

# the Faith Flyer

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

EMMAUS, PENNSYLVANIA

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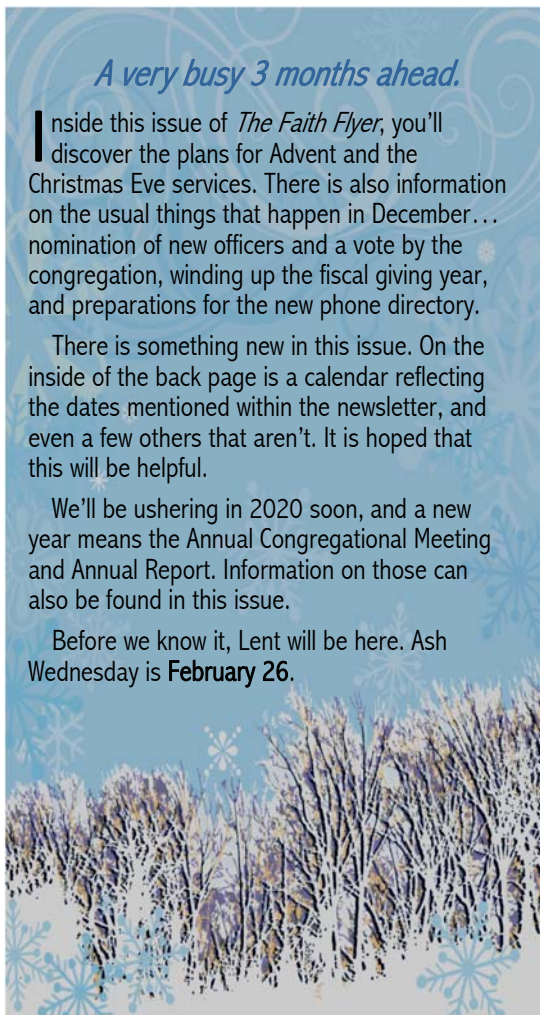
## A very busy 3 months ahead.

Inside this issue of *The Faith Flyer*, you'll discover the plans for Advent and the Christmas Eve services. There is also information on the usual things that happen in December... nomination of new officers and a vote by the congregation, winding up the fiscal giving year, and preparations for the new phone directory.

There is something new in this issue. On the inside of the back page is a calendar reflecting the dates mentioned within the newsletter, and even a few others that aren't. It is hoped that this will be helpful.

We'll be ushering in 2020 soon, and a new year means the Annual Congregational Meeting and Annual Report. Information on those can also be found in this issue.

Before we know it, Lent will be here. Ash Wednesday is **February 26**.



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## ***FAQs***

***Sunday Worship:*** 10:00 AM

### ***Church Office Hours:***

Monday through Thursday

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

*Closed Fridays*

### ***Pastoral Care Needs***

- For medical emergencies or deaths, contact Pastor Becki at [revmallozzi@faithchurchemmaus.org](mailto:revmallozzi@faithchurchemmaus.org) or call 484-523-0240.
- Or contact either one of the Deacon Co-Moderators:  
Deb Ferguson—908-421-3817  
Beth Kunkle—610-769-0327

### ***Prayer Chain Requests***

Messages to be shared via the Prayer Chain may be emailed directly to [prayers@faithchurchemmaus.org](mailto: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](http://www.faithchurchemmaus.org)

***Next Newsletter Deadline:*** February 16

## *A Note from the Pastor*

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.*

*-Psalm 29:2*

What is worship?

If someone asked you to define worship, what would you say? Webster, of course, has a definition. Presbyterians might quote from our *Book of Order* (our denominational “guide book”), where our Directory for Worship states, “Christian worship gives all glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving to the holy, triune God. We are gathered in worship to glorify the God who is present and active among us — particularly through the gifts of Word and Sacrament. We are sent out in service to glorify the same God who is present and active in the world” (W-1.0101). Both Webster and the *Book of Order* have good definitions. But, as Jesus asked the disciples when he told them to confess who *they* say he is, what do *you* say about worship?

My go-to definition of worship is “hanging out with God because of God.” I honestly can’t remember if I heard that somewhere or if I made it up. I like it because it sums up nicely what I believe about worship. It’s hanging out with God because of God. It might involve a larger



*Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi*

community in body or in Spirit. It might involve music and a sermon, or it might be silence in the woods. The point is I am there, and God is there, and we’re going to spend time together. It’s even more powerful when others are hanging out with God with me.

Anything can be an act of worship. At a conference I attended last June, the keynote speaker told us the word “worship” comes from the same root word for “worth” so worship is loving God and ascribing worth to God. The speaker, Claudio Carvalhaes, said, “Worship doesn’t excite us if we don’t know what worship is the rest of the week.” He went on to say worship isn’t what you *like*. It’s what you *do*. Anything can be an act of worship. Hanging out with God because of God — you are in worship.

Most conversations I hear about worship aren’t about what worship *is*, but about *how* we worship. Should we do intinction or should we stick to passing

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the communion plates? Why do we use the words “worship assistant” instead of “liturgist”? Why do we use the NRSV translation of the Bible? And honestly, who picks these hymns??? (I do, by the way.)

Every church does worship just a little bit differently, which adds to the richness and diversity of the faith. I usually follow a lectionary, which is a cycle of scripture readings. Not everyone does. This fall we followed the narrative lectionary. This winter I'm back in the Revised Common Lectionary because I found the readings to be more meaningful. Sometimes I jump out of the lectionaries all together and do my own sermon series. I pick my scriptures and sermon themes, then I pick music. I do not tell the music director what to do; he picks the music for the preludes, postludes, and offertory. He picks whatever music the choirs do, and I appreciate everything our music ministry offers to our worship. I pick the hymns. I start with the hymnal and try to rotate in

some contemporary songs from the spiral book and from other resources I keep around. If I don't know a song, I look it up online so I can hear it. If it's a song in a minor key, I will occasionally use the tune index in the back of the hymnal to switch to more upbeat tune. I am so grateful our choir rehearses hymns, especially when it's a new hymn. And I love doing hymn requests in the summer to hear the old favorites or songs you love we don't sing very often. But people can request hymns at any time, and I'll try to work them in where we can.

