

The Faith Flyer

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

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Ministers - All the congregation

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Church website - faithdelmont.org

October 2026 Worship at a Glance

4th Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

NT: Philippians 3: 4b-14

Message Lesson: Ephesians 2: 1-10

Sermon Series: *Encountering Grace*

Sermon Title: Justifying Grace

11th Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

NT: Philippians 4: 1-9

Message Lesson: Philippians 3: 15-21

Sermon Series: *Encountering Grace*

Sermon Title: Sanctifying Grace

18th Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost

NT: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Message Lesson: Matthew 5: 43-48

Pastor Jonathan is in Croatia.

Frank Shoup is preaching.

25th Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

NT: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Message Lesson: Jude 1: 3-4

Sermon Series: *For All the Saints*

Sermon Title: Here I Stand, I Can Do No Other

2026 Fall Bible Study at Faith GMC • Five Mondays at 7 p.m.

Out of Chaos: How God Makes New Things from the Broken Pieces of Life

by Jessica LaGrone

Jessica LaGrone is Dean of the Chapel at Asbury Theological Seminary and an ordained United Methodist pastor. The core theme of her 2022 spiritual book is inspired by Genesis 1: 2 and looks at how God does not abandon people in their pain, grief, or broken relationships. Instead of seeing chaos as a final failure, LaGrone frames it as the raw material that God uses to bring rebirth, renewal, and beauty.

Mark your calendars and join us in October and November for our Fall study! The books are \$7.00 each and available from the church office. There is a sign-up sheet on the Action Table.

READ

October 26: Introduction + Part 1: Origins

November 2: Part 2—Effects (first half)

November 9: Part 2—Effects (second half)

November 16: Part 3—Response

November 23: Finish Part 3 + Conclusion: Travelers

FOCUS

From where does chaos come?

What does chaos do to us?

How does chaos reshape our lives and faith?

How do we respond when God doesn't immediately restore order?

What does it mean to live faithfully amid chaos?

The summer office hours are permanent. The church office is open

Monday—Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The office is closed on Fridays.

Alisha monitors the phone messages & emails for emergencies on Fridays. You may also contact Pastor Jonathan by email outside of regular office hours at pastor@faithdelmont.org

FROM
THE
PASTOR



Dear Friends,

For the next seven years, my fall Fridays are spoken for. Joanna joined marching band, meaning every Friday will be spent at the football field. I struggled with realizing this will be my life for the next seven years. Joanna may graduate (I doubt she will take more than six years or so to get through high school), but Wesley will join afterwards.

When I realized this was going to be my life for the next seven years, I realized I needed to change some things. I bought a nice stadium seat. My back is not going to endure bleachers for the next seven years without help. I invested in some Greensburg-Salem themed gear for colder nights. I typically try to be very frugal. However, this is one of those places where investment at this stage will greatly pay off over time.

There are so many places in our lives where smart investment of time, energy, money, and attention at an early point pays off significantly. Isn't that the power of compounding interest? The money we save for retirement early pays off more than the money we save late. Learning to cook good, relatively healthy meals pays off over time. Investing in our health early will make our later years better. I can list many more areas in life where this pays off.

Yet, as a pastor, I notice our faith often gets the "I will worry about that later" treatment. We will deal with our spiritual shallowness later. We will respond to God's calling later. We will follow Jesus closely later. We always assume another time will come.

Following Jesus can be work. We are stubborn people. We have to wrestle with our stubbornness and learn to surrender. Yet the gifts of living into God's grace and calling far exceed our investment. This is one of those places in life where investing early brings us so much more than we give.

Listen to the Holy Spirit today. Where is God calling you to follow?

Pastor Jonathan



Sunday, October 11th • 4 p.m.



Pastor Jonathan will be available to provide God's blessings on the animals and pets in your family's household beginning at 4 p.m. on October 11th. Meet in the church parking lot next to the entrance to Fellowship Hall with your pets for this special blessing.

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Saturday, October 24th • 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

Invite your families, friends, and neighbors to our third annual Trunk or Treat that will be held in our church parking lot. All are welcome.

