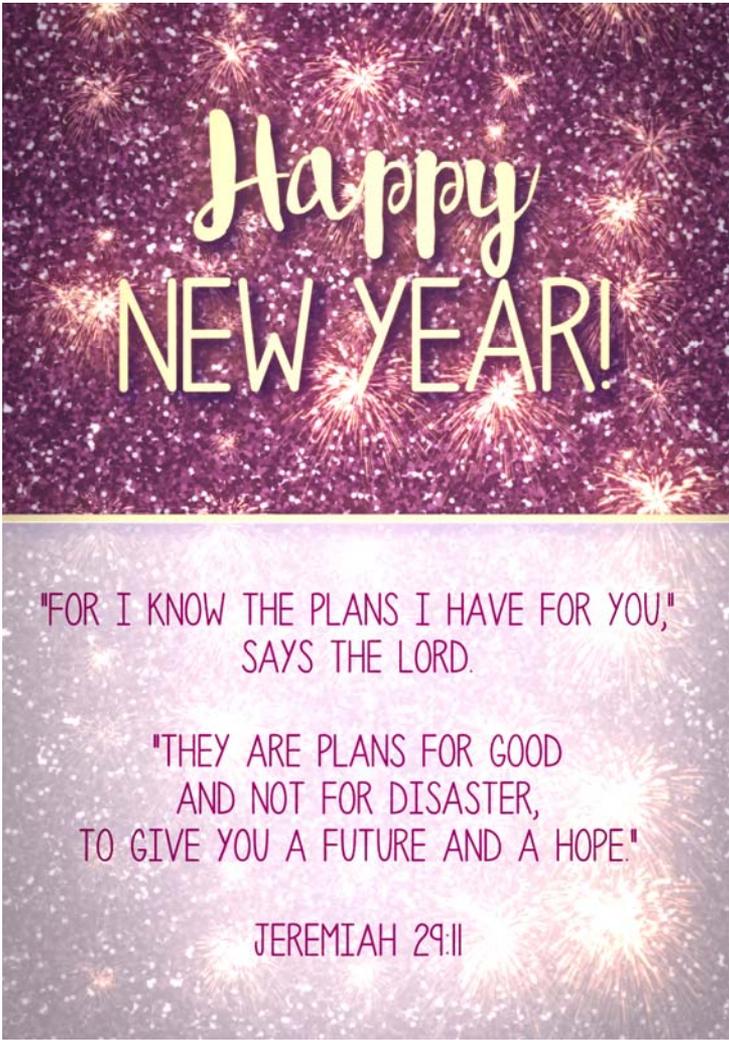


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EMMAUS, PENNSYLVANIA



Happy
NEW YEAR!

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,"
SAYS THE LORD.

"THEY ARE PLANS FOR GOOD
AND NOT FOR DISASTER,
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE."

JEREMIAH 29:11

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WORSHIP

EVERY SUNDAY @ 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

One Advent evening, a minister was called to the living room to be the an audience for his kids' Christmas play. Joseph was there in a bathrobe with a mop handle staff. Mary looked solemn with a pillowcase over her head. The angel of the Lord had a tinsel halo. Baby Jesus was played by a flashlight in a blanket. And there was one wise man with a pillowcase full of gifts.

The youngest boy playing the wise man, knowing that we Dads can be slow, explained, "I'm all three wise men. I have special gifts: gold, circumstance and mud." After we chuckle, perhaps we, like this minister, can reflect on how appropriate these gifts are.

Gold is a sign of value to us. We go for the gold, win gold medals, give the gift of gold to show love. In giving gold, we show how we value God, and how we value helping the life and grace of Jesus become real in people's lives. Gold, because of its purity, is a sign of excellence. In giving our gold to the Lord, we give the best we have to offer in return for the best God has given to us. Imagine what we can help create with Christ if we commit the best of ourselves to His work in his coming year. Lives can be changed.

Our circumstances define our lives, at least in part. We all live in a particular host of circumstances. Consider offering to God your circumstances, whatever



From the Pastor
Rev. William Schram

they are. Ask God to be at work helping you make blessings, small or large. God can do wonders in the midst of our circumstances, bringing peace out of stress and even life out of death.

And then there is mud. Through unintended actions and through real effort, we each have added dirt and grime to the rivers of our lives. Our waters no longer run clear. Our lives are not all sweetness and wonder. Our hearts are not all sweetness and light. We, in churchy language, all sin.

