

*Children's Time & Sunday School

Following Children's Time in worship, children from grades K through 5 will be dismissed to Sunday School. On the first Sunday of each month, Sunday School is not held so all may participate in communion. The same applies to holiday weekends, when Sunday School is not scheduled.

For younger children, care is provided in the nursery during the remainder of our worship time. A single youth volunteer may be needed. Please ask the adult nursery personnel if a youth is necessary.

Joys and Concerns

Please keep these people in your prayers.

- **Becky Shreck**—prayers needed for her ongoing issues with her autoimmune illness.
- **Betty Dennis**—ongoing health issues.
- **Marie Heffner**—ongoing health issues.
- Peter Ferguson's brother, **Tom** —ongoing health issues.

Military Service

Please keep these people in your prayers.

- **Jack Melnick**, USMC.
- **Major Bethany Kauffman**, USMC, niece of **Penny & Jim Pantano**.
- **Hillary N. Waterman**, granddaughter of **Ellen** and **Bill Bender**,
- **Doland J. Miller II** and **Jeremy Miller**, nephews of **Joe Smits**.

Faith Church Prayer Chain

Please send prayer requests to prayers@faithchurchemmaus.org, or use the link from the Faith Church website.

(www.faithchurchemmaus.org)

Did You Know?

You can continue to support the mission and ministry of our church by donating online at <https://faithchurchemmaus.org/donate/> You can also download the free app, Give Plus, and donate to Faith Presbyterian Church anytime, anywhere. You can even look up your history of giving for your records. We deeply appreciate your generosity and are so thankful for each of you!

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2021

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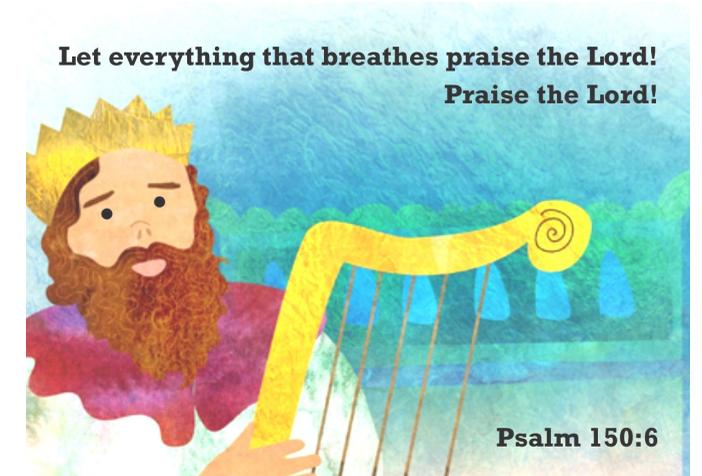
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Donna Call
Maggie Haley
Andrea Mauro
Beth Walker

- ◆ Worship sheets & activity bags for children are available from the ushers.
- ◆ Assistive listening devices are available for those with hearing difficulties.
- ◆ Large print worship materials and hymnals are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**SO THAT THOSE PRESENT MAY EXPERIENCE GOD WITHOUT DISTRACTION,
WE ASK THAT CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES BE
TURNED OFF PRIOR TO THE START OF WORSHIP. THANK YOU.**



**Order of Worship
October 20, 2019**

Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus

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Faith Life

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019

Welcome to worship at Faith Presbyterian Church. It is good to be here together in the presence of God, whose name is Love. We hope you'll join us following worship for beverages, snacks, and fellowship.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

The Stewardship Committee was moved by 2 Thessalonians 1:3, which in the Message version has Paul saying "You need to know, friends, that thanking God over and over is not only a pleasure; it's a must. We have to do it. Your faith is growing phenomenally; your love for each other is developing wonderfully. Why, it's only right that we give thanks

This morning, there will be a Minute for Stewardship, focusing on it's only right that we give thanks."

As you listen to the speakers, prayerfully consider how you might give thanks in 2020.

Stewardship Sunday will be November 10. A letter with your pledge card will be mailed earlier that week. If you have questions, please contact Chuck Waters, Stewardship chair.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Meets in Room #7 (Brick Room)
11:20 AM, or 15 minutes after the end of worship service
Class handouts can be found at the Discipleship bulletin board.



SAVE THE DATE!

ADVENT-ure will be held following worship on 11/24. A light lunch will be provided.

We will be decorating the church in preparation for the start of Advent. There will be crafts and activities for all ages.

PER CAPITA ENVELOPE, WHERE R U ???

If you are wondering where the blue per capita envelope is, usually found in your offering envelope box, you can find them in the pew racks.

The per capita payment has portions sent to the Lehigh Presbytery, the Synod of the Trinity and the General Assembly to help pay for the operation expenses of those organizations.

As of 10/16/19 we have received \$4,531.00 towards our total payment of \$9,432.00. If you have not paid your per capita, please consider doing so. The apportionment for 2019 is \$36.00 per member.

BIG THANK YOU TO MISSION SUPPORTERS!

Faith Church has collected \$1,939.00 for the Peace & Global Witness offering! \$484.75 will be sent to East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors. WAY to GO FAITH!

