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The quarterly newsletter is always full of interesting and important information. Please take the time to read the articles the ministry leaders have shared.

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FAQs

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Summer Office Hours

Office hours are Tuesday through Thursday: 9 a.m. to noon from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Pastoral Care Needs

For medical emergencies or deaths, contact:

- **Throughout July,** Pastor Joanne Marchetto at jomarchetto@rcn.com and then, **beginning in August,**
- Pastor Becki at revmallozzi@faithchurchemmaus.org,
- Deacon Moderator: Yvonne Stauffer at her email, ystauffer7@yahoo.com, or...

Prayer Chain Requests

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

Please visit us on the web!

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

Next Newsletter Deadline: August 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

After I joined a church (through confirmation), I remember getting my first pledge card. I don't remember if this topic ever came up in confirmation. I remember talking a lot about the Gospel of Luke and I remember all the confirmands having to sit on a large piece of plywood and using cans of beans to pull ourselves across Fellowship Hall (they told us it was "team building" work). But if we talked about stewardship or pledge cards or giving at all, I don't remember it.

I do remember throwing the pledge card away. I remember thinking what I give to the church is between God and me. I didn't think the church needed to know what I pledged. Besides, as a freshly confirmed person, other than babysitting, I didn't have a steady income. Who was I to pledge? It wasn't like I had any trust in my ability to make and maintain a pledge.

I didn't really understand pledging until I was a seminary intern watching the session put a budget together. By watching, I learned pledging had two purposes: helping session prepare a budget with an idea of what their income would look like, and it was a symbol of individual commitment to the church. And I realized parts of pledging were still between the individual (or the family) and God. The amount might be known by multiple people, but the process of deciding how much to give is a more private matter.

I still believe these two things about pledging to be true: that having pledge cards helps us form as realistic



Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi

a budget as possible (it does help to know what kind of income you're looking at). And pledges are a commitment between people and their church – the body of Christ. By turning in a pledge card, I believe we essentially make a commitment, saying, "I believe in and love the way God moves in this church, and I want to be a part of helping that be sustainable." We need the reminder that doing the work of Christ in our community and in our world happens most often because we have the resources to do the work.

Pledging isn't just about helping the session make a budget so we can pay bills. It's about supporting the mission work we do. Even paying for the copy machine is important work! Imagine what we can do because we have a copy machine. Besides printing bulletins, that's the machine where we print checks. It's the machine where we print mailing labels that help us maintain connections between our church family. We need the copy machine for newsletters which are also a big part of our ministry, helping us see where God is at work in our church and again, helping us nurture relationships with each other. When it

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Pastor's Message

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comes to church finances, everything is connected to our mission. There is no such thing as “just overhead.”

Summer isn't usually the time when we talk about pledge cards, but it's a topic I've been thinking about as session talks about the reality of our church finances. I won't be bleak, but I won't sugarcoat it, either: church finances are difficult. The cost of sustaining a church does not go down. Rather than going straight to what we can cut, I want to challenge our church family to think about how we can each give more (and if you've never given before, it's a perfect time to start!). If you have never pledged before, consider turning in a pledge card this year. If you do the math and find out what you give is 1 percent of your income, consider giving 2 percent (according to one poll, the average protestant gives .62 percent of income to the church). If you do not currently give to the church, think about offering \$5 a week.

I truly do think this is important, which is why I turn in a pledge card. I prayerfully consider what I'm currently giving to the church and how I might be able (and even called by God) to increase that amount.

Ultimately, it's not the size of the gift that matters. It's the fact that you give. In Matthew, Jesus told the disciples where their treasure is, that's where their heart is also. If we want our hearts to belong to Christ, we must consider how we use our finances to build up the body of Christ. Our hope is that you love and believe in the mission of our church enough to want to help us sustain the work we do in our community and our world. Pledging isn't just about

completing a budget. It's a financial commitment to God's active work in the church's mission.

So, I want to challenge you before we get into pledge season. I want you to think about this now before the asks and the pledge cards go out. I want to challenge you to think about how you financially support God's active work in our church's mission. Our church mission is to “live and share the miracle of God's grace.” When we do this, we envision creating and nurturing relationships between ourselves, our community, and God.

Thank you to all of those who do contribute financially. Thank you to those who turn in pledge cards. We very much appreciate you and we are grateful for the continued support. Keep being on the look out for God-sightings in our church and consider how you might grow in your own personal generosity.