We are looking for folks to participate by bringing their vehicles to decorate with a Fall or Halloween theme. You would also pass out treats or have your treats in a container from which the participating children who visit your vehicle can select.



Are you unable to decorate a trunk but still want to help? We need kitchen help—a “griller” for the hotdogs—and donations of wrapped candy as well as snack-size bags of chips, pretzels, cheese curls, i.e.

In order to sign up to participate and/or help, please contact *Shirleen Johnston* at 724-244-4525 or email at *shirleen43@aol.com*.

There is also a sign-up sheet on the Action Table.



Packing of the Care Boxes for our college students and active military service members will take place on Sunday, October 4th at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please come and lend a helping hand.

Tacos & “The Chair” Night • Thursday, October 1st 5:30 p.m. • Fellowship Hall

Our final 2026 Visions & Dreams event, *Tacos & “The Chair” Night*, begins at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Lynn Pyle and Bev Fensch are the hosts of our new game competition, “The Chair.” Pastor Jonathan has agreed to be “The Chair” during the final round in a format similar to the Match Game, a television game show from 1973-1982. Before reaching the final round, every person at the table will write down their answers to various questions, with the goal of their table having the most matches with their table’s rotating “Chairs.”

Our friendly game for 2026 will follow a dinner of beef tacos and/or nachos with a variety of available toppings. A salad could be made with the chopped lettuce that will be on the food line. “Fat Boy” ice cream sandwiches will be provided for dessert.



The deadline to sign up was September 20th in order to allow enough time to make the name tags and determine, purchase, and prepare the necessary amount of food to fill our bellies in hopes that we are feeling smart for the game to follow.

Cash donations toward the expenses can be placed in the jars found on the food line and beverage tables on the night of our final event for 2026.

*If you desire to help with kitchen prep or with set-up or clean-up, please contact Marcy Wagner.
Any assistance is greatly appreciated.*



Updates From the Worship Ministry Team

Submitted by Karen Morris, Chair

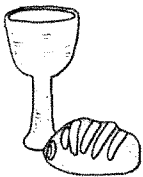
Seeking Entertainment During the Pilgrimage

We are looking for entertainment in the church sanctuary during the Delmont Community Pilgrimage on **Saturday, December 5th from 5-9 p.m.** and **Sunday, December 6th from 5-8 p.m.** If you have a talent that you would be willing to share with those who pass through our church or know of someone/group who does, please contact Karen Morris by email at karenlmorris61@gmail.com or by phone at 724-600-9597.

The people who come through our church enjoy relaxing in our beautifully decorated sanctuary while appreciating the entertainment provided. Please note that no one person or group would be expected to perform the entire evening.



Attention Current & Future Communion Stewards



Please consider assisting Pastor Jonathan during Holy Communion by helping serve the bread and wine by intinction on your scheduled Sunday.

We are also interested in additional people who would be interested in helping as Communion Stewards for either the 8 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. services.

Sunday Morning Coffee & Fellowship Hour 9-10 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

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

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



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

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

The next meeting of the Worship Committee is
Thursday, October 29th, 2026.



Worship Committee

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 five 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.

Music Ministry at Faith GMC

Submitted by Holly Kwaczala, Choir Director

"There is music in the air, music all around us—the world is full of music...", a quote from Edward Elgar. That is the feeling at Faith Church as a result of all the wonderful special music that was shared with us this summer. We thank EVERYONE for sharing your talents during the summer worship services.

A new sign-up sheet is placed on the choir door for ANYONE who would like to continue to share special music for the preludes during the first or second service, or for both services. We are also hoping to see more sharing of music from the children's Sunday School classes and the Praise Team.

Choir practice has resumed with Wednesday 7 p.m. rehearsals in the church sanctuary, and the choir is singing during the second worship services. They are bringing back some old favorites as well as sharing some new anthems. All are invited to join us on Wednesdays for an hour of fellowship, music, and prayer.



If you have any questions regarding our church's Music Ministries, please contact the church office or Holly Kwaczala.

