“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

JOHN 3:16, NRSV
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Lynn Ingram

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Brian Snyder

Director—Children's & Youth Choir, Handbell Choirs
Tammi Howorth

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Deacons

Contact Us!
Phone: 610-967-5600
Fax: 610-928-5600
office@faithchurchemmaus.org
Last year I started an annual reading challenge. Tons of reading challenges exist out there, but the one I got into is from goodreads, an online reading community. Each year they put out a list of 40 different categories, and I do mean different. Some categories I’ve never heard of before, like Nordic Noir. Some categories I wish weren’t included in the challenge (like a book about or involving a sport). Some categories I love, like a childhood classic I’ve never read and a book about a villain or anti-hero. And some categories are a challenge simply because the material is difficult: a book about death or grief, a book about feminism, or a book with an ugly cover (which drove me crazy because it’s so subjective!). What I love about the reading challenge is how it pushes me to experience new authors and new subjects. I learn a lot just by doing the challenge. Reading a book by an author of a different ethnicity than you, for example, is a great way to learn new things.

Creating and committing to learning new things is a valuable practice. I realized years ago how little time you get in school to learn things. When you’re in school, it feels like it might last forever (by May, I know teachers feel this way, too!). After graduation, you realize how much in this world is still unknown to you. This is one reason I started a bucket list to see all the presidential gravesites and museums. By doing this, I learn so much about our country’s history that we didn’t have time to learn in school. I’ve seen 26 dead presidents so far (including James Buchanan, Pennsylvania’s token dead president).

It’s not just our cultural and national history from which we always have more to learn: it’s from our church and faith history, too. How often do you learn a new story for the Bible? How often do you hear about an early church leader like Martin Luther or John Hus and look them up? How often do you sit down and really think about how your faith has changed and grown in the last few years? In the last ten years? Since you were a child?

You can create and commit to learn new things about your faith. Find a devotional app for your phone. Listen to a devotional podcast on your way to work. Choose a book of the Bible and read a chapter every day. Read a book

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by authors like C.S. Lewis, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lysa Terkeurst, Henri Nouwen or Barbara Brown Taylor (these are some of my favs). It doesn’t have to be a “Christian book.” The line between sacred and secular can be so blurry. Commit to going to an adult Bible study at least one week out of the month and join in the conversation with other people about faith. Do a 30-day photography challenge. Sit down at your piano and play through the hymnal — without skipping over songs in a minor key.

There are many ways to challenge yourself to learn new things about your faith. I’ve only named a few. Hopefully, you can think of one that works for you either from the list I’ve provided or from one of your own. I challenge you to be challenged and remember that you are never too old to learn new things. It’s never too late to send yourself back to school to broaden the horizons of your mind and your faith.

*If you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver, and search for it as a hidden treasure — then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom.* — Proverbs 2:3-6

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rebecca Mallozi

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**Contact Information—Pastoral Care Needs**

- To contact our pastor, please use Becki Mallozi’s email address, revmallozi@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.
Upcoming Worship Sermons
(subject to revision due to changed circumstances or inspiration.
The further the date, the greater the possibility of change.)

- Sunday, May 6 ................. “Holy Spirit in Sacraments”
- Sunday, May 13 .............. “Holy Spirit in Me”
- Sunday, May 20 .............. Confirmation Sunday
- Sunday, May 27 .............. Rev. Joanne Marchetto

Stream On!

As most know, sermon audio recordings have long been available through the church website. Advances in and availability of technology now place video recording and even live streaming of worship services within reach.

After considering options, benefits and costs, the worship committee has determined that there is a reasonable path for sharing our worship experience through offering this technology at Faith.

Once details are finalized and equipment is installed, both a sermon and worship service option will be available. Camera angles will ensure anonymity (except for the pulpit), and stream design will attempt to reflect our journey of living and sharing God’s grace. If you have any questions or suggestions, please speak with a Worship Committee member.

