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found in no one else."

ACTS 4:12, NIV



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A few years ago, I finally broke down and bought an iPhone. My Android phone keeled over. David has an iPhone and he'd told me for years to get an iPhone, so I went to my wireless provider and I did it. Man! What a learning curve! Like any phone, there are things I like and things I miss about my old phone. But the new phone turned on when I told it to, so I was pretty excited about that.

One of the things the iPhone does that I think is interesting, is tell me in text messages who other iPhone users are. I can tell who has an iPhone (or at least who is using the iPhone messenger app) because their text messages show up to me in blue. Other texters come up in green. It's almost like the blue text messages are telling me, "You are one of us. Welcome." And the green text messages are outsiders. Not one of us.

It's not only our phones that tell us who the insiders are and who the outsiders are. We do this in our churches, too. Membership, for example, is somewhat of a closed system. Only members can vote in meetings. Only church members can be elders or deacons. Church members get good discounts on weddings. In some places, though, the lines disappear. Anyone can come to a Sunday school class. Anyone can serve on a committee. Anyone can come to potlucks or be worship assistant or join the choir. Anyone can come to the Lord's Table and take communion.



From the Pastor Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi

The open table is one of the reasons I love being Protestant. I love that there is a space in our worship where all boundaries fall away and we are one body of Christ, one open system. The table is the one place where "every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain" (Isaiah 40:4). Our Lord's Table is a reminder that as Christians, our call is to search for places where we are all insiders and no one is considered an outsider.

That doesn't mean that we shouldn't celebrate our differences, too. Scripture tells us that while we are one body and of one spirit, there are many different gifts. God has made us each unique and we celebrate the things that make us different. But in the name of Christ's love, we shouldn't celebrate the things that separate us. There's a difference between what makes us different and what makes us separate.

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Pastor's Message

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This is the amazing thing that Jesus did for humanity when he died on the cross: he died for *everyone*. Even on the cross, he sought forgiveness for the ones who hurt him, the ones who didn't believe in him, trust him, or even like him. He died for *them*, too. Isn't that amazingly humbling?

In celebration of the way Jesus makes us all insiders, find a way to choose welcome, whether it's someone you've never seen in church before or someone you've seen in church for years but never talked to. Do as many random or intentional acts of kindness as you can. Spread the word that because God is love (I John 4:8), we will act in love. Let our love be our true identifier.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Rebecca Mallozzi

Contact Information—Pastoral Care Needs

- To contact our pastor, please use Becki Mallozzi's email address, revmallozzi@faithchurchemmaus.org.
- 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.

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

Find us on Facebook at Faith Presbyterian Church Emmaus



- 4/5 Joan Hulbert
- 4/9 Jonna Boyd Joseph Seem
- 4/11 Julie Garber Sam Wilber
- 4/12 Yvonne Stauffer
- 4/14 Andrea Mauro
- 4/15 Brent Schaefer
 Barb Newman
 Joshua Hillanbrand

- 4/16 Bob Brownbridge Carter Lowell
- 4/17 George Smits
- 4/20 Pamela Martin
- 4/23 Toni Fernandez
 Rebecca Cachiguango
- 4/30 Florence Bannister Lisa Heineman

Reminder—Use of Faith Church Facilities

<u>Mission Statement</u>: 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).





Upcoming Worship Sermons

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

Worship services are held at 10:00 am each Sunday. (except Easter)

- Sunday, Apr. 1 "The Things That Happen"
 Easter, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
 Worship services at 8:00 and 10:30 am.
 Easter Breakfast Fellowship at 9:00 am.
- Sunday, Apr. 8 "In Common Calling"2nd Sunday of Easter
- Sunday, Apr. 15 "In Jesus' Name"3rd Sunday of Easter
- Sunday, Apr. 22 "In Christ Alone"4th Sunday of Easter
- Sunday, Apr. 29 "Someone to Guide Us"5th Sunday of Easter



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25th 10:00 am Egg Hunt following Worship & Sunday School

Maundy Thursday, March 29th 7:00 pm Good Friday, March 30th Tenebrae—7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 1st 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Easter Breakfast, April 1st 9:00 am to 10:30 am



Easter Breakfast Fellowship

Sunday, April 1-9:00 to 10:30 AM

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Ham, Sausage, Potatoes, Toast, Bagels, Oranges, Bananas, Yogurt, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice.

