

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

Ministers – All the congregation

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Church website – faithdelmont.org

SEPTEMBER 2026

Worship at a Glance

6th 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion (self-contained units or intinction)

NT: Romans 13:8-14

Message Lesson: Revelation 21:1-5, 22-27

Sermon Series: *This Is the Way*

Sermon: The Life Everlasting

13th 16th Sunday After Pentecost – Rally Day!

NT: Romans 14:1-12

Message Lesson: Ephesians 4:11-16

Sermon: Building Up

20th 17th Sunday After Pentecost

NT: Philippians 1:21-30

Message Lesson: Titus 2:11-15

Sermon Series: *Encountering Grace*

Sermon: Prevenient Grace

27th 18th Sunday After Pentecost

NT: Philippians 2:1-13

NEW JOURNEY GOSPEL GROUP

Welcome to Worship

FYI: Live streaming of the 8 a.m. worship service will continue through Sunday, September 6th.

Live streaming of the 10:30 a.m. service will return on Sunday, September 13th, 2026.

If we have a deeply rooted relationship with God, then we can endure any problem this world can bring. With faith, we know that God is with us even when we are facing the worst circumstances.

- The Upper Room



Selah.

The word selah appears 74 times in the Old Testament, almost exclusively in the Psalms. It is a mysterious word. Scholars do not know exactly what it means. The best guess is based on the words it was translated into in ancient manuscripts when the Old Testament was translated in Greek and Latin. The Psalms were almost like a hymn book for the Israelites. Selah seems to be an instruction to “wait and listen.” It would not have been read in the Psalm. Rather, it was an instruction for everyone to pause and listen for God.

Fall is arguably my favorite time of year. So much starts in the fall! The church may take some time off in the summer, but by fall, everything starts again. The kids are back in school. Another seminary term starts, which often means new classes to teach. The NFL and Premier League seasons kick off again, as well as college and high school sports. The weather starts to get cooler, and fall takes over.

I love fall. Yet, fall has a downside. My calendar right now looks like a disaster. As I pick up my phone, there is not a single day this month or next month that doesn’t have something on it that I need to accomplish, or someplace I need to be. Some of those days are overflowing. This weekend, I start a run of five different cities in four days! The pace, at times, becomes frantic.

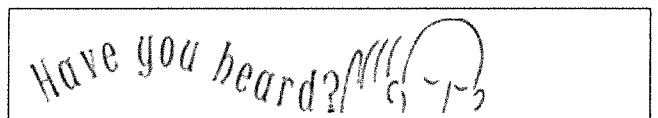
It is difficult to hear the Holy Spirit speak when life is chaotic. I am reminded of a scene in The Hunt for Red October when a character describes the problem with a group of Russian submarines looking for another ship. They are using their sonar to “hear” the other ship but are traveling so fast that they cannot hear a thing. Perhaps what they needed is a selah.

Selah is our reminder to stop and listen. Stop and listen to the voice of God when you pray. Stop and listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to you. Stop and listen to the world around you. Fall gets crazy, but God continually invites us to stop and listen. That is one purpose of worship. For at least an hour every week, we stop and listen. We tune out what is happening in the rest of the world to focus again on God.

This fall, our fall book study will be Jessica LaGrone’s Out of Chaos. I picked this before I decided what to write today, but how fitting it is. In the chaos of fall, we need a moment to stop and listen.

Selah.

Pastor Jonathan



I pray that Christ may live in your hearts by faith. I pray that you will be filled with love.”

Ephesians 3:17

FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY “RALLY DAY”

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Come for the Gathering!

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

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

8:00 AM is for energized worship. Pastor Jonathan’s Scripture message will be from Ephesians 4:11-16, and the title will be “Building Up.”

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

9:00 AM is for Coffee Hour & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM is for joy-filled worship. Pastor Jonathan continues his Scripture message from Ephesians 4:11-16, and the title will be “Building Up.”

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

12:00 Noon is for our Annual Church Potluck Picnic followed by games and activities for all ages.
Celebrate Faith’s 40th Anniversary

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

The church will provide hot dogs, buns, and beverages.