Once the scriptures, sermon, and hymns are selected, I turn to the liturgy – the parts the worship assistants help with, like the call to worship and offertory, and the parts I do like the prayer of confession. I have books to help with those parts. This spring we're hoping to put together a team to write some of our own liturgy, which I'm really excited about. I put all of the worship

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components into a Google document and our awesome church secretary puts the bulletins together. A dedicated volunteer comes in weekly to help edit the bulletin. We get the slides done for the screens, and it all comes together for Sunday. So many hands go into making our worship work, and I'm so grateful for each and every hand, eye, voice, and song that makes our Sunday morning worship happen. We do try to shake things up from time to time, but for the most part we stick to a worship routine because it creates habits, and some habits are healthy.

Defining worship and deciding as a congregation *how* to worship circles back to the ultimate question, which is *why* we worship. We worship to glorify God, not ourselves. We hang out with God because of God. That's why we don't use words like "performing." It's not about us. We do want to connect to worship, but only inasmuch as it helps us connect to God. Coming to worship is not about being fed, although I do hope you hear or experience

something in worship that helps sustain you for the week. More than just sustaining you, I hope something you hear or experience in worship spurs you to be more aware of how you connect to your community during the week — your community at work, at school, at home, or town. We worship to love God and to learn and relearn how to go back into the world and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Worship isn't supposed to just make you feel good: it's supposed to inspire but also challenge, bring you comfort but also occasionally make you uncomfortable. God can be very good about bringing us out of our comfort zones!

I encourage you to think about why you worship and how you worship. I do believe our worship is stronger when we worship together; but, consider also how it might look if you saw everything you do and say through the lens of worship.

In Common Calling,  
Pastor Becki



Want to hear more? Check out Pastor Becki's blog at [revmallozzi.blogspot.com/](http://revmallozzi.blogspot.com/)



**SUNDAY MORNINGS**  
**10:00 AM**

**AT FAITH CHURCH**

### *Winter Worship Plans*

**Sunday, Dec. 1** Advent begins

*"Tread Lightly"*

Isaiah 2:1-5

**Sunday, Jan. 19**

*"Come and See"*

John 1:29-42

**Sunday, Dec. 8**

*"Can't Wait for Peace"*

Isaiah 11:1-10

**Sunday, Jan. 26**

*"Gone Fishing"*

Matthew 4:12-23

**Sunday, Dec. 15**

Christmas Cantata

#### SERMON ON THE MOUNT SERIES

**Sunday, Feb. 2** Souper Bowl

*"Sermon on the Mount"*

Matthew 5:1-12

**Sunday, Dec. 22**

*"Signs of Love"*

Isaiah 7:10-16

**Sunday, Feb. 9**

*"Light of the World"*

Matthew 5:13-20

**Tuesday, Dec. 24** Christmas Eve

5:30 Family Service

9:00 Traditional w/carols & readings

11:30 On the Triangle

**Sunday, Feb. 16**

*"The Things Jesus Says"*

Matthew 5:21-37

**Sunday, Dec. 29** Pulpit Supply

**Sunday, Feb. 23** Transfiguration

*"The Law, the Prophets, and Love"*

Matthew 17:19

**Sunday, Jan. 5** Epiphany

*"Gone Worshiping"*

Matthew 2:1-12

**Wednesday, Feb. 26** Ash Wednesday

*"Check Your Heart"*

Matthew 6:1-6

*Stay tuned to hear more about our new Ash Wednesday format!*

**Sunday, Jan. 12**

*"When We Baptize Jesus"*

Matthew 3:13-17

## *Worship Update*

**W**ith the recent addition of the sanctuary rear wall confidence monitor, the visual projection system is complete! The installation was made possible through generous donations and sharing of talents, and serves to enhance worship engagement for our pastor, choir, worship assistant, and others.

## *Advent*

**T**he Advent season will commence on December 1st, and wreath lighting will be performed by our various Fellowship common interest groups.

This year, the 9:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service has been moved up to 9:00 PM. It is hoped this time change will be more convenient for those attending. The Moravian Brass Choir, an Emmaus fixture since 1820, will perform during this service. In addition to the traditional 5:30 PM children-oriented service, we will again join at the Emmaus Triangle for worship at 11:30 PM, this time with the musical talent of local musician and Faith member Joel Shimer.

We continue to seek ways to enhance our worship experience, and appreciate your willingness to share your thoughts with any of our committee members.

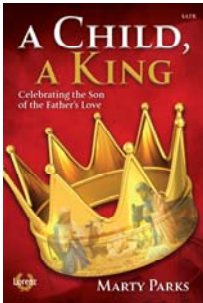
*Dick Farmer, Luana Graber, Andy Ingram, Brian Snyder, Amy Waters*

## *Blue Christmas Eve Service*

**C**hristmas can be a difficult time for some people. If you or someone you know is experiencing sorrow during the holiday season, join us for a time of worship on the longest night of the year. The Longest Night Service, or “Blue Christmas Service” is worship where we recognize that things are not always “merry” and “bright”; there is grief and there is darkness, but there is always hope.

Please join us Saturday, **December 21 at 4 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua** for a potluck followed by worship. Carpooling will be available from Faith Presbyterian Church in Emmaus. We will gather at 3:15 PM and leave by 3:30. If you are able to be a driver, please let Pastor Becki know.





## *Cantata for Christmas*

**T**he Senior Choir will present the cantata "A Child, A King" by Marty Parks on **Sunday, December 15** in worship. The cantata contains several familiar carols as well as inspiring original music. Please join us for a musical celebration of the Nativity!

## *J.A.M. Singers—Young Singers in grades K-6*

Join us and MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!

Our **Jesus and Me (J.A.M.) Singers** will practice after worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, (11:10 — 11:30 AM in the Music Room, room 10).

They will sing special music for our Worship service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

With practice at 9:30 AM on the Sunday they sing.

For more information, contact Ann Greenwood, Deanna Robinson, or Brian Snyder

### Schedule for December 2019

Dec. 15 Practice following worship

Dec. 22 Practice at 9:30 sharp  
"Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star"

"'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"—children singing the chorus, with  
Soloist (#142 in hymnal)

Dec. 24 Practice at 5:10 PM for the 5:30 service  
"Away in a Manger" (#115 in hymnal)  
"Go Tell it on the Mountain" (#136 in hymnal)





We give thanks for so many joyous occasions this Fall!

We welcomed Michelle Halpin, Bob Halpin, Anne Laubach and Mary Ellen Jackson to our membership in September. Three little boys were also baptized recently: Zachary Zuzzolo, Braden Halpin and Carson Halpin. We are blessed with the sounds of these and other youth during our Worship services!