Bring the whole family and then some! Why cook when the men of Faith Church will do it for you?! Your servers will be the youth participating in Work Camp. Proceeds to benefit the Work Camp Mission Trip this summer. The breakfast is being hosted by assorted Christian men of Faith Church.

If you would like to help in the kitchen, please contact Larry Hemberger lhemberger@peakconsults.com or 610-745-8133.

Suggested donation: \$6.00—Adults \$4.00—Children under 12





Faith Church Website: Did You Know?



There is a new page on the website for the purpose of "advertising" volunteer opportunities within the church. Looking to help out or join a committee? Check this page for updated opportunities. Looking for folks to help out or join your committee/event? Submit text to be posted on this page. Please contact Ann Lowell at lowellga@ptd.net with questions or items to post. Thank you!

Prayer Chain Requests

Prayer messages should be emailed directly to <u>prayers@faithchurchemmaus.org</u>. 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.

Like and Follow Us on Facebook!

A re you aware that the church has two Facebook pages? One that spreads the good word about our mission and ministry to the public, and another that reaches more intentionally to our church members and regular friends. If you are not a member of the group page, please click on the link below and ask to be added. And please, go to the public page and click on Like. It's an easy way to spread the word of Faith Church.

Members and Friends Group and Public Page







Operating Fund Financial Report

Below is the 2017 report of operating income vs. expenses through Jan. 31, 2018

	2018		YTD: 2018	
OPERATING INCOME:	\$	27,696.00	\$	27,696.00
OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$	24,494.00	\$	24,494.00
Misc. Expenses:		.00		.00
ANNUAL RESERVE (DEFICIT):	\$	3,202.00	\$	3,202.00

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 \$187.05.
- The next deadline is April 8.

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 <a href="https://adaptious.ad





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.

April 1-NO Classes

April 8 — "Governor's Call to Reduce Violence with Prayer Inadequate, say Pastors." 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?

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April 15 — "Tax Bill Raises Concerns about Charitable Giving."

April 22 — "Ordinary Citizens and Nonprofits are Major Contributors to 25-Year Crime Decline." 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?

April 29 — "Largest Catholic Church in North America is Now 'Complete'." Consider:

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!!!! Vacation Bible School !!!!

BEACH PARTY —

Ride the wave of God's love

VBS will be held Monday, June 25 through Thursday, June 28 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for children ages 3 through graduating 5th graders.

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

_save the date-

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 is a schedule for upcoming events:

April 1Easter Sunday/No youth group April 8Youth Group @ Faith
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April 13Trip to Keneseth Israel (KI)
April 15Youth Group @ Faith
April 22Gardening Event @ KI (1:00-4:00 pm)
April 29Youth Group @ Faith (5:00-7:00pm) Mentors Meeting @ Faith
(6:30-8:30pm)
May 4-6Youth Retreat @ Spruce Lake
June 23-July 1Work camp
July 1Work camp Sunday
July 8-15Honduras trip
July 24 Day at the BEACH! (rain date 7/25)

Visit to Keneseth Israel

On April 13th, we have been invited to Shabbat service at Keneseth Israel (KI)! This will be an amazing opportunity for us to learn about the Jewish faith and experience worship together. We can carpool from Faith (meet at 5:45 pm, departing Faith at 5:50 pm). We need to arrive at the front door of KI at 6:15 pm. One of their members, Martina Obenski will give us an introduction to Judaism and have a time for questions and answers before worship. Shabbat service begins at 7:30pm, and then we are invited to join them for fellowship after worship. After fellowship, we will carpool back to Faith, and pickup will be approximately 9:30pm. Please RSVP as soon as possible if you would like to attend this event.