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

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

A-I: Cold Dish J-R: Hot Dish S-Z: Dessert

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

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



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

Sunday, September 27, 2026



Family Christian music group, *New Journey*, has been traveling and singing together for over a decade. Siblings, Michelle and Melissa, are founding members of *New Journey* (2013) with Michelle's daughter, Shannon, joining in 2022 and Shannon's husband, Jeffrey, joining in 2023. The members of *New Journey* not only have tight harmonies and a strong passion to share the gospel, but their close family relationship shines through on stage as they sing words of salvation, hope, healing and God's love.

With a deep history of the group's individuals singing over many decades, they have been blessed to have the opportunity to see many souls come to know the Lord as their personal savior. God has continued to lead the ministry throughout the years, encouraging *New Journey* to keep moving forward in God's will, whatever that may look like.

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

Visions & Dreams Fellowship

Tacos & "The Chair" Night • Thursday, October 1st • 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by Marcy Wagner, chair

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our final 2026 Visions & Dreams event, Tacos & "The Chair" Night, at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Lynn Pyle and Bev Fensch have graciously agreed to be the hosts of our new game competition, "The Chair." Pastor Jonathan has agreed to be "The Chair" in a format similar to the Match Game, a television game show from 1973-1982. Every person at each table will write down their answer to various questions with the goal of having the most matches with "The Chair."

Our friendly game for 2026 will follow a dinner of beef tacos with a variety of available toppings, nachos, and "Fat Boy" ice cream sandwiches.

The deadline to print your names on the sign-up sheet on the Action Table is Sunday, September 20th.

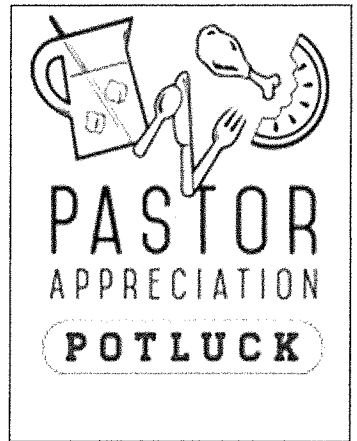
This allows us enough time to make your name tags and determine & purchase the necessary amount of food to fill our bellies, so we are feeling smart for the game to follow.

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 or have any questions, please contact Marcy Wagner.

Pastor Appreciation Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, November 8th, 11:30 AM

By Sue Sonafelt, SPPR Chair



October is Pastor Appreciation month.

I would like to encourage you to take a moment in October to pray for Pastor Jonathan, Megan, Joanna and Wesley. Let us care for them and speak life over them. Touch them with random acts of kindness and support.

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.

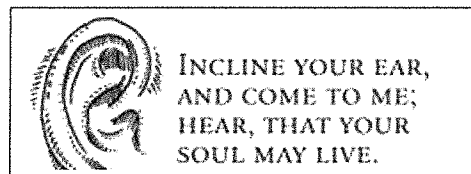
Bring your favorite dish to share and join us for an afternoon of fellowship and celebration. We are suggesting if your last name starts with A-G to bring a main dish or casserole, H-N bring a hot side dish or salad and O-R bring a dessert. S-Z bring a cold side dish. Cake and Beverages will be provided.

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 to show how much they mean to you.

We all know how the church family loves your cooking and company at all the potluck events!

WHAT IS GOD THINKING?

by Carrie Bortz



I recently heard a pastor being interviewed, and he was asked to tell a story about a time when he encountered God's presence in a special way. It was inspiring, but I am always tempted to try and recreate other people's experiences by doing what they did. I was already thinking along those lines while I kept listening, and then he said something that made me stop and pay attention. The lesson he had learned was that God simply wants us to want Him, to be hungry for his presence. I realized that, while I always try to begin my prayer time with praise, worship, and thanksgiving before raising concerns, I'm still doing all the talking. I don't often make a point to sit quietly, welcome Holy Spirit, and ask the Lord what is on his mind. What are His plans for the day and how can I partner with Him? What is on His heart that I can lift in prayer?

Maybe this is an invitation for all of us to add a new rhythm to our prayer lives—not just speaking to God but sitting with Him and listening. This month, let's consider trying a new habit: pause, welcome Holy Spirit, and simply ask, "Lord, what's on Your heart today?"

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 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.**



Hello Faith Church!

On September 13th Sunday School will resume, and we are so excited to welcome everyone back! Just a quick reminder to complete your registrations for Sunday School either through the paper forms on the Action Table or by completing the online registration on the church's website faithdelmont.org. Paper forms can be put in the Christian Ed Co-Chairs mailbox.