We want to be godly and good. Admitting our mud doesn't seem the way to boost our self-esteem before God. We fear it will dirty our relationship with God.

By taking our mud to Christ, we do not dirty our relationship with him. No, we obtain fresh water for our lives, living water through Christ, cleansing water through the Lord of our baptism, water

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Pastor's Message
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to wash off the muddy nature and get pure water running through our souls again.

Give Jesus your greatest gifts this coming year: your gold, circumstance and mud. They are also good gifts to give your next pastor. Give best to the church and the ministry you will share with her. Give the circumstances of your life and allow your minister to really be your pastor, who will laugh with you and cry with you. Share your mud, being honest about mistakes you may make, and in doing so show your trust in your pastor and in the grace of Christ.

And have a happy New Year.

Peace,

Pastor Bill

!!! PNC News !!!

On Sunday January 7, 2018 following worship and the congregational meeting to act on the recommendation of the Pastor Nominating Committee, the PNC will be hosting a Pot Luck luncheon. The PNC will provide the main meal and beverage.

SIDE DISH: last names ending A through M

DESSERT: last names ending N through Z

Please plan on joining us!

PNC Mailings

On the next few pages, you'll see the text of the letters that went out on December 13, 2017, to all members of Faith Church. In the event yours did not reach you, please read them here.

Contact Information—Pastoral Care Needs

- To contact our pastor, please use Bill Schram's email address, revbill@faithchurchemmaus.org. (Note: Friday is a day off for Bill.)
- For pastoral care needs between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Mondays through Thursdays, contact the church office—610-967-5600.
- After hours, please contact either of the Co-Moderators of Deacons...Jana Masenheimer — 610-737-0984 or Melanie Shimer—610-965-8764; or Lynn Ingram, Clerk of Session—484-695-9073, who will make the appropriate connections.
- For medical emergencies or death, contact Bill at 570-242-9319.

December 13, 2017

Dear Faith Family,

It is with great pleasure that we recommend the Reverend Rebecca (Becki) Mallozzi as the candidate for Solo Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church. After reviewing 100+ information packages and interviewing more than 20 candidates (some multiple times) our committee unanimously and enthusiastically chose Pastor Becki without reservation. We feel that she is uniquely qualified, and would be an excellent leader and visionary, reflecting the values of Faith Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Becki is a cradle Presbyterian, born and raised in Hamilton, New Jersey. She graduated from Waynesburg College (Pennsylvania) with her Bachelor of Arts in English and Communication and worked as a newspaper reporter before starting seminary. She graduated with her Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2010 and immediately went on to be the solo pastor of a Presbyterian church in Washington, Illinois. After seven years in Illinois, she moved back to New Jersey to marry her sweetheart of eleven years, David. They were married on October 21, 2017.

When we started our search, our main objectives were to find a strong preacher, a natural communicator, a compassionate provider of pastoral care, and a bridge builder. Pastor Becki fits each of these objectives. We were impressed with Pastor Becki's confident,

fluid style of preaching. During her sermon, she connected scripture to daily life, used personal stories and challenged us to carry the lesson throughout the week. During her time as a solo pastor, she served on several committees at Great Rivers Presbytery and was president of Washington Ministerial Association, a group of community pastors. She also took a lead role in the community's recovery after it was hit by an EF4 tornado in 2013.

On Sunday, January 7, Pastor Becki will preach at Faith Presbyterian Church. Immediately following worship, a congregational meeting will be held with the purpose of acting on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee. Information regarding the Terms of Call have been provided on the reverse side of this page.

Please plan to be with us on Sunday, January 7th at 10:00 a.m. for worship as we welcome the Reverend Rebecca Mallozzi and her husband David to Faith Presbyterian Church. Following the congregational meeting, please join us for a potluck lunch. This will be a great opportunity to greet Becki and David.

In Christ,

Your Faith Church Pastoral
Nominating Committee

Sally Heimbach-Chair
Carolyn Baittinger, Courtney Kennedy
Dave Wilson, Jim DePhillips
JoAnne Herring, Jayme Ingram
Matt Somishka

December 13, 2017

Dear Faith Church,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As I'm writing this letter, we are headed straight into the season of Advent: a season of waiting and expectation. It's an exciting time, inviting us to remember our past while thinking about the future. It's the perfect season for us to look forward to the journey ahead of us. I'm so thankful that God brought our walks together and I'm looking forward to the ministry God has in store for us.

