

the Faith Flyer

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Living and sharing the miracle of God's grace.

EMMAUS, PENNSYLVANIA

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On the cover: Quilt made by VBS group in 1992, as part of their craft.



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There is a lot of information provided in each newsletter, and we hope that you'll take the time to read the articles our committees have shared.



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FAQs

Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Church Office Hours:

See Page 16 for office hours at this point during the pandemic.

Pastoral Care Needs

- For medical emergencies or deaths, contact Pastor Becki at revmallozzi@faithchurchemmaus.org or call 484-523-0240.
- Or contact the Deacon Moderator: Deb Ferguson—908-421-3817

Prayer Chain Requests

Messages to be shared via the Prayer Chain may be emailed directly to prayers@faithchurchemmaus.org. Messages, or through a form on the Prayer Requests page of the church website.

Please visit us on the web!

For all the latest information, audio sermons, calendar highlights, and news, visit us at:

www.faithchurchemmaus.org

Next Newsletter Deadline: May 16

Zoom Links

Links to Zoom meetings are not published in church publications, to discourage outside interference.

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Just before the beginning of winter, I read James Clear's book, *Atomic Habits: Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results*. The premise of Clear's book is if you want to build good habits and break bad ones, the changes needed are sometimes smaller than you think. He writes these small but mighty habits, "seem insignificant, but soon they build on each other and fuel bigger wins that multiply to a degree that far outweighs the cost of their initial investment." Changing one thing – however small it seems – can have an incredible impact on the whole story.

Think about the story of Naaman. You may have heard me talk about Naaman before. Naaman was an Armenian general with a skin condition (check out 2 Kings 5 for the whole story!). He heard his wife's slave girl (an Israelite girl) talk about a Jewish prophet. Naaman got permission from the king to go see the prophet and when he got there, he was astonished to hear the solution to his problem was to go wash in the river. Naaman was ticked, because he believed the solution to his great problem needed to be equally as great. Washing in the river sounded too easy. Too small.

Have you had that experience? Think how many programs promise fast, big relief. Whether it's saving financially or losing weight, we tend to think the bigger the promise, the better the results. Adding



Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi

an atomic habit – something small – seems incredibly insignificant.

And yet, when Naaman did the simple thing and washed in the river, God healed him. The takeaway? Bigger isn't always better.

I think of this story when I think about discipleship. When I think about discipleship – how we learn and grow and get to know Jesus better – I think about how the smallest habits can be exactly what my spirit needs. A devotion doesn't have to be an hour long. You don't have to read the entire Bible all at once. You don't have to join every committee (feel free! But you don't have to.). Think smaller scale. Think manageable. Think simple.

Simple grace: our motto has not gone out of style!

Over the course of the next year, I imagine many of us will be learning and relearning what discipleship looks like. I've heard people wonder how challenging it will be to come back to worship in person

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Pastor's Message

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after a year of getting to worship in pajamas or at a time that works best for you and your family. Some worry people won't come back with the ease of virtual worship. I continue to believe that even with the ease and convenience of virtual worship, there are few substitutes for the in-person experience of worshipping together when we are able. I believe our challenge will not be "coming back to worship," but reimagining what discipleship looks like outside of worship in our community.

As we rethink how we encourage and develop volunteers and find different ways for ministry in the church to work, we will be challenged to define discipleship within our

new context. I believe we must remember to keep it simple and remember we don't have to do all of the things all at once. I believe we will improve our connections in whatever way we move forward. I encourage you to consider what discipleship will look like for you. How will you grow in your faith in the year ahead? How will you get to know Jesus better? Where and how is God calling you to serve? I hope as we keep moving forward, we can explore these questions together.

As for getting back into the habit of not wearing pajamas to worship...I leave that entirely up to you!

Peace be with you,
Pastor Becki Mallozzi

LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT

A DEVOTION
THROUGH
TEN OBJECTS

JILL J.
DUFFIELD



Lenten Book Study with Pastor Becki

Lent is here! In this season of reflection, we are offering a book study on Thursday nights @7p.m. via zoom. This 5-week study will use Jill Duffield's book, *Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects*.

