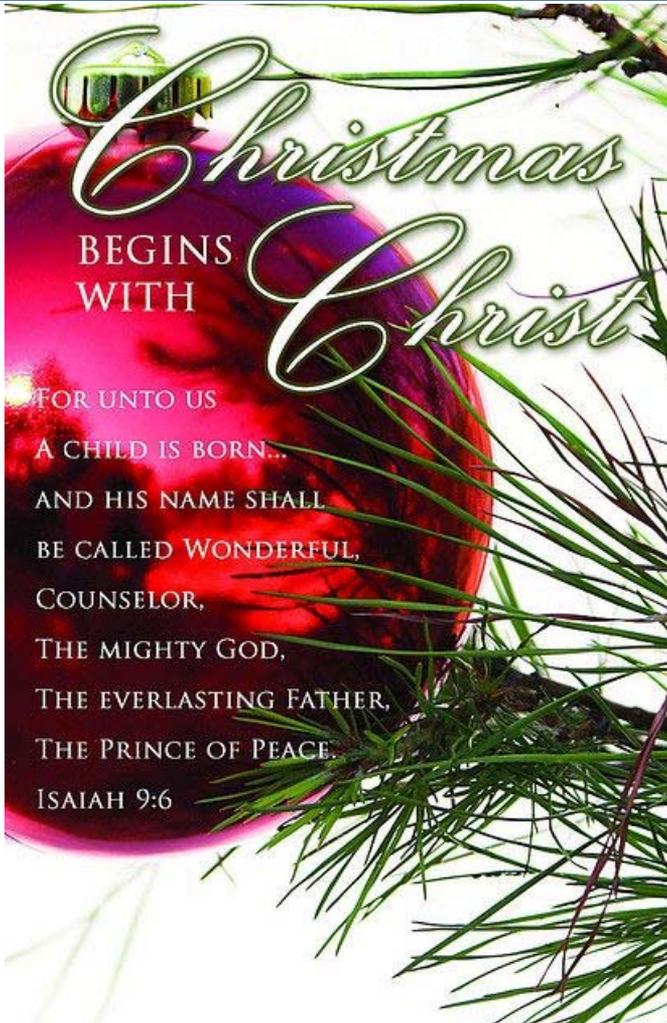


the **Faith**  *Flyer*
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Living and sharing the miracle of God's grace.

EMMAUS, PENNSYLVANIA



BEGINS
WITH

Christmas
Christ

FOR UNTO US
A CHILD IS BORN...
AND HIS NAME SHALL
BE CALLED WONDERFUL,
COUNSELOR,
THE MIGHTY GOD,
THE EVERLASTING FATHER,
THE PRINCE OF PEACE.
ISAIAH 9:6

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Pastoral Transition- Note to congregation from session

Living and Sharing the Miracle of God's Grace

The session met on Wednesday evening, November 2nd, and would like to share our thoughts with you. The meeting was very positive and the session was unanimous in all its decisions. A lengthy discussion was held on our options.

First, the session spent time looking at and reaffirming our 2014 Self Assessment as current and valid. We feel that Faith knows who it is, and that its people are confident in the direction we are heading. This is a necessary requirement from the Presbytery in order for us to move forward.

Session also has tasked the Nominating Committee to begin forming a seven (7) member Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) to search for an Installed Pastor. The Presbytery must ok this decision as well as our self assessment, which should occur at their next meeting on December 20th. The congregation will then vote on a slate of names for the PNC. In the meantime, Lisa Heineman, our worship committee

chair has found pulpit supply for the remainder of the year.

To help ease the worship committee from having to find constant pulpit supply, the session has decided to search for a Temporary pastor. This will not be an Interim who will lead us into another mission study, but rather a pastor who will be a constant presence in our pulpit, and an inspiration for our session and congregation during this time of transition. The Presbytery will be sending a list of possible candidates to the session next week.

We are sad that Pastor Tim and his family are leaving, but we are optimistic that as a result of his work with us, the PNC discernment process will proceed smoothly. Session is looking forward to where God leads us next. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the clerk or a member of the session.

