



# 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: 9:00 a.m. • Follow us on social media.

Pastor - Reverend Dr. Jonathan Hanover

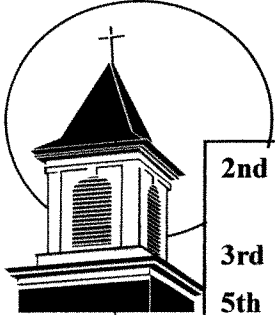
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## April 2026 Worship at a Glance



**2nd Maundy Thursday (7 p.m. service)**  
*Holy Communion*

**3rd Good Friday (7 p.m. service)**

**5th Easter Sunday**

OT: Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19

NT: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Message Lesson: John 20: 1-18



**12th Second Sunday of Easter**

OT: Psalm 16

NT: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Message Lesson: John 20: 19-31

Sermon Series: *Living in Expectation*

Sermon: "Expectation"

**19th Third Sunday of Easter**

OT: Psalm 116: 1-4

NT: 1 Peter 1: 17-23

Sermon: *Dave Morris* delivers message

**26th Fourth Sunday of Easter**

OT: Psalm 23

NT: 1 Peter 2: 19-25

Message Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-19

Sermon Series: *"Living in Expectation"*

Sermon: Center of Hope

### Music Ministry at Faith Church

Submitted by Holly Kwaczala

The Faith Church Choir has been dedicated to rehearsing on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and has offered a variety of different genres for anthems and special music during this Lenten season.

Maundy Thursday will focus on the cross. 1 Corinthians 1: 18 states that the message of the cross is foolishness to those perishing, but the power of God to those being saved. The choir will share anthems and special music during communion and the stripping of the altar.

The children of our church will sing "Jesus is Alive. It's a Happy Day" during the prelude on Easter Sunday's second service. The Faith Choir's Easter anthem will focus on honoring our King with "Jesus is Still the Answer." Jesus is still and always will be King. All glory be to Him.



The choir wishes everyone a Happy Easter and asks that you begin thinking about sharing your musical talents during worship this summer. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the choir door for those interested.



I have a book on my desk I have been working through in bits and pieces for some time now. I read a chapter here or there when I have a moment, then it goes untouched for weeks, then I pick it back up. Ironically, the book is about patience and habit in the early church. By taking months to read it, I'm doing well with the patience and struggling with the habit.

All kidding aside, the book sorts through the evidence of the church in the first and second centuries. Why did the church grow so much? What was the appeal to people who had access to all sorts of other religions or philosophies? What did Christianity offer that no other group could? The book argues that Christianity taught patience and habits that formed better lives.

This is somewhat simplistic, as we would argue that Christianity, above all else, is true. The presence of the Holy Spirit and the promise of resurrection in the life to come far outweigh the immediate benefits of the church. Yet, this also shines a light on why we now also continue to practice faith. We worship, because that habit helps focus us back on God. We come to Sunday School, because when we join together, we encourage each other, and when we grow in knowledge of God, we can grow more to appreciate his grace.

Lent is an incredibly busy season. As we prepare for Easter, we are serving fish fries, gathering on Mondays for our *How Jesus Saves* study, planning extra services for Holy Week, gathering at Lenten luncheons with sister churches, etc. I'm tired just typing all of that! I admit, part of me longs to be done with Lent and back to a more "normal" schedule. Yet, what will we miss when we are not gathered together as much as we are during the Lenten season?

Before they knew about Jesus, people were attracted to the Christian movement because they saw how those with nothing patiently endured their sometimes difficult lives. They saw transformation through habit. Those who were angry found peace. Those who were jealous found contentment. Those who were selfish found generosity. All these things happened through the *habitus*—the worshipful habits of the church.

As we transition out of Lent into the next season, friends, don't lose the habit of faith!

*Pastor Jonathan*

### Reminders From the Church Office

- The church office will be closed Friday, April 3rd in observance of Easter. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office at 724-468-0040.
- You may pick up your Easter flowers following the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

Delmont Community  
Easter



Sunday, April 5th • 6:30 a.m.  
Shield's Farm

Bring your own chairs.

### Mission Opportunity—Support Croatia!

*Submitted by Pastor Jonathan*

Last summer, we were blessed to host Vatroslav Župančić, the pastor of the only Global Methodist Church in Croatia. Vatroslav and his church in Zagreb are mission partners of our conference. Eastern Europe is a difficult place to pastor, and Vatroslav faces additional challenges, as his church is the only Global Methodist Church in Croatia. His conference is located in Slovakia, which is separated from Croatia by Hungary. He really is off by himself, trying to build a Methodist connection. Our church made the decision to support his church & ministry!

Our missions team is encouraging our church to set a goal of raising \$2,500 per year over the next three years to help the Zagreb church become self-sustainable and expand in Croatia. This goal is for second-mile giving, meaning it is not from our church budget. Rather, we encourage people to consider a special gift towards this mission. As of 3/8/26, \$743 has been collected. I encourage you to prayerfully consider if God is calling you to support Vatroslav and our Croatian brothers and sisters in Christ!