In Common Calling,
Pastor Becki Mallozzi

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Do you have a story about why you pledge? Do you have a story about how you learned how to pledge or what you learned about giving financially to the church? We'd like to hear it! And we'd like to share it as a way to encourage each other. You can submit an anonymous story to Pastor Becki's mailbox in the church office or email Pastor Becki at revmallozzi@faithchurchemmaus.org and she'll get back to you when she has returned from her maternity leave in August!



**SUNDAY
MORNINGS 10 A.M.
IN-PERSON &
ONLINE!**

*Scriptures and Sermons for Summer Worship**

Please note: Pastor Becki will be on maternity leave until August 6. All pastoral care needs should be communicated through the deacons, Pastor Joanne Marchetto, and Pastor Susan Zencka. If necessary, you can contact the office for phone numbers.



*Welcome Back
Pastor Becki!*

June 4: Rev. Dr. Susan Zencka

June 11: Rev. Douglas Cronce

June 18: Rev. Dr. Susan Zencka

June 25: Rev. Dr. Joanne Marchetto

July 2: Rev. Stephen Emick

July 9: Rev. Douglas Cronce

July 16: Rev. Dr. Joanne Marchetto
Outdoor Worship

July 23: Rev. Dr. Susan Zencka

July 30: Rev. Dr. Susan Zencka

August 6

"Hitting the Reset Button"

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

August 13

"Taking Heart, Having Courage"

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

August 20

"Be Careful Little Eyes"

Scripture: Matthew 15:10-20

August 27

"Jesus' Secret"

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20

**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*.

July 16 @ 10a.m.

Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic

**Join us for worship
at Wildlands Conservancy
led by the Work Camp 2023 Team**

**Join us after worship back at the
church for a picnic!**

**Bring a salad to share!
Drop off at the church
before worship.**

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- Alerts
- Weekly Announcements



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Facebook

- [Open Page](#)
- [Private Group](#)



Giving Methods

- Mail
- Online Banking
- [Online Giving](#)



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!

The Session continues to meet regularly with Pastor Stephen Emick serving as our moderator. Looking back over the last few months, Faith Church has indeed been filled with some new and exciting events! The Deacons have created a new photo quilt in the hallway (check it out if you haven't already!). We held an Easter Breakfast to benefit Work Camp for the first time in several years. We celebrated our 65th church anniversary at the end of April! And, we welcomed a new music director (John) into our church family.

Our giving spirit has continued to be strong (over \$9000 for One Great Hour of Sharing!), and hard work is being done to prepare the Faith Feeds garden for another year of healthy



contributions to several local Food Banks.

Stay tuned for more energizing events on the horizon: VBS, an outdoor Worship service, and Autumn Fest. Please consider helping and/or participating in these programs that help us live into our mission.

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

Session Highlights—May 2023

- Pastor Stephen Emick moderated our meeting in Pastor Becki's absence.
- Receipts have exceeded expenses so far in 2023.
- Please attend the final Sunday Morning Together (for this school year) on May 21. It will be an opportunity to give ideas for next year.
- Pastor Emick will be leading Worship on July 2 (this is a change from the original schedule).
- If you work with Youth and your clearances are out of date, please turn in new documents promptly (particularly if you plan to help with VBS).
- A Task Force is forming for Autumn Fest scheduled for September 30, 2023.
- The Pentecost offering is being collected all through May.
- The Faith Feeds Garden is up and running again, which will benefit several Food Banks.



SUNDAY Morning TOGETHER

Here we go – Let's get started with Sunday Morning Together (SMT) which will complete two years this spring. On May 21 we will all enjoy a luncheon to end the "church year" and also to gain valuable feedback and input from church members. This information is used in planning for this coming fall's SMT and also into 2024. Everyone is encouraged to attend! (If you can't, please pass along your comments to any member of MTTC.)



Next up is an annual special event for the kids, Vacation Bible School (VBS), for ages 3 up through the 5th grade. A delightful experience for all, this year's VBS, ***Bug Zone, Transformed By Our Big God*** promises to be the most fun ever with crafts, music, games, storytelling, visits from "Turq", and maybe even a science position. Again this year we will enjoy partnering with The BARN Community. So spread the word; it's coming up very soon, **June 19 – 22** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. each evening. Adult volunteers? We would love to have you. Just call Pam Mongi or Sally Heimbach for information. Oh yes, We're looking for up to 30 children, so please register as soon as possible!