We have had a few questions regarding available classes, so for the 2026-2027 Sunday School year, we currently have the following classes available:

Children:

First Steps (up through kindergarten, led by Stacey Vincler/Julie Kovacs/Gina Biltz/Holly Kwaczala)

Foundations of Faith (1st-3rd grades, led by Charlene Schroder and Linda Sopcak)

Builders of Faith (4th-6th grades, led by Megan Hanover and Owen Biltz)

Explorers of Faith (7th-12th grades, led by Lynn Pyle and Bev Fensch)

Adults:

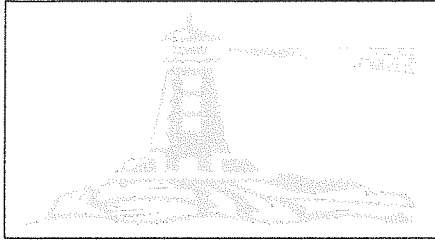
Beacons of Faith (led by Barb Hilty)

S.A.L.T (led by Carrie Bortz and Marilyn Hults)

The Christian Ed committee now has an email address: fgmcchristianed@gmail.com. Feel free to reach out by email if you have any questions, or reach out to Charlene, Megan, or your specific Sunday School class leaders.

We are so excited to get the year going!

Charlene Schroder & Megan Hanover



BEACONS OF FAITH

Adult Sunday School Class

By Barb Hilty

After some time off this summer, the Sunday School classes at Faith Global Methodist Church will resume on September 13, 2026. The Beacons of Faith class for adults is looking forward to picking up in its reading of *IMMERSE The Reading Bible*.

The IMMERSE series is designed to provide a fresh Bible reading experience which can develop a lifelong rhythm of reading scripture well. Class members each have a copy of the IMMERSE (New Living Translation) Bible in a simplified reader-friendly format that makes God's story inviting to read. There are 6 volumes in the IMMERSE series, and the Beacon Class has already read "Messiah" (the New Testament) and "Beginnings" (covering the first 5 books of the Bible).

This fall we will begin the volume "Kingdoms," which will take us from the book of Joshua (conquest of Canaan), through Judges and Ruth (struggles to settle the land), into Samuel and Kings (the establishment of Israel's kingdom) up until the time of Israel's forced exile. In our Sunday gatherings over the next 16 weeks the class will discuss the material we've read that week with open, honest conversations. Together we can experience the transforming nature of God's grace and consider how a new understanding of His Word might change the way we live in community with others as Christ's disciples.

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

Discipleship is not just believing and behaving. It's beholding and becoming. - John Shaul



S.A.L.T.

(Studying and Learning Together)

Beginning again on September 13, 2026

9 AM in the Conference Room

Marilyn Hults and Carrie Bortz, facilitators

Last spring we began a study on Ephesians by David Padfield. This fall we will pick up where we left off in the middle of Chapter 4. We look forward to gathering together again. For those of you who were studying with us in the spring, please fill out a registration form for this fall. This process helps those that oversee our health and safety and attendance records. If you have always wanted to dig a little deeper into scripture, please register and come and join us. We would love to have you. We will get a workbook to you in advance if we know you are coming. But if the Holy Spirit wakes you up on the 13th and nudges you to join us. Come.

Updates From the Worship Ministry Team

Submitted by Karen Morris, Chair

PILGRIMAGE ENTERTAINMENT — We are seeking performers on December 5 (5-9pm) and December 6 (5-8pm) for in the sanctuary. If you have a talent to share or know someone who does, please let us know. Visitors enjoy relaxing in the sanctuary while listening to entertainment, and performers do not need to participate for the entire evening. It's a wonderful way to begin the holiday season. If interested, contact Karen Morris at karenlmorris61@gmail.com or 724-600-9597.

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

The weekly children's message is enjoyed by adults as well as children. Please consider joining the rotation of volunteers who share a special message with the children of our church. We currently have five volunteers, but additional presenters would be greatly appreciated. To ask questions or add your name to the list, please contact the church office or Pastor Jonathan.

"Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust Your commands."

Psalms 119:66

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Continues Through the Summer Months

9-10 a.m. * Fellowship Hall*

Faith members, friends, and visitors are invited to gather for coffee, pastries, and fellowship. Join us to share news, joys, and concerns, and to visit with old and new friends after the first service or before the second.