## Updates From the Worship Ministry Team

*Submitted by Karen Morris, Chair*

### **The second podium is available for your convenience.**

In order to help cut down on the congestion when people are signing in, getting prayer requests, and picking up worship bulletins, a second podium was added in the Narthex as you enter the front doors. You are encouraged to **use either podium** before entering the sanctuary or checking out the Action Table.

### **Additional Ushers Still Needed**

The request for additional ushers for the second worship service as well as for funerals remains. If you are interested in helping for either the 2nd worship service and/or funerals, please speak with Dave Hilty



### **ADVANCE NOTICE—**

After Lent, the hymn lyrics will no longer be included in the Sunday worship bulletins. However, the words for each hymn will continue to be projected on the overhead screens. This will allow the use of less pages for each printed bulletin, thus saving paper.

### **Are You Interested in Giving a Sunday Morning Children's Message?**



The weekly children's message is often enjoyed by not only the children but by the adults. Please consider being a part of the rotation of adults who provide a special message to the children of our church. We currently have four volunteers, but more willing presenters would be greatly appreciated. Call the church office or Pastor Jonathan with any questions or to be placed on the list.

### **Sunday Morning Coffee Hour**

9-10 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

Faith members, friends, & 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.
- 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 from 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.

## Visions & Dreams Starts Back Up in May

Thursday, May 14, 2026 • 6:30 p.m.

Remember the fun times we had in fellowship last summer on the porch? If you are a more recent participant at Faith Church, **Visions & Dreams** is back with their popular events. Our first event in 2026 is **"Pie on the Porch,"** scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 14th. **The deadline to sign up for this event is Sunday, May 3rd.** When you sign up, please let us know if you are willing to donate a pie and, if so, what kind. You do not have to bring a pie, but we just want to make sure we have enough pies and variety on display for everyone to sample a few slices. We will provide beverages as well as ice cream for those who like their pie a la mode.

Name tags will, again, be printed and set out alphabetically on a table in Fellowship Hall for you to wear before you enter the porch. Our wearing of name tags is the perfect way to allow us to learn & remember everyone's name, whether you are new to our church or if you worship at a different service.



Bring your lawn chair if you want to sit around the fire pit. You may want to consider bringing a cushion or stadium chair for comfortable seating on the porch benches. If the weather is too cool or it is raining, the event will take place in Fellowship Hall.

The sign-up sheet will be located on the Action Table in the Gathering Area in April.  
Any questions or desires to assist should be directed to Marcy Wagner.

### 2026 Visions & Dreams Events

(This is the tentative 2026 schedule. Unforeseen circumstances may necessitate a change.)

Thursday, May 14 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 24 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 22 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, August 19 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, October 1 @ 5:30 p.m.

***Pie on the Porch***  
***"Dogs" on the Porch*** (hot dogs & kielbasa)  
***Pizza & Salad on the Porch***  
***Ice Cream on the Porch***  
***Tacos & Game Night*** (in Fellowship Hall)

**NOTE:** (1) 6:30 p.m. start time when it is dessert only. 5:30 p.m. start time when it is an entire meal.  
(2) Wednesday nights when there is no choir practice.  
(3) Food will be set up in the social hall to allow more room on the porch for participants to eat & enjoy fellowship. In case of inclement weather, seating will be available in Fellowship Hall.

### Kitchen Ministries

*Submitted by Joann Emanuele, Chair*



Most likely by the time you receive the Faith Flyer and read this article, the Lenten Fish Fries at Faith Church will be over. As I wrote this article, we *accomplished* four successful Fish Fry Fridays. By *accomplished*, I mean 40-50 non-professional volunteers showed up every week with smiles on their faces ready to serve our community with fellowship and food. Maybe that's what we should rename it—Fellowship & Food! Even our young tray-cleaners are eager to help.

It has been wonderful seeing friends and neighbors out and enjoying a satisfying meal.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP!

# Sunday School Perfect Attendance

● February 2026 ●

*Submitted by Karen Morris*

## First Steps

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

## Foundations of Faith

**Students:** Anne Teslevich  
**(Teachers:** Charlene Schroder & Linda Sopcak)

## Builders of Faith

**Students:** Joey Emanuele—Wesley Hanover—Alex Patrick—Owen Scalise—Jane Teslevich  
**(Teachers:** Megan Hanover & Joann Emanuele)

## Explorers of Faith

**Students:** Joanna Hanover  
**(Teachers:** Lynn Pyle & Bev Fensch)

## Beacon Class

**Students:** Bruce Collier—Russel Fair—Jim McMahon—Sam Popovich—Marcy Wagner  
**(Teacher:** Barb Hilty)

## S.A.L.T. Class

**Students:** Bob Babb—Sylvia Babb—Helen Collier—Irene Hanna—Mark Hanna  
**(Teachers:** Carrie Bortz & Marilyn Hults)



## CAMPERSHIP!

*Submitted by Stacey Vincler*



I am extremely pleased to share that, as of the time of submission of this article, there have been three camp registrations for the summer of 2026! By the looks of our campership sign-in / sign-out book at the Friday Fish Fries, there may be additional campers registering soon!