Pastor Appreciation Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, November 8, 2026 • 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by Sue Sonafelt, SPPRC Chair



The month of OCTOBER is PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH. Throughout this month (and every month), you are encouraged to pray for Pastor Jonathan, his wife Megan, and their children Joanna & Wesley. Consider touching them with random acts of kindness, support, and encouragement.

In order to show our appreciation for everything they do for our church family, we will be holding a **POTLUCK LUNCHEON** immediately following the second service on Sunday, November 8th.

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

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



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

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

2026 Delmont Pilgrimage & Faith GMC's Role

Submitted by Joann Emanuele, Kitchen Ministries chair



This year's Pilgrimage will be held on **Saturday, December 5th from 5-9 p.m. & Sunday, December 6th from 5-8 p.m.** We are changing our offerings this year for our visitors. There will be various seasonal musical selections to enjoy in the Sanctuary.

A walk down the hall will start with a new scene in the conference room. The General Store has been retired. Doug Plance and Barb Hilty will have corn husking for reindeer food, corn cobs for bird feeders, and a take-home angel kit. Old-fashioned games will be available in the room also.

Fellowship Hall will be set up with the Tabitha Circle's rummage tables. In addition, Terri Earhart will be personalizing ornaments for sale. There will be a popcorn machine for free popcorn and a nativity scene available for photo opportunities.

The kitchen will be open with food options and a menu yet to be determined. Kitchen help throughout the weekend will be needed: prep work—evening cooks—servers on the food line—dining room help—clean-up crew.

Please consider helping out this year.

Free Winter Coat Giveaway Stay Warm this Season!

One coat per person while supplies last! Text 724-396-1414 with the date and approximate time you can pick up your new coat at 9 Freeport Street in Delmont.

Pick-Up Dates & Times in October:

Thursday, October 1st	4-7 p.m.
Saturday, October 17th	10 a.m.-noon
Thursday, October 29th	4-7 p.m.



Friends Thrift Shop

Submitted by Dan Plance

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

Store hours are Monday - Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

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MC2 offers a free dine-in or take-out dinner the first Wednesday of each month from 4-6 p.m. (while supplies last) at Laird Hall, 3202 North Hills Rd. (just off Old Wm. Penn Hwy.) in Murrysville, across from the First Presbyterian Church.

Participation at the **"Friends Kitchen Community Meal"** is not based on economic need.

The menu on Wednesday, October 7th is
Broccoli Alfredo—salad—roll—cookie

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 September 14, 2026, there is \$4,777 in the "Five by Five" account.



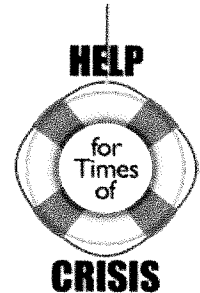
This program supports our pastor's efforts to help a church member when a financial emergency occurs and a request for help is made. The "5 x 5" monies are available to whomever might need some help. In addition, if someone outside of our Faith family contacted the church and asked the pastor for help, 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 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 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 or by phone at 724-396-1414.

2026 Bible Sunday • October 4th, 2026



During the second worship service, Sunday School participants will be awarded New Revised Standard Version Children's Bibles with illustrations and maps. All children in our **Foundations of Faith** Sunday Class and any older registered students who haven't previously received a Bible are eligible to be presented a copy of God's Word in memory of the Rev. Mr. & Mrs. Stephen & Louise Cupcheck.

*It's never too late to join a Sunday School Class—help with teaching or substituting—or even to start a new class! Please reach out to **Charlene Schroder** or **Megan Hanover** with any questions or ideas that you have. You may also contact them at their email address: fgmcchristianed@gmail.com.*

"Just Keep Moving" Restart Postponed

The "Just Keep Moving" exercise class should resume in January 2027 when both Lynn Pyle and Alyce Urban are available to provide the leadership for the program. You are encouraged to keep moving this fall until classes can start up again.



Monthly Saturday Prayer Group at Faith GMC October 3rd at 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.



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

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. at the church. 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.



The group began a study of John's Epistles (John 1, 2, 3; not the gospel of John) on September 15th.