Our financial generosity continues in so many ways, but one highlight is that the special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing exceeded \$8,000! The Fall was the end of the Faith Feeds garden, but 2019 was another great year for execution of this endeavor which really makes an impact on our community.

Many people collaborated ideas, strength and time for the installation of the monitor in the back of the sanctuary, as well as for the clean-up of the grounds in November.

## the CLERK'S CORNER

*by Ann Lowell*

We look forward to continued abundance as we live out the rest of 2019 and hope for a year without a loss (through the first ten months of 2019, church expenses have exceeded income by \$6,420—but, the budget predicted expenses to exceed income by \$22,848 for this time period). We also look forward to a strong budget in 2020 so that we can continue to enrich ourselves and our community with our gifts and spirit.

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

### *Cancellations due to weather*

In the event of inclement weather, the pastor will confer with the Worship and Buildings/Grounds chair to decide whether or not to cancel church. If there is a "state of emergency" declared, please assume church is cancelled. We don't want anyone on the roads in the event of a winter weather emergency!

All changes to the Sunday or weekday schedules will be posted on social media, delivered via email, and will be posted on Pastor Becki's voicemail recording. Please also check WFMZ 69, for cancellation announcements.





### *Special Congregational Meeting*

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 22, immediately following worship (to begin no earlier than 11:00 AM) for the purpose of electing the slate of officers and Nominating Committee members, as well as voting on the pastor's terms of call. New officers will be installed in January and are invited to attend the December 10 Session meeting.

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### *A Reminder from the Financial Secretary*

All contributions to the church that are to be counted as 2019 contributions must be received at the church no later than Monday, January 6. Any donations made after that even if the check is dated 2019, will be counted toward your 2020 contributions. The Financial Secretary will be printing and sending out your 2019 tax statements on January 7 and 8. Thank you for your understanding.



CONGREGATIONAL  
ANNUAL MEETING

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## Church Office

- ***Annual Report*** — The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2018. Copies of the report will be made available the week prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- ***Pocket Directory*** — During the month of December, the proof copy of the church directory can be found on a table in the Narthex. Please review your family's listing to be sure it is correct. A red pen should be tucked in the pocket for your use in making any corrections. Please consider adding cell phone numbers and email addresses. And how about email addresses for your teen children? The directory will be printed and made available during January.
- ***Office Hours*** — The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM... never on a Friday. Phone messages left and emails sent on Fridays are not answered until the following Monday. The Admin's days off are posted on the online calendar. The office will be closed on the following dates during the winter season:
  - December 24, 25, 31
  - January 1, 16\*, 20
  - February 17
- ***Newsletter Deadline*** — The next newsletter to be published is the Spring 2020 edition. The deadline is February 16, 2019. 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 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.

\*Office Admin's birthday. ☺

# DISCIPLESHIP

A LIFELONG PROCESS OF FOLLOWING JESUS

There will be no Sunday School on the following days:  
12/1, 12/22, 12/29, 1/5,  
1/19, 2/2, and 2/16

**W**e have discipleship offerings for all ages. Please take a look at the classes below and we hope that you find an opportunity to learn, connect and grow. If you have any questions or an idea for a class that is not currently being offered, please see someone on the Discipleship Committee or come join us at our monthly meeting at 7 PM on the first Monday of the month. Sunday School teachers are always needed and welcome as well!

Thank you: Sally Heimbach, Chuck Waters, Cathy Wiese, Rev. Mallozzi

## Children:

- Preschool: We have a very small group of preschoolers this year, so we incorporate a simple Bible lesson into the nursery program.
- K-5: Sunday School is held during worship — children leave the sanctuary after the children's message and can be picked up after the service.

## Adult:

- Sunday Adult class will follow the "WIRED" curriculum and meet at approx. 11:15 AM. Parents who would like to attend, let Cathy Wiese know and babysitting can be arranged. Please see page 13.
- Women's Devotional Fellowship. Please see article on page 14.
- DOC (Disciples of Christ) Please see article on page 15.
- WOW (Word on Wednesday) Noon on Wednesdays, in the parlor. See article on page 14.

## Youth:

- Middle School & High School Sunday School meets at 9:15 AM. We are seeking volunteers to co-lead or substitute teach with Dave Wilson.
- Youth Groups: Middle School meets from 5 PM-7 PM and High School meets from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM. The groups share a meal together at 6:30. Come join the fun!

## Help Needed!

The Discipleship Committee is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- Christmas Eve Program Coordinator (help with costumes & organizing children)
- VBS 2020 Co-Chair

Do you struggle to apply your faith to today's issues? Join us!

Adult Sunday School Class

## *Current Events Through the Eyes of Faith*

Winter 2019/2020

**J**oin 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 issue 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, approximately 15 minutes after the end of worship service.

Where / when: **Brick Classroom # 7 at 11:20 AM** ... Class ends at 12 noon.

Who: All adults age 18 and up are welcome.

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

- Topics and dates are posted monthly on the Discipleship bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall double doors.
- Topics will also be listed in Sunday's Faith Life, in the email blast and on the church's Facebook pages.

### Dates and Topics for December 2019 & January 2020

December 1 ..... NO CLASS (Luncheon)

December 8 ..... **Use and Misuse of Symbols:** *"Symbols for Racism and Anti-Semitism Added to 'Hate on Display' Database"*

December 15 ..... **Handling Honors and Blessings that Come Our Way:** *"Winning Coach Declines Big Raise to Benefit Others"*

December 22 ..... **NO CLASS** (Christmas Weekend)

December 29 ..... **NO CLASS** (New Year's Weekend)

January 5 ..... **NO CLASS** (Luncheon)

January 12 ..... **Lasting Relationships:** *"Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter...What gives some relationships great staying power?"*

January 19 ..... **NO CLASS** (MLK Weekend)

January 26 ..... **When God Works Through Ordinary Means:** *"Woman's Story of Texting Dead 'Father' and Getting Reply Goes Viral"*



***WOW!***

**T**he Word On Wednesday (WOW) Bible study meets Wednesdays at noon in the parlor. All are welcome to attend! If you have any questions, please see Pastor Becki.

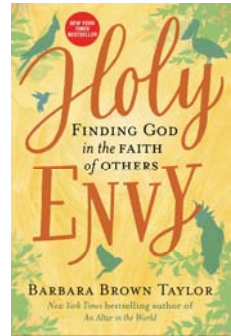
***Women's Spiritual Study Group***

**T**ake some time away from your hectic schedule and join us to socialize, study, share and pray with other women on **Thursday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 AM**

**Winter Book Study:** We continue discussions on Barbara Brown Taylor's book - **Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others**

We welcome any who would like to join us for one or more of the sessions. Please contact *Deanna Robinson* if you would like more info.