Two important reminders:

- 1) If you register your child or grandchild for camp, please provide a copy of the invoice to me, either by email ([slvincler@gmail.com](mailto:slvincler@gmail.com)) – in my mailbox at the church – or you can hand the invoice to me. I am usually at the 8 a.m. service and always in the First Steps Sunday School classroom at 9 a.m.
- 2) It takes approximately ten days for a check to be processed through the church to be sent to the camps for payment. If you are registering for camp, and it is with 15 days or less prior to the beginning of the camp week, please contact me as soon as possible.

## Friends Thrift Shop

*Submitted by Dan Plance*

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

Store hours are Mondays—Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Furniture donations may be scheduled online at [FriendsThriftShop.com](http://FriendsThriftShop.com).

If anyone in our neighboring communities is in need of assistance, they may contact Jack Battenhouse, Social Services Coordinator at 412-373-8845. Emergency food can be picked up by calling MC2 at 724-325-1559.

## Friends Kitchen Community Meal • First Wednesday of Each Month

*Submitted by Dan Plance*

The Friends Kitchen menu for Wednesday, April 1st, 2026 will feature meatball hoagie—mac 'n cheese—chips—cookie.



A sit-down dinner will be served from 4-6 p.m. (while supplies last) at Laird Hall, 3202 North Hills Road (just off Old William Penn Highway), across the street from the First Presbyterian Church. Take-out meals continue to be available. However, you need to park and come into Laird Hall to pick up your take-out. All are welcome to attend.

Participation is not based on economic need.

## Bible Study at the MC2 Community Outreach Center

(beside Export's Friends Thrift Shop)

*Every Thought Captive: How Renewing Your Mind Can Change Your Life*  
by Kyle Idleman

Begins Tuesday, April 28th from 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. and runs for 6 weeks

To register, please call MC<sup>2</sup> @ 724-325-1559 or email [MurrysvilleChristianConcern@gmail.com](mailto:MurrysvilleChristianConcern@gmail.com)



## On Monday, May 18, 2026, Faith Church will be participating in Grab & Go Operation Fresh Express.

Grab & Go is a supplemental program to the existing Westmoreland Food Bank pantry program. Our church is a "sponsor" for the program. As a sponsor, we are responsible for providing the volunteers to direct traffic, place boxes of food in the clients' cars, and monitor inside the church building by the restrooms. Grab & Go takes place in our church parking lot, rain or shine. So you need to dress for the weather.

Parking attendants and the church monitor should arrive by 2 p.m. All other volunteers should arrive by 3 p.m. and park in the grass on the left of Dollman Way, with overflow parking in the grass by the back porch and fire pit. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Action Table to assure that we have enough help.

Distribution may start earlier than 4:00 p.m. depending on the size of the crowd and when the Westmoreland Food Bank trucks arrive, but we always stay until at least 5:00 p.m.

A sign up sheet is available on the Action Table in the Gathering Area for those who would like to participate.  
**We need 25 volunteers.**

## Help Faith GMC Support Our Neighbors



Food Donations

Donations of non-perishable food items are being accepted through Sunday, May 3rd. These donations will be boxed on Sunday, May 10th and made available, if needed, to those anticipated 150 families attending the May 18th Westmoreland Food Bank Grab & Go food distribution that our church will host in our parking lot.

As a result of your donations this past October, our church was able to hand out 20 boxes of food when the Food Bank ran short.

Any boxed food not handed out on May 18th will be shared with the following organizations:  
Delmont Food Pantry—Loaves & Fishes Emergency Food Pantry—Friends Thrift Shop.

NOTE: Food insecurity has increased 40% in Westmoreland County since 2022. Over 41,690 of our neighbors are facing food insecurity.



## 2026 OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April

- Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

### May

- Donate desserts for Delmont's Meals on Wheels
- Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- Participate in the Westmoreland Food Bank "Grab & Go" food distribution on 5/18/2026

### June & July

- Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- Donate items for the Blackburn Center

### August

- Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- Donate items for Blackburn Center
- Participate in Delmont Daze

### September

- Donate items for College & Military Care Boxes
- Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

### October

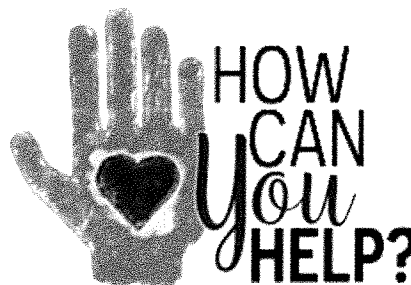
- Donate desserts for Delmont's Meals on Wheels
- Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- Donate socks, underwear, & winter coats for the Delmont Food Pantry and Friends Thrift Shop
- Participate in the Westmoreland Food Bank "Grab & Go" food distribution on 10/5/2026
- Donate funds for processing the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
- Fill a Christmas Breakfast Bag for the Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry

### November

- Donate Christmas Presents for the residents of Delmont's ARK Personal Care Home
- Fill a Christmas Breakfast Bag for the Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry

### December

- Participate in the Pilgrimage on 12/5/2026 and 12/6/2026



# Plans for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes in 2026

You decide the age and gender of the child or children for which you are packing. Shoeboxes are available in the small room off of the Gathering Area. Take as many shoeboxes as you plan to fill. Filled shoeboxes should be returned to the same room no later than Sunday, October 4, 2026.