To join the study on Zoom, simply go to <http://bit.ly/FPCEmmausLent21>

All are welcome! If you need helping getting the book, please let me know!

Feb 25: Bread

March 4: Cross

March 11: Coins

March 18: Shoes

March 25: Oil



SUNDAY MORNINGS
10:00 AM

*Scriptures and Sermons for Spring Worship**

Sunday, March 7

"We Are Shown the Way"

John 2:13-22

Sunday, April 18

"On the Way"

Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, March 14

"God Loves First"

John 3:14-21

Sunday, April 25

"The Good Shepherd"

John 10:11-18

Sunday, March 21

"We Are Reformed"

John 12:20-33

Sunday, May 2

"The Vinegrower"

John 15:1-8

Palm Sunday, March 28

"A Big Misunderstanding"

John 12:1-19

Sunday, May 9

"Light and Bread"

John 8:12

John 6:22-35

Maundy Thursday, April 1 7:00 PM

"That Cleansing Feeling"

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sunday, May 16

Pastor on Study Leave

Good Friday, April 2 7:00 PM

Tenebrae Service of Shadows

Pentecost Sunday, May 23

"What God's Spirit Does"

Acts 2:1-21

Easter Sunday, April 4

"Again and Again, the Sun Rises"

Mark 16:1-8

Trinity Sunday, May 30

"Letters of Spirit"

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Holy Humor Sunday, April 11

"The Breath of Life"

John 20:19-31

**Plans are subject to change.*

the CLERK'S CORNER

by Ann Lowell

Since the last newsletter, we have turned the page into a new year. That's right, we made it out of 2020!

How is 2021 shaping up? Well, we are thinking about VBS, Workcamp, and events to encourage worship and fellowship. We are continuing to give to our congregation and community in generous and creative ways. We are planning for a Sanctuary roof replacement. And we look forward to embracing two new young people into our membership in May.

We have a lot to look forward during this new year, and representatives from the Lehigh Presbytery affirmed our strong numbers and good attitude by joining a recent Session meeting. Our church family is blessed, and we look forward to more people stepping up into critical roles that will need leadership this year. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute your talents to the operation of the church.

Highlights from our meetings are communicated in Announcement e-mails, and are posted on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday
March 14**



Church Office

- ***New Officers*** — Your mailboxes have been labeled with your names, and that is where you will find correspondence, checks, and other documents needing your attention.
- ***Pocket Directory*** — The directory is available in three formats. Hard copies can be found in the narthex and the mailbox outside the church's main entrance door. A Word version can be sent to those who request one. A PDF version was sent in an email blast. Note: future updates to the directory will be updated in the PDF version and a link to that document will be shared in future email blasts.
- ***Church Office Hours*** — office hours are currently **9:00 AM — Noon** one day a week, typically **Mondays**. If office work is completed before noon, the secretary will leave early. *In light of the rise in coronavirus cases, the Church office will be closed to visitors until further notice.* Call ahead before coming in to the office. Lynda will continue to work from her home on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Keep the following in mind, if you need her to provide you with reports or materials that can be found only on the church computer, you need to contact her early on Mondays. **Currently, if you need something *in person*, please contact the office for an appointment.**
- ***Newsletter Deadline*** — The next newsletter to be published is the Spring 2021 edition. The **deadline is May 16**. The newsletter editor is not responsible for providing information on committees' upcoming events, only sharing what has been provided. If you feel that something has been overlooked, please contact the appropriate committee's chairperson.
- ***Office Work Space*** — The long counter in the church office is a work space, not a temporary storage space. When baskets, boxes and bags are placed on the counter, they are in the way of the weekly work flow. Please find other spots to place them, (like unlocked classrooms) and let those who are retrieving them know where to look. And please, follow up to make sure they've been retrieved.



“FAITH IN FAITH”: A New Year’s Resolution

The Stewardship Committee, your Session and Deacons wish to thank the congregation for all your support during 2020. Your financial support has been unwavering. Your quiet support to complete necessary tasks has not gone unnoticed. You truly are a blessing.

