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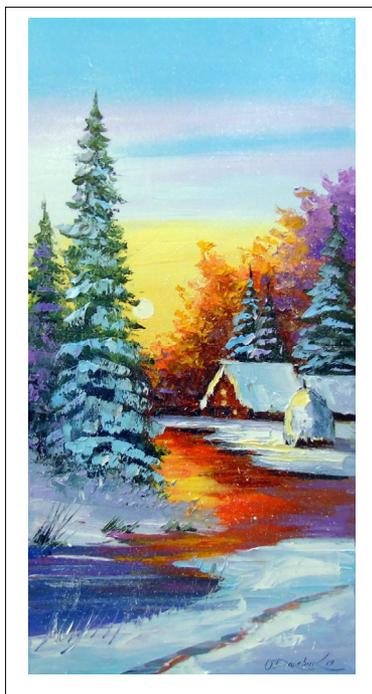
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There is a lot of information provided in our quarterly newsletters. We hope you'll take the time to read the articles our committees have shared.

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FAQs

Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Church Office Hours

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Prayer Chain Requests

Messages to be shared via the Prayer
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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,
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Next Newsletter Deadline: February 13

Personal Contact Information

Phone numbers and email addresses of
members are not shared to publications
that are shared online.

Zoom Links

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

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

I'M REALLY looking forward to Advent this year. Usually Advent approaches and I think about all the things I have to do. But, if I'm honest, one of the gifts of the pandemic is how it's given me space to separate the essential from what must be discarded. I'm not saying the pandemic was a gift – definitely not! But I believe God can bring light even out of the darkest places. Out of the pandemic, I see God working in and through us to teach us to slow down and rethink our priorities.

That's why I'm kind of excited about Advent. Advent is a season of waiting, and a season of slowing down. I am not the kind of person who enjoys the early dark, but I heard someone say recently the nice thing about the shorter days is the permission to start settling down earlier.



Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi

I really loved that sentiment and I want it to be a part of my Advent season: settling down earlier so I see how God is working and through me to rethink my own priorities.

Advent gives us all permission to do that kind of reimagining. As we enter into a season of waiting, we are reminded again and again of how biblical waiting actually is. When they left Egypt, the Israelites had to wait to enter the land of promise. After the prophet Samuel anointed him, David had to wait (a long time!) to become king. So many women had to wait for God to gift them with a child (that pain is REAL). Even Jesus had to wait until he was in his 30's for real ministry to begin! Waiting is biblical. Advent gives us space – and *invites* us – to wait.

The question is this: What are you waiting for?

It's a question that requires personal reflection. What are you waiting for? Are you waiting for some kind of change? Are you waiting for the holiday dinner when you

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Pastor's Message

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see your loved ones? Are you waiting for news (good or bad)? Are you waiting for Christmas? Are you just waiting for the holiday season to be over?

The familiar Christmas hymn invites us to "let every heart prepare him room." Ultimately, that's the invitation of Advent: to prepare him room in our hearts. It's what we do while we wait.

So, I'd like to issue an invitation to you: to prepare room. Preparing room for Jesus looks like sorting through our priorities and making sure we're doing what we do because it's necessary and not just nice. Preparing room for Jesus looks like noticing when there are too many things on your plate keeping you from fully loving God and loving your neighbor as you love yourself. It looks like saying no to things that don't, as Marie Kondo would say, "spark joy." So, I want to invite you to live into this season with patience. Reflect on the themes of the season: the love, the peace, the joy,

the hope, and the blessed birth. Make space to marvel and wonder. Take a lot of deep breaths.

Ask yourself these questions: What is important to me? Why is it important? How do I live like this is important to me? Where is there room to grow? Who can support you in that growth?

In the same way Jesus says that the sabbath is given to us as a gift, know that Advent is given to us as a gift, too. We aren't just created to observe the season. The season is here as a gift for us to take those deep breaths and create space to rearrange what needs to be rearranged. I invite you to make space for this kind of reflection this season.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Becki Mallozzi



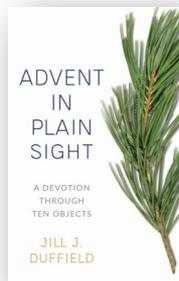
Advent

A Season of Hope
& Expectation

A Book for Advent

THIS ADVENT, we'll be using Jill Duffield's book, *Advent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through 10 Objects* as a part of worship. Each object we weekly focus on – gates, tears, belts, trees, and hearts – will remind us of the themes of Advent.