**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.

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it **FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED**. Consider praying for the recipient, adding a photo, and a personal note. Delivered by local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in an understandable, child-friendly manner.

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

## TOYS

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

## CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

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

## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Hairbrush—comb—toothbrush
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Water bottle
- Nail clipper & file
- Blanket
- Washcloth
- Fun adhesive bandages
- Non-breakable compact mirror
- Flashlight
- Small backpack or purse
- Drawstring bag
- Hairbands—ribbons—clips

## CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Clothing
- Flip flops—socks
- Hat—scarf—mittens
- Sunglasses
- Bandana—decorative hat
- Bead jewelry—bead kit
- Wristwatch

## 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)

## A "WOW" ITEM

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

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** soap—food—candy—  
toothpaste—gum—used or damaged items—scary  
or war-related items such as guns, knives, or  
military figures—wearable camouflage—seeds or  
organic matter—drink mixes—liquids or lotions—  
medications or vitamins—breakable items—  
aerosol cans—matches & fire starters—money

## Faith Church Is Responsible for Meals on Wheels Desserts in May

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



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

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

## FGMC "Spirit Wear" T-Shirts Available for Sale at the Church Office



### SHORT-SLEEVE SHIRTS

Youth Small—Adult XL \$11  
2XL \$13.50  
3XL \$14.75

### LONG-SLEEVE SHIRTS

Youth—Adult XL \$15  
2XL \$17.50  
3XL \$18.75

## Offer the Gift of Sight

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

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



## Opportunities to Provide Altar Flowers



### 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 Is Available to Help

*Submitted by Ed Washburn*

"Five by Five" envelopes are in the pews and also available on the Action Table. Just place your name—envelope number—and dollar amount on the special envelope. You can place cash or a check payable to *Faith GMC* in the envelope and drop it in with your offering. If you are including your payment in your regular offering envelope, remember to write "5x5" on the line marked "*Special*" on the envelope and indicate the amount to go to the "Five by Five" church account. As of March 8, 2026, there is \$3,657 in the "Five by Five" account.



This program supports our pastor's efforts to help a church member when a financial emergency occurs and a request for help is made. The "5 x 5" monies are available to whomever might need some help. In addition, if someone outside of our Faith family contacted the church and asked the pastor for help, our pastor could make the decision to help and how much, using the "Five by Five" funds available.

The opportunity to participate in the "Five by Five" program is an option at anytime throughout the year. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact Ed Washburn at [turfed15626.com](mailto:turfed15626.com) or by phone at 724-396-1414.

## First Responders Program at Faith Church

*Submitted by Ed Washburn*

Our church's *First Responders* program is for dramatic emergencies when 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 notified when such an emergency arises, please email our church office at [faithchurch@faithdelmont.org](mailto:faithchurch@faithdelmont.org) or give the office staff a call at 724-468-0040. Your name will be placed on a list to be contacted for a possible donation, if able, of \$50 (**minimum**) to help provide financial support from Faith Church. Our goal is to have 50 "*First Responders*" that can be called in case of a financial emergency. We continue to need more people willing to be part of this program that can be approached if a need arises and the *First Responders* choose to participate.



If you have any questions about this program and opportunity 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.

## How God Expresses Fatherhood

*Dr. Charles F. Stanley, InTouch.org*

One way God expresses His fatherhood is in His desire for an intimate relationship with us. "*Our Father who is in Heaven, hallowed be Your name*" (Matthew 6: 9) moves from His fatherhood to His holiness. In one sentence, Jesus shows us that we can have a personal relationship with God even though He is holy and perfect. We can ask our Father to provide our daily needs and completely forgive our sins; we can also ask Him to give us the power to forgive others who sin against us.

Quieting ourselves before God enables us to sense His presence, and the more we're attuned to Him, the more He will reveal who He is. We will also better understand His desire to communicate with us and show His love. In addition, we can trust that He hears us. We who follow Christ remain in God's unconditional care and protection, which is fully accessible. (John 15: 9-11)

The Lord promises to be with us forever. (Matthew 14: 16-18) How awesome to have a Father who knows us intimately, speaks to us, and offers us unconditional love that will never end.



The **Tabitha Circle** meets the **second Saturday** of most months from **10 a.m.—noon** at Faith Church. Their meeting in April is, however, the third Saturday on the 18th. New members are always welcomed to join the group that works on projects together in support of various missions.

The members of the Tabitha Circle appreciate the support received during their February chocolate-covered pretzel rod sale for Valentine's Day. After tithing, **\$341 worth of skin care products** will be donated to the Hillman Cancer Center.

To celebrate mothers and influential women in the lives of children, proceeds (after tithing) from the **upcoming May 11th chocolate-covered pretzel rod sale** will be donated to Lifeway Pregnancy Center in Latrobe. The chocolate-covered pretzels will be made during the Saturday, May 9th, meeting.

*Submitted by Joy Spang, Tabitha Circle president*

### Faith Global Methodist Men's Group "Faith Warriors"

*Submitted by Jim McMahon*

The *Faith Warriors* continue to meet weekly, on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Dave Neely and Jay McIntyre are currently leading the group in their study of the book of Philippians.