Mentors Meeting

On Sunday evening, **April 29th**, we would like to have a meeting for the leaders who are participating in youth group. We are hoping to think creatively about youth group programming and opportunities. We hope to also build deep relationships among the

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youth and mentors, provide a safe space for our youth to explore spirituality, and creatively think of ways of engaging our youth in faith and action. If you are currently serving as a leader, or if you have interest in discovering new ways to support our youth group, please come out and join us for this meeting. Adults and mentors, please email me if you are able to attend, or if you are interested in participating and cannot make this meeting date.

Work Camp News

On Sunday, we had our first work camp meeting with preliminary information about work camp. By mid-March, we are hoping to know and confirm where we will be heading for work camp. Make sure you are on the list if you plan to attend work camp. We are continuing fundraisers for work camp. We will help serve the Easter breakfast. We will also soon begin the dog tag sale seeking sponsors and prayer partners for work camp. We are also hoping to schedule a car wash. More details will be coming! Also- mark your calendars for work camp Sunday on July 1.

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. April dates: 4/12, 4/26 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 610-967-4401for additional information.

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.





Children's Consignment Sale

hosted by Faith Presbyterian Church Emmaus 3002 North Second St (corner of Second and Cherokee) Emmaus PA 18049

April 5 (Thursday Pre-Sale): 5:30-7:30 (by invitation only)

April 6 (Friday) 8:00-12:00 and 5:00-8:00

April 7 (Saturday) 8:00-11:00; Half Price Sale 11:30 — 1:00 (consignor selected items only)

To be a consigner you can email us at consign@faithchurchemmaus.org or visit www.consignforgood.org for registration and additional information.

Find us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ Consignforgoodemmaus/

Why Consign for Good?

Monies raised by this sale will be donated to East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a non-profit group that is helping homeless families with children within the East Penn School District. They are helping these families regardless of race, religion, or age. Neighbors Helping Neighbors is working with these families by providing many services such as help with food, guidance with their finances, career planning and temporary transitional housing. The monies we raise all go directly towards helping these neighbors in need to get back on their feet.

We are positive that together we can begin to make change for GOOD in our community!





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)

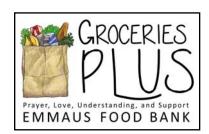
*Place donations in Campbell Soup container.

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, <u>BLORAH@Juno.com</u>. They
welcome any VOLUNTEERS to help pass out
bags of food each month (see times above).

Current Food Needs:

Rice and rice products like Rice a Roni, Zatarain's, etc.





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

round 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 18 – 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



Gift Cards & Vera Bradley Bags at Westminster Village



Saturday, April 21, 2018

Doors open at 11:00 am

Bingo begins at 12:30 pm

A light lunch will be available as well as a Tricky-Tray Raffle

Admission:

- \$20 when ticket is purchased BEFORE the day of Bingo.
 Tickets will be on sale in the Gift shop in the main lobby of Westminster Village from April 2nd until April 20th.
- \$25 when ticket is purchased at the door on April 21st.

Commons Dining Room of Westminster Village 803 N. Wahneta Street Allentown, PA 18109 610-782-8300

Hosted by the all-volunteer Westminster Village Auxiliary Proceeds benefit Westminster Village residents.



Give thanks in all circumstances I Thessalonians 5:18

Thanks for Your FAITHfulness

Crossroads program is a series of courses taught by local clergy at Moravian Seminary. It is geared for lay ministers or anyone really, who may have a desire for a more in-depth knowledge of the Bible, theology, preaching or self-appraisal of your own call to serve our Lord. I am presently enrolled in two classes. Introduction to the New Testament, and a class called Compass. Our own Dr. Joanne Marchetto and Dr. Jill Peters, Crossroads Director are two of my instructors.

The classes are challenging, thought provoking and very informative. I love it. It is quite intense. Both classes are intimate, with no more than 10 people in the class. Some are even "zoomed" in from home. Compass has 3 people on the virtual screen: from New York, Maryland and Michigan. It is very cool getting such diverse perspectives. Moravians, Methodist, Lutherans, UCC and Presbyterians are represented.