Join us weekly on Thursday to go deeper with these themes. We'll meet via Zoom Thursday nights at 7:00 PM, starting December 2 and running through December 23. All are welcome.



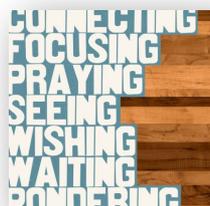
If you'd like to get the book, consider ordering from a local bookstore like Let's Play Books. If you need help acquiring the book, contact Pastor Becki. Zoom link: https://bit.ly/AdventInPlainSight_FPC

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Stations of the Manger

IN THE midst of the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season, Advent invites us to slow down and keep pace with the Christ Child. Stations of the Manger is a space for quiet contemplation and reflection. Pilgrims journey through five stations at their own pace with devotions and meditative practices.

Come as you are December 15th any time 6:30-8 PM. If you have any questions about the stations, contact Pastor Becki.



The stations will offer space in person as well as virtual. Those wishing to do the stations at home will be able to pick up a packet in the church mailbox anytime Dec. 15. You can also email Pastor Becki if you would prefer her to email you the packet.



SUNDAY MORNINGS
10:00 AM
IN-PERSON &
ONLINE!

*Scriptures and Sermons for Summer Worship**

Celebrating Advent & Christmas

November 28: *"The Thin Places"*
Scripture: Jeremiah 7:1-7

December 5: *"Cleansing Tears"*
Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4

December 12: *"The Bell of Righteousness"*
Scripture: Isaiah 41:17-20

December 19: *"Trees in the Wilderness"*
Scripture: Isaiah 41:17-20

Christmas Eve
7:30 PM—Lessons with carols
11:30 PM—on the Emmaus Triangle

December 26: Pastor Becki on vacation

Season of Epiphany

January 2: Pastor Becki on vacation

January 9: *"Before We Even Know"*
Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Series on Church Words

January 16: *"Churchy Words: Blessing"*
Scripture: Genesis 32:22-32

January 23: *"Churchy Words: Confession"*
Scripture: Hebrews 10:23-25

January 30: *"Churchy Words: Hymn"*
Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17

Words & Deeds of Jesus

February 6: *"Down at the Sheep Gate Pool"*
Scripture: John 5:1-18

February 13: *"Bread of Life"*
Scripture: John 6:35-50

February 20: *"Living Waters"*
Scripture: John 7:37-52

February 27: *"Seeing the Transfiguration"*
Scripture: Luke 9:28-43

**Plans are subject to change.*

OUR worship services can be watched live on YouTube, as they happen, anywhere you have an internet connection. Find the link on our website under *Media—Live Stream*, or check it out at <https://bit.ly/FPCLive>. Past services are archived and viewable at *Media—Sermons & Bulletins*.



Worship Committee

Memorial Space Update

AT THE beginning of the year we gathered results from the survey conducted to assess interest in the idea of a memorial space at Faith. In order to seek out possible committee members, a letter was then sent to those respondents who stated they would be likely participants. Though we have the beginnings of a committee, more members are needed.

With the congregation now more comfortable with gathering, It seems appropriate to revisit the memorial space concept. If you are new to the church or perhaps were unable to receive the survey, please contact me and background information will be provided.

Thank you to all who responded. If you have an interest in crafting a space dedicated to remembering those with whom we have served, please let me know.

- Andy Ingram, Worship Chair



December 15

6:30-8 PM—Stations of the Manger

Christmas Eve

7:30 PM—Lessons with carols

11:30 PM—on the Emmaus Triangle



the CLERK'S CORNER

by Ann Lowell

IN AUGUST, Pastor Becki's office was damaged by a flood (due to a hose breaking in the HVAC unit). At this time, good progress has been made with the repairs (thanks significantly to Terry Eck's expertise with insurance and patience with contractors).

And speaking of progress—there is a lot to be said about our human gathering! We are seeing more people in the Sanctuary for Worship, more choir members, and are hosting events such as the Fellowship Open House, the Mission Fair, Advent[ure], the Fall Clean-Up, and Sunday Morning Together. We are slowly, but surely connecting in person again.

We are enjoying baptisms, the prospect of new members, and we have a whole group of Deacons continuously plugged in to the members of their Care Groups—no matter where they live, or

how easily they can participate in our programming.