***NOTE: If East Penn schools are closed because of weather, we do not meet!***



**MEETING DATES – Winter 2019/20**

<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Host/Home Location</b>
12/5/2019.....	Sue Vitale
12/12 .....	Sue McCracken
Dec.19 – Jan.2 .....	<u>Holiday break</u>
1/9/2020 .....	<u>Brunch</u> (location to be announced)
1/16 .....	Toni Fernandez
1/23 .....	Deanna Robinson
1/30.....	Kathy Hemberger
2/6 .....	Lynn Ingram
2/13 .....	Audrey Mason
2/20 .....	Donna Call
2/27 .....	Toni Fernandez

## *DOC Meeting*



**D**isciples of Christ (DOC) is a men's group that meets early Thursday morning (currently 7:30 AM) for fellowship and discussion of a topic from "The Wired Word" curriculum. No preparation is necessary. A complete handout will be provided by a volunteer coordinator that chooses the curriculum topic for the day. Each handout:

- Matches current events with relevant Scripture.
- Encourages dialogue on how the topic applies to everyday life.

DOC is a time for informal fellowship, reflection and getting to know one another. DOC meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month during the school year. [ If an East Penn school day is cancelled, DOC is also cancelled.]

Please give it a try !

- To get your name on a meeting reminder list, please send your email address to Terry Eck ([ECK2053@gmail.com](mailto:ECK2053@gmail.com)). Terry sends out a reminder a few days prior to each meeting [and takes a poll of how many plan to attend that day].
- If you would like to look at samples of 'The Wired Word' curriculum, please contact Jim Robinson (610-597-7994).



## *The things kids learn*

- When a 3-year-old girl came bouncing out of her nursery school at Mount Moriah Presbyterian Church, she gleefully told her mother, "We had juice and Billy Graham crackers!"
- Four-year-old Tucker Jones attended vacation Bible school which had the theme: "Discipleship and Saving Mother Earth." When his mother picked him up, she asked what he had learned. "We learned about Jesus and the 12 recycles," he proudly answered.

From the Internet program

"You Make Me Laugh"



# MISSION

across the street & around the world

## *Daybreak is Faith Church's monthly outreach*

**F**aith Church cooks and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month, from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. **Cookie bakers are needed. Can you find the time to bake a batch or two and drop them off at the church by noon on that day?**

- Daybreak is a drop-in center for people suffering from mental illness, who may or may not also be homeless.
- Helpers are also needed, especially cooks, from approx. 1:30 to 4:30 PM. (Carpool leaves from the church!)
- Drop off cookies in the church kitchen by noon of that Monday. Because of possible nut allergies, please mark cookies that have nuts in them. Sugar-free cookies are also appreciated.

Please consider helping out. A Volunteer Guide has been put together to make it easy for those who wonder what volunteering entails. The book can be found on the bookshelf behind the secretary's desk in the church office. If you have questions needing the human touch, speak to Carolyn Baittinger or Zona Farmer.

### Upcoming dates for Daybreak:

December 9

January 13

February 10



Faith Church has partnered with the local food bank in Emmaus, at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church. Our current focus is hygiene products. Drop off donations here at Faith Church.

Other ongoing needs: Laundry detergent, paper towels, tissues, dish detergent (Dove, Ajax, Dawn--not for dishwasher), mac & cheese, spaghetti, cereals and canned fruits. Please place items in the Campbell's Soup container in the church narthex.

## *Christmas Joy Offering: THE PERFECT GIFT*

*Leadership: Past, Present and Future*

*GOD is with us- Matthew 1:23*

**E**ach 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 22, 2019**. The offering is used to help fund the following programs:

### **The Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions**

In 2018, the Assistance Program distributed over 850 grants and approximately \$1.2 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. In 2018 \$1 million were used to provide education and leadership development skills at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.



Faith Presbyterian Church received \$2945.00 in 2018 for the Christmas Joy Offering. Do you think we can be JOYFUL givers and “top” that amount?

# Consign for

## *Mission: The Cost/Benefit Analysis*

**W**hen the Consign for Good sale began 6 years ago, none of us really knew what we were getting into. But with knowledge from another church and folks that consigned with profit making kids consignment sales, we plunged in. The first sale was an eye opener and since then we have tweaked the process to a science.

If you consider the amount of time, energy and effort put in, you might think we are crazy.

For the most recent sale in September, we had a little over 50 people volunteer for approximately 210 volunteer hours, just during the set-up, sale itself and clean-up. There were several new volunteers from the congregation, consignors, and the community - other churches in area who also support EPNHN. But those numbers do not include the multiple committee meetings, behind the scenes work, tagging events, pick-ups and drop-offs of registrations, fliers, and donated items in and around Emmaus.

The sale itself netted a total of 175 sale transactions with an average per sale of \$25.83. In total over 1,500 items were sold (or as we like to say, repurposed!). From the money we make after the consigners get their 70% and any bills are paid; Consign for Good was able to donate \$2,000 to EPNHN. After 6 years of 12 sales we have donated \$20,000.

Looking at the amount of time and volunteers needed and that we are only able to donate \$2,000, you might wonder why do it? The truth is we love the comradery, we are grateful to help families get the items they need for babies and young children at a fraction of the cost, and we know we can help one family by sharing in the mission of East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors (EPNHN).

When you see the next Consign for Good is happening, consider how you might get involved. We are grateful for the varied ways that folks contribute to the cause. As long as we are able and it gives life to us those we serve, we will keep going. As we were told in a recent note from EPNHN, “*This work in our neighborhood is so important, and through you - change is occurring*”.

To learn more, reach out to Kris Melnick, Ann Lowell, Lynn Ingram, Julie DePhillips, Ellie DePhillips, Lisa Heineman, JoAnne Herring or Heidi Zuzzolo



*Children's  
Clothing,*



*and fun stuff, too!*



# Holiday Craft Fair

December 7, 2019      9 AM to 3:00 PM

Faith Presbyterian Church  
3002 N. Second Street • Emmaus, PA

- Birdhouses
- Christmas Ornaments
- Totes, Purses
- Jewelry; Paintings
- Handmade Baskets
- Floral, Wreaths
- Dog Treats

- Soaps & Lotions
- Embroidered Items
- Quilted Items
- Candy & Bake Sale
- Food Booth
- Hand Painted Items
- ...and much, much more!

