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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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EMMAUS, PENNSYLVANIA



Call upon His name; make known
His deeds among the peoples!

1 CHRONICLES 16:8, NKJV



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www.faithchurchemmaus.org
 Our website is a great resource!
 Also check us out on Facebook!



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*Your Pastor's Thought
for the Month
Rev. William Schram*

Dear Friends,

By now, we are partly through our stewardship season. I trust you have been appreciating each Sunday's presentation about the Christian love your support enables us to put into action in specific areas of our church life. We started on the Sunday that the youth presented our Sunday message about their work camp mission trip. What great service they helped provide to families in need of a helping hand. Our narrative budget insert highlighted how your gifts allow us to Prepare the Next Generation of Christians. We went on to learn about Serving the Community and the World through our mission efforts. This was followed by Inspiring and Equipping the People of God through worship and leadership training.

We'll hear yet about Maintaining the Home Base for Mission (keeping our facilities in shape to be used for Christ) and our Caring for People through pastoral care by members, deacons and pastor. This all culminates on Nov. 12 when we ask people to bring in their commitment cards for dedication. We encourage all to return the cards, whether you are able to give a regular gift or will give as circumstances permit. Your communication helps us do planning for 2018.



An elder in another church I served, noted that stewardship drives marked the beginning of November and Thanksgiving was near the end. So he commented, "If March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, then November comes in like a shark and out like a turkey." I prefer to think that the whole month is shaped by a spirit of gratitude and Thanksgiving. Our thinking about how God has blessed us sparks our gratitude. Reflecting on what we together can do in service to the purposes of Christ moves us to give, out of appreciation of the way God can put our love into action. And we thankfully can gather with family and friends to give thanks for all aspects of our lives around the holiday table and in times of prayer.

May you find your heart tuned to notes of gratitude throughout the month.

Peace,

Pastor Bill



Upcoming Sunday Sermon Themes

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

- **Sunday, Nov. 5**Honoring the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant/Reformation
Recognizing the Saints in our Lives.
Sermon: *"Why I Am Still Presbyterian"*
- **Sunday, Nov. 12**Stewardship Dedication Sunday
Sermon: *Vengeance & Forgiveness"*
- **Sunday, Nov. 19**Sunday before Thanksgiving
Sermon: *"Thanksgiving with the Volume Off"*
- **Sunday, Nov. 26**TBD

Contact Information—Pastoral Care Needs

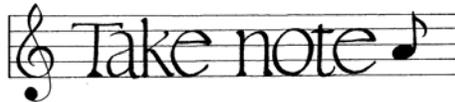
- To contact our pastor, please use Bill Schram's email address, revbill@faithchurchemmaus.org. (Note: Friday is a day off for Bill.)
- For pastoral care needs between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Mondays through Thursdays, contact the church office—610-967-5600.
- After hours, please contact either of the Co-Moderators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

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

Pastoral Transition News

Your Pastor Nominating Committee is continuing its search for our next pastor with enthusiasm and hard work. We have begun interviewing prospects. Keep those prayers coming!

Church Choirs



Guest Musician

On December 10, the Senior Choir and a guest flutist will present “*Nowell, Nowell, Emmanuel*” a Christmas cantata by Gilbert Martin. Additional singers are welcome to join the choir for this presentation. Rehearsals will begin in October following worship. See Brian Snyder for more information.

Senior Choir Rehearsal

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please contact Brian Snyder. 4spadesdoubled@gmail.com.

Children & Youth Choirs

Youth Handbell Choir will rehearse at 8:30 AM, followed by breakfast and vocal choir rehearsal. Children’s Handbell Choir will be rehearsing at 9:30 AM, before worship time. Children’s Vocal Choir will rehearse from 11:20 AM—11:40 AM. If there are questions on any of those choirs, please contact Tammi Howorth. tammi@faithchurchemmaus.org or text/call 610-730-4652.

Adult Handbell Choir

Rehearsals will begin later in the fall. Please look for future announcements. If there are questions on any of those choirs, please contact Tammi Howorth. tammi@faithchurchemmaus.org or text/call 610-730-4652.



They're Back!!

Pot Luck Lunches... right after church

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

Please bring a dish to Share....

