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A Season of Renewal

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WORSHIP

EVERY SUNDAY @ 10:00 AM

You would think at this point in my life, I'd be a lot better at packing. I packed and unpacked too many times to count when I moved in and out of a dorm each year in college and in seminary – seven years' worth of packing and unpacking. I packed and unpacked when I moved from New Jersey to Illinois. I packed and unpacked when I moved from my first apartment to the rental house near the church. I packed and unpacked when I moved from the rental house to David's townhouse in New Jersey. I packed and unpacked to move to Center Valley. And this doesn't include all the little jobs of packing and unpacking with each vacation to and from New Jersey. I have a *lot* of experience packing and yet, David will tell you that "packing light" for me usually just means I don't bring my hairdryer.

My system of packing may be unimproved since my first move to college, but I think I've finally reached a point where the things I get sentimental about have drastically changed. When I was loading the U-Haul in Illinois to move back to New Jersey, I realized how easy it was to fill the pile for Good Will or just simply put something out on a curb (because let's be honest: if I haven't restored that hope chest in ten years, I'm not *going* to restore that hope chest). There's nothing like moving to cure issues with sentimentality.

I do try to sort things when I'm moving. Before I put something in a box, I wonder if it's something I want to bring with me or not. If it's not something that really has a memory for me or something I really love, it's hard to justify keeping it.



From the Pastor
Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi

And even if a thing has a memory for me, does it honor that memory to keep it in a box in the basement? Part of packing and unpacking means deciding what goes and what stays.

This is what I love about Lent. While Advent is a holy season to anticipate what's coming, Lent is a season to anticipate what's going. Many people give things up for Lent to symbolize the sacrifice Christ made for humanity on the cross. I don't give anything up for Lent, but I do appreciate how our Christian calendar builds a time that specifically asks us to pack and unpack. It invites us to think about purging that extra clutter in our spiritual lives to make room for the things that matter. What on your schedule is there by choice and what's there by necessity? Does your junk drawer stress you out because it reminds you of the junk drawers in the desks of your mind? Is your closet just full of clothes or are there some skeletons you've been meaning to get out in the open, too?

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Pastor's Message
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One of my favorite writers, Jan Richardson, writes in her poem *Blessing that Becomes Empty as it Goes*: "This blessing keeps nothing for itself. You can find it by following the path of what it has let go, of what it has learned it can live without... It simply desires to have room enough to welcome what comes." This is the truth that I find in Lent: God's blessing that came through the death and resurrection of Christ simply desires to have room enough to welcome what comes. In Advent, we welcome what comes. In Lent, we let go of those things that are not essential. We prepare for the stories of Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension. We let go of the things that hold us back from welcoming Christ when he does come again in final glory. We let go of the things — and the people — who hinder our task of following the path God lays out before us in the meantime.

As we begin our journey together, I invite you to live in this season of Lent. In a practical sense, this might mean attending

a Lenten program and being open to how God might be challenging you to a new path in life. It might mean finding a Lenten devotional that works for you. It might mean you get up in the morning and take four deep breaths (sit up straight, close your eyes, and count each breath as you take it) to prepare yourself for whatever that day holds for you. Maybe it means making that time for family you've been meaning to make. Maybe it means purging that corner of the attic you know is starting to make your ceiling sag.

I invite you to live into this season of Lent. I invite you to take a spiritual inventory, looking over the corners of your life that you may have neglected this past year. I invite us, as a church, to do this as we begin our journey together. As we weave our stories together, there are things I will part with. There are things you will part with, too. And there are things we will make room to welcome together.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Becki

Contact Information—Pastoral Care Needs

- To contact our pastor, please use Becki Mallozzi's email address, revmallozzi@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 Becki at 309-210-2040.

Dear Friends,

Somehow it seems fitting that I will be leaving just before the start of Lent. What better to give up for Lent than your in-between pastoral status. I thank you for the opportunity to help you in this transition time.

Lent is a time for reflection about our lives. While I'm sure Rev. Becki will hit the ground running, I also hope that you give time to reflect with her about your shared and still in development vision of what Christ is calling you to do.