As we roll into 2021, we all pray for a return to normalcy and the regular calendar of events and programs. Our committees are working diligently in preparation for that day when we can be with each other in direct community.

How can you help? Would we love new members on our committees? ABSOLUTELY! Do you have to be a formal committee member to help? NOPE!

As we roll out programs during the Spring and Summer, our committee chairs are going to need help with simple, but important tasks that don't involve an ongoing commitment. Please consider how you might put your “Faith in Faith” and fill that simple void. Give us a call or send us a text or email. We would love to hear from you. Peace.

Administration
 Chair – Bruce Luff

Discipleship
 Chair – Doug Boyd

Consign for Good
 Chairs- Ann Lowell,
 Alicia Shussett

Building & Grounds
 Chair - Vacant

Fellowship
 Chair – Dave Wilson

Daybreak
 Chairs- Zona Farmer,
 Carolyn Baittinger

Use of Facilities
 Chair – Sally Heimbach

Membership
 Chair – Terry Eck

Faith Feeds Garden
 Chair- Suzanne Seem

Celebration Committee
 Chair – Jim Robinson

Communications
 Chair- Ann Lowell

Kenya Partnership
 Chair - Jack Decker

Deacons
 Moderator – Deb Ferguson

Mission
 Chair – John Gill

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Women of Faith

Chair - Sandy Gingrich

Work Camp

Chairs - Dan Hemberger,
JoAnne Marchetto

Nominating

Chair – Sally Heimbach

Personnel Committee

Chair- Ron Gingrich

Presbytery Commissioners

Chas Shimer, Tom Dilts,
Carolyn Baittinger
(alternate)

Stewardship

Chair – Chuck Waters

Vision Committee

Chair – Linda Kennington

Worship

Chair – Andy Ingram

Phone numbers* for these committee chairs can be found in the church directory. A full list of committees and their descriptions can be found on the church website.

*As this document is posted on the internet, we do not include phone numbers that we have not been authorized to by the owner.

Per Capita Update

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 2/1 we have received **\$787.82** towards our total payment of **\$10,173.00**. If you have not paid your per capita, please consider doing so. The apportionment for 2021 is \$39.13 per member.

Attention All Snow Fans

We are looking to put together a list of folks who are willing to help with clearing sidewalks at the church. This is a great chance to spend time in the great outdoors, socialize with friends at an appropriate distance, and get some exercise. Please consider going on the list by texting or emailing Chuck Waters. His information is in the directory.





Wouldn't it be nice if by the end of spring we would be back to normal or a "new" normal! The Discipleship Committee certainly hopes so and is planning accordingly with Vacation Bible School (VBS) running from June 21 through 24. **God's Ranch** is the theme, so mark your calendars! Until Covid-19 says no, we will plan ahead! This year we are delighted that VBS will be a joint effort with The Barn.

Small Groups

Unfortunately, most of our small groups are temporarily not meeting due to Covid. The Women's Spiritual Study Group meets weekly, details here:

Women's Spiritual Study Group—Thursday mornings from 9:45–11:15 AM
We meet via Zoom; Study Book: Life Lessons from Colossians & Philemon by Max Lucado; Contact Deanna Robinson for the Zoom link, or refer to the weekly email blast.

Pre-K—5 online Sunday School

Sunday School class continues to meet on Zoom at 9:00 AM on the last Sunday of each month. Sunday School on Zoom (SSOZ) is scheduled for February 28, March 28, April 25, and May 30. Please join us! It's always an interesting and meaningful lesson, as well as a chance for kids to see familiar faces again. Be sure and check the weekly email blast every Thursday for the link to the SSOZ class. (If you are not receiving these email blasts, please contact the church office.

For more information about SSOZ, please contact Cathy Wiese or Doug Boyd. Please see the directory for email addresses and phone numbers.

Youth Group News

This year in Youth Group has been like no other. Some weeks we have met virtually, and others in person. We have tried to gather in-person safely as often as possible and hoping that in the spring and summer we will be able to meet in person regularly again.