Dick Farmer, Lisa Heineman, Tammi Howorth, Andy Ingram,
Brian Snyder, Amy Waters
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
- Tom Pelzer ---------------- 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.
Graduates!!!

Are you graduating this year? Are you the parent of someone who is graduating? We would like to share the news of your accomplishments with your church family in the June newsletter, as well as the July/August one, because we are proud of you!

Please send the following information to the church office by email or Facebook Messenger, or to your deacon (you can find out who your deacon is in the phone directory):

- Name;
- Where you are graduating from (high school or college);
- Where you are headed to college; or
- What your plans are after college.

Beginning ... and beginning again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn’t a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it’s an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

“God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements,” writes Bernie Siegel. “Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease.”

Of course, we can “create a perfect world” only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!
Faith Church Website: Did You Know?

Financial giving to Faith Church can be done in many ways. You can contribute to the collection plates on Sundays, but what if you aren’t there or don’t have cash or a check? Donations can be made through the “Donate” menu option on the website which takes you to a payment management site that partners with our church. Just click on the “Donate Now” icon and follow the instructions to give with a credit/debit card. 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.

Like and Follow Us on Facebook!

Are 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.

Click either of the images below to visit the appropriate page.
Operating Fund Financial Report

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

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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 $239.05.
- The next deadline is May 13.

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 adnyl510@gmail.com if you have any logistical questions.
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) April 29 will be our last Sunday class for this school year. Watch for new class topics and dates in September. Thank you to all who participated this year!

!!!! Vacation Bible School !!!!

Faith Church’s 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. Fill out the registration form on the next page, and return to the church.

We are seeking adult volunteers for games, crafts, team leaders, photographers, etc. Youth entering 7th grade and up may also volunteer. For more information or if you are interested in helping with this event, please contact the church: office@faithchurchemmaus.org or 610-967-5600.

save the date
Name ________________________________________________

Birthdate ____________________________________________

Grade Completed ______________ Age _________________

Parent/Guardian _______________________________________

Address _____________________________________________

City ______________ State _____ Zip __________

Home Phone _______ Cell Phone _______ E-mail __________

Emergency Contact Name & Number _____________________

Special Needs/Allergies _______________________________

Is there a friend your child would like to be with? __________

May your child have his/her picture taken? ☐ yes ☐ no
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:

May 4-6 ................ Youth Retreat @ Spruce Lake
June 23-July 1 ........ Work camp
July 1 ....................... Work camp Sunday
July 8-15 ................. Honduras trip
July 24 ..................... Day at the BEACH! (rain date 7/25)

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 610-967-4401 for 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
On Friday & Saturday June 1 & 2, 2018 Faith Church will hold our annual spring YARD SALE. All proceeds will be divided equally between Westminster Village (for Elder Care) and Riamukurnwe Parish of the Nyeri, Kenya (in support of the Orphanage & School).

For information regarding Faith Presbyterian Church, see http://faithchurchemmaus.org/
Riamukurnwe Parish of the Nyeri, Kenya http://www.faithchurchemmaus.org/reaching-beyond/kenya-partnership

Your donations are welcomed!

Items needed:
- Appliances, small & large in working order
- Books
- Craft items of all kinds
- Decorations: Candles, Frames, Holiday, Knick Knacks, Pictures, Rugs, Vases etc.
- Furniture, Indoor or Outdoor
- Household items such as: Cookware, Dishes, Glasses, Pans, Pots & Utensils
- Linens, Sheets, Tablecloths, Towels,
- Sporting Goods, Toys
- Other items: if unsure just ask!
- Items not accepted: broken items, clothing, computer monitors, Encyclopedias, Mattress /Box Springs, Televisions, VCR Tapes

You can drop off items beginning Sunday, May 20 after church up until Wednesday, May 30. The church is open Monday – Thursday from 9 AM to 2 PM.

NO ITEMS TO BE LEFT WHEN THE CHURCH IS CLOSED!