While I hope to spend a good amount of time getting to know each of you better (and inviting you to get to know me better, too!) in the seasons to come, let me share a bit about myself by way of introduction now.

I'm what you call a "cradle Presbyterian." I was baptized and raised in the First Presbyterian Church of Hamilton Square, NJ – the same church where my parents grew up, met, married, and still attend. I always felt at home in the church (in fact, my parents will tell you stories about how I escaped the nursery to explore the building!). Church was always a second home to me. I was involved in Sunday school, as a student and later as a teacher. I was a youth deacon and active with the Christian Education committee as well as youth group. My time growing up in the church, the encouragement I re-



ceived from my church family and the love my home family gave me led me to seek a call in ministry.

God's call carried me from New Jersey to Illinois in 2010 where I served as the solo pastor of Washington Presbyterian Church for seven years. God truly blessed my time there.

My church background and my experiences in Illinois taught me the importance of the village. It taught me the importance of the baptismal vows the whole congregation takes: to raise and nurture children in the church. But the "raising and nurturing" part doesn't stop when the child becomes an adult. As children of God, we continue to fulfill these vows in the ways we support and encourage one another,

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Rev. Rebecca S. Mallozzi
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building one another up in faith. I believe in the village and the village's role in the community. God has called the church to exist in this time and place and we respond to that call faithfully when the village steps up to reflect God's love in our world. We do this inside of our church walls and out.

There are exciting times ahead of us. I fully anticipate that there will be some challenges as we learn each other's ways, and I'm looking forward to navigating those challenges with

you! As the season of Advent reminds us, our story does not end in the past.

We remember the way our stories shape us, just as we remember how the story of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection shapes us. We remember these stories to give us courage to move forward into the future together. I am so excited to learn *your* story and with you, trusting in God's faithfulness, shape it into *our* story!

Yours in Christ,
 Rev. Rebecca S. Mallozzi

TERMS OF CALL

Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi

Salary & Housing: \$65,000.00

Pension/Medical: \$24,050.00 (37% of salary & housing)

Social Security Offset: \$4,972.50 (7.65% of salary & housing)

Travel: \$750.00

Study Leave: 2 weeks/\$1,200.00 (may accumulate to 6 weeks/\$3,600)

Professional Expenses: \$750.00

Vacation: 1 month (4 Sundays)

Moving Expenses: will be funded through the church

Effective start date: February 5, 2018



stewardship

Pledges Update

The Stewardship Committee thanks all the members who have responded with their 2018 pledges for the support of Faith Church. At the time of this printing, we have received **74** pledges for a total of **\$196,462**. We have not heard from everyone so please submit your pledges as soon as possible. This will allow the Finance Committee to finalize the church budget for 2018. Thank you for your faithful support of the work of Faith Church.

Giving to our church is easy!

Besides placing your offering in the plate passed on Sunday, or mailing it in, there are other ways to give to Faith Church. You can donate via credit card or a direct transfer from your bank. Just scan this QR code, or click the **DONATE** button on the church website and fill out the form. For more information about this option, please read the details about electronic giving on the Donate page of the church website:



Reminder—Use of Faith Church Facilities

Mission Statement: Use of Buildings and Grounds of Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus PA: *In faithful stewardship, we will offer the gifts of our time, our building and our grounds to our neighbors in love, and to those with whom God calls us into partnership for the purposes of God's work.*

Use of Facilities (UFC) Policy, 2013

The Use of Facilities Committee (UFC) oversees all requests for partnership or one-time use. Members of the committee are Sally Heimbach (current Chair), Lisa Decker and Kris Melnick.

The policy and forms can be found on the church website under **About Us/ Building and Grounds** (bottom of the web page).



Annual MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2017 • FOLLOWING WORSHIP

- Copies of the **Annual Report** will be provided on the last Sunday of this month.
- **Pledge envelopes** are available on a table in the narthex. If you haven't gotten yours, please pick it up.
- Copies of the **2018 Directory** will be available early in the month.
- January is a busy time in the church office. If you owe materials to the secretary, please get them to her promptly.

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Faith Church is on the Web!
For all the latest information, audio sermons,
calendar highlights, and news, visit us at:
www.faithchurchemmaus.org



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*Give thanks
in all circumstances*
I Thessalonians 5:18



The words *Thank You* are two very powerful and motivating words. They let us know when we are doing things right and that we are appreciated. They can never be overused! Whenever notes are received, we try to make sure that our church members get to read them.

