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“Unity is. . . both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ: that through the working of God’s Spirit, it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.”

—The Confession of Belhar

The 222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) acted in June to officially include the Confession of Belhar in the Book of Confessions of the PC(USA). In our tradition, we understand God’s self-revelation in the incarnation in Jesus to be the truth on display.

We understand the Scriptures to be an authoritative witness to the truth revealed in Jesus Christ - the very best human efforts of its authors inspired by God’s Spirit to articulate and apply truth. In the Hebrew Scriptures we hear the authors’ best but imperfect efforts to understand the truth of God before that truth was revealed in the life and witness of Jesus. In the Greek Scriptures, we hear the authors’ best but imperfect efforts to retell and apply the truth they learned from the life of Jesus in their particular historical and geographical context.

We understand the Confessions to be a secondary witness to the truth, as they are applications of the witness of

the Scriptures in a particular historical context. The early creeds were applications of the truth of Jesus for the early Church to build itself upon. The confessions of Scots, Swiss Helvetic, Heidelberg and Westminster were applications of the truth that drove the Reformation in those different nations and contexts. The contemporary confessions of 1967 and Belhar are applications of the truth of Jesus in our contemporary context and therefore, become God’s fresh guidance and energy for the Church as we seek to be reformed, but always reforming.

Our Constitution (Book of Order, Foundations of Polity 2.01) describes the role of the confessions in our life as the Church:

In these statements the church declares to its members and to the world who and what it is, what it believes, and what it resolves to do. These statements identify the church as a community of people known by its

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Pastor's Message

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convictions as well as by its actions. They guide the church in its study and interpretation of the Scriptures; they summarize the essence of Reformed Christian tradition; they direct the church in maintaining sound doctrines; they equip the church for its work of proclamation. They serve to strengthen personal commitment and the life and witness of the community of believers."

Thus, the Confession of Belhar is both an act of witness to God's will of reconciliation unto unity within the entire human community as we proclaim it together, and, God's gift to the congregations of the PC(USA), that by it, our congregations resolve to act according to its guidance, and are equipped and strengthened for this task. The next season of the life of the PC (USA), including the Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus, will be guided by God's Holy Spirit significantly through the words of Belhar.

Our hope is not in our past. Our hope is not in our present. Our hope is not in our ability to figure out how to be the Church in the same way, but with better Kingdom results. Our hope is not in God magically blessing our same efforts with new success. Our hope is in our calling, which is powerfully affirmed by the Confession of Belhar to be the ministry of reconciliation – the intentional celebration and pursuit of unity.

We hope and trust that we will enter into God's future for us as the Church – a future of renewal, resurrection, restored energy and relevance – as we follow the guidance of God's Spirit in grounding our identity, discernment and faithful efforts in our calling to be God's agents of reconciliation. After all, we are a movement initiated by a leader who said, "Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

This Fall, we will lean into our obligation to earnestly pursue unity with each other, and with all humankind. As we celebrate the gift of unity by God's grace upon us, we will pursue the inclusion of all people in this beautiful reality by:

- more intentionally engaging new folks on Sunday mornings in the Narthex with a shared ministry of hospitality,
- sharing a meal every first Sunday of the month after worship as a sign of our unity in Christ,
- participating in discipleship conversations and classes that build us up for our efforts to pursue God's will of unity,
- continuing our strong support of and participation in outreach efforts that offer help and friendship to our neighbors most in need, and
- shifting our ministry at 412 so that it is more intentionally pursuing unity

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amidst the fractured 21st Century American social landscape (for example, pursuing unity with the recovering, the LGBTQ and the spiritually disconnected).

Ministry belongs to us all, and by God's guidance, we understand that our ministry as the Church at this time and in this place is the ministry of reconciliation and the pursuit of unity. We are known not only by our convictions, but also by our actions. We will continue to worship. We will continue to gather together in friendship and fellowship. But let us all consider how God has gifted and called each of us to participate in the intentional ministry of pursuing reconciliation and unity. The time is now.

May God grant us all the guidance, grace and gratefulness that we need to step up and to step out in faith. AMEN!