**Santa will be  
here all day!**



**All Proceeds to Local Mission**

**M**ark your calendars for Faith's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Craft Fair. The date for this year's Holiday Craft Fair is December 7<sup>th</sup>, here at the church. Along with the raffle, there will be numerous crafters, lunch will be available, fresh baked cookies for you to mix and match, plus St. Nick himself. In just a few more days, there will be a palpable excitement in the air! Consider being a part of the largest Women of Faith mission project for the year that reminds us—"we are the church together" serving the extended community.

A raffle is a big part of raising the money that makes it possible for WOF to support a variety of mission projects in Emmaus and the Lehigh Valley. In 2018, funds were donated to Daybreak, Rescue Mission, Westminster Village, East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Turning Point, as well as the Deacons here at Faith Church. Area merchants are invited to donate and many are happy to be included. A number of church family members also shared some of their creations in support of this worthwhile project. This could be your year to create a gift basket or share a little of what gives you joy in doing. To donate to the raffle please contact Carolyn Baittinger or Dianne Macdonald.

Our bake sale is VERY popular, and donations from our fantastic, awesome Faith bakers will be gladly accepted. It would be helpful to bring any baked goods on Friday, December 6, from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM. For questions, please contact Dianne Macdonald or Yvonne Stauffer.

Women of Faith's crafts and baked goods will still be available on Sunday, December 8.



*"It's only right that we give thanks"*

**T**he Stewardship Committee thanks all of you who have participated so far in the pledge drive.

As of November 19, we have **54** pledges for a total of **\$175,636**. It is not too late to join in and support our 2020 budget.

Pledge cards were mailed and extra cards can be found in the pews. Peace.

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**You can now donate electronically.**

**Safe. Secure. Easy. Quick.**



**Scan the QR code  
with your  
smartphone, or**

**Go to our website, click on**





### *Pot Luck Luncheons*

**O**ur monthly Pot Luck lunches on Communion Sundays resumed in October. Please plan to join us for a delicious pot luck lunch each month. The main course, provided by the committee, will be Beef Barbecue in December. The Fellowship Committee will also provide iced tea, lemonade and water to drink.

Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. In order to provide a variety, the Fellowship Committee requests that members and guests with last names beginning with:

A-L.....bring a dessert

M-Z.....bring a green salad, or vegetable side dish.

### *Common Interest Groups*

**T**he Common Interest Groups for walking, reading and board games continue to meet on a regular basis. These groups are intended to have members, neighbors, friends and guests gather around a common interest. Details are being communicated through Facebook, Faith Life and Two Weeks of Faith calendar insert. If you are interested in participating in a group or forming a new group, please contact Heather Davis or Dave Wilson.

### *Emmaus Christmas Tree Lighting*

**T**he Fellowship Committee is organizing a group to participate in the Emmaus Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas Tree Lighting event begins at 4:00 PM and culminates with the tree lighting at 7:00PM. From 4:00-7:00, we will be running a children's craft table, where children from the community will make a simple Christmas craft to take home with them. At 7:00, we will join the community to celebrate the Christmas tree lighting.

There are several ways that you can participate in the event. First, we would like to see you at this community event. Second, we are looking for volunteers to help run the craft table. If you can volunteer an hour of your time on Saturday to help with the craft table, we would welcome your help. Third, we are looking for a volunteer to help plan, organize and setup the craft table. Please contact Dave Wilson if you can volunteer some of your time to help with our participation in this event.



## *Ski Fellowship Group*

**W**hat is a Ski Fellowship event? What should you expect from joining as a Group Member?

One key goal is to provide Fellowship time while skiing with "buddies", riding the chair lift, and the group lunch break at the ski resort. Any existing Church Member may invite an outside adult/family to become a ski fellowship Group Member.

- Most event dates will be 'Local' (at Blue Mountain, Bear Creek, or Camelback, etc.)
- For each Event date, a few days ahead of time, a list of Registered attendees will be made available to all, including phone numbers.
- During the actual event day, the volunteer "Pre-event Coordinator" will be free to enjoy the Fellowship event. All necessary Registration coordination and distribution of expected attendee names (and phone numbers) will occur prior to the event.
- Multiple Pre-event Coordinators are needed! Please volunteer to add your preferred Event date/resort location. For example, posted on the church calendar, see the "Weekday Morning Ski Fellowship" scheduled event dates and locations.
- More dates and locations are welcome!

If you would like more information, please email [Ski@faithchurchemmaus.org](mailto:Ski@faithchurchemmaus.org).

## *Calendar of Events*

- Sunday, Dec. 1—Potluck Lunch following Worship
- Saturday, Dec. 7—Emmaus Christmas Tree Lighting. Emmaus downtown.
- Sunday, Jan. 5 – Potluck Lunch following Worship: a variety of Pasta
- Sunday, Feb. 2 – Potluck Lunch following Worship: selections of Chili
- Sunday, Mar. 1 – Potluck Lunch following Worship: Soups & Breads for Lent
- Sunday, Apr. 5 – Potluck Lunch following Worship: Soups & Breads for Lent
- Sunday, May 3 – Potluck Lunch following Worship: Chicken Pot Pie

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

# LOOKING BACK

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Decade 1978-1987

**W**e shared highlights of Faith Church's first two decades in the last two newsletters. Here are just some of the interesting things that took place during Faith Church's third decade.

**1978**—Bulletin announcement: Bring a flashlight to church for evening meetings. The parking lot is dark.

**1979**—June Flyer: The choir members leaving church at Children's Time are Sunday School (SS) teachers, not golfers.

**1980**—Prayer Chain started by Deanna Robinson and Flo Cooper.

**1981**—Peacemaking Offering taken for the first time.

**1982**—Rev. Naegele held discussion in adult SS class on plans for reunion between UPC and Presbyterian Church US.

**1983**—25th Anniversary of the church.

**1984**—Handbells (2 octaves) were purchased using funds from Walter Shunk and Dr. George Munro memorial accounts.

**1985**—Bulletin announcement: Dress comfortable in summer months.

**1986**—The Nursery School held at Faith Church is closing, need home for the guinea pigs.

**1987**—CHES Covenant signed (Catasauqua, Hokendauqua, Emmaus, Slatington).

Keep an eye on future issues of The Faith Flyer for recaps of the decades that followed. If you find yourself interested in learning more about Faith Church's history, please contact the church office.



Ron Gingrich doing KP duty  
in the old kitchen.



Rainbow from stained glass window in the first sanctuary.