The church's finances in 2021 will perform better than budgeted, and we are excited that the fully-funded next phase of the Stained Glass Windows is in the pipeline.

We have a lot to celebrate, but struggles do exist. It should not be news that we need people to step up for critical Deacon/Elder leadership positions. Due to not being able to find help internally, we just decided to hire a firm to handle our Treasurer duties next year. In addition, our fabulous Faith Feeds Garden needs new leadership.

What church activities are you called to participate in? What gifts can you offer to support the life of our church? The Session prays about this a lot.

A Reminder from the Financial Secretary

All contributions to the church that are to be counted as 2021 contributions must be received at the church no later than Monday, **January 2**. Any donations made after that, even if the check is dated 2021, will be counted toward your 2022 contributions. The Financial Secretary will be printing and sending out your 2021 tax statements before the end of **January**. Thank you for your understanding.



**ANNUAL
CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENTS**



Church Office

- ***Annual Report*** — The deadline for submissions is December 31. Copies of the report will be made available the week prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting, scheduled for January 30, 2022.
- ***Pocket Directory*** — Through the end of December, a PDF of the directory will be included in the Thursday email blast, and a hard copy will be placed on a table in the Narthex. Please review your family's listing to be sure it is accurate. Contact the church office with 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.
- ***Church Office Hours*** — Office hours are **9:00 AM - 2:00 PM-ish** on **Mondays through Thursdays**. If office work is completed early, the secretary may leave early, and most days is gone by noon. Call ahead before coming in to the office. Masks are encouraged. The office will be closed on the following dates during the winter season:
 - December 7
 - January 3, 17
 - February 21
- ***Newsletter Deadline*** — The next newsletter to be published is the Spring 2021 edition. The deadline is February 13. 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.

DISCIPLESHIP

A LIFELONG PROCESS OF FOLLOWING JESUS

HERE WE go – A very short story – As members, on this particular Sunday, we entered Faith Church after being away due to Covid for close to two years now. It felt a little strange...almost as if my family and I were visitors. Admittedly, we had developed some new routines for Sunday morning and sometimes church and Sunday school became a second choice. Anyway, we took our seats for worship.

SUNDAY Morning TOGETHER

Glancing at the bulletin, I noticed the article on Sunday Morning Together (SMT). What is this? Asking myself as the article mentioned gathering together, all ages, interrelationship, for families, individuals, kids, adults, of all ages TOGETHER, in activities/events benefitting our church and/or community. That's different from the traditional Sunday school that I knew of, saying to myself and poking my wife to read this.

Our family used to attend Sunday school occasionally; maybe this is a new alternative. This making luminaries for our church on December 5 during ADVENT[ure] sounded interesting to my wife and myself...I'm not crafty but I

guess the article said you don't have to be. I wondered if there was still a more traditional adult class meeting on Sunday morning – sure enough, there's Deanna Robinson leading it.

Look here kids, the Youth Groups are still very active with Pastor Joanne every Sunday night! I turned to my family saying, "Maybe WE should start coming more regularly again...so much we're missing." And the Prelude began.

Sunday Morning Together (SMT)

So far together, we have made peacemaking mobiles; decorated paraments for up front in sanctuary; made pastor appreciation cards with Deacon assistance; celebrated Pastor Appreciation month with a mini reception for Pastor Becki; and participated in a Church scavenger hunt – thank you to the Gill family.

Next scheduled SMT events will be:

- Dec. 5 – assembling luminary kits for distribution to community.
- Dec. 12 – decorating cookies for Daybreak.

THANKS to all the VOLUNTEERS who are making SMT possible and of course

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to you members/visitors as participants!
Join in.

SMT events/activities for 2022 will be publicized shortly.

Senior High Sunday School

You are not forgotten. In addition to participating in SMT, we think you might be interested in forming your own discussion group and meeting informally either in church or off site. (How cool is that!) We need your feedback for this to happen.

Youth Groups

Pastor Jo Marchetto has a “full plate” of activities and exciting plans for Seniors (grade 9 through 12) and Middle Schoolers (grade 6 through 8). Currently, they are combined, meeting together from 5:30pm to 7:30pm and sharing a meal at 6:30pm. Kids, don't miss out!

Small Groups

Thursday Women's Study Group

The Thursday Women's Study Group is open to all ladies, members and friends. We meet Thursday mornings from 9:30–11:30 in homes of our group members. Study book, "Life Lessons from Psalms" by Max Lucado. Thank you to Deanna Robinsons as leader.