Peace,

Tim

**Worship Highlights**

- Sept. 4** Communion—*“Great End of the Church #6: The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World”*
- Sept. 11** *“Spiritual Shifts: From Resignation to Expectation”*
- Sept. 18** *“Spiritual Shifts: From Individual to Global”*
- Sept. 25** Rev. Dr. Larry D. Pickens, from Lehigh Conference of Churches

Contact Information—Pastoral Care Needs

- To contact our Pastor, please use Tim Dooner's email address: tim@faithchurchemmaus.org.
- For pastoral care needs between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, contact the church office—610-967-5600.
- After hours, please contact either Terry Eck, Moderator of Deacons —610-351-9440; or Lynn Ingram, Clerk of Session—610-966-0897, who will make the appropriate connections.
- For medical emergencies or deaths, contact Tim at 610-316-8256.

The Confession of Belhar

The Belhar Confession has its roots in the struggle against apartheid in Southern Africa. This "outcry of faith" and "call for faithfulness and repentance" was first drafted in 1982 by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church (DRMC) under the leadership of Allan Boesak. The DRMC took the lead in declaring that apartheid constituted a *status confessionis* in which the truth of the gospel was at stake.

The Dutch Reformed Mission Church formally adopted the Belhar Confession in 1986. It is now one of the "standards of unity" of the new Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA). Belhar's theological confrontation of the sin of racism has made possible reconciliation among Reformed churches in Southern Africa and has aided the process of reconciliation within the nation of South Africa.

Belhar's relevance is not confined to Southern Africa. It addresses three key issues of concern to all churches: unity of the church and unity among all people, reconciliation within church and society, and God's justice. As one member of the URCSA has said, "We carry this confession on behalf of all the Reformed churches. We do not think of it as ours alone." The Belhar Confession was adopted by the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2016.

Full Text of The Belhar Confession

1. We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

2. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe

- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another (*Eph. 2:11-22*);
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain (*Eph. 4:1-16*);
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted (*John 17:20-23*);

- that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity (*Phil. 2:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:4-31; John 13:1-17; 1 Cor. 1:10-13; Eph. 4:1-6; Eph. 3:14-20; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Gal. 6:2; 2 Cor. 1:3-4*);
- that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God (*Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; Eph. 4:7-13; Gal. 3:27-28; James 2:1-13*);
- that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine

- which absolutizes either natural diversity or the sinful separation of people in such a way that this absolutization hinders or breaks the visible and active unity of the church, or even leads to the establishment of a separate church formation;
- which professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers of the same confession are in effect alienated from one another for the sake of diversity and in despair of reconciliation;
- which denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin;
- which explicitly or implicitly maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church.

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3. We believe

- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells (*2 Cor. 5:17-21; Matt. 5:13-16; Matt. 5:9; 2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21-22*).
- that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world (*Eph. 4:17-6:23, Rom. 6; Col. 1:9-14; Col. 2:13-19; Col. 3:1-4:6*);
- that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;
- that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine

- which, in such a situation, sanctions in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.

4. We believe

- that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;

- that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right (*Deut. 32:4; Luke 2:14; John 14:27; Eph. 2:14; Isa. 1:16-17; James 1:27; James 5:1-6; Luke 1:46-55; Luke 6:20-26; Luke 7:22; Luke 16:19-31; Ps. 146; Luke 4:16-19; Rom. 6:13-18; Amos 5*);
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology

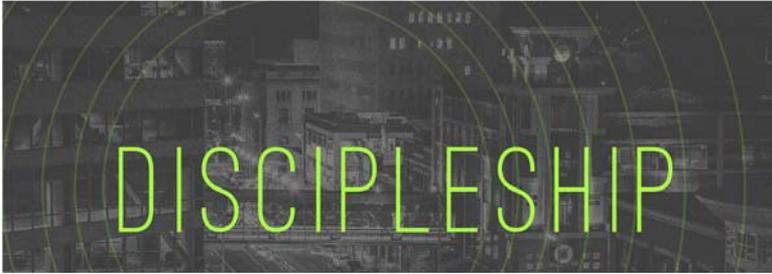
- which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

5. We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence (*Eph. 4:15-16; Acts 5:29-33; 1 Peter 2:18-25; 1 Peter 3:15-18*).