Church during the third decade.

D-2 THE GLOBE-TIMES, BETHLEHEM, PA. — TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1982 ★



## LEHIGH COUNTY

### *Around Emmaus*

# Presbyterian Church To Observe 25th Year

By HEIDI BRIGHT BUTLER  
Globe-Times Reporter

A 25th anniversary celebration will begin Sunday at Faith Presbyterian Church, 910 N. Second St., Emmaus.

A service at 10 a.m. will honor 18 of the church's original 56 members. Hymns sung at the first service 25 years ago will be used.

Titled "Dedication to Growth," the celebration will continue through April and will conclude with a choir cantata and congregational banquet.

Other anniversary activities will include the planting of trees by the Sunday school, the cutting of a commemorative record by the choirs, directed by Suzanne Seem, the publication of a history of the church prepared by Marion Forrest, and the display of a time chart and photographs pertaining to church history.

These articles announcing the planned celebration of Faith Church's 25th Anniversary appeared in local newspapers.

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There are many more clippings stored in the church's archives. If you would like to view them, please stop in to the church office during business hours.

If you have news clippings or stories from Faith Church's history, we would love to see them. You can drop them off in the church admin's mailbox, or share them on our church Facebook page.



## EMMAUS

## Faith Presbyterian to hold 25th anniversary celebration

By SCOTT BIEBER  
Of The Morning Call

Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus will conclude its 25th Anniversary Celebration this Sunday with a series of special events.

The church service at 10 a.m. will feature guest speaker Rev. Daniel C. Thomas, former pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Allentown and currently Secretary of Princeton Theological Seminary.

A slide presentation on Faith Membership in Action will follow and a full course banquet will begin at noon.

Special recognition will be made of the church's 18 charter members.

The adult choir and youth choirs are recording a long-playing record which will be sold later. A church member has paid for the cost of making the record.

MORNING CALL, APRIL 21, 1983

April 21, 1983

## Faith Presbyterian marks 25th year

Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus began celebration of its 25th anniversary this month, with a variety of special events planned through April, 1983.

Theme for the celebration, "Dedication to Growth," according to the Rev. J. Earl Naegle, "involves our growth inwardly, spiritually; growth in knowledge of our faith, history and traditions, and growth of the congregation in terms of new members."

Pastor Naegle said that 18 of the original 56 members of the congregation attended the celebration kick-off service Oct. 3, and were then honored at a special reception.

The celebration highlight will be in late April with a choir cantata and congregational banquet. Other special anniversary activities will include planting of trees by the Sunday School, cutting of a commemorative record by the youth and adult

choirs, a compilation of a church history and other historical information.

It was on Oct. 1, 1957, that 25 interested people gathered in a former beauty parlor on Harrison Street to provide the roots for the church which is now located at 910 N. 2nd St.

The Lehigh Presbytery had determined there was a need to serve the growing Emmaus area in the 50s, and Rev. Gilbert Blake Dodd then launched the mission church, conducting that first service.

The church grew steadily in membership, and moved progressively to other locations: a former St. Margaret's Episcopal Church building at 4th and Broad streets, the Emmaus Theater for a time, and, subsequently, in 1961, into its present sanctuary. The original facility was expanded in 1972 to include a fellowship hall, school rooms, kitchen and offices. The sanctuary was also expanded.

# DEACONS

*Following to Lead | Leading to Serve*

## *Ongoing Prayer Concerns*

- Becky Shreck
- Scott Mackenzie
- Marie Heffner
- Betty Dennis
- Kathy Jorgensen, Bruce Kunkle's daughter
- Tom Ferguson, Peter Ferguson's brother.

## *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	Sandy Missmer -----	Home
Marie Heffner -----	Lehigh Center	Dody Perrin -----	Home
Dotti Harshman -----	Luther Crest		

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.

## *Home Medical Equipment*

Are you or a loved one in need of home medical equipment? The church has some medical equipment available for members to borrow, such as wheelchairs, crutches, shower chairs, commode, etc. If you have a need, please see your Deacon.

## *Poinsettias*

**D**ecember is here! This year's plant offerings are as follows:  
6-inch red, 6-inch white, or 6-inch pink plants.

The cost per plant is \$6.00. Envelope order forms have been placed in the pews at church, and on our Facebook Group page, and will be included in announcement email blasts. You will have until Sunday, December 1, 2019 to place your order.

Please consider purchasing plants as we beautify our Sanctuary for the Christmas services. But don't delay! The deadline is strict! If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Baittinger.



## *Hospice Volunteers Needed!*

**A**s the Holiday season approaches please consider giving the gift of your time! **SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice** is looking for volunteers to join the Hospice Team. Volunteer to visit hospice clients in your community to offer friendly support. Volunteers also help with office work, bereavement calls & visits, baking bread for bereaved families, sewing memory teddy bears.

Call Cathy Sweeney, Volunteer Coordinator at 610-871-2802 to learn more.





## *A brief history of birthday celebrations.*

- Egyptians started the party. The coronation date of the pharaohs (when they become gods) was to be remembered.
- Greeks added candles (for their glowing effect) to a moon-shaped cake offered to Artemis.
- Ancient Romans were the first to celebrate birthdays for the common man (but just the men). Female birthdays were not celebrated until around the 12th century.
- Christians initially considered birthdays to be a pagan ritual. They didn't change their minds until somewhere around the 4th century, when they began to celebrate the birthday of Jesus as the holiday of Christmas.
- Contemporary birthday cakes were invented by German bakers for *Kinderfeste*, were the prerequisite to the contemporary children's birthday party.
- The Industrial Revolution brought birthday cakes to the masses. Only the wealthy could afford the cakes made by bakers. But mass production of pre-made cakes at lower prices, made them more affordable.