For questions or to arrange pick up of items by appointment.
Simply email or call:
Email: faithchurchyardsale@gmail.com
Call: Joe Payea (484)223-9381 or Laurie Murray Payea at (610) 393-0000

Thank you for your support!
Twice a year over the span of a few days, something magical happens. But before that time, there are months of preparations. Paperwork revised, advertising and communications underway, donations collected, items tagged, volunteers gathered, consigners registered, supplies gathered, procedures reviewed, set-up organized, and products staged all before the first shopper walks into the door. It is a full-scale store that is only open for 13 1/2 hours.

While we want people to know what happens, more importantly, we want to share the good that can come from a seemingly simple endeavor. It takes a thirteen-person committee and 42 volunteers to pull off an event that at first blush only produces $2000 (more or less) each sale for East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors (EPNHN). But that is only one part of the bigger story.

Our mission is three-fold. We help families in need of a little extra cash by allowing them to consign at the rate of 70 percent (they make 70%, we keep 30%). We understand the heavy cost of parenting, and hope to put a little cash back into the pockets of families who may have high-quality infant and children items they no longer need.

We help families who may need a less expensive alternative to buying new at retail stores. We know how expensive it is to raise children, and hope to help families relieve some of the financial stress that often accompanies their little blessings!

Perhaps most importantly, we are passionate about helping those in our community that have fallen upon the hardest of times. That is why the 30% of the funds that the Consign for Good group retains go directly back into our community via EPNHN, as well as 100 percent of donated items sold.

But for those of us who make this sale happen, it is magical, meaningful, and an awful lot of fun...

Want to help and be part of something magical? Then join us! Contact Ann Lowell, Lisa Heineman, Julie DePhillips, Andrea Mauro, Alicia Shussett, Lynn Ingram, JoAnne Herring, Eleanor DePhillips, Kris Melnick, or Heidi Zuzzolo to learn more. Or come to our next meeting on Wednesday, April 25th at 7:00 PM at the church.
Faith Church volunteers have been providing food to the GROCERIES PLUS Emmaus Food Bank on a weekly/monthly basis. Also, Faith Feeds Garden supplies 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).

!! REALLY BIG Thank You to MISSION SUPPORTERS!!
Faith Church has collected $6,900.00 for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering with 45 participants! 
!!WAY to GO FAITH!!!
Pentecost Offering
BUILDING A LIFE of FAITH

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency:

- The Young Adult Volunteer program is a one year service opportunity for young adults from 19 to 30 years. YAVs live in intentional Christian community, deepening and developing their faith while serving alongside partners across the United States and around the world. YAVs serve for one academic year, August - July, as they explore God’s calling in their lives.

- The Ministries for Youth program provides many online resources for youth and youth leaders such as: Presbyterian Youth Book Club, Quick Sheets and d365.org, an online youth devotional. It also helps fund the Youth Triennium.

- The Children-at-Risk program is working to improve the quality of education for over 1 million children, focusing on reducing the rate of dropouts and strengthening early childhood education.

We will receive the PENTECOST Offering on MAY 20, Pentecost Sunday.

Faith Presbyterian Church will use the 40% that we receive to support East Penn School District ANGEL NETWORKS in Lincoln Elementary and Lower Macungie Middle School. Angel Networks help children at risk by providing basic assistance to students in need on an immediate, short term basis; supporting students’ ability to focus on learning in school; and giving anonymously in the true spirit of community. They provide students with basic necessities such as EMERGENCY groceries, clothing on an individual basis, curriculum-based field trips, academic expenses, and personal need products.

In 2017 we received $2895.00 from 38 participants (30% of our giving units) with $579.00 going to both of the ANGEL NETWORKS. Do you think we can increase this amount??

Please prayerfully consider participating in this offering and BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH!!
Women of Faith group invites you...