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:

Kay Cole----- Home
Dotti Harshman ----- Home
Marie Heffner ----- Lehigh Center
Sandy Missmer ----- Home
Dody Perrin----- Home

If you have an extra minute, perhaps you could call, send a card or even visit one of these members. Their phone numbers and addresses are located in the Faith Directory. Be a Deacon in your own right and help make someone's day a little brighter.

PASTOR'S ONLINE COLUMN

Pastor Becki has an online column which can be accessed at revmallozzi.blogspot.com/. An easily clickable link is included in the online copy of the bulletin, as well as in the weekly email blast. If you would like to be added to that list, please email the church office.

GIVING TO OUR CHURCH IS EASY!

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: <http://faithchurchemmaus.org/donate/>



ARE YOU NEW TO FAITH CHURCH?

If this is your first time in worship with us here at Faith Church, welcome! We want to get to know you, so be sure to sign the friendship registry, which can be found at one end of the pew.



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TWO WEEKS OF FAITH

This calendar is prepared a few days prior to distribution. Please see the church [website](#) for the most up-to-date information. Room Numbers, indicating where meetings will be held (*when known*), are shown in parentheses following the listing.

Key	
BR	Brick Room
FH	Fellowship Hall
MR	Music Room
O	Office
P	Parlor
S	Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 20

Youth Groups Trunk or Treat

- 9:00 AM— J.A.M. Singers (MR)
- 9:15 AM— Sunday School: Middle School & Senior High
- 10:00 AM— Worship Service
- 10:15 AM— Sunday School: Kindergarten to Grade 5
- 11:15 AM— Adult Class: Stewards of God's Earth

Monday, October 21

- 6:00 PM— Adult Handbell Choir (MR)
- 7:00 PM— Mission Committee (P)

Tuesday, October 22

- 7:30 PM— Emmaus Chorale (FH)
- 7:30 PM— Evening Walking Group

Wednesday, October 23

- 9:30 AM— Women of Faith (BR)
- 12:30 PM— Word on Wednesday (P)
- 5:00 PM— Communications Committee (P)
- 7:00 PM— Senior Choir (S)

Thursday, October 24

- 9:30 AM— Women's Spiritual Study Group
- 9:30 AM— Chair Yoga (FH)
- 1:00 PM— Faith Watercolor Painters (FH)
- 7:00 PM— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, October 25

Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 26

Youth Groups Hiking Event

- 9:00 AM— Zumba (FH)
- 10:00 PM— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, October 27

- 9:15 AM— Sunday School: Middle School & Senior High
- 10:00 AM— Worship Service
- 10:15 AM— Sunday School: Kindergarten to Grade 5
- 11:15 AM— Adult Class: New Ways of Doing and Being the Church

Monday, October 28

- 6:00 PM— Adult Handbell Choir (MR)

Tuesday, October 29

- 9:00 AM— Morning Walking Group
- 7:30 PM— Emmaus Chorale (FH)
- 7:30 PM— Fellowship Committee (P)

Wednesday, October 30

- 9:30 AM— Women of Faith (BR)
- Noon— Word on Wednesday (P)
- 7:00 PM— Senior Choir (S)

Thursday, October 31

- 9:30 AM— Women's Spiritual Study Group
- 9:30 AM— Chair Yoga (FH)
- 7:00 PM— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, November 1

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 2

- 9:00 AM— Zumba (FH)
- 10:00 PM— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

LOOKING AHEAD...

- Nov. 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov. 5 Election Day
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day—Church office closed
- Nov. 17 Faith Flyer deadline
- Nov. 28 Thanksgiving—Church office closed
- Dec. 1 Advent Begins
- Dec. 7 Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair
- Dec. 22 Christmas Joy Offering
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve



- 10/22 Liz Mitchell
- 10/26 Bobbi Greb



Forests Burn in the Amazon, Africa, and the Arctic

The Wired Word for the Week of September 1, 2019

In the News

For weeks, fires have been burning in Brazil, mainly adjacent to the Amazon rain forest, where farmers are preparing land for next year's crops and pasture. The Amazon rain forest is home to billions of trees, millions of diverse, irreplaceable animal and plant species, and nearly a million indigenous people. Sometimes called "the lungs of the world," the Amazon absorbs vast amounts of planet-warming carbon dioxide and produces 6 percent of Earth's oxygen.

There are 84 percent more fires this year than there were last summer, according to the Brazilian government. Toxic smoke from at least 40,000 fires there has sickened children in São Paulo, the largest city in the Western Hemisphere.

Since coming to power in January, Brazil's conservative Social Liberty Party president Jair Bolsonaro, who campaigned on the promise to open up the rain forest to economic development, has de-staffed and defunded environmental protection agencies by \$23 million, firing the director of a scientific agency who reported an 88 percent spike in deforestation (to the tune of three football fields a minute). Previous Brazilian administrations had successfully reduced deforestation 70 percent from 2004 to 2012.