We associate Lent with a time to give something up, or perhaps a time to re-try our New Year's resolutions. But it is more than giving up. It is replacing what you give up with something that draws you closer to Christ's purpose in your life, as an individual or a church.

So here are some things I encourage all churches to give up, with suggestions on replacements. First, give up the phrase "someone should." Replace it with "what can I do." Next, give up the attitude of "Don't rock the boat." The only time boats don't rock is if they are on land, not going anywhere. Replace it with "Real boats rock," and then enjoy the journey and the occasional turbulent times. Reduce the times you fall back only on "what worked before," which can make us mistakes a means for an end. Replace it with "what means do we need to use now to accomplish the same calling of Christ." Give up "They don't listen to my/our opinions," with "What is Christ trying to tell me/us." Give up only saying "We are a welcoming church." Learn what it means to say "We are an inviting and then welcoming church."



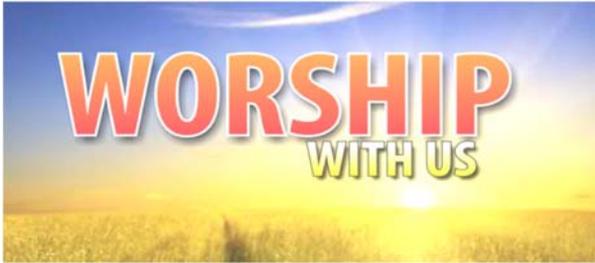
From Pastor Bill

I have appreciated the many times many of you have told me you appreciate my preaching. So I ask you to "listen" to this last sermonette in writing. My time here has been delightful and rewarding. In return, I pray the best for the church as it moves ahead into the next phase of serving our Lord. I think you will be better able to build on the strengths of this congregation and the giftedness of its members if you seek to follow my suggested Lenten discipline.

A number of you have told me you will miss me. Many of the same voices had told me that they missed Chip Colson and Tim Dooner on their departure. And I know in the distant future, people will say it when Becki leaves. That's because pastoral appreciation is additive. It grows with the numbers of pastors known. May you quickly grow to know why you would miss Becki and may you not need to express that for many years.

Peace,

Bill



Upcoming Worship Sermons

*(subject to revision due to changed circumstances or inspiration.
The further the date, the greater the possibility of change.)*

- **Sunday, Feb. 4** *“Lessons from the Ground Hog”*
Pastor Bill’s last sermon
- **Sunday, Feb. 11** *“What Peter Saw”*
Pastor Becki’s first sermon
- **Wednesday, Feb. 14** *“Rendered Hearts”*
Ash Wednesday—Worship Service 7:00 PM
- **Sunday, Feb. 18**..... *“The Devil Made Me Do It”*
First Sunday in Lent
- **Sunday, Feb. 25**..... *“Dragging Our Cross”*
Second Sunday in Lent
- **Sunday, Mar. 4**..... *“Like a Wrecking Ball”*
Third Sunday in Lent
- **Sunday, Mar. 11**..... *“The Power of Serpents”*
Fourth Sunday in Lent
- **Sunday, Mar. 18**..... *“Sacred Ground”*
Fifth Sunday in Lent
- **Sunday, Mar. 25**..... *“A Big Misunderstanding”*
Palm Sunday
- **Thursday, Mar. 29**..... Maundy Thursday—Worship Service 7:00 PM
- **Friday, Mar. 30**..... Good Friday—Worship Service 7:00 PM



Annual MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2017 • FOLLOWING WORSHIP

- Copies of the **Annual Report** were provided on the last Sunday of January, and still be found in the narthex.
- Copies of the **2018 Directory** are available in pocket format, large print, Word, and PDF. Large print versions available on request.
- **Pledge envelopes** are available on a table in the narthex. If you haven't gotten yours, please pick it up.