Date	Main Dish	Last names beginning with		
		A-M	or	N-Z
November 5	Turkey BBQ	Dessert		Salad or side
December 3	Goulash	Salad or Side		Dessert

Always looking for volunteers to help, contact Diane Millick

Fellowship Hour

Volunteers are needed for many Sundays to come throughout the end of the year. Please sign up. It's easy, and instructions are provided if needed.

The sign up sheet is outside Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please ask Fellowship Committee Elder Diane Millick 484-695-0391 or dianemillick@yahoo.com





stewardship

*Abundant Life,
Joyous Generosity*

“Abundant Life, Joyous Generosity” is our stewardship theme for this year. It sums up our theme Bible verse: “They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.” 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Good stewardship allows us and others around us to “take hold of the life that really is life.” We feel good about what our lives allow Christ to accomplish within and through us. In our October 8 worship, we saw proof of this in the Youth Group’s sharing about their Work Camp experience. They knew they had touched lives through their efforts.

Paul tells us that God loves cheerful givers. This means those who find joy in sharing good news, good life and good

help with others. This explains the smiles on those who have worked hard in things like our Garden. As we heard October 15 , not only does it benefit the Emmaus Food Bank, but also provided fresh produce for meals at Daybreak.

Whether we take about bricks and mortar or about mission and vision, our stewardship allows us to plan for the future. We maintain strong foundations and expand our understanding and reach of our purpose. Those who do this “thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future.”

More specific information will be shared in worship during October as we highlight different pieces of the narrative budget. The full narrative budget can be found on our website. Pledge cards and a stewardship letter will be mailed on Nov. 3. Our Dedication Sunday will be Nov. 12.



Giving to our church is easy!

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



DISCIPLESHIP

NEWS



MAKING DISCIPLES WHILE GROWING AS DISCIPLES

Sunday Morning Discipleship Opportunities

The Discipleship Committee will keep the recent Sunday morning schedule as we continue to explore other options. **NO CLASSES ON THE 1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 26.**

- **11:15 am to Noon:** Adults –meeting in room 7 (see article on next page.)
Middle School (grades 6, 7, 8) – meeting in room 4
Genesis (children not yet in Kindergarten) – Nursery
Sr. High (grades 9, 10,11, 12) – Plans for this age group are in progress.
- **11:40 to Noon:** Grades K through 5- meeting in room 3 (following choir practice)

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. October dates: **11/2, 11/16**
Contact: Bill Herring
- **Noon Bible Study** meets on **Wednesdays** in the Parlor. Come share the Bible with this lively group! All are welcome! Contact: Ellen Bender
- **Faith Watercolor Painters Group** will meet on **Thursdays** in the Fellowship Hall from **1pm to 4pm**. This group is led by **Dick Farmer** and assisted by Ed Klova. Please contact Dick Farmer 610-967-4401 for additional information.
- **"Christians and Racism"** Discussion Group meets at 6:00 PM here at the church, on the first and third Sundays of the month. November Meetings: **11/5, 11/19**

Middle School Youth Group

We will meet each Sunday at Faith Church from 5:00-7:00pm. We will have check-ins, prayers, games, and dinner each week. We will schedule activities throughout the year. Plans are in the making for a **Middle School Retreat at Kirkwood Camp. November 3-5.** An email with information was emailed to all Middle School Youth. If you did not receive the information, and would like to, please contact Joanne Marchetto.

jomarchetto@rcn.com or cell: 610-703-5897

High School Youth Group

Senior High meets on scheduled dates from 6:30 –8:30 pm at Faith Church.

Youth Group Dinners

Each week, our youth share dinner and friendship together from 6:30-7:00pm. One great way to support the youth is to sponsor their Sunday dinner at Faith. You can support our youth by either cooking or sponsoring a meal. There are many ways you can do this. You can:

- Donate money for pizza or take-out
- Cook a meal at the church
- Pick-up and deliver take-out or pizza for one of our meetings
- Bring in a crock-pot meal for everyone to share.

These are just a few ideas of different ways you can participate. You can also come up with your own ideas for a meal. Last year, we had chili night, taco night, pizza, spaghetti night, hot dogs and hamburgers. You can sign up on the sign up genius here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090549a5ae2cab9-youth2>

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.

Current Events Through the Eyes of Faith

Adult Sunday School Class—Fall 2017

Join us each Sunday that Church School is held for a lively discussion on a current issue. Using “The Wired Word” curriculum, we will present a brief synopsis of the story, followed by probing questions and a time for confronting the issue with scriptures and hope. Listen for the “class bell” and gather in room #7.