Bolsonaro, who jokingly refers to himself as "Captain Chainsaw," rescinded or weakened regulations designed to protect nature reserves, rain forest and indigenous land from encroachment by ranchers, farmers, loggers and the mining industry. Many of the Amazon rain-forest fires have been ignited by these interests who use slash-and-burn tactics to clear land or to drive indigenous people away. While the fires may not be set in the rain forest itself, sparks can easily spread to protected land near areas under development.

Some activists are concerned that such practices, to improve profitability for a few in the short term, may have long-term, irreversible consequences for future generations and the health of the entire planet.

Not everyone is convinced that the Amazon fires this year are all that unusual or damaging. *Forbes* magazine recently reported that some of what's been posted about the Amazon fires on social media is misleading or inaccurate, including photos that aren't even of the Amazon or of recent vintage.

It's not unusual for there to be a lot of fires in South America, some in the Amazon, AccuWeather meteorologist Jesse Ferrell said. Seven of the nine years from 2002 through 2010 saw considerably more fires in the Amazon than the number reported this year, according to *Forbes*. A NASA spokesperson said, "As of August 16, 2019, satellite observations indicated that total fire activity in the Amazon basin was slightly below average in comparison to the past 15 years."

Farrell pointed out that wildfires are normal and essential to maintain forest health by clearing out decaying brush, restoring nutrients to the soil, and even helping plants germinate.

One factor that may contribute to increased deforestation, surprisingly, may be the trade war between the United States and China. Since the imposition of U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods, Beijing has retaliated by importing 71 million tons of soybeans from Brazil rather than from America. Increased demand for agricultural products drives higher investment in Brazilian agriculture, which in turn puts pressure on the government to clear more land for cultivation. This helps raise the standard of living in Brazil, which is recovering from the 2015-2016 recession and still has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent.

Other nations are also grappling with an extreme fire season this year. According to satellite data, in a two-day period in late August, Angola had 6,902 wildfires, and the Democratic Republic of Congo had 3,395, while Brazil had 2,127.

Wildfires in Russia, Alaska, Greenland and Canada have been exacerbated by record-breaking high temperatures, drought and strong winds this summer. Between 6.7 and 8.2 million acres of remote forests are currently burning in eastern Russia.

Globally, July 2019 was the hottest July on record, with the next five hottest Julys all occurring in the past five years. The average global temperature last month was 1.71 degrees Fahrenheit above the 20th-century average. Unprecedented high temperatures broke records across Europe and the United States.

The Arctic is heating up faster than other parts of the world. In Siberia, the average June temperature this year is almost 10 degrees Fahrenheit hotter than the average June temperature between 1981 and 2010, according to a spokesperson from the World Meteorological Organization,

In addition, this year, Alaska reported "extreme" drought conditions for the first time. Over 2.5 million acres have burned in Alaska this year, well short of the record of 6.5 million acres lost in 2004. But experts say the 2019 fire season started sooner, in locations farther north than normal, and is lasting longer, with one out of three fires still burning. Arctic fires are becoming larger, more frequent and more devastating.

More on this story can be found at these links:

[The Amazon Cannot Be Recovered Once It's Gone. *The Atlantic*](#)

[Amazon Rainforest Fires: Here's What's Really Happening. *The New York Times*](#)

[9 Numbers You Need to Know to Understand the Amazon Fires. *PBS*](#)

[Wildfires Are Burning Around the World. The Most Alarming Is in the Amazon Rainforest. *Vox*](#)

[Why Everything They Say About the Amazon, Including That It's the "Lungs of the World," Is Wrong. *Forbes*](#)

[Trump's Trade War Could Be Fueling Amazon Fires. *Bloomberg*](#)

Applying the News Story

While we may not know the full extent, range or severity of the fires burning around the world this season yet, and acknowledge that various factors may be contributing to the conflagrations, the story provides us with the opportunity to discuss how we sometimes choose short-term gains that have irreversible, long-term negative consequences. We explore what our faith teaches us about making wise choices as stewards of God's Earth not only for our own benefit, but to bless others and bring honor to the Creator who made us all.

The Big Questions

Here are some of the questions we will discuss in class:

1. Are we as a species committing planetary murder-suicide? Can we change direction, or is our fate already sealed? How do we best use, preserve and protect God's creation in our role as stewards of what belongs to God?
2. What, if anything, can or should we do as a nation, and as individuals, to influence the policies and actions of another sovereign nation?
3. What, if anything, can or should we do about government, organizations, businesses and, sometimes, even activists that institute policies that harm people, especially those who are poorer?
4. What obligations do we have as people of faith to search out and bear witness to the state of the health of planet Earth?
5. Where might we Christians be shortsighted at times in our personal lives and communal life, choosing short-term benefits that may have devastating long-term effects? How can we discover where we are shortsighted when we can't see our own shortsightedness?

Confronting the News With Scripture and Hope

We will look at selected verses from these Scripture texts. You may wish to read these in advance for background:

[Hebrews 11:23-27](#)

[Matthew 6:19-33](#)

[John 15:1-17](#)

[1 Corinthians 9:18-27](#)

In class, we will talk about these passages and look for some insight into the big questions about this topic. Please join us.