They continue to expand their group, welcoming more men of Faith to join them. The *Faith Warriors* also encourage any persons or groups that need a helping hand to reach out to this men's group for possible assistance.

**MEN'S  
GROUP**



### Clint Is Back!

*Submitted by Sue Sonafelt, SPPRC Chair*



Welcome Back!

When you receive your April Faith Flyer, our beloved church caretaker, *Clint Stevenson*, will be back to work at Faith Church. We are so happy that he has had a successful knee operation and that his recovery and rehabilitation continues to progress.

We want to thank EVERYONE for their help to keep our church clean in his absence. The office staff, Sunday school teachers, Boy Scouts, and many others have all pitched in. **Lynn Pyle, Cliff Kosmatine, and George Caldwell** have gone above and beyond in their assistance.

Let's give a BIG shout-out to ALL who helped!!



## Our Caring Hearts & Hands Ministry Is There for You



The Peter Room chest freezer (off of the Fellowship Hall where the icemaker is located) continues to be stocked with main meals and soups. We, at Faith Church, want to share God's compassion through the offering of prepared meals to our Faith members and friends who could benefit from some meal help.

A list is posted on the chest freezer in the room that names the types of soups and main dishes available. **Please mark the food items that you remove.** This record helps us know when more soups or meals are needed in order to assure that there is always ample variety available. There is also a **sign-out sheet to note date, who took the food, and for whom the food will be given.**

If you have any questions or need assistance, please see or contact  
Marcy Wagner or Cindy Plance.

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

Our church's **Shut-In Ministry**, led by **Sylvia Babb**, continues to be part of the Caring Hearts & Hands Ministry for the purpose of reaching out to those members unable to attend church at Faith GMC. Sylvia enjoys reaching out to them by phone calls, visitations, and sending cards. She provides feedback to Pastor Jonathan so they can work together sharing the love of Christ to those who can't get out to church.



Sylvia is open to others joining her in this ministry of visiting, calling, and getting to know those members of our church who are unable to attend church in person, letting them know that they are not forgotten and are kept in our thoughts and prayers. Some people have already approached Sylvia with ideas and how they could help. Sylvia would love to hear from you.



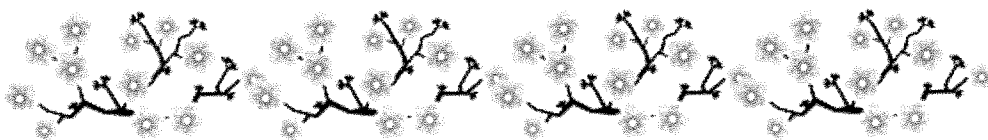
Our "Shut-In" members love hearing from their church family. If you would like to send them a card, please contact the church office for a current listing of all of our homebound & their addresses. Many times, a phone call is also greatly appreciated.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

*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 appreciate your efforts.

We currently have enough prayer shawls. Please concentrate on making 3 ft. x 3 ft. lap blanket made in the design and color of your choice. Our lap blankets will be given to the residents of Ark Manor Personal Care Home at 105 Sandra Drive in Delmont.



## Lean on Me

*Submitted by Carrie Bortz, Prayer Point Person*

Many of you may remember the Bill Withers song, “Lean on Me,” with the lyrics “Lean on me when you’re not strong, and I’ll be your friend; I’ll help you carry on.” I recently read a devotion that used this same idea to explain our biblical call to “bear with one another.” The author shared that the New Testament uses two different Greek words for “bear”. One means “to carry” (Galatians 6:2), and the other means “to hold oneself up against”, much like a person staking a tomato plant to sustain it from the weight it carries. (Colossians 3:13 and Ephesians 4:2) The stake’s strength becomes the plant’s strength.

This is God’s heart for His family. He is inviting us to come alongside those who are weary, wounded, or weighed down—and let our strength, rooted in Christ, become strength for them. We “stake ourselves” to them so they don’t fall. It’s a picture that speaks to both practical love - like providing meals, transportation or help with projects – and the powerful ministry of intercession. When we lift others before the Lord, we help sustain them with His strength, His peace, and His hope. In Christ, we can truly help one another stand.

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.  
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.  
Ephesians 6:18*

## Monthly Prayer Group

**April 11, 2026 • 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

The prayer group will meet the SECOND Saturday in April (not the usual first Saturday) so not to interfere with the Easter weekend.



As Christians, we are called to spend time in prayer both individually and with others. Our monthly prayer group meeting, facilitated by Carrie Bortz, provides an opportunity to pray with a small group. Attendance varies, and everyone is encouraged to come, whether you have a one-time need for prayer or would like to join us more often. We are very informal – there is time for fellowship and sharing of joys and concerns before we pray. Our goal is to intercede powerfully in prayer with the Holy Spirit as our guide.

If you have questions, please contact Carrie Bortz at 412-334-0920 or at [carriebortz@yahoo.com](mailto:carriebortz@yahoo.com).