Pastor Becki will be on maternity leave until August 1. A list of who's is guest preaching and when for this summer can be found on Page 5.



Please look for additional updates from MTTC elsewhere in this issue: Youth Groups News with Pastor Jo Marchetto, our Youth Director; Music News with John Shilanskas, our new Music Director; and Fellowship Time and Events with Heather Davis.

Have you noticed the MTTC bulletin board yet? It's opposite the entrance to Fellowship Hall. This is where you can easily find all kinds of information about your MTTC...*i.e.* Fellowship activities, events, SMT, VBS, Youth Groups, Music news. Check it out regularly. Thinking of helping with an activity/event? This is where to look.

This is a Special invitation to join your fellow members in MTTC. Are you looking to perhaps become a little more involved with FPC? We hope so. All kinds of opportunities come with membership on MTTC

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itself, or perhaps from serving on a temporary task force to help plan and conduct an event/activity. You will be welcomed! (Socializing and building relationships are bi-products.)



It's time to **THANK A FEW FOLKS**. As part of our church year ends and summer begins, special thanks to all the members of MTTC; to fellow church members who conducted and participated in SMT; to those who served on various task forces for Fellowship activities/events; to those who

hosted Sunday Fellowship Time; to those who contributed and/or prepared our delicious beginning of the month luncheons; to those who Ushered; to those who served as Worship Assistants; to those on the Tech Team; to those who prepared and served Communion; to those who helped in the Nursery; to those in the Adult Choir and Bell Choir. All a part of your MTTC! THANK YOU TO ALL!

Have good summer. In Christ,
Your MTTC

Vacation Bible School Needs You!

BUG ZONE: Transformed by Our BIG God

June 19-22 6-8pm

VBS is right around the corner!

All children from **ages 5 through graduating**



5th graders are welcome to attend.

- 🐜 **Pastor Jo Marchetto** and her friend **TURQ** will be leading the **Bible story time**.
- 🐜 The **Shrecks** will lead **crafts**.
- 🐜 **Bruce Kunkle, Larry Hemberger** and **Doug Boyd**, the **THREE AMIGOS**, will lead the **games**.
- 🐜 **John Shilanskas**, our new music director, will lead the **music** part of the program.

The **Mission focus** will be **East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors**. We will be collecting cleaning supplies and personal care items to give to their clients to get them

started in their new housing.

The VBS team will be **raffling off a wall hanging**, titled **BUG JARS**, with the proceeds to benefit EPNHN. The drawing will be held on **Thursday June 22**, the last day of VBS. **Tickets are \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.**

A registration form is on the next page, and more can be found on the **MINISTRY to the CONGREGATION** bulletin board, outside the Fellowship Hall door. Look for the Bug Zone backpack!

For additional information, contact Pam Mongi or Sally Heimbach.





**Join us for
Vacation Bible
School
June 19-22
6-8 PM**

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Grade Completed: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number _____

Special Needs/Allergies _____

Is there a friend your child would like to be with? _____

May your child have his/her picture taken? ☐ yes ☐ no

Please return registration form to: Faith Presbyterian Church
Attn: VBS
PO Box 507
Emmaus, PA 18049

Parent/Guardian Picking Up Child: _____

Additional person(s) I authorize to pick up my child:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Pick up and Drop off location: Fellowship Hall



FELLOWSHIP TIME

As in the past, this after worship time will continue throughout the summer (possibly outside under the tent, weather permitting). Please continue to sign up as weekly hosts/hostesses are needed. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Evening On The Lawn—Our next one



is coming up on **Friday, May 19th @ 7:00 p.m.**

Future dates are the third Fridays in both September and October.

Pot Luck Luncheon—

We hope you will gather with your church family and friends for the last Pot Luck luncheon until fall. Join us on **Sunday, June 4th, following worship.** We'll enjoy Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. Attendees are asked the following. If your name begins with A-L, please bring a side dish. If your name begins with M-Z, please bring a dessert.



- **Faith Night at the Iron Pigs**—Take me out to the ball game! Join in a fellowship event at the Iron Pigs stadium on Saturday, **June 17th @ 6:35 p.m.** You can purchase group-priced tickets at \$12.00. We have a Facebook event page to order tickets, you can get them on our website as mentioned below, or you can follow this link: <https://fevo.me/3DeM3YA>. We hope you can make it.
- **Work Camp Sunday—June 16**, which is Work Camp Sunday, is an outdoor worship in a pavilion at The Wildlands Conservancy. Following the service, we invite both Faith Church and Barn members back to our Fellowship Hall for a picnic of salads, provided by the congregation.
- **Autumn Fest**—On Saturday, **September 30th**, we will hold our annual Autumn Fest. Heather Davis is calling any who would like to assist in planning for the fun day! Please be sure to reach out to her and let her know, as the first committee meeting for Autumn Fest will be in June.