◆ **GOODY BOXES**

The Board of Deacons would like to thank the congregation for the contributions that helped fill the Goody Boxes for our college students. Nineteen boxes were filled and either mailed or hand carried November 27, 2017. All boxes were to arrive by December 1 as our young people were preparing for first semester final exams. It is our hope that their arrival brought a smile to each young person's face and helped reduce their stress levels at this important time in their college careers. **Listed below are the thanks that have come in from our college students so far:**

Thank you so much for the very generous care package you went me recently. It contains so many useful and great items that will certainly help me as finals week is just around the corner. I would just like to thank you again, and I am looking forward to coming back over winter break. — Archer Waters

A big thanks for the care package. Helped me push through finals week and finish up the semester. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday! — Niko Kreider

Just got my care package from the church! Feeling very thankful for the love of our church family from 6 hours away! The snacks have been great, thanks again! — Jackie Decker

◆ **WESTMINSTER VILLAGE**

The Mission Committee and the Activities Staff at Westminster would like to thank you for your very generous response to Westminster Wishes. This project provided Christmas gifts to some of the health care residents at Westminster Village, our nearest Presbyterian Senior Living Home. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and support. Thank you!

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Thank You Notes

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◆ **HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

The *word on the street* (overheard from shoppers and raffle prize winners) is that our Holiday Craft Fair had a wonderful selection of vendors, quality craft items, and fair pricing. New vendors commented on how pleased they were to be a part of our event.

The Women of Faith and members of the Mission Committee wish to thank everyone who helped make this year's craft fair a such a huge success...from crafters and bakers, to those who collected or donated raffle prizes! Thank you to volunteers at set-up and clean-up. Thanks to those who worked at various stations at the fair, and to those who helped promote the event and spread the word in the wider community!



January Birthdays

1/1	Daniel Hemberger	1/16	Lynda Scheirer
1/5	Kathryn Greb	1/19	Suzanne Vitale
1/6	Miriam Ferlino, Katherine Cole	1/20	Heather Nicholas
1/7	Christina Conrad	1/22	Mary Gedney, Erin Gill
1/8	Laurie Payea	1/26	Matthew Somishka
1/10	Jack Decker	1/28	Nelson Fernandez
1/12	Marissa Decker, Ella Wiese	1/29	Joy LeFevre
1/13	Lynn Ingram		
1/14	James Pantano		



COMMUNICATIONS

Photos Needed

Do you have a smart phone? Then, you are a designated photographer! You are encouraged to take photos of church members/friends at our events and activities! Right after snapping pictures, you can send them right onto Lynda in the church office (office@faithchurchemmaus.org), where she will store them for use in publications or just store them for church history! We are always looking to document our church activity. Thank you!

Prayer Chain Requests

Prayer messages should be emailed directly to prayers@faithchurchemmaus.org. Messages can also be sent through a form on the Prayer Requests page of the church website. If you wish to be included in our Prayer Chain distribution list (or if you don't think you are receiving messages), please contact the church office.

Have it? Need it?

Do you **Have** something that you are trying to get rid of, or that you can offer? Are you in **Need** of something? If so, please use the new "I have:/ I need:" bulletin board by the parlor to communicate your desires. Let's help each other out! Items posted do NOT have to be free. We just ask that you remove your "ad" if your need has been met. Need help creating an "ad"? Please contact Lynda in the church office for assistance.

Cancellations due to weather

Faith Presbyterian Church communicates cancellations on 69 News! Winter is coming, so please stay tuned to our event changes by:



- 1) Watching the scrolling cancellations on 69 News.
- 2) Going to the 69 News website (<http://www.wfmz.com/weather/school-and-business-closings/149606>) and searching for a post from our church.
- 3) Signing up for alerts by going to this website (<http://www.wfmz.com/Sign-Up-for-Email-Newsletters-Alerts/29028180>) and setting up an account for auto alerts to your e-mail, etc.

This is just another way we hope to keep information lines open at our church!

Winter gift

“God ... does great things beyond our knowing. He says to the snow, ‘Fall to the earth’; likewise to his heavy, drenching rain. He shuts up all humankind indoors, so that all people may know his work” (Job 37:5-7, NABRE).