- 12/1 Betsy Han
- 12/4 Cathy Wiese, Dave Wilson
- 12/4 Marie Heffner
- 12/5 Sue McCracken
- 12/6 Dianne Macdonald
- 12/7 Terry Eck, Jessica Spak, Bill MacHose
- 12/8 Bonnie Hillman, Brynn Durn
- 12/9 Scott Greb
- 12/10 Mark Heimbach
- 12/12 Sam Luff
- 12/12 Laurie Hillanbrand, Sue Lawall
- 12/13 Cameron Godiska
- 12/14 Ryan Kennington
- 12/15 Harry Dennis, Rosemarie Haley, Cawley Waters
- 12/18 Owen Dredge
- 12/19 Thomas Eck  
Bonnie Osterwald
- 12/20 Erik Walker  
Dottie Harshman
- 12/21 Marie Comoglio, Nora Harford
- 12/23 Dennis Arndt  
Isabella Cachiguango
- 12/24 Christina Godiska,  
Michelle Halpin
- 12/26 Carole Wilson
- 12/27 Jack Ferlino  
Beth Kunkle
- 12/28 Archer Waters
- 12/30 Matt Staack

# January

## BIRTHDAYS

1/1	Dan Hemberger
1/4	Carson Halpin
1/5	Kathryn Greb
1/6	Miriam Ferlino
1/6	Kay Cole
1/7	Christina Conrad
1/8	Laurie Payea
1/10	Jack Decker
1/12	Marissa Decker
	Ella Wiese
1/13	Lynn Ingram
1/14	Jim Pantano
1/16	Lynda Scheirer
1/19	Sue Vitale
1/20	Heather Nicholas
1/22	Mary Gedney
	Erin Gill
1/26	Matt Somishka
1/28	Nelson Fernandez

# February

## BIRTHDAYS

2/1	Rachel Shussett
2/4	Beth Walker
2/5	Jonathan DePhillips
2/5	Michael Pipines
2/7	Tom Luff
2/8	John Gill
2/9	Bob Bieler
2/9	Daniel Shussett
2/11	Sally Eck
2/12	Thomas Zuzzolo
2/13	Eleanor Focht
2/14	Susan Morning
2/15	Jim DePhillips
	Quinn Jackson
2/16	Will Moring
	Ben Wiese
2/17	Samuel Kennedy
	Anne Laubach
	Sarah Tracy
2/20	Sandy Missmer
2/22	Beth Luff
	Leigh Morning
	Barbara Webb
2/24	Stephanie Lillegard
	Don Macdonald
2/23	Katrina Piper
2/25	Heather Davis
2/26	Abby Masenheimer
2/28	Bob Rinehart

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- The "Birthday Song" was a remix, kind of. Patty Hill and Mildred Hill wrote a song they called, "*Good Morning to All*" to be sung to children in the morning as school began. Many renditions later it became the song that we all know now, "*Happy Birthday to You*."

(taken from [huffpost.com](http://huffpost.com), 11/11/2013,  
complete article written by Todd Van Luling)



## SCRIP Program

Faith Church uses a scrip fundraising program, allowing church members to raise money for the church in an easy 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. **A little planning ahead is all that is needed.**

*Example.* If one person purchases a \$100 gift card from a vendor giving a 10% reduced price, it's an instant rebate to the church in the amount of \$10. If ten people do it, it's \$100. If that happens every month, it's \$1,200!

Most vendors provide rebates in lower percentages, but every penny counts! Why not give it a try this month and see how easy it is? A list of retailers has been posted online, or you can click on the quick link at the bottom of the page at Great Lakes Scrip's website [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and open the retailer list. Here are just a few local vendors and their percentages:



- Giant (Stop & Shop) ..... 4%
- Weis Markets ..... 5%
- CVS ..... 6%
- Rite Aid ..... 4%
- Barnes & Noble ..... 8%
- Cabela's ..... 10%
- Starbucks ..... 7%

The church's scrip coordinator orders the cards at a reduced price, the difference in price an **instant rebate for the church**. Session directed that this year's funds **replenish the Pastor's Discretionary Fund**. . . . The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is available for the pastor to use to assist members of the church or community who may be in need. While the money spent is reported to the administration team, the names of the recipients are kept confidential by the pastor.

**Thank you to those who have joined our regular purchasers** in the Great Lakes SCRIP and Weis gift card programs. We had a very nice profit from the August order. Won't you consider helping this program continue to provide funds to the church by making purchases using SCRIP.

- The total amount raised in 2019 is **\$424.60**.
- The **next deadlines** are December 1 (a week early to allow for Christmas gift giving), January 12, and February 9.

**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 visit [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). Contact Lynda Scheirer at [adnyl510@gmail.com](mailto:adnyl510@gmail.com) if you have any logistical questions.



### *Are you a Social Media User? Come find us!*

**F**aith 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](#)

### *Did you know about this?*

- 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.
- An electronic version of our newsletter (*The Faith Flyer*) is posted to our website quarterly. 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!!!**



### *Around & About Faith Church*

**T**he *Faith Flyer* needs digital photos of events taking place at, or sponsored by Faith Church. If you are taking photos at any activity, forward a few to the church office ([office@faithchurchemmaus.org](mailto:office@faithchurchemmaus.org)), and be sure to identify the activity, date and those pictured. See you around!



*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:

Dear Partners in God's Mission,

In Paul's letter to the Philippi, he wrote, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:3-6 NRSV).

As we embark upon this season of Thanksgiving, we too give thanks “because of your sharing in the gospel.” On Behalf of Presbyterian Mission, please allow me to express our appreciation to you, your pastor, session, and congregation for your gracious and faithful support. On October 7, 2019, we received \$437.50 for 102 Shared Mission Support.

Your contribution changes people's likes for the sake of the gospel around the world.

I hope you and yours have a very, Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours in Christ,

—Lynne Foreman, Mission Engagement Advisor

Dear Members of Faith Presbyterian,

On behalf of East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors, I would like to thank you for your continued and generous support of this ministry. Your prayers and concern are so very appreciated and bolster our spirits. Your time volunteered cannot be matched. And—your generous donations, including through the Peacemaking offering allow our work to continue. Thank for blessing EPNHN.

In His steps, Anne Zayaitz

Dear Mission Committee:

On behalf of the staff and students of Lincoln Elementary School, I would like to thank you and the congregation of the Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus, for the generous contribution of \$100 to our Angel Network Program. With your donations throughout the years, we have been able to provide families with groceries, gift cards, clothing, school supplies, school photo packages, musical instrument rentals, and fees associated with field trips, as well as after-school opportunities.

As always, your donation to our Angel Network will be extremely helpful to us as we strive to meet the needs of the Lincoln families. WE truly could not help the families at our school without your support.

We are so thankful for your continued support of our students and families! Thank you for your thoughtfulness and continued generosity!

—Mrs. Amanda Hemberger, Lincoln School Counselor

The teachers, staff, and children of Ramos Elementary sincerely thank you for everything you did to make Trunk or Treat a huge success. The families felt welcome by everyone who helped. The displays were amazing! It was wonderful to see all of the members of our community enjoying time together!

We, at Ramos, cannot begin to thank you enough for all of your hard work. I would say it was our best community/family event that we have ever had at our school. Thank you for all of the hours you put into making this happen for our school and community!!!!