Attention Bakers! Yummy Treats Needed During Fellowship Hour!

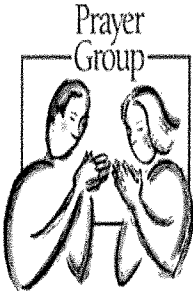
We invite bakers to share a favorite recipe with Coffee & Fellowship Hour participants, who gather each Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in the social hall. If you would like to contribute but prefer not to bake, please purchase something tasty to share so we can continue offering a variety of treats. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please direct any questions to Karen Morris.



Acolyte training and refresher sessions will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 20, at 9 a.m. Please contact Karen Morris if your child is interested in becoming an acolyte.

Monthly Prayer Group

September 5, 2026 – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.



Consider attending Faith Church's prayer group that meets each month in *The Quiet Room* (the first room on the right when you enter the Narthex using the front doors). This is a time for fellowship, an opportunity to share joys & concerns, and join together in intercessory prayer. Carrie Bortz facilitates the meeting, but the goal is for the Holy Spirit to be present and guide the group. As we pray, there is the opportunity for everyone to pray aloud if they feel lead to do so, but it is not required of anyone.

If you have questions, please contact Carrie Bortz at 412-334-0920 or at carriebortz@yahoo.com.

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 pm at the church. We encourage any men who wish to further their walk with God in a setting that encourages accountability, openness, and fellowship to join our discussions.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Submitted by Mary Schindler & Cindy Plance



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

We currently have enough prayer shawls. Please concentrate on making at least 36-inch square lap blankets made in the design and color of your choice. If you are looking for a new pattern, you can pick up an easy one from the Action Table.

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

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."

Jeremiah 31:3

Friends Thrift Shop

Submitted by Dan Plance

Whether you are clearing clutter at home or shopping for gently used clothing and household items, visit the Murrysville Christian Concern (MC2) Friends Thrift Shop in Export on Old William Penn Highway/Kennedy Avenue. This volunteer-run charitable shop, guided by its mission of “people helping people,” accepts clothing, furniture, household goods, and children’s items to support individuals, families, and communities in Murrysville, Export, and Delmont.

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

Furniture donations may be scheduled online at *FriendsThriftShop.com*

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

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

Friends Kitchen Community Meals

MC2 continues to serve sit-down dinners from 4–6 p.m., while supplies last, at Laird Hall, 3202 North Hills Road, just off Old William Penn Highway and across from Murrysville First Presbyterian Church. Take-out meals are also available; please park and come inside Laird Hall to pick up your order. Participation is not based on financial need.

The menu for Wednesday, September 2, features broccoli alfredo, salad, roll, drink and cookie.

There are no Community Outreach Center events in September since we are going to be replacing the ceiling, walls and floors in the building the entire month.

“And walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us.”

Ephesians 5:2

**MEALS
FOR THE
NEEDY**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Amen-to-Action Food Packing Event

On Saturday, November 7 from 8:30 – 11:30 am, members of Faith Church will have an opportunity once again to help pack 60,000 meals for Amen to Action. This will occur at the Community Outreach Center (next door to the Friends Thrift Shop in Export). Look for the sign-up sheet on the Action Table at the beginning of October. Twenty-five spaces have been reserved for us.

CHECK IT OUT...

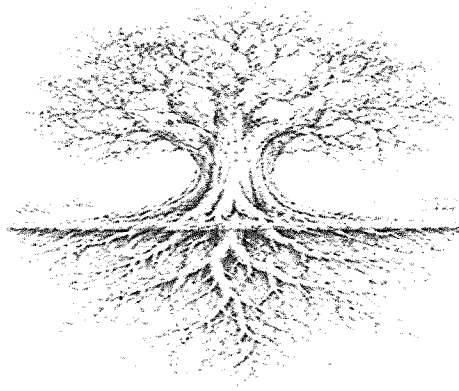
Lessons on Methodist Roots

The Assembly of Bishops of the Global Methodist Church is once again offering an 8-week video teaching series entitled **Methodist Roots**. This new series was filmed in the United Kingdom and features significant Wesleyan sites that connect us to our Methodist heritage — from Wesley's Chapel in London to Charles Wesley's home in Bristol.

Using the same format as prior teaching series, each of our eight bishops will offer a teaching to help us discover the history of Methodism and understand how key features of the faith influence the church today. A free study guide will also be available to dive deep into the topic presented.