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

Our Caring Hearts & Hands Ministry Is There for You

Submitted by Cindy Plance & Marcy Wagner



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.**

Thanks to everyone who helps us keep the freezer filled with soups, mini bread loaves, and main meals. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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. Our shut-ins are appreciative that they are being remembered by our church family with cards, phone calls, and visits bearing some goodies. Many watch our church service on Sunday mornings.



If you would like to be part of this ministry to our shut-ins or have any ideas to share, please contact Sylvia. You may request from the church office an updated list of our shut-ins.

Tabitha Circle Meeting Saturday, October 10th • 10 a.m. – noon

During our October meeting, we will prep ingredients for the pumpkin rolls. The mixing and baking of pumpkin cream cheese rolls will take place on Saturday, November 14th beginning at 8 a.m. (Depending on the number of rolls ordered, we may also bake on Friday, November 13th.) Additional help will be needed on November 14th and possibly the 13th.



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

LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL DESSERT FOR THANKSGIVING?

The Tabitha Circle will be making pumpkin cream cheese rolls ready for pick-up on Sunday, November 15th between 9 a.m.—11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. **Orders must be received by Sunday, November 8th.** The order form below is also available on the Action Table. This year we are offering half rolls (6-7 inches) for \$7 each AND full rolls for \$13 each. (The pumpkin cream cheese rolls also freeze well so that you can enjoy a slice later!)

2026 Pumpkin Cream Cheese Roll Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Place your order by Sunday, November 8th. • Pick up your order on Sunday, November 15th.

	QUANTITY	COST
Half-size roll at \$7 each		\$
Full-size roll at \$13 each		\$
TOTAL COST		\$

Orders should be placed in the white box on the Action Table. **Please prepay.**

If you are paying by check, please make your check payable to "Faith GMC—Tabitha Circle."

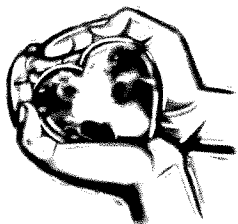
As part of our fundraising to support the Tabitha Circle's chosen missions, we bake.

In 2026, the Tabitha Circle made monetary or in-kind donations to the following: Westmoreland Food Bank Grab & Go (food) - Delmont Food Pantry (winter coats) - Friends Thrift Shop (winter socks and underwear) - Kiski Area School District (school supplies) - Life-Way Pregnancy Center in Latrobe (monetary). The Tabitha Circle also coordinated the collection of items for the Blackburn Center.



The Tabitha Circle will be baking cookies in December on Friday the 11th and possibly also on Saturday the 12th. Mark your calendar to help.

The Christmas cookie order form will be in the November Faith Flyer.



Christian Outreach Opportunities

Submitted by Joy Spang, Outreach Facilitator

Collecting Socks for the Needy in October

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

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

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



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

Some facts about socks & feet:

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

Faith Church is Responsible for Meals on Wheels Desserts in October

Please sign up to provide desserts for the Delmont Meals on Wheels program. Our church is to contribute desserts on Mondays—Wednesdays—Fridays of each week in October. A sign-up sheet is located on the Action Table for those who wish to help.

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, the day before. Arrangements will be made to transport your desserts to Salem Lutheran Church on Monday morning before 8:30 a.m.



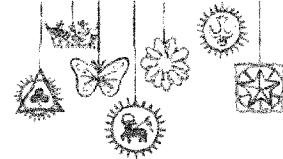
Some suggestions for desserts include: cookies (bag 2-3 together) —cupcakes—brownies—fresh fruit.

Christmas Breakfast Bags for the Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry

Our church has been supplying breakfast food bags for the grateful patrons of the Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry for over 20 years. Reusable bags will be available at the church, or you may provide your own bag. **Our goal this year is 204 bags.** Sunday School families and all members of our congregation are encouraged to support this worthy cause.

Each reusable bag should contain the following items:

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



It is permissible to add some extra items to your bag once you have put in the above listed items.

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

Return your filled breakfast bags to the church by Sunday, December 6th.