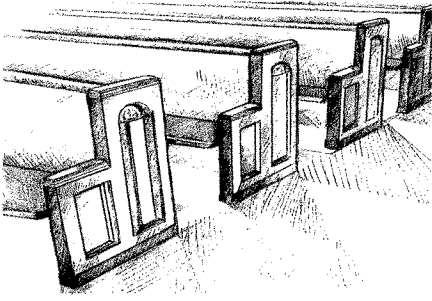
## How to Live the Full Adventure of Knowing and Doing the Will of God— Experiencing God

*Henry T. Blackaby & Claude V. King, pp. 35, 36*

The testimony of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation is that God speaks to His people. In our day, God speaks to us through the Holy Spirit. He uses the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church (other believers). Not one of these methods of God’s speaking is, by itself, a clear indicator of God’s directions. But when God says the same thing through each of these ways, you can have confidence to proceed.

God is going to be revealing Himself so that you can trust Him and have faith in Him. He is going to reveal His purposes so that you will be involved in His work rather than some other work. He reveals His ways so that you can accomplish His purposes in a way that will glorify Him. God’s ways are not our ways. You cannot discover these truths about God on your own. Truth is *revealed*.

However, keep in mind, God does not call you to get involved just so people can see what you can do. He calls you to an assignment that you cannot do without Him.



## A VIEW FROM THE PEW

By Barb Hilty

### Full of It -

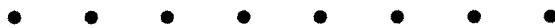
Say the word "colonoscopy" and you get a barrage of groans, eye rolls, jokes, and guffaws. It was no different when I recently needed to have one. After a full day's prep (a liquid diet followed by drinking a gallon of that tasty stuff and finally spending hours getting rid of all that was in my GI tract), I arrived bright and early the next morning at UPMC for the actual procedure. However...the colonoscopy had to be rescheduled for the next day. It was determined I wasn't sufficiently "cleaned out" and would need to repeat the entire prep regimen again. *Really?* Yep: a second day on a liquid diet, a repeat round of GoLyteLy, and, yes, another extended stay in the bathroom. Couldn't believe it! Dave, who'd been my intrepid chauffeur, merely commented, "I've always told you, "You're full of it." (eye roll)

So I've been thinking a lot about gastrointestinal things lately. The digestive system is a marvel of creation that breaks down the delicious food we eat and effectively absorbs the nutrients into the bloodstream to contribute to our overall health. The process ideally ends with a regular daily "sit down" to eliminate the food waste. Sometimes, even though balanced meals are intentionally selected, there are glitches which affect the performance of this wondrously created system. Eating good food doesn't always guarantee optimum digestion. In my case some tests were needed to learn the cause of the particular glitch that was depriving me of the nutrients of last night's grilled chicken salad and fruit plate. Subsequently, prescribed medicine has been needed to reverse things.

Something similar can happen regarding the health of my spiritual life. In order to develop a wholesome relationship with Jesus, I can choose to take in a balanced diet of items from the spiritual food pyramid. Things like reading and studying scripture, prayer, worship, fellowship, and communion are all good eats for a disciple of Christ. Even so, consuming faith-building food may not be enough to keep us in accordance with the Lord. There are villainous things insidiously snatching away the benefits of those good "religious" entrees. Instead of always having the satisfying fullness of loving, joyful, kindhearted fruit, there are times when acts of the flesh cause a back-up of impure, unrighteous by-products. It doesn't take much pathology to determine that sin is present and is filling me up with yucky hateful waste like pride, jealousy, quarreling, fault-finding, and worse. To get things back on track, a dose of repentance is required for healing with follow-ups of ongoing obedience.

What a blessing when the Holy Spirit acts like a digestive agent to transform my spiritual meals into the abundant sustenance needed for deeper intimacy with my Lord. I become full of His fruits which are needed for graciously **Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith**.

Seeking spiritual wholeness, I'm ever-so-ready to have Christ's Spirit guide me, guard me, and fill me. I want to gobble up all the blessed Bread which God desires to feed me. My heart's desire is that I become full of *Him*.



*For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. ~ Psalms 107: 9*

*Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more. ~ Richard Blanchard*

*22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. ~ Galatians 5: 22-23*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ~ Matthew 5: 6*