Let's gather at the ballpark!

Saturday, June 17th

**6:35 PM
vs. the Toledo
Mud Hens**



Tickets are \$12 and can be ordered through the link on the Fellowship page of the church website.



by Joanne Marchetto

Youth Group News

Summer is always fun at youth group! We have three fun events planned for the summer:

VBS: Volunteers

This year's Vacation Bible School is "Bug Zone!" VBS is for kids 5th grade and younger, and we are invited to come and volunteer with the programs! This is a great way to do community service hours. VBS will take place at Faith from June 19-22 from 6:00-8:00pm.

Work Camp News:

This summer, we have 13 youth and 5 adults planning to attend work camp! We are going to **Grand Rapids, MI from July 8-July 16**. Mark your calendars for work camp Sunday on July 16. Faith and the Barn will worship together as we celebrate how God is moving through our youth.

We have begun planning for our dog tag sponsorships. Each work camper will have 3 sponsors who will support work camp through prayers and sponsorships. We will have a send off service the morning of July 8, and all parents and sponsors can join us. We will have a short prayer service, and we will share our devotions for the week. Sponsors can follow along with the theme for each day and be praying with the youth. Please consider sponsoring a work

camper. This is a life-changing experience, and we are grateful for the opportunities to serve God and build relationships.

Day at the Beach:

We have made the Day at the Beach an annual tradition! This year, we will go on July 27. We will go to Brick Beach in Brick, NJ for the day. It is always a fun trip. We leave early in the morning at 6:00 am and return home around 8:00pm. We spend a good part of the day on the beach, then we sometimes go to the board walk, coffee shop, or bookstore, have dinner at the Brick Diner, and then head home. Please mark your calendars with the date and let me know if you plan to attend. We will have more detailed information as the date comes closer, and we will need an RSVP by July 16 so we can plan for the carpool.

Youth Group in the Fall:

High School has planned its books for next year's **Book Club**. We will discuss the books on the third Sunday of every month from 6:30-8:30pm. If you would like more information about book club, please let me know! You can email me at: joanne@thebarnlv.org

September 10 will be our kickoff for the 2023-24 school year!

Photos: See some of Youth Group's activity on Page 25.

MAKE A Joyful NOISE

♪ There will be an informal meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Music Room for anyone interested in ringing with the Handbell Choir. We will gather for no more than one hour. All are welcome regardless of past participation or experience.

♪ The final Sunday for choir will be May 28. Over the summer, we will move to the *Holy Harmonies* Summer Choir. Appearances of the *Holy Harmonies* Summer Choir will be June 11 and 25, July 9 and 30, and August 13 and 27. Rehearsals will occur those same Sundays in the Choir Room at 9:30 a.m. Selections will mainly consist of hymns from the hymnal, but suggestions of hymns or anthems are welcomed. The *Holy Harmonies* Summer Choir is open to anyone and commitment is based on your schedule. Join when you can and know we hope you enjoy your Sundays away if you cannot.

♪ If you are free on Monday evenings and are looking for a choir, I invite you to join the 27th season of the [Jerusalem Singers](#). Under the direction of Pete Deshler, the group rehearses every Monday from

7:00-9:00 p.m. at Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church (3441 Devonshire Road, Allentown, PA 18103). The choir collects food for the New Bethany Ministries in Bethlehem, PA as well as used instruments and money to repair those instruments for Satori's Gift of Music Program. The season runs from late May through the beginning of August. If you are interested, please contact Pete at thejerusalemsingers@gmail.com or see me.

♪ *Faithful* Musical Moments are coming this summer. These are opportunities for everyone to share their musical talents during the Prelude, Offertory, and/or Postlude moments of the service. These moments are scheduled for June 4 and 18, July 2 and 23, and August 6 and 20 and are for anyone interested in performing a solo, duet, etc. Sign-up sheet is on the MTTC Bulletin Board. Please see John if you need help selecting repertoire, need an accompanist on piano, organ, or tenor saxophone, or have any other questions.