Lynn Ingram, Clerk of Session

Contact Information—Pastoral Care Needs

- 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—484-695-9073, who will make the appropriate connections.

Worship Highlights for Advent

- November 27—1st Sunday in Advent..... Rev. Maggie Wellert
- December 4—Communion, 2nd Sunday in Advent .. Rev. Joanne Marchetto
- December 11—3rd Sunday in Advent..... Rev. Cynthia Simmons
- December 18—4th Sunday in Advent..... Christmas Play/Musical
- December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
 - 5:30 PM Family
 - 9:30 PM Traditional Rev. Maggie Wellert
 - 11:15 PM Emmaus Triangle Rev. Joanne Marchetto
- December 25—Christmas Day Rev. Joanne Marchetto

In search of Advent Candle Lighters!

Please contact Amy Waters (archernw@msn.com) if you and your family/friends can help out during Worship on any of the following dates. User friendly instructions are provided. Thank you!

- November - 27
- December- 4 - Looking for Youth!
Joanne Marchetto is preaching that day and we thought it would be great to get a few of the youth to take this one.
- December 11
- December 18
- December 24- 5:30
- December 24- 9:30



Worship



On **December 18** during worship the Children’s and Youth Choirs will be presenting a musical. Welcome to Bethlehem and The Christmas Café...a small roadside café where the food “speaks for itself.” And if you don’t believe it, just wait a few minutes and reach for the antacid!

Your waitress Polly Porkchop and cook Mac N. Cheese tell the story of that special night long ago, when they were dishing out food during Caesar’s senseless census. Mix in a group of shepherds and a local innkeeper who drop by to tell about a world-changing miracle, and you’ve got a recipe for an unforgettable, homespun version of the greatest story ever told! Pull up a stool and join the choirs for “Miracle at the Christmas Café.”

POINSETTIA ORDERS

The Christmas poinsettia ordering and pick up process has changed due to low ordering last year. This year **PAID orders are due by December 5th**. And you may pick up your flowers December 11th after worship service. That way you may have them for the Christmas season and gift giving. Other plans are in the works for flowers for Christmas Eve.

All plants will be in 7” pots containing 3 plants with 3 flowers, priced at \$6.00 each. Please indicate how many of each color, and provide the name of who orders are in honor of or in memory of.

_____ all Red _____ mix of Red/White/Pink

\$ _____ Total enclosed

Name: _____

In Memory of _____

or

In Honor of _____

Please make your check out to *Faith Presbyterian Church* and write “Poinsettias” on the memo line.

Christmas Joy Offering *Supporting past, present, and future leaders*

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

The *Christmas Joy Offering* will be received and dedicated on **December 18, 2016**. The offering is used to help fund the following programs:

The Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions

In 2015, the Assistance Program distributed 1,294 grants and approximately \$5 million to qualifying pastors, missionaries, other church workers, and their families.

The Assistance Program offers assistance to folks in one of these three categories:

- retired church workers with financial and housing needs
- church workers with urgent financial needs
- pastors with vocational leadership needs

Racial Ethnic Leadership Development

The *Christmas Joy Offering* provides opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools. Your generous gifts to the *Christmas Joy Offering* will shine the One True Light of Christ's love.

Faith Presbyterian Church received \$2660.00, with 40 participants, in 2015 for the Christmas Joy Offering.

Do you think we can be JOYFUL givers and “top” that amount?

Mission



Holiday Craft Fair

December 3, 2016

9 AM to 3:00 PM

Faith Presbyterian Church

3002 N. Second Street | Emmaus, PA

- Christmas Ornaments
- Totes, Purses, Accessories
- Jewelry; Paintings
- Handmade Baskets
- Floral
- Dog Treats
- Embroidered Items
- Doll Clothes
- Candy & Bake Sale
- Food Booth

Donations to Local Mission

The Holiday Craft Fair is not far off! Women of Faith have been working hard to finish seasonal crafts, and make candy for the Holiday Craft Fair. The Kenya Partnership people have been busily collecting raffle items from generous local merchants.

New vendors have been added, with items not displayed last year! And keep in mind that each vendor has agreed to raffle off one of their own items.