Youth Group is meeting every week despite all the obstacles we have faced. Many of our traditional activities like our yearly retreat, have been postponed to 2022. And, we are still hoping to move forward with others. As of writing this article (2/14/21), we are planning to have a work camp this summer. As long as health and safety guidelines can be followed, we are hoping to travel to Winchester, KY from July 3-11. I will continue to keep folks posted in my weekly email updates because situations can change week to week. If you have any questions about work camp, please email me at joanne@thebarnlv.org.

In the meantime, to celebrate our youth and youth mentors, I created a fun video. You can go to this web address to view our youth group video:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/dr17eot3ha2r2l8/youth_group_video.mp4?dl=0

As the year continues on, youth group is looking forward to summer! We will continue to meet through the spring and summer on Sunday nights at 5:00pm. As the fall approaches, we will begin to meet as separate middle school and high school youth groups once again.

Thank you for all your love and support of the youth group!





COMMUNICATIONS

Have It/Need It Bulletin Board

The Communications Committee discussed the Have It/Need It bulletin board, and how with fewer people in the building each week, this sharing opportunity has mostly fallen silent. We'd like to take a different approach to it, so in this issue of The Faith Flyer, we are asking for those who have or need something, to send a notice or request to the church office.

What kinds of things are we talking about? Really, pretty much anything. You may need a piece of furniture or a specific tool, and someone at church just might have what you need. You could be looking to find a home for any number of household items you no longer need. Maybe you read a lot and are willing to share the books you've finished...or maybe some jigsaw puzzles. Those are just a couple of ideas.

Here are some actual items:

- Lynda Scheirer has: multiple embroidery hoops in many sizes...plastic, metal, and wood. Don't buy one, see her first.
- Lynda needs: random leftover yarn (worsted weight), any color.

Once we have compiled a list, we will share it in a future newsletter, email blast and on the Facebook group page. Please keep in mind that the health and welfare of our church family is paramount, so porch pick-ups must be safe.

Are you a Social Media User? Come find us!

Faith Church has two Facebook pages. One that spreads the good word about our mission and ministry to the public, and another that reaches more intentionally to our church members and regular friends. If you are a member or regular visitor, and you are not a member of the group page, please click on the link below and ask to be added. And please, go to the public page and click on Like. It's an easy way to spread the word of Faith Church.

[Members and Friends Group](#) and [Public Page](#)

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Giving Methods

- Mail
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If you need help, or just need to chat – please reach out to Pastor Becki, your Deacon, and/or members of our congregation. Reduce the feeling of isolation by staying in touch!



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MISSION

across the street & around the world

*One Great Hour of Sharing:
HUNGER—DISASTER—DEVELOPMENT
OGHS MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD*

OGHS started in 1949, is one of the oldest ecumenical efforts in raising funds for the betterment of communities. What started as an hour-long radio appeal has evolved into the most participated Special Offering in the PCUSA. **60%** of the congregations participate and projects supported by the OGHS reach more than **100** countries.

OGHS IS THE SINGLE, LARGEST WAY THAT PRESBYTERIANS COME TOGETHER EVERY YEAR TO WORK FOR A BETTER WORLD

A gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing** enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32% of offering)
Presbyterian Hunger Program (36% of offering)
Self-Development of People (32% of offering)

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Palm Sunday, March 28.

In 2020 we received **\$7566.50**. Do we think we can increase this in 2021?



 **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

**You Shall Be Called
Repairers of the Breach**
— ISAIAH 58



?? What Time of Year Is It ??
!! It Is Time for Fish Banks !!

Fish Banks will be available on **February 17**, along with a sharing calendar to guide you in your Fish Bank donations. They can be found in the **Narthex or in the mailbox outside the front door**.

The **Fish Banks** will be **received and dedicated on Palm Sunday, March 28**, and the proceeds will go towards our **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering.

Fish Banks are not just for children. Adults, don't be shy, pick up your Fish Bank on February 17.