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

"Our walk counts far more than
our talk, always!" —George Mueller



The Discipleship Committee, through the dedication and passion of it's 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 7:30 PM in the Parlor. All are welcome to join us.

Sunday Morning Education Opportunities

The Discipleship Committee has something for every age on Sunday mornings following the 10:00 AM worship service. **Sunday School starts on September 11.**

We NEED YOU!! We WANT YOU!! We GOTTA HAVE YOU!!

The Discipleship Committee is seeking Sunday School teachers for the Genesis Class and the Grades 2-5 class. **Starting on September 11, Sunday School will be gathering after our worship service at 10 AM.**

The schedule for these two classes are:

11:20-11:40: Genesis SS and grades 2-5 music

11:40-Noon: grades 2-5 SS and Genesis music

We are looking for 1 teacher and 1 helper per week to teach both classes. We have curriculum that is adaptable for all ages.

Can you help for 1 week, 2 weeks or as many as you desire?

Contact Sally Heimbach 610-390-4602 or sheimbch@ptd.net

Discipleship

Mid-Week Education Opportunities

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

- **Women's Devotional Fellowship** meets on Thursdays at the church (Room 7, the brick room) from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. See article on the next page.
- **Disciples of Christ (DOC)**, a men's study & discussion group, meets every other Thursday at 7:30 AM in the parlor. The topic of discussion will be "living in a diverse society." September dates are **9/8** and **9/22**.
- **Noon Bible Study** meets on **Wednesdays** in the Parlor. Come share the Bible with this lively group! All are welcome! **The first meeting date has yet to be determined.**

Youth Group

Our youth group will also be back into full swing! All youth in grade 6 and older are welcome to participate in youth group.

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to participate in Middle School Youth Group which meets at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus (3002 N. 2nd St.). We meet from 5:00-7:00 PM. Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in high school youth group from 6:30-8:30 PM at Faith. Each week, we have a meal together, which is sponsored by our awesome parents and mentors. **Weekly youth group meetings will begin on September 18th.**

This year, our youth will be exploring tough topics, they will learn and explore their capacity for leadership, and they will explore what it means to live in relationship to God, each other, and our world.

Our youth group kickoff party will be on September 11th. All middle school and high school youth will meet together this first week for games, ice breakers, and dinner. We will meet at Faith from 5:00-8:00 PM.

On September 17-18, we will join youth from churches in Northeastern PA for a **Sleepout for Homelessness**. This will take place at St. John's UCC, Fullerton. We will learn what life is like for those who do not have secure housing, and we will raise money to support Valley Youth House. You can visit this website for more information: <http://pniec.org/youth/sleep-out-for-homelessness/> After the sleepout, we will worship at the Barn on Sunday morning and share some of our experiences and learnings during worship. **Please RSVP to me as soon as possible if you would like to participate.** The registration and sponsor form are due no later than 9/10.



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Women's Devotional Fellowship *New Location!*

This lively group will be meeting on Thursdays **in the church, Room 7 (the brick room)**. We will start at 9:30 AM with a time of fellowship, followed by our study and discussion, and end with joys and concerns by 11:30 AM.

We are currently doing a study of **Proverbs**, using the *Living Word Bible Series*.

This group is open to any woman who wishes to explore the Bible, expand their faith, and share in fellowship time. Our first meeting will be **September 15**.

If you are interested or desire more information or directions, please contact Sally Heimbach.

Great time at VBS!

This year's Vacation Bible School theme was ***HERO CENTRAL – Where Children Join Forces with God.***

During the five days from June 19 through June 24 participants learned to BELIEVE in GOD, TRUST in GOD, that POWER comes from GOD, that STRENGTH comes from GOD and most important GOD is LOVE!!

The crafts for the week provided the children with their own super hero outfit.

The games were spirited and often involved getting wet. Bible Time had special appearances from Daniel, Mary, Jesus and also featured some spectacular science experiments. The children enjoyed learning new songs. The children especially enjoyed visiting with our local Heroes, firemen, policemen and an EMT from the Borough of Emmaus.