The paper I am writing for my New Testament class is doubling for this week's sermon in White Haven. I have been preaching up there every other week. That is why I have been missing from Faith on some Sundays. They do not have a called pastor at this time and suffer from a lack of a permanent rudder to keep them on course. Please pray for their congregation. It makes me quite grateful for the Spirit and stability I find at Faith.

My involvement in Crossroads would not be possible without you folks at FPC. You, for better or worse, elected me to Session which allowed me to be part of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. COM brought me to a "calling" to preach at White Haven. My desire for knowledge, others guidance and God's prodding for me to inform others of The Truth and love of Jesus Christ, has been an unbelievable trip. Your investment of your trust and treasures in me, are truly humbling. Thank you!

Rob Clark



A Word from the Deacons

A re 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, c 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	
Donna Kastner	
Sandy Missmer	
Tom Pelzer	
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: FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Pastor Becki opened the meeting with prayer. She asked Elders to introduce themselves and mention what they liked about their respective committees.

Omnibus Motions

Mission - Approved four special offerings (OGHS, Pentecost, Peace- Making, Christmas Joy), Souper Bowl offering, Dates for WOF Craft Fair, Dates for Consign for Good, Work Camp fundraisers approved (dog tag, cookie sale, Easter breakfast), 412 furnishing sale.

Consign for Good Bag Sale approved

Fellowship- Approved WOF chicken and beef pie sale,

Membership- Member requests to remove from church rolls.

Nominating- Accept Tom Dilts to serve on personnel committee.

Guest- Kathy Hemberger representing the Personnel Committee- Requested Elders involved in Mutual Expectation Reviews to have them completed and in compliance for 2018. Reviewed volunteer expectation to complete child protection clearances.

Approved Report of Clerk- Congregational meeting, January 9 Session minutes, Special Session meeting, Annual Congregational meeting

Ministry and Mission Reports

Building & Grounds - None

Discipleship- Transition to new Elder.

Fellowship/Small Groups - Using Narthex for more fellowship opportunities before and after worship. Added table for coffee with new coffee pot.

Membership- Removed transferred members due to transfers

Mission- Celebrated Craft Fair December earnings, Westminster Village Bulletin Board, Warming Station Bags. Closing of 412

Nominating-None

Stewardship- Discussed possible Ministry sharing tables in Narthex during one Sunday per month.

Worship-Hymn of month to continue, Handbell Choir could use more members, Flyers placed downtown Emmaus and placed in ValPak about FPC, searching for special musicians for worship services, Looking into live streaming for Sunday worship services.

Administration/Finance- Ending January 31, 2018 - Received \$27,696, Expenses \$24,494

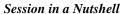
Surplus \$3,202

Deacon Report

Continue to monitor Care Groups. Easter flower notices are now in the pews. Beth Kunkle coordinator. Orders will be taken up to March 11, 2018. No emergency gift cards given

Prayer, Benediction, and Respectfully submitted, Jack Decker

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REPORT OF LEHIGH PRESBYTERY STATED MEETING February 27, 2018 First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem, PA

<u>FPC Representatives/Members in</u> Attendance

Rev. Becki Mallozzi Rev. Chip Colson Rev. Wendell Harford Commissioner Chas Shimer Commissioner Sue Vitale Sally Heimbach Nora Harford Robin Mathias Jack Decker

Meeting Highlights:

- The Committee on Ministry chair, Rev. Sue Marie Baskette introduced Pastor Becki to the members of Lehigh Presbytery. Pastor Becki spoke about how glad she was to be part of the Lehigh Presbytery and Faith Presbyterian Church in particular.
- The annual reading of session minutes will take place at four different churches and at four different times to hopefully accommodate all clerks of sessions.
- The Presbytery Lead Team has elected Rev. Ruth Ann Christopher as Chair and Sally Heimbach as Vice Chair of the Lead Team.