Where / when: Brick Classroom # 7 at 11:20 a.m. - end at 12 noon.

Who: All adults age 18 and up are welcome.

Leadership team: Bill Herring, Carole Wilson, Deanna Robinson (coordinator)

Are you struggling to apply your faith to today's issues? Join us!

Topics for November

- Nov. 5 – NO CLASSES
- Nov. 12 – “News Provides Christians Reasons to Consider Responsible Use of Power.” Consider:
 - When have you been aware of having power over someone else? How did that realization affect how you behaved?
 - What tools of discernment should Christians use to determine what power they have and how they should use that power?
- Nov. 19 – “Bad Times Reveal Good Samaritans.” Consider:
 - Have you ever benefited from someone being a Good Samaritan to you? How?
 - When people see someone in distress, a natural inclination for many is not to get involved. What helps you overcome that natural tendency?
- Nov. 26 – NO CLASSES (Thanksgiving)

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



Holiday Craft Show

Anyone interested in signing up for the Women of Faith holiday craft show on Saturday, December 2nd, whether as a vendor or craft seller, please contact Sandy Gingrich at 610-967-3419 or Sue Lawall at suelaw2@verizon.net for more information and registration forms.



Can you lend a hand? We will meet here at the church on Wednesday mornings, from 9:30 AM to noon (until further notice) to work on the items to be sold. No Experience Necessary! There will be ways to help for every crafting experience level, even none. Please help if you can, and enjoy a morning of fun fellowship in the process!



44TH ANNUAL

Lemon Tree Holiday Bazaar

Hosted by: The Westminster Village Auxiliary

Saturday, November 11, 2017

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

(lunch available 11:30 am to 1:00 pm)

Delicious Baked Goods
 Delightful Homemade Crafts & Gifts
 Attic Treasures, Country Store,
 Jewelry and Collectibles

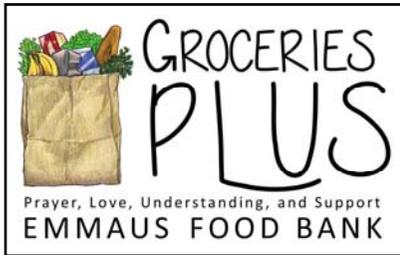
Proceeds benefit the residents of Westminster Village



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www.wmvallentown.org





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

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

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

Several Ways to help - Current Needs:

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

Current Food Needs:

Thanksgiving fixings: Canned Pumpkin, Cranberry Sauce, gravies, stuffing, etc.
While the holiday isn't immediately here, until donated food has been gathered, sorted, shelved, packed and distributed.....

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

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

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

A Community Space

The 412 continues to schedule dates! Users are mentors, support groups, yoga, Zumba, college administration leaders, and many from other walks of life. Check the calendar for starting times. www.412emmaus.com. Details will be shared as they are made available!



November bring the following users:

- Zumbini with Jackie
- Heart Rhythm Meditation
- Ain't No Shame in Chronic Pain Support Group
- Mom's Club of Lehigh Valley
- Juice Plus—Healthy Living Workshops

There is still plenty of room for YOU to do something in this space and invite the friends and neighbors with whom God is calling you to connect. Contact the [412](#) to check availability.

Why don't YOU use the space?!

Crop Hunger Walk

A great big **Thank You** to our 6 crop walkers, and also to all of you that have graciously donated money, checks, and food to the Crop Walk. We were blessed to have nice weather for our walk.

We raised \$690. Combined with the other churches in our area that participated, we raised a total of over \$26,000!



!! REALLY BIG Thank You to MISSION SUPPORTERS!!

Faith Church has collected:

\$2391.00 for the **Peace & Global Witness** offering with **31 participants!**

\$597.75 will be donated to **East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

!!WAY to GO FAITH!!

DEACONS

Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

A Word from the Deacons

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



Do you have an Extra Minute?

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

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

BOARD OF DEACONS

Co-Moderators Jana Masenheimer, Melanie Shimer
 Eleanor DePhillips, Terry Eck, Deb Ferguson, Toni Fernandez, Luana Graber, Ann Greenwood, Joanne Herring, Donna Hill, Mark Ingram, Elaine Smits

College Student Goodie Boxes

As is the custom of the Faith Deacons, we will be sending "Goodie Boxes" to our college students as they prepare for their first semester final examinations. We have found this activity is well received by our young people, and in some instances been a positive experience as they share their "goodies" with roommates. Too, it lets our young people, even though they are away at school, know we are thinking of them.