Snow, ice and cold can make winter a hassle. “Snow days” due to a blizzard may thrill students but usually inconvenience parents. But now and then, winter blankets the earth so heavily that it seems to quiet everything. We’re granted permission to hunker down at home, snuggle close with family or pets, enjoy a book or movie, make cocoa or cookies, and rest. It’s like a surprise Sabbath — the gift of grace-time — when no one’s expected to get out the door or the driveway.

Perhaps indeed, as Job declared, God sees fit on such days to put our busyness on hold and shut us all indoors so we pause and remember his work — his place — in our lives. Praise God for snow days!

DISCIPLESHIP

NEWS



MAKING DISCIPLES WHILE GROWING AS DISCIPLES

Sunday Morning Discipleship Opportunities

The Discipleship Committee will keep this schedule until the end of the school year.
NO CLASSES DURING WORSHIP ON THE 1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

9:30 am: Middle School (grades 6, 7, 8) meeting in room 4
Sr. High (grades 9, 10,11, 12) meeting in room 4

- **Following Children's Time in worship:** Grades K through 5 meeting in room 3
Children not yet in Kindergarten – Nursery
- **11:15 am to Noon:** Adults –meeting in room 7 (brick room)

Current Events Through the Eyes of Faith

Using "The Wired Word" curriculum, we will have a brief synopsis of a news story, followed by probing questions and a time for confronting the issue with scriptures and hope. We gather in room #7 (Brick Classroom) at 11:20 sharp.

Jan. 7 – NO CLASSES

Jan. 14 – **"UK's Prince Harry and American Meghan Markle Announce Their Engagement"**

The engagement of UK's Prince Harry and American actor Meghan Markle was announced in November. The fact that Markle is American, divorced and biracial and that the royal family has nonetheless welcomed the engagement is a change from past traditions that have marked the British monarchy. We will examine the value we place on tradition, and think about what God's role is in a world of change.

Jan. 21 – **"More Women Are Choosing to 'Marry' Themselves"**

We will use a report about *sologamy*, the practice of women who marry themselves, to consider the meaning and purpose of marriage, wedding ceremonies, self-love and singleness.

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Sunday Morning Discipleship Opportunities

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Jan. 28 – “Rerouted Train in India Causes Passengers Alarm”

Incidents have been reported of trains going the wrong way on the track, taking passengers to a different destination from the one they originally expected to reach at the end of their journey. We explore how unexpected events challenge our faith and change the direction of our lives.

Additional Discipleship Opportunities

There are also small groups that meet during the week. New participants are always welcome.

- **Women’s Devotional Fellowship** meets on **Thursdays** at participants homes from **9:30 AM to 11:30 AM**. Contact: Toni Fernandez
- **Disciples of Christ (DOC)**, a men’s study & discussion group, meets every other **Thursday** at **7:30 AM** in the parlor. January dates: **1/11, 1/25** Contact: Bill Herring
- **Noon Bible Study** meets on **Wednesdays** in the Parlor. Come share the Bible with this lively group! All are welcome! Contact: Ellen Bender
- **Faith Watercolor Painters Group** will meet on **Thursdays** in the Fellowship Hall from **1pm to 4pm**. This group is led by **Dick Farmer** and assisted by Ed Klova. Please contact Dick Farmer 610-967-4401 for additional information.
- **“Christians & Racism”** Discussion Group meets at 6:00 PM here at the church, on the first and third Sundays of the month. January Meeting: **1/7**

Youth Group

Spring Youth Retreat: There will be a spring youth retreat for middle school and high school youth at Spruce Lake! The retreat will be May 4-6, and the theme is “Messy Faith!” The cost of the retreat is \$130, and please let me know if you need scholarship assistance. **You must RSVP by January 28th** with a copy of the registration form and a Faith permission slip and a \$50 deposit.

The Discipleship Committee, through the dedication and passion of its many volunteers, is able to offer the following programs to the church. However, we are never finished in our effort to better serve the needs of our members. We are always open to new ideas and ways to further the Discipleship of Faith Presbyterian Church. **The Discipleship Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Parlor. All are welcome to join us.**

MISSION

Local...National... Global

Fellow Faith Members,

Happy New Year!

2017 has certainly has been an interesting year. 2018 looks to be exciting as we venture forth with a new pastor and many new programs at Faith. I am truly inspired to be walking with you folks in a Spirit-filled future.