The series began in August with a new segment offered each week. You can access the messages as they drop by going to our Faith GMC website home page and clicking the “Devotions/Prayers” tab.

As you visit and learn about important and sacred places which serve as reminders of God's faithfulness and calling, we pray Methodist Roots enriches your own faith and connects you with your calling as a disciple of Jesus.



I am the vine you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

-John 15:5 (NIV)

Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry

Loaves & Fishes Emergency Food Pantry, located at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, provides a three-day supply of food to individuals facing emergency need. The pantry serves the Murrysville, Export, and Delmont areas. For more information, contact the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church office at 724-327-0061.

2026 Campership

Submitted by: Stacey Vincler

FGMC assisted in sending six kids to camp! This year, Faith was represented at all three camps!

Campership paid 50% for a week of camp for:

One child of members to attend Jumonville.

Two grandchildren of members to attend Camp Allegheny

Campership paid 100% for a week of camp for:

Two children to attend Jumonville

One child to attend Wesley Woods

Thank you for your continued support of the campership program! Your support allows the campers to have amazing opportunities, learn about God and make lifelong friends.



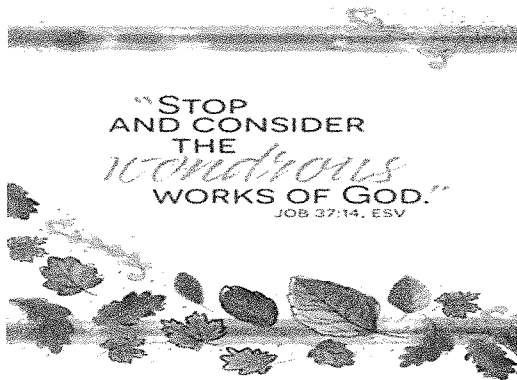
Vacation Bible Camp....It was a circus!

Submitted by: Stacey Vincler

The circus came to Faith Global Methodist Church on July 11th and it was a great day! Our 22 circus attendees learned about bible heroes: Samson, Daniel, Miriam and Esther, crafted key chains, made ice cream in a bag, played circus games and got to turn in their tickets for prizes! We ended the day with hot dogs, watermelon, popcorn and the foam machine! It was a beautiful day filled with laughter and fun!

Thank you to the 15 volunteers that helped make it all happen!





Please send your thank-you notes, articles, and information for the upcoming October Faith Flyer to the newsletter editor, Marcy Wagner, before the deadline of Saturday, September 12th.

"Let your heart keep my words. For they will add to you many days and years of life and peace."

Proverbs 3:1-2



Melissa Wilson and Jacob Banta

August 8, 2026

Caring Hearts & Hands Ministry

Submitted by Marcy Wagner & Cindy Plance, co-chairs

Our Faith GMC Caring Hearts & Hands food ministry provides frozen main dishes, quarts of soup, and desserts to individuals, close friends, neighbors, or family members who would appreciate extra meal support during illness or recovery.

Frozen foods are stored in the chest freezer in the ice room/Peter Room. Please sign out each item you take so we can maintain an ample and varied supply.

Thanks to everyone who helps in providing soups & main dishes.

Birthday Blessings

September

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



ANNIVERSARIES *to Celebrate*

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

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

JOHN 13:35, ESV



IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Please lift up these people in your prayers for comfort, healing, and the strength that is possible through our faith in God.

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

*God's
Answers
Prayers*

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.

Trustee Update

by Clint Stevenson, Trustee Chair

The new shed was completed on July 7, 2026, and turned out well. Thank you to Premier Shed Sales and Backyard Outfitters Enterprises for building the shed on-site and removing the old one at no cost. Glenn Jobe installed the electrical wiring and light fixtures. Special thanks also go to Cliff Kosmatine, Bill Sonafelt, Clint Stevenson, Dave Hilty, Jack Crescenzo, and Alisha Giannattasio for helping with the additional tasks. The Trustees are considering replacing the torn awnings at the social hall entrance with a permanent structure. They are also discussing replacing the two Faith Global Methodist Church signs at the front of the church with a single electronic sign that could be updated to promote upcoming events, such as the fish fry and Vacation Bible Camp

*"All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord
your God.
Deuteronomy 28:2*

2026 OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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, and winter coats for the Delmont Food Pantry and Friends Thrift Shop
Donate funds for processing the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
Fill a Christmas Breakfast Bag for Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry

November

Participate in Amen to Action
Donate Christmas Presents for the residents of Delmont's ARK Personal Care Home
Fill a Christmas Breakfast Bag for Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry

December

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

Donations of empty paper towel rolls are needed for crafts at the Pilgrimage. Collection box is in the gathering area.