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For all the latest information, audio sermons,
calendar highlights, and news, visit us at:

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Operating Fund Financial Report

Below is the 2017 report of operating income *vs.* expenses through Dec. 31, 2017

	December 31, 2017	YTD: 2017
OPERATING INCOME:	\$ 26,836.00	\$ 245,269.00
OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$ 18,237.00	\$ 211,082.00
Misc. Expenses:	285.00	524.00
ANNUAL RESERVE (DEFICIT):	\$ 8,314.00	\$ 33,663.00

Blessings,
Sue Vitale



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:





Local...National... Global

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 - Regular Needs:

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

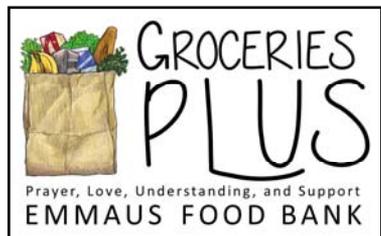
***Place donations in Campbell Soup container.**

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 to help pass out bags of food each month (see times above).

Current Food Needs:

Coffee, Tea, Jelly, Crackers, and
Canned Chicken.



!!! A Really Big Thank You to Mission supporters !!!

Faith Church collected **\$3,103** for the **Christmas Joy** Offering with 47 participants. This exceeds last year in amount and participation! Way to go!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (February 14 – April 1), each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

One Great Hour of Sharing, makes a difference in the world.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

- Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees
- Receives 32% of funds raised

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)

- Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed
- Receives 36% of funds raised

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)

- Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues
- Receives 32% of funds raised

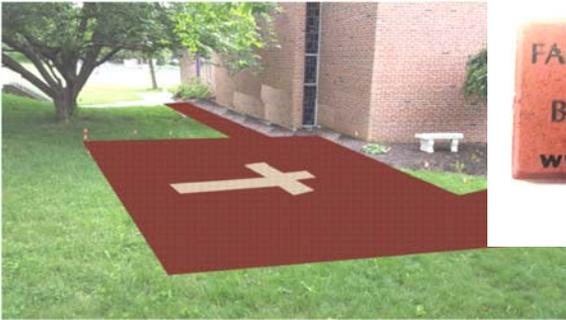
Eagle Scout Project Update



I am excited to announce that my Eagle project is on track to begin in early March! Materials for the gathering space outside of Fellowship Hall will be funded as previously announced: via general or memorial donation. Engraved memorial bricks may be purchased for \$50 [4x8 brick] or \$100 [8x8 brick]. Add \$15 if you would like to use a stock image. Memorial benches may also be purchased for \$1000.

Please visit this [website](https://goo.gl/IFQfXF) (<https://goo.gl/IFQfXF>) for more details and order information. Flyers and order forms will also be available in the narthex, and FPC account "6918 Eagle Project" should be placed on the memo line of any checks. Orders should be placed by March 31st.

Any form of assistance will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. —Anthony Howorth anthonyh0331@gmail.com



Sample Brick

Mark Your Calendars

Women of Faith will be holding their Chicken & Beef Pies sale following worship on Sunday, **March 18**. There will also be baked goods, bread, sticky buns, etc. available for purchase. All items promise to be aromatically enticing. Let yourself be tempted and buy these tasty treasures. You'll enjoy them while helping Women of Faith to continue their ministry to neighbors in need.



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 & High School (grades 6, 7, 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.

Feb. 4 – NO CLASSES

Feb. 11 – "2018 to Begin, Says Gregorian Calendar" Consider:

- The Bible reminds us that God's calendar is different from ours: "But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day" (2 Peter 3:8).
- When does time seem to be a source of pressure and/or stress for you? When does time seem to be a blessing?
- Regarding time, the Bible speaks of four dimensions: past, present, future and eternity. Which one does it emphasize the most? Why do you think that is?
- How is time related to the call of God upon us?

Feb. 18 – NO CLASSES (President's Day Weekend)

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Sunday Morning Discipleship Opportunities

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Feb. 25 – “Iran Restricts Communication in Response to Protests” Consider:

- Words are powerful and creative, so much so that Rabbi Abraham Heschel once said, "words create worlds." Recent restrictions on communication in Iran give us an opportunity to reflect on the power of words -- both human and divine -- to influence individuals, events and the shape of the world around us.
- Words play a significant role in protests, political campaigns, reform movements and religious revivals. When have you seen the world shaped by the power of words?