First. Let me begin by saying, thank you to a most wonderfully inspired group of people...The 412 Committee. You are all gifted with willingness. This is not a trait found everywhere. You are all full of the Spirit. It is an honor to serve with you.

Second. Through many prayers, conversations and discernment, The Session, Mission and 412 have decided to move on with our community focus. We feel that there is much work to be done outside of our walls. Limiting

ourselves to another structure at this time, does not seem like the best method to carry The Lord's message.

We have learned so much about ourselves and continue to seek His divine guidance. There are many interesting and exciting scenes on our horizon. As He directs, our quest continues to worship Christ and share the joy and love which we garner from our relationship with Him. The fellowship and support that come from service, are easy to duplicate as we become more comfortable with each other.

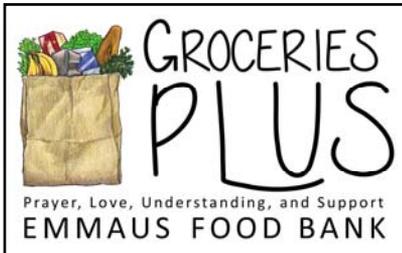
I look forward to trudging the road and partnering with whomever God puts in front of us. I do think we must keep ourselves available. If we stay in our beautiful sanctuary, no one gets to see it but us. As you can't keep what you don't share, the work continues to be out there.

Thank you everyone for your support. I can't wait to see what is next. God Bless Us All,

Rob Clark, Elder
412 Committee



FOUR TWELVE



Faith Church volunteers have been providing food to the GROCERIES PLUS Emmaus Food Bank on a weekly/monthly basis. Also, Faith Feeds Garden supplied fresh produce during the summer months. This food helps to assist GROCERIES PLUS (held at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church, Emmaus) by providing fresh food for needy families in the Emmaus area.

This program includes four distribution days each month. These times are every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon, and every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 12:00 noon - 2:00 PM. There are up to 30 plus different families pick up food during each time!

The Mission Committee communicates with this vital program more intentionally each year. We at Faith, continue to seek ways to support needy families in the surrounding Emmaus community. **The Mission Committee would like to continue to collect Hygiene products for GROCERIES PLUS throughout the year.** As many of you know, hygiene and cleaning products are expensive and are not provided on a regular basis at the food bank.

Several Ways to help - Current Needs:

Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels

Tissues, Dish Detergent, Dove, Ajax, Dawn...(not dishwasher)

Current Food Needs:

There is still a great deal of food from a Scout food drive. The items listed above continue to be of need.

***Place donations in Campbell Soup container for now.**

The Mission committee communicates monthly with GROCERIES PLUS to determine up to date needs. They are also partnering with other agencies and churches.

Any questions see Jack Decker. GROCERIES PLUS coordinator is Beth Lorah at Bethel Church, BLORAH@Juno.com. They welcome any VOLUNTEERS from FAITH CHURCH to help pass out bags of food each month (see times above).

DEACONS

Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

A Word from the Deacons

Are you or a loved one in need of home medical equipment? The church has some medical equipment that is available for members to borrow, such as wheelchairs, crutches, shower chairs, commode, etc. If you have a need, please see your Deacon. You can also contact Jana Masenheimer at 610-366-7153 or Melanie Shimer at 610-965-8764.



Do you have an Extra Minute?

The Board of Deacons has identified the following members who are either confined to their homes, at a nursing facility, or sometimes unable to attend Sunday worship services:

- Bunny Ashcraft ----- Devon House
- Kay Cole ----- Home
- Mitch Connor ----- Devon House
- Taffy Connor ----- Home
- Donna Kastner ----- Home
- Sandy Missmer ----- Home
- Theodore Rogal ----- Brookview Independent Living
- George Smits ----- Cedarbrook Nursing Home

If you have an extra minute, perhaps you could call, send a card or even visit one of these members. Their phone numbers and addresses are located in the Faith Directory. Be a Deacon in your own right and help make someone's day a little brighter.

BOARD OF DEACONS

Co-Moderators Jana Masenheimer, Melanie Shimer
 Eleanor DePhillips, Deb Ferguson, Toni Fernandez, Luana Graber, Ann
 Greenwood, Donna Hill, Liz Kenny, Beth Kunkle, Mark Ingram, Elaine Smits



Session Meeting December 17, 2017

The following **MOTIONS** passed

Nominating: To hold a congregational meeting on December 17th after worship to hear the report of the Nominating Committee.