Your generosity has helped place the church on a strong financial footing.

Dave Hults, Finance Chair

In-person attendance week ending 08/09/2026 = 156
OUR GIFTS: Tithes, offerings, and gifts received for the week ending 08/09/2026

OUR GIVING IS A REFLECTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST!

2026 Annual Operating Budget: \$355,556.71

NEED EACH WEEK	\$ 6,837.63	NEED TO DATE	\$ 212,176.53
RECEIVED 07/12/26	\$ 4,936.00	RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 275,940.51
(-)SHORTAGE/(+)SURPLUS + \$ 63,763.98			

CAMPERSHIP GOAL 7/1/2025-6/30/2026:	\$ 10,000.00
Balance as of August 9, 2026	\$ 8,520.53

CROATIA GOAL 01/01/2026-12/31/2026:	\$ 2,500.00
Received as of July 12, 2026	\$ 8,288.00

5 x 5 Program	\$ 4,597.00
Miracle Offering Democratic Republic of Congo (payment sent end of June for \$2,368.00	\$ - 0 -

*"Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is the one who trusts
in the Lord."*

Proverbs 16:20

FGMC "Spirit Wear" T-Shirts

Available for Sale at the Church Office

SHORT-SLEEVE SHIRTS

\$ 11.00 Youth Small – Adult XL
\$ 13.50 2XL

LONG-SLEEVE SHIRTS

\$ 15.00 Youth – Adult XL
\$ 17.50 2XL

CARE BOXES FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

Faith Church has a long history of sending care packages to our college students and active military members. The care package is a way for our young adults and members of the military to know that we are thinking and praying for them.

- Homemade cookies
- Gum
- Instant Soup
- Instant Coffee
- Markers
- Post-it-Notes
- Instant hot chocolate
- Single serving size macaroni & cheese
- Microwave popcorn
- USB flash drives
- Snack packs of Jello & pudding
- Candy
- Ramen noodles
- Nuts
- Mechanical pencils

Military care packages can contain comfort and hygiene products such as:

- Sunblock
- Lip balm
- Snacks
- Devotional materials
- Nuts
- Cookies
- Beef jerky
- Trail mix
- Non-melting candy
- Drink mixes in single-serving packets

All **addresses** of college students & military members must be received in the church office by the **deadline of Friday, September 11th** if they are to receive a Fall season care box.

The last day to bring in items will be Sunday, September 27th. Packing of the boxes will occur in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am on **Sunday, October 4th.**

DELMONT CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE is looking for volunteers to help up on the hill. Volunteer opportunities include:

Indoor Costume Team
Analytical Tech Assistants
Strong bodied, Scene Set Up & Tear - Down Support
Outgoing energetic bus guides
Dramatic actors
Luminary lighters

Great for adults as well as teens 16 and up needing community service hours. We have a spot for you!

Meet and Greet

Tuesday, September 22 * 6:30 p.m. * Delmont Library, 75 School Street, Delmont

Can't make it? Email DelmontPilgrimage@gmail.com

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.

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 "5x5" 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 any time throughout the year. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact Ed Washburn at turfed15626@gmail.com or by phone at 724-396-1414.

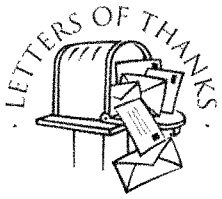
First Responders Program at Faith Church

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** chooses 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.





Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,600 from your Kitchen Ministries 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 + per month. We will continue to be able to support our growing numbers because of your generosity. Again, thank you for your prayers for this vital ministry and be assure of our prayers for you and for your donation.

Most sincerely,

Father Nick Vasko, Pastor
Divine Mercy Parish

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$1,600 from your Kitchen Ministries we received on June 22, 2026. Every day, Feeding the Spirit touches people's lives at a time of crisis – with kindness, acceptance and immediacy. Our intent is to respect human dignity and convey hope with each interaction. Always the work is directed by our core values of listening, compassion, action and empowerment. Your faith in Feeding the Spirit allows us to directly keep faith with the people who need our attention. Please follow us on Facebook or visit our website at www.feedingthespirit.org to stay up to date on announcements and events. There's always something happening!