Consign for Good

As the pandemic continues, we will not be holding a sale for the Spring of 2021. Should a sale be planned for the fall, we will communicate it via our Facebook page and Faith communication venues. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to navigate how to move forward.



Christian symbol

LILY—The lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary.

Ministry Focus

Vacation Bible School (VBS) has been a staple of summer church education for children for a very long time. Here is a timeline for VBS at Faith Presbyterian Church (for which documentation could be found).

1961—1st VBS

1967—VBS held at St. John's UCC

1969—VBS held at St. John's UCC

1972 through 1975—VBS held at St John's UCC with St. Margaret's

1976 & 1977 & 1979- VBS at St. John's UCC

1980—VBS at St. John's with St. Margaret's

1981—VBS

1982 through 1986—VBS at St. John's UCC

1987 & 1988—VBS at Faith, 4 consecutive Wednesdays in August

1992—VBS in July

1993—VBS at St. John's UCC

1994—VBS at Faith, 5 Wednesdays in July and August

1995—VBS with St. John's UCC cancelled

1998—SPACE MISSION CAMP at Faith

1999—TREASURE HUNT at Faith

2000—VBS at Faith

2001—POLAR EXPEDITION



- 2002—VBS at Faith
- 2003—S.C.U.B.A- Super Cool Underwater Bible Adventure
- 2004—Lava Lava Island- evening VBS with meal
- 2005—SERENGETI TREK- Where kids are wild about God-evening with meal
- 2006—FIESTA- evening with meal
- 2007—AVALANCE RANCH- evening with meal
- 2008—God’s Big Backyard-evening with meal
- 2009—CROCODILE ROCK- where fearless kids shine God’s light
- 2010—High Seas Expedition, evening with meal
- 2011—Hometown Nazareth- when Jesus was a kid- evening with a meal
- 2012—Babylon- Daniels courage in captivity
- 2013—God’s Backyard Bible Camp Under the Stars
- 2014—Jungle Safari
- 2015—Wanted: Children after God’s Own Heart
- 2016—Hero Central: where children join forces with God
- 2017—Operation Rescued
- 2018—Beach Party
- 2019—Treasure Seekers
- 2020—VBS cancelled due to COVID pandemic
- 2021—**GOD’S RANCH- JUNE 21-24 from 6-8pm**

The Discipleship Committee is ready and willing to hold VBS this year if COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. We will need adults and teens to help us achieve this. Please contact Doug Boyd or Sally Heimbach for additional information

Please turn the page for images taken at various VBS events.







VBS
2014



VBS
2014



VBS
2014



DEACONS

Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

Prayer Concerns

- Becky Shreck
- Betty Dennis
- Marie Heffner
- Dody Perrin

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:

Chip Benner-----Cedarbrook	Kay Cole----- Home
Dotti Harshman-----Luther Crest	Marie Heffner ----- Lehigh Center
Sandy Missmer -----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.

Easter Flowers

At this time, the deacons haven't decided what to do about Easter's flowers. Information about plans, if any, will be shared in an upcoming email blast.



Cultivating kindness

Kind hearts are the gardens.
Kind thoughts are the roots.
Kind words are the flowers.
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden
and keep out the weeds.
Fill it with sunshine,
kind words and kind deeds.



Fellowship

Although the Coronavirus Pandemic continues to impact Fellowship, we are finding ways to gather both in person and remotely. Please join us as you are able.

We are hopeful that broad vaccination in the

community will allow us to begin a full slate of fellowship activities sometime this summer and we have started to plan accordingly. If you are interested in helping the Fellowship committee plan for Summer and Fall, please contact Dave Wilson (email in the directory). While we wait to get vaccinated, please continue to participate in virtual and limited in person fellowship activities as you are able.

Fellowship Hour

Regular Fellowship gatherings after worship, provide us with an opportunity to catch up with old friends and develop relationships with new friends. During the pandemic, we have adapted the Fellowship Hour to meet by Zoom after worship on Sunday Mornings. The details for the Zoom Fellowship Hour appear in the weekly email blast. Although it seems like Winter may never end, we know that Spring is just around the corner. We are working with the Worship Committee to plan for monthly Sunday morning Worship and Fellowship starting in April.