Celebration Fund Committee: To use \$480 from the celebration fund, #8405 Educational Account Earrings, to support Rob Clark's tuition costs for classes in the Crossroads program in Moravians Seminary College.

Worship: To hold additional worship services on the following days and times:

- Maundy Thursday, Mar. 29, 2018, 7:00 pm
- Good Friday, Mar. 30, 2018, 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday, Apr. 1, 2018, 8:00 and 10:30 am

Session: To hold a congregational meeting on January 7th, 2018 to hear and act upon the report of the PNC.

Session: To concur with the Mission committee's decision to close The 412 on January 31, 2018.

Rationale: The mission committee feels that while the concept of The 412 fit into

our mission statement and resulted in positive feedback, we need to move into another direction for community outreach that better enables relationships between the congregation and the community.

The following **MOTION** did **NOT** pass

Session: To pay Joanne Marchetto from the Barn \$3,000 for pension/medical for the \$8,000 we pay her for the year. (The request came from the Barn).

New Officers: All Elder-elects (Linda Kennington and Cathy Wiese) and Deacon-elects (Eleanor DePhillips, Liz Kenney and Beth Kunkle) gave their statement of faith. Session had the opportunity to make comments/ask questions. A **MOTION** was voice approved to close the examination and that all have passed. The elders-elect will be accepted by the congregation on December 17th. Installation/Ordination will be in December or January.

PNC report- the PNC presented a candidate name for FPC (Reverend Rebecca Mallozzi). A short bio was given to session to read. The COM has

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Session in a Nutshell

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examined and accepted this candidate. Session had the opportunity to ask questions. Each PNC member present gave their impression and reason for choosing this candidate. They affirmed that this candidate was chosen by unanimous vote. The PNC would like to have the candidate preach and the congregational meeting on January 7, 2018 with a start date of February 5th. The PNC requests that session adopt a maternity and sabbatical leave policy. A letter will go out to the congregation along with a letter from the candidate and the Terms of Call.

Session began work on a Maternity/Sabbatical Leave Policy. The clerk will work on it and the first draft will be presented at the January meeting.

Lehigh Presbytery Report: The Committee on Shared Gifts read their slate of officers and committee members. Those from Faith Church are: John Gill-Camp Kirkwood Board of Trustees for the remainder of a class of 2018 term, Diane Millick-Camp Kirkwood Board of Trustees for the class of 2020, Those from Faith Church completing terms of service are:

Elder Rob Clark-Committee on Ministry, Rev. Charles Colson-Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Elder Sally Heimbach-Presbytery Lead team, Elder Diane Millick-Camp Kirkwood Board of Trustees (will serve another term), Elder

Amy Waters-Permanent Judicial Commission, Elder Jim Robinson-Committee on Shared Gifts,

The Committee on Ministry presented a "Unity Pledge Policy" which is to be signed by anyone interviewed for a pastoral position with a church in the Lehigh Presbytery. The policy is as follows...

"I (Name of Pastor), promise before God and Lehigh Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, that I will not initiate, participate in or support any efforts to lead the congregation of (Name of Church) out of the PCUSA during, or after my tenure there. (Signature of Interviewee)

After some discussion, the policy passed.

The Budget was read for the second time and approved. The Per Capita expense per member for 2018 is \$30.00. This reflects an increase of \$1.24.

The newly established Expecting Hope Team gave a presentation. The Presbytery's funds are a continuing struggle. What does the future hold for Lehigh Presbytery? The committee spoke to church members from as far away as Alaska as well as others belonging to presbyteries neighboring the Lehigh Presbytery. Four possible paths were realized: regenerate, merge, partner,

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disband. As this was an introduction to the Expecting Hope Team, a meeting for further discussion has been scheduled for Saturday Jan 20, 2018 at 10am at the United Presbyterian Church, Slatington.

Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley of the Presbyterian Foundation gave a presentation about electronic giving. There are other means besides writing a check or paying with cash to give offering. Members at Faith Church can also give offering via the website www.faithchurchemmaus.org, or by logging in to their bank's website or app and setting up Faith Church as a payee. Using the new technology makes things more convenient. You don't have to remember to have a check ready or cash on hand.