Sincerely,

—Jeanne Muthard, Marybeth Ralston,  
and everyone at Ramos Elementary School

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we would like to thank you for your donation of produce...eggplant, tomatoes and green beans. Because of your caring and sharing, we were able to feed those less fortunate in our community. We are currently serving between 200 and 250 families per week. Again, thank you for your donation.

—AAEFB, Corresponding Secretary

## *November, 2019 Session Highlights*

- An officer will visit the church on January 9, 2020 at 9:00 AM to offer a presentation on active shooter responses. At a later date, we will have a Risk and Vulnerability Assessment.
- For the first 10 months of 2019, church expenses have exceeded income by \$6,420.
- The Deacons will be collecting Poinsettia orders for Christmas soon.
- Chas Shimer, Tom Dilts and Carolyn Baittinger (alternate) will serve as Commissioners to the Presbytery in 2020.
- Committee annual reports are due to the church office by December 31, 2019.
- The Administration Committee is still in search of a Financial Secretary to replace Sue Vitale.
- The Discipleship Committee is seeking people to help lead the early Christmas Eve (children's) service.
- A congregation-wide group photo will be taken right after Worship on November 24 (before Advent-ure events).
- Pledges for 2020 are still welcome so that the budget can be set.
- The monitor in the back of the Sanctuary has been safely mounted.

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## *Points to ponder*

- "Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." ~C.S. Lewis
- "That the Creator himself comes to us and becomes our ransom — this is the reason for our rejoicing." ~Martin Luther
- "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." ~Charles Dickens
- "The birth of Jesus is the sunrise in the Bible." ~Henry van Dyke
- "What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven't even happened yet." ~Anne Frank
- "More light than we can learn, more wealth than we can treasure, more love than we can earn, more peace than we can measure, because one Child is born." ~Author unknown



## *Did You Know?*

When Fellowship Hall and/or the kitchen are not in use, all of their doors should be kept closed to contain a fire, should one occur.

- If you call the church early on a Sunday morning and leave a voicemail, your message will not be retrieved until Monday.
- The church recycles plastic, glass bottles, tin & aluminum cans. We do not recycle aluminum foil, paper cups or foam products. Please put only the items listed above into the recycling bin by the kitchen sink.
- “Someone else” never takes home the kitchen towels for laundering. Feel encouraged to do so when you are involved in clean-up.
- If you require police involvement while at the church, please keep the following in mind. Issues on church property or on Second Street fall under the jurisdiction of the State Police from the Upper Macungie barracks. Issues on Cherokee Street are under the jurisdiction of the Emmaus Police. Please tell them that we are at 3002 N. Second Street in Emmaus.
- Did you know that our big field is part of the Lehigh County Emergency Management Plan? The field is large enough for helicopters to land on for evacuations or transporting people from an evacuation site to Emmaus. Very interesting!
- There is a sign-up chart (for serving communion) on the bulletin board right outside of the office storage closet. Any resting or standing elder or deacon may sign up whenever there are openings.
- If you need cleaning supplies, the janitor’s closet is always open and available.
- The counter in the church office is a work space. When you place baskets, boxes and bags on the counter, they are in the way of the weekly work flow. Please find other places for their placement, and let those who are picking them up know where to look.
- Faith Church has “Key Guardians” who hold keys for members’ use when the church is not open; John Baittinger and Bruce Kunkle.
- There is a lost and found box in the narthex, by the coat rack, where there is also a collection of coats, hats, etc. that have been forgotten.
- Putting liquid in the trash often results in trickling stains as trash bags are carried through the church to be placed outside. Please dump liquids in a sink before discarding your cups.





## *Operating Fund Financial Report*

**B**elow is the 2019 report of operating income *vs.* expenses through October 31, 2019. Reports for months leading up to the summer issue of the flyer will be posted in the church.

	October 31, 2019	YTD: 2019
OPERATING INCOME:	\$ 16,574.00	\$ 214,790.00
OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$ 20,611.00	\$ 221,024.00
Misc. Expenses:	\$ 0.00	\$ 186.00
ANNUAL RESERVE (DEFICIT):	\$ (4,037.00)	\$ (6,420.00)

Blessings,  
Sue Vitale

## *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**

**T**he 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).

## *Reminder—Dates in this issue, and more*

**T**here 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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
December 1 .....	Advent begins, Pot Luck Luncheon, Scrip orders due, Poinsettia orders due.
December 7 .....	Holiday Craft Fair, Emmaus Christmas Tree Lighting
December 15.....	Christmas Cantata, JAM Singers rehearsal
December 21.....	Blue Christmas Eve Service
December 22.....	Christmas Joy Offering Congregational Meeting re: Nominations JAM Singers rehearsal
December 24.....	Christmas Eve (Church Office closed) JAM Singers rehearsal
December 25.....	Christmas (Church Office closed)
December 29.....	Pulpit Supply
December 31.....	Annual Reports due New Year's Eve (Church Office closed)
January 1 .....	New Year 2020! (Church Office closed)
January 6.....	Last day for 2019 donations
January 6, 7.....	2019 Tax statements mailed
January 12.....	Scrip orders due
January 20.....	Martin Luther King Day (Church Office closed)
February 2.....	Annual Congregational Meeting Souper Bowl of Caring offering
February 9.....	Scrip orders due
February 16 .....	Spring Newsletter deadline
February 17 .....	Presidents' Day (Church Office closed)
February 26 .....	Ash Wednesday

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



**Faith Presbyterian Church**  
3002 N. Second Street  
P.O. Box 507  
Emmaus, PA 18049  
*Address Services Requested*



5:30 PM— Family Service  
9:00 PM— Traditional w/carols & readings  
11:30 PM— On the Triangle

**The Faith Flyer**

*Winter 2019/2020*



# *Poinsettias*

There are envelopes in the pews for ordering poinsettias,  
or you may use this form instead.

All will be 6" plants, priced at \$6.00 each.

Please indicate your desired number of plants in each color.

\_\_\_\_\_ all Red      \_\_\_\_\_ all White      \_\_\_\_\_ all Pink

**Deadline for paid orders - Sunday, December 1, 2019**  
(no exceptions)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

or

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle "In Memory" or "In Honor" and write clearly the appropriate name.

Please make your check out to ***Faith Presbyterian Church*** and write  
**"Poinsettias"** on the memo line. Flowers will be placed in the church and  
can be picked up following the December 24 service.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total enclosed