Disciples of Christ (D.O.C.)

DOC has decided to postpone all future gatherings until further notice. When the decision to continue with DOC is made, all interested participants will be notified. Thank you Terry Eck as leader.

Word on Wednesday (W.O.W.)

WOW meets every Wednesday at noon in the church. We meet in the Brick Room for now. Our current study is on late epistles like I, II, and III John. Through Advent we'll be looking at Jill Duffield's "Advent in Plain Sight."

WOW will NOT meet on Nov. 24, Dec. 22, Dec. 29, or Jan. 5. If you have questions about WOW, contact Pastor Becki. Thank you Pastor Becki as leader

Triennium Update

Information has been sent to our nine eligible High School candidates from FPC for this Presbyterian Youth event on July 24 – 27, 2022. Worshiping, growing and learning together, with 5,000 of your friends from churches around the country – sounds pretty awesome! Feel free to contact prior attendees from our church, Evan Gill or Ella Wiese, for their personal experience. For additional questions, please contact Pastor Jo Marchetto, Pastor Becki, or anyone on Discipleship.



Operating Fund Financial Report

Below is the report of operating income vs. expenses through **date**, 2021.

	, 2021	YTD: 2021
OPERATING INCOME:	\$ 10,637.00	\$ 209,838
OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$ 11,721.00	\$ 195,411.00
Investment Income:	0.00	850.00
Misc. Expenses:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
ANNUAL RESERVE (DEFICIT):	\$ (1,084.00)	\$ 13,577.00

Thank you!

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 want to give our church members a chance to read them. Here is what was received since the last newsletter:

Dear Faith Presbyterian,

May, 2021

Thank you so much for your generous support of **Westminster Village Allentown**. We appreciate your support, and thank you for your recent gift of \$1,000.

Your thoughtfulness is an inspiration to all of us who work daily on behalf of the seniors who reside in our communities. As a result of your generosity, we are able to fulfill our mission.

Thank you for being part of our success.

In gratitude,
 James F. Bernardo, Pres./CEO

Dear Faith Presbyterian,

August, 2021

Thank you for your continued support for the **Emmaus Food Bank!** Your generosity benefits so many in our community.

Gratefully, Leah Jarrett,
 for Bethel Church



stewardship

Shouts of Joy from your Stewardship Committee!

FALL IS in full swing and so is Faith Church! Our challenge to you is to take a moment and look around at all of the activities that surround our lives at Faith Church. To us it feels like a re-birth. We encourage you to be inspired and lend a helping hand. Small gifts of your time and talents will help us all and the rewards are many.

Sun ☀️ Rises
Inspire SHOUT
JOY Giving
Sun ☀️ Sets

As you know, we have kicked off the 2022 Stewardship Campaign. As of the flyer deadline, we have received 48 pledges for a total of \$175,882.00. We are hoping for as much participation as possible so please consider sending your pledge as soon as possible. The hope was to receive all pledges by November 22, allowing Session to prayerfully construct the budget for 2022 in a timely manner.

If you have not received a pledge card or have misplaced yours then please contact Chuck Waters at 610-762-1692. We also remind you that you can pledge electronically by going to the church website and clicking on the Donate button. Peace.

Your Stewardship Committee.

Chuck Waters and Sally Heimbach.

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calendar highlights, and news, visit us at:**
www.faithchurchemmaus.org

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SCRIP Program is Coming to a Close

GETTING convenient and timely delivery of the scrip card orders when someone is available to sign for them is becoming difficult to arrange. Having only a small number of loyal participants makes the amount earned for the church minimal. So, after discussion with Admin., the decision was made to terminate the program at the end of this year.

**One
More
Order
Then
Done.**

We will have one more order, with the **deadline** being **December 5** (in time for Christmas gift giving), and then the program is going to close. Thank you very much to everyone who has participated in the Scrip program here at Faith Church.