Playing with Flowers
sponsored by Women of Faith

Join us for a fun DIY floral workshop at Faith Presbyterian Church

In this 1 hour workshop, you will create a beautiful fresh flower arrangement!

Refreshments will follow.

RSVP to Dianne Macdonald by 5/4
610-751-0492

TUESDAY, MAY 8
7-8 PM

$35 PER PERSON
ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED
It's time to start thinking about the garden!!

As always, we welcome absolutely everyone to be a part of the garden crew. It is a lot of fun, and a great community of workers! Last year we donated over 850 pounds of organic produce, valued at over $1400. We hope to do better this year!

We will have the first Garden Work Day on Saturday, April 28, starting at 9:00 AM. We hope to:

1. Mulch around the fence to keep the weeds down.
2. Rake the garden (it will already be rototilled) and start to put down the black plastic.
3. Plant the cold crops - broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, potatoes.

Come anytime that morning. If you can only offer a half-hour or an hour, that is fine!! We would be so excited to have you join us - kids, families, teens, everyone! We will have donuts! The rain date for this first work day will be Saturday, May 5.

The big planting day for the garden is Saturday, May 26 at 9:00 AM! That is the day we put up the tomato cages, and plant the tomatoes, beans, squash, and lots of other plants! Again, everyone is welcome, and we will have treats available! We would love to see kids, teens, families, individuals, everyone! The rain date will be Saturday, June 2.

Please join us in the Faith Feeds Garden!
Coffee Hour

Has anyone noticed how popular the coffee bar in the Narthex has become? Many people seem to be enjoying a jolt prior to church. That is great! Just another way of sharing God’s grace. The trouble is that we like to share God’s grace, but He counts on us to do the footwork. No matter how much I thank God for my morning coffee, He has yet to make it for me. I always have to set the timer and measure it all out, the night before.

Fellowship is an important aspect of life at Faith. It makes folks feel comfortable and welcome. It really is what some find attractive about our church. The trouble is, this takes work. With lives getting busy and schedules ever changing, it becomes increasingly more difficult to pull off all these acts of kindness. I for one receive great joy from service work. It’s how I have gotten through some miserable times in my life. It is a healthy choice and benefits others as well as myself.

The Fellowship Committee needs members. You don’t have to do it all. You do not even have to do anything. We may just need an idea or help with a sign-up sheet; someone to write or send a letter, or drop off a flyer. Whatever you can do, it will make you feel a part of something and that always feels good.

We have lots of activities planned in the future but we need help.

- More picnics.
- Trips to local concerts, sporting events, plays.
- See Jesus at Sights and Sounds, road trips, Fires on Friday.
- Sponsor events, movies, concerts on the lawn. Movies after dark.
- Join with other local churches for Christian Conversations and Coffee.
- Community dinners.

If you can help Contact:

Diane Millick  
dianemillick@yahoo.com  
484.695.0391

Rob Clark  
getjewst@gmail.com  
484.929.0851
**Pot Luck Lunch**

On the first Sunday of each month, the Fellowship Committee will host a Pot Luck Lunch immediately following worship. So instead of Sunday School, come share a meal and enjoy your faith family through fellowship.

Please bring a dish to share....

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The Fellowship Committee is always looking for volunteers to help, contact Diane Millick or Rob Clark.

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**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).
Check out the fresh new look!

*Faith Church is on the Web!*

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
**Pastor’s Report**
- There were no weddings or baptisms.
- There was a funeral for William Worley on April 9th.

**Deacons Report**
- Deacons continue to help Pastor Becki with getting to know the members of the congregation and the various prayer groups.
- Provided support for the William Worley funeral.
- They continue to monitor their care groups.

**Narthex Project Update**
- Dick Farmer presented potential revisions to the proposed Narthex project. The primary objective is to update the Narthex configuration to make it a more welcoming space for members and guests. In support of this objective, Dick’s proposed revisions included signage and graphics with a welcoming message and mission statement. In addition, this revision included modification to the existing coat rack to increase space and improve flow throughout the Narthex.
- A town hall discussion will be scheduled with the congregation to review and discuss the plan forward. A date is TBD.