Additional Discipleship Opportunities

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

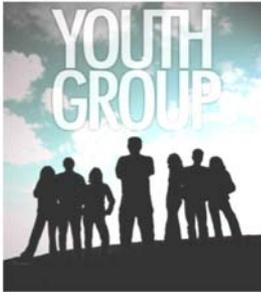
- **Women’s Devotional Fellowship** meets on **Thursdays** at participants homes from **9:30 AM to 11:30 AM**. Contact: Toni Fernandez
- **Disciples of Christ (DOC)**, a men’s study & discussion group, meets every other **Thursday** at **7:30 AM** in the parlor. February dates: **2/8, 2/22** Contact: 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.

!!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!!

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 24 through Thursday, June 28 from 6pm to 8pm for children ages 3 through graduating 5th graders.

If you are interested in helping with this annual event, please contact Cathy Wiese.





Youth Group

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to participate in Middle School Youth Group (MSYG) which meets in Fellowship Hall from 5:00-7:00 PM. Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in High School Youth Group (HSYG) from 6:30-8:30 PM on scheduled nights, at Faith. Each week, we have a meal together, which is sponsored by our awesome parents and mentors. Questions about Youth Groups and their events can be directed to Joanne Marchetto at jomarchetto@rcn.com.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW THINGS IN THE WORKS!

Phantoms Game:

- The Barn has reserved a group of lower level tickets for the Phantoms hockey match on Sunday March 18th at the PPL Arena, and you are invited to join us! Puck drops at 3:00pm Kids and youth will get to participate in the High Five tunnel and the first 2,000 guests get a free wall cling! \$20 per ticket. **Money is due by February 11th**. See me with any questions and to pay for tickets.

Work Camp: June 23-July 1

- Mark your calendars for work camp! Dan has great news! We are moving up in the world! We are getting closer to getting into the Virginia Beach work camp. We are still on the wait list, and we think we have a great chance to get into this camp. Our dates are now locked in because we now have a backup camp. That same week, the camp at Camillas NY near Syracuse has opened up, and we are in for this camp if we cannot get in to Virginia Beach. So, these are now the officially official dates.
- In other work camp news, we will be approaching the mission team to (hopefully) plan a car wash as a fundraiser for work camp. We will keep you all in the loop as soon as we get our approval.
- Now that we have our dates, it is time for a **work camp meeting!** If you are interested in work camp, if will be completing 8th grade in the spring, you can join us for work camp. This is an amazing experience. It is life changing. Please join us for this meeting to learn all about work camp, ask any questions, and get the paper work to get registered. **The meeting will be on March 4th. Join us for dinner at 6:30 and the work camp meeting will begin at 7:00pm.**

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Youth Group
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Here is a schedule for our winter/spring events:

- January 21Youth Group Meetings @ Faith
- January 28Warming Shelter Visit (meet at 5:00 @ Faith)
- February 4Youth Group meetings @ Faith
- February 11Snow tubing @ Bear Creek
- February 18Youth Group Meetings @ Faith
- February 25Roller skating @ Skateaway
- March 4Youth Group Meetings @ Faith
 High Schoolers: Dinner @ 6:30 & Work Camp Meeting @ 7:00
- March 11Bowling @ the Rose Bowl
- March 18Phantoms Game @ PPL center
- March 25Youth Group Meetings @ Faith
- April 1Easter Sunday/No youth group

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).



COMMUNICATIONS

Faith Church Website: Did You Know?

Did you know that there is a page on our website with archived bulletins and accompanying **audio sermons**? It's the page called "Sermons and Bulletins" under the Media header. The sermons are usually posted by the afternoon of the day they are recorded. So, consider listening via your computer, tablet or phone if you miss a service (or would like to hear it again)!



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.

Did you know about this?