November, 2021 Session Highlights

- Pastor Becki will be on vacation at the end of this year, so we will have Pulpit supply on December 25 and January 2.
- Good progress is being made on the construction in the flood damaged offices.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2022.
- We will be hiring GBB & Company (Certified Public Accountant) to handle bookkeeping/Treasurer needs in 2022.
- The budget for 2022 is being developed. Pledges are encouraged to help with this process!
- Starting in 2022, the Celebration Fund Committee will become the Celebration Fund Team, falling under the leadership of the Stewardship Committee.
- “Sunday Morning Together” continues to host great activities for all ages.
- We will welcome 3 new members on Sunday, November 21st.
- The Nominating Committee currently has many vacancies to fill for 2022 (several Deacon opportunities, and two Elder positions—Building and Grounds, Worship). Please consider sharing your gifts in these roles.
- We look forward to the Mission Fair/Alternative Marketplace on November 14, 2021, as well as Advent[ure] (decorating and activities to kick off the Advent Season) on November 21, 2021.
- We plan to have two Christmas Eve services this year: 7:30 PM at the church, as well as at 11:30 PM at the Emmaus Triangle.

Holiday Craft Fair & Raffle *December 4th*



THE WOMEN of Faith are excited to be preparing for the return of the Holiday Craft Fair and Raffle on Saturday, Dec. 4th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, so circle your calendars! And please spread the word to your friends and neighbors! Santa will be here, too!

It will look a bit different as the current recommended Covid-19 precautions will be in place. Lunch will not be served but there will be plenty of home baked goodies (individually packaged) from which to select. A variety of crafters will be present with many items to tempt the holiday shoppers.

There will be a variety of vendors to visit to select some special items for folks on your list (or for yourself). The raffle will have lots to check out such as: quilts, gift certificates, themed baskets and vendor donations.

All the proceeds will be used for local mission. The need is even greater this year.

WANTED !!

Shoppers—Bakers—Helpers

BAKED GOODS are looked forward to every year. The Faith family bakers never fail to provide in abundance. This year it will be very helpful if items are divided into a variety of small labeled packages when delivered rather than on trays or large covered containers. Being mindful of Covid precautions, there should not be food items open to multiple hands. This way it will still be possible for shoppers to mix and match their selection of goodies. There will be workers at the church on Friday, December 3rd from about 9:00am until 8:00pm to receive any baked goods.

Many hands are needed to make the Craft Show a success. It will be greatly appreciated if you are able to help in any way-- whether it is setting up/assisting crafters, greeting, checkout/raffle ticket sales, bake sale, or taking down and cleanup. By 3:00pm at the close of the show, fresh sets of hands are especially welcome to aid in the take down and clean up.

Do not miss this opportunity to get into the spirit of the season, see friends and neighbors, use your talents, and demonstrate what a community of Faith working together can do for the good of the larger community beyond these walls!

MISSION

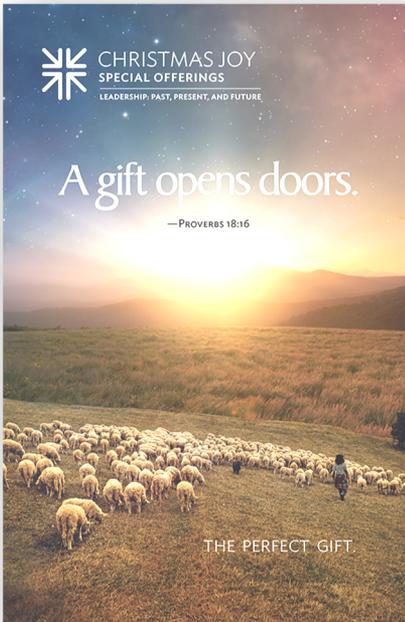
across the street & around the world

Christmas Joy Offering: THE PERFECT GIFT

Leadership: Past, Present and Future

A gift opens doors.

Proverbs 18:16



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

The *Christmas Joy Offering* will be received and dedicated 12/19/2021.

Faith Presbyterian Church received \$2,915.00 in 2020 for the Christmas Joy Offering.

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

!! REALLY REALLY BIG Thank You to MISSION SUPPORTERS!!

Faith Church has collected

\$2,762.00 for the Peace and Global Witness offering !

\$690.50 will go to East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

\$497.00 increase over 2020. **!!WAY to GO FAITH!!**



Reverse Advent Calendar

INSTEAD OF a Groceries Plus focus for November and December, we will repeat the Reverse Advent Calendar again this year.

The calendar starts right after we do Advent[ure] and end a week or so before Christmas so the items can be dropped off at church (in the Narthex), have time to “cool off” and be delivered to the Emmaus Food Bank at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church in January.