With deepest gratitude,

Deborah Thackrah, Executive Director
Greensburg, PA

Veterans Luncheon Appreciation

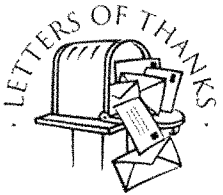
On August 3, Faith Church hosted a luncheon to honor our veterans. We sincerely thank everyone whose time, generosity, and support made this special event.

Sponsors and Contributors

- **Food:** Dan Ferri, Ed Washburn
- **Handmade wooden crosses:** Jack Crescenzo
- **Decorations:** Alice Urban, Joy Spang, Shirleen Johnson
- **Beverages:** Chuck and Sue Turner
- **Facilities:** Faith Church

Special thanks to Patty Thomas and her wonderful kitchen crew for preparing a delicious meal and managing the cleanup.

To our veterans: Thank you for your service. We can never fully repay all you have done to protect and preserve our freedom.



Dear Kitchen Ministries,

On behalf of Murrysville Christian Concern (d/b/a Friends Thrift Shop), I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,600 from your fish fry toward our social service ministry. Your contribution makes it possible for us to continue serving our community through our thrift store, social service assistance program, vocational scholarship, emergency food pantry, monthly community dinners and Community Outreach Center. During the past year, we have given more than \$230,000 in assistance and served over 3,800 meals to our neighbors. It is our hope to exceed that amount in 2026. This is only made possible by contributions from thoughtful donors, such as yourself. Thank you again for your continued support.

Best,
Dan Plance, Executive Director

Dear Faith,
You have been a constant supporter of our local Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. You help us supplement our food with meat, fresh vegetables, cheese and farm fresh eggs. Thank you also for your food donation.

Thank you,

Judy Radcliff
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

The officers and members of the Delmont Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank you for your generous donation. With the continuing support we have been able to make several upgrades to our building and equipment needed to keep serving this amazing community. Thank you.

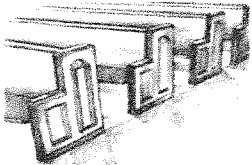
The officers and member of the
Delmont Volunteer Fire Department

Dear Tabitha Circle Ladies,

Thank you for your gift which helps us lead families from strife to stability through God's never ending love and hope!

Serving Him for Life,

Cristal and Staff
Life-Way Pregnancy Center



View from the Pews

A VIEW FROM THE PEW

By Barb Hilty

FORTY YEARS OF BLESSINGS -

It's amazing how fast time passes. When it was announced that Faith Church would celebrate its 40th anniversary this September 2026, I took a breath and thought: Can forty years have already gone by?

Yep, 40 years and more! Faith Church was officially chartered Faith United Methodist Church of Delmont with 61 members on Sunday, September 28, 1986. However, it was on Sunday, June 1, 1986, when we first met as a body of believers in Christ. On that morning a classroom in the Old Delmont schoolhouse was assigned to have the church service, but it soon became apparent that the space could not accommodate the number of folks who showed up. The new preacher announced to the group, "Take up your chairs and walk!" Those in attendance grabbed folding chairs, hymnals, the pulpit and even the organ and moved everything down to the basement which would be transformed each week thereafter into a sanctuary for worship. Quite the beginning! From the start, God was letting us know of the blessings in store for Christ's new church in Delmont.

Since 1986 we can easily tie the seasons of Faith Church to the pastor whose individual gifts graciously ministered to our congregation. In their appointed times the Holy Spirit led them to use their precise abilities each a bit differently to take us through the developmental stages God had planned for our growth.

(1986-1994) Our first pastor, the Rev. Dr. Deryl K. Larsen, was the consummate church planter whose winsome manner belied the incredible amount of administrative responsibility he assumed to lay a business and legal foundation that was required to start a church. This was the age of Faith Church "bag ladies"--Sunday School teachers who brought class supplies from home because such things weren't in the new church budget. None of us knew what a trustee did or how to run a board meeting, but we relied on Deryl to teach us. What we saw was a man who demonstrated how the Savior he loved wanted us to love one another. And we became a church. During Rev. Larsen's pastorate Faith Church moved from meeting in the old schoolhouse into its newly constructed church on Freeport Street.