I want to thank each and every one of you for making me feel welcomed at Faith Presbyterian Church. May the spirit continue to move us to be the light in the darkness for a world in need of joyful noise.

~John Shilanskas
Music Director

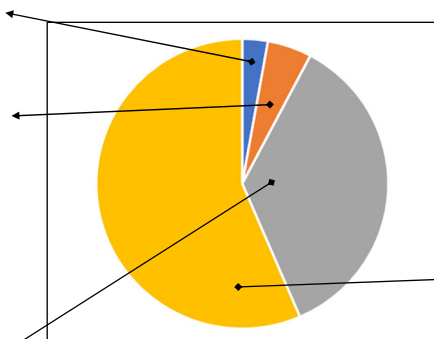


2023 Budget: (71 Pledges)

Responses to...**WHY DO WE PLEDGE?**

Ages 0-40 (3 pledges): I believe that the places to which we direct our time and money are the places we help energize and grow. In choosing where to share my resources, I consider what is meaningful to me that I would like to see thrive in our local community and in the greater world. Ultimately, I choose to pledge to our church because I wish to help nurture the life and growth of our church community and support it as a beacon of God's light and love.

Ages 41-55 (7 pledges): Giving regularly is a spiritual practice. We commit financially to help with the future of the church. We can't live into our mission of living and sharing the miracle of God's grace without being mindful of the cost of our building and staff, in addition to more obvious projects.



Pledge Dollars by Age Group

Ages 56-70 (23 pledges): Faith Presbyterian Church is a daily part of our life and the people of the church are our extended family. We attend and *participate* in worship because our spirits are renewed, our faith is deepened and the love of our church family helps us get through the week. We join and participate in committees because we believe in the good works of the church and participation is *vital* in the continuation of these mission endeavors. FPC is wonderful in forming partnerships, supporting and strengthening our local community relationships *i.e.*: the garden,

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Operating Fund Financial Report

Below is the report of operating income vs. expenses through **Date**.

YTD: 4/30/2023

Annual Budget

OPERATING REVENUE:	\$ 104,490	260,432
OPERATING EXPENDITURES:	\$ 90,247	294,975

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Scheirer

Why Do We Pledge?

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EPNHN, Daybreak, and usage of our building by outside groups to name a few. Our Fellowship events help support and strengthen our personal relationships with each other. The people of the congregation have become our friends, our confidants, our prayer partners and we look forward to spending time with them in church and outside of Sunday Worship. These friendships are special to us because we know we are truly and honestly cared for and prayed for and we deeply care about them in return.

→ **Ages 70+** (38 pledges): We have been very blessed to live comfortably and we gratefully share some of what we have for the programs of the church (maintenance as well as outreach). It is much easier for Session to draw up a budget with known pledge amounts. A very practical reason is based on the Required Minimal Distribution levied on certain investments after 70 1/2 (that age requirement may have changed). The amount withdrawn is tax free when given to a charitable institution. In our case we have chosen Faith Church as the recipient for our pledge amount. Last but not least, if we are practicing Christians we are charged with sharing (pledging) not only our "treasure" but our time and talents as well. It is an important to us to be a contributing member of this extended family of Faith in whatever ways we are able.

Pledging to FPC is a commitment to our pastor and each other, keeps our doors open to all, and shows our love for God!



Your Offering Dollars at Work (Jan. to April)

The Session of Faith Presbyterian Church thanks all who give to the financial support of the various ministries of the church. Here is a breakdown of how your financial support is being used.

Ministry to the Community\$ 8,108

Four meals for Daybreak (serving over 80 folks each month)	\$ 502
Rotary Food Program (matched amount from SOUP-er Bowl of Caring)	\$ 915
Faith Family Connections	\$ 191
East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors donation	\$ 1,000
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance donation	\$ 1,000
Lehigh Conference of Churches donation	\$ 2,000
Theological Education fund donation	\$ 1,000
PCUSA mission donation (Lehigh Presbytery, Synod of the Trinity & the General Assembly)	\$ 1,500

Ministry to the Congregation\$ 46,987

Four Pot Luck lunches	\$ 151
Supplies/Curriculum (includes all events after church)	\$ 116
Staffing/Expenses (Pastor, Pulpit Supply, Music Director, Youth Director)	\$ 46,002
Worship supplies/instrument maintenance	\$ 718

Ministry of Support\$ 35,272

Staffing (Administrative Asst., Custodian)	\$ 9,149
Per Capita	\$ 5,952
Administration Expenses	\$ 2,619
Insurance	\$ 5,706
Utilities	\$ 5,828
Building Expenses	\$ 5,280
Communication	\$ 738

Giving to Faith church is easy!