The list has been worked to include items that would not be covered by state subsidies. The Mission Committee looks forward to seeing Faith rise to the occasion again this year and help the needy.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 22-Nov. Box of Cereal | 6-Dec. Pkg. of Rice |
| 23-Nov. Peanut Butter | 7-Dec. Pkg. of Oatmeal |
| 24-Nov. Stuffing Mix | 8-Dec. Pkg. of Pasta |
| 25-Nov. Boxed Potatoes | 9-Dec. Spaghetti Sauce |
| 26-Nov. Macaroni & Cheese | 10-Dec. Soap |
| 27-Nov. Canned Fruit | 11-Dec. Jar of Jelly |
| 28-Nov. Toothpaste | 12-Dec. Hamburger Helper |
| 29-Nov. Canned Tuna | 13-Dec. Can of Corn |
| 30-Nov. Dessert Mix | 14-Dec. Can of Mixed Vegetables |
| 1-Dec. Jar of Applesauce | 15-Dec. Can of Carrots |
| 2-Dec. Canned Sweet Potatoes | 16-Dec. Dish/Laundry Detergent |
| 3-Dec. Cranberry Sauce | 17-Dec. Prepare for drop off |
| 4-Dec. Canned Mushrooms | 18-Dec. “ “ “ “ |
| 5-Dec. Box of Crackers | 19-Dec. Donation Drop Off Can Begin! |

PLUG

INTO FELLOWSHIP EVENTS



Fellowship

ALTHOUGH THE Coronavirus Pandemic continues to create challenges for gathering in person, we are finding ways to adapt our normal fellowship activities to make them COVID safe. As Winter approaches, we recognize that opportunities to hold outdoor fellowship activities will be limited. We will transition fellowship activities indoors as the local infection rate permits. The Fellowship Committee is planning a full slate of activities for the Winter. If you are interested in helping the Fellowship committee plan and execute our Winter activities, please contact Dave Wilson (dwilson12461@rcn.com) or Heather Davis

Fellowship Hour

Regular Fellowship gatherings after worship provide us with an opportunity to catch up with old friends and develop relationships with new friends. In the Fall, we continued with in-person, outdoor fellowship following worship as weather permitted. The Sunday weather in the Fall was remarkably good and we were able to gather for Fellowship after worship on most Sundays. Winter temperatures will eventually force us to move the Fellowship Hour indoors. We will make decisions about Fellowship Hour based on the local infection rate.

Small Group Fellowship

THE reading group continues to meet regularly. With the increasing COVID transmission rates in the Fall, the reading group moved to a hybrid format with some members attending in person and some attending by zoom. All are welcome to attend in their preferred format. In the Fall, we read The Eight by Matthew Pearl and The Music of Bees by Eileen Garvin. Our first book for the Winter is The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd. Please watch Facebook and the Church Bulletin for details about our next book discussion in January. If you have questions, please contact Heather Davis or Dave Wilson.

THE board game group restarted in September with additional gatherings in October and November. Please keep an eye on the bulletin and Facebook for additional information.



Preparing for Christmas

PLEASE mark your calendar with two events to help us prepare for Christmas: ADVENT[ure] and the Christmas Light Walk. ADVENT[ure] will be held on Sunday, November 21st following Worship. The Christmas Light Walk is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, December 12th, weather permitting.

Ringin in the New Year

THE Fellowship Committee is planning to ring in the new year early with a family friendly New Year's Eve celebration at the Church. We'll begin gathering around 5:00 p.m., share a light meal, and ring in the New Year at 7:00 p.m. with Scotland, Ireland, England, Portugal and the Ivory Coast. Keep an eye on Facebook, the Church Bulletin and Email Blasts for additional details. It's New Year somewhere!

Upcoming Events

THE Fellowship Committee is planning a full slate of activities for the Winter. 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.

- ◆ **Sunday, November 21**
ADVENT[ure] following worship
- ◆ **Saturday, December 4**
Emmaus Christmas Tree Lighting
- ◆ **Sunday, December 12**
Christmas Light Walk in the evening
- ◆ **Friday, December 31**
New Year's Eve

Picnics

THE TRADITIONAL Rally Day Picnic was held on Sunday, September 12th at the church. We were blessed with a beautiful day for outdoor worship followed by the picnic. The baptism of our grandson Hunter made it a particularly special day for Carole and me. It was wonderful to celebrate a baptism and to reconnect with our church family all on one day.