The CE Committee would like to thank the 27 helpers, both adults and youth, some for the whole week, some for a day, who helped make VBS a great time for all the children.

Pictures from VBS can be found on our website.

Consign for

Children's Consignment Sale
Hosted by Faith Presbyterian Church Emmaus

Friday, September 9th, 2016 • 8:00am – 2:00pm and 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Saturday, September 10th, 2016 • 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and
Half Price Sale 12:30 – 2:00 (consignor selected items only)

The Consign for Good sale is GOOD for consignors, who can supplement the weighty cost of children by selling infant and children items that are no longer needed at a 70% consignment rate.

The Consign for Good sale is GOOD for families in need of infant in children items, who need a less expensive alternative to buying new at retail stores.

The Consign for Good sale is GOOD for the congregation, as it is a great way to introduce ourselves to members of our community, and becomes a witness to our love and identity as congregation.

The Consign for Good sale is VERY GOOD for the most vulnerable families with children in the East Penn School District, as all monies raised by this sale will be donated to support the work of East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors (EPNHN). EPNHN provides homeless families with children with temporary transitional housing and the help of skilled volunteers in addressing the underlying causes of their homelessness (for example, debt and finances, career counseling, legal and insurance struggles, etc.). More information can be found at www.EPNHN.org. Each time this sale is held, between \$1500 and \$2000 is raised that goes directly to helping these families in need. We are consigning for good, indeed!

PLEASE NOTE!

This is a TWO DAY SALE! There will be an optional half-price sale at the end of the Saturday sale. If you choose to donate your time during the sale, your registration fee will be waived. All clothing, even pants, must be on hangers.

We need your help!

We need consignors and shoppers! Please tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers with children and grandchildren about the Consign for Good sale. Anyone interested in being a consignor can email us at consign@faithchurchemmaus.org or visit www.consignforgood.org for registration and additional information.

We need volunteers! If you can help for an hour or two (or more!) on Tuesday evening set-up, Wednesday (morning and late afternoon) consignor drop-off, Thursday morning consignor drop-off, Thursday evening pre-sale, Friday and Saturday sales, and Saturday afternoon clean-up, please email consign@faithchurchemmaus.org or talk with Julie DePhillips.

CONFLICT IS COMPLICATED.

**THE DECISION
TO HELP IS SIMPLE.**



*Peace and Global Witness Offering:
Come to the Table of Peace*

What you've known as the Peacemaking Offering has been transformed into the *Peace & Global Witness Offering*. This Off-ering has a greater global reach, more significant impact, and brings peace to people through Christ.

A gift to the *Peace & Global Witness Offering* enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. **Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of the Peace & Global Witness Offering to sustain their local peacemaking ministries.** Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

✦ **The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program**, a mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a program of Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministries, in urgent response to the overwhelming culture of violence in our world is working toward transforming cultures of violence into communities of peace. Responding with the community to inspire new approaches to active peacemaking. Equip God's people to be compassionate and prophetic peacemakers and connect communities of peace to learn from each other in shared accompaniment and take action together for the transformation of the world. Transforming Cultures of Violence into Communities of Peace. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, a mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a program of Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministries, in urgent response to the overwhelming culture of violence in our world is:

Season of Peace

Working toward...

Transforming cultures of violence into communities of peace.

Responding with the community to...

Inspire new approaches to active peacemaking.

Equip God's people to be compassionate and prophetic peacemakers.

Connect communities of peace to learn from each other in shared accompaniment and take action together for the transformation of the world.

Transforming Cultures of Violence into Communities of Peace

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, October 2.

We will be giving our 25% to *East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors*. Their mission is to serve families within the East Penn School District through multi-faceted short-term assistance in order to help restore and sustain healthy, independent living.

In 2015, Faith Presbyterian Church received \$2335.00, with \$583.75 going towards support of *East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors*. We had 29 faithful mission givers.

What can we do in 2016 to help set the TABLE of PEACE?



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

— Please give generously —

-  presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global
-  Text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10
-  Call 800-872-3283
-  Through your congregation



Walkers Needed!
2016 Crop Hunger Walk
Sunday, October 9 @ 1:30 PM
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
On Ott Street in Allentown

An information table will be located in the narthex at church. If you have any questions, please see Donna Hill.