You can donate via credit card or a direct transfer from your bank. Just scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera to bring up a link to our website, click the GIVE NOW button on the church website, and fill out the form. For more information about this option, please read the details about electronic giving on the [Donate](http://faithchurchemmaus.org/donate/) page of the church website: <http://faithchurchemmaus.org/donate/>



NOTE: This method of giving cannot be used for flower purchases.

2023 Per Capita Update

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

As of 4/30/2023, we have received only **\$3,058.00** towards our total payment of \$11,904.00. The individual apportionment for 2023 is \$48.00 per member.

THINGS THAT YOUR PER CAPITA SUPPORTS

PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN THE WORK OF THE PRESBYTERY: THE BIG, THE SMALL, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN. TOGETHER, WE ALL STRENGTHEN THE BODY OF OUR REGIONAL WITNESS.



- Resourcing to collect news of congregations' projects and events of regional interest for sharing with our congregations through the website, newsletter, and presbytery papers
- Provide for electronic participation, hardware, and tech expertise for virtual and hybrid gatherings to broaden access to participation in the life of the presbytery
- Provide for a point person to serve as advocate for emergency funds from the Board of Pensions and other agencies of the national church

Faith Church is on the Web!

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

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Following to Lead | Leading to Serve



Let's Celebrate Our Graduates!!!!

We are so happy to share the accomplishments of the Class of 2023! We are thrilled for them! We've watched them grow as part of our church family, and we are proud of their accomplishments. Please join us in wishing them well in their future endeavors. If we have missed someone, or you haven't yet shared it, please send the information to the church office.



Samuel Jackson, graduated from Emmaus High School and will be attending Lafayette College where he will major in Computer Science.



Hannah Lingold, granddaughter of John & Carolyn Baittinger, graduated cum laude from Lock Haven University, with a B.S. degree in Health and Physical Education and minors in Sports Psychology and Coaching. She will be a graduate assistant at Bloomsbury University for the track and field team as a throws coach starting in the Fall.

Graham Lowell, graduated from Emmaus High School and will be attending Penn State University, where he will major in Industrial Engineering.



Andrew Martin, graduated in May 2023, with an AS in Biology from LCCC.

Congratulations!

Isabel Mauro, graduated from Emmaus High School and will be attending Lehigh Carbon Community College where she will major in Fine Arts.



Anthony McWhinney, graduated from Emmaus High School and will be attending Penn State University, where he will major in Civil Engineering.

Military Service



- **Robert Call**, Lt., US Army, S. Korea, grandson of Donna Call.
- **Isabel Krause**, Lt. US Navy, granddaughter of Jeff & Anita Krause.
- **Victoria Krause**, Lt. US Navy, granddaughter of Jeff & Anita Krause.
- **Jack Melnick**, US Marine Corps.
- **Bella Santamaria**, Naval Academy, niece of Jim and 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. 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.

Kay Cole ----- Fellowship Villa
Sandy Missmer -- Home

Marie HeffnerLehigh Center
Doris Nielson.....Home

Prayer Concerns

- Becky Shreck
- Dorothy Perrin
- Marie Heffner



Pentecost Building Up the Body of Christ

The Ministry to the Community committee has designated **May** as **PENTECOST OFFERING MONTH**. The **PENTECOST OFFERING** is traditionally given on PENTECOST Sunday, which is May 28 this year (Memorial Day weekend).

40% of our offering will go to **East Penn School District ANGEL NETWORKS**. The **MINISTRY to the Community** committee has pledged to add to the 40% collected to be able to send \$1,000.00 to Lincoln Elementary, Jefferson Elementary and Lower Macungie Middle School.

Please consider giving to this worthwhile cause.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. **40%** of the Pentecost offering can be retained by **individual congregations** wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining **60%** is used to support ministries of the **Presbyterian Mission Agency**:

- The **Young Adult Volunteer program (25%)** is a one year service opportunity for young adults from 19 to 30 years. YAVs live in intentional

Christian community, deepening and developing their faith while serving alongside partners across the United States and around the world. YAVs serve for one academic year, August - July, as they explore God's calling in their lives.

- The **Ministries for Youth (25%)** program provides many online resources for youth and youth leaders such as: Presbyterian Youth Book Club, Quick Sheets and d365.org., an online youth devotional. It also helps fund the Youth Triennium.