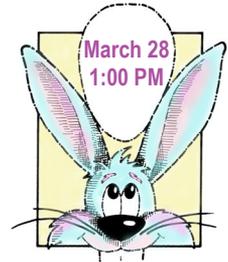
Common Interest Groups

Common Interest Groups provide an opportunity for members, neighbors, friends, and guests to gather around a common interest. The **Reading Group** is continuing to meet via Zoom. We finished reading "Wintering: How to survive when life is frozen" by Katherine May and are currently reading "Unsheltered" by Barbara Kingsolver. We will be meeting to discuss the book on Friday, March 12 at 7:30.

Details for the Common Interest groups are being communicated through Facebook, the Faith Life and the Two Weeks of Faith bulletin inserts. If you are interested in participating in a group or forming a new group, please contact Heather Davis or Dave Wilson.

Lenten Fellowship

On Sunday, March 28 at 1:00 pm, we will gather at the church for an **Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt**. The Scavenger Hunt will be an outdoor, socially distanced event for all ages. The Fellowship Committee is working on the details for this event and will communicate them when they become available.



Advent Celebration

In 2020, we kicked off the season of Advent with the Faith Church Christmas tradition known as Advent-ure. Those who were able to attend decorated the sanctuary and created Advent crafts to take home. Advent craft bags were also available for those who were unable to attend in person.

On the evening of Sunday, December 1, we walked through the neighborhood around the church and enjoyed the Christmas Light displays. We all were impressed by the number and variety of Christmas Light displays. Some of us preferred the traditional light displays, others the manger scenes, and others the blowup decorations. All of us returned to the church with joyful hearts.

Calendar of Events

The Fellowship Committee is planning several events for the Spring. Please note that the events below are dependent on the status of the pandemic in Pennsylvania and Lehigh County. Please watch the church website, Faith Life and Two Weeks of Faith bulletin inserts for updates.

Friday, March 12 – Reading Group via Zoom - 7:30

Sunday, March 28 – Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt – 1:00 pm.

Sunday, September 12 – Church Picnic

Look for additional details in the Faith Life bulletin insert for these and other Fellowship activities.



- 3/1 Sadie Kennedy
Jeff Shreck
- 3/2 Katelyn Gilpatrick
- 3/3 Helen Perry
Louise Schaefer
Amy Waters
- 3/4 Steve Eck
- 3/12 Jayme Ingram
Beth Mitchell
- 3/13 Andy Ingram
- 3/14 Ruth Rozsitch
- 3/15 Jack Krissingner
Katie Smits
- 3/16 Luana Graber
Todd Greb
- 3/18 Gwen Osterwald
- 3/19 Keanna Pipines
- 3/20 Sophia DePhillips
- 3/21 Jack Hillman
Phil Martin
Pat Rinehart
Janie Slamon
- 3/22 Sandra Krissingner
- 3/24 Bill Bender
Bill Kennington
- 3/26 Jack Melnick
- 3/28 Dick Hulbert
- 3/29 Robin Mathias
- 3/30 Max Kennedy
- 3/31 Anthony Howorth

- 4/5 Joan Hulbert
- 4/6 Austin Godiska
- 4/8 Michael Jackson
- 4/9 Jonna Boyd
Joe Seem
- 4/11 Julie Garber
Sam Wilber
- 4/12 Yvonne Stauffer
- 4/14 Andrea Mauro
- 4/15 Josh Hillanbrand
Barbara Newman
Brent Schaefer
- 4/16 Bob Brownbridge
Carter Lowell
- 4/18 James Laubach
- 4/20 Becki Mallozzi
Pam Martin
- 4/23 Toni Fernandez
- 4/26 Steve Shussett
- 4/30 Lisa Heineman





