Lowlands Trail which parallels the First Fork of the Sinnemahoning Creek. Close to 40 Maples, the trail cuts away from the creek into thick forest, leading to a wildlife blind by a small stream where we would observe waterfowl, turtles, and furry critters. My kind of heaven!

The idyllic area, however, slowly began to change. The huge white spruce trees that dominated that section of the park were being attacked with a virus. Then an invasive growth of aptly named “mile-a-minute” vine (it seems to grow that fast!) overtook the already diseased trees. Majestic evergreens were dying off each year, and it was sad to see healthy undergrowth disappear under a dense canopy of vines. About four years ago, we noticed blue blazes painted on the trunks of good trees. We learned the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources began a project to remove all the dead and diseased conifers in a 75-acre area to restore the native habitat. The work was long and at times ugly as trees were felled and chipped, and undesirable plant life was bulldozed and burned.

By the summer of 2024, the former woodlands near 40 Maples were no longer recognizable. Instead, there was open landscape with smoldering piles of debris and charred turf. The once healthy land went through a lot: first devastated by disease and overtaken by bad vegetation, it then required aggressive measures to arrest the situation where all manner of wildlife suffered. So harsh, but then...

Our visits to Sinnemahoning in 2025 brought smiles to our faces. 40 Maples is definitely different. A section of dense dark rotting growth is gone; however healthy maple, cherry, nut, and other hardwoods remain (all with blue blazes!). The blackened earth has been seeded and is giving way to green shoots of native grasses and plants, thanks to the sunlight that now reaches the ground. In July we were treated to seeing a group of 9 elk grazing on the forage planted by the DCNR. The planned restoration has begun!

Restoration. A beautiful thing to see unfold. Just like God's story we read in the Bible. The Creator's original perfect garden was tainted by the wiles of a serpent, and mankind was quickly overcome by destructive influences. But our Heavenly Father already had a plan in place to bring restoration to sin-darkened lives. The Bible tells us that the fouled garden experience of Genesis is being restored and will culminate in a pristine garden experience described in Revelation. In between are stories that may seem harsh when our Holy God rightly responds to mankind's willful rebellion. But we're shown that our Heavenly Father always acts with justice for His people's good to graciously restore the repentant ones to Himself.

While we look forward to the new heaven and the new earth, God wants to do His transforming work in our lives today. In the midst of a sick world, those who trust in the saving work of Jesus are marked as His own for His good purposes. Believers are empowered by the Holy Spirit to help arrest evil in its tracks so that God's grace shines in dark places. When we are **Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith**, we are broadcasting the seeds of the gospel and invite all to enjoy His restoration. That's a plan that beats the DCNR's, hands down!



*Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.*

~ James 1:21





# 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.*

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



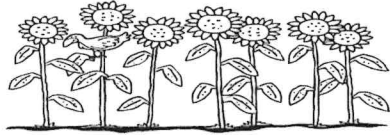
## Daily Prayer Chain Procedures

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 or 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.

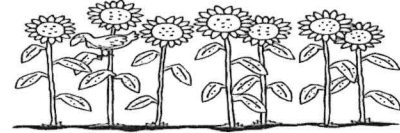
If there is an urgent request after hours, please call the Prayer Chain Contact - Barb Kaufman at 724- 468-4999, and she will pass along the request via phone and email.

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



## September



2 Lena Vaia	10 Sybil Kunkelmann	22 Julie Kral Sabrina Vincler	30 Sherry Grimme Cliff Kosmatine
5 Andrea Ewing Ronald Loughner	15 Joe Emanuele Frank Shoup	26 Lynn Full	
6 Jodi Beech Carolyn Miller Dan Sherwin	16 Kayla Hahn	28 Beverly Fensch Kelly Nixdorf Hettie Robinson	
8 Chas Metzger	17 Lynn Pyle	29 Bob Hoffman Mary Scheidhauer	
9 Cheryl Kost Heather Wolfgang	20 Jeff Retter Alan Weigand		
	21 Terri Earhart		



*"By this all people will know  
that you are my disciples, if you  
have love for one another."*

JOHN 13:36. ESV



8 Gay & Charles Stock	21 Hettie & Bud Robinson
9 Bonnie & Ray Deem	22 Ruth & Ross McClellan
12 Roberta & William Gonos	25 Charlene & Jim Hall
15 Sherilyn & Shawn Mazurek	



### Reminders From the Church Office



- Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. throughout the year.
- The office will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025, in observance of Labor Day. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jonathan at the parsonage at 724-468-4983.