Faith GMC Sponsors a Coat Drive to Benefit Delmont Food Pantry • MC2 Winter Coat Drive



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

The MC² Winter Coat Give-Away



Everyone is welcome to come and select a coat at the Community Outreach Center (located next to the Friends Thrift Shop) in Export on **Saturday, November 14th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Faith GMC is providing some of the coats collected from our 2026 coat drive to this year's MC2 Winter Coat Give-Away.

Amen to Action Meal Packing Event Saturday, November 7

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Community Outreach Center in Export (next to the Friends Thrift Shop). Volunteers will help pack approximately 60,000 dry meal packets for local families in need to be distributed through the Westmoreland Food Bank.

Help is needed to scoop ingredients, seal bags, pack bags into boxes, stack boxes, and more.

Faith Church has committed to providing 25 volunteers.

A sign-up sheet is available on the Action Table.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Collection Is Almost Over!

You decide 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 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.

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

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

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

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

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

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: candy—toothpaste—bar soap—used or damaged items—scary or war-related items such as guns, knives, or military figures—chocolate—food—seeds—drink mixes—liquids or lotions—medications or vitamins—breakable items—aerosol cans

Loaves & Fishes Emergency Food Pantry

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



Non-perishable food donations for the Loaves & Fishes Emergency Food Pantry are being accepted at Faith GMC. The food donations currently needed are:
**canned tuna—canned vegetables—canned soup—cereal—pasta—
jars of spaghetti sauce—macaroni & cheese box mixes—spices.**

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

Offer the Gift of Sight

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



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

Prayer Shawl Ministry at Faith GMC

Submitted by Cindy Plance & Mary Schindler



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

We currently have enough prayer shawls. We continue to need 3 ft. x 3 ft. (minimum) lap blankets made in the design and color of your choice.

*Our lap blankets are given to the residents of the Ark Manor Personal Care Home at
105 Sandra Drive in Delmont.*

2026 OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Submitted by Joy Spang, Outreach facilitator

- October:** Bring in your filled Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (due by 10/4)
Donate funds for processing the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
Donate socks, underwear, and winter coats for the Delmont Food Pantry & the MC2 Coat Drive
Donate desserts for Delmont's Meals on Wheels
Fill Christmas Breakfast Bags for Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry (due 12/6)
- November:** Donate Christmas Presents for the residents of Delmont's Ark Manor Personal Care Home
Fill Christmas Breakfast Bags for Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry (due 12/6)
Participate in Amen to Action meal packing event (11/7)
- December:** Turn in Christmas Breakfast Bags for MOS Community Food Pantry by 12/6
Participate in the Pilgrimage on 12/5 and 12/6



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



SHORT-SLEEVE SHIRTS

Youth Small—Adult XL \$11
2XL \$13.50

LONG-SLEEVE SHIRTS

Youth—Adult XL \$15
2XL \$17.50

Your donations of empty paper towel rolls are needed for Delmont's Head Start program. The program is operated by Westmoreland Community Action and provides free early childhood education. They are located in the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church on 301 East Pittsburgh Street.



A collection box for your paper towel cardboard rolls is in the Gathering Area for your donations.

Praying for the New GMC Bishops

Submitted by Carrie Bortz, Prayer Point Person

I am so grateful to be part of a church known for its strong commitment to prayer. At Faith Church, when a joy or concern is shared, we can trust that our congregation's prayer warriors will lift it up—and corporate prayer releases the power of the Holy Spirit.

A few weeks ago, the GMC General Conference met in Johannesburg, South Africa, where delegates elected our first full-time slate of eight bishops who will guide the denomination for the next six years. This is a weighty responsibility for the new bishops, especially because each Episcopal Area (EA) is diverse and globally distributed.

Our conference is part of EA 8, which includes Allegheny West, North Carolina, Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, Zimbabwe, and Heartland. Our new bishop will be **Carolyn Moore**.

Please make a note to pray regularly for all of the Episcopal Area bishops and their families as they come together beginning in November to lead our denomination forward. Ask God to grant them protection, discernment, wisdom, and guidance.