Once all the preparations are complete, there is only one more thing that will be needed. **SHOPPERS!!!** That's where you come in. Please come shop, bring along family and friends, and spend a lot of time admiring the beautiful things that will be offered.

*Women of Faith &
Kenya Partnership*



Inventory Reduction Sale

The Consign for Good team hosted an “inventory reduction” sale on November 19th at The 412. This event was proposed to reduce our large inventory of fall/winter items donated and left over after the 2016 Fall sale. Shoppers were allowed to “fill a bag” for just \$5, and 76 bags of clothes were sold!

Every Consign for Good event lives up to it’s name, and this one was no exception. We reconnected with familiar consignment shoppers, but also met many new folks—some bargain shopping for themselves, but others looking to support other causes like HeadStart and other clothing drives at local schools. All unsold items were donated to Closet of Hope.

Our monetary proceeds will continue to support East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Thanks to all who continue to support this wonderful community effort.

Consign for Good



*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.

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for allowing us to use the 412 space for our recent art talk. It suited our needs perfectly. The Emmaus Community is fortunate to have the 412 space available. Enclosed please find our donation in appreciation of your consideration.

*Janet Rader & Ken Burton
Tangent Crafts*

Faith Presbyterian Church,

Central thanks you for your donation of "back to school" supplies.

Your little Eagles
Central Elementary School

Faith Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of all of us here at Wildlands conservancy, thank you for your generous donation. We are grateful to count you among our giving community. Your support allows us to protect and restore critical natural areas and waterways. And it ensures a sustainable future for these areas by enabling us to host programs that connect people with nature and educate the next generation of environmental stewards. Thank you again for sharing in our vision and keeping our mission alive!

*Elizabeth Dugan, VP
Development & Communications*

Youth Group News

Thank you to everyone who supported the Holiday Hope Chests project! Thank you for donating boxes and gifts to support youth in the Lehigh Valley. Your gifts can transform a life. Thank you for your generosity! The boxes were delivered on November 29th, and they will soon arrive to homes for the holidays.

We also had a wonderful Sunday with our youth and mentors! This year, we are beginning a youth mentoring project connecting adults in our faith communities as mentors for our middle school and high school youth. There are many gifts to being a mentor and a student in a mentoring relationship. When you are a mentor, you are in partnership with the youth you serve, and in that capacity you can teach them so much more than a role model could. You are not an unreachable idol who makes an appearance at a book signing or on the movie or television screen. You can empower youth to become their best selves by developing personal techniques and strategies for coping with and enjoying life. As a student, you develop a relationship with an additional adult, a person you can turn to who can help you discover your own inner wisdom and strength. It is a gift to discover who you want to become and to have someone support and guide you along the way. If you are interested in being a mentor to a student or helping with the youth group, please contact Joanne (joanne@thebarnlv.org or 610-703-5897) for more information.

Upcoming Events:

In **December**, we will have a fun trip to Free Fall Trampoline Park on December 4. On December 10, we will participate in the Peace Pilgrimage. On December 18, we will go Christmas caroling at Phoebe Home, Allentown and go to dinner together.

In **February**, we have two big events planned. On February 17-18, we will have our 30 Hour Famine. We will fast for 30 hours and raise money and awareness on the concerns for hunger in our local community and the world.

On **February 25**, we will participate in Faith Night with the Lehigh Valley Phantoms at the PPL Center in Allentown. There will be fun activities such as riding the Zamboni and a free skate after the game. Participants also receive a t-shirt. The cost is \$20 per person, and families and mentors are invited to participate. Please RSVP and/or if you have any questions, please contact Joanne (joanne@thebarnlv.org or 610-703-5897) for more information.

More information on Discipleship classes: <http://faithchurchemmaus.org/ministry/>

Discipleship



Fellowship Luncheon

We will not gather for Discipleship Classes on Sunday, December 4th, but instead will gather for our monthly potluck lunch (and Advent-ure) in Fellowship Hall. 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 first letter of your **Last Name** to see what you can bring each month.