# 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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dick &amp; Pat Bush</li> <li>• Nick Coppage</li> <li>• Dave Morris</li> <li>• Joan Nellis</li> <li>• The White Family</li> <li>• Fred Roach</li> <li>• Straw Soffronoff</li> <li>• Beth Tyson</li> <li>• Pam Scalf</li> <li>• Michael Scoletti</li> <li>• Bill &amp; Mary Weyel</li> <li>• Joe Ramus</li> <li>• Julie Kovacs</li> <li>• Linda (Barb's cousin)</li> <li>• Mindy Shaw</li> <li>• Diane Brown</li> <li>• Bud Murray</li> <li>• Jeff Retter</li> <li>• Ken Thom</li> <li>• Sally Wareham</li> <li>• Sharon Bronson</li> <li>• Maury &amp; Mary Fey</li> <li>• Alice Burkhart</li> <li>• Theresa</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob Zacharias</li> <li>• Shirley Fabrizi</li> <li>• Stephanie Taczak</li> <li>• Helen Robbins</li> <li>• Irene Hanna</li> <li>• Dennis &amp; Gerrilynn Butterfield</li> <li>• Martha Koval</li> <li>• John Womer</li> <li>• Norma Murphy (Carrie's sister)</li> <li>• Jean Loughry</li> <li>• Martha Ashbaugh</li> <li>• John &amp; Janet Brodahl</li> <li>• Marie (Janet's sister)</li> <li>• Joey Kasunic</li> <li>• Donna Earnest</li> <li>• Judy Magill</li> <li>• Lynn Francis</li> <li>• Gene Kovacs</li> <li>• Joanne Bruno</li> <li>• Chuck Robinson</li> <li>• Lisa Fair</li> <li>• Sharon Eisele</li> <li>• John &amp; Polly Negich</li> <li>• Elvin</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Schindler</li> <li>• Louise Gladkowski</li> <li>• Sue &amp; Ron</li> <li>• Samantha Hohn</li> <li>• Charlotte Graham</li> <li>• Dennis Urban</li> <li>• Robin Dorman</li> <li>• Gloria W.</li> <li>• Serenity Conlon</li> <li>• Tracey Albert</li> <li>• Sue Shaw</li> <li>• Sue Cuenca</li> <li>• Bev Fensch</li> <li>• Karen Connors</li> <li>• Debbie McDevitt</li> <li>• Todd (Lawanna's son)</li> <li>• Loretta Schroder</li> <li>• Beth Muri</li> <li>• Karen Klanica</li> <li>• Bryson (Linda &amp; Jay's great nephew)</li> <li>• Melissa Stauffer</li> <li>• April, Luci, &amp; Tom</li> <li>• Tony DiNizo</li> <li>• Lidia (Linda Kunkle's granddaughter)</li> </ul> |
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*God  
Answers  
Prayers*



### **Daily Prayer Chain Procedures**

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

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

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

## 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.

### Faith GMC Mourns the Loss of Two of Its Faith Members

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

*Family and friends of Janet Graham (2-23-2026)*

*Family and friends of Natalie A. Berlin (3-10-2026)*



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



### Just Keep Moving!!

**Faith GMC Social Hall • Thursdays • 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

*Submitted by Lynn Pyle*



**Just Keep Moving!!** If you are wondering how we came up with the name of our exercise class, it's inspired from the movie, "*Finding Nemo*." As the movie characters are searching for Nemo, Dory sings, "Just Keep Swimming," to encourage Marlin to persevere, stay positive, and keep moving forward through difficulties. Never give up! Just keep moving! That has become our group's motto.

Alyce and I are thrilled how many friends have showed up to participate. We start with a warm-up while sitting in our chairs that moves from our heads to our feet. Then, watching a video, we participate with Jessica Valant, a physical therapist. She emphasizes the importance of maintaining and improving our balance. She encourages us to work on trying to stand on one leg for 10 seconds without holding on to something. Then we do a 20-30 minute workout with another video with step and arm movements accompanied with a variety of musical selections. (The first week we exercised to the music of ABBA!)

You are invited to join our group. We continue to meet Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in April, except for Maundy Thursday, April 2nd. Consider bringing some water and, perhaps, a small towel.

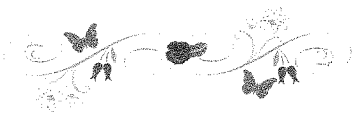
*Hope to see you Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., and remember, "Just Keep Moving"!!*

If you have any questions, please contact Alyce Urban (724-468-6013) or Lynn Pyle (412-610-4656).

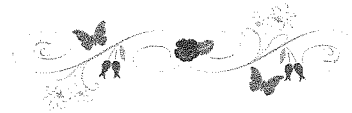
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# Blessings



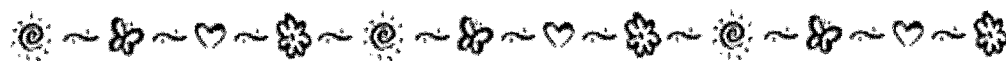
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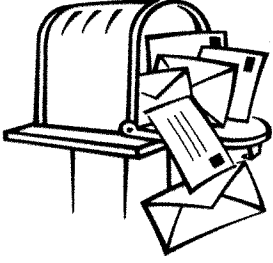


Dear Friends,

Greetings from Asbury Theological Seminary! Our Spring semester has begun ... and many of our students are anticipating their graduation. ... We can only respond in awe and gratitude to the multitude of committed people, like you, who continue to share your financial resources with us. ... Your gift of \$881.50 has been credited to the Wesley Fund General Scholarship. ... Only eternity can reveal the whole story of how your gift was used to God's glory. Thank you!

Christ's Love,  
*Tammy J. Hogan*, Vice President of Advancement

## Church Mailbox



Dear Faith Church Family,

As undeserving as we are, God is faithful. I am praising the Lord for the miraculous healing of my son, Gregg. He went from passing out and hitting the floor to spending two weeks in Neuro ICU with a fractured skull and eye orbit, brain bleeds, and on a respirator to a complete healing in six weeks. Gregg is now back to work and driving!

Thank you ALL for your prayers! I truly believe that my son is a miracle! I give thanks to the Lord!