- 5/2 Gabrielle Howorth
Jim Robinson
- 5/3 Liz Greb
Natalie Greb
- 5/6 Kate Mitchell
- 5/7 Savannah Zuzzolo
- 5/8 Rob Clark
- 5/11 Dick Scheirer
Becky Shreck
- 5/13 Rob Haley
- 5/14 Tom Lawall
Kelsie Linden
- 5/17 Chip Colson
- 5/18 John Gilpatrick
Scarlet Zuzzolo
- 5/20 Donna Kastner
- 5/21 Suzanne Seem
- 5/23 Carter Kuebler
Christy Smits
- 5/26 Tammi Howorth
- 5/27 Platte Moring
Bob Vitale
- 5/29 JoAnne Herring
Liliana Spak



SCRIP Program

Thank you to those who have joined our regular purchasers in the Great Lakes SCRIP gift card scrip programs. We had a few regular monthly purchasers last year, and we are very grateful for them! Won't you consider helping this program continue to provide funds to the church by making purchases using SCRIP.

- The total amount raised so far in 2021 is **\$56.75**
- The **next deadlines** are Mar. 14, Apr. 11, and May 9.

Help the church make this program a bigger success!! For a complete list of retailers or for more information check the **bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall** or visit www.glscrip.com. Contact Lynda Scheirer at adnyl510@gmail.com if you have any logistical questions.



February, 2021 Session Highlights

- Guests from the Lehigh Presbytery and the Committee on Ministry joined the Session meeting in February for a discussion how we see ourselves now, and where we think we are going as a church. Our membership and financial trends have been consistent and strong. They were impressed with our energy and outlook.
- Two youth will start Confirmation classes at the end of February.
- Pastor Becki will lead a Book Study and Meditation during Lent.
- We are in need of a new church Treasurer as Nelson Fernandez is planning to move out of state in 2021.
- Session is working through re-organization ideas to help manage the leadership deficit we are currently experiencing to maintain our Building and Grounds. Help is appreciated.
- Plans for WorkCamp and VBS in 2021 are in the works.
- The Mission Committee continues to give generously and creatively to our community.
- The Nominating Committee is in need of a new member of the Nominating Committee for this year.
- The Worship and Fellowship committees are teaming up for a spring event.

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).



*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. Here is what was received since the last newsletter:



To the Faith Family,

Sorry for the late response, but I wanted to thank everyone for the care package. I'm grateful to have a wonderful church family that keeps me in mind. Thank you for everything!

Liz Greb



Dear Mission Committee

The Women of Faith want to thank you for helping to fund the Christmas bag project for Daybreak. Without the annual Christmas craft show, we do not have the usual amount of funds available for mission projects. Your help is very much appreciated.

Gratefully,

Women of Faith



Dear Pastor Rebecca

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank you for your generous donation! With your support, Turning Point has continued to provide essential services to those in our community who suffer from domestic and intimate partner abuse. We truly appreciate your support and thank you for thinking of Turning Point at this time!

Warm regards,

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Board of Directors

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Dear Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus,

The Lower Macungie Middle School Angel Network would like to wish you and your families a very happy and healthy holiday season. Thank you for your generous contributions to LMMS Angel Network families this year. As a result of your generosity and efforts, we were able to supply grocery gift cards which provided Thanksgiving dinner for 40 of our LMMS families. The LMMS Gift Card Giving Tree was a great success and provided 35 families with gift cards to help with the cost of purchasing gifts for their LMMS children this holiday season. These 35 families also received a grocery gift card to help with the cost of purchasing food over the winter break. The additional funds and grocery gift cards that were donated will be continuously used to support the LMMS Angel Network families throughout the year.

During these difficult times, your kindness and generosity is much appreciated so the LMMS Angel Network can continue to support our families and students in need. We appreciate all your thoughtful contributions and continued support.

Sincerely,

LMMS Angel Network



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000 to The Children's Home of Easton. We greatly appreciate your contribution to help many more young men and women who are seizing opportunities to become contributing and productive adults in a challenging environment.