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- The **Children-at-Risk (10%)** program is working to improve the quality of education for over 1 million children, focusing on reducing the rate of dropouts and strengthening early childhood education.

Faith Presbyterian Church will use the **40%** that we receive to support **East Penn School District ANGEL NETWORKS**. Angel Networks help children at risk by providing basic assistance to students in need on an immediate, short term basis; supporting students' ability to focus on learning in school; and giving anonymously in the true spirit of community. They provide students with basic necessities such as EMERGENCY groceries, clothing on

an individual basis, curriculum-based field trips, academic expenses, and personal need products.

In **2022** we received **\$3,170.00** with **\$1,268.00** going to the **ANGEL NETWORKS**. The Mission Committee added an additional **\$1,732.00** to allow us to send **\$1,000.00** to the **Angel Networks at Lincoln Elementary, Jefferson Elementary and Lower Macungie Middle School**.

Do you think we can increase this amount??

Please prayerfully consider participating in this offering and **BUILDING UP THE BODY of CHRIST!!**

**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

BIG Thank you to Mission Supporters!

Faith Church collected \$9,661.00 for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Way to Go Faith! ROCK STARS!



From the Committee

We do not currently have an active food drive, but food is always needed by Groceries Plus who also serves the community. There is a list of their current needs posted on the Ministry to the Community bulletin board. Donations can always be placed in the large soup can. Thank you.

Faith Feeds Garden



It's Time to Play in the Dirt

The garden has been planted! But, while that work has been done, we will need a crew of volunteers for our season to be successful.

- **Waterers:** people to water the garden when needed (**either morning or evening**)
- **Weeders:** people to keep the weeds under control
- **Harvesters:** people to pick and clean the produce for distribution (**Monday mornings**)

Our current group of gardeners are terrific, but they are of an age where weeding and the physical act of planting is becoming a challenge.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact Sally Heimbach.



Emmaus Community Yard Sale *Saturday, June 3*

We will be participating in the Emmaus Community Yard Sale day on Saturday, June 3.

WOF will be having a bake sale and have some items for sale.

We have some items from the church to sell.

We also have two outside groups using the space.

There is space available if you would like to participate.

If you have items you would like to donate, here is the process

- Bring the items, already priced, to the church on Friday June 2nd from 5-7 p.m.
- On Sunday June 4th, come to church and pick up any items that have not sold.

Contact Sally Heimbach with any questions or concerns.



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. Some full notes are posted on a bulletin board in the church.

Following are excerpts from some of the notes we received.

- “On behalf of the staff and students of Lincoln Elementary, I would like to thank you and the congregation of FPC for the generous contribution of \$1,000 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.” ~Amanda Hemberger, East Penn School District
- “Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,830 for our joint East Penn Food Program.” Your support with funds and the space to pack our food each week is so much appreciated! To date, we have now distributed over 12,000 bags of food—we couldn’t do it without you. We truly appreciate your kindness.” ~Emmaus Rotary Club
- “Thank you for your generous support throughout calendar year 2022. We look forward to your continued support during 2023.” ~Fellowship Community.
- Please accept heartfelt thanks for your recent donation of blankets and toys for Safe House, valued at \$200 to **Turning Point of Lehigh Valley.**”
- **Presbyterian Mission** sent notes of thanks for donations to the Peace and Global Witness Offering, and additional gifts made throughout the year.
- “Thanks so much for your generous donation from craft show profits to the **Cedarbrook Allentown Auxiliary**. Your kindness will greatly benefit the residents of Cedarbrook in many ways.”
- “Thank you for the donation of food and products to the food pantry for the month of February. Your ongoing support of the pantry is much appreciated and welcomed.” ~Bethel Church

If interested, the full notes can be found on the Ministry to the Community bulletin board in the church.

Faith Church Trivia Answers

How well did you do with the true or false questions in the Spring issue? The answers are below. This is the final trivia article for now. Keep an eye out for something new in the fall issue!

The answers to these questions in the spring issue are all TRUE.

- Our first outdoor worship at the Poole Wildlife Sanctuary was on July 19, 1992.
- In 1996, Easter Breakfast was \$3.00/adult, \$2.00/child, and \$10.00/family max.
- In 1993, the Worship service started at 10:30 a.m.
- **We started serving Daybreak meals in November 1991.**
- **The church's mailing address changed on July 1, 1989 from 910 N. 2nd St. to PO Box 507.**

Have It/Need It Bulletin Board

Have something that you are looking to get rid of? Need something? Most any kind of item can be shared this way. Let's see what can be exchanged within our church community!