 Several churches spoke about some of the community outreach programs they are involved in. This "Sharing a Cup of Kindness" will be included in subsequent Presbytery meetings. All congregations were asked to think about what they might speak about in the future. What outreach projects might Faith church want to share with Presbytery?

Sally Heimbach gave a "State of the Union" address about the state of Lehigh Presbytery. She highlighted the many ways that Presbytery helps the 30 churches within its boundaries. Continued support of the Per Capita fund is one way that Presbytery is able to financially support our churches. This is also how Presbytery pays its staff.

We had a final update about the status of First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem (FPCB). The Administrative Commission (AC) has returned original jurisdiction to the Session of FPCB. A vote was approved to dismiss the AC now that their task has been complete. There were testimonials from members of FPCB as to how important the AC was to them in this long two-year journey. Just as a note, one of the members of the AC was Janie Slamon.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Vitale
Commissioner to Presbytery
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Session in a Nutshell

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SESSION MEETING: MARCH 13, 2018

MOTIONS PASSED:

The following two motions passed via email on March 3, 2018.

Worship:

Motion: To allow the Girl Scouts to sell cookies in the church following worship on Scout Sunday, March 11.

Celebration Fund Committee

MOTION: 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.

Rationale: Celebration funds are intended to be used to help support congregation members for various needs. We support Rob in his endeavor for a deeper biblical understanding.

Buildings & Grounds

MOTION: To allow the Emmaus Garden Club to plant a memorial tree on the grounds of FPC in memory of Dottie Nicholas, place to be determined by B&G committee.

Session:

MOTION: To revise the CPP, that clearances are valid for five years instead of three per PA law (page 3).

Pastor:

MOTION: That Rev. Mallozzi officiate the wedding of Jessica Wilson (member) and Dustin Fenstermaker (non-member) to be held at Bally Spring Inn on 08/25/18.

MOTION: That the wedding booklet be approved with amendments submitted by Rev. Mallozzi.

Session Highlights:

<u>Pastor Report</u>: Pastor Becki will be on vacation May 21-27. Pastor Joanne Marchetto will preach on Sunday, May 27.

Administration Committee: Review of February Financial Statements shows receipts higher than the budgeted amount so far this year. Expenses are also higher than budgeted in part due to insurance payment.

Are in talks with computer repair people about ongoing maintenance and repair work for our office computers. Working with Wells Fargo to get our credit card plan in place.

<u>Building & Grounds:</u> Working on getting the fallen tree removed and the pine tree leaning towards the church.

Anthony Howorth is continuing to work on finalizing his plan for his Eagle Scout project.

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Session in a Nutshell (Continued from page 22)

Discipleship: Discussed timing of VBS as it conflicts with work camp. After followup, determined that Tammi and others are not available the week before, so are going to stick with the original week and hold VBS Mon-Thurs June 25-28. VBS theme will be beach party. Sponsoring Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt. Chuck Waters is working on child protection volunteer clearances, will have computers available to help out after service on March 25th. Would like to have as many church members as possible participate, with emphasis on Sunday school and VBS teachers. Little Free Library needs to be monitored as some books had water damage— Deanna offered to keep an eye on it.

<u>Membership:</u> New Member Conversation class set for April 8th.

Mission: Souper Bowl collected \$702.00. Neighbors Helping Neighbors holding a spaghetti dinner on October 6th at Bethel Bible. Warming station in Allentown- Will contact the station to see their needs. What more can we do? So we can be more pro-active in advertising.

Respectfully submitted, Lynn Ingram, Elder Clerk of Session



With happy voices ringing, thy children, Lord, appear, their joyous praises bringing in anthems sweet and clear. For skies of golden splendor, for azure rolling sea, for blossoms sweet and tender, O Lord, we worship thee.

---William Tarrant



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Haly Week Schedale

Good Friday, March 30th Tenebrae—7:00 PM

8:00 am 8:10:30 am

Easter Sunday, Aprill 1ª

Easter Breakfast, April 1st 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Faith Flyer

Maundy Thursday, March 29th Pallm Sunday, March 25th Worship & Sunday School Egg Hunt following 10:00 am The