The GMC slate of new full-time bishops are:

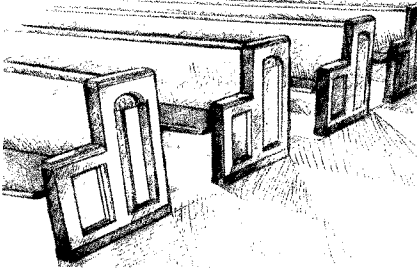
Luther Oconer (EA 1) - Jonathan Lee (EA 2) - Mark Webb (EA 3) - Lyndol Loyd (EA 4) -
Jerry Kulah (EA 5) - Eduard Kheday (EA 6) - Paul Lawlor (EA 7) - Carolyn Moore (EA 8).

*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish
one another with all wisdom. ~ Colossians 3: 16*

Many of us may participate in preventive maintenance programs for our cars, mowers, tractors, furnaces, air conditioners, teeth, personal health, and the like. We can bring equipment or ourselves to the professional to check things over and repair it before it breaks or requires major attention. Being proactive can save a lot of frustration and stress.

Life has many struggles, and having a relationship with and learning to trust God makes it easier to accept God's comfort and wisdom. Shaping this relationship through devotion, prayer, worship, and fellowship with other believers is like a preventive maintenance program for our spiritual lives.

We can thank God for giving us what we need each day, and seek His guidance so that we may be better equipped to serve Him and others. ~ The Upper Room



A VIEW FROM THE PEW

By Barb Hilty

No Phishing—

I don't do social media, but I still manage to rack up a lot of time on my iPhone. Besides texting, listening to Wake-Up Call (a daily devotional), and checking weather, I must admit Siri and I have become besties. Even Pastor Vatroslav recently noted our dependence on Siri. Honestly, she's my go-to for my many questions throughout the day: *Can I substitute maple syrup for honey?* (Yes) *Can basil plants withstand cold temperatures?* (No) *Who did the Bo Peep voice-over in The Toy Story?* (Annie Potts). You know. Important things like that.

Anyway, I was on line the other day when I got an interrupting pop-up that said someone at that very minute was trying to charge \$199 on my Apple account, and I needed to take immediate action to stop it! Sounded pretty darn phishy to me. *Delete.* A day later, I got another rude interruption that flat out said, "Your iPhone has been hacked. Do not leave this page..." and then urgently instructed me to respond "within 2 minutes" or it would be too late to resolve the problem. Stinkin' slimy phishy! *Delete.* And then there are falsely identified Faith Church members who keep emailing me "photos" to look at! Yeah, right. *Delete.* What's with all this phishing?

Persistent cyber criminals aren't the only ones determined to steal information from innocent persons. There's no shortage of scam artists in our fast-paced world who push us for an immediate decision to give up something which benefits them while destroying us. We might accept a "too good to be true" offer or contribute to a bogus charity in haste. Let's face it. We're gullible. Worse, we can be deceived in matters of faith.

The conniving "father of lies" is determined to do whatever it takes to cause division and destroy all the good things in God's creation. Believers in Jesus are the favored targets of evil tricks meant to tempt us, weaken us and block our relationship with God. The Accuser is skillful in his work and uses our sinful nature to accomplish his plan to deceive. But the devil is after something more valuable than our wallet or our good name. He's battling for our very souls.

We dare not make too much of the ways of the adversary, however, for that gives him undue attention. It's also an unworthy use of our time. Although we see evil's influence in the world, we need to remember that Satan has no great power — and he certainly doesn't reign on the earth. He's no match for the Creator. As Pastor Jonathan has reminded us, the risen Christ is now seated on the throne — and He's King!

We Christians can be certain that Satan's wimpy power doesn't hold a candle to that of our mighty King. That's why **Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith** is so effective. When someone is facing difficulties and we come along-side them to affirm their worth in God's eyes, we put to shame the trickster who's been trying to interrupt Jesus' love in order to steal the joy God would have for them.

Rather than becoming upset by thinking about the devil, his minions, and the woes around us, we can have peace when our thoughts are centered on the Lord. J. D. Walt has a good teaching for me: The Deceiver's plan is that I would be distracted and dwell on the problems of sin when, as a believer, I need to tilt my focus on Jesus Who's already defeated the devil. With the Holy Spirit's help, I can tap the delete key to undo sinful interruptions and trash Satan's evil messages by trusting in the real true Ruler of all things. His communication is genuine. No phishing, just mercy and love.