Please contact the church office to "advertise" something you have. And please be sure to let it be known when something should be removed. Thanks!

We request that you not drop items off here until someone wants them (unless they are small and light enough to hang on the bulletin board).

Have It items:

- **Garden Hose—25' - Contact Pam Mongi.**
- **Coleman Lantern w/ carry case—Contact Pam Mongi.**

Need It items:

- Someone is needed to do occasional **handyman work**, also yard work, etc. in the Lower Macungie Township area. Please contact Julie Garber.
- **Mason Jars** in various sizes, for jelly for the Women of Faith holiday craft fair. Contact Bonnie Osterwald.

Phone numbers for contacting these folks are in the directory.





Community Service Day for Joyful Giving!



Photo Gallery



Escape Room Fun!





June Birthdays

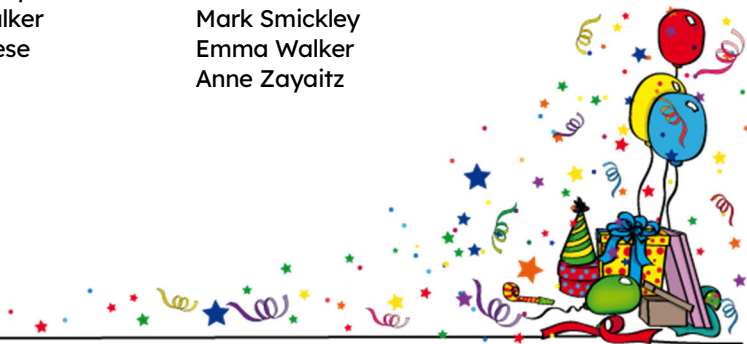
John Amendt
 Jessica Comoglio
 Ellie DePhillips
 Evan Gill
 Tracey Gill
 Daria Greb
 Braden Halpin
 Amanda Hemberger
 Mary Ellen Jackson
 Courtney Kennedy
 Linda Kennington
 Jay Kreider
 Kim Kreider
 Bruce Luff
 David Masenheimer
 Kris Melnick
 Deanna Robinson
 Alicia Shussett
 Chas Shimer
 Wyatt Somishka
 Joe Smits
 Karen Trop
 Sam Walker
 Paul Wiese

July Birthdays

Gloria Arndt
 Carolyn Benner
 Michael Comoglio
 Annabella DePhillips
 Thomas Dilts
 Darcy Dodd
 Jessica Fenstermaker
 Ron Gingrich
 Sandy Gingrich
 Ann Greenwood
 Kevin Greenwood
 Maggie Haley
 Kathy Hemberger
 Larry Hemberger
 Mark Ingram
 Liz Kenny
 Josh Kreider
 Jim Lillegard
 Anthony McWhinney
 Madison McWhinney
 Michelle McWhinney
 John Robertson
 Mark Smickley
 Emma Walker
 Anne Zayaitz

August Birthdays

John Baittinger
 Ruth Bieler
 Noah Davis
 Jim DePhillips III
 Julie DePhillips
 Meredith Dredge
 Dick Farmer
 Peter Ferguson
 Tom Harshman
 Steve Heineman
 Wes Johnston
 Avery Jones
 Clara Leigh Kennedy
 Graham Lowell
 Kamryn McWhinney
 Thomas McWhinney
 Tim Melnick
 Ariane Osterwald
 Serra Spak





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
May 19	Evening on the Lawn
May 21	Last Day Celebration of Sunday Morning Together
May 28	Pentecost
May 29	Memorial Day
June 3	Emmaus Community Yard Sale
June 4	Pot Luck Luncheon
June 14	Flag Day
June 9	Office Admin. Vacation Week
June 17	Faith Night at the Iron Pigs
June 19-22	Vacation Bible School
July 4	Independence Day
July 8-16	Work Camp
July 16	Work Camp Sunday/Outdoor Worship
Aug. 6	Pastor Becki Returns!
Aug. 13	Fall Newsletter Deadline
Sept. 4	Labor Day
Sept. 10	Youth Group Kick-off
Sept. 30	Autumn Fest
Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 7	Election Day
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 19	Winter Newsletter Deadline
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
Dec. 25	Christmas Day

Some events are subject to change. If you are ever in doubt, refer



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