Month & Entrée	Side (vegetable or salad)	Dessert (surprise us)
December Sweet & Sour Pork	A-M	N-Z

Advent-ure

Adventure will be held on **December 4th**. After worship, we will have crafts for the Christmas season, as well as some crafts to help decorate the Christmas tree in the narthex. Heather Nicholas will be taking family portraits and will be happy to post them to the FB page for people to tag, and they can use shutterfly or something like that to print or process as they want.

Book Club

The Book Club is currently reading “Tribe” by Sebastian Junger. It is an insightful book, highly recommended even if you aren’t part of Book Club.

Aging Presentation

The presentation on aging went very well, and now there are two binders full of resource materials in the Faith Office...everything from maids, to meals, to medical equipment. Don't forget, **Faith Church has medical equipment available to sign out free**, when your seniors come to visit for the holidays!

Fellowship

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 **\$826.70**.
- The next deadline is **December 4**. The deadline is early, to allow cards to be received in time for Christmas.

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.

Plan your Christmas purchases in advance and 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.

Operating Fund Financial Report

Below is the 2016 report of operating income vs. expenses through Oct. 31, 2016.

	Oct. 31, 2016	YTD: 2016
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 23,328.00	\$ 205,824.00
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 21,418.00	\$ 209,425.00
Misc. Expenses	25.00	124.00
ANNUAL RESERVE (DEFICIT)	\$ 1,095.00	\$ (3,725.00)

Financial Reports

November 2016

Pastor's Report:

- 1 wedding from community for Jill and Vick. No funerals or baptisms
- CHES - nothing of note
- Pastor discussed transition preparation and moving forward, Sunday worship, and his conversation in regards to The Barn
- Visits: 2 hospital and 2 home

Deacon's Report: Peter Ferguson

- Care packages for college students are being prepared with the discussion of possible care packages for church military members
- With a temporary Pastor, Pastor Tim requested that the Deacons and Elders be more aware of concerns and needs of the congregation as the transition occurs
- Session offered help to the Deacons with anything they might need in care giving during the Pastoral transition
- Request was made to update the Deacon Tree in the hallway

Motions Passed:

Approved

- A Motion was approved to affirm the 2014 Faith Emmaus Self-

Assessment as still current with updated Pastoral Leadership Competencies

- A Motion was approved to have Session, with the approval of Lehigh Presbytery, act as a committee to obtain the services of a Teaching Elder in a temporary Pastoral Relationship
- A Motion was approved to task the Nominating Committee to nominate 7 members of a PNC, to be approved by the congregation, and to search for an Installed Pastor
- A Motion was approved to go exceed the budgeted line allocation for pulpit supply

Committee Reports:

The 412

Nominating

Special Projects

- Discussion about the 'Tree' in the hallway and updating pictures of congregation members
- Continuing to work the Narthex renovations

Worship

- Discussion about setting Communion dates for 2017
- Request for assistance from Session in regards to assistance with announcements at the beginning of service
- Continued discussion about Pulpit

Session Highlights

- Supply t the Worship Meeting
- Brief discussion about the confirmed 1130 PM Christmas Eve Service at the Emmaus Triangle

Administration

- Back door / front door lock discussion and re-keying locks so that the front door lock is the same as the back door lock
- Brief discussion about a review of the Child Protection Policy and the first reading of this updated document

Building and Grounds

- Discussion about the specified section of roof replacement on Fellowship Hall with two current quotes from valley roof contractors
- Fall Clean Up discussion

Discipleship

Fellowship

- Discussion about Memorial Luncheon

Finance

- Discussion about completed 2015 Audit
- Discussion about any additional costs incurred after the Pastor's departure

Membership

Mission

- Discussion about The 412 and the congregation's town hall meeting
- The Faith Garden has been 'winterized' and is ready for next year's planting season!