(1994-2010) The Rev. James R. Wagner brought his many talents and abilities to greatly expand the witness of Faith Church. His administrative guidance and educational experience were so very helpful as new outreach and other ministries were begun. JR broadened Faith Church's presence and our contributions to life in Delmont as we increased our participation in the community through our successful Lenten Fish Dinners and legendary apple dumplings. His love of music not only gave deeper meaning to our times of worship, but allowed him to be Mr. Music Man to the kids at the Kids' Day Out daycare he established at Faith Church. Under JR's time here, the building addition which houses our social hall and educational wing was built.

(2010-2025) When the Rev. Dr. Ronald W. Raptosh arrived at Faith Church he was to inspired to guide the congregation to use some of the energies being expended on activities in the social hall and help us to funnel our enthusiasm to committed faith-filled worship in the sanctuary. One of the first things he had us do was to create a mission statement. **Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith** has gone on to define our ministry. Ron showed us what a life led by the Holy Spirit looks like. His Bible studies and streamed devotionals and services emphasized the necessary practices of prayer, worship, reading scripture, and communion. Thus strengthened by those Christian

disciplines, Faith Church was equipped as Ron led us through the challenges of COVID and the rigors of disaffiliation. His own selfless sacrifices kept us encouraged during those times, and his bold defense of God's Word was a blessing. Our congregation grew when others declined. Under his pastorate, we became Faith Global Methodist Church of Delmont. While Pastor Ron was at Faith Church, the large church porch off the social hall was erected.

(2025---) The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Hanover has brought his own unique preaching to Faith Church, embracing the Global Methodist vision to worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. He's endeared himself with animated sermon illustrations (for kids and adults!) that point to the transformed life we can have through faith in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Away from the pulpit, Jonathan is a poster child for how to graciously love our neighbors as we love ourselves – and when we inevitably mess something up, we're reminded to take a nap and visit DQ! (Grace!) Faith Church is poised to receive the full depth of Jonathan's gifts, and we're already benefiting from Jonathan's business and financial acumen. His profound explanations of scriptural truths are helping us develop an intimate relationship with God for an abundant life now even as we move toward ultimate sanctification. In the meantime, we receive his encouragement that our lives can be confident, joy-filled witnesses of the Good News so that we're **Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith** all the time.

Forty years; four different ministers. We thank God that each one has been gifted for the precise time they served Faith Church. We have been blessed by the varying styles of their leadership. By doing church with one another at Faith, our own faith journeys have developed and matured as we glean lessons in righteousness and follow more closely the path to become holy as our Savior Jesus Christ is holy. Thanks be to God!

Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15-16



We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention
of you in our prayers; constantly bearing in mind your
work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope
in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

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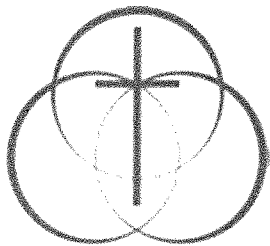
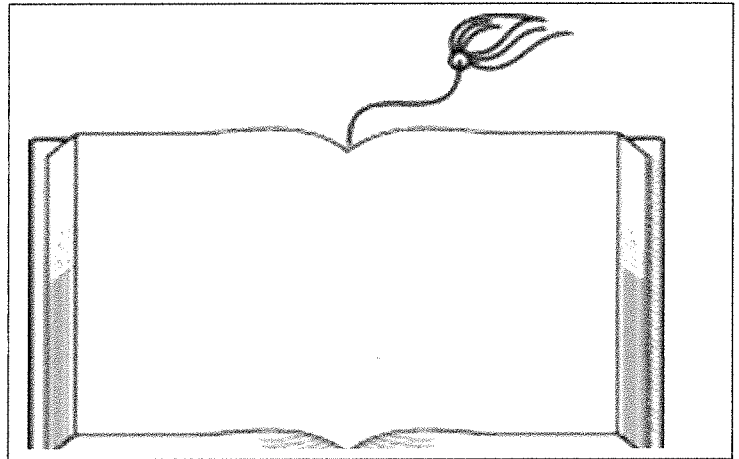
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Through Faith

Lord Jesus, I praise You for all You have done in the past.

I look forward with thankfulness for all You will do in the future.

And I thank You for today and all Your Blessings.

When we walk with God, the best is yet to come.

- Our Daily Bread