A prayer service was conducted honoring the retirement of Rev. Dr. Michael A. Drake-First Presbyterian Church of Allentown. Those who have passed away within the last year were named including from Faith Church, Lyda M. Byers (d. Nov. 20, 2016), Bob Durn (d. Mar. 12, 2017), and Marion Forest (d. Apr. 18, 2017). A new moderator (Rev. Dr. Carol Brown) and vice moderator (Deborah Prince) were installed.

As noted in the open mic segment Faith Church's Pastor Emeritus Charles E. Colson celebrated 48 years of service on October 19.

Committee Highlights:

Mission—WOF Craft Show, Dec 2, 2017 - at least 35 vendor/crafters. 30 some items for the raffle. It was a successful event.

Westminster Project - All the Christmas gift wish tags were taken and presents are starting to come in.

Monies given out for the end of the year: \$500 to the Allentown Rescue Mission, (Allentown Rescue Mission – is all self-funded. They have programs, educational job training, and housing, help homeless, drug and alcohol and provide rehab for men and it is Christian based). \$300 to provide "To go bags" for the Warming Station in Allentown (this is an outreach program that provides snack bags for homeless when there is no room in the shelter). Supplies were purchased and the bags will be packed on Sunday the 3rd after the fellowship luncheon. Any remaining monies will go to Second Harvest Food Bank from account #5750.

Special Projects—New coat racks were ordered from ULINE. Dick Farmer picked them up. They will be placed around the church as part of Phase 1 of the Narthex updating. Dick and Michele will be available after worship on Dec. 17th with the blueprints to answer any questions/ concerns the congregation may have.

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Credit Card Sub-committee—Alicia Shussett, Linda Kennington and Jim Robinson met to continue working on a draft for a credit card policy. The first draft will be submitted to Session at the January meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Ingram, Clerk of Session

Resolve to “be there”

Let our New Year’s resolution be this: We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.

—Goran Persson

SCRIP Program

Thank you to all the participants in the Great Lakes SCRIP and Weis gift card programs. Profits for the year 2017 will be designated as additional income toward the Operating Budget. Please help this program continue to provide funds to the church by making purchases using SCRIP.

- The total amount raised in 2017 is **\$765.99**.
- The next deadline is **December 3**.

Faith Church uses the scrip fundraising program, allowing church members to raise money for the church. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

You simply purchase gift cards from the church at face value. The cards are then ordered by the church’s Scrip coordinator at a reduced price. The difference is an **instant rebate for the church**, which is then used to defray the costs of items that Session has approved of in advance. In the past, the rebates have helped to pay for blacktop repair and lighting improvement.

Help the church make this program a bigger success!! For a complete list of retailers or for more information check the **table in the Fellowship Hall** or www.glscrip.com. Contact Lynda Scheirer at adny1510@gmail.com if you have any logistical questions.

Did You Know?



The counter in the church office is a work space. When you place baskets, boxes and bags on the counter, they are in the way of the weekly work flow. Please find other places for their placement, and let those who are picking them up know where to look.

- There is a lost and found box in the narthex, by the coat rack, where there is also a collection of coats, hats, etc. that have been forgotten.
- The church recycles plastic, glass bottles, tin & aluminum cans. We do not recycle aluminum foil, paper cups or foam products. Please put only the items listed above into the recycling bin by the kitchen sink.
- “Someone else” never takes home the kitchen towels for laundering. Feel encouraged to do so when you are involved in clean-up.
- Did you know that our big field is part of the Lehigh County Emergency Management Plan? The field is large enough for helicopters to land on for evacuations or transporting people from an evacuation site to Emmaus. Very interesting!
- If you call the church early on a Sunday morning, your message may not be retrieved until Monday.
- When Fellowship Hall and/or the kitchen are not in use, all of their doors should be kept closed to contain a fire, should one occur.
- Putting liquid in the trash often results in trickling stains as trash bags are carried through the church to be placed outside. Please dump liquids in a sink before discarding your cups.
- If you require police involvement while at the church, please keep the following in mind. Issues on church property or on Second Street fall under the jurisdiction of the State Police from the Upper Macungie barracks. Issues on Cherokee Street are under the jurisdiction of the Emmaus Police.
- There is a sign-up chart (for serving communion) on the bulletin board right outside of the office storage closet. Any resting or standing elder or deacon may sign up whenever there are openings.
- The church office is open on Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 PM. It is never open on a Friday.
- If you need cleaning supplies, the janitor’s closet is always open and available.



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