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
 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, Joanne Herring



December Birthdays

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|-------|---|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 12/1 | Betsy Han | 12/20 | Dorothy Harshman, Erik Walker |
| 12/4 | Marie Heffner, David Wilson | 12/21 | Marie Comoglio, Nora Harford |
| 12/5 | Susan McCracken | 12/23 | Dennis Arndt, Bella Cachiguango |
| 12/6 | Dianne Macdonald | 12/24 | Christina Johns |
| 12/7 | Terry Eck, William MacHose, Jessica O'Neil | 12/26 | William Kennington III, Carole Wilson |
| 12/8 | Brynn Durn, Bonnie Hillman | 12/27 | Jack Ferlino, Beth Kunkle |
| 12/9 | Scott Greb, Jade Yen | 12/28 | Archer Waters |
| 12/10 | Mark Heimbach | 12/30 | Matthias Staack |
| 12/12 | Laurie Hillanbrand, Sue Lawall, Samuel Luff | | |
| 12/13 | Cameron Godiska | | |
| 12/14 | Ryan Kennington | | |
| 12/15 | Harry Dennis, Cawley Waters | | |
| 12/18 | Owen Dredge | | |
| 12/19 | Thomas Eck, Bonnie Osterwald | | |

Happy
Birthday!



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Secretary gears up for a very busy season.

December is busy in the church office for more reasons than just extra worship bulletins on Christmas Eve. The calendar year is coming to a close and that means two additional (and large) photocopy jobs must be prepared for and completed. And not having a regular pastor in place only adds to the work!

The plan is to have the Annual Report and the 2016 Pocket Directory ready for distribution to the congregation on the Sunday prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting, allowing plenty of advanced reading time for those planning to attend.

Should You Submit an Annual Report? All Committee Chairs, Adult Ministry, Music Directors, and Women of Faith, etc., submit reports each year. If you are in doubt as to whether you should, please check with the pastor.

Regarding the 2017 Pocket Directory, please make sure to call, email or snail mail any changes prior to the end of 2016.



How can you help our secretary meet the deadline? If you should be submitting a report, please see that it gets to Lynda by December 31st. Send them via email, or snail mail, but please get them to her! Yes, we have a wonderful copier that takes care of the collating, but that doesn't mean the deadline can be stretched. She will still have bulletins, a directory, some small projects, and a Faith Flyer to prepare, so she'll need all the extra time possible. And please...**No surprise projects, please!**



Submissions for the Annual Report are due December 31, 2016.
Early submissions are greatly appreciated.

Please send your submissions to the church office as soon as possible. Anyone needing to review last year's report for reference purposes can contact the church secretary during normal office hours to request a copy.

From the Church Office



Cancellations due to weather

Faith Presbyterian Church communicates cancellations on 69 News! As we approach what could be another treacherous winter, please stay tuned to our event changes by:

- 1) Watching the scrolling cancellations on 69 News.
- 2) Going to the 69 News website (<http://www.wfmz.com/weather/school-and-business-closings/149606>) and searching for a post from our church.
- 3) Signing up for alerts by going to this website (<http://www.wfmz.com/Sign-Up-for-Email-Newsletters-Alerts/29028180>) and setting up an account for auto alerts to your e-mail, etc.

This is just another way we hope to keep information lines open at our church!

Did you know about this?

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

Requirements for Flyer & Bulletin Submissions

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

- **Submissions asked to be in Arial 11 pt.**
 - When a special font is desired, email it to the church office, along with a note as to its intended use.
 - Send only articles created by word processing programs like Microsoft Word. Do not use spreadsheets.
 - **Do not use borders or other fancy formatting.**
 - Keep the flyer deadline in mind when you are holding an event. You must publicize far enough in advance to assure timely notification.
 - 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 January 2017 issue of *The Faith Flyer*

December 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.

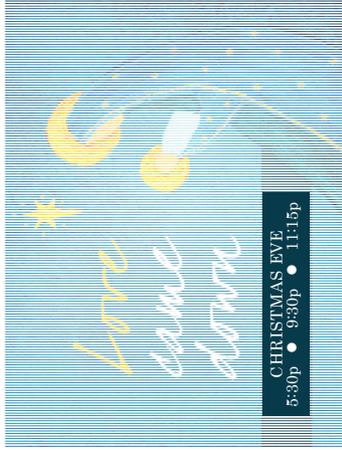
The Faith Flyer Crew will meet on **Thursday, December 22 @ 9:30 AM** for collating.

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

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



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