- Our monthly newsletter (*The Faith Flyer*) is available electronically, posted to our website each month. If you are receiving a printed copy, and would prefer the electronic, simply let the church secretary know and she will make sure your preference is noted. Those who choose the electronic version are notified by email when the new issue has been uploaded. **Go paperless!!!**
- Important information and updates are shared on Facebook and via “alert” emails. If you aren’t in the loop already, you can change that by asking the church secretary to add you to the alert list, or you can go to our Facebook group page and ask to be added.

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!

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 ----- Cedarbrook Nursing Home
- Kay Cole ----- Home
- 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 January 9, 2018

Pastor's Report:

- There were no weddings or baptisms with two funerals for Mitch Connor and Dottie Nicholas
- Thanked the congregation for the outstanding success of the three Christmas Eve Services at the church and at the Emmaus Triangle
- Working with the new pastor on transition
- Visits: 7 home and 18 drop-in visits
- Deb Ferguson will be the Sunday Flower Coordinator
- Kaitlyn Gilpatrick and Deb Ferguson will continue to manage the prayer chain
- Donna Hill and Liz Kenny are now the college student goody box coordinators.
- 47 Poinsettia plants ordered for the Christmas season
- Provided \$100 in gift cards

Deacon's Report: Deb Ferguson

- Deacon's continue to monitor care groups
- Welcomed incoming Deacons Liz Kenny and Beth Kunkle; thanked Terry Eck and JoAnne Herring for their service
- Deacon reorganization for some duties:
 - Jana Masenheimer and Melanie Shimer remain co-moderators
 - Ellie DePhillips remains as the Nominating Committee Representative
 - Ellie DePhillips and Toni Fernandez will be the Photo Quilt Coordinators
 - Luana Graber remains Secretary
 - Beth Kunkle will be the Easter and Christmas Flower Coordinator

Report of Treasurer:

- Motion approved to receive the Treasurer's Report from Dec 31, 2017

Special Projects: Narthex Update from Dick Farmer

- Congregation member Dick Farmer provided an update to Session on the Narthex plans and coat rack situation based on discussions he had, at Session's request, with congregation members in Fellowship Hall after a December service.
- Based on feedback received from members, Dick presented another possible course of action: (a) keeping 8' of the 18' coat rack intact as a focal kiosk with monitor; (b) constructing a community table which would be

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Session in a Nutshell

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attached to the remaining coat rack structure; (c) not placing a new rack right inside the main entry door.

- After much discussion, Session maintained the approved plan to remove the entire existing coat rack; not placing a ULINE unit just inside the entry door, but install the ULINE metal coat racks per prior plan.
- Session thanked Mr. Farmer for his presentation and the time, effort, and commitment he provided to this project as well as listening to the congregation's concerns.

Report of Clerk:

- Approved Motions or Amended Motions:
 - Accept the December 12, 2017 Session Minutes; the December 17, 2017 Called Congregational Meeting; and the January 7, 2018 Called Congregational Meeting
 - To hold the annual congregational meeting on February 4th, 2018.
 - To request all 2017 income from the Berkenstock Fund be "used for general church purposes" to offset any remaining 2017 deficit and assist with the new pastor moving expenses in 2018.
 - To purchase a computer for the new pastor.
 - To accept the Faith Presbyterian Church Ministry and Mission Leadership 2018 document
 - (Amended motion) To accept the 2017 Annual Statistical Report
- (Amended motion) To remove from church rolls with sadness but resurrection hope Mitch Connor and Dottie Nicholas due to their passing.
- To allow the Parkland Art League to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Faith Presbyterian Church to hold their monthly meetings (2nd Tuesday/month 6pm to 9pm) and an occasional workshop scheduled with UFC approval
- (Amended motion) To accept the proposed 2018 budget with amendments. 2018 Scrip proceeds will continue to go to the designated account
- To accept Diane Millick as Elder for the class of 2018.
- To set a January 21, 2018 Congregation Meeting after worship to elect Diane Millick as an Elder for the Class of 2018.
- To accept the FPC Maternity & Sabbatical Leave Policy as written and amended on the DRAFT January 2018 document.
- Session reorganization to include:
 - To accept the elected Ministry and Mission Leadership chairs, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Bookkeeper as stipulated on the 2017 MML Assignments Sheet,
 - To accept the appointment of Sue Vitale as Commissioner to the Presbytery for 2018.