A picnic is not complete without good food. The food, of course, was fantastic. The BBQ chicken was delicious. The number and variety of side dishes was remarkable. There were so many delicious selections it was difficult to choose. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped to make this day happen: those who set up, those who cooked, those who brought side dishes and those who cleaned up. Thanks also to everyone who came out to worship and to picnic.



DAYBREAK Meal Program

DAYBREAK is a drop-in center for people suffering from mental illness, who may or may not also be homeless.

Our involvement with the DAYBREAK meal program started on the second Monday in November 1991, making it the longest running mission outreach project of Faith Presbyterian Church.

There have been many folks that have participated in the DAYBREAK meal program. The one member that stands out, for me, was Art Winters. The first Sunday of the month, during the joys and concerns, he would stand up from his seat in the choir loft and ask for cookies for DAYBREAK.

While Art is no longer with us, the need for cookies or other finger desserts are still in great demand.



The DAYBREAK meal is still being served on the 2nd Monday of each month. For additional information, please contact Zona Farmer or Carolyn Baittinger, our current DAYBREAK meal program coordinators.

Daybreak, the early years Memories of Barbara Newman

When the [Lehigh] Conference of Churches decided to ask churches to serve a meal each month for Daybreak, a place for mentally challenged people, we wanted to help.

Our first meal was at St. John's Episcopal Church on 6th Street. [Pastor] Chip Colson, Sam Scott, and I were part of our crew. Later, we went to Alliance Hall at 6th and Chew Streets. We took turns being chief cook and food buyer. I often made macaroni with spaghetti sauce and hamburger. Art Winters sometimes made Shepherd Pie. Jean Scott was one of our cooks for many years.

After Art died, his wife Betty Winters came each month to help. Kay Weber was also a faithful helper. I remember her buttering of bread and arranging the homemade cookies our congregation had baked.

I remember that Snowy and Edna Doe got potatoes already peeled from a place that sold them that way. Bob Durn

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became one of our chief cooks. It was good to also have a man to handle the heavy skillets. We always had bananas that they could take home if they wished.

I'm glad others have continued our services.

Daybreak Continues Carolyn Baittinger

After a number of years at Alliance Hall, Daybreak was relocated to the former Dubbs Memorial Church at 457 W. Allen Street along with some offices of the Lehigh Conferences of Churches. This greatly increased the working kitchen area and dining space plus added a room for viewing movies and providing shower facilities all on the lower level. A large room on the upper floor can be used for arts and crafts. The facility also has a more secure office area.

The best part of the new location was not having to ride up on the creaky, scary, ancient elevator to get to the kitchen! We must now go down some stairs but there are always many willing hands to help us carry in all the dinner items. Our standard meal has become oven roasted chicken thighs, oven roasted potatoes, buttered bread/rolls, a changing salad and vegetable (we often make use of the Faith Feeds garden produce in season), and the ever popular homemade cookies, brownies, etc.

While waiting for dinner to be prepared we can hear lot of talking among the clients and often a rousing game of Bingo in English and Spanish. Some ask what's for dinner and the

potatoes always get a good response. Several times cream puffs were among the dessert choices and one time in particular a client said "you made these just for us?" Succotash received the comment that "my grandmother used to make this". Interacting with the folks while serving the meal is a blessing.

Many different people have helped to serve Daybreak over the years so they are not listed here but a huge "thank you" to all who have cooked, served, or baked goodies. Under the Covid restrictions the meals are handed out packaged so without a cafeteria style line there is little interaction and conversation between the servers and the clients making their food choices (more potatoes, seconds on chicken when available and a definite "no" to the vegetable choice)---we look forward to those days returning. We are fed as are the Daybreak folks in our few hours spent there. All are welcome to join in a very rewarding experience the second Monday of each month.



Conference Kitchen Operation Feed

Lehigh Conference of Churches does not follow its usual practice of preparing three meals per day for Daybreak during the holiday season. They are looking for help with donations for or preparation of 60 bagged meals during that time. See [brochures on the table in the church narthex](#). If this speaks to you, please email cmoran@lehighchurches.org for more information, or talk to Zona.