**Report of the Treasurer**
- For the three-month year-to-date results, receipts are $18,211 higher than budgeted, while Expenses are $2,548 under budget. Timing of actual receipts and expenses, relative to the annualized budgeted amounts, contributed to the overall positive impact.
- A motion was approved to receive the Treasurer’s report.

**Report of the Clerk**
- Minutes from the March 13 Session meeting were approved.

**Motions**
- The following 2 motions were passed via email on March 26, 2018.
  - MOTION: to allow the Payea family to organize and implement a yard sale to be held at Faith Church on May 31, - June 2.
  - MOTION: To accept the resignation of Tammi Howorth effective June 29, 2018. (after VBS is complete)
- OMNIBUS MOTIONS (Approved):
  - MOTION: To hold a tree planting dedication ceremony on Friday April 27 (Arbor Day) at 2:00 p.m. in memory of Dottie Nicholas.

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Session in a Nutshell
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Dottie’s daughter Heather will be available at that time.
- MOTION: To accept the March 13, 2018 Session Minutes.
- MOTION: That the Thursday morning Women’s Devotional Group be allowed to serve communion at their retreat in May.

New Business
- Session approved a motion for the application of Elder Robert L. Clark and to endorse him for the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program of Lehigh Presbytery. Jack Decker will serve as Session liaison for Rob.
- Session has agreed to help a non-denominational church (“New Living Waters”) consisting of a 25-member (approximate) congregation, with space for their worship service.
  - Background: They currently rent a space that is being turned into a music academy, so they are looking for a new space in which to worship. Their church is a 501(c)3 and is fully insured.

Committee Reports

Membership:
- New member class has been postponed. A new date is TBD.

Mission:
- Daybreak - working well
- Consign for Good was an overwhelming success which will enable a generous donation to be made to the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program.
- There is a new community life director (activity director) at Westminster Village. She is thinking about something that we can do to support them besides Christmas.
- Work camp - still on the waitlist for Virginia Beach with a backup in New York. June 23 to July 1st. Back to the traditional full week of workcamp.

Nominating:
- Still in need of 4 Elders and 4 Deacons for next year’s class.

Stewardship:
- No report

Worship:
- Have been approached about the enhancement of acoustics in the Sanctuary. A study has been completed. However, at this time Session has no plans for investment.

Administration:
- Jim Robinson outlined the scope of work required to support our computer backup and system recovery plan needs and reviewed our current inventory of computer related equipment. We thanked Jim for his hard work and service to the church with the computers over the years.
Session in a Nutshell
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- We reviewed the summary of computer repair services offered so far. Linda Kennington will continue to interview potential service providers and ask for proposals based on Jim’s scope of work.
- We started the annual review of our church Financial Policy.
- Jim Robinson volunteered to do financial training with new elders and Pastor Becki. That would include Cathy Weise, Bruce Luff.

Building & Grounds:
- Spring clean-up dates TBD
- Anthony Howorth’s Eagle Scout project
  - Fundraising is going well and construction is tentatively planned to begin in July
- Emmaus Garden Club Motion: Tree Dedication Ceremony to honor Dorothy Nicholas
  - Ceremony: Friday, 27 APR 2018 at 2 PM (Arbor Day)
  - B. Kunkle assisted in the tree site selection
  - Tree type: Rising Sun Redbud
  - Herbein’s Garden Center will plant the tree
  - Garden Club will invite Garden Club members, Mayor of Emmaus and local press. Pastor Becki will participate and all church members are invited
  - A small reception in Fellowship Hall will follow
  - Tree(s) removal following winter storm
  - an announcement will be placed in the weekly bulletin asking for congregation help (totally voluntarily) to cover the cost of the tree removal (downed tree and pine tree). approximately $2,000

Discipleship:
- Vacation Bible School will be held June 25 through Thursday June 28 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM for children ages 3 through graduating 5th graders. The theme is “Beach Party – Ride the wave of God’s love.” The committee is in need of more volunteers to support this program. The sign-up genius is now posted on the church web site.
- Still working to get all required background checks/clearances completed for volunteers working with our church youth.