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Session in a Nutshell

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- To accept the appointment of Chaz Shimer as Second Commissioner to the Presbytery for 2018.
- To accept the appointment of Dick Farmer as Alternate Commissioner to the Presbytery for 2018.
- Church credit card
 - To add a credit card account to the church's financial accounts with designated card holders and specific policies to govern its use.

New Business:

- Pastor Schram provided Session with some thought provoking insight in regards to how Church's manage conflict. He discussed tensions within a Church using the 'Conflict Chart' and discussed how conflict always focuses on issues and relationships. How do we as a Church, as Faith Presbyterian, deal with conflict and how do we manage it? As we in our church must continue to nurture relationships and also deal with conflicts, issues and relationships, how do we find compromise and common ground?

Committee Reports:

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Working with Burkholder HVAC to order/fix parts for Fellowship Hall heating issue' also meeting with Burkholders to sign the 2018 service/maintenance contract.

DISCIPLESHIP: Provided an update on plan to reach out to high school students to participate and attend Sunday School classes.

FELLOWSHIP / SMALL GROUPS: Provided an update and hand out from Terry Eck in regards to liability insurance and the church policy.

MISSION: Provided an update about the excitement within Mission Committee to continue community ministry as well as a desire to partner with Fellowship and Discipleship on how to integrate the community relationship into the church.

STEWARDSHIP: Provided an update on formulating a plan to improve committee participation within the congregation. Also discussed the 'stand-alone' discussion and presentation Stewardship will present to the congregation in regards to the 2018 Per Capita Campaign in order to increase participation.

WORSHIP: Discussed Lenten Supper plan and the possibilities to improve attendance at these events. Also discussed the success of the Christmas Eve Services, the high attendance and the positive feedback in regards to all three services.

Submitted by Erik Walker
January 11, 2018

Happy
BIRTHDAY!
to you.



February Birthdays

2/1 Rachel Shussett
2/4 Beth Walker
2/5 Jonathan DePhillips
2/7 Tom Luff
2/8 John Gill
2/9 Bill Gosner
Bob Bieler
Daniel Shussett
2/11 Sally Eck
2/12 Tom Zuzzolo
2/13 Eleanor Focht
2/14 Susan Moring
2/15 Jim DePhillips
2/16 Bunny Ashcraft
Will Moring

2/17 Samuel Kennedy
Sarah Tracy
2/20 Sandy Missmer
2/22 Ernest Bannister
Beth Luff
Leigh Moring
Barbara Webb
2/23 Katrina Piper
2/24 Stephanie Lillegard
Don Macdonald
2/25 Tim Dooner
2/26 Abby Masenheimer
2/28 Bob Rinehart



- ♥ “Let love live long; let hate live short.”
—Burmese proverb
- ♥ “Though our feelings come and go,
God’s love for us does not.”
—C.S. Lewis
- ♥ “Love doesn’t make the world go round.
Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.”
—Franklin P. Jones

SCRIP Program

Thank you to all the participants in the Great Lakes SCRIP and Weis gift card programs. Profits for the year 2018 have been designated to the Operating Budget again this year. Please help this program continue to provide funds to the church by making purchases using SCRIP.

- The total amount raised so far in 2018 is **\$128.30**. We'd like to thank the Women of Faith for starting us out with a big boost, by purchasing a sizeable number of grocery cards for the Angel Network with proceeds from the Holiday Craft Fair.
- The next deadline is **February 11**.

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 blackout 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 adnyl510@gmail.com if you have any logistical questions.



Did You Know?

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.
- If you call the church early on a Sunday morning, your message may not be retrieved until Monday.
- "Someone else" never takes home the kitchen towels for laundering. Feel encouraged to do so when you are involved in clean-up.



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