Birthdays

December Birthdays

- 12/1 Betsy Han
- 12/4 Marie Heffner
Cathy Wiese
Dave Wilson
- 12/5 Sue McCracken
- 12/6 Dianne Macdonald
- 12/7 Terry Eck
Bill MacHose
Jessica Spak
- 12/8 Brynn Durn
Bonnie Hillman
- 12/9 Scott Greb
- 12/10 Mark Heimbach
- 12/12 Laurie Hillanbrand
Sue Lawall
Sam Luff
- 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
- 12/21 Nora Harford
- 12/23 Dennis Arndt
- 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 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

February Birthdays

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

DEACONS

Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

Prayer Concerns

- Becky Shreck
- Betty Dennis
- Marie Heffner
- Wendell Harford
- Dorothy Perrin
- Dick Garber

Military Service

- Jack Melnick, United States Marine Corps.
- Doland J. Miller, nephew of Joe Smits
- Jeremy Miller, nephew of Joe Smits
- Bella Santamaria, Naval Academy, niece of Jim & Eleanor DePhillips

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 -----Fellowship Villa
 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.



COMMUNICATIONS

Have It/Need It Bulletin Board

Do you have something that you are looking to get rid of? Do you need something? Let's see what can be exchanged within our church community!

What kinds of things are we talking about? 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. Please contact the church office to "advertise" something you have.

Here are some Have It items:

- **Keysmart Keychain FREE!** Blue collapsible key organizer, complete with all parts and spacers for use between keys. Hanging on the bulletin board at the church.
- **Back-up Flash Drive for phones. FREE! 8 GB** flash drive compatible with phones having a **lightning or micro-USB port**. The micro-USB end is conveniently tucked into the regular USB end. Just flip it open. Requires the **Y-Disk app**. Instructions included for use. You will find that the drive is very user friendly. The app opens automatically when the flash drive is plugged into your phone. Hanging on the bulletin board at the church.
- **Books galore!** Several boxes of novels have been placed under the bulletin board. Mysteries, western theme, history, etc. Please take some or all!
- **Lighted Glass Breakfront.** Free to a good Faith home. Contact Tom @ 610-390-9562 (Photos on bulletin board at church.)
- **Traditional 2-leaf Cherry table. six chairs (two captain, four regular)** Free to a good Faith home. Contact Tom @ 610-390-9562 (Photos on bulletin board at church.)

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Have It/Need It

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- **Styrofoam Coolers** - Cube-like in shape. contact John or Tracey Gill if interested. 610-966-6923.
- **(2) Apple Watch protective covers FREE!** Gold edged, for 40mm watches. They are hanging on the bulletin board!
- **Shore House Rental in Ocean City, NJ:** Contact Bob Bieler for information @ 610-442-1117.

Here is the sole **Need It** item:

- **Mason Jars** in various sizes, for jelly for the Women of Faith holiday craft fair. Contact Bonnie Osterwald @ 610-217-0174.

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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!

Biblical resolutions

Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
 Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
 Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
 Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
 Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)
 Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
 Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)
 Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
 Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
 Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

Puzzle!

Starting in the lower-left corner, help the wise men follow the path that leads to baby Jesus.

START

Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

LD OG NCAKNRIENFSE RYHMR

Answers: gold, frankincense, myrrh

“There are far, far better things ahead than
 any we leave behind.” —C.S. Lewis

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“One resolution I have made, and try always
 to keep, is this: to rise above the little
 things.” —John Burroughs

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“Deep roots are not reached by the frost.”
 —J.R.R. Tolkien

Bible Quiz

After Sarah died, Abraham remarried. What was his second wife's name?

A. Miriam
 B. Keturah
 C. Bathsheba
 D. Tamar

Answer: B (See Genesis 25:1.)



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
December 2-23	Advent devotions
December 4.....	WOF Holiday Bazaar, Emmaus Christmas Tree Lighting
December 5.....	Second Sunday of Advent
	Scrip orders due (NOTE: This is the final scrip order.)
December 12	Third Sunday of Advent, Christmas Light Walk
December 15	Stations of the Manger
December 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Congregational Meeting
December 21	First Day of Winter
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas
December 31	New Year's Eve, Ringing in the New Year, Annual Reports Due
January 1, 2022.....	New Year's Day
January 6.....	Epiphany
January 9.....	Baptism of the Lord
January 16.....	Religious Freedom Day
January 17.....	Martin Luther King Day
January 18.....	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 30.....	Annual Congregational Meeting
February 13	Spring Flyer Deadline
May 15	Summer Flyer Deadline
July 24-27	Triennium
August 14.....	Fall Flyer Deadline
November 13	Winter Flyer Deadline

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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