*Sybil Kunkelmann*

To Our Caring Hearts & Hands Ministry,

Bud and I enjoyed the broccoli pasta alfredo, the stuffed pepper soup, and the wedding soup that we were able to take from the Caring Heart's freezer after I was in the hospital. We are so fortunate to have great cooks and such a wonderful ministry in our church. We appreciate each one of you for giving of your time and talent.

Thank you so very, very much!

*Hettie Robinson*

Dear Faith Global Methodist Church,

My son, Todd, and I thank everyone for all the cards and condolences that we received on the passing of Ron. It has been difficult, but knowing that our church family is there has been a great comfort.

Our sincere and warmest thanks for your thoughtfulness.

*Cindy & Todd Weaver*

Faith GMC,

Thank you for reaching out to us about the plates. We are so thrilled to add them to our collection.

Thank you again.

*Franny Petras, VP Baltzer Meyer Historical Society*

Dear Faith Friends,

I want to thank the Faith members & friends, and especially everyone who is involved with the prayer shawl ministry, for the beautiful shawl that I received. It was a lovely surprise and greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

*Martha Koval*



**Monday, April 13, 2026**

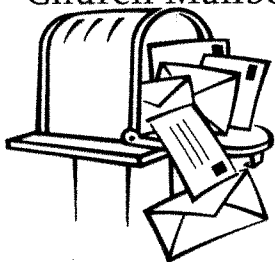
The deadline for submission of articles, notes of thanks, and information for the May Faith Flyer are due by no later than Monday, April 13th.

*welcome*  
to our church family

*Megan Hanover*  
*Sandy Mueller*

Kenton First Methodist Church  
Milford First UMC

## Church Mailbox



Dear Member of Faith Global Methodist Church,

On behalf of the entire Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry, we extend our gratitude for your generous donation of tall kitchen garbage bags for our recent food distribution. As you know, garbage bags are not typically provided by the food bank, making them an especially valuable and much-needed item. Our neighbors are delighted to receive them. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in their daily lives.

We are truly blessed to have Faith GMC as a dedicated partner in serving our community. Together, we are making a real and lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.

With sincere appreciation,  
*Louise M. Esposito*

Dear Men's Faith Warriors,

As your men's group has stated in the Faith Flyer, you encourage any person who needs a helping hand to reach out to your group for possible assistance. Well, oh goodness, did I ever have that need when I recently "found myself in a pickle!"

My grocery delivery instructions specifically state to deliver my groceries to the back door at the handicap ramp. I've never had a problem until recently when my 4-week order was delivered to my FRONT porch to which I am unable to access. After some "hard thinking" and a quick prayer, my "answer" came. I called Jim McMahon from the "Faith Warriors." Sadly, I got him at work, but he was so gracious! In a matter of minutes, Larry & Shirleen Johnston called. They were at my front porch door and toted all the bags to the back porch door and into my kitchen! My heart did a "happy dance" as I was SO grateful! The humble response to my thank-yous was, "Our pleasure; It was really nothing." But to me, it surely was something!

Again, many thanks to the "Faith Warriors" and the Johnstons for being such a blessing.  
*Barb Kaufman*

Dear Faith Global Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the college care package. I really appreciate the kindness and thought that went into putting it together. The snacks and gum were a wonderful surprise and definitely appreciated during the semester.

Your support means a lot to me. I am currently in my final semester of my two-year degree in Additive Manufacturing at WCCC, and I'm very grateful for the encouragement from my church family along the way. After graduating, I'm planning to continue my education and pursue a second degree in Journeyman Machining Technologies.

Thank you again for thinking of me and for your continued prayers and support. It truly means a lot to know that my church family is cheering me on as I move forward.

With gratitude,  
*Tyler Patterson*



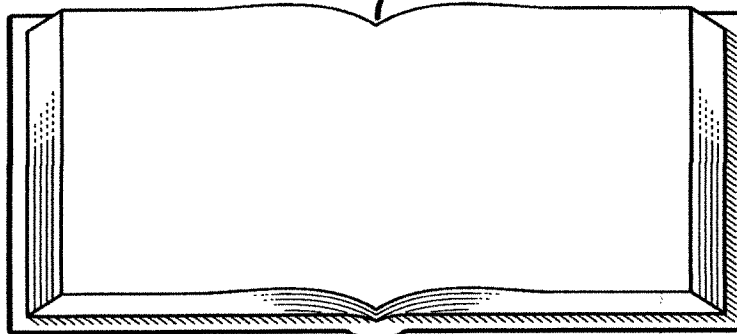
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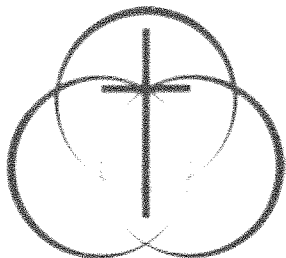
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# The Faith Flyer



## Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith

*Lord,* Help us to love and care for others  
as you care for us.

Help us not to take the blessings of life in Christ for granted  
but instead to share them with those around us.

~ The Upper Room

*Along with worship and fellowship, God desires our discipleship and service.  
He has equipped each of us in some way to be an agent of grace.*

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,  
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

~ I Peter 4: 10