Fellowship:
- An interdenominational movie night (with other Emmaus churches) is in the planning stage. The movie is Paul. Will use the Emmaus theater for the showing.

Respectfully submitted by:
Bruce Luff, Elder
13 April 2018
Were You There? Then Come Back to Faith.

The rewards of my faith come from a consistent devotion to it. Right before my wife left, Christ entered my life. Although very sad and life altering, it was enlightening as well. I had no idea how important His presence would be. As a result, a true desire to cultivate my faith grew. Church was the vehicle that drove the path for my new Spiritual Compass. When I worship God, the Holy Spirit beams through my wounds healing them with God’s grace. My “cup” is filled. I know, I can’t believe you would ever hear me say such things. I never wanted to join Jesus’ Club.

It was great to see a full house for Easter. As Presbyterians, we are devoted to worshipping God and studying the Scriptures. Other than church, I find it hard to find a community and space where that occurs consistently. Can we meet everyone’s needs? We keep trying. As a child of God, even when we fail, don’t try, or give up, He still calls us back to Himself. He is ready, waiting to embrace us with love, big hugs and acceptance.

The world today does not need less church, it needs more. Don’t believe all the negative press. Facebook, CNN nor Fox news will fill your cup. The boys at the bar or the girls at the gym cannot fill the holes of despair. There are plenty of people seeking what we have. Blue Mountain Church had an Easter Eve service at Penn’s Peak. They packed the place with 1,200 folks who wanted to hear the story of the resurrected Christ; 1,200 people on a Saturday night praying, worshiping and praising Jesus.

This letter is not to imply that our church has the market on Jesus. FPC creates an environment which encourages us to focus on building a relationship with our Lord and Savior. The different events, activities, and groups available at Faith, foster a healthy space for spiritual growth. Join with us weekly as we continue to build opportunities to receive God’s grace. One or two Sundays a year does not a relationship make.

Time is amazingly short, we all know that. With so many activities competing for our time, it takes a commitment to attend church on a regular basis. Come, share in our fellowship of believers. I invite you to make your spiritual health a priority. Praising God, hearing His Word and building a relationship with Him through prayer, is what church is all about.

In Romans 10:17 the Apostle Paul writes, “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.” And in Hebrews 10:24-25, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting

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Togetherness, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Let us get together, break bread and talk about what it means to be a Christian. I am finding that it takes study and commitment. Without constant reminders through prayer and teaching, our vision becomes dim and we turn away from Him. Before we realize it, we forget to give God His glory. Together, let us share the love of Jesus with a world that is starving for spiritual nourishment.

Rob Clark, Elder

Points to Ponder

- “He departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.”
  —St. Augustine
- “The point is not to pay back kindness but to pass it on.”
  —Julia Alvarez
- “Adopt the pace of nature: Her secret is patience.”
  —Ralph Waldo Emerson
- “Do not be afraid of tomorrow, for God is already there.” —Unknown
- “Faith is like Wi-Fi: It’s invisible, but it has the power to connect you to what you need.”
  —Unknown
- “Your children will become what you are, so be what you want them to be.”
  —David Bly
- “Nothing is too great and nothing is too small to commit into the hands of the Lord.”
  —A.W. Pink
- A mother knows what her child’s gone through, even if she didn’t see it herself.”
  —Pramoedya Ananta Toer
- “We are not here to be successful. We are here to be faithful.”
  —Mother Teresa
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"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem..."
and to the ends of the earth.

Pentecost
Sunday, May 20

The Faith Flyer

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