By walking and/or donating money, you can help the hungry. The donations will help provide food and water, as well as resources that empower them to meet their own needs.



Crop Hunger Walk

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).

Daybreak

Faith Church cooks and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month from 2:30 to 4:30 PM . New volunteers are always welcome! The next date for Daybreak is **September 12**.

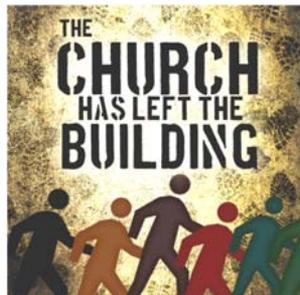
- Daybreak is a drop-in center for people suffering from mental illness, who may or may not also be homeless.
- Helpers are also needed, especially cooks.
- Bakers are needed to bake 2 dozen cookies each. Because of possible nut allergies, bakers are asked mark cookies that have nuts in them. Sugar-free cookies are also appreciated.
- Drop them off in the church kitchen by noon of that Monday.

For more information, Richard Smith (richardsmithjr@verizon.net). Don't pass up this easy opportunity to "do unto others."

Outley House

Outley House is a drug rehab center located at in West Philadelphia. It is a center for men of all ages where they can reside and be treated for drug-related issues. Faith Church has been cooking and serving a meal for the residents of Outley House as a fairly newly added community outreach program.

Future trips will be planned to Outley House, and we will be looking for **volunteers** to prepare a meal that day. Please contact Richard Smith (richardsmithjr@verizon.net) if you wish to be a part of this outreach.



Community Outreach

Fellowship is defined as: Friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests, *i.e.* "they valued fun and good fellowship as the cement of the community."

Synonyms: companionship, companionability, sociability, comradeship, friendship, mutual support

Fellowship is that and more here at Faith. It is truly a time to learn more about the people who make up your "Faith Family."

There are several ways to participate in Fellowship at Faith:

After the service there is Fellowship Time where you are able to sit, have snack, a cup of coffee, tea, or something cold and just "visit" with others, share your week, get to know another etc. Before the service there is coffee available in the Narthex in case you rushed to get to church.

Monthly Pot Luck Lunches, which will be held following worship on first Sunday of the month, which is also the day Communion is celebrated. It is a time to share a Meal. On these Sundays, the Fellowship Team will be providing the main course & beverages and we are asking that you bring either a side or dessert to share. Look for the letter of your **Last Name** to see what you can bring each month.

	Month & Entrée	Side (vegetable or salad)	Dessert (surprise us)
October	Church Picnic BBQ Chicken	A-M	N-Z
November	Beefaroni	N-Z	A-M
December	Sweet & Sour Pork	A-M	N-Z
January	No lunch. Happy New Year!		
February	Beef BBQ	N-Z	A-M
March	Chicken a la King	A-M	N-Z
April	Tuna Noodle Casserole	N-Z	A-M
May	Turkey BBQ	A-M	N-Z

Fellowship

Small Groups

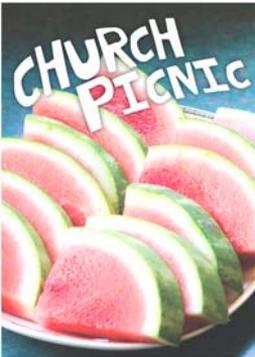
The Fellowship Committee assists in coordinating small groups. Some of the Small Groups are:

- **Bridge to God:** Support Group –Meets weekly – Contact Toni Fernandez
- **Evening Book Club:** typically meets twice a month on a Sunday evening— Contact Heather Nicholas

Volunteers Needed!

Fellowship Hour - which happens three times a month, is continually looking for Weekly Hosts. The sign up poster is outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

If you have any questions, would like some training because you have never done it before, feel free to contact Diane Millick 484-695-0391 or dianemillick@yahoo.com



Church Picnic Food Fun and Festivities

Sunday October 2nd right after
the Outdoor Worship Service

Yes, the Bouncy House will be returning along with some Wonderful Music Entertainment, Games.