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For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith...1 Peter 5:8-9a

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3

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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| • Pat Bush | • Bob Zacharias | • Mary Schindler |
| • Nick Coppage | • Shirley Fabrizi | • Louise Gladkowski |
| • Dave Morris | • Stephanie Taczak | • Sue & Ron |
| • Joan Nellis | • Helen Robbins | • Samantha Hohn |
| • The White Family | • Irene Hanna | • Charlotte Graham |
| • Fred Roach | • Dennis & Gerrilynn Butterfield | • Dennis Urban |
| • Straw Soffronoff | • Martha Koval | • Robin Dorman |
| • Beth Tyson | • Sue Harmuth | • Gloria W. |
| • Pam Scalf | • John Womer | • Serenity Conlon |
| • Michael Scoletti | • Norma Murphy (Carrie's sister) | • Tracey Albert |
| • Bill & Mary Weyel | • Martha Ashbaugh | • Sue Shaw |
| • Joe Ramus | • John & Janet Brodahl | • Sue Cuenca |
| • Julie Kovacs | • Marie (Janet's sister) | • Bev Fensch |
| • Linda (Barb Kaufman's cousin) | • Joey Kasunic | • Karen Connors |
| • Mindy Shaw | • Donna Earnest | • Debbie McDevitt |
| • Diane Brown | • Judy Magill | • Todd (Lawanna's son) |
| • Bud Murray | • Lynn Francis | • Loretta Schroder |
| • Jeff Retter | • Gene Kovacs | • Beth Muri |
| • Ken Thom | • Joanne Bruno | • John & Polly Negich |
| • Sally Wareham | • Theresa | • Elvin |
| • Sharon Bronson | • Chuck Robinson | • Tony DiNizo |
| • Karen Klanica | • April | • Martin Lashen |
| • Melissa Stauffer | • Luci & Tom | |
| • Dick Berlin | • Lisa Fair | |
| • Matt H. | • Sharon Eisele | |
| • Maury & Mary Fey | • Lidia (Linda Kunkle'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 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.

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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.

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.

The Secret of Being an Overcomer

Dr. Charles F. Stanley, intouch.org

The apostle Paul learned the secret of being an overcomer (2 Corinthians 12: 9-10): (1) Maintain God's perspective on the ups and downs of life, and (2) access His power. Paul was firmly convinced that having the person of the Holy Spirit living *in* him meant that God's power was available *to* him.

We, too, can learn to be at peace while the storms of life rage around us. The first step is to believe that the power of God is within us through the presence of His Spirit. We then must accept that God's priority for us is transformation into Christ's image, and not necessarily comfortable circumstances. Diligently seeking to maintain Jesus' perspective on trials (John 16: 33) is also important. Until we settle such matters of faith, true contentment will evade us.

Having embraced these truths, we can learn to use the divine power of the risen Christ. The key lies in submitting our will to His. Then, instead of reacting to life based on our own weaknesses and desires, we will switch to responding on the basis of God's will and the fact that we belong to Christ. We will be able to consciously surrender ourselves to the Lord and His pattern for living. Yielding control to the Holy Spirit allows God's will to be done and enables us to accept it. When we can say, "Lord, whatever You choose to send will be all right with me," then we will experience the inner peace promised to us. (John 14: 27)

Divine perspective—surrender—and firm faith. These are the ingredients for the victorious life. Now we know the secret, too.