Collection boxes will appear in Fellowship Hall starting November 5, and be in place November 12, 19 and 26. We would like your help in filling these boxes! Examples of items forwarded in the past include protein, breakfast or granola bars, pretzels, cracker packs, hot cocoa mix, gum, cookies, and the like.

Look for the boxes on the rear counters. Let's fill these boxes to the brim. Thank- you for your generosity.



Poinsettias

Yes, we are early in making this announcement. However, December will be here before you know it. This year's plant offerings are a: 6-inch red, 6-inch white or 6-inch pink plant. The cost per plant will be \$6.00. Envelopes with this year's offerings will be placed in the church pews on November 12, 2017.

You will have until Sunday, December 3, 2017 to place your order. Please consider purchasing plants as we beautify our Sanctuary for the Christmas services.





Operating Fund Financial Report

Below is the 2017 report of operating income vs. expenses through Sep. 30, 2017

	September 30, 2017	YTD: 2017
OPERATING INCOME:	\$ 14,957.00	\$ 175,878.00
OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$ 25,654.00	\$ 161,801.00
Misc. Expenses:	.00	226.00
ANNUAL RESERVE (DEFICIT):	\$ (10,697.00)	\$ 13,851.00

SCRIP Program

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

- The total amount raised in 2017 is **\$688.61**.
- The next deadline is **November 12**.

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.

Happy
BIRTHDAY!
to you.



November Birthdays

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|-------|--|-------|--------------------------------|
| 11/1 | Susan Dilts | 11/16 | Diane Millick |
| 11/2 | Pat Johnston, Jim Millick,
Lauren Payea | 11/17 | Bailey Clark, Dave Webb |
| 11/3 | Eric Lillegard | 11/19 | Benjamin Piper |
| 11/4 | Zona Farmer | 11/21 | Sally Heimbach |
| 11/5 | Christian Piper, Elaine Smits | 11/22 | Brandon Greb, Katie Krissinger |
| 11/7 | Deb Lillegard, Dottie Smickley,
Andrew Warfel | 11/24 | John Kempes |
| 11/8 | Kathy Bortz, Deb Ferguson | 11/27 | Corey Hill, Jenny Kempes |
| 11/11 | Tyler Hill | 11/28 | Susan Worley, Jonathan Shreck |
| 11/13 | Geoff Lowell | 11/29 | Mary Lee Wilber |
| 11/14 | Jacqueline Warfel | 11/30 | David Hillanbrand |

Church Office

- The long 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 spots to place them, and let those who are picking them up know where to look.
- The church office is open on Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 PM. It is never open on a Friday. Phone messages and emails left on Fridays are not answered until the following Monday.



COMMUNICATIONS

Photos Needed

Do you have photos of church members/friends at our events and activities? Please send your pictures, to Lynda in the church office, where she will store them for use in publications, just for church history! office@faithchurchemmaus.org
We are always looking to document our church activity. Thank you!

Prayer Chain Requests

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

Everyday saints

Everyday things, relationships with other people, daily work, love of our family — all these may breed saints.

Jesus of Nazareth taught us to live every hour of the day as saints. Every hour of the day is useful and may lead to divine inspiration, the will of the Father, the prayer of contemplation — holiness. Every hour of the day is holy. What matters is to live it as Jesus taught us.

And for this, one does not have to shut oneself in a monastery or fix strange and inhumane [regimens] for one's life. It is enough to accept the realities of life. Work is one of these realities; motherhood, the rearing of children, family life with all its obligations are others.

—Carlo Carretto, *Letters From the Desert*



Faith Church Ministry & Mission Leadership

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

- Discipleship.....Chuck Waters
- FellowshipDiane Millick
- MembershipJim DePhillips
- WorshipLisa Heineman

EVANGELISM

- MissionJack Decker, Rob Clark

STEWARDSHIP

- Administration.....
- Building & Grounds.....Erik Walker
- FinanceTim Melnick, Chuck Waters
- NominatingTim Melnick
- Special ProjectsMichele Somishka

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).



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