Sign up to bring a Dish to share!!! Main entrée, drinks will be provided.

“Be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud.” —Maya Angelou

#Got Membership?

The Membership Committee at FPC will be holding New Member Classes in the fall. If you are interested in joining, or learning more about what it means to be a member of our church, please speak with or contact one of our committee members.

- Jim DePhillips (dephillipsjames@gmail.com)
- Doug Boyd (dcboyd@rcn.com)
- Matt Somishka (msomishka@yahoo.com)

Membership

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:

Mary Helen Ashcraft	-----	Devon House
Kay and Richard Cole	-----	Home
Mitch Connor	-----	Devon House
Leon Cummings	-----	Home
Marion Forrest	-----	Westminster Village
Donna Kastner	-----	Home
Sandy Missmer	-----	Home
Thomas Pelzer	-----	Home
Diane Perry	-----	Home
Marilyn Rippon	-----	Home
Theodore Rogal	-----	Home
George Smits	-----	Brookview Independent Living

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.

Deacons

SCRIP Program

Thank you to all the participants in the Great Lakes SCRIP and Weis gift card programs. Profits for the year 2016 have been designated as additional income toward the Operating Budget. Please help this program continue to provide funds to the church by checking the order due dates in the Faith Flyer each month, and weekly Faith Life insert on Sundays.

- The total amount raised so far in 2016 is **\$581.59**.
- The next deadline is **September 11**.



Faith Church uses scrip fundraising as a program that allows 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.

Can you plan your purchases in advance so you can 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.

OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will return to normal hours the week following Labor Day, September 5. Those hours are as follows:

- Monday through Thursday: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- Fridays: Church Office is closed.

Helping Hands

WHAT	A Lehigh Presbytery mission work trip to assist in the recover efforts in Georgetown, SC after flooding caused extensive damage to churches and homes.
WHEN	October 15-22, 2016
WHERE*	Georgetown Presbyterian Church
WHO	Adults—16 and older ready to provide hope to others. (Ages 16 & 17 need to be accompanied by an adult.)
WORK*	Reconstruction projects on damaged homes. No specific skills or experience are required.
COST*	\$150 for the week. Must register by September 10
SOME INFO	A copy of the complete list and a copy of the registration form can be found on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. Those items with a * will have more detailed information on that list.
MORE INFO	For answers to questions you may have, or to register for this trip, please contact Sandy Jenkins, Trip Registrar, at 610-298-2106. Or email at csc72ban@ptd.net . Forms and information can also be found online at www.lehighpresbytery.org .

DONATIONS to help finance this trip can be made out to Lehigh Presbytery and writing "Helping Hands" on the memo line. Mail to Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104.

Lehigh Presbytery

September Birthdays

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| 9/1 | Isabel Mauro | 9/16 | Bruce Wagner |
| 9/2 | Richard Garber
Penny Pantano | 9/25 | Betty Winters |
| 9/3 | Lucy Mauro | 9/26 | Joe Payea |
| 9/4 | Phil Heineman | 9/28 | Philip Martin
Richard Smith
Michele Somishka |
| 9/5 | Ann Lowell
Laura Payea | | |
| 9/6 | Jana Masenheimer | | |
| 9/10 | Bruce Kunkle
Joseph Raposo
Joel Shimer | | |
| 9/12 | Sarah Hillanbrand | | |
| 9/15 | Carolyn Baittinger
Andrew Martin
Carolyn Rice | | |

Happy
Birthday!



Faith is like Wi-Fi.
It is invisible, but has the power to
connect to what you need.



Did You Know?

“Someone else” never takes home the kitchen towels for laundering. Feel encouraged to do so when you are involved in clean-up.

- If you need cleaning supplies, the janitor’s closet is always open and available.
- Did you know that our big field is part of the Lehigh County Emergency Management Plan? The field is large enough for helicopters to land on for evacuations or transporting people from an evacuation site to Emmaus. Very interesting!
- The counter in the church office is a work space. When you place baskets, boxes and bags on the counter, they are in the way of the weekly work flow. Please find other places for their placement, and let those who are picking them up know where to look.