Birthday Blessings



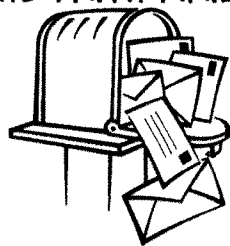
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| 2 Margie Bazella
Owen Biltz
Millie Kime
Ed Miller | 6 Bruce Collier
Wesley Hanover
Sue Sonafelt | 17 Eileen Baughman
Michael Kochasic
Jackson Siegman | 29 Jack Crescenzo
Joshua Hockenberry
David Shaw |
| 4 Christine Grove
Kelly Patterson | 12 Samuel Siegman | 21 Michael Kwaczala | 30 Joann Emanuele |
| | 13 Taylor Thomas | 22 Kimberly Gonos | |
| | 14 Megan Hanover
Jared Retter | 23 Alyce Urban | |
| | 15 Gianna Canzano
Victoria Fox | 24 Robin Coldren | |
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| 1 Cathy & Joe Palmer
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| 2 Sherry & Rick Grimme | 18 Brenda & Kirby Keenan
Danielle & Henry Patts |
| 8 Joann & Joe Emanuele | 19 Vicky & Kevin Wolfe |
| 11 Carol & Chas Metzger | 22 Kelly & Ken Patrick |
| 14 Leslie & Michael Korns | 23 Lindsay & Joshua Kotchey |
| | 26 Kelly & Shawn Patterson |

THE FAITH MAILBOX



The Worship Committee and the Faith GMC congregation thank *Sandy Neely* for the new floral arrangements for the altar and for the wreaths on the outdoor columns by the front doors.

We are blessed and grateful!

Dear Faith Church Congregation,

Thanks for your large donation of food, microwaves, kitchenware, bathroom products, car seats, and \$100 in gift cards. Your thoughtful contributions help us meet the needs of thousands of individuals each year who are impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes.

Because of your support, we are able to direct more of our resources toward the critical services that bring safety, healing, and hope to survivors and victims in our community. Your kindness and generosity also provide comfort and reassurance to those staying in our shelter—letting them know that they are not alone and that our community truly cares.

Sincerely,

Renee N. Reitz, Executive Director
blackburncenter.org

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,600 to the Red Door! The Red Door Ministry has had the privilege of serving the most vulnerable in our city for 96 years and has been sustained and supported by donations, such as yours. Most recently, we have been serving an average of 7,000 plus per month at the Red Door program within Divine Mercy Parish at 164 Washington Place in Pittsburgh, 15219. We will continue to be able to support our growing numbers because of your generosity.

Most sincerely,

Father Nick Vaskov, pastor of Divine Mercy Parish

Address for our first pastor & his wife at Faith Church (1986-1994):

The Rev. Dr. Deryl K. & Pam Larsen
12371 O'Brien Avenue
Brooksville, FL 36413



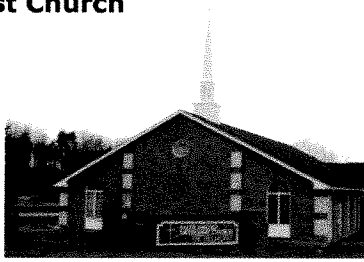
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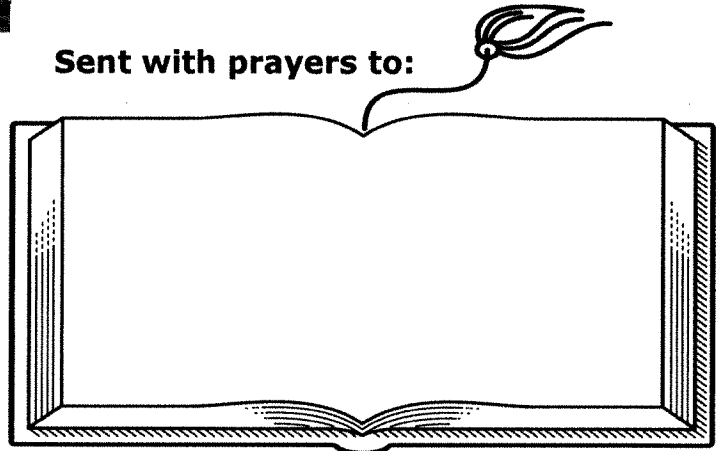
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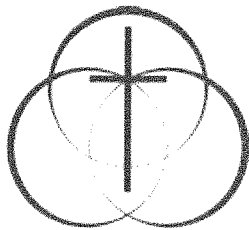
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Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith

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

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

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