The the support of caring donors and concerned community members like you, The Children's Home of Easton has been able to provide a helping hand for youth who have faced adversity, yet remained focused and connected. Your contribution will provide assistance with such necessities as books and education costs, housing and food, expenses to insure health and well-being, and the many unforeseen expenses associated with a successful transition to independence.

The opportunities are present for the youth we serve, but their achievements would not be possible without your help. Once again, thank you for your caring spirit and for making a difference in the life of a child.

Sincerely,

Anita Jo Paukovits, M.Ed.,
Exec. Director/President

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To Faith Presbyterian Church

On behalf of Kirkwood Camp & Retreat Center, I would like to personally thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000. In these unprecedented times, your valuable gift allows us to continue our mission of *building bridges which connect people to God, creation, and each other*.

We are excited and optimistic for 2021, and look forward to opening camp to new and returning campers, and sharing the joy and wonder of God's creation in this very special place. There's so much packed into what we call "camp life." Late-night campfire conversations, quiet walks in the woods, and loudly sung worship songs—these are all things that are made possible by your donation!

We would love to share more about how your gift is being used—if you have any questions, or just want to learn more about our ministry at Kirkwood, please call our Interim Director, Ford Behne, at 570-421-8625.

Once again, thank you for your donation and support of our ministry.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch,
Board Member



From Presbyterian Mission Engagement and Support

Thanks because of your sharing in the gospel, and appreciation for your gracious and faithful support for a donation of \$875.



From Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Please know that your gift of \$1,000 to Disaster Relief blesses those who walk the hard road to recovery, letting them know they are not alone, helping them find hope in the midst of chaos, and making real the promise of Pentecost—the tangible demonstration of the “mighty acts of God” in healing and restoration...in the language each one needs most to hear.

Dear Faith Presbyterian,

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We wanted to send you out a huge “THANK YOU” for your very generous donation towards Daybreak’s “Christmas bags”! The blankets, slippers, wash cloths with soap, and pillow cases with homemade cases were greatly appreciated! They had the most wonderful Christmas present bags, this year!

With Covid safety protocols in place we were happy to still be able to gather for our socially distanced Daybreak Christmas Party . We listened to Christmas music, made Christmas crafts, had a special BINGO game, and got a visit from Santa. Despite indoor eating restrictions, we were still able to serve them pizza and wings (but in to-go containers so they could take it with them).

When challenges come, we plow right through them. The resilience of our clients is strong.

So, thank you again, for always supporting Daybreak, and helping to brighten Christmas for our consumers.

Becky Latshaw
 Community Engagement Coordinator
 The Lehigh Conference of Churches

Operating Fund Financial Report

Below is the report of operating income *vs.* expenses through Date, 2021. Reports for months leading up to the summer issue of the flyer will be posted in the church.

	Jan. 31, 2021	YTD: 2021
OPERATING INCOME:	\$ 18,332.00	\$ 18,332.00
OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$ 19,495.00	\$ 19,495.00
Investment Income:		
Misc. Expenses:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
ANNUAL RESERVE (DEFICIT):	\$ (1,163.00)	\$ (1,163.00)

Blessings,
 Lynda Scheirer

Reminder—Dates in this issue, and more

There are always so many dates to remember. This page is intended to provide them all in one place for easy transfer to your preferred calendar, or for hanging on the refrigerator...however you manage your schedule.

Date	Event
February 25	Lenten study begins
February 28	Sunday School on Zoom
March 7	Session meeting
March 12.....	Reading Group
March 14.....	Daylight Savings Time, Scrip orders due
March 28.....	Palm Sunday, One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday School on Zoom, Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt
April 1	Maundy Thursday
April 2.....	Good Friday
April 4.....	Easter
April 11.....	Scrip orders due
April 13.....	Session meeting
April 25.....	Sunday School on Zoom
May 9	Scrip orders due
May 11	Session meeting
May 16	Summer newsletter deadline
May 23	Pentecost
May 30	Sunday School on Zoom
June 21-24.....	Vacation Bible School
July 3-11	Group Work Camp
September 12	Church Picnic

Some events are subject to change. If you are ever in doubt, refer to the online calendar for the most up to date information.



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