Faith Global Methodist Church,

The Delmont Volunteer Fire Department thanks you for your generous donation. Without your support, we would not be able to serve this amazing community.

Thank you!

*The Officers & Members of the Delmont Volunteer Fire Department*

### *New Addresses for Two of Our Members*

Yvonne Taczak  
6404 21st Avenue West  
Apt. 506  
Bradenton, FL 34209

Penny Carroll  
15108 Winterwind Drive  
Tampa, FL 33624  
(Grandson, Rowan, born 8/2/25)



### Many Thanks!

Thank you to an amazing group of people who teamed up to make Pastor Ron's retirement and Pastor Jonathan's welcome such special events! The efforts of our ad hoc committee of Marcy Wagner, Penny Carroll, Barb Hilty, Joy Spang, Susan Burkett, Robin Tarr, and Lisa Fair created a whirlwind of activities.

- The Spring Ahead Celebration in March was when we gave Pastor Ron his tractor as a retirement gift.
- A special Sunday service and Potluck Picnic for Pastor Ron's retirement was held in June.
- The Quiet Place plaque was displayed in the Prayer Room in March to honor Pastor Ron and his family.
- Gifts of a signed photograph frame and book to Pastor Ron were presented in June.
- The parsonage was cleaned and set up for the Hanovers' initial days with us in June. This included bedding for a night's stay until their belongings arrived. We also stocked the kitchen with some staples, breakfast, lunch, and snack items to tide them over until they had a chance to go to the grocery store. A welcome basket with gift cards for local places was given to them from their Faith Family.
- We hosted a "Meet & Greet" in July to celebrate our new relationship with the Hanovers.

A "shout-out" goes to Clint Stevenson, Marilyn Hults, and Randy & Debi McDevitt for preparing the parsonage to be move-in ready. Thanks to all who helped to prepare food for the many events. Thanks to the numerous people who jumped in to help with the set up, serving, and clean up for each event. I am grateful for the many hands that made the work lighter!

Thanks are also extended to Sarah Raptosh for her help in planning and making the video to honor Pastor Ron's years of service at Faith Church.

Gratefully,

*Sue Sonafelt*, SPPRC chairperson

Please send your thank-you notes, articles, and information for the upcoming October Faith Flyer to the newsletter editor, Marcy Wagner, before the deadline of Saturday, September 13th.



Church Council Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 21, 2025  
after the second worship service at 11:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

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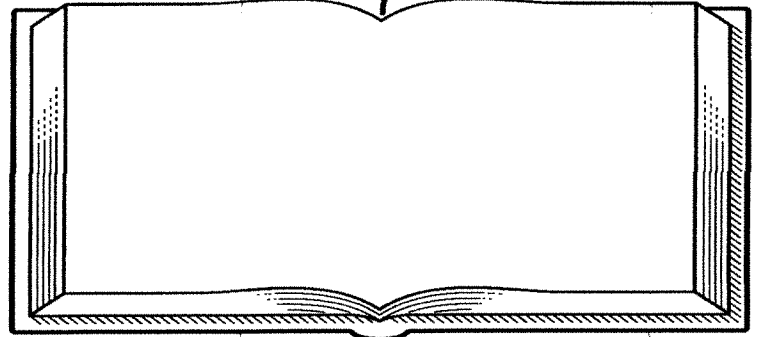
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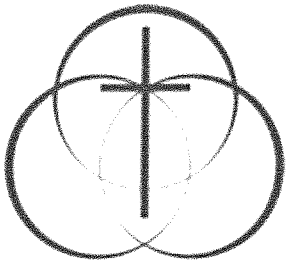
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# The Faith Flyer

## Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith

Dear Lord, help us to trust you in the midst of life's challenges,

Knowing that you are working for our good.

Anxiety can steal my strength and overwhelm me.

You renew my strength as I lean on You.

*When we remain faithful & continue to trust in God,  
we can find hope & courage to persevere. ~ The Upper Room*

*We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.  
~ Romans 8: 28*