Your Church Website: Same Address, New Look

If you haven’t already noticed, our church website has a new appearance! Please check it out on your computers AND mobile devices (one of the great new capabilities).

A website is always a work in progress, so it takes your observations and suggestions to make sure it is current, relevant, and reflective of who we are and what we want to communicate about our beliefs and practices. For many folks, clicking through a website is much like walking up to our front door. An impression from a website is virtual curb appeal!

If you have any suggestions about the website (big or small edits), please do not hesitate to contact Ann Lowell at lowellga@ptd.net, the church office, or speak to anyone on the Communications Committee. Enjoy!

Communications



Faith Church Ministry & Mission Leadership

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Discipleship John Gill
 Fellowship..... Diane Millick
 Membership Jim DePhillips
 Worship Lisa Heineman

EVANGELISM

Mission Jack Decker
 The 412 Rob Clark

STEWARDSHIP

Administration Richard Smith
 Building & Grounds Erik Walker, Bill Gosner
 Finance..... Tim Melnick
 Nominating..... Jack Hillman
 Special Projects..... Michele Somishka

DEACONS Terry Eck, Moderator

Luana Graber, Ann Greenwood, Donna Hill, Jana Masenheimer, Melanie Shimer,
 Christy Smits, Matt Somishka, Amy Waters, Toni Fernandez, Krista Gosner,
 Joanne Herring





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

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

To our Friends at the 412,

Thank you so much for opening your door to the community! We hope our contribution helps you to continue to do so.

Lu & Linda Martinez

Dear Faith Presbyterian,

Thank you for your continued support of the Emmaus Food Bank! Your generosity greatly benefits many families in our neighborhood of Emmaus.

*Gratefully,
Leah Jarrett, for Bethel Church*

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we would like to thank you for your donation of 14 boxes of food and produce over the summer. Because of your caring and sharing, we are able to feed those less fortunate in our community. We are currently serving between 200 and 250 families per week.

*Sincerely,
AAEFB*

Back-to-school humor

- Summer is over. Time to officially remember what day of the week it is!
- "Labor Day is a glorious holiday because your child will be going back to school the next day. It would have been called Independence Day, but that name was already taken." (Bill Dodds)
- Receiving new textbooks, one student to another: "Psst. How do you turn this thing on?"

Requirements for Flyer & Bulletin Submissions

When submitting material for The Flyer or the Sunday bulletin...

- Submissions **MUST** be in Arial 11 pt.
 - Do not use borders or other fancy formatting.
 - When a special font is desired, load that font onto a disk and supply it to the church office, along with a note as to its intended use.
 - Keep the flyer deadline in mind when you are holding an event. You must publicize far enough in advance to assure timely notification.
 - Send only articles created by word processing programs like Microsoft Word. Do not use spreadsheets.
 - Running an announcement in the bulletin for too many weeks causes loss of interest. Three weeks is a good rule of thumb.
- **DEADLINES ARE STRICTLY OBSERVED.**

Production Schedules & Deadlines

To help those making submissions to our regularly scheduled printed material, please use this information. Keep in mind, **these are deadlines, not guidelines.**

	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Faith Flyer</u>
Production:	Begins Monday mornings	Begins a week prior to the deadline.
Deadline:	Wednesdays by 2:00 PM	Third Sunday of each month.
Printed:	Thursday mornings, promptly	Tuesday after deadline.
Collated:	Thursday, late morning.	Thursday after the 3rd Sunday, 10 AM

Worship Assistant materials are emailed, or if preferred, placed in the mailbox outside the main entrance door, and are available after 2:00 PM on Thursday.

Deadline for the October issue of *The Faith Flyer*

September 18, 2016 • 12:00 noon

ADNYL510@GMAIL.COM and OFFICE@FAITHCHURCHEMMAUS.ORG

Kindly leave any printed materials in the church secretary's mailbox, submitted with your name and best contact number. Thank you.

The Faith Flyer Crew will meet on **Thursday, September 22 @ 9:30 AM** for collating.

You can quickly get your hard copy at church on Sunday, September 25.

Electronic copies are available Friday, September 23! **Go paperless!**



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